

# FOGHORN

Branch 4 Monthly Newsletter

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**January 2017**

George Rodriguez, Editor  
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Branch 4

Buy raffle tickets  
for a chance to win  
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## LUNCHEON MENU: \$17



**JAN:** Chicken a la Merino, Cesar Salad, Shrimp & Crab Cake Sandwich, Coconut Pineapple, Ice Cream.

**FEB:** Roast Beef w/Ajus, House salad w/ranch dressing, Cobb Salad, 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: January 4, 2017**

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: Jim Colton \***

**Topic: Cuba-Past, Present and Future**



## Thoughts from Big Sir John McGlothlin

The year of surprises is over. Just think, A very surprising Campaign and Election, the Giant's even-year streak ended as did the Cub's, the Warriors set a record and Cleveland broke their hearts, the 49ers set a bad record, BREXIT won, and Bruce won the raffle. Will 2017 top this – stay tuned!

One thing NOT surprising - Jerry's fine job as Big Sir. One of my goals for 2017 is to show I learned from his example. I have two things going for me: Little Sir, George Suter, and our great officers, board and volunteers. An example of just how great this group is, look around when you come to lunch and notice how things just happen to be there for your enjoyment. Start with the table that

greet you, your badge ready for pick up, wander into the lunch room where the book table is stocked, golf signups are ready, the sound system is connected (please, it is not our sound system!), the flag and banner and podium are ready and much more. The result of a lot of good work!

When you play golf, go on the SIR's walks, play Bocce Ball, visit a museum, or get help with technology, our activities committees are behind your experience. They make activities enjoyable.

Three things you can do to support the SIR's behind everything you enjoy. First, an occasional thank you is appreciated. Second, participate: there are activities to meet different needs, schedules and abilities. And, third, consider getting involved in making these things happen. If you talk to the activity chairs, committee members, and board you will learn they welcome new people and new ideas. This is how we make a great organization greater.

My personal New Year resolution is to learn more about SIR's activities I have yet to be personally involved in.

### **\* Meet our speaker-Jim Colton**

**Jim Colton earned a Masters Degree at Stanford in Mechanical Engineering. He then spent his career at SRI for a period of 45 years where he performed research on the effects of explosions on structures.**

**However upon retirement he pursued in hobby of photography visiting numerous countries seeking to capture the people of those countries. In 1985 he began visiting Cuba to perform in depth photography of the people and architecture. He took the opportunity to engage with numerous Cuban citizens and learned about the country.**

**His presentation will focus on the lives of common Cuban citizens before and after the Cuban Revolution. Some of his photos can be viewed at jimcolton@zenfolio.com.**



## George Suter, Little Sir

“... and WHO are YOU?” That is the difficult question I am asked to write about for my first essay in this distinguished journal. I have been a few things which I shall enumerate shortly, but I have never been anything as significant as junior potentate (Little SIR) in a body such as this.

I have been (for the longest time) an auditor and accountant, the Supervisor of a small office that collected and reported on all the revenue received at the San Francisco International Airport, an auditor for Tri Valley Growers (a now-defunct fruit and vegetable canner out of Modesto), an administrator in the City’s Community Mental Health Services and Mayor’s Office of Emergency Services, a financial analyst for the Pacific School of Professional Psychology, a Sergeant in the US Army’s 902<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence office in Washington DC and other smaller jobs that are not worthy of mention.

I have had the good fortune of doing the one thing I wanted to do since I was very small – pilot an airplane. For thirty years, I flew my two-seater Piper from coast to coast and from Canada to the border of Mexico. Sometimes with my wife, but often alone, sleeping in the plane with a disassembled bicycle for ground transportation. This is a magnificent country.

But who am I today? I am the husband of my wife Mary, grandfather to three boys and one young woman. art appreciator, nature-seeker, urban explorer – I can lay claim to those titles, but most of all, I am happy to be among you. One of my best life-decisions was telling George Rodriguez that I was a golfer. Even though he now knows that statement was laughably incorrect, he has never reproached me for it.

