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Luncheon Menu

Jan.Menu: Ham with Pineapple Sauce, Honey Balsamic Vinegar Salad, Spumoni Ice Cream, BBQ Beef Sandwich and Fries.

Feb Menu: Lasagna_with_Meatballs, House Salad with Italian Dressing, Tapioca Pudding, Fruit Salad with Cottage Cheese

Big SIR Jerry Blumenthal

I hope all our Branch 4 SIRs had a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

We closed 2015 with a wonderful holiday party. The food, music and table conversations made for a great climax for the year. I want to begin by thanking Bud and Lynn Sandkulla for their planning and guidance in making the holiday party such a success. I would also like to recognize and thank the following individuals who helped Bud, Lynn and me at the luncheon: my wife Penny Blumenthal, Jack and Cynthia Major, Dan O'Leary, Ken Reed, Mateo Rizzo, George and Lynne Rodriguez, David Solomon, Wayne and Janet Veatch whose assistance helped make the party such a success. A great time was had by all. We had over 100 SIRs, spouses and guests join in the celebration. The Dues for each SIR in 2016 will be \$25.00 payable on or before the February meeting. We will no longer be collecting dues at the monthly meetings.



Effective with the February meeting, members who have not paid their annual dues will not be able to attend the meetings, or participate in Branch functions, such as golf, etc. We would like to thank the many members who have already paid their 2016 dues. If you are unable to attend either January or February meeting, you may mail a check for your dues made payable to "SIR Branch 4", to SIR Bill Gipe, our Membership and Attendance Chairman.

The Branch Executive Committee also determined that in agreement with the other SIRs Chapters in the State, we will no longer have an inactive member classification; therefore each SIR will need to pay his annual dues.

Just a reminder for our members who are purchasing drinks from the bar, please donate \$2.00 a drink to the Drink Jar on the Badge Table to help defray the branch's \$100.00 bar set-up fee charged by the Elks Club to provide us with a bartender. This charge is **not** included in the cost of the drinks you pay at the bar.

Now let's get Party 2016 Started



God Bless America

January 2016 Issue

Meeting January 6th

Next meeting February 3rd

Badge# 112

Scam Alert

Beware, the scams are out there. There are people representing themselves as PGE or Utility workers, roofers, etc., with credentials that they have printed on their computers. If you have not called them, get verification before talking to them. You can also call your local Police Dept. Don't let the desperadoes win! There are numerous scams and some are very creative. ie: you have not paid your IRS bill or you still have an outstanding bill etc. Be forewarned and do your homework. They are targeting everyone and especially seniors.

Auditions

If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, or entertain, please let me know. We will do some numbers, (auditions) during the social hour at the meetings. We are trying to put together a talent show for the coming Christmas Luncheon. Group. Singers welcome. You can do it! George

Membership and Attendance Bill Gipe

Membership and Attendance

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Please call attendance chair Bill Gipe with a message at 650-878-5746, or email gipper816@msn.com, if you'll miss lunch meeting. Also please contact about new members or membership concerns.

Membership statistics:

Add new members: 2

Status change (inactive & active): 0

Resignations/moved: 0

Deceased: 2

September revised membership totals: 156 active, 41 inactive. September lunch total was 105 members.

Branch 4 is pleased to welcome two new members. Robert Eshoo (sponsored by Ron Appel) was a teacher in the the SFUSD. Aldo Ramon (sponsored by Al Herpe) worked for United Airlines quality assurance.

Sunshine Report: Branch 4 wishes a return to health and speedy recovery to Claude Blakeslee, Mike Campusano, Ford Long, Pablo Magat, and Andy Ynostroza. In memoriam: letters to inactive members brought news of the passing of Raino Kandelberg

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>

2016 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 December 8th **Sharp Park Tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be will be available on the golf table at the lunch.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday January 12th, 2016 - 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: Tuesday February 16th first tee-off is 10:15.

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,

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: We don't have any Branch 4 tournaments scheduled yet.

2016 NCGA Dues of \$46 are due and payable to Jim Smith by 12/15. After year-end, add \$10.00 late fee. Make checks payable to SIR Area 4 Golf. Pay at the January Luncheon or mail payment to:

Jim Smith, 430 Forest View Dr. So. San Francisco, CA 94080

From the Christmas Party



Great Party, Lots of Fun!

Rosters

The new membership rosters are being put together now. If you have any changes, address, email, phone, etc, please contact Bill Gipe with the changes.

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.

Birthday Greetings

George Suter(Chairman)

Badge # 040

Branch 4 remembers **January** birthdays of Tony Chavez, Larry Farrell, Felix Evangelista, Rich Fraher, James Gibbons, Pablo Magat, Don Price, Mario Reyes, Lloyd Rinde, David Solomon, Rich Soward, Marios Stathopoulos, Wil Ucliusin, and Mike Vriheas

December Birthdays

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From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

Our local tour for November, on Friday, November 27, was a joint event with Ken Reed's Walk for Health: A very nice walking tour around the Saddle Loop Trail in San Bruno Mountain State Park. The weather was great: no fog, no wind, very clear skies and unlimited visibility. A perfect way to walk off any excessive turkey consumption the day before. We're taking a "bye" for December, so as not to interfere with your family holiday plans. At our meeting on January 6, we'll see how it's going with El Niño, consider suggestions and report on decisions. 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.

Remember to consider our new ActivityGroups: Theater/Movies Genealogy, Amateur Radio and Model Railroading. Better yet, volunteer to take the lead on one of them. 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.

Editor's Note

Flor and I wish all of you and your loved ones a Happy New Year. At this time we need to make our resolutions. A few resolutions are, Think Health! Eat healthier foods, fill your mind with positive thoughts, and get out and exercise more. Make 3 people laugh every day. Also think about volunteering for Branch 4. By volunteering you will meet more members and you will be helping yourself by serving your fellow members. It's good for you!

Editor

Walk for Health Ken Reed

Walk 4 Health takes a break this Holiday Season. Normally held on the last Friday of the month, this year December 25th is Christmas Day, and Santa may be coming to town. Walk 4 Health is back again for a fun walk on January 29th. This will be our yearly "Have you broken your New Year's resolution walk.. so be prepared to share your resolution....."

Branch 4 Welcomes New Members

Branch 4 welcomed 2015 new members: Bob Calhoun, Scott Danielson, Bob D'Elia, Bob Eshoo, and Aldo Ramon.

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*Happy
New
Year!*