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God Bless America

MENU

Feb: House Salad with Italian Dressing, Cod Fish with Mango Salsa, Cherry Strudel, Cobb Salad.
Mar: House Salad with Ranch Dressing, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Crème de Menthe Cheese Cake, Shrimp Louis.
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Ken Reed



It's winter and rain seems the name of the game. More time between golf outings, and more time for indoor activities. ... like bring a friend to our Luncheon. This year we are spicing up the luncheon possibilities with themes that should be interesting, fun, and educational.
February 6th: Crazy Shirt Luncheon. Wear, if you dare, your wildest, craziest, loudest, funniest shirt to lunch. We'll have official judges and you'll be in the running for a free lunch coupon or a box of See's chocolate.

March 6th: Hobby Luncheon. Bring your hobby to lunch and share with everyone, either at a special table or just speaking a minute on your passion. Examples include trains, planes, military, stamps, coins, art, postcards, 49ers, Giants, sailing, running, singing, music, skiing, magic, history, gardening, travel, cooking, and more..... This show and tell event might give us a peek into the life of a fellow SIR.

**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*

**February Speaker
Eugene Ostermiller (Tax Matters)
Subject: Tax Changes and new
tax laws**

**January Speakers
UCSF School of Dentistry
Drs. A. Pogrel & Z. Ahmed**



Our next Walk for Health is scheduled for February 22nd at Sawyer Camp Trail, Crystal Springs Reservoir. We'll meet at 9:44 am for a fun walk. Good chance of wildlife spotting, as well beautiful views of the reservoir & surrounding area. Meet Hillcrest Blvd at Hwy280 on ramp, the Northern access point.. Better directions available on the email and flyer, available at the Luncheon.

Crazy Shirt Day

Wear your wildest shirt to the SIR February Meeting and you could win a free lunch. Finalists will be chosen by the Big and Little SIR. The one winner will be chosen by you, the membership.

**Fog Horn Issue
February 2013**

Next meeting: February 6th
Following meeting: March 6th
Editor: George Rodriguez
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Little SIR Paul Rosenberg

Nearly every day marks the 150th anniversary of some event of the Civil War. At the start of this year we commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. That proclamation meant more internationally than it did in the South because it forced an end to the English romance with the Confederacy. England had subtly favored the South because of its textile trade with the south and its industrial competition with the Union. Through the Emancipation Proclamation, England's anti-slavery tradition could no longer be ignored and England could no longer favor the South. "The Education of Henry Adams" describes the humiliations endured by his father, United States Ambassador to England Charles Adams, when England entertained the Confederate delegation while ignoring that of the United States.

The Civil War has also been impressed on many of us through the release of two recent movies: Django Unchained and Lincoln. Django takes place in 1858 and highlights the horrors of slavery and Lincoln in 1865 presents the fight for slavery abolition through the 13th amendment. The movie industry is to be commended for such timeliness.

Here in California, we were removed from much of the Civil War. No Californian was drafted because of the expense of moving conscripts to the east. Yet, volunteers from California went back east en masse and served with distinction in the 2nd Massachusetts cavalry regiment. Their encounters with Mosby's guerillas had few happy endings. Nearly 17,000 California men and women volunteered for military service on behalf of the Union. Also, the gold mined here plus the silver from Nevada was an immense boost to the Union's fortunes.

The politics of California in the 1850s were confounded. Most of the statewide elected officials were of the Chivalry [pro slavery] faction of the Democratic Party. Through federal patronage they controlled most of the party structure. The most dominant United States Senator

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Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243

Ken Reed 415 810-3832

2013 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 **December 11th Sharp Park tournament** had about 25 players and some wet grounds, but carts were allowed for 90 degrees except in the canyon (4 through 7) and the par 3's. It was cloudy and got quite cold. The results have been updated on the web site and copies were on the golf table.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday February 12th, 2013 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 \$45 for green fees, cart, and breakfast (at 0830), and prizes (\$3 each). Carts are allowed on most par 4's and 5's, depending on the ground conditions.

2013 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for **Wed 2/20, Tues 4/16, Wed 6/26, Wed 8/28, Wed 10/23, Wed 11/20, and Mon 12/16.** 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 **December 18th Poplar Creek tournament** was updated on the web site and copies were on the golf table at the first Wednesday lunch in January.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday February 20th, 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 starting in March. See the website or the golf table at the lunch.

Hobby Day

The March meeting will be Hobby Day. Bring some of your hobby collection to the meeting. Whether it be coins, stamps model railroads, boats, airplanes, or what have you. Surprise us! You might win a free lunch.



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. Badge # 011

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.

