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**God Bless America**

**MENU**

**August:** Calamari Steak with Lemon Butter Sauce, Chicken Sandwich with French Fries, Caramel Apple Oatmeal Crisp.

**Sept:** BBQ Steak, Chefs Salad, German Chocolate Cake.

(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

**Big SIR Bob Fox**



Aren't we glad that we live here on the West coast instead of out east. 100 degree weather can be a real bear. Just another reminder that one reason I moved here from the mid-west. I'll settle for the summer marine layer anytime.

I am pleased to announce that all of our Officer and Director positions for 2013 have been filled. One of the hallmarks of a successful SIR Branch is a cadre of volunteers who are willing and happy to fill leadership positions such as our branch. Many Branches have difficulty filling those positions often times resulting in some members filling a position for multiple years running. I will publish the roster for 2013 when our Directors approve it. I'm sure they will do a great job on behalf of all of us and address our needs. Please keep in mind that our Branch can always use a bit of your time in different capacities throughout the year and in future elections --

**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!*

On August 16 we are invited to attend a Presidio National cemetery tour. The guide is an in-depth expert on some of the men laid to rest there. This should be an interesting tour and a reflection of yet another aspect of San Francisco. A sign-up sheet at our August 1 lunch will be provided at the front table for you to fill in.



**Therese Myzinski**  
*July Speaker*  
**Peninsula Del Rey**



**Happy Birthday  
United States Coast Guard!**

**August Speaker**  
**Fiona Ma**  
**Calif. Assembly Member**

**Fog Horn Issue  
August 2012**

**Meeting August 1st**  
**Next meeting September 5th**  
Editor **George Rodriguez**  
Asst. Editor **Flor Mendoza**  
**Ex Officio: Robin Jaquith**  
**Area 1 Governor:**  
**Vacant**  
**State President: James Stedman**  
**Region 5 Director, George Kranen**



**Little SIR Ken Reed**  
**The Dog Days of Summer**  
July 3 - August 11

We're right in the middle of the Dog Days of Summer. Not that the dog ever spent a summer in the San Francisco area fog belt. The first thing I used to do upon awakening was open the sliding door to my deck and see how much foggy water had collected, then I'd look for the neighbor's house through the summer fog. That would set the tone for my day. I thought foggy and cool meant do less and mope around more....inactivity ...and a downer for me ... Now I start moving before I start thinking. I get my shoes on and I'm out the door or in action before I think of an excuse not to. By the time I think I'm already doing. I'm happy to admit... I'm becoming a Nike slogan man = "Just Do It".

George emails me "Gentlemen: Please get your (Fog Horn) articles to me ASAP!" = Just Do it. Bob's email says let's schedule the stock broker & Tai Chi instructor for a SIR talk = "Just Do It". Bill calls and we're ready to deliver some awards soon = "Just Do It". Jack, Jim & I are working on new golf local rules = "Just Do It". We're running out of SIR hats = "Just Do It".

Now I'm almost done with my SIR Fog Horn article and "Just Do It" feels just fine, just fun, and just so much better than Just Don't Do It.

BTW There will be another Walk For Health activity in August, as I'm hoping that the July 13<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Hill walk went well enough that we'll try again: The 3rd "Just Do It" SIR Walk For Health - August 17<sup>th</sup> - 10am. Call (415-810-3832) or email ([runkenrun@aol.com](mailto:runkenrun@aol.com)) me for location and directions. See Wayne Veatch's travel column.

**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 the current schedules and past results: [SIR Branch 4 Golf](#)  
Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too. Make sure I have your email for alerts, lineups, and results.

The **July 10<sup>th</sup> Sharp Park tournament** had 23 players and some light fog. The grounds were in fine condition. The results are:  
Group 1 (under 27 handicap) - 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Richter net 68, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Rodriguez 69 on tiebreak, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bud Fields 69.  
Group 2 (27 plus) - 1<sup>st</sup> Rudy Gutierrez net 65, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Steward 67, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Smith 75.

Closest to #8 - 1<sup>st</sup> Ted Tukloff 5'7", 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Richter 24'8"  
Closest to #15 – Bob Richter 18'9", Bud Fields 22'1"  
and the results are on the web site and copies will be on the golf table.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 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, and 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 August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

On **Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>, Mare Island Golf Club – 1800 Club Drive, Mare Island 94592, 707-562-4653** hosts the next shotgun tournament. Bus leaves the SSF Elks Club at 0630 for 0830 tee off. Bus rate \$60, drive \$55.

Check the web site [SIR Branch 4 Golf](#) for update

**Quote of the Month**

*As I grow older, I pay less attention to what Men say. I just watch what they do'*  
*Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919)*



If you want to get a notification of when the Foghorn is available, email Jack Major at [jemajor@pacbell.net](mailto:jemajor@pacbell.net) to set up our email list.

