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### Luncheon Menu

**November Menu:** Turkey with Stuffing and Mashed Potatoes, Pomegranate Dressing Salad, Pumpkin Pie, BBQ Pork Sandwich with French Fries

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### Big SIR Jerry Blumenthal Recruitment of New SIRs

**Calling All Members! Calling All Members!** Be on the lookout for potential new SIRs. Do you know men who are about to retire or recently retired who might be interested in joining SIRs Branch 4? Do you have friends who would like to participate in 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](mailto:wgipe24@gmail.com) to get the ball rolling. Let Bill know if you are going to invite someone to lunch, so he can meet and welcome them. Don't forget the suggestion box if you have any ideas to improve our meetings or new activities that you would like to see.

### Thanksgiving Day

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast as the first Thanksgiving celebration in the colonies. For more than two hundred years, a day of thanksgiving was celebrated by individual colonies and states.



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## Veterans Day Fly Your Flag !

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held the final Thursday of November. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill making Thanksgiving Day a holiday on the last Thursday of November.

### Veterans' Day

At 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918 (the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month) the Armistice ending the fighting in World War I "The Great War" went into effect. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The War did not officially end until June 28, 1919 with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. Congress officially recognized the end of World War I on June 4, 1926. On May 13, 1938, Congress made the 11<sup>th</sup> of November a legal holiday to be known as "Armistice Day." On June 1, 1954, after World War II and Korea, Congress changed the day to "Veterans Day" to honor American veterans of all wars.

## God Bless America



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**November 2016 Issue  
Meeting November 2nd  
Next meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>**

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## Little Sir John McGlothlin Holiday Party 2016

In addition to being the month we honor the birth of Bingo (1530, in Italy) December is full of holidays including Christmas and Hanukkah which share the same day for 2016 and remembrances such as Pearl Harbor Day which are important to many different people. On a whimsical note, December starts with Red Apple Day on December 1<sup>st</sup> and ends with Make up Your Mind Day on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Traditionally December is a time for gatherings and an important tradition is our SIR's Holiday Party. The flyer in this newsletter has all of the specifics; date, time, place, menu, entertainment and, of course, the cost. The key to any celebration is the people attending and I want to encourage everyone to sign up. In keeping with the spirit of the December holidays, this is a family event and guests are welcome. Dominic's on the water at Oyster Point is a great venue, our caterer assembles a great feast and we have arranged for entertainment. (continued)

## Little SIR (Continued)

For the gamblers, we have a new challenge to guess the number of balls in the (large) bottle. For all interested, we'll conduct a gift exchange.

All we need is you, your spouse and your friends. The flyer includes a form to collect your menu selections, gift exchange preference and your names. We need this information no later than November 12<sup>th</sup> so we can provide our caterer the information they need to prepare the sumptuous feast. Looking forward to seeing you at Dominic's on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## The Battle of Trenton 12/25/76

A letter from Bristol Pennsylvania 12/22/1776. Joseph Reed (Pennsylvania Militia) to General George Washington. "Will it not be possible my dear General for our troops or some part of them as can act with advantage to make a diversion or something more at or about Trenton? The greater the alarm the more likely success will attend the attacks. I will not disguise my own sentiments that our cause is desperate and hopeless if we do not take the opportunity of the collection of troops at present to strike some stroke. Our affairs are hastening fast to ruin if we do not retrieve them by some happy event. Delay with us is now equal to total defeat." On December 25, 1776 General George Washington with his troops in the early morning crossed the icy Delaware and routed the Hessian troops. This victory gave a much needed boost to the American revolution.

**Branch 4** remembers the **November Birthdays** of Tony Agustin, Henry Albert, Fred Dannecker, Dennis Hoyt, Irv Jarkovsky, John Lewkowitz, Russ Lindquist, Pat Loughran, Jim Moore, Henry Ratti, Meyer Segal, and George Suter,

Membership total is 157, including Super Seniors over age 95. The Oct. 5 meeting attendance was 84 plus 1 guest.

