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Branch 4
Monthly Newsletter



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Forthcoming Activities

Picnic Day- Aug. 17 (Wed) Page 4
December 7th (Wed)
Holiday (Christmas) Party
Seating capacity is limited.

Support

Branch 4

Buy raffle tickets for a
chance to win cash prizes!!!



Happy Birthday

SONS IN RETIREMENT

A Luncheon Club promoting the Independence and
Dignity of Retirement.

Every friend is a potential member.

Meeting Date: June 1, 2016

Elks Lodge (650) 589 4030 ext. 17
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:00AM Board Meeting
11:00AM Social-12:00 Lunch

No Speaker:

Topic: Klutter Kleen Auction

LUNCHEON MENU:

JUN: Pork Ribs,
Caesar Salad, Apple
Oatmeal Crisp,
Shrimp Avocado
Salad.



JUL: Chicken Parmesan, Salad
with Thousand Island Dressing,
Fruit Upside Down Cake, Shrimp
and Crab Sandwich

Note: Salad must be ordered one
month in advance.

Big Sir Jerry Blumenthal



Recruitment of New SIRs

**Calling All Mem-
bers! Calling All
Members!** Be on the
lookout for potential
new SIRs. Do you

know men who might be interested in
joining SIRs Branch 4? Does your wife
know ladies who would like to get their
husband out of the house, so the ladies
can get together and go out for lunch by
themselves? Do you know someone who
is about to retire or recently retired? Do
you have friends who like to play golf,
bocce ball, take group trips and local
tours, or any of our other activities?
Give them the opportunity to join us
and become our friends, too. Contact
Bill Gipe at 1 (650) 878-5746 or at
wgipe24@gmail.com to get the infor-
mation you need to answer any ques-
tions, and get the ball rolling. Let Bill
know if you are going to invite someone
to lunch, so he can meet and welcome
them.

May Meeting Speaker

We apologize that our May speaker; Dr.
Margaret McDermont was unable to at-
tend our May 4th meeting. She had a fam-
ily medical emergency overseas. On her
way to the airport, she realized that she
did not have any of our contact infor-
mation with her. Accordingly, we were
not notified that she would not be there,
nor could we arrange for an alternate
speaker.

Flag Day, June 14

Flag Day commemorates the
day the Second Continental
Congress adopted the official
flag of United States of America
in 1777. The American Flag
was first carried into battle on Septem-
ber 11, 1777 at the Battle of the Bran-
dywine. The American Flag was first
saluted by foreign naval vessels on Feb-
ruary 14, 1778 when the Ranger, bear-
ing the Stars and Stripes, under the
command of Captain John Paul Jones,
arrived in a French port. The flag first
flew over a foreign territory in early
1778 at Nassau, in the Bahamas when
Americans captured a British fort there.



It was not until June 14, 1889, that
George Bolch, the principal of a free
kindergarten for the poor in New York
City held patriotic ceremonies to ob-
serve the anniversary of Flag Day.
This caught the attention of the State
Department of Education which ar-
ranged to have the day permanently
observed. In 1897, the governor or-
dered the displaying of the flag over
all public buildings in the State, the
first official recognition of the day out-
side of schools.

On May 7, 1937, Pennsylvania be-
came the first state to designate June
14 Flag Day as a legal holiday. New
York statutes designate the second
Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state
holiday.

Both President Wilson, in 1916, and
President Coolidge, in 1927, issued
proclamations asking for June 14th to
be observed as the National Flag Day.
Finally on August 3, 1949, Congress
approved the national observance of
Flag Day and President Harry Tru-
man signed it into law.



Thoughts from Little Sir John McGlothlin

The Gift of (Your) Time

Last column, I mentioned SIR is an all-volunteer organization. We all benefit from our volunteers and the many volunteers that built our organization.

SIR is always in need of new volunteers and there are opportunities that fit all interests and personalities. Some examples;

Greeters are our public face, directing visitors, finding badges, collecting fees, and answering questions. A great place to meet people!

Some committees plan activities and promote them. If you like an activity, think about volunteering and adding your ideas.

Other Committees keep SIR working and members in touch by publishing our newsletter, recruiting, recognizing birthdays and contacting SIRs who can't make meetings.

Board members contribute their ideas and experiences and help with governance.

Officers represent the branch, maintain financial records, record minutes, and conduct meetings with help from Committees.

As you see, there are opportunities for SIRs who love a stage, want to share passion for an activity or are most comfortable working behind the scenes; all ways to make SIR an even better organization.

If this whets your interest, talk to a committee member, officer, or the Big or Little Sir so we can answer questions and provide opportunities.

I want to acknowledge another group of volunteers: SIRs who drive members to meetings and events. Your thoughtfulness assists others and adds to the companionship of our Branch.

