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MENU

May: Sliced Ham with Pineapple Sauce,
Chinese Chicken Salad, Cream Puffs.

June: BBQ (NY Steak)

(Salads must be ordered one month in
advance)

Big SIR Wayne Veatch



Hi! Fellow SIR members,

Thanks again to my Little SIR Robin and the rest of my support staff for doing a great job running the March meeting and planning the April meeting, in my absence. It's good to be back on the top side of the world (after hanging upside down for 6 weeks).

In February, I had a pleasant meeting with the 5 other Big SIRs from our Region 5, Area 1. Branches 1, 25 and 91 meet at our Elks Lodge in South City; Branches 118 and 142 meet at the Elks Lodge in San Mateo. We agreed that the activities of each of our Branches are open to all SIRs in other Branches. If any of us in Branch 4 would like to participate in activities offered by another Branch, we are welcome to do so. How would you know which branch offers what? We receive a mailed copy of their monthly bulletin and Branches 1 and 25 now have theirs online (www.SIR1.org and www.branch25.SIRinc.org) as we do. Branch 1 offers several activities that we don't, Amateur Radio, Digital Imaging, Dominoes, Economics, Fishing, Gardening, Genealogy, Pedro, Collectibles, Stock Study and Tennis and lists their contacts in their bulletin. Branch 91 offers Bocce Ball (call Alvaro Bettucchi on 650-871-9278). Jack Major has offered to provide links to the other Branch websites on our website, so that you may see their bulletins and "shop" their activities.

Sons In Retirement San Francisco Branch 4

The Fog Horn



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-12 Noon Lunch
*Every friend is a potential
Member!*

Speaker Monica Sullivan, assisted by Lance Steward of Vitucci and Associates



"Don't Invest and Forget"

Memorial Day



God Bless America
"Fly Your Flag"

Fog Horn Issue May 2010

Meeting May 5th

Next meeting June 2nd

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John B. Mason



Little SIR – Robin Jaquith

While attending our Executive Board meeting last month I couldn't help but appreciate how our officers and directors are committed to our Branch. These gentlemen provide the leadership that makes our Branch what it is. Both Wayne and I appreciate the help they continually provide us and others in our Branch. As we look forward to next year we are hoping that some of you will consider taking on a director's role or even the role of Little Sir.

The basic tenants of SIRs is quite simple: it is a luncheon club, with no dues, initiation fees or assessments; it does not espouse a political party, religion or sect of any kind, and meets, monthly for lunch, at the member's expense. Knowing this you can see we are a simple organization that gets by with the help of all its members and with the Executive Board looking over the basic operation of the Branch. Your involvement at the next level would be appreciated and we hope you might consider taking on an additional club role so that some others may step down. So when you are approached by one of your colleagues please don't say no, but say you will think about it.

Have you noticed the wonderful flowers and blooming trees that surround us this time of year? Take time to breath in all of spring's magic aromas. April showers surely do bring May flowers.

If your email address is not in the roster, please send it to Jack Major, jemajor@pacbell.net.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday May 11, 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 **April 13th Sharp Park Tournament** was cancelled due to the wet conditions.

2010 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for 2/17, 4/20, 6/24, 8/18, 10/24, and 12/14. Prices are up \$2 from 2009. **Chronic no-shows** will be required to place a **\$20 non-refundable deposit** to sign up in the future.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Thursday June 24th , 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, 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 Tuesdays.

Crystal Springs Golf Course, 6650 Golf Course Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010 650-342-0603, hosts the Tuesday May 25th, 2010 shotgun tournament. No bus available, drive \$60.

Upcoming Away Trips – 6/29 Santa Clara, 7/27 Foxtail – South, 8/31 Napa.

Check the web site **branch4.sirinc.org** for updates!

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 March SIR Happenings on line now!

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!

Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored. ~**Daniel Webster**



Travel Chairman – Robin Jaquith
Put Some Travel in Your Plans!

We are working on what looks like could be two very good outings. One under consideration is a trip to the Disney Museum at the Presidio. It has been said that this is really an adult oriented museum and people tend to spend more time than they had anticipated. This outing could include lunch at the Presidio Golf Club. The other excursion is a luncheon cruise on the bay. A lovely afternoon sailing from Pier 39 with lunch and beverages should make for a fun filled afternoon. We are trying to keep the prices down so all of you can participate in these events. If you have any ideas like those mentioned please do not hesitate to contact me, Little Sir Robin at 650-355-0805.

Travel Tips by Dick Hurley

WHEN DO YOU NEED A VISA?

A VISA is a permit allowing you to enter and depart from a foreign country. However, please note that many travelers trying to enter a country with a valid visa may be denied entry if their U.S. passport expires within less than six(6) months from their date of entry, so check on the expiration date of your passport.

Usually, one day stops while on cruises of the Caribbean and to Mexico do not require that you have a VISA, but now since regulations have tightened, you must have a passport.

