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God Bless America

MENU

Oct.: Meat Lasagna & Garlic Bread
Tuna Cakes Salad, Spumoni

Nov.: Turkey, Cobb Salad, Pumpkin Pie
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Bob Fox



Another month and it's time to vote for the candidates of your choice. Regardless of your choice, do vote. Your vote does count. There have been a number of members that have not attended the lunches for 5+ months. They had no plans to attend in the future so we dropped them from membership. Other members with a slightly better attendance record indicated they will start attending so we put them on the inactive list. I am making an appeal to you that if you don't plan on attending the next lunch for whatever reason, contact Bill Gipe at least a week prior to the lunch. This makes it easier for our caterer to plan on serving the number of lunches. When he has too many lunches left over, ultimately that cost will reflect on next year's monthly lunch charge. When the survey we conducted early this year indicated many of you wanted a salad in addition to lunch, the Officers and Directors voted to fund the \$1 per salad from our treasury with

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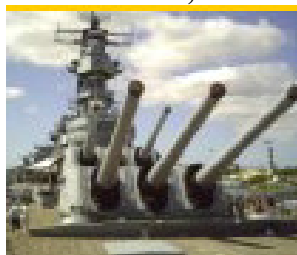
**10:30 Board Meeting
11 AM Social-12 Noon Lunch**
*Every friend friend is a potential
Member*

a sunshine clause for the remainder of this year. So starting in January your monthly lunch charge will reflect the additional \$1 for the salad, well worth the price.

Indian Summer is here and with it some of the best weather here. With that let me give a pitch for upcoming outdoor activities. Ken Reed will schedule a walk for health and Wayne Veatch will schedule a day trip in San Francisco. Watch for the exact dates and places.

I will be taking a riverboat cruise in central Europe late October to early November. So Ken Reed will run the November lunch. Because we will have the Christmas lunch in December the October lunch will be my last as Big SIR. I want you to know I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you and doing what I believed were improvements in the lunch as well as other areas. I intend to stay active with Branch 4 because I do enjoy being a SIR.

**USS Missouri
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii**



**Happy Birthday
United States Navy**

**Fog Horn Issue
October 2012**

Next meeting November 7th
Editor **George Rodriguez**
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Little SIR Ken Reed

Summer is over, although our best weather is happening now. Just DO IT, as sooner than later, our wet weather will arrive.

Planning another Walk For Health Friday, October 26th 10am in Golden Gate Park. We'll start walking/touring at Strybing Arboretum (Botanical Garden), and may end up visiting The Japanese Tea Garden with lunch at Park Chow. Sign up at the info table after the October Luncheon or RSVP 415-810-3832.

Looks like Harry Lieberman is ramping up the Bocce Ball Team, and looking for more interested players. He's getting ready for possible Tournament play. For a fun morning, meet on any Wednesday, 10am, Doelger Senior Center, Daly City.

There is an October 19th Ft. Point activity, with sign up at the information table too. There is a great listing of SIR happenings = area 1 travel and activities at

www.http://sirinc2.org/branchwebsites.htm

There really is a lot to do.... Antique Cars, Bowling, Computers, Wine and Chocolate tasting, Pinochle, and even Golf! Did you know that Jim Smith has a hole-in-one pool!

If having fun with friends between Luncheons is tempting then join up and help us DO IT.

Quote for the Month:

You can get more bees with honey than you can with vinegar. Anon

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

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Jim Smith 650-871-8855**

A one-page summary of the **local SIR golf rules** has been published and was available at Sharp Park. Pick up a copy on the golf table or check the web site: [SIR Branch 4 Golf](#)

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. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too. Make sure I have your email for alerts, lineups, and results.

The September 11th Sharp Park tournament had some real summer weather, starting with some light fog. The grounds were in fine condition. The results will be updated when available on the web site and copies will be on the golf table.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday October 9th, 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 pocketfund at the next tournament.

The **August 22nd Poplar Creek tournament** had 42 players. The results are available on the web site and copies were on the golf table at the September lunch.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday October 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.

On **Monday October 29th,** Bennett Valley GC, 3330 Yulupa Ave, Santa Rosa, 707-528-3673, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Bus leaves the SSF Elks Club at 0630 for 0830 tee off. Bus rate \$60, drive \$55.

Upcoming Away Trips – November 19th Crystal Springs. Check the web site [SIR Branch 4 Golf](#) for updates!

NCGA dues for 2013 are \$46, and can be paid to Jim Smith now through December 15th.

