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Luncheon Menu

Nov. Menu: Turkey, stuffing and mashed Potatoes, Pomegranate Dressing Salad, Pumpkin Pie.

BLTA Sandwich & Potato Salad

Big SIR Bud Sandkulla

Another year slip sliding away and that means my one year term as Big SIR will soon be over. It has been an honor to serve Branch 4 as Treasurer in 2013, Little SIR in 2014, and Big SIR in 2015. I won't say it has been all peaches and cream but I will say it has been a great experience. I can only hope that I made some kind of positive impact to better Branch 4. I know we will be in good hands for 2016 as Jerry Blumenthal takes over, since he is very qualified and competent to become our next Big SIR. Good luck Jerry, you have my support! I would like to thank and recognize the following for their time and efforts in making Branch 4 function efficiently during my term. Hank Gomez, Jerry Blumenthal, Paul Rosenberg, Jack Major, Bob Golton, George Fenech, Bill Davalos, Flor Mendoza, Ken Reed, Jim Smith, Wayne Veatch, Bob Fox, George Rodriguez, Bill Gipe, Dave Nigel, Elmer Eckart, Richard Soward, Don Nuti, Tony Ramirez, George Suter, Leonel Parra and his assistants, David Solomon, Fred Dannecker, Harry Lieberman, Charley Leach, Leo Juarez, Frank Moriconi, George Samoulides, Dan O'Leary, Kristian Nergaard, Bert Dormann, Matteo Rizzo. I apologize for those I might have unintentionally omitted. What a list of volunteers that keep us operating and entertained. They -



not only deserve our applaud but also a friendly handshake and a BIG THANK YOU for being there for us! Thanks guys!!

Ooops! The hard copy flyer for the Holiday Luncheon has an omission. The line _____ Yes, we will bring a gift for the gift exchange. So please indicate whether you will bring a gift and don't forget to send in your reservation to this festive event.

ATTENTION: Don't forget there will NOT be a regular December lunch at the Elks Lodge. Now is the time to update your roster info. Any change to your address, email, phone number, etc. let Jack Major know so we can update the data base before we print up the new 2016 roster. You'll be glad you did..Starting January 2016 Branch 4 will require a \$25 payment for your years required contribution. This applies to all members, Active and Inactive. Make your checks out to SIR Branch 4. Mail or hand to Bill Gipe, 2323 Galway Drive, South San Francisco CA 94080. Beat the rush and pay now. Here's an idea for your New Years Resolution, ask one person if they know about SIRs. You will be glad you did and so will they.

Welcome Scott Danielson to SIR Branch 4 and thank you Mel Lipscomb for being his sponsor. HERE'S TO YOU!!! HAPPY DAYS AND MANY MORE OF THEM!!!!



God Bless America

November 2015 Issue

Meeting November 4th

Next Meeting January 6th

Little SIR Jerry Blumenthal

Greetings fellow SIRs. This month's article was written while my wife Penny and I were on vacation traveling to Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky. We are visiting friends and the homes and Presidential Libraries of Harry Truman in Independence, Missouri and Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois. We are also traveling to Saint Louis, Missouri to see Ulysses S. Grant's home and farm, Hodgenville, Kentucky to see Abe's birthplace and the cabin where he grew up, and Bardstown, Kentucky to see the home where Stephen Foster wrote the Kentucky state song, "My Old Kentucky Home".

We made a brief visit to Ulysses and Julia Grant's home and farm "White Haven" outside of Saint Louis. We next visited Springfield, Illinois to see Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln's home prior to his election, the large Lincoln Family Tomb, and his Presidential Library. In addition, we saw the church where they worshipped, and the train stations where he departed to assume the presidency, and the other where his private funeral train returned for his burial.

Last we went to Elizabethtown, Kentucky. From there we visited Hodgenville, Kentucky to see the monument containing the cabin where Abraham Lincoln was born, and a short distance away the cabin where he grew-up. See you at the meeting.

Bring a friend!

Membership and Attendance Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks Ford Long for special missed meeting contribution and John Lombard, Lou Ravano & Pete Gandell for their early 2016 membership dues of \$25. Branch 4 thanks all annual, special, and missed meeting contributors in 2015. Your contributions are important to meet Branch obligations.

SIR Rules. Rule 60: Members are obligated to attend all regular lunch meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from Branch locale. A member may be notified : A. Miss three consecutive meetings. B. Did not attend one half of regular meetings in previous year.

Please call attendance chair Bill Gipe with a message at 650-878-5746 or email gipper816@msn.com, if you'll miss lunch meeting.

Membership statistics:

Add new member: 1

Resignations/moved: 2

Deceased: 3

October revised membership totals: 155 active, 38 inactive.

