

	<p style="text-align: center;">SIR Branch 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Foghorn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Birthday USA!!</p>	
<p>Big SIR-Stuart Ruth Secretary-Bob Calhoun Asst. Secretary-Jack Major</p>	<p>God Bless our USA Foghorn Editor John McGlothlin</p>	<p>Little SIR-Bill Gipe Treasurer-Bob Golton Asst. Treasurer-George Fenech</p>

July 2024 Lunch. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting on Wednesday, July 3rd, at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. We hope to see you there.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the bar will be available at 11:30AM. Menu choices are:

1. Salmon
2. Chicken Cordon Bleu
3. Grilled Pork Chops
4. Eggplant Parmigiana
5. Mushroom Omelette (maximum of six orders – get your selection in ASAP)

Cost will again be \$30.00.

Please respond, if you will be attending no later than Tuesday, June 25th, so we can make plans with the restaurant. We need to know if you plan on attending AND your choice of entrée, above. You can respond directly to SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175.

Note: New Roster Booklet is available. Pick your copy up at the Badge Table!

Paul Nocero

July's Speaker (Contact Alfred Herpe 650-992-3344) — Debbie Huey of the Millbrae Library, Community Technology Specialist for San Mateo County Libraries. She will speak about how these vibrant community hubs have transformed beyond just lending books to include the innovative programs, digital resources, and diverse services that now define the modern library experience. (*Thank you to SIR John Cooney for the write-up*).

Announcements and Information, Bill Gipe

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 remembers the July birthdays of Jerry Blumenthal, Jere Driscoll, Al Herpe, Charley Leach, Jim McCoy, Dennis Meixner, Bob Pardini, Tony Ramirez, and George Rodriquez.

Sunshine List. Branch 4 sends greetings to Jerry Blumenthal, Bob Fox, Dan Machado and all others facing daily challenges.

Membership & Attendance. We have 85 total members. 39 members attended the June lunch (from Badge tokens count). Please invite retired friends to a future SIR lunch.

As Dave Sees It..., by Dave Nigel. On Wednesday, June 5th, 2024, Branch 4 met for our monthly luncheon meeting, attended by 39 members at the Basque Cultural Center. Big Sir Stu Ruth called the meeting to order. Dave Nigel gave the invocation and led the "Pledge of Allegiance," followed by our group's enthusiastic rendition of "God Bless America."

Membership Chairman, Bill Gipe, reported we currently have 85 members, with one pending, plus one more prospective applicant. Announcements by our activity Chairmen included Jack Major reporting on upcoming golf events, Charley Leach on Bocce, Bill Gipe on local tours, and Tad Bogdan on Community Service. SIR John Cooney described future programs that he is working on with Alfred Herpe, featuring exciting guest speakers.

Rolf Rosander and Tony Quarto, Raffle Co-Chairs, called out ticket numbers. SIR Bill Lippincott held one winning ticket and SIR George Fenech the other. Our "Birthday Boys" presentation introduced SIRs celebrating June birthdays with each stating his year of birth, followed by our fun-filled and enthusiastic singing of "Happy Birthday" plus the traditional response by the "birthday boys". Bill had a SIR select a ticket with Charlie Hoensch as "Free Lunch" winner. SIR John McGlothlin described the wine awarded as our "Geritol". The winner was Sir Stu Ruth. The free lunch drawing was won by SIR Peter Klein. Six entrees were enjoyed. Special thanks to SIR Alfred Herpe for bringing our dessert of tasty Hostess Cupcakes.

SIR Alfred Herpe, our Speakers Chair, introduced Elaine Chan, a retired San Francisco Pharmacist, who gave a compelling talk enjoyed by all. Pharmacist Chan spoke about HIV, Diabetes, outreach programs to specific communities, positive dietary practices, the importance of walking and exercising, the way to safely get out of bed, and the correct way to ingest vitamins and supplements. Several in-depth questions followed Elaine's presentation. As a gesture of appreciation, Elaine was presented with a "Rooster" pin.

Big Sir Stu Ruth concluded, wishing all a wonderful month of June. Our next Luncheon will be Wednesday, July 3rd at the Basque Cultural Center.