Branch 4 welcomed new member Dennis Hoyt, who was sponsored by Stu Etzler. Say "Hello" to Dennis at the lunch. He's a retired Petrini Meats Inc. manager. Dennis is a golfer and classic car enthusiast.

Thanks to all members who have already paid 2017 SIR dues. Envelopes are available at the Badge Table. Remember SIR wallet cards are also at the Badge Table. Please give the SIR cards to retirees who might be interested in the SIR lunch & activities. Call Bill Gipe 650-878-5746 for a membership question.

### Sunshine List

Branch 4 sends greetings to Bud Fields, Ford Long, Don Nuti, Ernie Pead, Walt Prawicki, Antoon Van Arkel, Andy Ynostroza, and all those with challenges these days.

**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 website: <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.

The Tuesday **October 11<sup>th</sup> Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available

on the golf table at the lunch. The weather was delightful, and the course was in good condition, except for 14 and 16 which had a tundra-like fairways. A few other fairways were dried out and bare. Maybe the rain expected at press time is going to help.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> - first tee-off is 1015.** Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$33) and prize fees (\$7) are **\$40** as of 1/1/16; optional cart fees are \$14 per player double, \$19 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

**SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments:** The next 2016 Away Tournament is to be determined. The last one was held Wednesday September 21<sup>th</sup> at 1000, at Chuck Corica Golf Complex (Earl Fry course).

**NCGA Dues Guys** It is that time of the year again, time for the NCGA Dues, The fee is the same as last year \$ 46. And is due by December 20, 2016, please No later than 12-20-16 or you may be dropped from the NCGA.

Make all checks payable to Sir Area 4 Golf Club, and send to Jim Smith, 430 Forest View Dr., South San Francisco, Ca. 94080,

#### **SIR Activities**

##### **Bocce Ball**

Charley Leach and Roger Kelly  
Co-Chairs

Meet every Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Center 10-12 AM  
No Bocce Ball on First Wednesday because of Sir's Lunch.

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##### **Computer Club**

Jerry Blumenthal

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Ctr. 11:45 AM  
All those interested in computers are welcome.

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##### **Pinochle**

George Samoulides

Games are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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##### **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

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#### **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:

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#### **Birthdays Greetings**

##### **George Suter( Chairman)**

Branch 4 remembers the October birthdays of John Gehring, Dan Herran, Robin Jaquith, and Stu Ruth

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#### **Staff Photographer**

If you like to take pictures, we need someone to take pictures at our luncheons and special functions. We need only a few pictures a month. Please let the editor know. Thank You !

#### **November Speaker**

Bryan S. Lee, MD, JD is a board-certified, fellowship-trained ophthalmologist who specializes in cataract, refractive, and cornea surgery. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College and cum laude from Harvard Law School. Dr. Lee attended medical school at Washington University in St. Louis on a full merit scholarship and graduated with Alpha Omega Alpha honors.

Dr. Lee was named one of the "[Top 40 under 40](#)" in ophthalmology in 2015 and an [Ocular Surgery News Premier Surgeon 300](#) innovator in refractive cataract surgery in 2016.

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#### **Quotation**

**"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken"**

**Oscar Wilde**

#### **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.

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#### **From your Travel and Recruitment Chair, Bill Gipe**

Al Herpe, who volunteers at the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, offered a tour of the historic Liberty Ship in October. He invited fellow SIRs to lunch aboard the O'Brien. The Branch 4 November trip is planned to Oakland Aviation Museum located in the historic Boeing hangar on Earhart Rd. by the Oakland Airport. Details and sign up sheet will be at the November lunch. Ideas for future local trips are welcome

#### **Volunteers**

One area where we need a volunteer is the Away Golf Tournament. Golf is one of the most important activities of our organization, and it would be great if one of our members would step up to the plate. This is an activity we should not lose.

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#### **Editor's Note**

This will be the last issue of the year. Flor and I wish you all a Happy Holidays and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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#### **Badge Number**

Look for your badge number in the Fog Horn, if you find it you get 5 free tickets for the raffle.

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***Holidays &***  
***Happy New***  
***Year !***