First let's discuss those foreign countries where no VISA is needed for U.S. citizens. Space does not allow us to list all countries, so we list here those places that are most often travel destinations for U.S. Citizens.

NO VISA REQUIRED

- 1) Countries in Europe, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Scandinavian countries.
 - 2) These Asian countries: Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Philippines Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand.
 - 3.) Other countries: Israel, South Africa, New Zealand:(NOTE: FOR FOLKS TOURING AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND: YOU WILL NEED A VISA FOR AUSTRALIA BUT NOT FOR NEW ZEALAND.)
- Next, here is a list (partial only) of those countries that according to the latest information from our State Department, do require a VISA to enter and depart. If you do arrive at one of these countries without a visa, several things could happen to you. You may be fined and in addition will usually be required to pay for the VISA before entering. Or, you could be denied entry.

VISA REQUIRED

Australia: Bolivia: Brazil: China: Egypt: El Salvador: India: Indonesia: Kenya: Nigeria
Pakistan: Peru: Russia: Saudi Arabia: Thailand: Turkey: Trinidad: Venezuela.

HAPPY TRAVELS!

**Birthday Greetings
Chairman: Robert Hennig**

May 2010 Birthday Celebrants

Clifford Bauer, Pete Bencharsky, CharlesBlake, Frank Boone, Alex Christ, Elmer Eckart, Henry Fields, Richard Hurley, Constantine Konstin, Ray Langlois, BasilioMedina, Thomas Mrakava, Hayden Neal, Gary Nicholson, Pepito Poblete, Paul Rosenberg, Arnold Sears, Stanley Susman, and Ed Woodward.

Absentee Special Donor List for April

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Thanks to Elmer Eckart, Charlie Leach, Warren Lee, Patrick Long, RushManbert, David Nigel, and Gil Travis. Remember the \$2 meeting contribution helps with Branch 4 expenses. Thanks also to Branch 4 annual (in advance) donors including: Henry Albert, Charles Gochez, Joe Jacinto, Leo Juarez, Henry Ratti, Joe Sangiacomo, and in April: Ray Langlois.

Please notify Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) if you'll miss a lunch meeting.

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

**Membership and attendance
Report for March 2010**

Authorized membership 250

Active members (4-7-10) 138

Inactive members 18 (1 H.L.M.)

Active attendance 87 or 62.5%

Guests 5 (4 inductions)

Speakers 2

Branch 4 was pleased to welcome four new members at the April meeting.

Robert Fox (Cecilia), Badge #180, was a product manager at Visa.

Bert Dorman (Jenise), Badge #181, is a photographer & printer.

Larry Ferrell (Marilou), Badge #182, was a manager at the U.S.

Treasury.

Thomas Mrakava (Madeline), Badge #183, was an area manager for S.F. Rec.& Park, Golden Gate Park.

Opening Day at AT&T Park



Go Giants!

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 March 2010

Charles Blake, Bill Cooper, John George, Leo Juarez, Jackson Steuben, and Gil Travis.

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 – May 19th

Bowling – Joe Jacinto 415 681-8719

Thursdays- 12:30 warmup, 1pm bowling – Classic Bowl, Daly City
Join and enjoy the afternoon (sometimes free pizza) with us.

Results: March 4, thru March 25, 2010

Hi-H/C Games:

Art Tanjuaquio – 231, 21, 220

Joe Jacinto – 192

Ernie Gochez – 270, 224, 224, 229, 229, 212, 216, 234

High H/C Series

Ernie Gochez - 662

Splits (Scorekeepers: please record splits

Art Tanjuaquio – 3-10, 5-7

Joe Jacinto – 3-10

Answers to Quiz

Answers:

1. 1968 2. Dino Restelli 3. Bruce Ogradowski 4. Five - Juan Marichal 65,67 Vida Blue 78, Rick Reuschel 89, Jason Schmidt 2003, Tim Lincecum 2009
5. Omaha, Nebraska 6. Seattle Rainers, Portland Beavers, Sacramento Solons, SF Seals, Oakland Oaks, Hollywood Stars, LA Angels, San Diego Padres 7. Mark McGuire, Jose Canseco
8. SF 49ers, LA Dons, Chicago Rockets, Buffalo Bisons, NY Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers, Miami Seahawks, Cleveland Browns
9. John Brodie, Billy Kilmer, Muddy Waters 10. Rickey Henderson

FIRST CLASS MAIL



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2323 Galway Dr.

So. San Francisco, CA 94080

Editor's Note:

Hello Branch 4: In May we have **Armed Forces Day** and **Memorial Day**. A time to be thankful for our freedom and to pay homage to those who gave their lives in the service of our country, military and civilian. Fly your flag! We will have the Ladies Day Luncheon in June. Check out the flyer and send in your reservation. Happy Mother's Day to all! See you at the meeting. Bring a friend!

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