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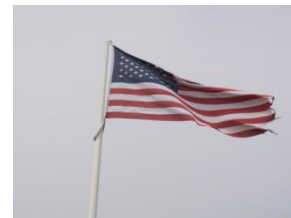
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**God Bless America**

**March 2015 Issue**

**Meeting-** March. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Next meeting** April 1st

### March Luncheon Menu

House Salad with Ranch Dressing,  
Corned Beef and Cabbage, Chocolate  
Ice Cream, Shrimp Louie Salad

### Bud Sandkulla- Big Sir

Well, football season is over and no sooner than that, we're getting all hyped up for baseball with the Giant's Fan Fest. I can't wait for the start of a new season and all the torture I'm sure it will bring. And how about those Warriors, as of this writing they are the best in the NBA at 42-9. I might add, they are the best show in town, even got me interested in them. Let's hope it lasts. We've been pretty lucky to have some very competitive teams lately. And speaking of luck, it seems whenever we get rain these days, it's some kind of lucky miracle and not the rain we typically have this time of year. Nice to have it no matter how it gets here.

I think our last speaker did a great job presenting the information on the Hubbell Space Telescope, but when he got into the galaxies, he not only had us seeing stars but several were in never never land. Even though he cut his time short he still lost some SIRs in outer space.

Now that Valentines Day has come and gone, let's get in the mood for St. Patty's Day and wear green to the March luncheon. Don't forget to replenish your SIR cards when you pick up your badge so you will always have one ready to hand out. Think positively, your relatives, friends, neighbors, and new acquaintances are all potential members .we just have to

let them know who we are , what we do and how much we enjoy being SIRs. In other words, we need to assert ourselves as salesmen. You'll be glad you did and I thank you for that! Also, women are a good source for recruiting new members since they really want to get their lazy husbands out of the house so they can watch soap operas without being bothered. They also have many lady friends that have husbands like hers, so keep her supplied with cards and replenish them as they get used up. Remember, we have more. Thanks to all of you that filled out the Activities Questionnaires. This will be an ongoing thing so they will be available at the Badge Table along with the box to put them in when completed. For those that missed out on this, please pick up a sheet and circle all the ones that you have an interest in being a part of. It will take some time to get up and running but I am working on it. So be ready for either email or a phone call to connect those interested in forming a group. I hope those of you that went to the picnic last August will make it again this year and of course those that didn't make it are welcome too. I'm waiting for a definite date but for now it is some week day in either the 3rd or 4th week in August. More info to follow but for now I'm sure you will enjoy this event as there will be plenty of food, drinks, games, prizes, friends and fun. HERE'S TO YOU!!! HAPPY DAYS AND MANY MORE.

**Little SIR**  
**Hank Gomez**

### Speaker

Eugene Ostermiller (Tax Matters)  
The tax season is here and Eugene will give us some of the latest tax changes and strategies.



**Big SIR Bud Sandkulla and Speaker Ron Sheffield who helped build the Hubble Space Telescope.**



**Models of Space Shuttle and Hubble Telescope**

## Membership and Attendance

### Bill Gipe

Total Active Jan. 2015	183
New members	0
From Inactive to active	0
Resignation	4
To inactive	1
Deceased	0
Total Active Feb. 2015	178
Total Inactive	41
Meeting attendance	102

### Contributions

Branch 4 thanks these SIR members for making their 2015 annual contributions in February: Peter Angelonides, Bud Fields, Spiro Jouganatos, Jim McCoy, John McGlothlin, Flor Mendoza, Don Price, Tony Ramirez, George Suter, and Wil Uclusion. Branch 4 thanks John McGlothlin (also), Walt Prawicki, and Ford Long for missed meetings contributions. Your donations help to pay Branch 4 expenses. Thank You!

**Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243, Ken Reed 415-810-3832, and Jim Smith 650-871-8855**

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>.

**2015 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 Tuesday February 10th **Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site

above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - 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 \$46 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. **Heavy rains may cause cart path only play.**

**2015 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are scheduled for Tues 2/17, Wed 4/29, Tues 6/30, Tues 8/18, Tues 10/20, Wed 11/18, and Tues 12/15. 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: Wed April 29<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 \$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.

**Upcoming Away Trips** – Monday March 30 - Metropolitan Golf Club,

Oakland. Rest of the year schedule will be available at the lunch. Check the web site for updates!

