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Branch 4
Monthly Newsletter

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Forthcoming Activities

August 19th (Wed)
Picnic Day with Branch 91

Reservation form is on
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Klean Klutter Auction
September Meeting
No Speaker



LUNCHEON MENU:

Aug: Calamari
Steak, House Salad
with Raspberry Dressing, Orange Sherbet,
Chef's Salad



Sep: BBQ Steak, House Salad
with Italian Dressing, Apple Pie
Shrimp Salad.

Oct: Veal Parmesan, Caesar
Salad, Tuna Melt with Curly
Fries, Cherry Strudel

Note: Salad must be ordered one
month in advance.

SONS IN RETIREMENT

A Luncheon Club promoting the Independence and
Dignity of Retirement.

Every friend is a potential member.

Meeting Date: August 5, 2015

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: Nicole Sandkulla

Topic: Drought in California

Bud Sandkulla, Big Sir



Now that we have had our third in a series of world travel presentations, that is Machu Picchu, Philippines, and North Korea, you should have a better understanding of what life was and is like in these areas. I thought

Walt and Liz Wilson did an excellent job of explaining North Korea as it is today and I'm sure it would have been better if their slide show had been working. If the alertness of the audience and the numerous questions asked were any indication, I would say their presentation was well received.

Our next speaker, Nicole Sandkulla, CEO/General Manager of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, will surely be able to enlighten us on a very hot topic, the drought we have been experiencing in California going into it's fifth year. Let's hope it gets better with the prediction of an El Nino year.

Hooray!!! It's finally (almost) here, the Picnic, August 19th, that is. I assume by now you know the drill, so send me the \$25.00 per person with name and phone number or pay me at the August lunch. The cut off date for paying is August 7th, 2015 so don't delay or you will be on the outside looking in. Make your check payable to SIR Branch 4, and mail to Bud Sandkulla, 1230-Cortez Ave., Burlingame CA 94010. Questions, if need be, will be answered at 650-342-5004, hope to see you there.

Just a brief reminder to mark your calendars to save Wednesday December 2nd, 2015 for our Annual Holiday Luncheon. More info to follow next month.

Coming up in September will be our Klean Klutter Auction instead of a speaker. Now would be a good time to dig through your possessions and help supply the auction with those things that you can donate to a fun event. I thank you, and I know your wife will, for getting rid of those little used items.

Another reminder, August is our election of officers month, and here is the list of 2016 nominees: Big SIR, Hank Gomez; Little SIR, Jerry Blumenthal; Secretary, Paul Rosenberg; Assistant Secretary, Jack Major; Treasurer, Bob Golton; Assistant Treasurer, George Fenech.

On a sad note, Steve Franks, a six year member of SIR Branch 4, passed away July 1st. He was a fine SIR and looked forward to our monthly lunches.

Just today (7-12-15) I read the Chronicle obit column and am sad to say that Ray Langlois, past Big SIR and 31 year member passed away June 25th. Another fine SIR that surely will be missed.

On a Happy note, Harry Lieberman is doing great in his recovery from a broken hip and joint replacement. Good going Harry!

As you can see, our membership is dwindling away, so if at all possible, bring a prospective member to lunch.

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



From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch -

Our local tour for July, on Friday July 24, was to Drake's Brewery in San Leandro for a tour and tasting of their fine brews. Good fun – and educational for our group of ten. We're open to your suggestions for future trips and welcome you to attend the Executive Committee meeting at 10:00 in the back room and make your suggestions. We will announce our August trip at our lunch meeting.

Remember we have new Activity Groups forming to focus on Travel for Couples, Theater/Movies and Genealogy (contact me for these), Pool (contact Terry Kirchhoff), Amateur Radio (contact Claude Blakeslee), and Model Railroading (contact Bob Fox). The movies group will probably meet on \$7 senior discount Mondays at the Century 20 in Daly City and have lunch after. Free parking.

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](http://branch4.sirinc2.org/) link on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> for details. (Thanks to Jack for keeping this website and these links up to date.) If you do take 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.

50 Years Anniversary Dinner

A man and his wife were celebrating 50 years together. Their 3 kids, all very successful, agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honor.

"Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad" gushed son number one. "Sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the Hospital with a patient, you know how it is, and I didn't have time to get you a gift." "Not to worry," said the father, "the important thing is that we're all together today."

Son number two arrived and announced, "you and Mom look great Dad. I just flew in from Los Angeles between deposition and didn't have time to shop for you." It's nothing said the father. "We are glad you were able to come."

Just then the daughter arrived. "Hello and Happy Anniversary! I am sorry but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing so I didn't have time to get you anything."

After they finished dessert, the father said. "There's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see, we were very poor. Despite this we were able to send each of you to college. Throughout the years your mother and I knew we loved each other very much, but we just never found the time to get married." The three children gasped and all said, "you mean we're bastards?" "Yep," said the father, "and cheap ones too!"



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>.

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 July 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 August 11th, 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.

