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Upcoming Event

December 3rd (Wed)
Holiday (Christmas) Party
Sign up and join the fun
Reservation slip will be
on the next month issue.
Seating capacity is limited.

Support
Branch 4
Buy raffle tickets
for a chance to win
cash prizes!!!

SONS IN RETIREMENT

A Luncheon Club promoting the Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

Every friend is a potential member.

Meeting Date: September 3, 2014

Elks Lodge (650) 589 4030 ext. 17
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:00AM Board Meeting
11:00AM Social-12:00 Lunch

Speaker: Joe Galiardi, Author

Topic:
Tracking Down Golf Professionals

LUNCHEON MENU:



SEP: BBQ Steak,
House Salad with
Italian Dressing,
Strawberry Bread,
Pudding, Shrimp Louie Salad

OCT: Spaghetti and Meat Balls,
Caesar Salad, Blueberry Strudel,
Tuna Melt with Curly Fries

Note: Salad must be ordered
one month in advance.

Paul Rosenberg, Big Sir



Hello, SIRs, August was an eventful month for our branch. I attended a meeting of the SIRs Corporation at the start of August. The Big SIRs from the 136 branches from Bakersfield to the Oregon border joined with the statewide officers to conduct the annual meeting. I came away with great respect for the statewide officials. They manage our budget and all the reporting that goes with it. Did you know that the state organization has a huge budget that includes about \$34,000 in insurance? Our activities are partially covered by the organization's insurance carrier. Since the rates are variable, a quarter of the assets of the state organization's treasury is in reserve in case the insurance rates should increase. Every month, our treasurer, Bob Golton, sends a form to the state organization detailing our expenditures. Our in-house audit committee chaired by Flor Mendoza goes over the books at the start of the New Year and reports the audit to the state. A portion of your monthly donation, five dollars, goes to the state to fund its operations including the insurance. Considering the hours of work and travel necessary to keep our organization going, I am amazed that our volunteers, all retired as we are, can spend so much time. I deeply appreciate our leadership.

Our August picnic with branch 91 was attended by sixteen of our members. We enjoyed a day in the sun with coffee and pastries and Bocci ball followed by a bar-be-que lunch and bingo in the afternoon. I am grateful to branch 91 for including us and for the four volunteers from our branch that helped out. I hope that next year's picnic will have a greater turn-out.

The picnic replaced our annual June luncheon that in the past has been called the Lady's Day Lunch or the Spring Fling. Attendance has been decreasing over the years for our lunch so we substituted the picnic. I'd appreciate your sharing your thoughts on our special day with our "girls" and whether you would like to return to the June lunch, continue our picnic with branch 91, or both. Please communicate directly with me or leave a suggestion in our new Suggestion Box that our Little SIR Bud Sandkulla established two months ago. In fact, let us know what's on your mind.

Many have commented that our lunches last too long. As active retirees, we find our calendars become rather full and it's a bit difficult to schedule anything later in the day if our meetings run too long. It seems that the greatest time drag is the salads we instituted a couple of years ago. Instead of serving our main course upon our seating, we first have salad service. Then the plates are cleared and then a half to three-quarters of an hour elapses before our main course may be served. The salads add an extra dollar to the meal which would not make or break the cost. Nevertheless, now that we have had the salads for a couple of years, we may be faced with the decision as to whether we would prefer salads or a quicker meeting. It would be a compromise to do the program while service takes place. I think that it is a bad compromise because it is so disruptive. We are, after all, a luncheon club where we get together with our friends and we do enjoy our own conversation. There are other ways we are trying to speed up our meetings such as our new procedure of asking our new members to join us at the board executive committee meetings to be inducted into our organization. This way our new members may personally meet our executive board and the board may

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Bud Sandkulla, Little Sir

Thanks Wayne for the tour of the garbage transfer station and recycle center. There's a lot to learn about garbage and how it's processed today. It has come a long way from dumping everything into the landfill and we are slowly working to reach the goal of zero use of landfill and recycle all garbage and dump materials. If we all cooperate I'm sure it can be done but it will be a challenging task for the recycle people to come up with unique ideas to meet their goal by 2020. Not sure about the date but it really seemed like a short time to accomplish this. On the hill next to the transfer station was a display of garden art made up of throw away items that the resident artists picked out of the dumping area before they were crushed by the front loader and pushed into the transfer trucks. What imagination they had to create these neat pieces. From the garden we drove to Pier 96 where the recycle center is located. The building is huge where the trucks dump off the recyclable material, then it's put onto conveyers (never seen so many conveyers all in one place before) where workers pick and sort the material onto other conveyers or containers. From there the sorted material is baled up into about a seven foot cube, then loaded into a container to be shipped off to different countries and then it makes it's way back to various places as finished products. And that folks is what recycling is all about, so keep those bottles, cans and papers coming! The smell throughout both facilities wasn't unbearable but my wife made me take off my permeated clothes before entering the house and I thought I heard her say burn them! All in all, it was a very interesting worthwhile tour, and it was finished off with part of our group going to lunch at a Mexican restaurant on 3rd street.

Here's hoping the picnic was a success and maybe we can make it an annual event.

I won't be at the September lunch, but I will be in Maine spending a week in Acadia National Park and then five days on a Windjammer cruise. I hope to have lots to write about in my next article. No, I'm not going to Maine just for some new writing material but I am going for some R&R and to keep peace in the family.

Thanks again to all the great committee members, you're the best!

HERE'S TO YOU!!
HAPPY DAYS AND MANY MORE OF THEM!!!

Big Sir (Continued from Page 1).

get to know our new members. We will continue to introduce the new members on our lunch meetings, but the actual induction will take place at the board meeting. Also, we are working with our speakers to limit the time so that we may enjoy a shorter speech allowing for some dialogue with the speaker afterward.