**Travel Chairman – Wayne Veatch 415 821-1806**

Now that we are in either the dog days or fog days of summer, I hope you are thinking of where to travel next. While you peruse the many SIR travel offerings on the Travel link on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> and Dan Miller's Branch 90 Travel page, <http://sir90.org/travel/travel.html> please remember that Branch 4 is continuing to offer great "local" trips - nearby and free or low cost. Last July 18, 25 of us took a ferry ride from San Francisco to Jack London Square in Oakland for a tour of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's yacht the USS Potomac. A great half day tour for only \$15. Our outing for August is a tour of the Presidio Cemetery with fascinating descriptions and historical commentary by Paul Rosenberg's friend, Galen Dillman. This one will involve some walking up and down hill, but should not be too strenuous. We will take signups at the August meeting\*, or send me an email reservation now to [veatchlaw@gmail.com](mailto:veatchlaw@gmail.com) or call me at 415-821-1806. An ideal group will be about 15. Your wife or history buff friend is welcome. (\* I will be on the road to car shows in my MGB and will miss the August meeting.)

**Ken Reed's 'walk for health'** tour for August will be of Bernal Heights park on Friday, August 17, led by Wayne Veatch. Meet at Wayne's house, 120 Ripley St., at 10:00 AM for coffee. Lunch at a local cafe after.

**Robert Louis Stevenson:**

**Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.**

**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!

**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](http://sirinc.org).

**Birthday Greetings****Chairman: Jim Parsons** 650 754 1331**August 2012 Birthday Celebrants**

In August Branch 4 wishes Happy Birthday to: Michael Abeyta, Don Appleton, Douglas Bishop, Richard Chaney, Stephen Franks, Edward Gigli, Ron Giuffre, Walter Heinz, Daniel Kramer, Rich MacDougal, John Major, William McCoy, Vrej Mekhalian, Leonel Parra, Gene Reiss, William Roberts, William Robles, Peter Roosakos, Stan Scheidlinger, Bob Scholten, Antoon Van Arkel, .

**Absentee Special Donor List for June****Chairman, Bill Gipe**

Branch 4 thanks Peter Aiello, Bruno Andreatta, Al Delclaux, Richard Futrell, Bob Hennig, Walter Prawicki, and Art Rogers for their contributions in July.

Branch 4 welcomed and inducted two new members: Anthony Braganza and Roger Kelly.

**Membership and attendance****Report for July 2012**

Branch 4 now has 208 active and 29 inactive members. On July 5 there were 91 active members, 2 inductees, and 1 guest present at lunch. That's 44% active (July 5) attendance.

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***In Memoriam***  
***Ralph Giannini***

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**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 varieties 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,

Bob Green email: [amrodi@comcast.net](mailto:amrodi@comcast.net)

Bob Fox email [slyfox33@comcast.net](mailto:slyfox33@comcast.net)

Badge # 107

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**Look for your Badge Number. If you see it, call Bob Fox, Ken Reed, or George Rodriguez. You will get 5 free raffle tickets.**

**Pinochle George Samoulides** 415 564 5384

Games are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. All SIRS are invited to join in the fun. Call George for further information.

Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

**Sunshine Committee****Shut ins Chairman Vacant**

Lee Appel, David Krow, Jon Lucero, and Jack Negrin.

**Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal** 415 728-5573

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

**Next meeting – August 15th**

**Glee Club – George Rodriguez** 650 992-8321

No practice this month.

**Bowling – Bob Fox** 415 753-2630

Over The Hill Gang - No article this month.

**Bocce Ball****Harry Lieberman Charlie Leach**

Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 9:30-11:00

Other Wednesdays, 10-12:00

4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Baseball: Hank Gomez** 415-333-5615

**SIRs Day SF Giants vs. NY Mets Thursday August 2, 2012 1245 game.**

**Get your last minute tickets from Hank at the lunch:  
Lower Box 131 (3<sup>rd</sup> base line) \$34, Bleachers (left field) 139 \$28, View Reserved 331 (3<sup>rd</sup> base line) all 5 for \$100.**

**See Hank and his sons sing the National Anthem, and maybe “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”.**

*Experience is a wonderful thing; It enables you to recognize a mistake every time you make it.*

*An Angel*

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### Your New Badges



A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000.00. His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing, so he would never have to testify in court. When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his missing 10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language. The Godfather tells the lawyer, “ Ask him where the money is!”. The lawyer using sign language, asks Guido, Where’s the money? Guido signs back, I don’t know what you are talking about. The lawyer tells the Godfather, : He says he doesn’t know what you’re talking about.” The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido’s head and says “Ask him again or I’ll kill him.” The lawyer signs to Guido, He’ll kill you if you don’t tell him.” Guido trembles and signs, “OK! “You win!” The money is in a brown briefcase buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno’s house.” The Godfather asks the lawyer, “What did he say?” The lawyer replies, “ He says you don’t have the balls to pull the trigger.”  
Don’t you just love lawyers?

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