

# FOGHORN *Branch 4* Monthly Newsletter

## 2013 Officers

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Issue Month:  
*November 2013*  
George Rodriguez, Editor  
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and have a chance  
to win cash  
prizes!!

## LUNCHEON MENU:



NOV. Turkey with Stuffing and Masked Potatoes.  
House Salad with Ranch. Pumpkin Pie, BLTA sandwich with Fries. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Note: Salad must be ordered one month in advance.

**SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
*A Luncheon Club promoting the Independence and Dignity of Retirement.*  
Every friend is a potential member.

Meeting Date: November 6, 2013  
Elks Lodge (650) 589 4030 ext. 17  
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.  
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

**10:00AM Board Meeting**  
**11:00AM Social—12:00 Lunch**

Luncheon Speaker: To Be Announced

Topic: Solar Power

**Happy Birthday**  
November      December



## Ken Reed, Big Sir

Indian Summer is almost over and my year as Big SIR is winding down. I wish to thank all the members, especially Officers, Directors, Appointed Officers, and Activity & Committee Chairmen. I've tried to think and organize & implement outside of the box and bring a little passion and energy to our group.

Our volunteers kept the group activities running well, while I tried a few different actions. Hope you all had fun with some new meeting happenings.

This will be the last Fog Horn & meeting for 2013 as December 4th is our Holiday Luncheon organized by our incoming Big Sir, Paul Rosenberg. Entertainment and menu attached and also sent to those with email addresses. We don't do many activities with our significant others, so the Holiday Luncheon is a chance to bring wife or guest, but still fun if you come as a single. Lastly... after a year with some unusual meetings like Hobby Day, Book Swap, Klean Klutter Auction, Crazy Shirt Day, and Wild Hat day; do you think we should continue these themes? Thanks again for a fun year. Now I'll be part of the BEC for another year and supporting the new Officers and Chairmen. Happy Thanksgiving and Holidays. See you at the party on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The following 2014 Officers, and Directors will be installed on December 4, 2013.

### OFFICERS

Big Sir Paul Rosenberg  
Little Sir Bud Sandkulla  
Treasurer Bob Golton  
Asst. Treasurer George Fenech  
Secretary Stu Ruth  
Asst. Secretary Jack Major

### DIRECTORS:

Jim Smith  
Bill Davalos  
Wayne Veatch  
Flor Mendoza  
Bob Fox  
Harry Lieberman  
Bill Gipe  
George Rodriguez



The names listed below are not in the same order as the recipients shown in the picture. They are: Bruno Andreatta, Paul DeNatale, John Lombard, Grant Teakie, Jack Negrin, and Juan Garcia. On the scooter is Meyer Segal.  
"Congratulations for a great milestone achievement in life!"



Paul Rosenberg, Little Sir

This is my final column as Little SIR as I shall become Big SIR by publication of the next Fog Horn. This has been a learning year for me. I have learned much from our current Big SIR Ken Reed. He has been a model for me through his collaboration with the board and with his communica-

tions with the membership and his leadership of the Walk for Health group. He will be a tough act to follow, but he will still be active and available for support. My transition to Big SIR was supposed to begin in mid October with training at the Veterans Building in Vallejo. Being a supporter of public transportation, I decided to test our region's transit. I started at the Metropolitan Transit Authority's website 511.org. This website has a trip planner feature that gives alternatives on how to go from one location to another. So, I entered my home address and "Vallejo Veterans Building" as the destination. I chose the alternative that made the most sense for my trip and left my home at seven in the morning. I took Muni to BART and then in Richmond took a Solano Transit express to the Vallejo transit center where I transferred to a local bus. After a ten minute walk, I arrived at the location given by the website. It was the heart of a residential area with no public buildings. I know Vallejo a bit but I don't know the transit system. So, I started walking. I know Vallejo's Victory Store, like our Kaplan's Army Surplus Store but twice as large. The walk took about an hour. I asked where the Veterans Building was and got directed to Mare Island with the good news that a shuttle would get me there by one in the afternoon. So, I gave up and walked to the Vallejo to San Francisco ferry. A disaster of a day suddenly bloomed as a pleasant day on the bay. Nothing like a good cruise to soothe the spirit. My mistake was entering the name of the building instead of the address. Fortunately, Ken let me in on what I missed and I hope this will not be a setback.

**Our organization is putting together a festive Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 4, at our regular place at the Elks Club. I'm hoping for a good celebration with cordial folks. There will be singing, dining, and a gift exchange. Join in for a good time.**

*Editorial Column: George Rodriguez*

*Hello Branch 4:*

*Another great year 2013 ending, the Holidays are upon us. I wish to thank all those who helped me through the year. A special thanks to the activity chairmen and volunteers that make it all work. This will be the last article of the year, no December Issue. Our annual Christmas/Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for the first Wednesday in December. There will be prizes, entertainment, social hour and lunch. Bring your spouse, significant other, friend, or come alone and rub elbows with your buddies. Look for the flyer at the meeting or on line. Please plan to attend. It will be fun! I commend Ken Reed for his service and for the activities he has promoted. At this time, I wish all of you a **Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year!***

## The Golfer

Tournament Schedules  
Branch 4

For Reservation  
Please Call:

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.html>.

