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God Bless America

MENU

January: :Chicken Champignon, Fruit Salad, Strawberry Bread Pudding
Feb:Tri-Tip
ChineseChickenSalad,Blueberry Strudel
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Bob Fox



Here's wishing you had an enjoyable holiday season and will enjoy a fulfilling New year. The big news is that Branch 25 will be merging with our branch. They will join us starting with our January 4th lunch. Please extend our warmest welcome to our extended family when we join forces in January. At that first lunch our activity chairs will acquaint them with our activities. Two of their members will be added to our own Board of Directors to voice their own ideas.

As the Big SIR for 2012 I want to provide our Branch a friendly and enjoyable organization. The two areas I will seek to improve is an increase in membership and improvements in our monthly lunches where warranted. I've attended lunches and board meetings at three other branches and our branch is as well organized and provides as many activities as any of them. But there are always places to improve what we do.

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-12Noon Lunch
Every friend is a potential Member!

January is the wettest month of the year so getting outdoors is limited. If you enjoy football there is a plethora of college and pro playoff games to watch. Also it is nice and dry going to any of the museums in our area. If you aren't a member, most museums offer a discount for us seniors. And what better time than now to roll up your sleeves and cleaning out your messiest Fibber McGee closet. (Ugh!)

Quote of the Month: People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas. -Author Unknown



Installation of officers by area Governor George Kranen

Fog Horn Issue January 2012

Meeting January 4th
Next meeting January 4th
Editor George Rodriguez
Asst. Editor Flor Mendoza
Ex Officio: Robin Jaquith
Area 1 Governor:
George Kranen
State President:
Robert Manell
Region 5 Director
John B. Mason



Little SIR Ken Reed

Many years ago I resolved never to bother with New Year's resolutions, and I've stuck with it ever since. ~Dave Beard
Actually I do make A resolution, not a lot of them, like I used to...that way I don't get discouraged by not keeping them, or overwhelmed by trying to complete a long list of "To Do's".

Thirty-five years ago I asked my neighbor, Mr. Fisher, a retired Cadillac mechanic (and proud owner of a cherry larkspur blue '57 Chevy), to help me out with some house repair work. I had just purchased my house and I wanted to make a lot of repairs and upgrades. I had a long New Year's resolution list. He

advised that I should reduce my list to **1** a year, and I would then feel good when I accomplished it and not stressed out from the thought of doing so many things! My 2012 SIR New Year resolution is to help Big SIR Bob provide a fun and friendly atmosphere, especially for new members, and newly conjoined Branch 25 SIRs.

Ken



Congratulations Coach! Twice!

George and Lynne with Mission High Varsity Coach. Joe Albano. Ending a 57 year drought Mission won the city championship on Thanksgiving Day beating undefeated Washington 12 - 7. The day after, he was presented with a son.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243

Ken Reed 415 810-3832

2012 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting in February at 0930. Check the website for current and past results: <http://branch4/sirinc.org/golf.htm>. Make sure I have your email for alerts. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too.

Tournament results **through 12/13/11** are on the website.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday February 14th, 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). Branch 25 golfers are now in Branch 4, so the High Commissioner will be rotated.

2012 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for **Tues 2/21, Tues 4/24, Tues 6/19, Wed 8/22, Wed 10/24, and Tues 12/18.** We have 10 tee times for 40 players starting at 1015. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday February 21st, first tee-off is 1015.

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.

Upcoming Away Trips – see you in February 2012.

Check the web site [SIR Branch 4 Golf](http://branch4/sirinc.org) for updates!

Welcome Branch 25 members!

SIR Happenings is now in its eighth 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.



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

Welcome to our travel offerings for 2012. Have a look at the State and Area 1 trips listed on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc.org>. Please contact the individual organizers directly and let me know as well, so I can keep track of what interests you. I will also continue to bring flyers to our luncheon meetings of tours organized by Area 1. Meanwhile, we are continuing with our periodic and very popular local travel events. Our event for January is a tour of the Anchor Brewery in San Francisco and a tasting of their beers on Thursday, January 12 at 10 AM. This is free, but limited to 10 participants. As I submit this article, on December 4, we have 4 spaces left. Please contact me immediately, if you want to go. If we have many more than 10 interested, we can do another tour. later. As I've said often, tell me where you want to go and what you want to do. Send me an email (veatchlaw@gmail.com) or call me at 415-821-1806 with your suggestions.

