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Luncheon Menu

March Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage, House Salad with Ranch Dressing, Mint Ice Cream, Shrimp Louis Salad.

April Menu: Fish and Chips, Cream Italian Salad, Cream Puff with Italian Rum. Chicken Salad.

Big SIR Jerry Blumenthal

The dues for each SIR in 2016 are \$25.00 and were payable on or before the February meeting. We are no longer collecting monthly dues during the 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 over 130 members who have already paid their 2016 dues. If you were unable to attend the February meeting, you may mail a check, immediately, for your 2016 dues made payable to "SIR Branch 4", to SIR Bill Gipe, 2323 Galway Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080. The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) 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. The BEC decided at the February Meeting to recognize our Super Senior and Century members.



Beginning this year members (age 95 and older), at the beginning of the year will no longer be required to pay annual dues. Our current Super Senior and Century members are Mel Kranke 101, Meyer Segal 99, and Bill Kneebone 97.

Just a reminder for our members who are purchasing drinks from the bar, please donate \$2.00 a drink to the Drink Bucket 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. (con't page 3)

Random Thoughts Little SIR John McGlothlin

I'm a second generation SIR. My Father-In-Law Ed Hicks retired from the "phone company" and was recruited by his fellow Pioneers. His Branch met at the Stonestown Red Chimney. Forward to 2013 and golf with Bud, who mentioned the SIRs and invited me to lunch; I joined. Two years later, Bud dangled food again (doughnut holes) and suggested serving on the board.



God Bless America

March 2016 Issue
Meeting March 2nd
Next meeting April 6th

I discovered this (cooler!) side of the Bay at USF after growing up in the East Bay. I met Joanne at USF and had my first taste of "management" as VP of my fraternity. I started my career as a "fed" with DoD, intended as a short stop while finishing my masters at State, turned into 37 years, most with IRS. Our first house was in Serramonte (little boxes), and then to San Bruno in 1979. Kids John and Maryanne graduated from Capuchino and UC's. I spent 8 years on the School Board. Joanne taught Adults at Serramonte and CCSF. My first retirement led to non-profit mgmt. and consulting. To make more time for travel, golf, collecting wine and fun, we had to cut somewhere. Goodbye consulting! Our neighborhood experienced a terrible explosion and fire in 2010. Our neighbors lost lives, homes and property, and suffered injuries. Their story merits another article. San Bruno's settlement from PG&E funded a Community Foundation. I was asked to serve on the board and am now working to make something positive result from this terrible event.



Big SIR Jerry Blumenthal, Bob Fox Regional Director, New Little SIR John McGlothlin



February Speaker

Norman Scott Former U-2 Pilot
Accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Big SIR
Jerry Blumenthal

Membership and Attendance
Bill Gipe

Membership and Attendance

Thanks to all members who paid 2016 SIR dues of \$25. Reminder to pay dues by Feb. lunch (or by mail or on your next visit). The annual \$25 dues replace the \$2 meeting table collection and are necessary to meet Branch expenses.

Branch 4 members: 133
Branch 4 Super Senior Members: 3
Feb. 3 meeting attendance: 101
Branch 4 thanks all members for bringing Branch 4's annual 2016 dues. It's not too late. Just bring your \$25 annual dues to the Badge Table at March lunch or mail a check to membership chair Bill Gipe. All dues received in the mail this month will be credited at the March meeting.

Super Seniors (over age 95) are exempt from annual dues. Branch 4 recognizes Super Senior Mel Kranke who celebrated his 102nd birthday in Feb.

If you'll miss lunch meeting. Also please contact about new members or membership concerns.

Membership statistics:
Branch 4 Jan. lunch attendance was 90 members. Branch 4 welcomed two guests, Michael O'Donnell and Del Schembari, to lunch.

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 recovery & better days for Claude Blakeslee, Ford Long, Walt Prawicki, and Mike Valenzano.

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>

The **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 **February 9th 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 March 10th, 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. Refurbished greens should be in use on holes 4 through 7.