October lunch attendance was 102.

Branch 4 is pleased to welcome Scott Danielson, a retired architect with Parsons Brinckerhoff (sponsored by Mel Lipscomb).

Sunshine Report: Branch 4 sends best wishes to Claude Blakeslee, Mike Campusano, Ford Long, Pablo Magat, Bacho Medina, Don Nuti, Damaso Ramirez, AndyYnostroza, & Bob Eshoo

Branch 4 is sad to note the passing of Bert Dormann, branch photographer, and longtime members (inactive list) Elmer Gallegos & Joseph Sebastinelli.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243, Ken Reed 415-810-3832, and Jim Smith 650-871-8855

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>.

2015 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. Badge #132

The Tuesday October 13th **Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday November 10th, 2015 - 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.

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. Same tee times and player limit as 2015.

No-shows without notification will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday November 18th 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: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855, 430 Forest View Drive, South SF, CA 94080.

These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays starting in March. See the website or the golf table at the lunch. No bus trips this year, so arrange car pools if possible.

Upcoming Away Trips November 23rd – Crystal Springs Golf Course Shotgun 10am. Check the web site for updates!

2016 NCGA Dues of \$46 are payable to Jim Smith. Give him a check made out to **SIR Area 4 Golf** at the November lunch, or mail it before 12/1/15.

November Lunch speaker Jim Carley

Jim is a Mortgage Consultant who will share the pros and cons of Reverse Mortgages. Jim is a Certified Senior Advisor and a Partner with First Priority Financial.

**Check out the flyer for the Christmas Luncheon!
Come one, come all!
This will be a good time to rub elbows with your fellow SIR's !
It will be fun, and if you can bring a gift to exchange, all the better.**

SIR Activities

Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman, Charlie Leach
Meet on Wednesdays at the Doelger Senior Center
1st Wednesday 9:30 to 11AM
Other Wednesdays 10AM -12 noon

Computer Club

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

Pinochle George Samoulides
Games are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. All SIR's are invited to join in the fun. Call George for further information.
Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun

Walk for Health – Ken Reed
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 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/>
hope you enjoy reading our latest edition. **Don MacGregor**, editor:

Pull Tabs

Save the pull tabs from aluminum cans and give them to Walt Prawicki or Joe Sangiacomo. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Joe and Walt thank all those who have supported this worthy cause.

In Memoriam

Elmer Gallegos
Raino Kandelberg
Albert K. Dormann

Birthday Greetings

George Suter(Chairman)

SIR November birthdays:

Henry Albert*, Fred Dannecker, Irv Jarkovsky, John Lewkowitz, Russ Lindquist, Pat Loughran, Jim Moore, Joseph Oliver*, Sakee Poulakidas, Henry Ratti*, Meyer Segal*, George Suter, and Grant Teakle. (*-inactive list)

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

Our local tour for October, on Friday, October 23, was a surprise destination (not determined as of “press time”), organized by Jack Major, as I was out of town. As I announced at the October meeting, you learned details via Jack's email blast. Again “as of press time” our November trip, on Friday, November 20, will hopefully be a tour of the Tesla auto factory in Fremont. Stay tuned for details. As always, we're open to your suggestions for future trips and welcome you to attend the Executive Committee meeting at 10:00 in the back room to make your suggestions. We will confirm our November trip at our lunch meeting,

Remember we have the go-ahead for new Activity Groups for Theater/Movies, Genealogy, Amateur Radio and Model Railroading, as soon as someone volunteers to take the lead. Please let me know which you wish to take. The Pool group is moving ahead, with Terry Kirkhoff and Paul Rosenberg. Meanwhile, please continue to review the travel offerings listed in SIR Happenings and offered by

other Branches in Area 1. Check the [Area 1 Travel and Activities](#) link on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> for details. If you do take any of these tours, please send me an email or call me and let me know how it went: veatchlaw@gmail.com, 415-297-1807.

Battle of Saratoga October 7th

The **Battles of Saratoga** (September 19 and October 7, 1777) marked the climax of the [Saratoga campaign](#) giving a decisive victory to the Americans over the British in the [American Revolutionary War](#). British General [John Burgoyne](#) led a large invasion army up the Champlain Valley from Canada, hoping to meet a similar force marching northward from New York City; the southern force never arrived, and Burgoyne was surrounded by American forces in upstate New York. Burgoyne fought two small battles to break out. They took place eighteen days apart on the same ground, 9 miles (14 km) south of [Saratoga, New York](#). They both failed. Trapped by superior American forces, with no relief in sight, Burgoyne surrendered his entire army on October 17.



George Washington

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