ACTIVITIES



Local SIR Tours, Bill Gipe (650-878-5746). Thanks to all who signed up for a return visit to the Pacific Pinball Museum this summer. Let's plan for a weekday in August after school starts. Please look for the tour clipboard at the back table with suggested tour days or call with a message at 650-878-5746. Lunch will be an option in downtown Alameda.



Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608. June 2024. A summary of the **local SIR golf rules** has been published and is now available. Check the web site: <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.html>.

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The **2024 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. Signups and results will be emailed.

Results of the June 11th Sharp Park match. –The course has mostly dried out, except #6 on the right side, and #10 had a temporary bog where I lost a ball. Most holes were back to normal. We had 17 players with one guest. Highlights: no birdies reported, Par summary: Dennis – #6, George Fenech - #8, Dave - #8, #13, #15, Don - #12, John - #8, #15, George Bacigalupi - #11, 15, Bob Richter - #8, #15, Bob Calhoun - #3, #8, #15, Bruce - #2. The results will be emailed and put on the golf web page.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, July 9th - first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. **Check in a half-hour before your tee time** inside the club house. Sharp Park fees are **\$30 - \$26** greens, and \$4 prize fund. Add a cart for \$20 for \$50. Breakfasts for \$13 are available per Kevin.

The **2024 Poplar Creek Tournaments** starting every February are Tuesdays 6/18 (**now 7/2**), 8/27, 10/22, and 12/17. These start at 1000 with a 24-player max. This year's contract is pay the green fee \$38, pro shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), and optional cart fees (\$17.50 each and split a cart, \$25 singles), to the SIRs coordinator. The prize fund vouchers are for pro shop merchandise only. Check in 30 minutes prior to first tee time.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday July 2nd (changed from 6/18):



Walk for Health, George Suter 415-314-6768. Stay tuned for information and George's usual thorough instructions.



Bocce Charley Leach 415-333-7277, Roger Kelly 650-346-9668: We meet at Doelger Center Wednesdays between 1-3PM. Doelger Center is about 1/2 Mile North of Westlake Joe's. We don't meet first Wednesday of each month (SIRs Luncheon). Show up and get a game or two or maybe even 3. Beginners are (very) welcome!

Bocce Report, by David Nigel.

Branch 4 SIR Bocce Ball devotees look forward to gathering and competing the second, third, and fourth Wednesday afternoons of each month. Players enjoy great fun and friendly competition as they meet at the Doelger Center court for exciting and skilled competition.

Players meet at 1:00 p.m. Co-Chairmen Charley Leach and Roger Kelly do a great job communicating with players which usually include SIRs Pat Long, Jere Driscoll, Bill Gipe, Richard Soward, Tim Hazen, and David Nigel. Many wonderful friendships and profound relationships have evolved from our gatherings.

We hope more SIR members will join the Bocce Ball Teams that meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. except the first Wednesday of each month when we gather for our luncheon meetings. Co-Chairman Charley Leach always extends an invitation for all interested to join in on the fun. We look forward to many wonderful rematches and great friendships in the future.

Geritol for July

July's "Geritol" is a break bottle from Bonny Doon, a thing (think the Cigare for a nice "Rhône-style" limited to Whole Foods. Randall Grahm, has a our July wine may well be lower "carbon footprint" case of wine from 40 to pleasant, dry rose wine of Provence. You may be



in the usual with a cardboard winery noted for doing creative Volant, or "Flying Cigar" label wine). Marketing is currently The founder of Bonny Doon, marketing deal with Gallo and a test of new packaging with a that reduces the weight of a 24 lbs. Inside the "bottle" is a made in the style of the wines the lucky winner! (*Editor*)



Branch 4's Community Service Volunteers. Tad Bogdan
(tadbogdan@gmail.com, 650 863 8866) and Bill McGee (wcmcgee@pacbell.net, 415-806-4608). **Community Service Event - SF/Marin FoodBank**

Community Service Event - SF/Marin FoodBank. The June 25 event is scheduled to take place after this month's Foghorn submission (*hopefully not/Ed.*), with a team of SIR regulars, Paul Nocero, Jack Major, Bill Gipe, Bill McGee, David Barnett, David Nigel, Bob Richter, Paul Walsh, Pam McGee and Tad Bogdan. We are looking forward to all the smiling faces!