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

When I read about the evils of drinking I gave up reading.
Paul Hornung



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.

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! Badge # 255

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.

America's Cup

Jolita and Elmer Eckart (Branch 4 Badge Man)of San Mateo secured prime free seating on a bench in front of the water, offering an arguably better view than the \$25 bleacher seats behind them. They were impressed with the race setting between a mostly fog-obscured [Golden Gate Bridge](#) and Alcatraz, where 11 boats from eight countries will race until Sunday.

"It shows San Francisco's not just about cable [cars](#) and Twin Peaks," Jolita Eckart said.

Pull Tabs

Save your tab tops from aluminum cans and give them to Joe Sangiacomo or Walt Prawicki. They are for Ronald McDonald House, a worthy cause.

Quotation

Who is the happiest of men? He who values the merits of others, and in their pleasure takes joy, even as though 'twere his own.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

New Member

Our new member Jeff Chinn is a longtime friend. We met running the blood bank campaign for our office. His father was George Chinn who was the first Asian-American member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. I told Bob Bowen that Jeff was coming and Bob, who has a huge collection of political memorabilia, brought a George Chinn for Supervisor pamphlet that had a picture of the teen age Jeff on it. Jeff, Stan Scheidlinger, Stu Etzler, and Alfred Herpe are all Lincoln High School graduates of the 1960s. Tony Marotto is a 1950s Lincoln High graduate. Paul Rosenberg

Birthday Greetings

Chairman: Jim Parsons

October 2012 Birthday Celebrants

In October Branch 4 wishes Happy Birthday to, Robert Arata, John Candau, Robert Fontes, Elmer Gallegos, John Gehring, Joe Jacinto, Robin Jaquith, Raino Kandelberg, Jim Mayo, David Ocampo, Andrew Reid, Sam Riskin, Arthur Rogers, Ted Theodosopoulos, Robert Woodall, and Theodore Wright.

Absentee Special Donor List for August

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Thanks to Branch 4 members for missed meeting and special contributions at the Sept. meeting- Charles Leach, Jim Mulhall, Hayden Neal, and James Sawyer.

Membership and attendance

Report for July 2012

Active members: 198
 Inactive members: 38
 Sept. attendance: 142 active, 2 inactive, 72% actives.
 Inductions pending: 1
 Branch 4 welcomes new member Jeff Chinn.

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

Answers to Last Month's Quiz

- 1. 30th 2. St. Louis 3. London (3) 4. Africa and So. America 5. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 6. 1980 7. Athens - Greece 8. (4) 9. (2) 10 (3)**

Senior Award

Little SIR Ken Reed presenting another Senior Award to George Norris! **Congratulations George!**



Christmas (Holiday Luncheon)

Watch for the flyer next month. There will be entertainment, prizes, and good company. The new officers and Directors will be sworn in. It will be a lot of fun, so plan to attend.

Pinocle 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. We start at 1:30 PM. Call George for further information.

Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

Sunshine Committee

Shut ins Chairman Vacant

Lee Appel, Claude Blakeslee, Jon Lucero, and Greg Pantages

Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal 415 728-5573

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 – September 19th

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
 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.

Travel Column

I missed the August meeting - I was traveling - and was pleased that my Travel Deputies planned and executed a really interesting tour of the Presidio Cemetery with fascinating descriptions and historical commentary by Paul Rosenberg's friend, Galen Dillman. See the link to Paul's review of it on our website's Travel page. By the time you read this, you either joined us on a great tour of the TCHO chocolate factory in San Francisco on September 13, or you missed it. You either joined Ken Reed and several of us for a walk along Crissy Field on September 21 or you missed it. Our October tour is of Fort Point, on October 19. We're taking signups at the October meeting. Don't miss it. Our November tour is at Fort Mason, tentatively set for November 15, with our own Bob Bowen as tour guide.. Come on, now. We plan these tours and walks for your enjoyment - keep up with us and have some fun! Don't forget to check out 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>. If you want to sign up for any of these travel outings, please send me an email to veatchlaw@gmail.com or call me at 415-821-1806. (P.S.: please share this column with your wife; she is invited to come along.)

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San Francisco National Cemetery Walk, Branch 4 August 23rd



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Golfer's Luncheon

Luncheon Date – November 16th. Social Hour 11:00 AM Lunch 12:00

The luncheon is free to those that have played in 3 away tournaments, all others, the fee is \$10.00.

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

Name _____ (please print)

I have played in 3 away tournaments. Yes___ No ___