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### **Luncheon Menu**

**April Menu:** Fish and Chips, Cream Italian Salad, Cream Puff with Italian Rum, Chicken Salad.

**May Menu:** Chicken Enchilada, House Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Flan, Fruit Salad with Yogurt and Granola

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### **Big SIR Jerry Blumenthal Tax Deadline Reminders**

Just a friendly reminder, taxes are due this month, if you haven't already taken care of them. Property Taxes are due Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, while Federal and State Taxes are due on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Weather Reminders**

As I am writing this article, it is pouring down rain, which we all sorely need. However the news is full of stories of power outages, flooding, automobile accidents, fallen trees, and damaged houses. I hope none of these affect you, your families, or friends. In weather like this, we all need to be particularly careful of other drivers, pedestrians, and slippery or flooded roads. We also need to be sure our cars' tires, brakes, and windshield wipers are in good repair. Please be sure to drive safely! **Arbor Day**

Arbor Day was brainchild of Julius Morton (1832-1902) and was first celebrated on April 10, 1872. Throughout his productive career, he worked to improve



agricultural techniques in the United States and served as President Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture. He set the example by planting orchards, shade trees, and wind breaks on his own farm, and urged his neighbors to follow suit. His real opportunity came when he became a member of Nebraska's state Board of Agriculture. He proposed that a special day be set aside dedicated to tree planting and increasing awareness of the importance of trees. Nebraska's first Arbor Day was an amazing success as more than one million trees were planted.

In 1970, President Nixon proclaimed the last Friday of April as National Arbor Day, but all 50 states celebrate an Arbor Day. Arbor Day is now celebrated in other countries, such as Australia, Japan, Israel, Korea, Yugoslavia, Iceland and India on various dates and under various names. For homeowners, Arbor Day is an opportunity to take stock of the trees on your property, and plan for the future. Inspect your trees. Make note of broken branches, evidence of disease, or insect infestation. Think about how planting new trees might improve the look of your property or provide wind or heat protection. Consider joining Arbor Day events in your community.



### **God Bless America**

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**April 2016 Issue**

**Meeting April 6th**

**Next meeting May 4th**



Big SIR Jerry Blumenthal presents a Certificate of Appreciation to David Nigel for his service to Branch 4. and also as our **March Speaker**.

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### **Little SIR John McGlothlin**

Christmas (or Hanukkah) in April?

No way, but, it isn't too early to start planning for our 2016 SIR Holiday Luncheon!

Planning has started to build on the great parties organized by Bud Sandkulla and the MANY others who pitched in during the last few years. As Little Sir, I have the challenge of keeping up with the high standard past events have set. Everyone enjoyed our holiday luncheons at Dominic's at Oyster Point, so we have reserved the venue again for this year. The date is set: December 7, 2016.

Over the coming months, we will work on the menu, entertainment & arrangements.

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## Membership and Attendance Bill Gipe

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Thanks to all members who paid 2016 SIR dues of \$25. Reminder to pay dues by the next 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.

Branch 4 members: 133

Branch 4 Super Senior Members:

Branch 4 thanks all members who have paid the annual dues of \$25. Early March shows total paid membership of 152 (includes 4 Super Seniors). It's not too late to pay annual dues at the Badge Table.

Branch 4 thanks all special contributors. Friends of Branch 4, Matt Gaffney and Susan Scurich Lucero, made a recent generous contribution.

Two new members #11 Ed Arce (sponsored by Al Ramon) and #12 Bob Pardini (from Sunset Beacon) are welcomed to Branch 4. Ed is a retired SFFD Battalion Chief, and Bob is retired City & County, SFPD.

Branch 4 recognized #162 Don Nuti's work at the Badge Table.

March 3, 2016 lunch attendance was 102 members & 3 guests. Sunshine List: Branch 4 wishes better days for Don Nuti, Ford Long, Bud Fields, and Dave Carelli.

"What is a Super Senior? It's a Branch 4's designation of a member who has celebrated 95 birthdays. Branch 4 recognizes Ernie Pead who celebrated his 96th birthday in March."

