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Branch 4 Monthly Newsletter

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Issue Month:
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Forthcoming Activities

Picnic Day- \$25/per person
Aug. 17 (Wed)
Reservation slip is on
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December 7th (Wed)
Holiday (Christmas) Party
Seating capacity is limited.
Reservation Slip
Coming Soon!!!

Support
Branch 4
Buy raffle tickets for a
chance to win cash prizes!!!

SONS IN RETIREMENT

A Luncheon Club promoting the Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

Every friend is a potential member.

Meeting Date: July 6, 2016

Elks Lodge (650) 589 4030 ext. 17
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:00AM Board Meeting
11:00AM Social-12:00 Lunch

Speaker:

John Suckow, Combat Pilot in Vietnam

Topic: TBD

LUNCHEON



JUL: Chicken Parmesan, Salad with Thousand Island Dressing, Fruit Upside Down Cake, Shrimp and Crab Sandwich.

AUG: Prawns, House Salad with Raspberry Dressing, Chef's Salad Sherbet.

Note: Salad must be ordered one month in advance.



Jerry Blumenthal, Big Sir

Recruitment of New SIRs

Calling All Members!
Calling All Members! Be on the lookout for potential new SIRs. Do you know men who might be interested in joining SIRs Branch 4? Does your wife know ladies who would like to get their husband out of the house, so the ladies can get together and go out for lunch by themselves? Do you know someone who is about to retire or recently retired? Do you have friends who like to play golf, bocce ball, take group trips and local tours, or any of our other activities? Give them the opportunity to join us and become our friends, too. Contact Bill Gipe at 1 (650) 878-5746 or at wgipe24@gmail.com to get the information you need to answer any questions, and get the ball rolling. Let Bill know if you are going to invite someone to lunch, so he can meet and welcome them.

SIR Picnic

August 17, 2016, Flood Park, Oak Shelter Area, at 215 Bay Road (just east of the Bayshore Freeway at Marsh Road) in Menlo Park from 10 AM to 3 PM. Make your plans, bring your spouse, have a good time as

we join with SIRs Branch 91 for our annual picnic. The cost will be \$25 a piece and includes Danish, Donuts and Coffee at 10 am, a catered Barbeque Lunch with Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks and Water. Other activities include a Bocce Ball, and Sepo in the morning and Bingo and Raffles in the afternoon Reserve you spots early by email or phone to Jerry Blumenthal (gblumenthal@gmail.com or 1 (415) 728-5573) then mail me your check (payable to SIR's Branch 4) or bring it to our July 6 or August 3, 2016 Meeting. The last day to sign-up will be August 3, 2016, as I need to let the organizers know the final count and send in the Branch payment, by August 5th.

Branch 4 Officers for 2017

I would like to thank the nominating committee, SIRs Bud Sandkulla, Jack Major and Ken Reed, for their prompt action preparing a slate of officers for next year. Branch 4 will elect our officers for 2017 at the July Meeting. Your vote and support for our branch officers keeps our branch going.

John McGlothlin – Big Sir, George Suter – Little Sir, Paul Rosenberg - Secretary, John Major – Assistant Secretary, Bob Golton – Treasurer, George Fenech – Assistant Treasurer, Bill Gipe – Membership Chairman and Charlie Leach – Recruitment Chairman.

Independence Day

Independence Day of the United States, also referred to as the **Fourth of July** or **July Fourth**, is a federal holiday commemorating the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, by the Continental Congress declaring the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves to be a new nation, the **United States of America**, and no longer a part of the British Empire. The wording of the resolution of independence was actually approved on July 2, 1776, but the formal Declaration of Independence document was read and approved on July 4th. By August 2, 1776 the three delegates of each of the thirteen colonies had signed the Declaration.

The U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid Federal holiday in 1870 for Federal employees, but it was not until 1938 that Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday. By coincidence the only two signers to later become president, John Adams in Massachusetts and Thomas Jefferson in Virginia died on July 4, 1826 the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Another founding father who later became President, James Monroe died on July 4, 1831. He became the third president in a row to die on July 4. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President was born on July 4, 1872.



John McGlothlin
Little Sir
Volunteerism, part II

Last month, I highlighted the importance of volunteers to SIR and acknowledged our many volunteers for making SIR what it is today. For July, I want to mention other opportunities.

As I read through our directory, I see a wealth of experience both individually and collectively. There are many opportunities to share this experience and help others, or to spend time doing something you've always wanted to do. Some examples:

- Some SIRs look back on careers as educators and use their experiences to support youth and the community by promoting recreation, tutoring, assisting teachers (a great opportunity to work at a level, you wanted to teach and never did). One of our SIRs recently assisted San Bruno Community Foundation's selection of scholarship recipients. Also consider Project Read.

- If your career was in public safety, you enjoy helping people. An example of putting this experience to work is at our airport where volunteers at the USO and Travelers Aid greet visitors and help them deal with sometimes daunting directions.

- Many organizations that work with the disadvantaged need help, especially with food distribution. Second Harvest has programs in most communities.

- We all want government to be more effective and responsive. Consider boards and committees where your experience will help. Don't worry if you don't have years of background; often newcomers ask questions that more "experienced" hands rule out with good results.

