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Branch 4
Monthly Newsletter



God Bless America



Issue Month:
January 2015

George Rodriguez, Editor
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LUNCHEON MENU:

Jan: Pork Chop with
apple sauce, Salad, Honey
Balsamic Vinegar, Brownie A La
Mode, Fish & Chips with coleslaw

Feb: Meat Loaf, House Salad with
Italian Dressing, Tapioca Pudding,
Fruit Salad with Cottage Cheese

Mar: Corned Beef & Cabbage, House
Salad with ranch dressing, Shrimp
Louis Salad, Chocolate Ice
Cream

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: January 7, 2015

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

Speaker: Gail Turner Bauer
The Pink Baroness

Topic: Built Two Airplanes



**Outgoing Big Sir Paul
Rosenberg turns over the
pin to the incoming Big
Sir Bud Sandkulla at the
Holiday (Christmas)
Luncheon on Dec 3, 2014
at Dominic's, Oyster
Point, So. San Francisco.**

Bud Sandkulla, Big Sir

Happy New Year!!!



Here's hoping yours is full of many happy
days.

Since my last article, we've seen Halloween, Thanksgiv-
ing, Holiday Luncheon, Christmas and now New Years.
Time passes too quickly.

The Holiday Luncheon was my main concern starting
back in February 2014. Now that it is over, I would like
to thank all those that were able to brave the storm (97)
and make it a successful, fun event. Also thanks to all
the elves that volunteered to help out with the many de-
tails that go with putting on an event like this.

As your 2015 Big Sir, I am going to introduce a new tool
for helping us all gain new members. The tool is a busi-
ness card and has information on both sides explaining
who we are (SIRS) and what we do. You will be handed
two cards when you get your badges; one for you and one
for your wife or close friend to invite potential members
to our monthly lunch. This card is our way of introduc-
ing potential members to SIR and help build our mem-
bership to "Plus One". That is, if we start the year with

members, we should end the year with 201. A copy of
this card is at the end of this message. Last year we
lost approximately 3% of our members. I'm hoping I
can count on all of you to help recoup the loss; more
explanation to follow at the meeting.

The latest issue of SIR Happenings is now available
at sirinc.org.

You might give serious thought to paying your 2015
voluntary contribution (\$22) at the January meeting.
This is the money we use to pay for printing and mail-
ing the Foghorn, free lunch tickets, bartenders, GERI-
TOL, badges, awards, birthday cards, stamps, rosters,
SIR business cards, hats, pins and State assessment.
Your \$22 is really being stretched.

With deep regrets I have to inform you that one of our
very special SIR members passed away November 29,
2004. He was our Birthday Boy, Jim Parsons. We
certainly will miss him, a GREAT GUY!!

We will be doing the raffle drawing early, between
salad & entrée, so buy your tickets often and early
BEFORE NOON so we don't add to the length of the
meeting because of late ticket sales. WE NEED
YOUR COOPERATION ON THIS!!

HERE'S TO YOU!!!
HAPPY DAYS AND MANY MORE OF THEM!!!



From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch -

Happy New Year! Have you included travel and adventure in your plans for the new year? Whether its a cruise, a vacation in Europe, a trip to Tahoe or one or several of our SIR local trips, I hope you are planning to get "out and about". We're still planning our mostly-monthly local tours. On Friday, December 19 we drove (carpooling) to Moffett Field and toured the NASA Ames and Moffett Historical museums. We topped it off with lunch at the Tied House brewery in Mountain View.

We often put these trips together minutes before the luncheon meeting each month, so listen to our announcement in the meeting and watch for the email blast with details. Our tentative plans for future tours include the Hiller Aircraft Museum in San Carlos and the Stanford Linear Accelerator. We are open to your suggestions.

I continue to encourage you to take advantage of travel offerings listed in SIR Happenings and offered by other Branches in Area 1. Check the [Area 1 Travel and Activities](http://branch4.sirinc2.org/) link on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> for details. (Thanks to Jack Major for keeping this website and these links up to date.) If you do sign up for any of these tours, please send me an email or call me and let me know how it went: veatchlaw@gmail.com, 415-297-1807.



Editor's Note: George Rodriguez

Hello fellow SIR's: Wishing all of you a **Happy New Year!** Time to make your resolutions and do them. We all need good food and exercise, also to give ourselves a goal. Keep a positive attitude in all of our endeavors. Bring a friend to the meeting, and also volunteering for the SIR's is a good start. There are many positions and they will help you to meet more members of the group. The SIR's need you! See you at the meeting!

*Begin the day with friendliness
and only friends you'll find
Yes, greet the dawn with happiness
keep happy thoughts in mind
Salute the day with peaceful thoughts
and peace will fill your heart.
Begin the day with joyful soul
and joy will be your part.*

Frank B. Whitney

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>.

