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God Bless America

Luncheon Menu

Sept. Menu: BBQ Steak, House Salad with Italian Dressing, Apple Pie. Shrimp Salad

Oct. Menu: Veal Parmesan, Caesar Salad, Cherry Strudel. Tuna Melt with Curly Fries.

Big SIR Bud Sandkulla

Isn't it ironic that we have a speaker talking about insomnia and it must be that we all have have that problem except for one guy I saw nodding off. For me, I am usually asleep the instant my head hits the pillow. If that doesn't happen, I think about playing a round of golf, starting at the first tee box and then wake up in the morning and I still haven't reached the green. No wonder my score is so high, I guess I must have had a lot of strokes getting there.

Don't forget, we will be doing the "Klean Klutter Auction" at our September 2nd luncheon. In order to make it successful, we need you to bring in any new or used item to be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to our treasury. Ken Reed and Matteo Rizzo will perform as your auctioneers. They do a great job and their show will take the place of our monthly speaker. So, bring in that Klutter, you'll be glad you did!

As of this writing (Aug. 13th) there are 31 eager folks representing Branch 4 signed up for our 2nd Annual Picnic with Branch 91. That's 13 more than last year and hopefully that number will increase in 2016. If you couldn't make it this year, consider doing it next year, I know you will have a good time

In my last Foghorn article, I said I would have more info. about the Holiday Luncheon, so here it is. The event will take place at Dominic's at Oyster Point (same place as last year) on December 2nd, so drop everything NOW! and mark your calendar! Almost everything will be the same as last year... same place, same menu,

same price (\$35), similar gifts and prizes. The music will include our own Branch 4 musical talents and new this year will be the Peninsula Choraliers. These (12?) lady performers come highly recommended and I'm sure you will enjoy their songs. I will keep you updated about this event with a flyer, etc. in the months to come.

I'm sure that most of you don't know that we have an on going bill of \$100 due to the Elks Lodge every month for a bar set-up fee. This fee will possibly be \$150 starting in October. In all fairness, why should Branch 4 pay this fee when it should be up to those that drink. This has been an ongoing issue for the board and several of us, over time, have tried to resolve this matter with out success. After meeting with the bar manager, I believe we have made a workable solution that will satisfy both parties. I want the drinkers to be forewarned that they are going to be responsible to pay there way. The price charged per drink is VERY reasonable so an additional fee of \$1 or \$2 should not be a hardship. The fee price will be adjusted to pay the set-up cost.

It saddens me to tell you that Jim Mayo passed away August 8th, a loyal SIR that loved to play golf.

Little SIR – Jerry Blumenthal

As your new Little Sir, I would like to thank Hank Gomez for his service as Little Sir and wish him the best. I would also like to provide you with a brief introduction to your new Little Sir.

I have been married to my beautiful wife Penny for almost 44 years. We do not have any children, but we do have a niece, a nephew, and two god daughters. I served in the Air Force for four years, including one year in Vietnam.

September 2015 Issue

Meeting September 2nd

Next meeting October 7th

I worked for the U. S. Government for 31 years for both, the Department of Commerce, Maritime Administration and the Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General. The Office of Inspector General's function was to provide the Secretary of Transportation with oversight of the numerous administrations within the Department. These included the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Coast Guard. From September 11, 2001 tragedy until I retired in 2008 I spent much of my time testing Aviation Security measures at airports, air traffic control towers, and other air traffic related facilities. Prior to Homeland Security taking over responsibility for the nation's airports, our job included testing security screening, circumventing airport physical security, gaining entry to aircraft without a ticket or boarding pass, sneaking onto airplanes parked but not properly secured, and the security at fuel farms and airline catering facilities.

I also was involved with observing acceptance testing of new detection and screening equipment prior installation at the nation's airports.

**September
Klutter Klean Auction Month**
See back page!

Membership and Attendance

Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks Bill Angelopoulos for missed meeting and Ford Long for annual donation in August. Annual, missed meeting, and special contributions are important to meet Branch obligations.

SIR Rules. Rule 60: Members are obligated to attend all regular lunch meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from Branch locale. A member may be notified: A. Miss three consecutive meetings. B. Did not attend one half of regular lunch meetings in previous year.

Please call membership chair Bill Gipe with message at 650-878-5746, or email gipper816@msn.com, if you'll miss a lunch meeting. Also please contact about new members or membership concerns.

Membership statistics:

Add new members:0
From inactive to active:0
Resignations/moved:2
Deceased:2

August revised membership totals: 155 active, 42 inactive. August lunch meeting attendance was 105 total.

Sunshine Report: Branch wishes a return to health and speedy recovery to Mike Campusano, Paul DeNatale, Harry Lieberman, Ford Long, Pablo Magat, Dan O'Leary, and Andy Ynostroza.

