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God Bless America

MENU

September: Caesar Salad, Meat Lasagna & Garlic Bread, Chocolate Éclair, Chicken Salad Sandwich with fries.

October: House Salad with Ranch, Turkey with Stuffing and Mashed Potatoes, Pumpkin Pie, BLTA Sandwich with Potato Salad.

Big SIR Ken Reed



Hello Branch 4:

Our special September Eugene Roberts luncheon was a success with 146 attending, and enjoying the free bar and lunch. Our thanks to Eugene and sister in law Eleanor Holland, who brought forth his wishes. Thank you again. And did you see all the past Big SIRs come forward, honoring Eugene and some also sharing their remembrances of Eugene. and demonstrating their volunteer spirit with everyone.

Activities in October include Angel Island Walk 4 Health and picnic with a tentative date of October 18th. An email will be sent to those with an email. Do we have your email? We can BART to Embarcadero or Pier 41 & Ferry to Angel Island. Should be a fun day with good weather predicted. RSVP's required.

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**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**



Happy Birthday United States Navy!

(Big SIR article continued)

We are celebrating 11 members achieving the age of 90 with Presidential Award Senior Certificates to be presented in October and November. Congratulations to all.

Book Club activity in the planning stage. Is there any interest?

Election of Officers was held.

They will be installed in November or December along with our Directors (to be determined later) for 2014.

Officers:
Big SIR - Paul Rosenberg
Little SIR - Bud Sandkulla
Secretary - Stu Ruth
Assistant Secretary - Jack Major
Treasurer - Bob Golton
Assistant Treasurer - George Fenech.

October Speaker

**Jamie Fox: Historian for the SFPD,
SFFD, and the SF Sheriff's Department**

**Fog Horn Issue
October 2013**

**Next meeting October 2nd
Following meeting, November 6th
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

One of the joys of retirement is having the time to enjoy pleasurable activities. SIR Branch 4 has given me new friendships and added activities to my calendar. Another organization that I enjoy is Sixty Plus at San Francisco State University. This group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. Unfortunately for me, this schedule conflicts with the SIR pinochle group. The Sixty Plus group meets eleven months of the year so every August I can enjoy a couple of pinochle afternoons. The games are rapid paced and sometimes get in the way of conversation. It is a convivial group and even the rare attendees feel at home. If it has been a long time since you have played pinochle or if you want to pick up this most entertaining pastime, visit the George & Tula Christopher Center at 999 Brotherhood Way. It is the first building from Lake Merced. Call George Samoulides 415 564 5384 for more information. Games start at 1:30 on the second and fourth Mondays. There is always a pot of coffee and cookies so do stop by. It is a worthy afternoon entertainment. So, stop by and refresh or learn a new game.

Another of my favorite SIR activities is the Wednesday bocce ball games at the Doelger Senior Center near the Daly City Fire Station on Lake Merced Boulevard. Most of the fellows are new to the game, but, like pinochle, it is easy to learn and the fellowship cannot be beat. The games start at 9:30 in the morning on the first Wednesday to allow time for a couple of games before our monthly meeting. On the other Wednesdays have the game beginning at ten o'clock. Play lasts a couple of hours. After the game, the senior center provides subsidized lunches for \$3.50. On the third Wednesday of the month, lunch is followed by CyberSIRs, our computer club. So, do stop by at the Doelger Senior Center for bocce ball and some fine conversation. Contact Harry Lieberman or Charlie Leach for more information. If you stay for CyberSIRs, contact Jerry Blumenthal at 415 728-5573 so he can reserve space at the lunch and have enough seats at the classroom. Most of the attendees at CyberSIRs enjoy lunch together at the Doelger Center. If you only want to come to the actual meeting, it is held in one of the classrooms starting at one o'clock on the third Wednesday of each to discuss issues we have with our own home computer set-up month. Jerry spends much time setting the agenda. He brings articles on the state of the art from many sources. We discuss the articles. **Have a Great Day!**

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 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 Monday **September 16th 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 October 8th, 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 October 23rd, 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 October 28th, Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland 94603**, 510-569-5555, Ex 16, 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 – November 25th – Crystal Springs. Check the web site for updates!



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.

SIR Happenings is now in its tenth 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.

