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January 5 lunch menu

South San Francisco Elks

- Caesar salad
- Chicken cacciatore
- Italian creampuff

Alternate: Shrimp salad

(Communicate alternate by email to cacatering@gmail.com specify Jan 5 SIR lunch)

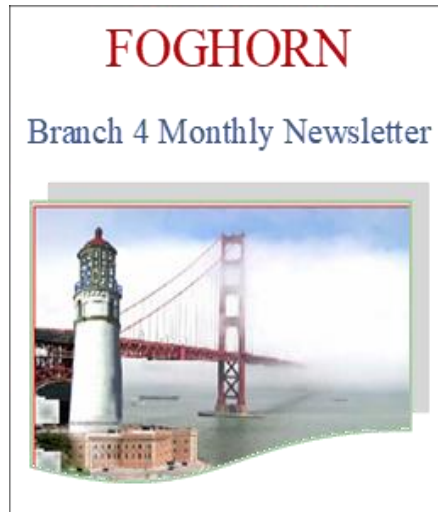
Message from Bill Gipe – Membership:

Thanks to everyone who has paid SIR 2022 dues.

Branch 4 **DUES** for **2022** are being collected during January and February 2022.

MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$25.00 annually... payable by: **February 5th**.

We really want you to continue your Membership. You may bring your Dues payment in Cash or Check to the Badge Table during our January 5th or February 2nd meeting or send your \$25.00 **check** made out to:



SIR BRANCH 4; on the memo line write: **2022 DUES**

Send your dues check to:

Bill Gipe, 2323 Galway Drive,
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Looking forward to hearing from you soon as we are about to print our 2022 Membership Roster and want to include your name.

After the pandemic year we all look forward to more SIR activities in 2022. - Happy Holidays !

Current membership: 42
(Dues paid as of Dec.20.)

Membership dues are important to maintain future Branch 4 SIR activities. Thank you for your support.

November lunch attendance: was 39 + 4 guests.

Branch 4 remembers the **December birthdays** of Peter Angelonides, Bob Bosch, Ernie Braun, Paul DeNatale, Larry Kilcullen, Issac Meijia, and George Samoulides.

God Bless America



January 2022 Issue

Meeting:

January 5, 2022

Branch 4 notes the **January birthdays** of Larry Farrell, Rich Fraher, Peter Klein, Pablo Magat, Richard Soward, Ray Steward, Wil Uclusin, and Brian Weiss.

Please remember to invite your retired friends who would enjoy the non-partisan monthly lunch, social hour and other SIR activities.

Branch 4 honors our 3 **Super Seniors**: Paul DeNatale, Spiro Jouganatos, and George Samoulides. Super seniors are members who have reached their 95th birthday.

Branch 4 welcomes recent new members: Bob Arzave, Tad Bogdan, Jon Bologna, Jim Fogelstrom, Bam Foster, Forrest Holleman, Donald Ray, Sam Roake, Pat Stan and Paul Walsh. Your interest, energy and skills are important to Sons in

Retirement. Special thanks go to new member sponsors.

Branch 4 remembers Tom Heafey who passed away in December 2021 and these other 2021 departed SIR friends: Jack Benjamin, Hank Gomez, Rich MacDougall, and Lloyd Rinde.

Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Paul Nocero 415-254-8175. January 2022

A 2021 summary of the **local SIR golf rules** has been published and is now available. Check the web site: <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.html>.

The **2021 Sharp Park Tournaments** are still scheduled for the **second Tuesday** of the month, starting at 0930. Check the website for the current schedules and past results. Signups and results will be emailed.

Results of the November 9th Sharp Park match: We had 18 players in 5 groups, which is the most players there this year. The weather turned out just fine, and the leased carts were still \$20 per rider, but reliable. Fairways had a lot of grass and plenty of gopher mounds, and their close friends, the berm squirrels, were out too. The greens were fine. The bar and restaurant were open, and breakfasts were available for early players. Highlights: birdies, didn't see

any this time. You can mention any long drives, chips, or putts propaganda next time. Check the website for details.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, January 14th - first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. **Check in a half-hour before your tee time** inside the club house. I'll send out a signup email a week or so before and the lineup will be sent out by email a few days before. Sharp Park fees are \$30 - \$24 greens, and \$5 prize fund. Add a cart for \$20 for \$50. Put the cards in the envelope being held by the starter. Breakfasts for \$13 are available per Kevin.

