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MENU

Feb: Chicken Cacciatore, Cobb Salad, Tapioca Pudding
March: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Fruit Salad, Rainbow Sorbet
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Wayne Veatch



Hi! Fellow SIR members,
I'm pleased to say that we had a great January meeting, with a very interesting speaker and a high percentage of members in attendance. I'm looking forward to a really good New Year. Although most of our members do attend monthly meetings, I see that our number of active members - 142 - is far short of the 250 we are "authorized" to have. Why is that? How can we increase our membership? Should we start some new activities to attract new members? "SIR Activities" on the SIR website (<http://sirinc.org>) lists a number of "typical" SIR activities, from Amateur Radio to Cooking to Model Railroads to Poker to Wine Tasting to Writing. Check it out. Our Bridge Club seems to have died - should we start a Poker Club? A Cooking Club? You can run the club! Your officers are all ears. Let us know, or send me an email to veatchlaw@gmail.com.
Speaking of email, as you check out the neat, new Roster, please notice that many members have included their email addresses. If yours is not there, you may send it to Jack Major, the database guru, jemajor@pacbell.net.
Soon, we will be offering an electronic version of the Foghorn, to those for whom we have an email address.

Sons In Retirement San Francisco Branch 4



A Luncheon Club promoting The Independence and Dignity Of Retirement

Elks Lodge 650 589-4030
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080
10:30 Board Meeting
11 AM Social-12Noon Lunch
*Every friend is a potential
Member!*

Speaker

Eugene Ostermiller
Tax Matters LLC
Tax Changes, and Strategies

Berthold Herpe

Big SIR, Jack Major presenting to Berthold Herpe, a Century SIR Award from the State Certificate Committee, signed by president David Reiser



Big Sir Wayne Veatch with Speaker John Addison



Hybrids and Electric cars

Fog Horn Issue February 2010

Meeting February 3rd
Next meeting March 3rd
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Little SIR – Robin Jaquith

From Little Sir

I ran across this quote not long ago which I think sizes up what a SIR is, "It is not the size of a man but the size of his heart that matters." At lunch this month look at the others sitting at your table and ask yourself if it is the size of the person or their companionship that matters. February is the month of hearts and flowers. Don't forget to recognize that special "sweetie" of yours. Indulgence is good for all of us and when a special occasion comes along it does give us an excuse to tip the edge extravagance. In addition to Valentine's Day we also have Chinese New Year and President's Day. You could say February is full of love and patriotism. Don't forget to bring a friend to lunch and share with him the comradeship of being a SIR.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243

2010 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday from February through December and with the same prices as 2009.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday February 9th, 2010, 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. Since there's breakfast, **check in one hour before your tee time, or risk being removed from the tournament.** Sharp Park fees are \$42 for green fees, cart, breakfast, and prizes (\$3 each). This will be a combined tournament with Branch 4 and Branch 25. Jim Smith coordinates the match, so Branch 4 goes out first.

The **December 15th Poplar Creek Tournament** had only 12 players with clear conditions. Recent rain led to cart path only rules, which probably contributed to the 11 inconsiderate no-shows. **Chronic no-shows** will be required to place a **\$20 non-refundable deposit** to sign up in the future.

The results are: 1st John Gehring (Branch 25) – 58 low net, 2nd Barry Lipton (25) – 61, 3rd Mike Hofacre (25) – 63. Closest to Hole #17 – 1st Mike Hofacre 28'2", 2nd Pete Gandell (25) 33'11", 3rd John Gehring 37'5".

2010 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for 2/17, 4/20, 6/24, 8/18, 10/27 and 12/14. Prices are up \$2.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday February 17th, first tee-off is 1030.

The tournament starts at 1030 for 40 golfers. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or George. Green (\$30) and prize fees (\$7) are \$37; optional cart fees are \$13.50 per player double, \$18 single.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855, 430 Forest View Drive, South SF, CA 94080. These tournaments are scheduled for Tuesdays, and will start in March.

Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Dr.,Oakland, hosts the Tuesday March 23, 2010 shotgun tournament. Bus leaves SSF Elks at 0630 for an 0830 start. Bus \$60, drive \$55.



Lionel Parra

Winner of our annual Championship Golf Tournament



If you want to get a notification of when the Foghorn is available, email Jack Major at jemajor@pacbell.net to set up our email list.

**Travel Tips
By Dick Hurley**

TO INSURE OR NOT TO INSURE? THAT IS THE QUESTION!

