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God Bless America

MENU

April: House Salad with Thousand Island Dressing, Roast Beef in Au Jus, Apple Pie, Chicken Sandwich with Potato Salad.

May: House Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Chicken Fiesta, Chocolate Cheese Cake, Fruit Salad. Badge # 157

(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Ken Reed



Spring has sprung, and hardly any winter this year. Our Hobby Day Luncheon last month was successful, fun and educational. Members displayed a variety of collectibles and hobby items like airplanes, hand made knives, political buttons, license plates, shirts, and more. We have already had requests to do it again, as we ran out of table space, due to the unpredictable popularity of this meeting theme. Also happy to report we had 35 members fill out our survey form, and will report the results next month. Speaking of next month, our April 3rd Luncheon will be Crazy Hat Day. Wear a funky, crazy, wild & wonderful hat and you will be entered in the contest for prizes, including a special crazy hat to add to your collection. May 1st will be Book Swap Day at our Luncheon. Bring a book and take a book read or unread, a chance to see what your buddies are reading and enjoying. (continued)

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*

This Month's Speaker is Sarah Routin – Diamond Certified Directory

Bert Dormann has been taking photos of our activities and often makes the photos available to members...his gift to us, so please say thank you the next time he asks you to pose and smile for him.

You may or may not have this Fog Horn in hand before the March 29th Walk 4 Health at San Pedro Valley Park. Please join us and be ready for more fun walks this spring and summer. Our Spring Fling (used to be Lady's Day Luncheon) might be a Summer Fling with wives, guests, etc. invited for good food, camaraderie and Bingo. Stay tuned in for more info.

Nan Su & Eric Huang (Speakers) Reclaiming and Reviving the Culture of China



Fog Horn Issue April 2013

Next meeting April 3rd
Following meeting, May 1st
Editor George Rodriguez
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State President: Richard Dettmer
Region 5 Director, George Kranen



Little SIR Paul Rosenberg

Sometimes the only time we get to enjoy our local attractions is when visitors come to visit and want to see the sights. Our area offers the best in views, museums, sports teams, neighborhoods, and sightseeing. Just think, when was the last time you rode a cable car, visited one of our fine museums, attended a sporting event, or just took advantage to a walk through a special part of town. Many museums offer special visits or free days. Over the next months, we will be taking advantage of the best that our area offers. We are planning a walk through Chinatown, a visit to the Legion of Honor, a tour of the new \$89 million library on the San Francisco State campus, and other tours. Please check the Fog Horn for information. If you have any ideas for this kind of tour, please share your ideas with either Wayne Veatch or myself.

We had a special St. Patrick's day celebration with a good number of our members marching, especially with the Native Sons of the Golden West, and our Antique Car Chair drove his MG, top down, with Jimmy's Old Car Picnic unit. The weather was great and all who participated were glad to be there.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243

Ken Reed 415 810-3832

A one-page summary of the **local SIR golf rules** has been published and is now available. Pick up a copy on the golf table or check the web site: <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.htm>

2013 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. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too. Make sure I have your email for alerts, lineups, and results.

The **March 12th Sharp Park tournament** had 41 players, with some fine rain-free conditions. The results have been updated on the web site and copies will be available on the golf table.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday April 9th, 2013 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 \$45 for green fees, cart, and breakfast (at 0830), and prizes (\$4 each). Carts are allowed on most par 4's and 5's, depending on the ground conditions.

2013 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for **Wed 2/20, Tues 4/16, Wed 6/26, Wed 8/28, Wed 10/23, Wed 11/20, and Mon 12/16.** We have 10 tee times for 40 players starting at 10:15.

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 16th, 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 starting in March. See the website or the golf table at the lunch.

On **Monday April 22nd,** Rooster Run Golf Club, 2301 E Washington St, Petaluma 94954, 707-778-1211, 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 – May 20th - Foxtail-South, June 24th – Napa Golf Club, July 29th Foxtail - North. Check the web site for updates!



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.

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.

SIR Happenings is now in its ninth 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.

Pull Tabs

Save your tab tops from aluminum cans and give them to Joe Sangiacomo or Walt Prawicki. They are for Ronald McDonald House, a worthy cause.

Giants Baseball (SIR's Day)

AT&T Park – August 8th – 12:45 PM

Section 131 – lower boxes – 60 seats

Giants vs Brewers

Forms will be available at the next meeting. Seats are \$42.00 each. Hank Gomez will be handling the arrangements. The Hank Gomez Quartet will be singing the National Anthem before the game. Be there by noon for pre-game activities. Tickets will be sold on a first – come basis. This will be a fun day , so save the date to see the World Champion San Francisco Giants! Don't forget to wear the Orange and Black!

