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Lunch Menu

September: BBQ Steak, House Salad with Italian Dressing, Strawberry Cake.

Alternate: Shrimp Salad

October: Veal Parmesan, Caesar Salad, Italian Cream Puff.

Alternate: Tuna Melt with Curly Fries

Thoughts from Your Big SIR **John McGlothlin:** [Report from the SIR 2017 Annual Meeting](#)

On August 8, 2017 our State Organization held their Annual Meeting. As your Big SIR, I left our fog for toasty Sacramento.

The electors for State positions and bylaw changes include the State Officers, Area Governors, Regional Directors, State Directors and past State Presidents along with each Big SIR. The Annual Meeting is the one occasion where all the electors meet each other. For 2017, 131 (out of 159) SIRs took advantage of the opportunity.



Our meeting had three purposes: Elect State Officers for 2018; Vote on changes to Bylaws, and discuss other important matters (New Business). It is an irony the outgoing Big SIRs elect the State Officers who will work with their successors as Big SIRs.

I was told State Elections are usually pretty tame. The State Board's Nomination Committee presents a "slate" and they are elected. This year, there was competition for President and Vice President - nominations came from the floor. Ed Benson won election as VP, defeating the "slate" nominee. The "slate" nominee for President, Derek Southern prevailed. The other "slate" nominees won by acclamation.

There was an energetic campaign for President and Vice President; videos, phone calls, trinkets, pens, etc. If you want to learn more about our 2018 leaders, here are links to their videos;

Derek <https://youtu.be/mqde-VqMozl>

Southern:

God Bless America



September 2017 Issue

Meeting: September 6, 2017

Next meeting: October 4, 2017

Ed <https://youtu.be/7NIVFYxviVY> Benson:

All candidates merit our appreciation for caring about SIR and seeking to serve!

Bylaw revisions included two routine changes: Section 141 clarifies composition of the State Board and Section 225 updates State Committees. Both passed. The revision to Section 187 reflected strong feelings about the Nomination Committee and "slate" and was proposed by branches wishing to include all candidates on the ballot. After lengthy debate, this proposal failed to get the required 67% of votes.

Finally, we learned about the latest revision to the insurance requirements for caterers. This is a much simpler and more straightforward procedure and we all owe thanks to the SIRs who provided suggestions for improvements. As I said in the last Foghorn, the events that

necessitated the requirements are tragic and changes had to be made (more on this in the next Foghorn).

September Speaker - Dr. Ian Mitroff on Crisis Management

A San Francisco native, Dr Mitroff is considered one of the founding fathers of modern crisis management. He has spent his career using approaches to find successful solutions to complex issues.

He is the author of several well-received books including A Spiritual Audit of Corporate America. He has been used repeatedly in helping companies to find meaningful solutions to crisis situations, avoiding the wasted effort of solving the wrong problem.

Dr. Mitroff holds numerous degrees including a PhD from the University of Stockholm as well as medals for lifelong contributions to systems thinking. He will share with us some crisis management incidents including Tylenol poisonings, Three Mile Island, and the scandal in the Catholic Church. Badge #190. Lastly, Dr. Mitroff provides input to numerous universities in composing agendas to crisis management taught to the students.

Thoughts from your Little SIR – George Suter

As you have heard at the meetings, and read in the Foghorn, several service positions are open at our SIR chapter. There are apparently few people brave enough to fill them. Maybe the jobs sound like a

big commitment, and that's just what you retired to avoid. But there are several places where a little push on your part can make a big difference. As a "for instance" I'll mention a few that I know about because they concern me: the Birthday Boy could use someone to stand up front with him and place names in the box from which the free lunch is selected. Another one is writing a few words for the Foghorn. Could you send me 100-200 words for the next issue by September 15th? While you're at the lunch meeting look around – your friends are doing things that could probably use a hand – you don't want to do it all, but could you help?

"Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight."
-Phyllis Diller

Membership Report - Bill Gipe

Active members 126
Super Seniors 5
Total members 131

August 2 lunch attendance was 82. Remember SIR wallet cards and extra Foghorn copies are available at the Badge Table. Please forward to friends interested in SIR.

Branch 4 remembers the September birthdays of Bruce Andreatta, Peter Carrillo, Stu Etzler, George Fenech, Bill Gipe, Bob Golton, Spiro Jouganatos, Bud Sandkulla, and Ted Tukloff.

Branch 4 remembers all members with challenges these days, and sends greetings to Claude Blakeslee, Bud Fields, Harry Lieberman, Jack Negrin, Don Nuti, and Jim Smith.

Tours Report - Bill Gipe with David Nigel

Branch 4 August local trip was a tour of AT&T Park on August 10.

Twelve of our members enjoyed a fabulous "Public" tour of the San Francisco Giants Baseball Stadium. A very knowledgeable docent-tour guide, Peter Deutsch, gave a profoundly interesting tour of the impressive stadium describing all the sites, facilities, and an on-going, compelling history of the giants dating back to the nineteenth century. Peter happened to be the Past Big Sir of Branch 142 of San Mateo.

Attendees viewed the three World Series Championship Trophies, countless honorary plaques, executive boxes, the visiting team dugout, refreshment stands, the press box, memorabilia and collectors' items of all kinds, with views of the field from many locales within the stadium.

This special activity was truly enjoyed by all. we hope that many members will join in during future excursions and activities.



Our **September tour** is planned to visit the Oakland Aviation Museum (see picture above) on Friday Sept. 22. Located north of Oakland

Airport on Earhart Rd., the museum is housed in a historic Boeing building. Senior admission is \$10. Details and signup sheet will be at SIR lunch or phone 650-878-5746.

Please check sirinc.org website for SIR travel opportunities.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243 and 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 **2017 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 **August 15th Sharp Park tournament** course conditions were decent, but a bit dried out on 14,16, and 17. We had to delay a week from the normal 2nd Tuesday, due to greens aeration. Results are out on the website above.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday September 12th, 2017 - 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 \$47 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 **2017 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are all scheduled for **Tuesdays** this year – 2/21, 4/18, 6/20, 8/29, 10/24, 11/28, and 12/19 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.

The **August 29th Poplar Creek tournament** results weren't available at press time, but are out on the website above.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday October 24th - first tee-off is 1015. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$33) and prize fees (\$7) are **\$40**; optional cart fees are \$15 per player double, \$20 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: The next 2017 Away Tournament is **Tuesday September 26th at Chuck Corica Golf Course**, Alameda, starting at 0830. Fees are \$45 including green, cart, warm up bucket, and prize fund. We have spaces for 24 players.

Sign up for the tournaments at the golf table at the 1st Wednesday lunch.

Bocce Ball - Charley Leach and Roger Kelly - Co-Chairs

Meets every Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Center 10-12 AM. No Bocce Ball on First Wednesday because of SIR's Lunch.

Computer Club - Jerry Blumenthal - Chair

(415) 728-5573 or gblumenthal@gmail.com

Meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Ctr. 11:45 AM. All those interested in computers are welcome.

The next CyberSirs meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

Pinochle - George Samoulides - Chair

George is looking to revive this activity – if you are interested call today!

Walk for Health - Ken Reed - Chair

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 is sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.

Wine Tasting – Bob Fox – Host

Members from our branch as well as branch 118 meet monthly. We rotate selecting 5 wines for the purpose of expanding our knowledge of wine. Additionally we meet every three months for dinner at a different restaurant. This month we are going to Pasta Moon in Half Moon Bay. If you are interested in this activity, contact Bob Fox.

Look for your badge number in the Fog Horn, if you see a number that just doesn't belong in the context and it's yours, claim your 5 free tickets for the raffle.

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San Francisco Branch 4

Branch 4 Events

Mark the Date on your calendars and
resolve to participate:

Wednesday December 13, 2017 – SIR Branch
4 Xmas Party at the Oyster Point Yacht Club
– lunch, presents, songs, and good cheer