## SIR Activities

### Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman Charlie Leach  
Meet on Wednesdays at the Doelger Senior Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 9:30 to 11AM  
Other Wednesdays 10AM -12 noon

### Computer Club

Jerry Blumenthal  
Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Center 11:45  
All those interested in computers are welcome.

### Pinochle

George Samoulides  
Games are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. All SIR's are invited to join in the fun. Call George for further information. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun

### Walk for Health – Ken Reed

Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45 AM. The walks are scenic, fun, and full of camaraderie. An email sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.

### Domino Group

Frank Mariconi  
Join us after lunch in the game room Elks Lodge. We play for an hour and a half.

### 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:

### Pull Tabs

Save the pull tabs from aluminum cans and give them to Walt Prawicki or Joe Sangiacomo. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Joe and Walt thank all those who have supported this worthy cause.



**Birthday Boys - February**

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**From your Travel Chair,  
Wayne Veatch**

Continuing our Local Tours, for February we took a tour of the San Francisco Cable Car Museum on February 20 with lunch after in nearby Chinatown. Your Travel Chair will miss the March meeting, as he and his frau will be in Hawaii, first visiting friends on the Big Island near Pahoehoe, where Pele has been depositing some lava, thence staying with another couple for a week on Kauai near Princeville.

Our next local tour will be to Mission Dolores in San Francisco on March 20, the site of the first Spanish settlement in SF.. Experience with us a fascinating piece of the history of San Francisco, literally in your backyard. Lunch will be steps away on Valencia Street, an historical, now yuppiefied part of the City. Please respond to the email blast and I'll provide details.

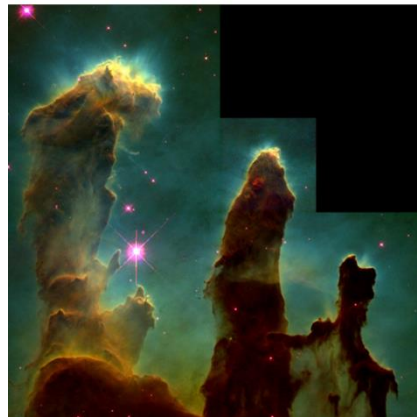
I continue to encourage you to take advantage of travel offerings listed in SIR Happenings and offered by other Branches in Area 1. Check the [Area 1 Travel and Activities](#) link on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> for details. (Thanks to Jack Major for keeping this website and these links up to date.) 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: [veatchlaw@gmail.com](mailto:veatchlaw@gmail.com), 415-297-1807.

**The Hubble Telescope**

Orbiting the Earth for over two decades, Hubble has helped to answer some of the most compelling astronomical questions of our time – and uncovered mysteries we never knew existed.

Investigating everything from black holes to planets around other stars, Hubble has changed the face of astronomy, ushering in a new chapter of humanity's exploration of the universe.

Hubble's orbit outside the distortion of [Earth's atmosphere](#) allows it to take extremely high-resolution images with negligible [background](#) light. Hubble has recorded some of the most detailed [visible-light](#) images ever, allowing a deep view into space and time. Many Hubble observations have led to breakthroughs in [astrophysics](#), such as accurately [determining the rate of expansion of the universe](#). Hubble is the only telescope designed to be serviced in space by astronauts. After launch by [Space Shuttle Discovery](#) in 1990, four subsequent Space Shuttle missions repaired, upgraded, and replaced systems on the telescope



This 1995 Hubble Space Telescope image of the 'Pillars of Creation' is probably the most famous astronomical image of the 20th Century. Taken in visible light using a combination of SII/H-alpha and OIII filters, it shows a part of the Eagle Nebula where new stars are forming. The tallest pillar is around 4 light-years high.

Credit: NASA/ESA/STScI, Hester & Scowen (Arizona State University)

**Birthday Greetings**

**George Suter (Chairman)**

Vern Collins, Juan Garcia, Phil Gravit, Rudy Guiterrez, Pat Long, Dave Marconi, Jim McTiernan, George Mourgos, Jim Mulhall, Ed Murphy, Jack Negrin, Don Nuti, Dan O'Leary, Ernie Pead, Bob Richter, Joe Sangiacomo, Jim Smith, Woody Woodall.

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**Books Suggested Reading**

**Insane City** – Author Dave Barry  
If you want to laugh, read this book. Dave Barry writes humorous stories. Guaranteed laughter!

**Victory at Yorktown**

**Authors - Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen.**

This novel takes you back in time to examine some of the pivotal events in our nation's history. Very well written. If you enjoy reading about history, this book is for you.

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