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**God Bless America**

**MENU**

**August:** House Salad with Thousand Island Dressing, Calamari Steak in Lemon Butter Sauce, Boston Crème Pie. Chef's Salad  
**September:** House Salad with Italian Dressing, BBQ Steak, Strawberry Ice Cream, Fruit Salad  
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

**Big SIR Ken Reed**



Elections soon happening with our SIR-4 group. We need a couple of Board members. Can you help? No experience necessary, just a desire to be of service. Check us out. Come attend one of our 10 am Board Meetings, before our luncheon & social hour, and see how service to SIR-4 happens. You'll be appreciated and thanked

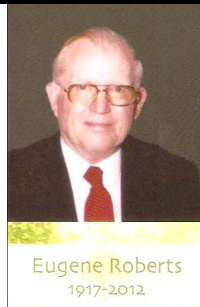
**Happy Birthday  
United States Coast Guard**



**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*



Eugene Roberts was a proud member of SIRs from September 1962 until his death June 3, 2012 at the age of 94. Eugene was SIR Branch #4 Secretary for many years. Ellie Holland his loving sister-in-law cared for Gene his last few years and carried out one of Gene's wishes to give his fellow brothers a lunch on him. He certainly had a full and fruitful life of which SIRs was one aspect. He was born in Chicago in 1917 and after his father died in the Great Flu epidemic in 1920 he and mother moved to San Francisco.

Gene was a proud graduate of Galileo, joined the sea scouts and continued his skilled interest and participation in the sea and yachting throughout his life. He graduated from University of California at Berkeley in 1939 with a BS in physics, mathematics, and chemistry also finding time while there to participate as a 117 pound coxswain on the Crew team. Gene was involved in ROTC both in high school and at the university resulting in a commission as a second lieutenant just after Pearl Harbor. He met his wife June Troxel at a dance at Fort Baker and they were married in 1943 at Camp Stewart Georgia just before shipping out to the -

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**Fog Horn Issue  
August 2013**

**Next meeting August 7th**  
**Following meeting, September 4th**  
**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**  
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**(Gene Roberts continued)**

European Theater. This marriage was one of love and devotion, June passing away in 2009 shortly before their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Gene served as a Captain with the 455th Anti Aircraft Automatic weapons Battalion as a specialist intelligence officer. His service included Normandy, Northern France and into the Rhineland. He was at the Utah Beach assault and his decorations included the American Defense Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern service Medal and the Bronze Star. He was relieved of active duty September 1945 but remained in the Army reserves and retired as a full colonel.

Gene was an educator most of his life. In 1953 he received a Ford Grant of one year to evaluate high school programs throughout the U.S. He returned to resume his position at Polytechnic High School as Department Head of Science. He pursued his masters degree at Cal. Berkeley being awarded a degree in 1960. Soon after he was selected among a few SFUSD teachers to transfer to City College of San Francisco where he continued to teach chemistry to many happy students until he retired.

After, Gene took an active interest in SIRs, the Ariel Yacht Association (as Treasurer), the St. Francis Yacht Club Cruise Committee, California Retired Teachers Association (Communications Chairman) with awards given for volunteer work, are among the many activities he was involved with.

For those that were privileged to know Gene they would recognize the descriptive word as a gentleman and a "gentle" man. Soft spoken with a smile, he was also a man despite being in the military and a teacher who never used profanity his whole life, as he had an excellent manner and vocabulary. So as Gene would say: "Hello, Hello, Hello, **have a great lunch SIRs!**"

**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 **July 9<sup>th</sup> 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 August 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<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 August 26<sup>th</sup>, Mare Island Golf Club**, 1800 Club Drive, Mare Island CA 94592, 707-562-4653 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** – September 30<sup>th</sup> – Blue Rock Springs, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Metropolitan, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Crystal 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](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 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](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.

