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San Francisco Branch 4

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M E N U:

JUL: Teriyaki Chicken Thigh

Shrimp Louis Salad

Raspberry Bread Pudding

AUG: Calamari Steak w/ Lemon

Butter Sauce, Chicken Salad

Rainbow Sorbet

SEP: BBQ Chicken, Salad Bar

Apple Oat Meal Crisp

NOTE: Salads must be ordered one month in advance. When you pay for the current meal, please sign the salad sheet for the following month.

NEXT MEETING: JULY 6, 2011

Elks Lodge (650) 589 4030 ext. 17

Stonegate & Hillside Boulevard

So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:30 Bd. Mtg. 11:00 Social 12:00 Lunch

Luncheon Speaker:

Gary Lei

Subject:

Stem Cell at UC Berkeley

Belated
"Happy Birthday"
US ARMY



From Big Sir: Robin Jaquith

Thank you, fellow SIRs for making the June Luncheon a great success. Events such as our luncheons and activities do not happen without you and your support. I would like to thank Fred Dannecker and Tom Sylvester, for coordinating our BINGO game and George Rodriguez, Jack Major and Joe Jacinto for the great music they provided and, of course, once again Dan O'Leary and Greg Pantages for their singing talents. Word is that everyone had a great time and are now looking forward to our annual Holiday Party.



We are slowly forming our 2012 Board. We should have a slate by our July 6th meeting. Thank you to those of you who have answered the request to step up.

As you read through this month's Fog Horn look for your badge number. If you can't find it then there is the possibility it was not selected, look again it may be buried in a place you would least expect. Yes, there is a prize if your number appears.

July brings our nation's birthday, The Fourth of July. America adopted the Declaration of Independence from Britain on the fourth of July 1776. This is a very significant day in the history of our country; it was the day on which the independent state of America and the dreams of thousands of Americans were born. Also noted this month is Bastille Day which France celebrates as a national holiday on July 14. Bastille Day is celebrated to commemorate the Storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789. Storming of the Bastille, a fortress-prison which housed many political prisoners, arms and ammunition, symbolized uprising by the oppressed people in France and end of Monarchy in the country. There is a similarity between our July 4th and France's Bastille Day. There are countries today that are fighting for the same rights as the Americans and French did 250 years ago.

As we move into the summer months we start thinking about where to go to find the sun. I hope you have a special place or you just might like the cool summer evenings of San Francisco. See you in July 6th.

CLUB ACTIVITIES



From Little Sir: Robert Fox

Ah, July, the height of summer. Remember to smear sun screen on when you go to AT&T park to watch the Giants win on three hits or browse one of the county fairs in the area. We've had a delayed warming period but I will predict July will provide lovely weather.

Let me remind you that we now have posted on our Branch 4 web site a consolidated listing of all Area 1 ongoing activities under the name Branch Consolidated Activity. Each activity has a description, where they meet and when, and contact information of the activity chair. He will be happy to provide you any additional information you may require. Some activities are duplicated over more than one Branch to provide you choice. So if you happen to be a coin collector, here is your opportunity to show off to others your mint condition 1909 SVDP penny. If you don't have a computer to access this list, please come see me at the next lunch for a hard copy.

One additional request is to bring someone you know to a lunch as a potential member. We always welcome new members.

Quote for the month:

The difference between involvement and commitment is like a bacon and eggs breakfast, where the chicken is involved but the pig is committed.

Anon

BOWLING: Robert Fox 415 753 2630

Over The Hill Gang: Over all, the teams with SIR members aren't faring very well after 4 weeks of strikes and spares. The highest being Team #5 with Al Ertassi occupies 4th. place. Team # 6 (3 Clowns) spearheaded by John Ghiglieri occupies 6th. place but are rapidly nosediving. Team #3 (Art, Joe and Rudy) occupy 7th. place. Team #9 led by John Candau occupies 9th. place. Lots of room for improvement among SIR teams. Individually, John Ghiglieri boasts the highest league average thus far (191), has the 2nd. highest Scratch game 225), has the highest Scratch series (619), but is sadly lacking support from his team mates, Somers and Kramer. Other respectful individual averages are Al Ertassi (158) and Rudy Gutierrez (157). Oh well, the season has many games yet to play. **GO GIANTS!!!**

ANTIQUÉ CARS: Wayne Veatch 415-821-1806

We meet immediately after the monthly luncheon meeting in the parking lot. At our last meetings, we viewed and discussed Wayne's 52 Studebaker, Tony Ramirez's 36 Buick and Jim Moore's 68 Plymouth Roadrunner. All who are interested in older cars are 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 computer are welcome to attend. Please call for seat reservation. Meeting at Room #3.

PINOCHLE: George Samoulides 415 564 5384

Our games start at 1:30PM on the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month. We meet at the Holy Trinity Christopher Community Center, 999 Brotherhood Way, in San Francisco. Join us in the games or for a cup of coffee and fellowship.



SCOREBOARD AND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Jack Major 415 566 2243 Ken Reed 415 586 3104

2011 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 0930. The results will be out on the web site, so enter the SIR Branch 4 Golf address http://branch4_sir-inc.org/golf.htm. If I have your email, you will be notified when new results are posted. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too.

The **May 10th Sharp Park Tournament** and the **June 14th Sharp Park Tournament** results will be out on the website when available.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:

Tuesday July 12, 2011 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 (at 0830), 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, Branch 25 follows.

2011 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tuesday 2/15, 4/19, 6/29 (Wednesday), 8/16, 10/18, and 12/13. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament:

Tuesday August 16th, first tee-off is 1030.

The tournament starts at 1030 for 40 golfers. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. 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 Mondays this year.

