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SONS IN RETIREMENT

*A Luncheon Club
promoting the*

**INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY
of RETIREMENT**

Every friend is a potential member!

M E N U: \$ 1 5 . 0 0

MAR: *Corned Beef & Cabbage
Shrimp Louis, Peaches & Cream Cake*

APR: *Ham w/ Pineapple Sauce,
Chicken Salad, Orange Sherbet*

MAY: *Chicken Enchiladas, Fruit
Salad, Flan*

NOTE: *Salads must be ordered one
month in advance. When you pay for
the current meal, please sign the salad
sheet for the following month.*

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 7, 2012

Elks Lodge (650) 589 4030 ext. 17

Stonegate & Hillside Boulevard

So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:00 Bd. Mtg. 11:00 Social 12:00 Lunch

Luncheon Speaker:

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Subject:

*Spend time with
people who com-
municate with
you in laughter
because one laugh-
ter could turn a
sad day into a joy-
ful day.*



From Big Sir Robert Fox

So it is the mid-winter timeframe. It is a bit too nippy for sitting at Ocean Beach and watching the surf coming in. Football season is finished. With baseball the pitchers and catchers are gathering to rid themselves of the cobwebs from winter. I counted 11 plays in San Francisco alone that you can consider during this colder weather as an enjoyable pastime.

The Chinese lunar calendar shows the year of the dragon. That is good luck for all our signs so look for a good year ahead. So enjoy that superstition.

We wish to thank all of you that completed the survey provided in the foghorn and distributed at the tables the February lunch. They are being reviewed and I will provide an update on how general concerns can be addressed at the March lunch scheduled.

We live in a semi-dry climate that all it takes is one dry winter like we are experiencing this year when we need to conserve on water usage. That means putting a brick in our toilet tank and consider planting drought resistant plants in the yard.

Quote of the month: *“The best years of your life are the ones in which you decide your problems are your own. You do not blame them on your mother, the ecology, or the president. You realize that you control your own destiny.” – Albert Ellis*

FLASH: The wine tasting has been rescheduled to February 28. Contact Mark Levitt at mark@hackettelec.com if you wish to attend.

CLUB ACTIVITIES



From Little Sir
Ken Reed

TOP 10 REASONS TO
BRING A FRIEND TO A
SIR LUNCHEON:

- 10. Someone to talk to during a long winded speaker
- 9. Someone to help you find a parking space
- 8. Someone who knows the whole Pledge of Allegiance
- 7. Someone to wait with while servers arrive
- 6. Bragging rights
- 5. You might be introducing the next Big Sir
- 4. You get 2 free luncheon tickets if he becomes a member
- 3. More SIR friends for our fun trips and interesting happenings
- 2. 18000+ new SIR friends or discover an old lost friend
- 1. It's worth the luncheon price just to hear Greg Pantages sing!

BRING A FRIEND AND HAVE MORE FUN

ANTIQUÉ CARS: Wayne Veatch 415-821-1806
We meet immediately after the monthly luncheon meeting in the parking lot. At our last meetings, we viewed and discussed Wayne's 52 Studebaker, Tony Ramirez's 36 Buick and Jim Moore's 68 Plymouth Roadrunner. All who are interested in older cars are welcome.

BOCCE BALL: Harry Lieberman Charlie Leach
Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center
1st Wed 9:30 -11; Other Wed 10-12; 4th Wed. Wives are welcome

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 computer are welcome to attend.

GLEE CLUB: George Rodriguez (To be announced)

PINOCHLE: George Samoulides 415 564 5384
Our games start at 1:30PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. We meet at the Holy Trinity Christopher Community Center, 999 Brotherhood Way, in San Francisco. Join us in the games or for a cup of coffee and fellowship.



SCOREBOARD AND
TOURNAMENT
SCHEDULES

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 the current schedules and past results: <http://branch4/sirinc2.org/golf.htm>. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too. Make sure I have your email for alerts, lineups, and results.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:

Tuesday March 13th, 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). It looks like it will be **cart-path-only** for the foreseeable future.

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 April 24th, 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.

See the website or golf table at the lunch.