The **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. 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 19th - 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: We don't have any Branch 4 tournaments scheduled yet.

Resolutions

Time to refresh! Keep up with your resolutions!

- 1 Eat Healthier foods**
- 2 Keep up your exercise**
- 3 Fill your mind with good thoughts**

Don't listen to the Nattering, Nabobbing, Nincompooi of Negativity!

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:

Birthday Greetings

George Suter(Chairman)

Branch 4 notes the March
birthdays of Bob Calhoun, Vern
Collins, Bob D'Elia, Juan
Garcia, Phil Gravitt, Pat Long,
Dave Marconi, Jim McTiernan,
George Mourgos, Jim Mulhall,
Ed Murphy, Jack Negrin, Paul
Nocero, Don Nuti, Dan O'Leary,
Ernie Pead, Bob Richter, Joe
Sangiaco, Jim Smith, and
Woody Woodall.

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

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We had another fine local tour on
Friday, February 19 to the
Computer History Museum in
Mountain View. A fascinating
place. Our local tour for March
will be on Friday, March 19:
George Suter is planning a walking
tour of downtown San Francisco's
hidden public places, followed by
a visit to the Bechtel WeeTeeKaa,
railway car Museum at 50 Beale
Street. Don't miss this one.

Recruitment: We're pleased at
the enthusiastic reception of our
membership growth campaign at
the last lunch. I hope several of
you use the "business card" you
picked up and bring a guest to the
next meeting. Please let me or Bill
Gipe know who you are bringing
so we can introduce him and
thank you. Badge# 233

Recruitment: Let's grow our
membership. You can help by
inviting a friend of yours to lunch.
We'll hand out Branch 4 "business
cards" at the next meeting. Please
make it a point to give one to a
friend and tell him about the
benefits of SIR membership

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Walk for Health -Ken Reed

Walk 4 Health took a break this
Holiday Season. Normally held
on the last Friday of the month,
Walk 4 Health started back
again for a fun walk which was
held on January 29th. This was
our yearly "Have you broken
your New Year's resolution
walk We look forward to more
walks this year.

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

Big SIR (continued)

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Saving Time (DST) will
begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday
morning, March 13th this year. As
usual, we will turn our clocks
forward one hour before we turn in
on Saturday night and therefore
lose one hour of sleep. This year,
we will return to Standard Time by
turning our clocks back one hour at
2:00 AM on November 6th.

Many Fire Departments
recommend this date as a
convenient reminder to replace all
your smoke detector batteries, and
test each detector. More than 90%
of homes have smoke detectors,
but one-third of the smoke
detectors are estimated to have
dead or missing batteries. **Don't
forget to get new batteries
installed in all of your smoke
detectors!**

2:00 AM to keep to the The idea
for daylight saving was first
conceived by Benjamin Franklin in
1784. "Just as sunflowers turn
their heads to catch every
sunbeam, so too have we
discovered a simple way to get
more from our sun" (source
unknown). Daylight Saving causes
or has caused some interesting
situations, In the fall, Amtrak trains
that are running on time stop for
one hour at posted

schedule. In the spring, the trains,
instantaneously become one hour
behind schedule. During the
1950s and 1960s each locality
could start and end DST, as it
desired. One year, 23 different
pairs of DST start and end dates
were used in Iowa, alone. On one
Ohio to West Virginia bus route,
passengers had to change their
watches seven times in 35 miles.

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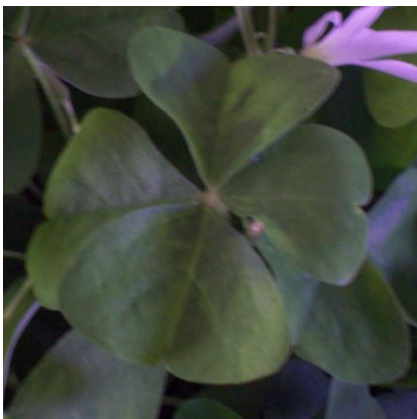
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*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!*