Little SIR Article (continued)

from California of the 1850s, William M. Gwin, held in excess of 200 slaves in Mississippi! The population of California, in contrast, was of the Free Soil, Free Labor persuasion. These people did not recognize slavery as an evil but as unfair competition against an individual's labor. The leader of this movement, Senator David Broderick, lost his life in a duel fought in Daly City a short walk from the Doelger Center. This site is extremely well preserved by the Daly City staff. A recent book by Glenna Mathews "Golden State in the Civil War - Thomas Starr King, the Republican Party, and the Birth of Modern California" describes California during the Civil War and the remarkable Rev Thomas Starr King whose body rests in a cenotaph at O'Farrell and Franklin. Rev. King helped turn around the politics of California to represent the general anti-slavery feelings of the citizens. As a fund raiser, about quarter of the funds to support the United States Sanitary Commission, which supplied nurses and medicine to wounded soldiers, came from California. Rev. King was in the press in 2009 when his statue in the United States Hall of Statuary was replaced by one of Ronald Reagan. The statue of the orator who saved the nation now is in a park just east of the state capitol.

If you have not yet enjoyed Django Unchained or Lincoln, please do so and, for further study, check out Glenna Mathews' new book.

Quotation

"God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say: This is my country. "

Ben Franklin

Birthday Greetings
Chairman: Jim Parsons

February 2013 Birthday Celebrants

Branch 4 wishes Happy Birthday to John Andrews, Julio Apodaca, Peter Ashe, Roy Bauer, Jeff Chinn, Carl Dalessio, Ed Damonte, William Davalos, Kenford Dong, David Donnelly, Richard Futrell, Pete Gandell, Jerry Hiller, Merton Jones, Leo Juarez, Melvin Kranke, David Krow, Willie Low, Flor Mendoza, David Nigel, Jessie Pilare, and Walter Prawicki,

Absentee Special Donor List for November

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks all donors in Jan. 2013. Meeting/special donations were received from Art Encabo and Art Rogers. Annual contributions were received from Peter Angelonides, Bruce Barichievich, Ed Damonte, Jere Driscoll, Elmer Eckart, Pete Gandall, Juan Garcia, Hank Gomez, Bud Howard, Robin Jaquith, Warren Lee, Pat Long, Harry Lieberman, Jack Major, James McCoy, Flor Mendoza, Dennis Meixner, Jim Moore, George Mourgos, Hayden Neal, Don Nuti, Dan O'Leary, Jessie Pilare, Bob Ratto, Ken Reed, Tony Ramirez, Lloyd Rinde, George Rodriguez, Bud Sandkulla, Marios Stathopoulos, Wil Uclusin, and Wayne Veatch.

Membership and attendance

Jan. 2013 SIR Branch 4 Membership & Attendance
103 active members, 3 guests, and 2 guest speakers attended in Jan. 2013.

Branch 4 has 193 active members, 38 inactive members.

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.

Special thanks to Bert Dormann

Thank You for the wonderful pictures of the Christmas Luncheon. Bert put together an album with our Christmas pictures. It will be displayed on the back table at the meeting. Feel free to take your pictures from the album.
Thanks again Bert!

Big SIR Calendar

February 6th – Our SIR 4 Luncheon - Tax speaker Eugene Ostermiller

and

crazy shirt day

February 14th – Valentine's Day

February 15th - VA Medical Center Tour

February 18th – Presidents' Day

February 22 - Walk For Health at Sawyer Camp Trail, Crystal Springs Reservoir

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

Feb. Foghorn Sunshine List includes Lee Appel, Aron Aronovsky, David Krow, Pat Loughran, Ernie Pead, and Tom Sylvester.

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

A fit and happy group of Branch 4 members and guests enjoyed a sunny day and very nice walk from the Doelger Senior Center to the sea on January 11, led by our Master Walker and Big SIR Ken Reed. We continue in 2013 to offer our own mostly-monthly local walks, tours and outings and to promote tours and trips hosted by other Area 1 Branches and your State Travel Chair. Our next local tour is on February 15 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center on Clement and 43d Ave in San Francisco. Al Herpe, who volunteers at the hospital, has arranged this tour with our recent speaker, Owetdia Dupree. We will have details and take sign-ups at the February meeting. Meanwhile, check out other travel offerings by clicking on Area 1 Travel and Activities on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> then on Sir State Travel Opportunities "Click to see.." for the latest listing from the Happenings Travel page, and Area 1 Travel Events, for the latest "Yellow Sheet." Also check out Dan Miller's colorful Branch 90 Travel page at <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 and encourage you to accompany her!

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Ben Franklin Trivia

1. Ben Franklin was the only person to sign the four key documents that created America. What were they?
2. Which office did Franklin's illegitimate son hold?
3. What did Franklin produce for 25 years?
4. What did Franklin's famous kite experiment prove?
5. What was Franklin's greatest accomplishment during the Revolutionary War?
6. Franklin preferred what animal as America's symbol?
7. What was Franklin's final public role?
8. Franklin used many Pseudonyms (pen names), can you name some?

Answers will be in next month's Fog Horn.

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