In Memoriam: Henry Broock and Jim Mayo.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243, Ken Reed 415-810-3832, and Jim Smith 650-871-8855

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 August 11th **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 September 8th, 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.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday Aug 18th first tee-off is 1015.

Oct. Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday October 20th 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 State Individual – Santa Clara, August 31st – Shoreline Golf Links. Check the web site for updates!

SIR Activities

Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman, Charlie Leach
Meet on Wednesdays at the Doelger Senior Center
1st Wednesday 9:30 to 11AM
Other Wednesdays 10AM -12 noon

Computer Club

Jerry Blumenthal
Meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Ctr. 11:45 AM
All those interested in computers are welcome.

Pinochle George Samoulides
Games are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. All SIR's are invited to join in the fun. Call George for further information. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun

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

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:

Pull Tabs

Save the pull tabs from aluminum cans and give them to Walt Prawicki or Joe Sangiacomo. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Joe and Walt thank all those who have supported this worthy cause.

In Memoriam Henry Broock Jim Mayo

From your Travel Chair,
Wayne Veatch

Our local tour for July, on Friday August 21 was to The Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco to view their exhibit on the 1915 Pan Pacific Exposition followed by lunch. Very interesting and a good, local social outing. We're open to your suggestions for future trips and welcome you to attend the Executive Committee meeting at 10:00 in the back room and make your suggestions. We will announce our next trip at our lunch meeting,

Remember we have new Activity Groups forming to focus on Travel for Couples, Theater/Movies and Genealogy (contact me for these), Pool (contact Terry Kirchoff), Amateur Radio (contact Claude Blakeslee), and Model Railroading (contact Bob Fox). The movies group will probably meet on \$7 senior discount Mondays at the Century 20 in Daly City and have lunch after. Free parking. Meanwhile, I hope you will look at the travel offerings listed in SIR Happenings and offered by other Branches in Area 1. Check the [Area 1 Travel and Activities](#) link at

<http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> for details. (Thanks to Jack for keeping this website and these links up to date.) If you do take 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.

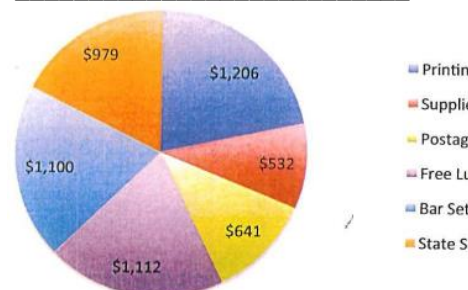
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Birthday Greetings

George Suter(Chairman)

Branch 4 remembers the September birthdays of Bruno Andreatta, Bill Angelopoulos*, Mike Campusano*, Pete Carrillo, Stu Etzler, George Fenech, Bill Gipe, Bob Golton, Gilbert Goo, Spiro Jouganatos, Richard Kim*, Harry Lew*, Mel Lipscomb, Kristian Nergaard, Bud Sandkulla, Ted Tukloff, and Glenn Whitesides*. (*400 list).



: Secretary Report for Sept. 2015

Last month I wrote about the five dollars per member per year that we send to the state SIR organization. In 2014 we sent \$979 in per capita fees to the state, but that was only our fourth largest expenditure. Bob Golton, our scholarly treasurer, summarized our 2014 expenditures:

- **Printing - \$1206, 22% of expenses.** Includes Fog Horn, birthday cards, and

Rosters. We reduced roster costs by nearly 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: half by going to full page instead of booklets.

- **Free lunch tickets - \$1112, 20% of expenses.** Includes two by drawing at lunch, two for sponsoring a new member, one for birthday drawing, and one for speaker.
- **Bar set-up - \$1100, 20% of expenses.** The Elks Club charges \$50 each for two bartenders for each luncheon. The Elks announced an increase to \$75 each in October adding \$100 to this year's expenses and \$550 to next year. We are negotiating now and one of the issues is whether non-drinkers should be subsidizing the imbibers. One point in our negotiations is an increase in the per-drink charges.
- **Per-capita fees to state SIR for support, assistance, and insurance - \$979, 18% of budget.** I explained this expense in last month's Fog Horn
- **Other expenses include postage, 12%, and supplies, 10%.** These expenses will increase over time unless more members will switch to on-line Fog Horns.

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San Francisco Branch 4

Klutter Kleen Auction

Check your basement and attic
For items you no longer need.
We're raising money and we
Need your help= donate
Something! Bring a few items
And maybe leave with a
Treasure. Ken Reed and
Matteo Rizzo will conduct
The auction. It will be **Fun!**

Branch 4 officers 2016



Bert Dormann photographer



**Happy Birthday
United States Air Force**