Macdonough of the Navy

“ The battle of Plattsburgh (War of 1812) was the most important engagement of the war.” Winston Churchill

Thomas Macdonough grew up on a farm in Delaware. He was the son of Dr. Thomas and Mary Macdonough. His father had been a major during the War of Independence. Young Thomas became a midshipman at 16 years of age. His first tour of duty under Captain John Mullanby was sailing to the Caribbean where they captured 3 French merchant vessels. He later sailed under the command of Lt. Stephen Decatur, sailing to the Barbary Coast in North Africa, to ward off pirates. At age 20 Thomas led a boarding party killing the captain and 20 members of his crew, and capturing the ship. When, the frigate Philadelphia had run aground near Tripoli, and was captured by the Tripolitans., concerned that the Philadelphia would be used for piracy, a plan was formed to rescue the ship or destroy it. Macdonough, being familiar with the ship volunteered for the raid. Unable to save the ship, it was set on fire. The raid proved to be a stunning success. Thomas proved himself to be a natural born leader. One who cared deeply about his men, and had their unreserved respect, and he was deeply religious. Macdonough served in many capacities. His first command was the sloop of war, USS Wasp. He was later promoted to Master Commandant in charge of shipbuilding at Otter Creek Vt., in order to regain the lake.

Macdonough was put in charge of defending Lake Champlain. On September 11, 1814 the main battle began. The British had 16 ships, 100 men and 90 long range cannons. The Americans had 14 ships, 800 men and 86 guns, mostly short range cannons. The British army started a coordinated land attack at the same time. Macdonough in a stroke of brilliance connected most of his ships by nets and cables . Using anchors to maneuver the ships without being at the mercy of the wind, the ships were able to concentrate their firepower. The engagement lasted 2 hours and 20 minutes, and when it was over the British struck their colors. The Americans had won the day, Macdonough believed in the rigorous training of his men, and this training was the key to victory. When the British army saw the colors were struck, knowing they would not be supplied by the sea, they retreated. The battle to this day is studied in many military colleges around the world.

Thomas Macdonough, A true American Hero!

Birthday Greetings

Chairman: Jim Parsons

October 2013 Birthday Celebrants

Branch 4 Happy Birthday wishes to:

JOHN CANDAU, BOB FONTES, ELMER GALLEGOS, JOHN GEHRING, , ROBIN JAQUITH, RAINO KANDELBERG, JIM MAYO, DAVE OCAMPO, ANDY REID, SAMUEL RISKIN, STUART RUTH, TED WRIGHT, ARTHUR ROGERS, TED THEODOSOPOULOS.

Absentee Special Donor List for August

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks all 2013 annual, absentee, and special donors. September donors include: Glenn Whitesides and Mike Vriheas. Missed meeting contributions include Doug Bishop, Paul DeNatale, Gilbert Goo, Mel Lipscombe, John Lombard, Gary Nicholson, and Weldon Nicholson.

Membership and attendance

Sept. 4 attendance was 136 active and 2 in membership totals are 199 active and 35 inactive.

Roster changes: #9 George Bacigalupi moved to inactive list. #210 Alex Koliopoulos has moved to Branch 118. Branch 4 welcomed #92 Mike Kerns. Joe Jacinto has quit the SIRS.

Roster changes: Branch 4 regrets the passing of

Walter Haag

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. Pick up your tickets at the Board meeting before 11:AM.

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.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

WALTER HAAG

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:

Happy to see Harry Lieberman at the September meeting.

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 – October 16th.

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. 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

We are moving ahead with our very interesting and fun day trips, hoping that more of you will take advantage of them and have some fun with us. We had two trips in September: A tour and tasting at the Anchor Steam brewery in San Francisco on September 17 and an outing to the Oakland Museum on September 27. For October, we're looking to put together a day trip to Angel Island for a picnic and, for those inclined to explore a bit, a tram ride or short walk to the old immigration station. As of press time, we're working on the date - we'll announce this trip at the October meeting. We're open to your suggestions for further local travel outings. One suggestion is a tour of the 49ers facilities at Candlestick - we'll look for interest in this one at the October meeting.

I hope you continue to check out the travel 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, please send me an email or call me and let me know you have done so: veatchlaw@gmail.com, 415-297-1807.



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Harry Lew receiving his 90 plus award. Family members of Eugene Roberts



One of the auction items. A picture of a P-47 D fighter bomber from WW2. Bruno Andreatta bought the picture and was an armorer for the P47 planes in France and Germany during WW2.



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