**Little SIR**

August used to be the last full month of vacation but trends change over the years. School used to start after Labor Day but now start in mid August. It seems that the students didn't like studying over the Christmas-New Year vacation and wanted the semester to end with the holiday vacation. So now the school year starts in August and ends in May. It's a small thing, but August just doesn't seem the same. It's hard to believe that 25 years have passed since August of 1988. Rush Limbaugh began his national radio show back then. President Reagan approved \$20,000 to each Japanese-American interned in World War II. In baseball, Oakland's Jose Canseco became the eleventh to hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases, Rich Gossage recorded his 300<sup>th</sup> career save, the Boston Red Sox won an American League record 24 straight home games, and the Cubs and Phillies played the first night game at Wrigley Field. The United Nations estimated that Asia's population hit three billion. The Republican Party nominated George H.W. Bush for president. A cease fire between Iran and Iraq took effect after eight years of war. IBM introduced software for artificial intelligence. Russian troops began a pull out from Afghanistan after nine years of war. Four years had passed since the break-up of AT&T and we now could buy phones other than basic black that had features previously unknown.

**Look for your Badge Number. If you see it, call Paul Rosenberg, Ken Reed, or George Rodriguez. You will get 5 free raffle tickets. Pick up your tickets at the Board meeting before 11:AM.**

**Birthday Greetings****Chairman: Jim Parsons****July 2013 Birthday Celebrants**

**Branch 4 Happy Birthday wishes to:** MIKE ABEYTA, DON APPLETON, DOUGLAS BISHOP, RICH CHANEY, STEVE FRANKS, ED GIGLI, RON GIUFFRE, DAN KRAMER, RICH MacDOUGALL, JACK MAJOR, WILLIAM McCoy, VREJ MEKHALIAN, LEONEL PARRA, GENE REISS, BILL ROBERTS, BILL ROBLES, PETE ROOSAKOS, STAN SCHEIDLINGER, BOB SCHOLTEN, TONE VAN ARKEL, RON APPEL, TERRY KIRCHOFF

**Absentee Special Donor List for June****Chairman, Bill Gipe**

Branch 4 thanks all 2013 annual, absentee, and special donors. July donors include Bob Hennig, John McGlothlin, Gary Nicholson, Weldon Nicholson, and Rich Soward

**Membership and attendance**

7-3-13 meeting attendance was 108 active and 2 inactive members.

July Branch 4 count: 201 active and 33 inactive members.

Branch 4 regrets to report the passing of Aron Aronovsky. In July Branch 4 welcomed and inducted Bob Golton #76, sponsored by Ken Reed.

Branch 4 welcomes Mike Kerns, Ray Manolo, and George Suter for future induction.

**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.**



**Lauren Greene – July Speaker  
The YMCA and Senior Health Programs**

**August Speaker****Joan Thornton - Grand Central Travel****In Memoriam****Aron Aronovsky****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: Harry Lieberman.

**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 – August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**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 (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. The Glen Park courts will probably remain closed for the rest of the year, so Harry Lew's tennis group will continue to play at the Balboa Park courts until the Glen Park renovation has been completed.

**Travel Column****From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch**

I hope you continue to check out the travel offerings by Area 1 and the State on our Branch 4 website, BADGE # 202 <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. And, for those of you in Branch 4 who do not take advantage of these offerings - virtually all of you - we continue to come up with very interesting and fun local, half-day trips almost every month. As we announced at the last meeting, Bob Bowen and Kristian Nergaard put together a great Chinatown tour and dim sum lunch for 18 of us on July 11.

Coming up for August is a visit to the Oakland Museum on August 16. We'll see many new exhibits on California history and natural science. Admission is \$9 for seniors and BART is within 2 blocks. For September - a repeat by popular demand - a tour and tasting at the Anchor Steam brewery in San Francisco, 10 AM on Tuesday, September 17. We're limited to 10 participants, so the first to email or call me will be in.

We're open to your suggestions for our popular local travel outings. Please email me or call me: [veatchlaw@gmail.com](mailto:veatchlaw@gmail.com), 415-297-1807.

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**Chinatown Walk**



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