April Fools Day Origins

The derivation of April Fools Day is vague. In several pre-Christian traditions **May Day** (May 1) was commemorated as the initial day of summer, and signaled the beginning of the spring planting term. In the 18th century the celebration was posited as going back to the times of **Noah**. And an English daily article published on 13th of April, 1789 stated that the day had its sources. A possible suggestion to the April Fools Day can be seen in **Canterbury Tales** (ca 1400) in Nun's Priest's Tale, a story of 2 fools: fox and the Chanticleer, which took place on March 32nd. The tradition ultimately spread to Scotland and England in the 18th century. Later it was introduced to American outposts.

Watch Out!

Birthday Greetings

Chairman: Jim Parsons

April 2013 Birthday Celebrants

Branch 4 Happy Birthday wishes to: STAN FALK, ROBERT FOX, ALBERT GARDI, JOHN GHIGLIERI, LEO JUAREZ, MIKE KELLER, ROGER KELLY, WARREN LEE, GEORGE NORRIS, KEN REED, GEORGE STANIOTES.

Absentee Special Donor List for March

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks Feb. annual donors and thanks all donors in March 2013. Meeting & special donations were received from Paul DeNatale and Al DelClaux. Annual contributions were received from Frank Diokno, Bob Fox, George Kallas, Ray Langlois, Jack Lewkowitz, Leonel Parra, and Joe Sangiacomo.

Membership and attendance

March 2013 SIR Branch 4 Membership & Attendance Report

March 3, 2013 Attendance

- 127 active
- 1 inactive
- 3 inductees
- 2 guest speakers

Branch 4 has 197 active members and 36 inactive members.

In March Branch 4 welcomed new members: Sandor Halasz, Frank Moriconi, and Paul Nocero.

Branch 4 regrets the passing of Senior SIR and true gentleman, David Krow.

Branch 4 asks for any data changes for 2013 roster. Please call Bill Gipe at 650-878-5746 if your roster listing should be edited.

Look for your Badge Number. If you see it, call Paul Rosenberg, Ken Reed, or George Rodriguez. You will get 5 free raffle tickets.

In Memoriam

David Krow

Pinocle - George Samoulides 415 564 5384

Games are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. All Sirs are invited to join in the fun. We start at 1:30 PM. Call George for further information.

Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

Sunshine Committee

Shut - ins Chairman : Vacant

Branch 4 March Sunshine Report includes:

Rich MacDougal, Tom Sylvester

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 computers are welcome to attend.

Next meeting – March 20

Bowling – Bob Fox 415 753 2630

Over The Hill Gang - No article this month.

Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman - Charlie Leach

Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center

1st Wednesday, 9:30-11:00

Other Wednesdays, 10-12:00 (wives welcome)

Senior Tennis - Harry Lew 415 333 2984

We meet Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon At Glen Park in San Francisco.

Travel Column

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

We continue in 2013 to offer our own mostly-monthly local walks, tours and outings and to promote tours and trips hosted by other Area 1 Branches and your State Travel Chair. The latest Walk 4 Health was to San Pedro Valley Park on March 29. (If you are reading this before March 29, call Ken Reed on 415-810-3832 to join.)

We had to cancel our March tour through Chinatown, not having a leader. We have a few ideas for an April tour and will announce our plans at the April meeting.

Meanwhile, check out other travel offerings by clicking on “Area 1 Travel and Activities” on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> Click on Sir State Travel Opportunities then “Click to see..” on that page for the latest listing from the Happenings Travel page. Click on “Area 1 Travel Events” for the latest “Yellow Sheet” listing. Also check out Dan Miller’s colorful Branch 90 Travel page at <http://sir90.org/travel/travel.html>. If you do sign up for any of these trips or outings, please send me an email to veatchlaw@gmail.com or call me at 415-297-1807 and let me know. And please share this column with your wife, as she may be interested and encourage you to accompany her!

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Panama Trivia

1. What is an Isthmus?
2. How long was the sea voyage before the canal?
3. How long is the Panama Canal?
4. If you go through the canal from Atlantic to Pacific, which direction are you sailing?
5. Who was William C. Gorgas?

Rocky Mountain Trivia (true or false)

1. The Rockies form the Continental Divide.
2. Pikes Peak is the tallest peak in the American Rockies.
4. Utah's highest peak is Kings Peak.
4. Most peaks in the Rockies were formed by volcanic activity.
5. The famed route, the Oregon Trail, detoured around the Rockies.
6. The Eisenhower Memorial Tunnel is the world's highest motor traffic tunnel.

Answers in next month's Fog Horn

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