2015 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 Tuesday December 9th **Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday January 13th, 2015 - 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 \$46 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. **Heavy rains may cause cart path only play.**

2015 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tues 2/17, Wed 4/29, Tues 6/30, Tues 8/18, Tues 10/20, Wed 11/18, and Tues 12/15. 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 November 19th **Poplar Creek tournament** was cancelled due to aeration and course rearrangements, and the December 16th was cancelled due to rain.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday February 17st 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 \$14 per player double, \$19 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. No bus trips this year, so arrange car pools if possible.

Upcoming Away Trips – to be scheduled. Check the web site for updates!



Little Sir, Hank Gomez
No Message

Holiday (Christmas) Luncheon, Dec 3, 2014



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



DECEMBER 2014

MIKE ANDA, PETER ANGELONIDES, BOB BOSCH, ERNIE BRAUN, PAUL DENATALE, FRANK DIOKNO, BIG AL ERTASSI, TOM HEAFEY, BOB HENNIG, JAMES LOWELL, LARRY KILCULLEN, BILL KNEEBONE, HARRY LIEBERMAN, RAY MANALO, IKE MEJIA, FRANK MORICONI, DAVE PEREZ, DAM RAMIREZ, CHRIS RAMOS, GEORGE SAMOULIDES, JAMES SAWYER, HOWARD STILLMAN, MIKE VALENZANO, OLDEN WILLIAMS.

JANUARY 2015

HANK BROOK, TONY CHAVEZ, BERT DORMANN, FELIX EVANGELISTA, LARRY FARRELL, AL FERREY, TOM GIBBONS, RAMON JIMENEZ, WALT KAY, PETE KLEIN, PABLO MAGAT, DON PRICE, MARIO REYES, LLOYD RINDE, SILVIO SCOCCA, DAVID SOLOMON, RICH SOWARD, MARIO STATHOPOULOS, RAY STEWARD, WILLIE INCLUSIN, MIKE VRIHEAS, BRIAN WEISS.

Membership and Attendance
Chairman: Bill Gipe



Branch 4 welcomes Rich Fraher #98, sponsored by Stu Ruth. He is a golfer and a retired painter, salesman, and project coordinator.

Branch 4 is sad to note the passing of :

Jim Parsons, Birthday Chairman
Lee Appel, Lifetime Member

Bocce Ball—Harry Lieberman—Charlie Leach
Meets on Wednesdays 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 Center, Westlake, Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend. *Badge #236*

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.

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 cause.

Senior Tennis—Harry Lew (415) 333 2984
We play at Balboa Park on Mondays and Thursdays, from 10 AM-12 Noon; and at Glen Park on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 12 Noon.
Call Harry for information.

SIR Happenings: The latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition.
Don MacGregor, Editor, SIR Happenings.

Walk 4 Health—Ken Reed 415 810 3832

Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45AM. The walks are scenic, fun and full of camaraderie. An email sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.

DOMINO GROUP, Chairman Frank Moriconi

Join us after lunch meeting at the Game Room, Elks Lodge, and play an hour and a half.. Call 415 931 7127

Membership
Statistics: Active

Membership Dec 2014	186
Add 1 New Members	0
From Inactive to Active	1
Resignation/Moved	0
To: Inactive	0
Deceased	1
Total for Jan 2015	186
Total (Inactive) Revised	39

In Memoriam



Jim Parsons
Lee Appel

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San Francisco Branch 4



The annual Holiday (Christmas) Luncheon was a success. Over 100 members and guests attended. Entertainment was highlighted by the Hawaiian Choral Group with beautiful songs and dances. On extreme right are Jack Major, Mrs. Wayne Veatch, and George Rodriguez played also various Christmas Carols.



Incoming Officers for 2015 were inducted by Sir Wayne Veatch (center) during the Holiday (Christmas) Luncheon on December 3, 2014. Let's all extend our support for another great year 2015.

Sons in Retirement - Branch 4

We are retired men who enjoy our leisure time with friends & activities. We meet for lunch at the So. San Francisco ELKS Lodge on the 1st Wednesday and would be pleased to have you join us.

My Name: _____

My Phone Number: _____

What do we do? We have a monthly meeting with a speaker. We have 18 hole Golf, Ladies Day Events, Pinochle, Dominoes, Local Tours, Computers & Technology, Tennis, Book Exchange, Bocce Ball, Walking' Wine Tasting, Bowling, Classic Cars and more! What don't we do? We have No Fund Raising, Political nor Religious Agendas. No Surprises!
Visit us at www.branch4.sirinc2.org