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God Bless America

MENU

Nov: Turkey, Cobb Salad, Pumpkin Pie
Jan. Chicken Parmesan, Tuna Sandwich
French Fries, Italian Cream Puffs
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Bob Fox



Can you believe the holiday season is upon us? And with that I extend my very best to you to enjoy both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have much to be thankful for including the closeness of our loved one.

Once again let me encourage you to invite someone you know to be a guest at our monthly lunch. History has shown most guests consequently become a member and often become active either as an officer or an activity chair. That is a big ingredient for keeping our branch a fun organization with lots of optional activities.

As cooler weather takes effect take advantage of the myriad of indoor sights from museums to permanently docked ships in the Bay area. Go on a weekday now that you are retired and avoid the weekend crowds as well as a reduced admission as a senior. Also, if you enjoy gardening this is the perfect time to plant bulbs that will transform your garden into a colorful place for tulips and daffodils come spring. -

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 friend is a potential
Member*

Happy Birthday United States Marines



Happy Birthday National Guard (December)



Ken Reed, our incoming Big Sir has lined up a Holiday party filled with some super entertainment. At \$25 the chance to enjoy good company, listen to music, and eat some good chow is well worth the price. So sign up and send your invitation from the flyer to Ken. Also, the new officers and Directors will be sworn in at the conclusion of the lunch. Let us extend our best to them in the execution of their responsibilities in 2013. Lastly, may you enjoy a very **Prosperous and Happy New Year.**

**Quote for the Month:
In a world where you can be
anything you want,
BE YOURSELF.**

Fog Horn Issue November 2012

Next meeting January 2nd
Editor George Rodriguez
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Little SIR Ken Reed

The Holidays are a fun time, and an emotional roller coaster for many of us. Get in the mood for this SIR holiday season with Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Veterans' Day, and New Years It's a time of the year to be around friends and family. SIR helps fulfill this want/need with luncheons, activities, friendships and camaraderie.

Join in the fun. Bring a significant other, guest or family member as a fun time can be had on December 5th. Our annual Holiday Luncheon promises great music, song, and delicious food. Relax with Happy ukulele music, a harmonizing barbershop quartet, and the SIR 4 Trio with Holiday song & music. A flyer/registration form is in the mail, or ready for pick up at the November luncheon. Only \$25 per person.

We'll have another Walk For Health on November 16th. It's a good chance to get in shape for Thanksgiving a week later. Why not start now, get the health benefits from walking, and get a jump on your New Years resolution!

Bring a friend to our next luncheon, golf outing, bowling meet, bocce ball tournament, tennis match, computer club, pinochle game, or antique car meet!

Owetdia Dupree
Chief Voluntary Service
San Francisco VA Medical Center
November Speaker

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

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 **October 9th Sharp Park tournament** had 25 players and some nice early autumn weather. 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 November 13th, 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.

The **October 24th Poplar Creek tournament** had 40 plus players. The results are available on the web site and copies were on the golf table at the first Wednesday lunch.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday December 18th, 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 November 19th,** Crystal Springs Golf Course, 6650 Golf Course Drive, Burlingame 650-342-0603 ext 2, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Drive rate \$60, no bus.

Upcoming Away Trips – 2012 trips finish in November. 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.



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.

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.

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.

Editor's Note

On the back table at our luncheon's are complimentary, 15 to 20 copies of the Fog Horn. They have a cover sheet from the SIR Website that tells what the SIR organization is about. It lists many of the activities and programs and also explains the philosophy of the SIR program. The SIR's do not have a political, or religious agenda nor do they collect dues. Their purpose is to enjoy each others company and to promote fun activities. The cover sheet has a space for your name and phone number. It also states, **"Come and have lunch with men of good will."** Take one, fill it in and give it to a retiree, a prospective SIR member. This is a program where everybody can participate. Let's make one of our resolutions for next year to recruit new members. And don't forget to volunteer for one of the many positions of Branch 4. By getting involved you will meet more of your fellow members and you will be proud of the service to your branch. Don't forget to send in your flyer for the Christmas Luncheon. #006

This is the last Fog Horn of the year. At this time, Flor and I wish all of you a **Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. God Bless You!**

**Patience is needed with everyone, but first of all to ourselves.
St. Francis de Sales**

Birthday Greetings

Chairman: Jim Parsons

November 2012 Birthday Celebrants

Tony Augustin, Henry Albert, Bernard Campbell, Fred Dannecker, Art Encabo, Irv Jarkovsky, Russ Lindquist, Patrick Loughran, James Moore, Joseph Oliver, Joe Pierce, Sakee Poulakides, Henry Ratti, Meyer Segal, and Grant Teakle.

Absentee Special Donor List for October

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks Oct. 2012 absentee and special donors: George Kallas, David Krow, Greg Pantages, and Chris Ramos.

Membership and attendance

Membership & Attendance Report for Oct. 2012

Active members: 198

Inactive members: 39

Oct. attendance: 115 active, 1 inactive, 58% actives.

Branch 4 welcomes new member Kristian Nergaard.

Jon Lucero and George Staniotes move to inactive list.

Branch 4 asks for any data changes for 2013 roster. Please call Bill Gipe at 650-878-5746 if your roster listing should be edited.

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

October Speaker David Donnelly



Trenton , New Jersey December 22,1776

A letter from Joseph Reed (Pennsylvania Militia) to General George Washington:

“Will it not be possible, my dear General, for our troops or such part of them as can act with advantage to make a diversion or something more at or about Trenton? The greater the alarm, the more likely success will attend the attacks. I will not disguise my own sentiments that our cause is desperate and hopeless if we do not take the opportunity of the collection of troops at present to strike some stroke. Our affairs are hastening fast to ruin if we do not retrieve them by some happy event. Delay with us is now equal to total defeat.”

On Christmas day December 25th, In the middle of the night, braving the treacherous Delaware River and the ice, General Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware and attacked and routed the Hessian troops, reigniting the revolution.

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. 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

Oct. Sunshine List includes Lee Appel, Pat Loughran, Jon Lucero, Rich MacDougal, Dan O'Leary, and Bud Sandkulla.

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 – Nov 21

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

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

We continue to promote a number of tours and trips hosted by Bay Area branches and other longer, foreign and USA tours and cruises sponsored by the State Sir organization. Check out these offerings using the Travel link on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> and on Dan Miller's Branch 90 Travel page, <http://sir90.org/travel/travel.html>. If you do sign up for any of these trips or outings, please send me an email to veatchlaw@gmail.com or call me at 415-821-1806 and let me know. And please share this column with your wife, as she may be interested in travel and encourage you to accompany her! We, Branch 4, continue to offer our local tours: Our October local outing was of Fort Point on October 19 and was very interesting. For a November outing, we're planning to explore Fort Mason, tentatively set for November 8. We'll have details and a signup sheet at the November meeting.

When W.C. Fields was caught looking through a Bible, he explained it with, “I’m looking for loopholes.”

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Merry Christmas ! Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!



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