Please contact Tad Bogdan tadbogdan@gmail.com 650 863 8866 if you can join us.

Upcoming events:

June Date and Time: Tuesday, June 25, 10:30 AM - 1:15 PM

Shift: Roosevelt @ St. Dominic's - 2390 Bush St. San Francisco, CA 94115

July Date and Time: Wednesday, July 31, 8:30 AM - 11 AM

Shift: Rosa Parks @ Glad Tidings - 1280 Webster St, San Francisco, CA 94115

State SIR Happenings. There is a lot going on with SIR at the State level and this is being discussed at SIR Area (including Area 13, hosted by Andy Danver, who many of us have met) and State-wide leadership meetings, and updates with Branches. On a statewide (ok, Northern California) basis SIR is losing members and losing some branches. This affects the amount of funding each branch can contribute to the State to fund services they provide for the Branches including insurance, web page support and tax return preparation (yes, non-profit returns must be filed for each branch). Because SIR is considered a 501(c)(4) Non-profit we cannot solicit donations and any contributions we do receive are not tax deductible.

Several actions are being talked about (and at this stage only talked about) including:

- Changing to a 501(c)(3) status. Which requires a new filing and includes some new provisions.
- Merging some branches where neighboring branches are at risk.
- Assisting branches experiencing problems filling their board and officer positions by changing bylaws that are restrictive.
- Seeking grants and other funding so State does not have to rely on the Branches as the only source of income.
- Adding a paid employee or consultant to take on the more complex work that requires more time, skill and knowledge than our unpaid volunteers can provide.
- Expanding marketing and targeting it more effectively.

All the above are being discussed and your officers and board will be discussing what they learn at future meetings and soliciting your ideas and input.

“Exceptional SIR Members”

Flor S. Mendoza, by David Nigel

Sir Flor Mendoza joined Branch 4 in September 2005. During installation of Big SIR George Rodriguez, no one was willing to serve as Little SIR. George requested Flor serve in this leadership role. As a newcomer, Flor accepted his request even though he had no idea what SIR was all about and observed during monthly meetings and getting involved with activities. Before he knew it, Flor was a unanimous choice for 2006 Big SIR!

With help and guidance of other SIRs, Flor demonstrated leadership and confidence and led the Branch. While Big SIR, Flor took over as *Foghorn* Newsletter Co-Editor for ten years, developing a great, readable format. Flor also redesigned our member badges.

Flor was born in the Philippine town of Balaoan, youngest of five brothers. While attending high school, he learned stenography and typing. Following graduation, Flor traveled to Manila to secure a job and attend college. Luck led to a job with the U.S. Veterans Administration Manila office. During his 10 years with the VA, Flor enrolled at the respected University of the East and obtained his B.S. majoring in accounting. In 1963, Flor completed the CPA review and the board examination earning his CPA.

In July 1967, Flor and his family immigrated to San Francisco seeking “Greener pastures”. He was hired by SP Transportation Company and worked there 30+ years, mostly in revenue accounting. He retired in September 1998 when Union Pacific took over and transferred his job to St. Louis. Flor’s seasonal tax business became a year-round occupation. He prepares taxes for payroll, individuals, corporations, as well as estate and fiduciary returns, an occupation he loves and plans to continue. The audit reports Flor completed for Branch 4 are legendary for completeness and readability.

Joining activities is Flor’s passion including The National Society of Accountants, The California Society of Tax Consultants, The Philippine Institute of CPAs, and The National Council of Philippine, American, and Canadian Accountants. Above all, Flor considers SIR Branch 4 “the best!”

2024, has been a great year! Flor discovered life continues to be great at age 86. He and Elsa celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary and enjoy their loving and close extended family. We are fortunate to count Flor as a dedicated, active, and contributing member of Branch 4.

Want to Recognize a SIR, talk to Dave Nigel

*See you at our next Luncheon **August 7th** at the Basque Cultural Center!*