## Birthdays Greetings George Suter, Chairman



Branch 4 remembers the December birthdays of Peter Angelonides, Bob Bosch, Ernie Braun, Paul DeNatale, Al Ertassi, Tom Heafey, Bob Hennig, Larry Kilcullen, Harry Lieberman, Ray Manalo, Issac Meijia, Chris Ramos, George Samoulides, Howard Stillman, Mike Valenzano, and Olden Williams.

Branch 4 remembers the January birthdays of Larry Farrell, Rich Fraher, James Gibbons, Walter Kay, Peter Klein, Pablo Magat, Don Price, Mario Reyes, Lloyd Rinde, David Solomon, Rich Soward, Marios Stathopoulos, Ray Steward, Will Uclusin, and Brian Weiss.

The Golfer  
Tournament Schedules  
Branch 4

For Reservation  
Please Call:  
Jack Major  
415 566 2243  
Ken Reed  
415 810 3832



**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>.

The **2017 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 **December 13<sup>th</sup> Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch. The light rain held off until the last group finished, and it was t-shirt weather for most of the day. We had cart-path-only conditions. Several fairways were soaked, especially hole #4, the par 5 in the canyon. The results weren’t available at press time.

### Next Sharp Park Tournament:

**Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 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 \$47 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.

The **2017 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are all scheduled for Tuesdays this year – 2/21, 4/18, 6/20, 8/29, 10/24, 11/28, and 12/19 Tee times start at 1015 with a 40 player limit. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner’s pocket fund at the next tournament.

### Next Poplar Creek Tournament:

**Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> - first tee-off is 1015.** Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$33) and prize fees (\$7) are **\$40** as of 1/1/16; optional cart fees are \$15 per player double, \$20 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

### SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments:

The next 2017 Away Tournament is to be determined. Make any future tournament checks out to SIR Branch 4 Golf and send check to:

Jim Smith, 430 Forest View Drive.  
South San Francisco, CA 94080.



**SIR 2017 NCGA** dues of \$46 were due to Jim Smith by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Contact Jim Smith to see if you need to get reinstated. Make checks payable to Sir Area 4 Golf Club, and send to him.



**Bill Gipe**  
Travel Chairman

[wgipe24@gmail.com](mailto:wgipe24@gmail.com).

SIR Local Day Trips will return in 2017. Do you have any suggestions? The Branch is considering day trips to Oakland Aviation Museum, Pacific Pin Ball Museum in Alameda, Sutro Library at SF State, and other venues. Details will be at the lunch or in the Foghorn.



**Attendance & Membership**

**Bill Gipe, Chairman**

Branch 4 November lunch attendance was 86 members. Branch 4 membership (Dec. 2016) totaled 154, including Super Seniors over age 95. Thanks to all members who have already paid the 2017 dues of \$25. Please leave a message with Bill Gipe, if you'll miss a lunch or have any membership questions. Call 650-878-5746 or email

[gipper816@msn.com](mailto:gipper816@msn.com).

Please remember to pick up a SIR wallet card at the Badge Table and invite friends who might enjoy the SIR lunch and activities.

Badge 410

**Sunshine List:**

Branch 4 sends greetings to Bob Bowen, Scott Danielson, Bud Fields, Ford Long, Don Nuti, Ernie Pead, Walt Prawicki, Antoon Van Arkel, Andy Ynostroza, and all those with challenges these days.

**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*

*Meet at 11:45AM every 3rd Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake, Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend.*

**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.

**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.**

**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.

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*San Francisco Branch 4*



*Our very own musical group in Branch 4 highlighted the Holiday (Christmas) Luncheon with their easy listening music and sing-a long of Christmas carol songs. From Left to right: Jack Major, Lynn Sandkulla, Paul Nocero, and George Rodriguez.*

*Branch 4 Holiday (Christmas) luncheon at Oyster's Point, in SSF on Dec 7, 2016 was well attended with success.*



*Past Big Sir Bud Sandkulla inducted the new officers for 2017. Standing from left to right: Jack Major, Asst Sec.; Bob Golton, Treasurer; George Suter, Little Sir; John McGlothlin, Big Sir; Paul Rosenberg, Secretary; and George Fenech, Asst Treas.*