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SONS IN RETIREMENT

*A Luncheon Club
promoting the*

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of RETIREMENT**

Every friend is a potential member!

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

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

MAY: *Chicken Enchiladas, Fruit
Salad, Flan*

JUN: *BBQ Steak, Chefs Salad*

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

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: APRIL 4, 2012

Elks Lodge (650) 589 4030 ext. 17

Stonegate & Hillside Boulevard

So. San Francisco, CA 94080

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

Luncheon Speaker:

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Subject:

*The way to happiness is
to keep your heart free
from hate, your mind
from worry, live simply,
expect little, give much,
scatter sunshine, forget
self, think of others, do
as you would be done
by. Anonymous*



From Big Sir Robert Fox

Welcome to spring, fellow SIR's. Because the weather was so warm early March, many flowering plants and trees were tricked and bloomed. Also, now at last we get a some much needed rain. Do get out and enjoy the many park's flowers like the one in front of the Conservatory of Flowers at Golden Gate Park.

We have noted that a number of members have not attended lunches over an extended period. I contacted them and found that most of them have decided to stop coming for a variety of reasons. Therefore we are dropping them from membership so that our % of total membership attending lunch improves, one measurement we are evaluated for. We wish each of you to continue to attend lunch. If you have a temporary health or other problem or you require a ride, please let Bill Gipe know of this so we can keep you on the membership roster and arrange someone to pick you up if that's the problem.

We are looking for a few volunteers for very light duty. First, we need a back-up to our treasurer, Paul Rosenberg. Paul is almost always present but he would like a little vacation in the future. He would train you on filling out one form and handling receipts. Please see Paul if you can provide assistance. Secondly, we'd like two volunteers to serve as the nominating committee. In the June timeframe you would help select nominations from our membership for 2013 officers and two replacements for Board of Directors. This also requires minimum effort. Do step forward if you'd care to. It will be appreciated.

I wanted to provide you an early notification for our summer get-together. We've always called it Ladies Day but it is realized some of you are widowers and we want you to attend whether you go stag or bring a friend. A tentative date is June 14th (this is in addition to our monthly lunch on June 6) and will be held at the Elk's. More to follow on this fun event replete with bingo.

Lastly, bring a friend for possible membership. We have room to grow.

*Quote of the month: Spring – An experience in
immortality. Henry Thoreau*

CLUB ACTIVITIES



From Little Sir
Ken Reed

Just Ask! Senior Discount—New SIRS

Speak Up—Ask—Just Do It.

Last week I played golf with a couple of seniors I'd just met on the golf course. I asked if they had heard of SIR, and our golf program, and one said they still had an application form somewhere but didn't know what to do with it. After 9 holes at Fleming I gave him a SIR tri-fold brochure, my name, telephone number and invited him to golf at Sharp Park and lunch on April 4th. This is exactly how I recruited a few new SIR members last year. I've learned to ASK for what I want. It works. There is a lot of opportunity to make new friends, meet new neighbors, and golfers to our tournaments, and help keep SIR Branch 4 an exciting place to be.

I ran across the hopefully attached list of businesses that offer SENIOR DISCOUNT. Not sure how current it is, but there is a lot of opportunity to save if we ASK! I even got 20c off of my Noah's Bagel yesterday. But I had to ask...

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.

BOCCE 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 Senior Center, Westlake-Daly City. All those interested in computer are welcome to attend.

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: [SIR Branch 4 Golf](#) Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too. Make sure I have your email for alerts, lineups, and results.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:
Tuesday April 10th, 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). It looks like it will be **cart-path-only** for the foreseeable future.

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 April 24th, 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.

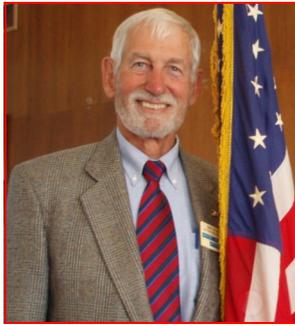
These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays this year. See the website or golf table at the lunch.