A good travel insurance policy can protect the investment you have made in your trip in the event that you have to cancel. Sickness, death in the family or a variety of situations beyond your control, can make it difficult or impossible to continue with your travel plans. Recently a friend booked a flight to South Africa on a non-refundable ticket, at a cost of \$1,750. The airline offered cancellation insurance for \$75.00, which was declined. One week later, sickness made it impossible for him to make the trip. We have found that the best rates for these policies will be available from the tour company, cruise line or travel agent with whom you are working, as they are given "bulk" rates by the insurance companies. Please remember that most often if you purchase the travel insurance at the time you make a down payment and book the tour that you can be covered for preexisting conditions. That will not be the case if you decide later to purchase the insurance. Read the policy carefully, especially the sections that explain exactly what you are being covered for and write down the phone numbers to be used in the event that you need assistance on your trip, or to file a claim.

Rewards for Branch 4

When you make a purchase at Office Depot, give them the Rewards # 1738924784 and Branch 4 will get the credit. A win win situation! This will help defray expenses. Thank You!

SIR Happenings is now in its fifth year of publishing, and the readership is growing. Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, the State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: sirinc.org. Don't forget to wear your pin to the meetings. The Bolo Ties, Lapel Pins, Patches, and Decals are all reasonably priced at \$2 to \$3 each. **Fly the SIR Colors!** See Bill Gipe!

Check out the May SIR Happenings on line now!

**Birthday Greetings
Chairman: Robert Hennig**

February 2010 Birthday Celebrants

Peter Ashe, Roy Bauer, Kenford Dong, David Krow, John Lombard, Flor Mendoza, David Nigel, and Nick Tamaras

Absentee Special Donor List for January

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Thanks to recent SIR absentee donors including Bill Angelopoulos, Charles Blake (by mail), Bob Hendricks, Bob Hennig (Nov.), Athansios Kastoris, Alex Koliopoulos, Constantine Konstin, Chris Manitsas, and EdMurphy, Lloyd Rinde
Thanks for their annual contribution from Joe Sangiacomo and CharlesGochez.

Branch 4 thanks Constantine Konstin for his generous special contribution.

Please remember to notify Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) if you'll miss a lunch meeting. The SIR monthly lunch donation of \$2 helps maintain our branch operations.

Please see me at the meeting if your name is missing from this partial list.

**Membership and attendance
Report for January 2010**

Authorized Membership 250 Active Membership Jan. 2010- 142
Inactive Members 18 -Honorary Life Member 1- (#406 Sam Riskin)
Inactive member #425 Robert Barbitta has resigned. Member #23 Raino Kandelberg moved to Inactive #414. Please note that member #186 Mike Vriheas has moved to Inactive #404.
Branch 4 welcomed a new member #30 Donald Bierey (Louise). He was sponsored by # 26 Ed Woodward.
Jan. 2010 SIR Meeting attendance was 85 Active Members
That's 59.8% of active members.

IN REMEMBRANCE

**Steve Chapralis
Donald Lee
Arick Mathios
Pete Pappageorge
Ed Stathes**

Pinochle George Samoulides 415 564 5384
Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Sessions start at 1:30 PM at the Holy Trinity Christopher Center, 999 Brotherhood Way SF. This is a SIR sanctioned activity for the members. We look forward to seeing you.

Sunshine Committee

Shut ins Chairman Lee M. Appel 415 221 6664

Sick List for January 2010

#137 Charles Blake, #82 John George, #135 Rush Manbert, #49 Jack Negrin

Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal 415 681 1208

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.

Next meeting – February 17th

Glee Club – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321

We meet at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake, Daly City. We will meet once a month on the 3rd Monday at 1PM to 3 PM in room 5. Our meeting will be on **Feb. 15th**. We are the Sons in Retirement Branch 4 Glee Club. All of you crooners come out and give your lungs a workout.

Bowling – Joe Jacinto 415 681-8719

Thursdays- 12:30 warmup, 1pm bowling – Classic Bowl, Daly City

Hi-Scratch Games:

Arturo Encabo - 226

Hi-Scratch Series:

Hi-H/C Games:

Art Tanjuaquio – 232, 236

Leo Juarez – 230, 218

Joe Jacinto – 227

Splits (Scorekeepers: please record splits)

Leo Juarez – 5-6

Art Tanjuaquio – 3-10, 3-10

Editor's Note

Hello Branch 4: Hope your resolutions have been made, and stick to them! Fill your mind full of good thoughts, your body with good food, and stay active. Get out and about. See you at the meeting. Bring a friend!

God Bless America!

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