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God Bless America

MENU

July: Caesar Salad, BBQ Pork Ribs, Brownie ala Mode, Turkey Melt with Potato Salad.
August: House Salad with Thousand Island Dressing, Calamari Steak in Lemon Butter Sauce, Boston Crème Pie. Chef's Salad
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Ken Reed



I'm typing as I listen to the Giants. This is called multitasking. I'm keeping busy with multimultitasking projects....like golfing, The Spring Fling, June 19, which I double booked with the Computer Club...sorry Jerry... my error as the 3rd Wednesday is always Jerry Blumenthal and Cyber SIRS. I'm also Race Directing the Double Dipsea trail run on June 29th, and getting ready for the July luncheon and Branch Executive Committee. Guess what? It's time for election of board members, and Big and Little Sir. We have a great incoming Big Sir with Paul Rosenberg and are looking for interested volunteers to help us keep SIR 4 active and growing.

The Chinatown Tour is happening 10:30 am, July 11th with the help of Kristian Nergaard and Bob Bowen we are taking reservations for the tour and lunch. Sign up sheet on the back table.

**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***

Book swap still happening on the back table. The theme for July will be Patriotic 4th of July.

I'll wear my Willie Nelson patriotic hat, and we will have prizes for the most patriotic clothing! BUT watch out for Ford Long. Got a feeling he'll be in contention for best dressed as he won the crazy shirt contest recently.

Got my 2 tickets for the August 8th Giants game from Hank Gomez. I'm bringing a friend (future SIR I hope). Let's make August our Bring a Friend to Luncheon month. Hope to see you on July 26th for another Walk4Health. This time we will tackle the path by Sharp Park Golf Course..a good chance for non-golfers to enjoy the Sharp Park course and ocean views. More details at the July Luncheon.

**Bill Gipe receives an award for his
service to Branch 4**



**Fog Horn Issue
July 2013**

**Next meeting July 3rd
Following meeting, August 7th
Editor George Rodriguez
Asst. Editor Flor Mendoza
Ex Officio: Bob Fox
Area 1 Governor: Bob Fox
State President: Richard Dettmer
Region 5 Director, George Kranen**



Little SIR Paul Rosenberg

Thirty years ago: The Cable Car system was shut down .from 1982 to 1984, no service for a year. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a first S. F. Historic Trolley Festival in 1983.The Chamber with Muni obtained cars from around the world and the U.S. with an assist from the Western Railway Museum in Solano County. Cars came from Portugal, Germany, Russia, the Blackpool Boat Car from Mexico, to name a few, (See last page). The festival was so successful that it came back for 3 more years.

The Chamber of Commerce eventually gave up the sponsorship. The Board, 7 member volunteer group which ran the trolley lines (prior of the sale to SF) headed by Harold Perazzo rescued coach 776 from the scrap heap. The board eventually became the "Friends of the Festival." The group proposed operation of an F Line running along Market street to the Ferry Building. This was accepted and later expanded to run along the Embarcadero. The policy of painting streetcars has been successful adding color to Market Street. A new E Embarcadero line will cover the entire Embarcadero from Fisherman's Wharf to Cal Train soon and there are plans for the tunnel under Fort Mason to the West end of Fort Mason. For more information go to streetcar.org or go to the Streetcar Museum in the Hotel Vitale near the Ferry Building.

**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 **June 11th Sharp Park tournament** results are not available at press time. The results will be updated on the web site and copies will be available on the golf table.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday July 9th, 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. There's **breakfast that starts at 0815**, so you want to get there early. At least, **check in one hour before your tee time**. The lineup will be sent out by email a few days before. Sharp Park fees are \$45 for green fees, cart, and breakfast, 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.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday August 28th 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 July 29th, Foxtail – North Golf Course (State Qualifying)** 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 – August 26th - Mare Island, September 30th – Blue Rock Springs. Check the web site for updates!

The **Away Tournaments** are very important to Branch 4. These tournaments need your support, so please make a commitment to participate. **Thank You! Jim**



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 ninth 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.

Giants Baseball (SIR's Day)

AT&T Park – August 8th – 12:45 PM

Section 131 – lower boxes – 60 seats

Giants vs Brewers

Forms will be available at the next meeting. Seats are \$42.00 each. Hank Gomez will be handling the arrangements. Badge # 034
The Hank Gomez Quartet will be singing the National Anthem before the game.

