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Luncheon Menu

Feb Menu: Lasagna with
Meatballs, House Salad with
Italian Dressing, Tapioca
Pudding, Fruit Salad with
Cottage Cheese

March Menu: House Salad with
Ranch Dressing, Corned Beef
and Cabbage, Mint Ice Cream,
Shrimp Louis Salad.

Big SIR Jerry Blumenthal

The dues for each SIR in 2016 will be \$25.00 payable on or before the February meeting. We will no longer be collecting monthly dues during the meetings. Effective with the February meeting, members who have not paid their annual dues will not be able to attend the meetings, or participate in Branch functions, such as golf, etc. We would like to thank the over 110 members who have already paid their 2016 dues. If you are unable to attend the February meeting, you may mail a check for your dues made payable to "SIR Branch 4", to SIR Bill Gipe, 2323 Galway Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080. The Branch Executive Committee also determined that in agreement with the other SIRs Chapters in the State, we will no longer have an inactive member classification; therefore, each SIR will need to pay his annual dues.



Just a reminder for our members who are purchasing drinks from the bar, please donate \$2.00 a drink to the Drink Bucket on the Badge Table to help defray the branch's \$100.00 bar set-up fee charged by the Elks Club to provide us with a bartender. This charge is **not** included in the cost of the drinks you pay at the bar.

Presidents' Day

Originally established as an annual day of remembrance in recognition of President George Washington's Birthday on February 22, 1800, one year after his death. It did not actually become law until 1885.

President's Day is an American Holiday now celebrated on the third Monday of February in accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1971. It now celebrates the birthdays of all our presidents, the only February presidential birthdays are George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, and Ronald Reagan. While Presidents' Day began as a celebration of our first president, it can never actually fall on his birthday. The only time his birthday falls on a Monday, it is on the fourth Monday, like this year 2016.



God Bless America

February 2016 Issue

Meeting: February 3rd
Next meeting: March 2nd

Officer Nominations

Finally, the Branch Nominating Committee has informed me that we will be able to elect a new Little Sir to complete the slate of Branch Officers for 2016. We expect to elect and install him at the February Meeting. Come and find out who he will be.



January Speaker
Scott Danielson

As a retired architect and new Branch 4 member, Scott spoke of some of the projects, buildings, bridges, and mass transit stations that he helped to design. It was a very enlightening and interesting presentation.

Membership and Attendance Bill Gipe

Thanks to all members who paid 2016 SIR dues of \$25. Reminder to pay dues by Feb. lunch (or by mail or on your next visit). The annual \$25 dues replace the \$2 meeting table collection and are necessary to meet Branch expenses.

Thanks to Bob Richter and George Kallas for their special contributions with dues.

SIR membership list totals 190 (includes previous inactive category). SIR Branch #4 paid dues membership through 1/10/16 is 105.

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

Membership statistics:

Branch 4 Jan. lunch attendance was 90 members. Branch 4 welcomed two guests, Michael O'Donnell and Del Schembari, to the lunch.

Branch 4 is pleased to welcome two new members. Robert Eshoo (sponsored by Ron Appel) was a teacher in the the SFUSD. Aldo Ramon (sponsored by Al Herpe) worked for United Airlines quality assurance.

Sunshine Report: Branch 4 wishes recovery & better days for Claude Blakeslee, John Lombard, Ford Long, and Paul Rosenberg

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>.

The **2016 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 **January 12th 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 February 9th, 2016 - 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. Temporary greens are still being used on holes 4 to 7.

The **2016 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are scheduled for Tues 2/16, Tues 4/19, Tues 6/21, Wed 8/24, Tues 10/18, Wed 11/16, and Wed 12/14. Tee times start at 1015 with a 40 player limit. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the

commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday February 16th - 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: We don't have any Branch 4 tournaments scheduled yet.

February Speaker

Norman Scott

US Air Force Oct 61 to Nov 81 – He was assigned to the Pentagon and responsible for development and acquisition of systems for RC-135 and U-2 aircraft, was responsible for deployment to operational locations around the world, provided documentation of new operational requirements for U-2 and unmanned vehicles, and was assigned to various units, managing large staff maintenance organizations.



**George Samoulides
Receives his Super Senior
award**

Branch 4 Welcomes New Members

Branch 4 welcomed new 2015 members: Bob Calhoun, Scott

Danielson, Bob D'Elia, Bob Eshoo, and Aldo Ramon.

Rosters

The new membership rosters are being put together now. If you have any changes, e.g. address, email, phone numbers, please contact Bill Gipe with the changes.

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.

Pinocle 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
Sangiaco. They are for
Ronald McDonald House. Joe
and Walt thank all those who
have supported this worthy
cause.

Birthday Greetings George Suter (Chairman)

Branch 4 notes the SIR Feb.
Birthdays: Julio Apodaca, Bob
Arata, Peter Ashe, George
Bacigalupi, Claude Blakeslee,
Carl Dalessio, Ed Damonte, Bill
Davalos, Kenford Dong, Dave
Donnelly, Pete Gandell, Merton
Jones, Mel Kranke, John
Lombard, Willie Low, John
McGlothlin, Flor Mendoza,
Dave Nigel, Paul Nocero, and
Walt Prawicki

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

Travel: In case you missed it –
we had a big turnout - our local
tour for January, on Friday,
January 22, was a visit to the
Cantor Arts Center at Stanford
University. We did travel: by
CalTrain to the Palo Alto station
then by free campus shuttle to
the center of the campus. We
had lunch on campus after. This
is a beautiful museum and well
worth your visit, if you missed
our trip. We'll announce
February's trip at the lunch
meeting, so be sure to listen
and/or watch for Jack Major's
email blast announcement. As
always, we're open to your
suggestions for future trips. One
of our new Activity Groups is
Model Railroading. I've learned
that more than one of our
Branch 4 members is into this
hobby. I'm looking forward to an
announcement of a meeting, so
I may see his layout. Badge #
064

Recruitment: Let's grow our
membership. You can help by
inviting a friend of yours to
lunch. We'll hand out Branch 4
"business cards" at the next
meeting. Please make it a point
to give one to a friend and tell
him about the benefits of SIR
membership.

veatchlaw@gmail.com,

Walk for Health

Ken Reed

Walk 4 Health took a break this
Holiday Season. Normally held
on the last Friday of the month,
Walk 4 Health started back
again for a fun walk which was
held on January 29th. This was
our yearly "Have you broken
your New Year's resolution walk
We look forward to more walks
this year.

Volunteerism

It has been said and proven that
volunteering is good for your
health. It is one way to keep your
mind and body active. This
works even better for seniors.
As we age it is imperative that
we be more active in our daily
activities. Volunteers are the
lifeblood of many organizations.
Branch 4 is in need of
volunteers. When one
volunteers you will find out that
you will meet more of the
members and realize what a
great bunch of gentlemen of
good will Branch 4 is. You will
realize by volunteering, you not
you are doing yourself a favor.

Go for it!

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San Francisco Branch 4

Some of our volunteers:

**Jim Smith receives an award
for his away golf tournament
work.**



**Lionel Parra receives an
award for his service during
the meeting**

