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Lunch Menu

November 2018

Turkey with stuffing & mashed potatoes

Pomegranate dressing salad

Pumpkin pie

Alternate: Chinese prawns salad

Our speaker for the November meeting is Barry R. Groves. Doctor Groves is the current President of the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS-WASC), the school accreditation body for this region. He speaks on the topic "**Are California Public Schools as Good Now as When I Went to School?**"

This is an unusual opportunity to hear a speaker from the top echelon influencing the present course of education.

The ACS-WASC, extends its services to over 5,000 public, independent, church-related, and proprietary pre-K-12 and



adult schools, it works with 18 associations in joint accreditation processes, and collaborates with other organizations such as the California Department of Education (CDE) to align the accreditation process with the planning process for California public schools required by state and federal statutes. The 'ACS WASC/CDE Focus on Learning Joint Process Guide' is the collaborative process that helps schools identify and implement school improvement needs and supports accountability. Badge 202.

Membership Report - Bill Gipe

Membership and Attendance:

Active	121
Super Seniors	4
Total	125

October 5 lunch attendance was 66 members.

ACTIVE MEMBERS! your dues help support SIR lunch and activities.

The Badge Table now has 2019 dues envelopes.

Dues can be paid through January at the Badge Table or

God Bless America



November 2018 Issue

Meeting: November 7, 2018

Next meeting: January 2, 2019

mail a \$25 check to Bill Gipe, 2323 Galway Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080.

Thank you for your past and future support!

Sunshine Report

Branch 4 sends greetings to Ernie Braun, Bud Fields, Tom Heafey, Dan O'Leary, Harry Lieberman, Jack Negrin, Don Nuti, Ray Yoshak, and all who face daily challenges. Please let the Badge Table know if a SIR friend is ailing.

October Birthdays

Branch 4 remembers the birthdays of Dennis Hoyt, John Lewkowitz, Russ Lindquist, Bud Loughran, Augie Moller, Jim Moore, Gene Rieland, George Suter, and John Valdez

Local Tours

Little SIR Stu Etzler arranged an October 26 tour of the Tenderloin Museum. Branch

4 members & guests met at the Main Library and walked to the new museum.

Please join us for future Local Tours and a monthly Walk for Health. We look forward to touring the reopened Salesforce Transit Center and Gardens. Details will be at the lunch or call 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 **October 9th Sharp Park tournament** weather was another early fall, light overcast at the start, then an ideal day for golf. We had to suffer ordering breakfast instead a buffet, since we had only 20 players, 2 showed up later.

Alex Christ has the only birdie on par-3 hole 8, and had the

closest on the hole, and made the 6'-6" putt.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. 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. **As of 10/1**, Sharp Park fees are **\$54** for green fees, cart, and breakfast (\$48, and prizes (\$6 each). No cart saves you \$13. Carts are allowed on most par 4's and 5's, depending on the ground moisture.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday November 21st - 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 \$33 double, \$23 single, payable at the Pro Shop. Prize merchandise vouchers can't be used for cart rentals during tournaments. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: The last Away Tournament was Crystal Springs on Tuesday July 24th with 20 players.

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 in November 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. We take lunch together at 12:00 PM (reserve a seat early!), then repair to Room 3 at about 12:45 PM. The next meeting will be November 21, 2018.

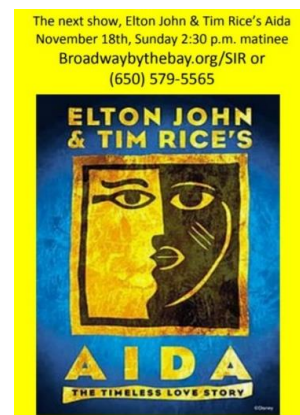
Walk for Health - Ken Reed - Chair

Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45 AM. Badge 129. The walks are scenic, fun, and full of camaraderie. An email is sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.

Save the Dates!

Sunday November 18, 2018 –

Remember to sign up for special SIR tickets.



Tickets at broadwaybythebay.org/SIR or (650) 579-5565 as above.

Wednesday December 5, 2018 -It's the SIR's Holiday Party. We will be gathering at the same spot as last year – Oyster Point Yacht Club – On Wednesday December 5, 2018. Signup information is on the lunch tables, at the sign-in desk, and on the newsletter's back page.



Our peripatetic Big SIR Emeritus John McGlothlin offers the following:

Cruising Portugal's River of Gold

Uniwold offers a change to the usual Douro River Cruise (up and down the river). Starting with 3 days in Madrid, bus to Portugal via Salamanca, sailing to the mouth of the Douro (Porto), and bus to Lisbon via Nazzare and Obidos.

Madrid is impressive. A month would only scratch the surface. Palaces, Museums, Flamenco, and History. The journey to the border and boat passes the Valley of the

Fallen (Civil War memorial), Avila, and 900 Year-old Salamanca University.

The *Queen Isabel* boarded travelers at the border and sailed through miles of terraced vineyards producing grapes for Port wine. Stops at historical towns and, naturally, wineries. Contrasts of old and new; wineries still crushing grapes using human feet, others using machines with hundreds of metal feet (both superb wines). As the Douro flows seaward, the climate cools and grapes are made into light and fruity Vhino Verde white wines. More wineries to visit and sample. Guimaraes is a nice side trip; a key city in Portugal's history and independence.

After 7 days, Porto (2nd largest city) beckons, docking next to the Port Lodges (aging cellars). More tasting opportunities! Porto is a beautiful city with a bridge that looks like an Eifel Tower on its side.

After stops in Nazarre (home of giant waves for surfers) and Obidos (Medieval village). Lisbon is another fascinating city with a Golden Gate Bridge, Cable Cars, 7 Hills, and an impressive bay and waterfront.

Good food, nice wines, leisurely pace. A bonus was the Portuguese crew who shared their knowledge of

history and culture including their "dictatorship" period.

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 6 free tickets for the raffle. The badge number is hidden by popular request.

Don't forget about the Salesforce trip (see above). See also the pictures below from SIR Bill Gipe. Hopefully, the facility will be open this month.



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San Francisco Branch 4



\$40 per person Holiday Luncheon - December 5, 2018

Please send in your reservation no later than Nov 15, 2018
With your check **payable to SIR Branch 4**, and mail to:

Stu Etzler
450 Taraval Street #222
San Francisco CA 94116



Reservations for (Name) _____ Telephone _____

Luncheon menu choices (put initials in front of dish)

_____ Tri tip with mushroom sauce, roasted potatoes and vegetables

_____ Stuffed sole with rice and vegetables

_____ Chicken a la Marino with rice and vegetables

_____ Stuffed portabello mushroom

***** _____ Yes, we will bring a gift for the gift exchange*****

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