Chinatown walk uniquely offered for SIRs Branch 4.

On Thursday, July 11, at 10:30am we'll be guided on a walking tour of Chinatown by two of our members who are also certified S.F. City Guides. This is not a very strenuous walk, but please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Bob Bowen and Kristian Nergaard will start their walk in the northwest corner of Portsmouth Square, where the elevators come up from the underground garage. Depending on how many sign up we'll split up in two groups, and our walk will last between 90 and 120 minutes. The walk will be followed by a nice Dim Sum lunch at a local Chinatown restaurant. With Bob and Kristian's guidance we will explore local alleys and walk among sites of temples and tongs. You'll hear of shops of joss, dim sum, herbs; and you'll learn some 'secrets' along with colorful history and stories about the oldest Chinatown in the U.S.

Attendance is limited, and you may sign up in one of two ways: Either use the sign-up sheet(s) you'll find at the next monthly SIRs meeting on July 3rd, or send an e-mail to < nergaard@comcast.net >. Feel free to bring your spouse or a guest, but please indicate how many will be attending, and also whether you plan to stay for lunch.

**Birthday Greetings
Chairman: Jim Parsons**

July 2013 Birthday Celebrants

Branch 4 Happy Birthday wishes to: GILBERT ANDRETE, JERRY BLUMENTHAL, RAY BON, WILLIAM COOPER, JERRY DRISCOLL, NICK FESUNOFF, WALT HAAG, AL HERPE, BUD HOWARD, JOHN JAMIESON, CHARLEY LEACH, TOM LENES, CHRIS MANITSAS, JIM McCOY, DENNIS MEIXNER, TONY RAMIREZ, NICK RIGAS, GEORGE RODRIGUEZ, WAYNE VEACH, JIM PARSONS, HANK GOMEZ

Absentee Special Donor List for June

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks all 2013 annual, absentee, and special donors. June donors include Henry Albert, Alex Christ, Rudy Guterrez, Bill Gipe, Ford Long, and Marios Stathopoulos.

Membership and attendance

6-5-13 meeting attendance: 126 members
June count: 200 active members and 34 inactive members.
Branch 4 welcomes **Tom Gibbons** who transferred from SIR Branch 106 in Fairfield.
Branch 4 welcomes back **Rudy Guterrez** from the inactive list.
We welcomed **Dave Hall**, who was a guest of **Paul Nocero**.

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.



**Golden Gate Bridge Tour
The Hearty Walkers from Branch 4
Walk for Health**

Note: Astronauts were losing bone mass from living in zero gravity. NASA, through studies, found the best way to combat bone loss and osteoporosis is by walking.

Pinochle - George Samoulides 415 564 5384
Games are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. All SIR's 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 June Sunshine Report includes:
Nick Rigas

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 – July 17th

Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman - Charlie Leach

Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center
1st Wednesday, 9:30-11:00
Other Wednesdays, 10-12:00 (wives welcome)

Senior Tennis - Harry Lew 415 333 2984

We meet Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon
Glen Park is closed. Call Harry for info.

Travel Column

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

Aside from the the travel offerings by Area 1 and the State, your Travel Hot Dogs in Branch 4 lined up some interesting local tours for June and July: On Wednesday, June 26, 6 of us took advantage of the Senior fare (\$12) for the Oakland As game vs. the Cincinnati Reds. The weather was sunny, we sat together, enjoyed the game and had a great time. No driving required: BART goes right there. As we announced at the last meeting, Bob Bowen and Kristian Nergaard are putting together a great Chinatown tour for us on July 11. Several members have signed up and we have room for more. We do need a firm number for this one, so please sign up at the July 3 meeting. As usual, spouses and friends are welcome.

We're open to your suggestions for local travel outings. Please email me or call me: veatchlaw@gmail.com, 415-297-1807. Meanwhile, please continue to check out the offerings by Area 1 and the State on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/>. If you do sign up for any of these trips or outings, please send me an email or call me and let me know you have done so.

Quotation

"I have not yet begun to fight!"

John Paul Jones

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SF Muni Railway car #1 Still on the F Line



**Blackpool Boat Car
(photos Rick Laubscher)**



**Trolley Car 776, the vehicle that started the
New Market St. Railway**



Happy Fourth of July!



Flag Hill – Patriot Trail – San Juan Capistrano

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