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April Luncheon Menu

Encrusted Basa with Mango Salsa,
 Cream Italian Salad, Strawberry
 Cream Puff. Chicken Sandwich with
 Potato Wedges.

Bud Sandkulla- Big Sir

Now I know why they call April 1st, "Fools Day". Because if you haven't got your taxes together by now you've just been fooling around and you are running out of time, since the deadline to file is April 15th. Or, if you are like me, I assume the vast majority of us gather up receipts and other information and pass it on to our CPA to do our taxes for us. You know that person that is proficient at 'C'hilds 'P'l'ay 'A'rithmetic. Yeah, I know it's a bit more complicated than that, as was shown by all the questions that were asked by many of our members at the March luncheon. Thank goodness for "Tax Experts who help us.

I'm sure our next speaker, George Gascon, San Francisco District Attorney, will keep your interest up by telling us all the duties and problems he faces in a big complex city like San Francisco. Don't forget to mark your calendars to save Wednesday August the 19th for our picnic with Branch 91. It will be held in Flood Park, which is in Menlo Park.

More info to follow as we near the date. I hope those that made it last year will be there this year and those that missed out will consider joining in. I believe it will be better this year, but only if you show up, so try your best to make it. (con't)



God Bless America

April 2015 Issue
Meeting April 1st
Next meeting May 6th

I guarantee you will have a good time! For those of you that filled out the Activities Questionnaire, I thank you and hope to have completed contacting all the groups sometime in April or maybe sooner. Other priorities have slowed my progress in doing this but you will be hearing from me either by email or phone.

Thanks for your help in gaining new members and don't forget to hand out the SIR cards and invite someone to our lunch or our many activities.

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

George Gascon - April 1 Lunch Speaker

The April speaker George Gascon is the District Attorney of San Francisco that began November 2011. As such George heads the criminal justice system. George works closely with community leaders in an attempt to lower the crime rate. Prior to that George was the chief of police in San Francisco. Previously, he was the chief of police in Los Angeles and Mesa, Arizona. George introduced a bill for the state of California to release prisoners with good prison records serving time for a non-violent misdemeanor. Voters passed that bill last November. He was born in Cuba and immigrated to America and worked his way through school including a law degree.



Big SIR Bud Sandkulla presents a 90+ Senior Award Certificate to Antonio "Tony" Chavez, member since 1993

Autism Awareness Month

In order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

Wear Blue on April 2nd



Membership and Attendance

Bill Gipe

Total Active March 2015 176
Total Inactive 39

Changes for inactive: 2 deceased,
1 deleted.

2 active move to inactive.

March 4 meeting totals: 118 active,
1 inactive, 2 guests.

Contributions

Branch 4 thanks Hayden Neal,
Paul Nocero, and Mike Vriheas for
annual & special donations.
Branch 4 thanks Paul DeNatale,
Jim Mayo, and James Sawyer for
missed meeting contributions.
Reminder: please call Bill Gipe,
650-878-5746, if you are going to
miss a meeting.

**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 March 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 April 14th, 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:
Wednesday April 29th** first tee-off
is 1015. **Badge # 241**

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 Dr., 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
April 20th Napa Golf Course, May
18th SkyWest Golf Course, June 22
– Santa Clara Golf Course. Check
the web site for updates.

SIR Activities

Bocce Ball

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

Computer Club

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

Pinochle George Samoulides

Games are on the 2nd and 4th 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.

Roster Correction

Cybersirs - (415) 728-5573

Attendance and membership - Bill
Gipe (650)878-5746.

**From your Travel Chair,
Wayne Veatch**

Continuing our Local Tours, for March we toured Mission Dolores in San Francisco, followed by lunch on gentrified Valencia Street in San Francisco. It was good fun and an educational tour into San Francisco history.

We have not yet planned our local tour for April – your Travel Chair will be relaxing in Mexico on that third Friday, so he and his seconds will come up with a plan at the April meeting and announce it then. Be sure to catch the announcement and sign up for an interesting tour.

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 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, 415-297-1807.

Birthday Greetings

George Suter (Chairman)

Branch 4 remembers the April birthdays of Stan Falk, Bob Fox, Al Gardi, John Ghiglieri, Leo Juarez, Mike Keller, Roger Kelly, Mike Kerns, Warren Lee, Leonard Lewis, Tony Marotto, Ken Reed, and George Staniotes



Little SIR Hank Gomez presents a certificate of appreciation to Speaker Eugene Ostermiller, From "Tax Matters"

April 15th

Tax time is here!

Don't wait till the last minute to file your taxes.

The IRS and the Franchise Tax Board won't wait to hit you with a penalty. If you snooze, you lose!

Warning Tax Alert!

The desperadoes are at it again.

People are getting phone calls from persons claiming to be IRS agents, telling them that they owe the government money. They have already bilked people out of more than 2 million dollars. Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Note that the IRS will never: 1) call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill; 2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe; Or, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. - (con't)

Nominating Committee

Bob Fox

What is vital to making Branch 4 run smoothly are the officers and Directors that provide guidance and decision making. Most of those positions require a minimum of effort. Ken Reed, Bill Davalos, and Bob Fox make up the nominating committee. Their responsibility is to recruit officer positions and Directors for 2016. They will be talking with many of you during the happy hour prior to our monthly lunch. Please consider filling one of those positions for a year when you are approached by a committee member.

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Bogus emails

Scammers often send an email or call to lure victims to give up their personal and financial information. The crooks then use this information to commit identity theft or steal your money. Some call their victims to demand payment on a pre-paid debit card or by wire transfer. But the IRS will not initiate contact with you to ask for this information by phone or email.

If you get this type of 'phishing' email, the IRS offers this advice:

- Don't reply to the message.
- Don't open any attachments or click on any links. They may have malicious code that will infect your computer.
- Don't give out your personal or financial information.
- Forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.
- Then delete it.

Protect Yourself

Never give out your Social Security Number, Credit Card Numbers, Your Pin numbers Etc.

If undeliverable please return to
Bill Gipe
2323 Galway Drive
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

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Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

San Francisco Branch 4

Happy Easter! A good time for families to get together, color eggs, eat hot cross buns enjoy each other. Go on a picnic, have an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. Make it a fun day!