Results of the October 26th Poplar Creek match: The course was flooded, and the power was out due to the weekend storm. Two groups had an informal match.

Results of the December 21st Poplar Creek match: Rained out.

The **2021 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are starting in February for scheduled Tuesdays this year.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday February - first tee-off is 1000. Signups will be sent out online. Green (\$34), optional cart fees are \$25 single, \$16.50 each shared. Prize merchandise vouchers can't be used for cart rentals

during tournaments. Individual payment for green/cart fees will be made to the Pro Shop. Coordinator will collect the \$5 prize fees.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Metropolitan, Crystal Springs, Tilden, and Chuck Corrica are hopeful to play in 2022.

SIR David Nigel wrote the following reports on our recent holiday party and a recent Walk for Health:

Our **SIR Branch 4 annual Holiday Party** was a huge success as more than seventy members and wives were in attendance at the Sharp Park Golf Course restaurant located in Pacifica.

The venue was truly a wonderful selection, the camaraderie was at a high level, and the meal was truly delicious!

Big Sir Stuart Ruth conducted our usual "Guess the number in a jar" contest as this year featured a huge amount of pretzels.

SIR George Suter recruited several singers who led the attendees in singing many familiar Christmas carols and songs that were truly a lot of fun and had great participation by everyone.

Big Sir Stuart Ruth called **George Suter** up to the podium and presented

George with a framed service award certificate and our Club's coveted Rooster lanyard tie. Stuart praised George for his successful and tireless efforts in a myriad of jobs for Branch 4 including countless leadership roles including "Big Sir," editor of our Fog Horn newsletter, coordinating and presenting and introducing our monthly "Birthday Boys," serving as guest speaker, and an active member of our Board of Directors. A standing ovation was directed in recognition of George's devotion to our Club.

Stuart Ruth wished everyone a wonderful holiday season as the very enjoyable luncheon party came to a conclusion.

The last Friday in October was the date of our SIR Walkers, "Walk for Health."

Six walkers met at 2:00 pm for a two and half hour walk on flat, mostly paved surface around the Facebook campus at Burlingame Point located five miles south of San Francisco International Airport near Coyote Point.

Included in the group were **George Suter (our leader and guide), his wife Mary, Bill Gipe, Don Ray and his wife Anita, and myself.**

The temperature was 62 degrees, perfect for our leisurely walk that included breath-taking views of San Francisco Bay, the airport, and in the far distance, our iconic city of San Francisco.

Our group met at the south end of the trail near the newly constructed San Mateo County Humane Society shelter at Coyote Point. Walking through the campus of beautiful, mostly glass buildings of the Facebook campus, the group headed north passing Sanchez Creek, a favorite site for fishing, located two miles south of the Embassy Suites Hotel, Burlingame.

Lots of wildlife, trees, and plants were observed and was the center of several interesting conversations.

At this point, I gave a short history of Anson Burlingame founder of the city of his namesake.

This being the halfway point, the walkers stopped at Gigi's Coffee Shop for refreshment and rest.

The return walk took a slightly different route that was just as beautiful and interesting.

SIR Membership, what's it all about? By the editor of this Foghorn issue George Suter

Out playing golf, or coming to the monthly luncheon, it's easy to remain oblivious of the organization that puts everything together.

The purpose of SIR is to get together and have fun, and we're doing that just fine.

But think – if there were no SIR would you ever even have met the guys sitting across the table from you? Would you be getting together with them reliably every month or couple of weeks? Why did you come here in the first place?

Before our next meeting, I'd like you to sit at your browser and input **SIRINC.ORG**. Then mouse across the tabs on top and hover over the "About SIR" tab, click on "Welcome to SIR videos" that appear below.

Do it now! There will be a quiz at our next meeting!

Pick one of the first three videos and watch it, then pick the last video and watch that.

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