Klutter Kleen Auction

Time to get rid of some of your unwanted items. Look around the house and bring a few items to the meeting to be auctioned off. All proceeds go to the Branch 4 General Fund. These auctions are always interesting and fun, so join in.

The
Golfer
Tournament Schedules
Branch 4

For Reservation
Please Call:
Jack Major
415 566 2243
Ken Reed
415 810 3832



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 **May 10th Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch. The course was in good condition considering the recent rains, and the canyon greens, holes 4 through 7, were back in play and in nice shape.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:

Tuesday June 14th, 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.

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 June 21st -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:

The first 2016 Away Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday July 26th at 1000, at Chuck Corica Golf Complex, 1 Clubhouse Memorial Road, Alameda, 510-747-7800.

Make check out to SIR Branch 4 Golf. And send a \$50 check (Green Fee) to:

Jim Smith
430 Forest View Drive
South San Francisco, CA 94080





From your Travel Chair,
Wayne Veatch -
veatchlaw@gmail.com
415-297-1807

Our local tour for June will be a tour of the Dudley Perkins Harley Davidson Motorcycle showroom and museum in South San Francisco, led by SIR Al Herpe on Friday, June 10. This will be a really interesting one. We'll meet at the facility, 333 Corey Way at 10:00. Plenty of parking there. After, we can have lunch together nearby. Six SIRs have signed up so far – we can take more. Please contact me if you wish to come and let me know if you will need a ride. As Al is a volunteer for the Jeremiah O'Brien ship, he has also offered to arrange a tour for us possibly in July – details TBA. Thanks for pitching in with these great tours, Al. Meanwhile, check the travel links on our Branch 4 website for SIR Travel opportunities.



Birthday Greetings

George Suter, Chairman

Branch 4 remembers the birthdays of :



Peter Aiello, Ed Arce, Bruce Barichievich, Jack Benjamin, Bob Bowen, Tony Braganza, Dave Carelli, Scott Danielson, Bob Eshoo, Sandor Halasz, Charles Hoenisch, George Kallas, Ford Long, and Vincent Unsinn.



Attendance & Membership

Bill Gipe, Chairman

Thanks to all members who paid 2016 dues of \$25, which supports branch expenses.

Welcome back to #223 Basilio Medina.

Apologies to #263 Willie Low and #177 Rich Palmer who are omitted from the 2016 roster book.

Branch 4 welcomes new member Dan Herran, sponsored by Bob Pardini. Dan is retired from the Marina Safeway.

Branch 4 thanks Marios Stathopoulos for his special contribution received in May.

Branch 4 roster total is 159, including Super Seniors over age 95.

Attendance at May 4 lunch meeting included 92 members and 2 guests. Please remember to pick up SIR wallet card at the Badge Table and invite a friend to the SIR lunch.

Bocce Ball—Harry Lieberman—Charlie Leach
Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center
1st Wednesday 9:30—11:00
Other Wednesdays 10:00—12:00 (Wives Welcome)

Computer Club—Jerry Blumenthal
(415) 728 5573

Meeting at 11:45 every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake, Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend.

Pinochle—George Samoulides (415) 564 5384
Games are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. All SIRs are invited to join in the fun. We start at 1:30pm. Call George for further information. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

Pull Tabs: Save your tab tops from aluminum cans and give them to Joe Sangiacomo or Walt Prawicki. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Walt Prawicki thanks all those who have supported this worthy cause.

Walk 4 Health—Ken Reed 415 810 3832
Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45AM. 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, SIR Happenings.

Sunshine List:

Branch 4 wishes better days for:

Dave Carelli, Nick Fesunoff, Bud Fields
Ford Long, Don Nuti, and Al Ramon.

Badge No. 167

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San Francisco Branch 4



Branches 4 & 91 - 3rd Annual Picnic Wednesday, August 17th

*Catered BBQ Lunch includes Beer, Wine,
Soft Drink and Water*



Paul Rosenberg
Picnic Chairman
prose38@pacbell.net

Flood Park, Menlo Park

We will be at the

“Oak Shelter” Area- From 10am to 3pm

Danish, donuts, and coffee at 10am

Bocce Ball Tournament starts shortly afterward

Sepo (Peruvian Coin Toss Game) also starts shortly after arrival.

After lunch, Bingo and Raffle Prizes will follow.

Name _____

Direction: From the North: Take US 101 - South, Exit No. 406 for CA-84 E/Marsh Rd., (Dumbarton Bridge) turn right into Marsh Rd, go .5 mile, turn left onto Bay Rd, go .7 mile, Flood Park on your left.

From the South: Take US 101 - North, Exit 404B for Willow Rd-West, take the Clover leaf onto the overpass. Go .2 mile, turn right onto Bay Rd, go 1.3 miles, Flood Park will be on your right.

Note: Turn into the entrance and park near one of the two short walkways leading into the Oak Shelter Area.