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May Luncheon

Beef Enchilada, House Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Flan, Turkey Cobb Salad

June Luncheon Menu

Pork Ribs, Caesar Salad, Coffee Ice Cream with Biscotti, Shrimp Avocado Salad

Bud Sandkulla- Big Sir

Our last speaker, George Gascon-SFDA, was well received as I noticed the attentiveness of the members and in particular the amount of questions asked. Sorry to cut the questions off but the DA has a very busy schedule and we are trying to cut our meeting time down. It looked to me that the serious faces during the speakers presentation indicates that our generation has a bit more respect for law enforcement than today's generation or is it our fear of the men in blue. Our next speaker, Rick Duetch, will be giving a presentation on the History of Machu Picchu where the Inca's thrived around 1450. One of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is Peru's most popular visited location and an awesome place to see. I'm sure you will enjoy this, especially you world wide travelers.

If you didn't hear my announcement on April 1st that we are considering a change in collecting funds from a voluntary contribution to a mandatory contribution, then be forewarned. The voluntary way just wasn't working out for several reasons and is creating a deficit. The board is still in the process of discussing this and will have more information at a later date. We are trying to



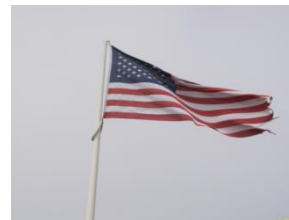
come up with a way to match our funds with our expenses Don't forget, it is getting closer to August 19th, why, it's picnic time and we want you and need you to show up. A good time will be guaranteed, so show up to find out why. The format will be similar to last years with the exception of a caterer serving up a Texas style BBQ, that is, smoked turkey, BBQ ribs, pulled pork, salad, beans, etc. Also new this year will be a fun Peruvian game, Sapo, that any one can play no matter what age or sex. More details later and hope you can make it.

Don't forget gents, I have completed notifying all those that have signed up for activities they wanted to participate in and the only way that will work is if you contact the others in your group and start a new activity. I would like to know if and when that happens so we can inform the members that might be interested in joining in. I have been passing out the SIR cards and am hoping that some new members will materialize from my efforts. I hope you do the same and eventually gain some new members.

Be safe, be healthy and show up for our next luncheon on May the 6th.

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

God Bless America



May 2015 Issue
Meeting May 6th
Next meeting June 3rd

Memorial Day



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Fly Your Flag!

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It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, [New York](#), the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during

which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

April Speaker George Gascon District Attorney, San Francisco Big SIR Bud Sankulla presents a Certificate of Appreciation



Membership and Attendance Bill Gipe

April attendance was 105 active members and 1 inactive member. Current Branch 4 totals are 172 active and 41 inactive members.

Branch 4 welcomes Bob D'Elia of South San Francisco. Bob retired in 2013 and he was a utility accountant for PG&E and a book keeper for Raiser Construction Co. Branch 4 thanks #404 Mike Vriheas for annual contribution (credited in April) and missed meeting contribution from #151 Jim McTiernan. Annual, special, and missed meeting membership contributions keep Branch 4 strong.

Please phone Bill Gipe, 650-878-5746, if you will miss a meeting.

Sunshine List: Branch 4 wishes a return to good health for Pat Loughran, Stu Ruth, George Kallas, and all members with the challenges of injury and illness.

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 April 14th **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 May 12th, 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 June 30th 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 May 18th SkyWest Golf Course, June 22 – Santa Clara Golf Course, July 27th State Individual – Santa Clara. Check the web site for updates!

Golf Lunch - The golf lunch (free) will be held on Friday, June 12. at the Elks Lodge. All golfers are welcome. However you must let Jim Smith know if you are going to attend, as we have to give a person count 10 days prior to the lunch. We need at least 50 for the lunch.

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.

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.

SIR Rules

RULE 60. Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale.

RULE 100. A member may be notified:

a. Miss three consecutive meetings. b. Did not attend one-half of regular lunch meetings in previous year.

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

I'm pleased to say we are pretty much "locked into" a pattern of taking Local Tours on the third Friday of each month. As your Travel Chair was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on Friday the 17th of April, Bob Fox led the tour for April to a very interesting photography museum in San Francisco.

We have not yet planned our local tour for May and are open to your suggestions. Please feel free to call or email me. In any case, be sure to catch our announcement at the May meeting and sign up for what is always an interesting tour. Big Sir Bud tells me 8 Branch 4 members expressed an interest in forming a new Activity Group to focus on Travel for Couples: Peter A., Bert D., Tony M., Alex C., Charlie H., David D, Terry K. and Tony R. If you will pass me your ideas and

suggestions, I'll try to coordinate the start of this Group.

Meanwhile, I hope you will look at the travel offerings listed in SIR Happenings and offered by other Branches in Area 1. Check the [Area 1 Travel and Activities](#) link

<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,

415-297-1807

Birthday Greetings

George Suter(Chairman)

Branch 4 wishes Happy Birthday to Pete Bencharsky, Charles Blake, Jeff Chinn, Alex Christ, Elmer Eckart, Bud Fields, Larry Hurley, Ray Langlois, Dan Machado, Steve Machado, Basilio Medina, Hayden Neal, Rich Palmer, Paul Rosenberg, and Andy Ynostroza.

Golfers Luncheon

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Thank you: Jim Smith

Speaker Rick Duetch

Speaker – May 6 Rick is a retired Sun Microsystems Marketing Manager and now professional speaker. Rick has made a series hobby researching how the Incas in Peru built and lived in Machu Picchu high in the Andes. He will provide a slide presentation of Machu Picchu from its founding in 1450, the Spanish conquest a century later and of the reconstruction begun in 1925. His slides will include this Inca city as it looks

today, showing the engineering marvel built with only primitive tools.

SIR's on Parade

Wayne Veatch & Paul Rosenberg in St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Chris Ramos receives a Senior Award from Bob Fox Area Governor



The Battle of Fort Ticonderoga May 10, 1775 Located on Lake Champlain in northeastern New York, Fort Ticonderoga served as a key point of access to both Canada and the Hudson River Valley during the French and Indian War. On May 10, 1775, **Benedict Arnold** of Massachusetts joined Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont in a dawn attack on the fort, surprising and capturing the sleeping British garrison. Although it was a small-scale conflict, the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga was the first American victory of the Revolutionary War, and would give the Continental Army much-needed artillery to be used in future battles.

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