Upcoming Away Trips – 4/2 Blue Rock Springs (3/19 rained out), 4/30 Mare Island, 5/21 Foxtail – South, 6/25 Napa.

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.



From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch -

After our very interesting and fun tour of the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Gardens and Beach Chalet and Brewery on March 27, we're continuing our successful series of local outings with a tour of the SS Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty ship at Pier 45 in San Francisco on April.12. To "prime" us for the trip, our speaker at the luncheon meeting on April 4 will be a representative of this living museum. Please call me or email me to let me know you are coming (veatchlaw@gmail.com 415-821-1806). Wives and SOs are invited. Meanwhile, for those of you who do crave trips out of the area and more ambitious cruises and international travel, please check the many SIR trips offered through the Travel link on our own Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/>, Dan Miller's Branch 90 Travel page, <http://sir90.org/travel/travel.html> and the State SIR page, <http://sirinc.org/siractivities/>, click on Travel. Please let me know if you do join any of these trips, so I know what interests you and can coordinate you with the people offering the trip. Please also let me know where you want to go and what you want to do, both locally and out of the area.

March 7, 2012 Board meeting "In Action"
presided by Big Sir Robert Fox.



Anyone who has any suggestion, article, or message to publish, please send it to: **George Rodriguez, Editor (650) 992 8321**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS-CHAIRMAN

Jim Parsons

SIR Branch 4 birthdays include:

Stan Falk, Bob Fox, Albert Gardi, John Ghiglieri, Leo Juarez, Mike Keller, Warren Lee, Tony Marotto, Henry Norman, George Norris, Ken Reed, and George Staniotes.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN:

William Gipe

Branch 4 thanks members for all annual, special, absentee, and meeting contributions. In March contributions were received from Jerry Blumenthal, Art Encabo, Bob Fox (annual), Bill Gipe (pin), Gilbert Goo, Spiro Jouganatos (annual), David Krow (special/annual), Pablo Magat (2 mos.), Hayden Neal, Ken Reed (pin), and Wil Uclusin (annual).

Please notify Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) of any changes, or if you can't attend the SIR lunch.

Hi! Please note that Lee Appel is on the list, and he can't make or receive the calls. His name should probably be off of the heading for now. At the BEC meeting, did Tony Ramirez say he'd make the sunshine calls? I can't remember, so I'll check with him about it. -Bill

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Chairman, (Vacant)

Lee Appel, Jon Lucero

Members Present March 7, 2012

Branch 4 has 218 active members and 24 inactive members. 142 active members and 1 inactive member attended for 65% attendance at the March meeting. There were 2 guests.

Remember to bring a friend to lunch.



Buy your raffle tickets early for a chance to win.

Proceeds will be for the benefit of our Branch.

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**REWARDS FOR BRANCH 4**

When you make a purchase at OFFICE DEPOT, Give them the Rewards #1738924784 and Branch 4 will get the credit. This is a win win situation! This will help defray expenses. Thanks!

It was inevitable that Team #4 with Sir John Ghiglieri, aided and abetted by Sir Arturo Encabo and Sir Leo Juarez, would eventually flex their biceps and take over first place in the standings. With only six more weeks to go in this winter season, Team #8 with Richard Chin, Pat and Sir Joe Callas are 3 points behind and Team #14 with Sir Ernie Gochez, Eddie and Julie Lozano five points behind. The rest of field are struggling to catch up.

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: sir.org.

Season high among men: Sir John Ghiglieri has high scratch game (258) and high scratch series (646). Mel Jackson has high handicap game (277). On the distaff side: Pat Callas rules the roost with high scratch game (212) and high scratch series (580). Other ladies worthy of mention are Julie Lozano, Mary Lopez, Berta Gonzales, Marie Burkhardt, Celia Castillo, and Jeanne Walsh.

The picture below was taken during the general membership meeting on March 7, 2012. On the foreground is Sir Greg Pantages who leads the group in the singing of "God Bless America" ↓

