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**God Bless America**

### MENU

**Mar:** House Salad with Ranch Dressing, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Creme de Menthe Cheese Cake, Shrimp Louis

**April:** House Salad with Thousand Island Dressing, Roast Beef in Au Jus, Apple Pie, Chicken Sandwich with Potato Salad.

(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

### Big SIR Ken Reed



We had fun with crazy, wild, funny shirt day. Ford Long walked away with the 1<sup>st</sup> place Crazy Shirt award. This was the first of more-to-come luncheon themes: **March 6<sup>th</sup> will be SIR 4 Hobby Day.** We'll have display tables set up around the room with places to ... Show & Tell your hobby i.e. model airplanes, postcards, reading, trains, running, golfing, music, or whatever turns you on, and you want to share with others. On **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we'll have Crazy Hat Day,** with another contest for a free meal coupon, SIR hat, and bragging rights. **May 1<sup>st</sup> is planned as Book Swap Day.** Bring your already-read/favorite book to share or swap = Bring a Book / take a book.

It's time for another **survey**. We want to know how we are doing speaker wise, luncheon wise, and activity wise, since our last survey in 2011-2. After that survey, for example, we added salads to the menu. (continued next column)

## 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**

You will find a comment survey card at each seat next month.

Please let us know how we can better serve you at SIR 4.

I just received another shipment of SIR baseball hats. You have seen these tan embroidered logo Hats on 30+ members. At only \$12 see me for your hat today!

Some interesting activities are in the planning stages, including a Chinatown tour, Hiller Aviation Museum trip, and Alcatraz tour. Tell us what you suggest on the Survey card.

**March 29<sup>th</sup> is the date for next Walk For Health.** We'll meet at 9:44 am at the entrance to San Pedro Valley Park, Pacifica. Flyer & signup sheet available at the March Luncheon.

### Monthly Speaker to be announced

### Lee Appel receiving Honorary Life Member Award



## Fog Horn Issue March 2013

Next meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Following meeting, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Editor George Rodriguez  
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Area 1 Governor: Bob Fox  
State President: Richard Dettmer  
Region 5 Director, George Kranen



**Little SIR Paul Rosenberg**  
Hello Branch 4:

What a great February meeting. We inducted 5 new members. That has to be a first.. Way to go Branch 4! The crazy Shirt Contest was a lot of fun. Don't forget to bring your hobbies to the March meeting. And in April we will have crazy Hat Day. They both should be fun events. Get ready for Corned Beef and Cabbage as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. In 2009 roughly 26.1 billion pounds of beef and 2.3 billion pounds of cabbage were produced in the U.S. Salted corned beef was first produced in Ireland during the Middle Ages. During the 17<sup>th</sup> century, England made large amounts of the salted beef, not only for civilian consumption but also for their military because of its non-perishable nature. I'll see you at the meeting! **Don't forget to bring a friend!**

### Happy Birthday Mel! Mel Kranke

Celebrating his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday



**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 is now available. Pick up a copy on the golf table or check the web site: <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.htm>

**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 **February 12th Sharp Park tournament** had 34 players, with some fine rain-free conditions. The results have been updated on the web site and copies will be available on the golf table. Badge # 112

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 first tee-off is 0930.** Badge # 112 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 (\$4 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 **February 20<sup>th</sup> Poplar Creek tournament** was updated on the web site and copies will be on the golf table at the first Wednesday lunch in March.

**Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday March 16<sup>th</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 starting in March. See the website or the golf table at the lunch.

On **Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>,** Blue Rock Springs GC, 655 Columbus Parkway, Vallejo, 707-643-8476, 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** –April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rooster Run, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Foxtail-South . Check the web site for updates!

**Hobby Day**

The March meeting will be Hobby Day. Bring some of your hobby collection to the meeting.



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.

**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](http://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.

“Love is a fire. But whether it is going to warm your heart or burn down your house, you can never tell.”

**Joan Crawford**

**Birthday Boys**



**Mel Kranke on the far right celebrating 99 years!**

**Answers to February Quiz**

1. The Declaration of Independence, The Treaty of Alliance with France, The Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, The Constitution of the United States
2. William Franklin became Governor of New Jersey
3. Poor Richards Almanac 1733 to 1758
4. He proved that lightning was electricity
5. Franklin got the French to join the war
6. He preferred the Turkey to the Eagle
7. His last public act was to sign an appeal to Congress calling for abolition
8. Silence Dogood, Caelia Shortface, Martha Careful, Busy Body, Anthony Afterwit, Richard S Alice Addertongue, Polly Baker, Benevolus .

**Birthday Greetings  
Chairman: Jim Parsons**

**February 2013 Birthday Celebrants**

Branch 4 wished Happy Birthday to Lee Appel, Al Delclaux, Juan Garcia, Phil Gravitt, Rudy Gutierrez, Erwin Kessler, Patrick Long, Dave Marconi, Jim McTiernan, Jim Mulhall, Ed Murphy, Jack Negrin, Weldon Nicholson, Marius Nungesser, Donald Nuti, Dan O'Leary, Greg Pantages, Ernie Pead, Robert Ratto, Bob Richter, Joe Sangiacomo, Joseph Sebastinelli, and Jim Smith, George Mourgos, Woody Woodall.

**Absentee Special Donor List for November**

**Chairman, Bill Gipe**

Branch 4 thanks Feb. annual donors Mike Abeyta, Mike Anda, Ernie Braun, George Fenech, Bud Fields, Bob Hennig, Mike Keller, Hayden Neal, Mario Reyes, Paul Rosenberg, Tom Sylvester, and Brian Weiss. Thanks also to Steve Frank, John Lombard, and Greg Pantages for absentee donations in Feb.

**Membership and attendance**

At the Feb. 6 meeting Lee Appel became an Honorary Life Member. Branch 4 welcomed back Bill McCoy from the Inactive List. Branch 4 welcomed 6 new members: Ron Appel, Phil Gravitt, Terry Kirchhoff, John Lewkowitz, Robert Liu, and John McGlothlin.

Active members: 200

Inactive members: 36

Feb. attendance: 133 active

2 inactive

6 inductees

4 guests

1 speaker

**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 Paul Rosenberg, Ken Reed, or George Rodriguez. You will get 5 free raffle tickets.!**

**More Crazy Shirts!**



**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**

Branch 4 Sunshine List includes David Krow, Pat Loughran, and Bob Richter.

**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 – March 20**

**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.

**Travel Column**

**From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch**

A fit group of Branch 4 “happy wanderers” and guests enjoyed another of Master Walker and Big SIR Ken Reed's adventures on Friday, February 22 along Sawyer Camp Trail from Skyline Blvd. 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.

We canceled our tour on February 15 to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in San Francisco due to a lack of interest. Our next local tour will be through Chinatown, San Francisco and to the Chinese Historical Society, probably on the 8th or 22d of March. We will have details and take sign-ups at the March meeting. Our plan is to visit the Oakland Airport Aviation Museum in April.

Meanwhile, check out other travel offerings by clicking on “Area 1 Travel and Activities” on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> Click on Sir State Travel Opportunities then “Click to see...” on that page for the latest listing from the Happenings Travel page. Click on “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](mailto:veatchlaw@gmail.com) or call me at 415-297-1807 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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**3 winners of the crazy shirt contest**

left to right, (3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1st)

Mike Abeyta, Julio Apodaca, Ford Long



**Congratulations!**

**More Crazy Shirt Entrants**



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