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SONS IN RETIREMENT

*A Luncheon Club
promoting the*

**INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY
of RETIREMENT**

Every friend is a potential member!

M E N U: \$ 1 5 . 0 0

FEB: *Tri-Tip, Chinese Chicken
Salad, Blueberry Strudel*

MAR: *Corned Beef & Cabbage
Shrimp Louis, Peaches & Cream Cake*

APR: *Ham w/ Pineapple Sauce,
Chicken Salad, Orange Sherbet*

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: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

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:

Eugene Ostermiller, EA

Subject:

Tax Updates

*San Mateo High School Performing Arts
presents*

Guys and Dolls

*Directed by Brad Friedman,
Choreographed by Robyn Tribuzi,
Music and vocal direction by Fil Tribuzi*

February 4 (Saturday @ 2pm

(Details on page 3)

**Tickets and information at
smhsdrama.org
new venue
Bayside Performing Arts Center**



From Big Sir Robert Fox

February is upon us. That includes celebrating Valentine's day. Try doing something nice for your sweetheart she would not expect. After all, women love surprises like a man who is not totally predictable. We've had an especially dry winter so let's hope for a very wet late winter and early spring.

There is a need for one of you with some financial background to provide back-up to Paul Rosenberg as Treasurer. There is very little required other than stepping in when Paul will be absent. Let Ken Reed, little SIR know if you volunteer for that.

I'll be playing hooky for the February lunch to get my knee replaced to match my left knee. But I'll be back for the March lunch to enjoy corned beef and cabbage and of course all your smiling faces.

Watch for a survey of how you feel about our SIR organization, especially our monthly lunch. We are interested in hearing your thoughts so please take a few minutes and complete it. There will be a copy posted on our internet site and hard copies will be distributed at the lunch tables. Please leave your completed copy in a basket at the table in front of the lunch room.

Monthly quote: *My computer beat me at checkers, but I sure beat it at kickboxing. ANON*

February Wine Tasting Event

The next wine tasting event will be scheduled for February 29th. Mark Levitt from Branch 118 will be hosting the event with the theme of blends like Meritage. The event is at Bel-Mateo Bowl, 4330 Olympic, San Mateo.

So that Mark can purchase adequate amounts of wine, you need to notify him by February 21 at his email mark@hackettelec.com.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

From Little Sir Ken Reed



January gave us New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Chinese New Years. In February we'll have:

- February 2nd – Groundhog Day
- February 12th – Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14th – Valentine's Day
- February 20th – President's Day
- February 22nd – Washington's Birthday
- February 29th – Leap Year

Confusing? Holiday or not ... the days seem to meld together when I'm busy with activities ... I know every first Wednesday is my **SIR** Day, with Board Meeting & Luncheon. Bocce Ball has to wait another week because there is nothing more important to me than our SIR Luncheon.

What's important to you? ... and can we offer a more fulfilling **SIR** experience? How about joining us for Golf, Bowling, Bocce Ball, Wine and Beer tasting, Computers, Pinochle, Tennis, or signing up for one of our monthly local trips. How about a new activity like a Book Club, an Investment Club, Tai Chi, or a Walking Club?

The February Luncheon will feature a SURVEY. Tell us what you really think. It's anonymous so help us all by sharing your views.

There are handouts for travel on the back/information table as well as updated golf rules, golf schedule, info on away golf. Golf sign up sheets for Sharp Park and Poplar Creek are ready. Pick up a copy of our February Activities Calendar. If you don't find something of interest let us know

Happy Valentines Day

Remember the wife, family and friends:

"Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."

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.

BOCCÉE BALL: Harry Lieberman Charlie Leach
Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center
1st Wed 9:30 –11; Other Wed 10-12; 4th Wed. Wives are welcome

COMPUTER CLUB: Jerry Blumenthal 415 681 1208
Meeting at 11:45 every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Doelger

GLEE CLUB: George Rodriguez (To be announced)

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 415 810 3832

2012 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting in February at 0930. Check the website for the current schedules and past results: <http://branch4/sirinc.org/golf.htm>. Make sure I have your email for alerts. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:

Tuesday February 14th, 2012 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). Branch 25 has been acquired by Branch 4, so the High Commissioner will be rotated.

2012 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for
Tues 2/21, Tues 4/24, Tues 6/19
Wed 8/22, Wed 10/24, and Tues 12/18.

We have 10 tee times for 40 players starting at 1015. **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 21st, first tee-off is 1015.

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. See the website or golf table at the lunch.

Upcoming Away Trips –

3/19 Blue Rock Springs, 4/30 Mare Island.

Check the web site SIR Branch 4 Golf for updates!

ATTENTION!!!

