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God Bless America

MENU

November: Turkey, Cobb Salad, Pumpkin Pie
January: Chicken Champignon, Fruit Salad, Strawberry Bread Pudding
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Robin Jaquith



I am told this is the last Fog Horn until January, at which time I will be your past Big Sir, so this will be my last column. The past two years have been rewarding and at times demanding. Being a Big Sir means overseeing the operation of our Branch, running our executive meetings, as well as our monthly Branch luncheons, and being responsible for the our annual Ladies Day and Holiday luncheons. This year we have seen some new innovations for our Branch, our monthly drawing for a cash prize, the head table moving to the main floor, providing easy access for all of our members wishing to speak, and the opportunity for those at the head table to talk to one another. We have visited other Branches in our area, providing us the chance to see how our colleagues run their branches. In addition we have added two new activity groups: bocce ball and tennis. I want to thank our activity leaders who have done an outstanding job providing members activities beyond our monthly luncheons. Thanks to Harry Liberman for starting our very successful bocce ball group.

Sons In Retirement San Francisco Branch 4



A Luncheon Club promoting The Independence and Dignity Of Retirement

Elks Lodge 650 589-4030
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:30 Board Meeting
11 AM Social-12 Noon Lunch
*Every friend is a potential
Member!*

Happy Birthday United States Marine Corps



Jack Major for the continuing success of our golf group and to all the other activity leaders: Wayne Veatch, Bob Fox, Jerry Blumenthal, George Rodriguez, Ken Reed, George Samoulides, Greg Pantages and Lee Appel.

We are fortunate to have four very special members who provide ongoing service to our Branch. Lee Appel keeps tabs on all of us and reminds us in his most amiable way, how fortunate we are to have each other, Lee's words, "We're glad you're here", means a lot to me and I hope to you. Somehow George Rodriguez, Tom Sylvester and Fred Dannecker just seem to get things done without anybody knowing what they are doing, our branch could run without them but we would know the difference. I also want you to know the important work our membership chair, Bill Gipe, has done for us. In addition to overseeing membership, Bill is responsible for our monthly guest speakers. Lastly I would like to thank Bob Fox for his work in coordinating our activity groups with other activity groups in our area. He will do a -

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Meeting November 2nd
Next meeting January 4th
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Little SIR – Bob Fox

I trust you have been enjoying Indian summer with old Sol shining down on us. We have an open atrium in the middle of our house and we have been enjoying dinner most every night sitting out there. As I write this little note, I'm enjoying the Blue Angles making an enjoyable racket, another fall event. The past few Halloweens only a small handful of kids have come to the door for candy. I guess in my neighborhood they are all too old for that now and have more interest in the latest smart phone and the opposite sex. As we move into November we enjoy crisp late autumn days and our favorite football teams. We also look forward to Thanksgiving and all that it represents. What can be more important than being with loved ones and enjoying good health.

Attached with this newsletter is the flyer for the Christmas lunch scheduled December 7th. This will be a great way to bring the ladies and get into the holiday spirit. Good food, good entertainment, and good friends. Do sign up by November 17.

The quote for the month: Learning is like rowing upstream, not to advance is to drop back. Chinese proverb.

November Speaker Jeanne Smith – Exit Stage Right Organizing Your Affairs

wonderful job as next year's Big Sir. This is it, see you all in November. Have a happy holiday season! Robin

**Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243
Ken Reed 415 810-3832**

2011 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 0930. The results will be out on the web site, so enter the SIR Branch 4 Golf address <http://branch4.sirinc.org/golf.htm>. If I have your email, you will be notified when new results are posted. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too.

The **October 11th Sharp Park Tournament** results are out on the website, and will be on the golf table.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday November 8th, 2011 first tee-off is 0930.

SIR members and their guests are invited. Sign up for tournaments at the golf table at the first Wednesday's lunch. Since there's breakfast, **check in one hour before your tee time, or risk being removed from the tournament.** Sharp Park fees are \$42 for green fees, cart, breakfast (at 0830), and prizes (\$3 each). This will be a combined tournament with Branch 4 and Branch 25. Jim Smith coordinates the match, so Branch 4 goes out first before Branch 25.

2011 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tuesday 2/15, 4/19, 6/29 (Wednesday), 8/16, 10/18, and 12/13. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

The **October 18th Poplar Creek Tournament results** are out on the website, and will be on the golf table.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday December 13th, first tee-off is 1030.

The tournament starts at 1030 for 40 golfers. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$30) and prize fees (\$7) are \$37; optional cart fees are \$13.50 per player double, \$18 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855, 430 Forest View Drive, South SF, CA 94080. These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays this year.

NEW! Presidio Group Play – Jim Smith has negotiated three dates this year for the Presidio for \$42, \$39 each including cart and \$3 for the prize fund...such a deal! The first two dates were Tuesday May 17th and July 19th, and **the last one this year is November 15, 2011.**

On **Monday November 11th, Crystal Springs Golf Course**, Burlingame, CA 94010, 650-342-0603, ext.2, hosts the next shotgun tournament. **No bus**, drive there for 0800 tee off for \$60.

Upcoming Away Trips – see you in 2012. Check the web site SIR Branch 4 Golf for updates!



If you want to get a notification of when the Foghorn is available, email Jack Major at jemajor@pacbell.net to set up our email list. Badge # 411

Travel Chairman – Wayne Veatch 415 821-1806

Your Travel Chair is back from traveling and was pleased to participate in two successful local activities for October: A Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields on October 21 was a great value and good fun, with several members of Branch 4 attending, along with others from other Bay Area branches. Watch for this one when it comes up again and don't miss it! Paul Rosenberg's Hyde Street Pier walk on October 20 was a lot of fun and very interesting. We'll have more local tours starting next year, but will give it a rest for November and December, so you can catch up with your family and be in good shape to attend our annual Holiday Luncheon. Meanwhile, we have updated the list of Bay Area and State Travel Events on the website. Check them out. I have to say we have had zero participation in these events from Branch 4, as far as I am aware, but maybe we can improve on that in 2012.

