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Lunch Menu

February 2018 - \$19

Meatloaf with gravy
House salad with Italian dressing
Cherry strudel
Alternate: Cobb salad

March 2018 - \$19

Corned beef and cabbage
House salad with ranch dressing
Mint ice cream
Alternate: Shrimp Louis salad

Thoughts from your Big SIR George Suter:

The mission of Sons In Retirement is to enhance the lives of our members through fun activities and events leading to lifelong friendships. When you tell people that you belong to the SIR, what's the first question they ask? (answer = "What is SIR?") Are you quick and confident when you tell them, or do you get a blank look and stumble around for a way to



describe who we are? You don't have to invent something new. Just remember the three points:

1. SIR is a club to enhance the lives of its' members
2. Through fun activities and events
3. Leading to life-long friendships

It's quick and it's easy IF YOU HAVE IT MEMORIZED IN ADVANCE. Just do it, and practice it with one another so it will be smooth when you need to say it for real.

The middle part of the mission is critical. The "fun activities and events" are the path to knowing your fellow SIRs. The people you meet while participating in the activities and events are not necessarily the same people you sit with at the monthly lunches. That's how you get to know a wider set of members by name. And those names are critical to making new friends. The activities offered by our branch are detailed in the following pages. It's up to you to resolve to attend one or more of them in the coming month. After you do, let me know how it went!

God Bless America



February 2018 Issue

Meeting: February 7, 2018

Next meeting: March 7, 2018

Our February Speaker – Dick Evans – "The Murals of the Mission District"

Dick Evans is a San Francisco-based photographer with an interest in documenting the colorful and rapidly changing neighborhoods of the city. His specialty is capturing the eclectic and varied murals in the Mission District; some going back multiple decades.

Born into a ranching family in Eugene, Oregon, Dick graduated as an engineer from Oregon State University and subsequently obtained a master's in management from Stanford. He has spent his fifty-year career in the global metals sector, living in five countries and multiple locations in Africa, Europe, and North America. It was during these travels that he developed an appreciation for the diversity and richness of different cultures—both global and local—and an interest in documentary photography.

Membership Report - Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks all members who have supported their SIR Branch with 2018 dues. It's not too late to pay dues at the Badge Table.

Active members (Jan. 2018)	97
Super Seniors	3
Total	100

January 3, 2018 lunch attendance totaled 68 members and 2 guests.

Branch 4 welcomed two inductees Rolf Rosander and Tony Quarto. They're sponsored by George Mourgos. Please invite retired friends who would enjoy the SIR lunch and activities.

Branch 4 remembers these SIRs who passed in 2017: Claude Blakeslee, Bob D'Elia, Irv Jarkovsky, Ed Murphy, Ernie Pead, Paul Rosenberg, Meyer Segal, and Bob Scholton.

February Birthdays

Branch 4 sends February birthday greetings to Julio Apodaca *, Ed Damonte, Bill Davalos *, David Donnelly *, Pete Gandell, Merton Jones*, Willie Low, John McGlothlin, Flor Mendoza, Dave Nigel, Paul Nocero, and 'Super Senior' Mel Kranke

(* - have you renewed your membership?)

Sunshine Report

Branch 4 sends greetings to Bud Fields, Pablo Magat, Jack Negrin, Don Nuti, and all with challenges these days.

Local Tours

Fellow Branch 4 SIR Paul Nocero will organize a trip to Mountain View's Computer History Museum. The tour is scheduled for **Friday February 16, 2018**.

The Museum brings computer history to life through large-scale exhibits, docent-led tours and the largest international collection of computing artifacts in the world.

The newly-opened "Make Software" exhibit explores the history, impact, and technology behind seven game-changing applications: MP3, Photoshop, MRI, Car Crash Simulation, Wikipedia, Texting, and *World of Warcraft*.

Big SIR George Suter will lead a walk through San Francisco's Strybing Arboretum on Friday February 9, 2018 AT 8AM! Why so early? Because the garden (normally a \$6 charge for out-of-towners) is free in the early morning, and because parking, normally close to impossible, is very good at that hour. The garden is exploding with bloom – principally spectacular magnolias and camellias, of which the garden has an extensive collection. We will meet at the garden's main gate close to the 9th Avenue entrance to Golden Gate Park.

Any ideas for further local tours? Please mention ideas at the Badge Table or call Bill Gipe at 650-878-5746.

Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) 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 **2018 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 9th Sharp Park tournament** was cancelled due to the first rainstorm on the season on Monday, leaving the course too wet for golf.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 - 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 **\$50** for green fees, cart, and breakfast, and prizes (\$7 each). Carts are allowed on most par 4's and 5's, depending on the ground moisture.

The **2018 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are all scheduled for **Tuesdays or Wednesdays** this year – Tue 2/20, Tue 4/17, Wed 6/27, Tue 8/21, Wed 10/24, Wed 11/21, and Tue 12/18. 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 20th - 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. Prize merchandise vouchers can't be used for cart rentals during tournaments.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: The next Away Tournament is to be scheduled.

Stand by for updates. 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 glblumenthal@gmail.com

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

The Center no longer allows pre-assigned tables, if you will eat at the Center Badge number 185 you must place your lunch or purchase tickets early to stake out a table.

Notify Gerry if you plan to attend the club meeting only (no lunch).

The next CyberSirs meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

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.

Our Big SIR emeritus **John McGlothlin** has taken on the task of expanding attendance at our events and activities. He started by reading the newsletters of the other SIR branches in San Francisco and San Mateo. Each of these branches has a newsletter on line. You can access them by

- 1 - Going to sirinc.org online
- 2 - Click on Branch Websites, then
- 3 - Click on the branch that offers the activity you are interested in to get the contact information.

Here are some of the activities (in addition to golf and bocce ball) you can participate in by contacting other SIR branches nearby:

Bowling at Branches 1 and 142;
Current events at Branches 1 and 118;

Digital photography, Gardening, Genealogy, Stock discussions, and Tennis: at Branch 1;

Walk for health: at Branch 91;

Overnight travel: at Branches 118 and 142

Try going to these websites to look at their newsletters – they are instructive.

There is no reason why Branch 4 should not have activities like these and more. Think of things that you

like to do. Do you think your fellow SIRs might enjoy doing them with you? Mention this to the membership desk, or any of the officers. It doesn't take as much effort as you might think to share your special activity with others.

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.

Some "Phyllis Dillerisms" are timeless – how about this:

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'
-Phyllis Diller

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