**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 **February 9<sup>th</sup> Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch.

The Tuesday **March 8<sup>th</sup> Sharp Park tournament** was cancelled due to wet conditions. If El Nino lets up, April will be out next tournament. **Badge # 164**

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. Refurbished greens should be in use on holes 4 through 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 April 19<sup>th</sup>** - 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:** No Tournaments scheduled.

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### SIR Activities

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#### Bocce Ball

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

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#### Computer Club

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

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#### Pinochle

George Samoulides  
Games are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### 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

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#### Sir Happenings

The latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:  
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>  
hope you enjoy reading our latest edition. **Don MacGregor**, editor:

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## Birthday Greetings

**George Suter( Chairman)**

Branch 4 remembers the birthdays of Stan Falk, John Ghiglieri, Mike Keller, Roger Kelly, Leonard Lewis, Tony Marotto, Aldo Ramon, Ken Reed, and George Staniotes.

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## The Federalist Papers

During the framing of the Constitution, there were many arguments for and against the Constitution, wording, phrases, etc. It is truly a wonder how it was brought to fruition. Those who were against the Constitution were called Anti-Federalists. They wanted a nation of confederated states, each controlling their own territory. The Federalists knew that to divide the nation was a recipe for disaster. The opponents wrote a series of articles on why they were right. They used pseudonyms, (Brutus & Cato) for the articles. These were heroes of the Roman Empire.

Alexander Hamilton along with James Madison and John Jay, proponents of the Constitution wrote a series of articles called "The Federalist Papers." They used the pseudonym "Publius", also one of the heroes of Rome. Publius Valerius Publicola served Rome as consul to improve and impart his own spirit of Republican Laws of moderation, justice, and wisdom. "The Federalist Papers" won the day in ratifying the Constitution. The writing of these papers brought forth the remarkable and brilliant expertise of Hamilton, Madison, and Jay. They carried forth the courage, strength and devotion of the Patriots, and the "Spirit of 76."

**From your Travel and Recruitment Chair,  
Wayne Veatch**

Travel: [veatchlaw@gmail.com](mailto:veatchlaw@gmail.com),  
415-297-1807

Travel: Thanks to George Suter, we had a fine local walking tour on Friday, March 18 to several of San Francisco's Privately-Owned Public Open Spaces (POPOS). We started at the San Francisco Railway Museum at 77 Spear Street and finished at the Crocker Galleria Roof Terrace for lunch. Our local tour for April will be, as usual, on the penultimate Friday, April 22. As I will be in Mexico then, we seek volunteers to lead a tour. Will you volunteer? Please let us know at lunch on April 6. Meanwhile, please check our Branch 4 website for other SIR travel offerings.

Recruitment: Remember the recruitment "business card" you picked up at lunch? Please make it a point to use it and bring a guest to a coming lunch meeting. Please let me or Bill Gipe know who you are bringing so we can introduce your guest and thank you and your friend and tell him about the benefits of SIR membership

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## 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.

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## Little SIR ( continued )

The date is set: December 7, 2016. Over the coming months, we will work on the menu, entertainment & arrangements. I'm counting on the experience and support of the many who preceded me and

contributed the work and ideas that made our events so successful. However, there is always room for new ideas and I would like to hear from anyone who has suggestions or who wants to help out. Maybe there is an inner Santa Claus in one of you, or....

As you know, spouses and friends are welcome as your guests, so it is time to mark your calendars and line up any guests. We'll be providing updates and information as we get closer to December

It may be hard to think this far ahead with important events like the Baseball Season (Even Year, Go Giants!), NBA playoffs, graduations, political conventions and all of these other things happening. Just remember what fun these Lunches have been and mark December 7<sup>th</sup>!

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## April Speaker

**Jeff Adachi**

Jeff Adachi is the Public Defender for the City of San Francisco since 2002 He has handled over 3,000 criminal matters. He oversees a staff of 93 lawyers and 60 support staff. He provides a panoply of innovative programs including drug court, Clean Slate and a full service juvenile division. Jeff has one of the country's top intern programs for law students and graduates.

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