September 9 marks the 164th birthday of the State of California. In my Little SIR column last year, I spent much space with a short history of our admission to the USA. I miss the days when so many had a holiday on the 9th. Admission Day has faded into the memories of times past when schools, state chartered banks, and the like were closed. So, if you think about it on September 9, enjoy a smile at our great state. And what a state it is. Even with the cockamamie proposal to divide the state into six states. What kills it for me is, if it happens, we will be living in the state of Silicon Valley. For all the hills in this portion of the state, how could we be a valley? But it will never happen.

I do hope to hear from you either directly or through the suggestion box.

The Golfer

Tournament Schedules Branch 4

For Reservation
Please Call:

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.html>.

2014 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 0930. **Note:** The November tournament is **Wednesday 11/12**, since Tuesday is Veterans Day, a holiday. 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 Tuesday August 12th **Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch. **Don Appleton had a hole-in-one on hole 8 - Congratulations, Don!**

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday September 2th, 2014 - first tee-off is 0930. We moved this up to the day after Labor Day since they start aerating Monday September 8th.

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.

2014 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tues 1/21, Tues 2/18, Wed 4/23, Tues 6/17, Wed 8/27, Tues 10/21, Wed 11/19, Tues 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.

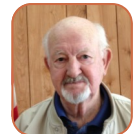
The August 27th **Popar Creek tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday October 21st 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 \$14 per player double, \$19 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.

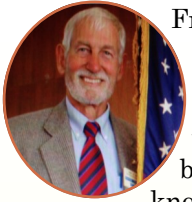


These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays starting in March. See the website or the golf table at the lunch. No bus trips this year, so arrange car pools if possible.

The Monday 9/22 Foxtail - North Away trip has been cancelled.

On Monday October 27th, Sunnysdale Golf Course, 605 Macara La, Sunnysdale CA, 408-738-3666, hosts the tee time tournament, **starting at 0900**. Get your \$50 payment/foursome requests to Jim by 10 days ahead.

Upcoming Away Trips - November 24th Crystal Springs. Check the web site for updates!



From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

I missed the July and August meetings due to the pull of the outdoors and traveling. I'll be back for the September meeting, but don't – at this point – know what my committee has lined up for September. Please listen to announcements in the meeting and sign up.

Of course, I continue to encourage you to take advantage of travel offerings listed in SIR Happenings and offered by other Branches in Area 1. I bring flyers and remind you to check the Travel link on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> for details. If you do sign up for any of these tours, please send me an email or call me and let me know how it went: veatch-law@gmail.com. 415-297-1807.



August Birthday Celebrants



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Jim Parsons, Chairman



BRUNO ANDREATTA, BILL ANGELOPOULOS, CAPPY CAMPUSANO, PETE CARRILLO, STU ETZLER, GEORGE FENECH, BILL GIPE, BOB GOLTON, GILBERT GOO, SPIRO JOUGANATOS, RICHARD KIM, HARREW LEW, MEL LIPSCOMB, KRISTIAN NERGAARD, BUD SANDKULLA, LEW SARTOR, TED TUKLOFF, GLENN WHITESIDE.

Membership & Attendance
Bill Gipe, Chairman

Branch 4 thanks Jack Benjamin, Ford Long, Jim Mayo and Charlie Leach for recent missed meeting contributions. Branch 4 thanks George Samoulides, Marios Stathopoulos, Bob Fontes, and Dave Nigel for recent special contributions.



Bocce Ball—Harry Lieberman—Charlie Leach
Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center
1st Wednesday 9:30—11:00
Other Wednesdays 10:00—12:00 (Wives Welcome)

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. *Badge #119*

Pinochle—George Samoulides (415) 564 5384
Games are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. All SIRs are invited to join in the fun. We start at 1:30pm. Call George for further information. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

Pull Tabs: Save your tab tops from aluminum cans and give them to Joe Sangiacomo or Walt Prawicki. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Walt Prawicki thanks all those who have supported this worthy cause.

Senior Tennis—Harry Lew (415) 333 2984
We play at Balboa Park on Mondays and Thursdays, from 10 AM-12 Noon; and at Glen Park on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 12 Noon.
Call Harry for information.

SIR Happenings: The latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>
I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition.
Don MacGregor, Editor, SIR Happenings.

Walk 4 Health—Ken Reed 415 810 3832
Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45AM. The walks are scenic, fun and full of camaraderie. An email sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.

DOMINO GROUP, Chairman Frank Moriconi

Join us after lunch meeting at the Game Room, Elks Lodge, and play an hour and a half.. Call 415 931 7127

Membership Statistics: Active

Membership Jul 2014	195
Add 1 New Members	0
From Inactive to Active	0
Resignation/Moved	7
To: Inactive	2
Deceased	
Total for Aug 2014	186
Total (Inactive) Revised	39

August 6, meeting attendance:

117 Active

1 Inactive

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San Francisco Branch 4

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Picture No. 1, David Nigel of the Badge Men Committee was presented a Plaque by Big Sir Paul Rosenberg in grateful appreciation of his valued contributions and continued support of SIR Branch 4.

*Picture No. 2, Amon (Bud) Howard graciously accept a Certificate of Recognition from Region 5 Director, Bob Fox for a Milestone Lifetime Achievement Award as Super Senior. **Congratulations!!!***

Picture No. 3, Ken Baker is presented a Plaque of Appreciation for being the guest speaker of our luncheon meeting on August 6. His topic is about the history of Fairmont Hotel.

*Picture No. 4, SIRs day at AT&T Ball Park on July 3. SIR Hank Gomez and his three sons presented a song entitled **"Take Me Out To the Ballgame"** at the opening ceremonies.*