NEW! Presidio Group Play – Jim Smith has negotiated three dates this year for the Presidio for \$42, \$39 each including cart and \$3 for the prize fund...such a deal! The first date was Tuesday May 17, the rest are on **July 19** and November 15, 2011.

On **Monday July 25th**, Napa Golf Course at Kennedy Park, 2295 Strelow Drive, Napa CA 94558, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Bus leaves the SSF Elks Club at 0630 for 0830 tee off. Bus rate \$60, drive \$55.

Upcoming Away Trips – 8/29 Metropolitan, 9/29 Blue Rock Springs.

Check the web site SIR Branch 4 Golf for updates!

BOCCE BALL: Harry Lieberman 415 584 3794

Every Wednesday at 10:00—12:00 except the first when it's 9:30—11:00. Just show up at Doelger Senior Center.

GLEE CLUB: George Rodriguez (To be announced)



Travel Chair Wayne Veatch

My column this month is a short one: We did not take a local trip in June, as we focused on Ladies Day. Jack Major has planned an excellent tour of the aircraft carrier Hornet in Alameda for July 28. See the flyer in the mailed copy of the Foghorn and online on the Branch 4 website. This will be a great event. Meanwhile, we (the Travel Chairs for the Bay Area branches) have put together an excellent offering of local and multi-day tours and cruises, which are listed on the Yellow Sheet, which I have placed on the table each month (and many members have taken copies) and which is posted as well on the website. Please have a look at these, discuss them with your spouse and let me know if you wish to go on any of them - I'll coordinate your participation and help you with details. Call me or email me: 415-821-1806, veatchlaw@gmail.com

The 11th Husband

A young man married a beautiful woman who had previously divorced 10 husbands. On their wedding night, she told her new husband to "please be gentle; I am still a virgin.

What? Said the puzzled groom. "How can that be if you've been married ten times? Well, she replied.

Husband #1 was a Sales Representative; he kept telling me how great it was going to be.

Husband #2 was in Software Services; he was never really sure how it was supposed to function; but he said he'd look into it and get back with me.

Husband #3 was from Field Services; he said that everything checked out diagnostically but he just couldn't let the system up.

Husband #4 was in Telemarketing; even though he knew he had the order, he didn't know when he would be able to deliver.

Husband #5 was an Engineer; he understood the basic process but he wanted three years to research, implement, and design a new state-of-the-art method.

Husband #6 was from Administration; he thought he knew how, but he wasn't sure whether it was his job or not.

Husband #7 was in Marketing; although he had a product, he was never sure how to position it.

Husband #8 was a Psychiatrist; all he did was talking about it.

Husband #9 was a Gynecologist; all he did was to look at it.

Husband #10 was a Stamp Collector; I sure missed him.

But now that I've married you, I'm so excited. "Wonderful!" Said the husband, but why? The wife replied. "You're with the Government" This time I know I'm gonna get screwed.

Attention all Past Big Sirs

Our Historian, Tony Ramirez needs your picture! Ask George Rodriguez to take your picture at the meeting. Thank You.

Please send in your email address for the Foghorn notification when available to: Jack Major: jemajor@pacbell.net

SIR HAPPENINGS is now in its seventh year of publishing, and the readership is growing. Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, the State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that we 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 reasonable priced at \$2 each. Fly the SIR Colors! See Bill Gipe!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS-Chairman: Robert Hennig

JULY BIRTHDAY

Jerry Blumenthal, Jack Campbell, William Cooper, Alfred Herpe, Amon Howard, Nick Janakes, Charles Leach, Tom Lenes, Chris Manitsas, James McCoy, Dennis Meixner, Anthony Ramirez, Gene Roberts, George Rodriguez Ken Stewart, and Wayne Veatch.

Membership & Attendance Chairman, William Gipe

Branch 4 thanks members for special, annual, and missed meeting contributions received at the June meeting.

Contributors include:

Andrew Banis, Jack Benjamin, Al DelClauX, David Donnelly (annual), Gilbert Goo, Bob Hendrick, Bob Hennig, Russ Lindquist, Flor Mendoza, Jim Moore (annual), Jim McCoy (annual), Tony Ramirez (annual), and Richard Soward (annual).

Please call Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) if you can't attend the SIR lunch.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Shut Ins:Chairman: Lee M. Appel (415) 221 6664

Ed Murphy, Nick Rigs George Samoulides, Henry Fields, and Jim Triggas

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Chairman: William Gipe

<i>Authorized Membership</i>	<u>250</u>
<i>Active Membership—</i>	<u>140</u>
<i>Addition:</i>	
<i>Deletions</i>	()
<u><i>Active Membership—JULY 2011</i></u>	<u>140</u>
<i>Open Active Numbers</i>	<u>110</u>
<i>Inductions Pending</i>	<u>0</u>
<i>Inactive Members (400 List)</i>	<u>19</u>
<i>Honorary Life Member(s)</i>	<u>01</u>
<i>(#406 Samuel Riskin)</i>	

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Members Present June 1, 2011

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Flor S. Mendoza

Assistant Editor

The Ladies Day Luncheon was well attended by our members and their guests. The ladies were greeted with beautiful roses and specially wrapped candies, when they came in.

As usual, the entertainment was provided by our very own Glee Club, with Jack Major and Joe Jacinto, headed by George Rodriguez, who portrayed the American Idol of Branch 4. And of course, the program is not complete without the participation of our great singers, namely Greg Pantages and Dan O'Leary, with their favorite songs. The program was followed by the raffle and Bingo games, which were the main purpose of our luncheon.

We look forward to the forthcoming Holiday Luncheon, which is already scheduled for December 7th. We hope everyone can participate!!! Hope to see you all next month.

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