SIR Luncheons

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

Letter to Branch 4

Dear Fellow SIRS, I would have much preferred to say this in person at our next luncheon but timing has not allowed it to happen. I would like to say what a pleasure it's been to be a member of SIRS Branch #4 these past 5 years and to meet new friends along the way. It was also exciting to be reunited with Dennis Meixner from Balboa High; Bill Robles and Bill Angelopoulos who were co-workers at Sears in San Bruno; Don Nuti who I worked with from 1968-1970 at the QFI Store on Alemany and my eighth grade math teacher from James Denman Junior High, Jim Triggas. Although I'll be 3 hours away in the Central Sierra's I look forward to meeting up with you again from time to time at the luncheons, golf links or bocce ball courts. In closing, I'd like to thank my old pal and sponsor, George Fenech, for making this all happen. Sincerely, Pete Bencharsky

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. Thanks!

Birthday Greetings

Chairman: Robert Hennig

December 2011 Birthday Celebrants

Peter Angelonides, John Baumann, Paul DeNatale, Robert Hennig, William Kneebone, Harry Lieberman, John Major, Isaac Mejia, Damaso Ramirez, and George Samoulides.

January 2012 Birthday Celebrants

Bert Dormann, Ramon Jimenez, Pablo Magat, Donald Price, Mario Reyes, Lloyd Rinde, Ray Steward, Marios Stathopoulos, Art Tanjuaquio, and Mike Vriheas.

Absentee Special Donor List for September

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Thanks for all missed meeting, annual and special contributions in 2011. Nov. contributors included Art Encabo, Bill Gipe, Gilbert Goo, Leo Juarez (2012), Mike Keller, Gary Nicholson, and Weldon Nicholson. Good luck to Pete Bencharsky with his move.

Happy New Year and welcome to Branch 25! Jere Driscoll, Stanley Scheidlinger, and Ray Steward were welcomed to Branch 4 in Nov. Please call 650-878-5746 if you can't attend the meeting.

Membership and attendance

Report for October 2011

Report for Oct.- 78 present. for 58% attendance. We have 136 active and 20 inactive. -Bill

In Memoriam

Jack Campbell

Wine Tasting Event

A wine tasting is being scheduled on a monthly basis. Alternately, Bob Green from Branch 118 and I will host these events. My commitment is to provide a basic understanding of the varietals of both red and white wines both domestic and imports. At some point in the future when you feel confident in the distinctions, we can do some blind tastings to test that. I am committed to providing most of the wines \$15 or less to hold the cost down. Bob Green will provide you his agenda prior to his own tasting. Both Bob Green and I will provide the wines, cheese and crackers. You need to bring a glass. We will let you know just prior to the tasting what your cost will be. At least 1 week prior to the monthly event, you need to send an email indicating your commitment to attend so Bob Green and I know how much wine to purchase. For my turn on January 11 email your intention to me NLT January 4th. (Are we having fun yet?)

Bob Green email: amrodi@comcast.net

Bob Fox email slyfox33@comcast.net

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

Lee Appel, Steven Machado, 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 – January 18th

Glee Club – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321

No practice this month.

Bowling – Bob Fox 415 753-2630

Over The Hill Gang

Well now, the winter season is just about mid-term. MCP (Team # 6 with Cesar Polanca, Pete and Mila Balcita) are atop the standings followed closely by Ring Master (Team # 8 with Richard (Timber) Chin, Pat and Sir Joe Callas) in 2nd. place. Shockers (Team # 3 with Ross Johnson, Mary and Jow Lopez) dropped down to 3rd. place. Season individual stats show Sir John Ghiglieri owning the highest average (183.69), also the highest scratch game (258). On the distaff side, Pat Callas monopolizes the stats: highest average (153.00), highest scratch game(212), highest handicap game (248). Looks like Sirs John Ghiglieri and Joe Callas are carrying the banner for the SIR.

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

Trivia Answers for November

1.Cortland Ave. 2. Adolph Sutro

1. Ingleside 4. Stanford and Cal

5.Monterey Blvd. 6. Ann Curtis

5. 1895 8. Kezar 9. Commerce High

10. 1911

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.

Benjamin Franklin

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San Francisco Trivia by Charlie Leach

1. The famous Victorian Houses called “ The Seven Sisters” is located on what square?
2. What Restaurant/ Bar sells the most Irish Coffees in San Francisco?
3. Who founded City Lights Bookstore located on Columbus Avenue?
4. What neighborhood is Portsmouth Square located?
5. What is the most popular tourist attraction in San Francisco?
6. During what war was Fort Point built by the US Army Corps of Engineers?
7. What are the two oldest buildings in San Francisco?
8. What year was the Palace of Fine Arts built?
9. Where is Temple Emanu-El located?
10. Who gave San Francisco the Legion of Honor?

Look for your badge number!

If you see your badge number, identified with a #, call, Bob Fox, Ken Reed, or George Rodriguez. You will win 5 free raffle tickets .#008

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