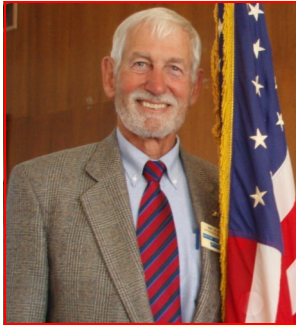
Upcoming Away Trips

3/19 Blue Rock Springs, 4/30 Mare Island.

Check the web site SIR Branch 4 Golf for updates!

ATTENTION!!!

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.



From your Travel Chair Wayne Veatch

Having been your Travel Chair for a year now, I've detected a pattern in Branch 4: No one takes advantage of any of the Area I or State travel offerings and only a dozen or so - mostly the same ones of us - go on our local outings. But I am optimistic: Maybe we'll see more activity now, with the infusion of Branch 25 energy. We had two great, local outings in February: On the 4th, a terrific matinee performance of Guys and Dolls by San Mateo High School, thanks to Henry Chiu; on the 17th, a very interesting visit to the San Francisco Railway Museum, followed by a tour of the nearby Anton Refreigier murals in the old Rincon Annex Post Office building and lunch at the Rincon Center. Our local trip for March will be on Tuesday the 27th at 10:00 AM, first to the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden at JFK Drive and the Great Highway in San Francisco, then to the adjacent Beach Chalet, to see the 1930s WPA frescoes by Lucien Labaudt and other very interesting historical exhibits, take a tour of the brewery at the Chalet at 11:30 then have lunch in their very nice restaurant. Bring your wife or S.O. Let me know if you will join us (veatchlaw@gmail.com 415-821-1806). Meanwhile, keep up with the State and Area I Travel offerings by checking our website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org>. And, let me know where you would like to go and what you would like to do.

Wayne Veatch
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS-CHAIRMAN

Jim Parsons

MARCH BIRTHDAY

Branch 4 thanks Bob Hennig for his years of Birthday Chairman service, and Branch 4 welcomes new Birthday Chairman Jim Parsons.

Birthday greetings to Lee Appel, Alfred Delclaux, Juan Garcia, Maurice Gonzalez, Rodolfo Gutierrez, Erwin Kessler, Nick Kyriakis, George Linn, Patrick Long, Jon Lucero, Dave Marconi, Jim McTiernan, George Mourgos, Ed Murphy, Jack Negrin, Marius Nungesser, Donald Nuti, Dan O'Leary, Greg Pantages, Ernest Pead, Robert Ratto, Robert Richter, Joe Sangiacomo, Joseph Sebastinelli, Jim Smith, Robert Richter, and Robert Woodall

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN:

William Gipe

Branch 4 thanks members for all annual, special, absentee and meeting contributions. Your contributions help pay Branch 4 expenses.

In February contributions were received from:

Bill Angelopoulos (mtg.), Peter Angelonides, Paul DeNatale (mtg.), Matt Gaffney (special), Bud Howard, Joe Jacinto, Ford Long (mtg.), Jon Lucero, Jessie Pilare, Mario Reyes, Tom Sylvester, and Mike Vriheas.

Please notify Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) of any changes, or when you will be unable to attend the SIR lunch. Thanks.

Please report any errors.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Shut Ins: Chairman: Lee M. Appel (415) 221 6664

Lee Appel, Claude Blakeslee, Bob Fox & George Rodriguez

Members Present Feb. 1, 2012

142 or 62%

Buy your raffle tickets early for a chance to win.

Proceeds will be for the benefit of our Branch.



What a nice turnout during the Municipal Railway outing tour.
More pictures on page 4.

Anyone who has any suggestion, article, or message to publish, please send it to: **George Rodriguez, Editor (650) 992 8321**

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Tour Guide Bob Bowen gave historical background on the union struggle of the 1930's at the street mural on Stevenson Street and at entrance to the Rincon Post Office on Mission Street.



A great museum chock full of memories and souvenirs.

REWARDS FOR BRANCH 4

When you make a purchase at OFFICE DEPOT, Give them the Rewards #1738924784 and Branch 4 will get the credit. This is a win win situation! This will help defray expenses. Thanks!

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