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Lunch Menu

March 2018 - \$19

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

April 2018 - \$19

Pork medallions with mushroom sauce
House salad with 1000 Island Dressing
Apple pie
Alternate: Chicken Salad

Thoughts from your Big SIR George Suter:

One of the issues of greatest concern to the SIR leadership at all levels is the apparent decline of interest in membership of organizations such as ours. While the world we were brought up to live in declines, the new world around us seems to become less and less relevant to our concerns. We see it spinning off in a direction we can no longer support. In the midst of all this we hope to hold on to some aspects of life we deem



worthy of support – our Pledge of Allegiance, or the singing of “God Bless America” to name a few. These are two of the simple things that attracted me to the SIR in the first place. Our lunches are well-attended, and the Golf activity seems robust. Bocce Ball, Walk for Health, and the Computer Club are supported. Badge #068 But other activities appear to be in decline.

I would like to urge you to participate. Not just to come to the activity, but to initiate an activity of your own. If there is something you’re doing that you enjoy, consider opening it up to your fellow SIRs. There are a couple of reasons for this that occur to me.

If you are attending an activity that is new to you, you will meet people you may not know by name, though you may have seen them before. In a small group, you can become acquainted, and the next time you see them you can greet them as a friend. I acknowledge that it is sometimes daunting to meet new people – what if they don’t agree with your opinions? That will almost certainly happen, but that’s another benefit, when looked at in that way – we learn to stretch and have compassion for one another – which is something

God Bless America



March 2018 Issue

Meeting: March 7, 2018

Next meeting: April 4, 2018

we are all going to need, probably sooner than later. Not all of us are at the same level of intellect and strength that we were at ten years ago, in our prime.

SIR Branch 1 has invited all SIRs to participate in a SIR day at the Broadway-By-The-Bay production of The Music Man on Sunday March 25. Maybe you happen to be busy that day – we have obligations, and that’s understandable. But if you don’t, why not sign up? Instructions are on the invitation on the cover of this newsletter. You’re bound to enjoy it!

Our March speaker – Fiona Ma Speaking on the subject “The current priorities in state government including high speed rail.”

Fiona Ma is a Certified Public Tax Accountant and currently serves on the California State Board of Equalization, where she works to protect the rights of taxpayers

while also ensuring that California collects its fair share of tax revenues.

As one of two Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) to ever have served on the Board, Ma understands the challenges that businesses and taxpayers face today. As Chair, she has worked tirelessly to uphold the highest level of integrity in government and fought to increase accessibility, accountability and transparency over the taxpayer money the Board oversees.

Prior to serving on the Board of Equalization, Ma was elected to the California State Assembly in 2006-2012. She was the first Asian American woman to become Speaker pro Tempore of the State Assembly.

Fiona is running for State Treasurer in the upcoming election.

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 2018 dues at the Badge Table, and then enjoy SIR lunches, speakers & activities this year.

Active members	112
Super Senior members	4
Total	116

February 7, 2018 lunch attendance totaled 65 members and 2 guests.

Branch 4 remembers two longtime SIR members Henry Ratti and Jim Smith.

Branch 4 inducted two new members at the February meeting. Welcome to both Tony Quarto and Rolf Rosander. Thanks to their

sponsor George Mourgos, who invited Tony and Rolf to the January lunch. Do you know any retired friends who would enjoy the SIR lunch and activities? SIR information cards are available at the Badge Table.

The SIR 2018 roster book should be available soon. If you have any changes for the member database, please mention changes at the Badge Table or call 650-878-5746 with a message.

March Birthdays

Branch 4 remembers the March birthdays of Bob Calhoun, Vern Collins, Juan Garcia, Pat Long, George Mourgos, Jack Negrin, Carlo Noce, Don Nuti, Dan O'Leary, Bob Richter, Joe Sangiacomo, and Woody Woodall**.

(* - have you renewed your membership?)

Sunshine Report

Branch 4 sends greetings to Ernie Braun, Bud Fields, Russ Lindquist, Pablo Magat, Jack Negrin, Don Nuti, and all those who face challenges these days.

Local Tours

SIR members and guests in January enjoyed the free Wednesday noon tour of the historic Mechanics Institute Library & Chess Room in downtown San Francisco.

Big SIR George Suter led a February 9 informative magnolia blossom tour through the SF Botanical Garden.

Do you have ideas for future local tours? Please mention your ideas at the Badge Table.

Future tours considered range from a South City hot rod speed shop to the Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda.

Watch for meeting announcements and sign-up!

Big SIR George Suter will lead a walk into San Bruno Mountain State & County Park on Thursday March 15 at 10 AM.

Directions: Access Guadalupe Canyon Parkway from the Daly City side (off Mission Street or Hillside Blvd to E Market Street which becomes the Parkway) or the Brisbane side (off Bayshore Boulevard). At the top of the grade, turn into the park's entrance. Fill out the information at the entry Kiosk (no fee for seniors during the week, but the tag should be on your dashboard). Go past the first parking lot. Park and meet us in the second parking lot (pass under the Parkway). My cell phone number is (415) 344-6768 and my phone will be ON.

We'll hike for 1 ½ hours up the Mountain and back down, enjoying the California native plants to be seen there.

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 **February 13th Sharp Park tournament** was played in gorgeous sunny weather, though several holes across the freeway were golf-path only and sported temporary greens.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, March 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 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 April 17- 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 gblumenthal@gmail.com

Meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Center. 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 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, March 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.

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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SONS IN RETIREMENT THEATRE DAY

Meredith Willsons
THE MUSIC MAN

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018 | 2:30pm
PRESENTED BY **BROADWAY BY THE BAY**
at the Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway Street, Redwood City

DISCOUNTED TICKETS: \$46 (Rear Orchestra), \$38 (Balcony)
Please note there is no elevator at the Fox Theatre.

Purchase early for best seat selection!
Deadline to purchase at this price - March 10, 2018

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Can you make it ? – fellow SIRs will be there

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