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God Bless America

MENU

September: House Salad with Italian Dressing, BBQ Steak, Strawberry Ice Cream, Fruit Salad
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)
October: Caesar Salad, Meat Lasagna & Garlic Bread, Chocolate Éclair, Chicken Salad Sandwich with fries.

Big SIR Ken Reed



Hello Branch 4:

It's nomination and election time for SIR 4 elected and appointed Officers and Directors. At the September lunch we will take floor nominations from members in attendance and combine with the following already submitted nominations: Big Sir: Paul Rosenberg; Little SIR Bud Sandkulla; Treasurer (open); Assistant Treasurer: George Fenech; Secretary: Stu Ruth; Assistant Secretary: Jack Major.
The Eugene Roberts Luncheon will soon happen. Thank you Gene for all your years of service, and caring. Your generosity is appreciated.
The Oakland Museum visit will be. September 27th, and the Walk 4 Health rescheduled for September 13th.
The foggy season is in full swing. Soon perfect golfing weather without heading for Arizona or Palm Springs.

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***

Send us your favorite golf joke. If publishable we'll do so and you could win a prize... and, by the way, dress like a golfing pro and join us at Golden Gate Park Golf Course, after the meeting, September 4th for a little par 3 three golf.

CLUTTER AUCTION: One person's junk is another's treasure. Bid & Buy a treasure (clutter) someone else brought in = Clean your garage, house or car of a gently used item. This could be a donation to the fund as voluntary contributions greatly appreciated. Set your opening bid low enough and some passionate member could walk away with your treasure/clutter. Sound like FUN? We'll trial it and see what happens.

Happy Birthday United States Air Force



**Fog Horn Issue
September 2013
Next meeting September 4th
Following meeting, October 2nd
Editor George Rodriguez
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State President: Richard Dettmer
Region 5 Director, George Kranen**



Little SIR Paul Rosenberg

For those of us who grew up in California, we remember September 9 as Admission Day. It was a holiday for schools, state and local government, state chartered banks, and others. There were times when we would start school after Labor Day and then a couple of days later we would have our first holiday. Slow starts were good

In some ways, the California constitution that was approved by the federal legislature and President Fillmore was forward looking in content. California became the first state to provide for the separate property of married women allowing them to retain any property owned before the marriage or any gifts afterward. [This had been part of Mexican law and there had been pressure to maintain it.] Henry Halleck argued to the legislature, made up mostly of unmarried men, that this law could attract wealthy women to California! Nevertheless, the original constitution was a product of its times and did not allow African Americans, Asian Americans, or Native Americans to vote [and no women could vote in California until 1911] or could these groups testify against a white man in the courts. This terrible discrimination was rectified by the current constitution of 1879.

At best, California when admitted on September 9, 1850, was a product of its time. A bit more forward looking than other states, it was not a bastion of progressive thinking. Yet, California mostly over it's soon to be 164 years continues to better itself. Our SIRs are all Californians and California is better for having organizations like our own. So, on Monday, September 9, take a moment to think of California even though many robbed us of the holiday for such considerations as making the day after Thanksgiving a holiday as a trade.

**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 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 **August 13th Sharp Park tournament** results are not available at press time. The results will be updated on the web site and copies will be available on the golf table.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday September 10th, 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. There's **breakfast that starts at 0815**, so you want to get there early. At least, **check in one hour before your tee time**. The lineup will be sent out by email a few days before. Sharp Park fees are \$45 for green fees, cart, and breakfast, 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 1015. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday October 23rd, 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 September 30th, Blue Rock Springs**, 655 Columbus Parkway, Vallejo CA 94591, 707-643-8476, 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 –October 28th – Metropolitan, November 25th – Crystal Springs. 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.

SIR Happenings is now in its tenth 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.

George & Bud finally won a Bocce Match!



Wow!

SIR's Branch 4 Golf Tournament Group Gross Score Record by: Wil U. Uclusin, US Certified Golf Teaching Pro Lic. # 5094 NCGA # 4638990 and AGA # 12483526 Member.

An unprecedented SIRS Branch 4 Sharp Park Golf tournament was established Tuesday on Aug. 13, 2013 by Group #9.