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. Badge #411

Guys and Dolls (continued from page 1)

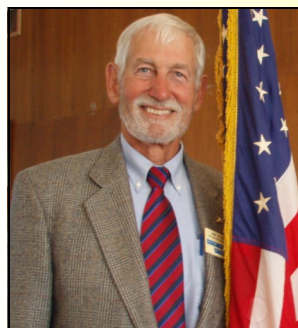
Those of us who attended the San Mateo High School Performing Arts presentation of The Wedding Singer last February agreed it was a terrific show. This year's show, **Guys and Dolls**, promises to be another great one, this year offered at the Bayside Performing Arts Center, 2025 Kehoe Ave, San Mateo. Please see the attached poster. As he did last year, Henry Chiu has agreed to buy tickets for us for the matinee performance on Saturday, February 4. Only \$10 and a great event to bring your wife or S.O. But we have to act fast. We need to get numbers to Henry by January 20. He'll buy the tickets and we'll pay him as we pick them up on February 4 at the show. To reserve, send email as soon as you can to Wayne Veatch at veatchlaw@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS-CHAIRMAN

Robert Hennig

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Peter Ashe, George Bacigalupi, Kenford Dong, David Donnelly, John Lombard, Flor Mendoza, David Nigel, John Souza, Julio Apodaca, Robert Arata Calude Blakeslee, Carl Dalessio, Ed Damonte, William Davalos, Richard Futrel, Jerry Hiller, Merton Jones, Melvin Kranke, Willie Low, Walter Prawicki, Pete Gandell



FROM YOUR TRAVEL CHAIR- **Wayne Veatch -**

I welcome all Branch 25 gentlemen to the variety of travel offerings by and through Branch 4. As your Travel Chair, I will continue to bring you details and flyers of travel offerings by the State and Area I Travel organizers (see details on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc.org>) as well as our own, Branch 4 - created local offerings. Our

tour of the Anchor Brewery in San Francisco and lunch after on January 12 was a great event. We can do this one again, if you would like us to. We have two events on for February: First, the San Mateo High School production of Guys and Dolls on February 4. Because of the short lead time, we've taken reservations by email; call me and ask me if we have room for more. On February 16 at 10:00 AM we'll visit San Francisco Railway Museum in San Francisco, hosted by Paul Rosenberg, followed by a tour of the nearby Anton Refreigier murals in the Rincon Annex Post Office, led by Bob Bowen, followed by lunch at the adjacent Rincon Center. Free, except for your lunch. Easy BART and MUNI access. Please let me know you will be joining us, veatchlaw@gmail.com 415-821-1806.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN: William Gipe

Branch 4 thanks recent annual, special and missed meeting donors:

Ernie Braun, Alex Christ (mtg), Ed Damonte, David Donnelly, Jerry Driscoll, Fred Dannecker, Elmer Eckart, George Fenech, Buddy Fields, Henry Gomez, Rudy Gutierrez, Leo Juarez, Mike Keller, Alex Koliopoulos, Warren Lee, Harry Lew, Harry Lieberman, Ford Long (mtg), Patrick Long, Steven Machado, Jack Major, Jim Mayo, Jim McCoy, Flor Mendoza, Dennis Meixner, Jim Moore, George Mourgos, Jim McCoy, Jim McTiernan, Dan O'Leary, Leonel Parra, Ernest Pead, Jim Pierce, Damaso Ramirez, Tony Ramirez, Bob Ratto, Ken Reed, Nick Rigas, Lloyd Rinde, George Rodriguez, Paul Rosenberg, Joe Sangiacomo, Herman Scholz, Wayne Veatch, and Mike Vriheas.

Please report any errors.

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*Shut Ins:Chairman: Lee M. Appel (415) 221 6664
Donald Nuti, Ford Long, George Rodriguez, Lee Appel*

Members Present Jan. 04, 2012

Branch 4 & 25 Total 150

**★ Buy your raffle tickets early for a chance to win.
★ Proceeds will be for the benefit of our Branch.**



**Branch 4 tour
of Anchor Steam Brewery**

**Good friends are like stars,
you don't see them always,
but they are there when
you need them.**



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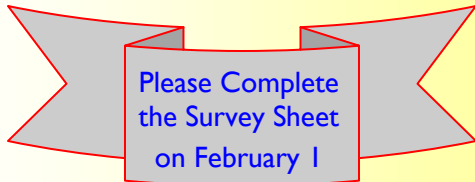
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BRANCH 4 SURVEY.

Lunch:

On a scale of 1-10 ten being highest, how do you rate our monthly lunch _____

More specifically, how do you rate the quality of the following: _____

Food _____

Speakers _____

Announcements _____

Do you recommend any addition to the agenda _____

Do you recommend deleting anything from the agenda _____

Any recommended improvements _____

Any recommended speaker during lunch _____

Other:

Any recommended improvements to the Foghorn Newsletter to make it more informative _____

Initiate new ongoing activity _____

Recommended one time outing _____

What can you do to support our branch _____

SIR HAPPENINGS is now in its eighth 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:

siring.org.

San Francisco Trivia answers by Charlie Leach:

1. Alamo Square; 2. Buena Vista; 3. Peter Martin and Lawrence Ferlinghetti; 4. Chinatown; 5. Fisherman's Wharf; 6. Civil War; 7. Mission Dolores and the Officer's Club; 8. 1915; 9. Arguello and Lake; 10. Adolph and Alma Spreckles

Lee Trevino....True story as told by him.

One day, shortly after joining the PGA tour in 1965, Lee Trevino, a professional golfer and married man, was at his home in Dallas, Texas mowing his front lawn, as he always did. A lady driving by in a big, shiny Cadillac stopped in front of his house, lowered the window and asked, "Excuse me, do you speak English?" Lee responded, "Yes M'aam, I do" The lady then asked, "What do you charge to do yard work?" **Lee said, "Well, the lady in this house lets me sleep with her".** The lady hurriedly put the car into gear and sped off.

