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Dan's Thoughts

Big Sir Dan Capodanno



I am still flying on Cloud 9 after the wonderful turnout we had at our January 13th luncheon. Every seat in the house

was taken, including the four at the head table, for a grand total of 76 members. Let's continue this great response and be sure to bring a fellow member or prospective member to the next luncheon.

The speaker, **Dick Young**, had us all spellbound with his description and evaluation of the run-away train in Canada in 2013.

The details were very interesting and the members sat quietly as he recounted the issues about train safety in Canada and the U.S.

I am thankful for the members who remembered to bring their checks to make their yearly pitcher donation of \$24 to help defray the operating expenses of our Branch. Remember, it is important that you consider your donation each month whether you attend the luncheon or not. One check at the beginning of the year is the easiest and financially

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February Meeting Speaker:

Marty Mintz: 2009 East African Safari

Our July, 2013 meeting was to have included Branch member **Marty Mintz**, giving us a photo and video presentation of his 2009 Safari to East Africa. Regrettably, his talk was cancelled due to an equipment issue. He was kind enough to agree to re-schedule and we're excited to have his presentation this month.

Marty will talk about the Maasai Mara National Reserve and several Maasai villages in Kenya, as well as Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in Tanzania.

Seasoned world travelers,

Marty and his wife, **Gail**, generally travel 2-3 times each year and have visited all the world's continents, with the exception of Antarctica. Their favorite places are Turkey, Italy, Australia, New Zealand and Africa. In fact, they've gone on two photo safaris to Africa and are now planning their third.



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Our luncheon meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at the So. San Francisco Elks Lodge, 920 Southgate Dr., S.S.F. The cost is \$16, unless otherwise noted. Executive Committee meets 10:00am Social hour: 11:00am; Lunch: 12:00-noon

February 10

Speaker: Our Branch member **Marty Mintz** will give a presentation on his 2009 East African Safari. (See article, lower left.)

Menu:

House Salad with Italian Dressing

Encrusted Sea Bass

Tapioca Pudding

*Alternate: Fruit Salad with Yogurt & Granola

March 10

Speaker: To be determined

Menu:

House Salad with Ranch Dressing

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Mint Ice Cream

*Alternate: Shrimp Louie Salad

April 14

Entertainment: A return engagement performance by **Marilyn Cooney**: cabaret singer, songwriter, musician and wife of our Branch Secretary, **John Cooney**. Don't miss her!

Menu:

House Salad with Creamy Italian Dressing

Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions

Italian Cream Puff

*Alternate: Chicken Sandwich w/Potato Salad

*Alternate meals must be reserved while at the previous month's meeting. For assistance, please contact Dan Capodanno at (650)588-0324.

ACTIVITIES



Chairman: Lee Severe
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Golf

Golf Chairman: John Rittweger (650) 738-2323; olygolfjr@aol.com

Highlights from recent tournaments:

| Date | Course-Par | Player, Gross/Net | Closest to Pin |
|--------|-------------|---|----------------|
| Jan. 7 | San Jose-72 | Ritter, 83/65 Rittweger, 84/71 Shreve, 85/67 Woodall, 88/71 Romero, 90/71 | Brown; McAfee |

Birdies: Ritter(2); Rittweger; Shreve; Woodall

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| Jan. 14 | Early Fry-71 | McGill, 86/71 LaRosa, 89/70 Shreve, 89/71 McAfee, 93/71 | Ritter; Shreve |
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Birdies: McGill; Ritter

Upcoming tournaments:

| Date | Course | Time |
|-------------|--------------|---------|
| February 4 | Shoreline | 9:30am |
| February 11 | Santa Clara | 9:30am |
| February 18 | San Jose | 9:33am |
| February 25 | Santa Clara | 9:30am |
| March 4 | Sunnyvale | 9:30am |
| March 11 | Poplar Creek | 10:15am |

Sign-Up Book Custodian: Marty Mintz (650) 345-1466

Please be responsible. If you're not signed-up but want to play, give Marty the courtesy of an advance phone call so that he can add you to the list.

Bocce Ball

Free play every afternoon at Orange Ave. Memorial Park, So. S.F.
 Lessons are available in April and September; contact Bob Eserini at (650) 589-4278.

Mexican Riviera Cruise March 5-15, 2014

Home pickup! [Printable brochure](#)

For more information, Please contact **Midge Damonte** at 588-6645, or email him at edamonte@myastound.net.