In short, there are opportunities to fit every interest. Of course, **SIR always needs you!**

Meet our speaker

John Suckow: *Combat pilot in Viet Nam 1967-1969 flying A-4 Skyhawks, A-6 Intruders, and TC4C Academe for the Navy. Flew 200 launches from USS Lexington and USS Constellation. Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Unit Citation and Navy Commendation Medals. Acts as a docent duties on USS Hornet and Moffett Field Historical Society.*

The
Golfer
Tournament Schedules
Branch 4

For Reservation
Please Call:
Jack Major
415 566 2243
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 **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 **June 14th Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch. The course was in good condition, except for 16 which had a tundra-like fairway and a temporary green. The canyon greens, holes 4 through 7, were back in play and in nice shape. Results are now on the web site.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:

Tuesday July 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.

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.

The Tuesday **June 21st Poplar Creek tournament** results are on the web site.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament:

Wednesday August 24th - 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:



The first 2016 Away Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday July 26th at 1000, at Chuck Corica Golf Complex (Earl Fry course), 1 Clubhouse Memorial Road, Alameda, 510-747-7800. **Make check out to SIR Branch 4 Golf, and send check to: Jim Smith, 430 Forest View Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080.**

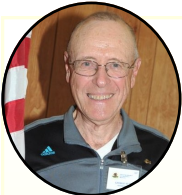


From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch -

veatchlaw@gmail.com
415-297-1807

Our local trip for June, on June 10, was a fascinating tour of the Dudley Perkins Harley Davidson showroom and museum in South San Francisco. The tour was led by our own Al Herpe, a long-time motorcycle and scooter fan and collector. We finished with a nice lunch at a local restaurant. We have nothing planned at this writing for July. If you have an idea or wish to lead a tour, please let me know. We invite you to our Executive Committee meeting at 10 AM before our usual monthly lunch meeting to offer your suggestions for local tours. Al has offered to set up a tour of the Jeremiah O'Brien ship, where he volunteers, perhaps sometime in August. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, keep in touch with the travel offerings from our Area and the state, listed on our Branch 4 website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org>. If you do go on any of these tours, please let me know. veatchlaw@gmail.com, 415-297-1807.



Birthday Greetings George Suter, Chairman

Branch 4 remembers
the birthdays of :



Branch 4's July Birthdays include Gil Aldrete, Jerry Blumenthal, Jere Driscoll, Nick Fesunoff, Hank Gomez, Al Herpe, Bud Howard, Charley Leach, Chris Manitsas, Jim McCoy, Dennis Meixner, Bob Pardini, Tony Ramirez, George Rodriguez, and Wayne Veatch.



Attendance & Membership Bill Gipe, Chairman

Branch 4 membership total is 158, including Super Seniors (over age 95) 81 members and 1 guest attended June 2016 lunch.

A moment of silence was observed for Vincent Unsinn.

At the June lunch, #11 Ed Arce received his new member rooster pin from sponsor #6 Al Ramon.

Remember to pick up a SIR Wallet card at the Badge Table. Please consider giving SIR card to any retiree, who you think will enjoy SIR lunch and activities.

Bocce Ball—*Harry Lieberman—Charlie Leach Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center 1st Wednesday 9:30—11:00 Other Wednesdays 10:00—12:00 (Wives Welcome)*

Computer Club—*Jerry Blumenthal (415) 728 5573*

Meeting at 11:45 every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake, Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend.

Pinochle—*George Samoulides (415) 564 5384 Games are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. All SIRs are invited to join in the fun. We start at 1:30pm. Call George for further information. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.*

Pull Tabs: Save your tab tops from aluminum cans and give them to Joe Sangiacomo or Walt Prawicki. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Walt Prawicki thanks all those who have supported this worthy cause.

Walk 4 Health—Ken Reed 415 810 3832 Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45AM. 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/>

I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition.
Don MacGregor, Editor, SIR Happenings.

Sunshine List:

Branch 4 wishes better days for:

Dave Carelli, Nick Fesunoff, Bud Fields, Tom Gibbons, Ford Long, Don Nuti, and Antoon Van Arkel.

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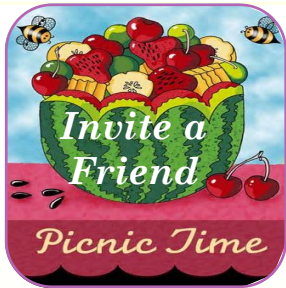


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San Francisco Branch 4

Tear Off

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Branches 4 & 91 - 3rd Annual Picnic - \$25
Wednesday, August 17th

A Catered BBQ Lunch includes
Beer, Wine, Soft Drink and Water

Flood Park, Menlo Park
We will be at the
"Oak Shelter" Area- From 10am to 3pm
Danish, donuts, and coffee at 10am
Bocce Ball Tournament starts shortly afterward
Sepo (Peruvian Coin Toss Game) also
starts shortly after arrival.
After lunch, Bingo and Raffle Prizes will follow.

Mail your reservation
with your payment of
\$25/person to:



Jerry Blumenthal, Big Sir
1763 23rd Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

Name _____

Direction: From the North: Take US 101 - South, Exit No. 406 for CA-84 E/Marsh Rd., (Dumbarton Bridge) turn right into Marsh Rd, go .5 mile, turn left onto Bay Rd, go .7 mile, Flood Park on your left.
From the South: Take US 101 - North, Exit 404B for Willow Rd-West, take the Clover leaf onto the overpass. Go .2 mile, turn right onto Bay Rd, go 1.3 miles, Flood Park will be on your right.

Note: Turn into the entrance and park near one of the two short walkways leading into the Oak Shelter Area.