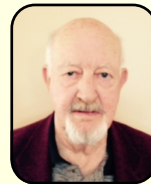
2015 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tues 2/17, Wed 4/29, Tues 6/30, Tues 8/18, Tues 10/20, Wed 11/18, and Tues 12/15. We have 10 tee times for 40 players starting at 1015.

No-shows without notification will require a \$10 contribution to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

The Tuesday June 30th **Poplar 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 August 18th 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 – August 31st – Shoreline Golf Links, September 28th – Skywest Golf Course, October 26th – Metropolitan Golf Course.

Check the web site for updates!

Paul Rosenberg, Secretary



Some of us make our two dollar contributions at the meetings and others pay in advance. This article is the first in a series on where our money goes. Of the money collected, five dollars per year go to our state organization. (There are over 16,000 members of SIR statewide.) In 2014 the state organization received \$80,397 from the many SIR branches plus another \$10,054 from other income. So, what does the state SIR organization do with these funds? The organization spent \$89,250 for the 2014 dipping into reserves a bit. The greatest single expenditure of \$41,428 or 46 percent of the total was for insurance. Our branch through the state has limited insurance for problems that may occur at our meetings or at our activities such as golfing, bocci ball, travel, or our other activities. The other half of the state budget goes to hardware purchases (bolo ties, various pins, car decals, golf caps, bucket hats, and various apparel. Contact anyone in our leadership for more information – revenue offsets this expenditure), promotions, meetings and travel, committees, and administrative. Our branch receives solid support from the state organization in support, relations with the Internal Revenue Service, education and preparation for new officers, and suggestions.

Bocce Ball—Harry Lieberman—Charlie Leach
Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center, Daly City
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

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

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—Kristian Nergaard (415) 932 6345. We play at Balboa Park on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 AM-12 Noon. Please call Kristian for more information. Email nergaard@comcast.net



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
George Suter, Chairman



Branch 4 August birthdays include: Mike Abeyta, Ron Appel, Don Appleton, Doug Bishop, Steve Franks, Bob Gardner, Ed Gigli (inactive), Ron Giuffre, Terry Kirchhoff, Rich MacDougall, Jack Major, Bill McCoy, Vreg Mekhalian (inactive), Leonel Parra, Lou Ravano, Matteo Rizzo, Peter Roosakos, Stan Scheidlinger (inactive), Bob Scholten, and Antoon Van Arkel

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.

Wine Tasting Meets the last Thursday of the month at 2:00pm at the Bel Mateo bowl in San Mateo. You are invited to attend and learn something about wines in the company of fun people. In addition, the group meets every three months for a dinner. Women are invited to both. Contact Bob Fox at 415 753 2630



Bill Gipe, Chairman
Membership & Attendance

Branch 4 thanks Leo Juarez, Ford Long for their annual contribution, and Bill Angelopoulos for his missed contribution.

SIR Rules: Rule 60. Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from Branch locale. Rule 100. A member may be notified:

- A. Miss three consecutive meetings
- B. Did not attend one half-half of regular lunch meeting in previous year.

Please call me at 650 878 5746 (gipper816@msn.com) with a message, if you'll miss a meeting.

Membership Statistics: Active

Membership July 2015	158
Add: New Members	0
From Inactive to Active	0
Resignation/Moved	1
To: Inactive	0
Deceased	1
Total for August 2015	156
Total (Inactive)	43

Sunshine Report

Branch 4 wishes a return for health and speedy recovery to:

Andy Ynostroza, Mike Campusano, Bert Dormann, Harry Lieberman, Ford Long

In Memoriam

Branch 4 remembers
Robert Killian, Ray Langlois
Steve Franks

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San Francisco Branch 4

Tear Off

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Branches 4 & 91 - 2nd Annual Picnic
BBQ Catered by **Rawlings' Barbecue (\$25.00 per person)**

Wednesday, August 19th

Flood Park, Menlo Park

We will be at the

"Oak Shelter" Area- From 10am to 3pm

Danish, donuts, and coffee at 10am

Bocce Ball Tournament starts shortly afterward

Sepo (Peruvian Coin Toss Game) also starts shortly after arrival.

Lunch includes smoked pork (babyback) ribs, smoked pulled pork, smoked turkey breast, baked Beans, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls and butter, and cake for dessert. Also includes beer, Wine, soft drinks and water. After lunch, Bingo and Raffle Prizes will follow.

Please complete your reservation with your check for \$25 per person payable to SIR Branch 4 no later than August 7, 2015. Print your names and return with a check to: Bud Sandkulla, 1230 Cortez Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010-4859 (Questions? - 650 342 5004)

Name _____

Direction: From the North: Take US 101 - South, Exit No. 406 for CA-84 E/Marsh Rd., (Dumbarton Bridge) turn right into Marsh Rd, go .5 mile, turn left onto Bay Rd, go .7 mile, Flood Park on your left.

From the South: Take US 101 - North, Exit 404B for Willow Rd-West, take the Cloverleaf onto the overpass. Go .2 mile, turn right onto Bay Rd, go 1.3 miles, Flood Park will be on your right.

Note: Turn into the entrance and park near one of the two short walkways leading into the Oak Shelter Area.

PLEASE
BRING YOUR
OWN PLATES
AND
UTENSILS