**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 Monday **October 8<sup>th</sup> 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 November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

The Wednesday **October 23<sup>rd</sup> Poplar Creek 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 Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 November 25<sup>th</sup>**, Crystal Springs Golf Course, 6650 Golf Course Drive, Burlingame 650-342-0603 ext 2, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Drive rate \$60, no bus.

**Upcoming Away Trips** – 2013 trips finish in November. Check the web site [SIR Branch 4 Golf](http://SIR Branch 4 Golf) for updates!

**NCGA dues for 2014 are \$46, and can be paid to Jim Smith now through December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**No golf luncheon for November, but there will be sometime in March 2014.**

**Bocce Ball**—*Harry Lieberman—Charlie Leach*  
*Meets on Wednesday s at Doelger Senior Center*  
*1st Wednesday 9:30—11:00*  
*Other Wednesdays 10:00—12:00 (Wives Welcome)*

**Computer Club**—*Jerry Blumenthal (415) 728 5573*  
*Meeting at 11:45 every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the*  
*Doelger Senior Cener, Westlake, Daly City. All those inter-*  
*ested in computers are welcome to attend.*

**Pinochle**—*George Samoulides (415) 564 5384* Games  
*are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. All SIRs*  
*are invited to join in the fun. We start at 1:30pm. Call*  
*George for further information. Hope to see you there for*  
*some fellowship and fun.*

**Senior Tennis**—*Harry Lew (415) 333 2984*  
*We meet Mondays and Thursdays from 10AM-12 Noon.*  
*Glen Park is closed. Call Harry for information.*



**Birthd**ay** Greet**ings****

*Chairman: Jim Parson*

Tony Agustin, Hank Albert, Bernard  
 Campbell, Fred Dannecker, Arturo Encabo,  
 Bob Hendricks, Irving Jarkovsky, John Lewkowitz,  
 Rober Liu, Russ Lindquist, Bud Loughran, Jim Moore,  
 Joseph Oliver, Joe Pierce, Sakee Poulakidas, Henry  
 Ratti, Meyer Segal, George Sutter Grant Teakie.

*(Any of the above members present at our November luncheon  
 meeting are entitled to a raffle ticket for a free lunch  
 at a subsequent meeting!)*

**Absentee Special Donor List**

*Chairman: Bill Gipe*

Russ Lindquist, Mel Lipscomb  
 Pete Roosakos and Mike Vriheas



**Membership & Attendance**

*Chairman: Bill Gipe*

<i>Meeting attendance</i>		<i>109 Members</i>
<i>October Count:</i>	<i>Active</i>	<i>198</i>
	<i>Inactive</i>	<i>34</i>
	<i>Guests</i>	<i>2</i>

Branch 4 asks for any data changes for 2014 roster.  
 Please call Bill Gipe at 650 878 5746 for any  
 changes for updates.

Read the Foghorn and look for your Badge #.  
 If you see it, call Paul Rosenberg, Ken Reed, or  
 George Rodriguez. You will get 5 free raffle tickets.

SIR Happenings is now in its ninth year of publishing, and 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](http://sirinc.org).

Rewards for Branch 4

When you make a purchase at Office Depot, give them the Rewards No.1738924784 and Branch 4 well get the credit. A win-win situation! This will help defray our monthly expenses.



**Pull Tabs:** Save your tab tops from aluminum cans and give them to Joe Sangiacomo or Walt Prawicki. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Walt Prawicki thanks all those who have supported this worthy case. As of today they have collected over 3 million tabs.  
 Badge #039

**Sunshine Committee**

*Shut-Ins Chairman: (Vacant)*

Jere Driscoll in the hospital



**From your Travel Chair  
 Wayne Veatch -**

We have had a great year with our interesting and fun day trips, hoping that more of you might join us. Our trip for October was a very fun and interesting walk and picnic on Angel Island on October 18. The continuing San Francisco “indigenous summer” weather was pleasant and those who visited the old Immigration Station experienced history. Angel Island was our last tour for the year. We're letting you plan your own family outings for Thanksgiving and the December holiday. Your Travel Chair will be traveling all of November in India and will miss the November meeting. We will be back planning outings for the New Year - watch this column in December.

I hope you continue to check out the travel offerings by Area 1 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: [veatchlaw@gmail.com](mailto:veatchlaw@gmail.com), 415-297-1807.



**In Memoriam**

Gregory John Pantages, Sr. is well known in Branch 4 for singing the ***God Bless America*** song in our monthly membership meeting.

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*San Francisco Branch 4*



### The Car Keys *(Humorous Chuckle for the Day)*

Several days ago as I left a meeting at a hotel; I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all. “Honey,” I stammered; I always call him “honey” in times like these. “I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen.

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard voice. He barked, “I dropped you off!” Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said. “Well, come and get me.” He retorted, “I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car.”

YEP, it's the **Golden Years.**

### October Birthday Celebrants



*Wishing you all “Happy Thanksgiving!”  
from your Assistant Editor  
Flor S. Mendoza*



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