Mike Abeyta, the youngest SIR Branch 4 member @ age 54 shot 77.

Rizal Manalo, the newest SIR Branch 4 member @ age 74 shot 82. Ethan Manalo, the youngest SIR Branch 4 would -be prospect member @ age 12 shot 72.

Willie Uclusin, Sir Branch 4 member since 2004 @ age 69.70 shot 80.

Group 9 combined gross score recorded total was 311 or average of 77.70.

What a heck of a Golf tournament Group and Individual Low gross score guys!!!!

Birthday Greetings

Chairman: Jim Parsons

September 2013 Birthday Celebrants

Branch 4 Happy Birthday wishes to:

BRUNO ANDREATTA, BILL ANGELOPOULOS, CAPPY CAMPUSANO, PETE CARILLO, STU ETZLER, GEORGE FENECH, BILL GIPE, GILBERT GOO, SPIRO JOUGANATOS, RICHARD KIM, ALEX KOLLOPOULOS, HARRY LEW, MEL LIPSCOMB, KRISTIAN NERGAARD, BUD SANDKULLA, LEW SARTOR, TED TUKLOFF, GLENN WHITESIDE, BOB GOLTON.

Absentee Special Donor List for August

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks all 2013 annual, absentee, and special donors. August donors include Don Price and Bob Richter for special donations received in August. Branch 4 also thanks Jerry Blumenthal, Charles Leach, and Jim Mayo for their missed meeting contributions. Badge# 241

Membership and attendance

August 7, 2013 meeting attendance was 120 active and 1 inactive. Current membership totals are 201 active and 34 inactive.

Roster changes: Branch 4 regrets the passing of Earl Anecston. In August John Andrews resigned, and Andrew Banis moved to inactive list. Branch 4 welcomed and inducted three new members: #84 Ray Manalo, #52 Rico Nappa, and #87 George Suter.

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.

In Memoriam

Earl Anecston

Look for your Badge Number. If you see it, call Paul Rosenberg, Ken Reed, or George Rodriguez. You will get 5 free raffle tickets. Pick up your tickets at the Board meeting before 11:AM.

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.

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.

Pinocle - George Samoulides 415 564 5384

Games are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. All SIR's 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 June Sunshine Report includes:

. Branch 4 wishes Harry Lieberman a speedy recovery

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 – September 18th.

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 Glen Park is closed. Call Harry for info. The Glen Park courts will probably remain closed for the rest of the year, so Harry Lew's tennis group will continue to play at the Balboa Park courts until the Glen Park renovation has been completed.

Travel Column

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

I hope you continue to check out the travel offerings by Area 1 Travel and the State on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/>. If you do sign up for any of these trips, please send me an email or call me and let me know you have done so. And, for those of you in Branch 4 who are not taking advantage of these multi-day trips - that's most of you - we continue to come up with very interesting and fun local, half-day trips almost every month. As we announced at the last meeting, our outing to the Oakland Museum scheduled for August 16 will now take place on September 27. We will have details at the September meeting. Our other trip for September is a repeat of one we did last year - by popular demand - a tour and tasting at the Anchor Steam brewery in San Francisco. We start the tour at 10 AM on Tuesday, September 17. We've filled this trip to our limit of 10 participants - if you didn't sign up, no beer for you.

We're open to your suggestions for further local travel outings. One suggestion is a tour of the 49ers facilities at Candlestick. We'll discuss this one at the September meeting. Please email me or call me with any other suggestions: veatchlaw@gmail.com, 415-297-1807.

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Klutter Klean Auction ! September 4th

If you have an item that you no longer need or use and it is gathering dust, bring it to the meeting in September. The item will be entered in an auction at the meeting and the funds will go to the general fund for the good of the membership. It's good for Branch 4 and it's good for you. And you are clutter cleaning! There will be a sign up sheet and items will be auctioned on a first come basis, place your items on the table for viewing. If an item is not sold, you take it back home. This is a **cash only** auction. The auction will be conducted by our own professional auctioneer, Big SIR Ken Reed. What have you? Surprise us!



Already submitted: 5 gallons of used golf balls, and a Greg Norman “antique” putter! = Lessons not included.

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