Editor's Note

Hello Branch 4:

Had a great time during Fleet Week. Lynne and I watched the air show from the deck of the WW2 submarine USS Pompanito, (Flagship of the Pacific) at pier 39. What a show! Magnificent, Sensational, and Inspiring. Glad they're on our side. God Bless the men and women in the military! Keeping us safe, strong, and free. This will be the last Fog Horn this year. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!" I hope to see you at the Christmas Luncheon. Look for the Christmas / Holiday Flyer. It will be fun.

God Bless You! George

SIR Luncheons

The price for meals will be raised \$1.00 for 2012. \$15.00 for lunch - \$18.00 for Barbecued Steak

Rewards for Branch 4

When you make a purchase at Office Depot, give them the Rewards #1738924784 and Branch 4 will get the credit. A win win situation! This will help defray expenses. Thank You!

Birthday Greetings
Chairman: Robert Hennig

November 2011 Birthday Celebrants

Henry Albert, Art Caponera, Fred Dannecker, Art Encabo, Lloyd Germanetti, Frank Hanly, Bob Hendricks, Russ Lindquist, James Moore, Joseph Oliver, Joe Pierce, Sakee Poulakidas, Henry Ratti, Meyer Segal, and Patrick Loughran

Absentee Special Donor List for September
Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks members for their annual, special, and missed meeting contributions. Your donation pays for branch expenses. Hayden Neal, Pete Bencharsky, and David Krow.

Please notify Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) if you'll miss a lunch meeting.

Membership and attendance
Report for October 2011

Report for Oct.- 80 present for 58% attendance. We have 136 active and 20 inactive. -Bill

SIR Happenings is now in its seventh year of publishing, and the readership is growing. Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, the State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: sirinc.org.

San Francisco Trivia by Charlie Leach

1. What is the main shopping drag (avenue) for Bernal Heights?
2. Who originally owned the land where St Francis Woods now sits?
3. What West of Twin Peaks District had a Race Track on their property?
4. What local football teams played a football game in SF in 1895?
5. What street is Sunnyside Conservatory located on (hint – ask Happy Harry)?
6. Charlie Sava, has a pool named in honor of him, who was his most famous swimmer?
7. When was the first De Young museum opened?
8. Name the first stadium where the 49ers played?
9. Davies Symphony Hall, home of the SF Symphony, was built on the site of a SF Public High School, name the school?
10. When did the SF Symphony start (what year)?

Quotation

The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.
Albert Schweitzer

Pinochle George Samoulides 415 564 5384

If you know the game or are interested in learning the game, join us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Meetings are at the Holy Trinity Christopher Community Center, 999 Brotherhood Way, in San Francisco. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

Sunshine Committee

Shut ins Chairman Lee M. Appel 415 221 6664

Sick List for October 2011

Bob Hendricks, Steven Machado, and Ed Murphy

Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal 415 681 1208

Meeting at 11:45 every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake – Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend.

Next meeting – November 21st

Glee Club – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321

Practice this month.

Bowling – Bob Fox 415 753-2630

Over The Hill Gang

After 3 weeks of strikes and spares along with a few gutter balls at the Classic Bowling Center, located at 900 King Drive, Daly City, M.C.P. (Team #6) with Pete and Mila Balcita, with Cesar Palarca, holds first place with a 10-2 win-loss record. Close behind in 2nd. and 3rd. places are the Shockers (Team #3) and the Mean Machine (Team # 2). Individual Statistics: Sir John Ghiglieri has high scratch game (244) and also high scratch series (602). On the distaff side, Pat Callas has high scratch game (212) and also high scratch series (510). Number of SIR members participating: 13. COME ON OUT AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!!!
 Earl

Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman Charlie Leach

Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center
 1st Wednesday, 9:30-11:00
 Other Wednesdays, 10-12:00
 4th Wed., Wives are welcome

Senior Tennis Harry Lew 415 – 333-2984

We meet Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon
 At Glen Park in San Francisco.

San Francisco Trivia answers by Charlie Leach
Last month's answers

1. Vaillancourt Fountain
2. Lotta's Fountain
3. Pac Bell
4. Warren Harding
5. Emmanuel Russ
6. Cupid's Span
7. Bayview
8. Anchor Steam
9. Roxie Theatre
10. 23rd and Treat

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Golfer's NCGA 2012 Dues – Deadline Dec. 6, 2011 Make check (\$46.00) payable to “SIR’s Area 4 Golf Club”.

Mail to Jim Smith, 430 Forest View Dr., South San Francisco, CA 94080

(Clip and mail)

Golfers Luncheon - Friday November 18th

Lunch will be Steak with Mushroom Sauce _____ or Salad _____ ,(specify your choice) Dessert included.

I will attend and I have checked salad or steak.

Name _____ Br# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

____ I have played at least 3 away tournaments (Nov. included). ____ I do not qualify, enclosed is my check for \$10.00

RSVP by Nov 10 Make \$10.00 check to SIR’s Area 4 Golf Club.

Mail this coupon to: Jim Smith , 430 Forest View Dr., South San Francisco, CA 94080

Look for your badge number!

If you see your badge number, identified with a #, call Robin Jaquith, Bob Fox or George Rodriguez. You will win 5 free raffle tickets. A very good idea from Big SIR Robin, to make September “Bring a Friend Month.” The member who brings in the most guests for September, wins 5 free raffle tickets.

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