January Meeting Winners:

~Raffle: \$128 - Frank McCarthy

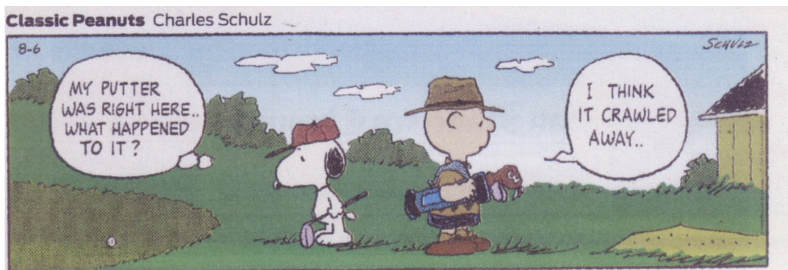
~Birthday Free Lunch
 Winner: Bob Eserini

NEW SIR Happenings

The Fall 2013 edition of State *SIR Happenings* is now available online, here:

[Fall 2013 SIR Happenings](#)

There, you'll find highlights from various branches as well as activities available to **all** members. Travel trips are included.



Tom and Dale at Sharp Park

Submitted by John Rittweger



Dan's Thoughts

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sound way to help the Branch help you.

Many thanks to our Roster Chairperson, **Steve LaRosa**, for the 2014 Roster. Be sure to check your personal information for accuracy. Contact Steve with any corrections, additions or omissions.

I am happy to announce that we have a Picnic Chairperson and are planning a picnic sometime in August. Please be ready to volunteer to help **Martin**

Ferrari, our new Chairperson, when he calls for assistance. More information to follow as we develop our plans. If you have any suggestions, please contact Martin.

See you in February. Since our next luncheon is just a few days before the traditional Valentine's Day, how about wearing something red that day (a shirt, pants, hat, gloves, you name it).

February Meeting Speaker

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It's important to mention that Gail is a photographer and artist and they really enjoy photographing their trips. Gail subsequently chooses scenes of places, people and wildlife and uses those photos as models for her paintings, which she has exhibited locally. See her

artistry at gailmintzart.com. They also have a collection of memorabilia from many of their trips.

We hope you'll attend the upcoming meeting and see what will no doubt be a very interesting and informative presentation.

2014 Roster Updates

Page 20: Add: **McGill**, Tom (415) 559-7253

" 26: INACTIVE MEMBERS-
Add: William Lippi
Add: Robert Wilcenski

**Don't have your roster yet?
Come to the meeting and get one!**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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|--------------------------|----|
| Active Members: | 95 |
| Inactive Members: | 7 |
| Jan. Meeting Attendance: | 76 |
| Jan. Meeting Visitors: | 0 |
| Jan. Meeting Guests: | 0 |

We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.

~Walt Disney



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

We have eight members who will be celebrating birthdays this month.

Happy Birthday to you!

Rudy Bertolozzi

Fred Carelli

Scott Coe

Peter Georgakas

Dale McAfee

Marty Mintz

Bob Murphy

Tom O'Callaghan

Any of the above members present at our February luncheon meeting are entitled to a raffle ticket and drawing for a **free lunch** at a subsequent meeting.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO AN UPCOMING MEETING:

PLEASE phone **Jack Cardon** at **(650)952-8331** as soon as you know you won't be attending, but at least by the Thursday before the meeting date.

Also, please use this form to circle the date(s) of meetings you cannot attend and insert your name and badge number. Clip-out the form and mail it with your \$2 contribution for each meeting you are missing to: Jack Cardon, 1107 San Anselmo Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030.

Next meeting: February 10

Meeting after: March 10

After that: April 14

Name: _____

Badge No. _____ Contribution: \$ _____

Meet Our New Member



We're pleased to welcome our new member, **Tom McGill**, who was initiated into our Branch during the January meeting. He was sponsored by **Steve LaRosa**. A decorated Vietnam War veteran, Tom is a general contractor and retired as a Construction Superintendent last year. He is an avid golfer, enjoys fishing and is a Harley enthusiast.

Tom and his wife, **Shirley**, live in So. San Francisco but spend time at their house in Arnold, whenever possible. *We're happy to have you in SIR Branch 91, Tom!*

From George Burns:

Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair.

You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there.

And George Carlin:

Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?

Note to our hard-copy readers: Our newsletters may contain internet links to various documents or lists. If you have no internet access and would like to have a copy of any of them, please contact the Editor at (650)873-1938 and we'll mail any such documents to you.

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We welcome for consideration, your articles or other contributions for our newsletters. Please provide them to the Editor by the 18th of the preceding month. We cannot guarantee that items received after that date will be included in the subsequent newsletter.

Your Contact Information

Please notify the [Membership Chairman](#) of all changes in your address, email address or telephone number.

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