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Branch 4 Monthly Newsletter

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NEW !!!
BRANCH 4
FACEBOOK
(See below)

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

LUNCHEON MENU: \$17



FEB: "Roast Beef
Au jus", House salad
w/ranch dressing,
Cobb Salad, Cherry Strudel

MAR: Corned Beef and Cabbage,
House salad w/ ranch dressing.
Mint Ice Cream, Shrimp Louie
Salad.

Note: Salad must be ordered
one month in advance.

SONS IN RETIREMENT

A Luncheon Club promoting the Independence and
Dignity of Retirement.

Every friend is a potential member.

Meeting Date: February 1, 2017

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: Jeanne MacVicker (see page 4)

Topic: Orphan Train Movement

John McGlothlin

Big SIR's Musings



We're into February with rainy January behind us and our drought at bay at least for a while. Our friends in Southern California remain dry with their strong thirst for our water and tunnels to send it their way.

February is a very popular month in my family hosting my birthday, our daughter's, my mother's and father's and an uncle's. And, that just two generations. Kind of hard to fit in Valentine's Day plus four Presidential Birthdays (no wonder our two greatest now share President's Day), along with two of baseball's very finest (Henry Aaron and Babe Ruth). All this in a month that was cheated of two days by the Romans.

In addition to all of our usual activities, February will be a busy month for your SIRs officers and chairmen. I will

be attending my first Area Big SIRs meeting as your Big SIR on February 17th. Your Little SIR, George Suter is also planning to attend. On February 24th training is scheduled for your officers and committee chairs (and for the Big and Little SIRs). This will give us a chance to meet with our counterparts from the other branches and get ideas from them so we can serve you better. This is starting to sound almost like work (remember work?), however, the training is a once-a-year event.

As I prepared the schedule, I was again reminded how we rely on a small group of people to keep the branch running smoothly. In some cases, we have the same person filling more than one key position. In short, we need reinforcements. If you have interests and abilities in areas such as publicity, communications, event planning, or publishing, our Nominating Committee (Bud, Jack or Ken), or any of your officers would like to talk to you. Your help and ideas can make a difference and will be greatly appreciated.

Branch 4 Facebook Group



We have established a Facebook group recently. The purpose of this group is to market us to potential new members. Right now the group is only open to members of our branch. We are now testing it so we can establish a good looking page that could welcome new members. For now, the Facebook page is a closed group and only members can access it. If you have a Facebook account and are not already a participant, please contact Paul Rosenberg, prose38@pacbell.net or on Facebook and you can participate in the establishment of this page.



George Suter Little Sir

SPRINGTIME – should the word be associated with a particular month – such as May - or does it have more to do with buds opening, snow melting, mild weather, and life starting up again? In my neighborhood and yours, it begins to look shockingly like spring as early as mid-December. Have you noticed a hesitant few blue flowers beginning to pop out on that dark-leaved little bush down the street? This is the time when our California wildflowers, normally unassuming not to say reclusive, begin to call attention to themselves and can lure an inquisitive SIR out of the house into the gardens and onto the trails. Now is when you get the chance to see some of the best California nature has to offer.

To get you started on this annually recurring adventure, your Little SIR would like to offer two two-hour walks for beginning nature lovers, one at the end of February and another at the end of March. We will walk up and down two familiar trails on San Bruno Mountain. This time however, you will be carrying a list of about 30 common flowers you will see again and again. The repetition will give you a chance to recognize them as you walk along and to give them a name. Not the scientific name necessarily (though that will be there too) but the often more colorful common name: “California Lilac” for instance for that “little bush down the street” with brittle dark green leaves; now covered with clusters of minuscule blue flowers and the first bees of the year. As they say “you can’t miss it” (at least when you’ve seen one and had it named). I hope to see you on that walk!

On a personal note, my future wife struggled out of snow-bound Washington DC to visit me here 47 years ago. I’d like to think that the beauty of San Francisco’s parks in December had nothing to do with her choice to accept my proposal a few months later.



Birthday Greetings George Suter, Chairman

*Branch 4 remembers the
February birthdays of:*

Julio Apodaca, George Bacigalupi, Claude Blakeslee, Carl D’Alessio, Ed Damonte, Bill Davolos, Kenford Dong, David Donnelly, Pete Gandell, Merton Jones, Mel Kranke, Willie Low, John McGlothlin, Flor Mendoza, Dave Nigel, Paul Nocero, and Walt Prawicki.

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 **2017 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 **January 10th Sharp Park tournament** was cancelled due to rain and flooded course. We may not be playing there until spring if the rains keep up.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:

Tuesday February 14th, 2017 - 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 \$47 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 **2017 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are all scheduled for Tuesdays this year – 2/21, 4/18, 6/20, 8/29, 10/24, 11/28, and 12/19 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.

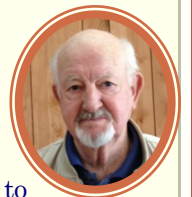
Next Poplar Creek Tournament:

Tuesday February 21st - 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 \$15 per player double, \$20 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments:

The next 2017 Away Tournament is at Chuck Corica Golf Complex, Alameda on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 8:30 AM, with 24 golfers. Green Fee is \$40.00. Make any future tournament checks out to SIR Branch 4 Golf and send check to:

Jim Smith
430 Forest View Drive
South San Francisco, CA 94080.



SIR 2017 NCGA dues of \$46 were due to Jim Smith by January. Contact Jim Smith to see if you need to get reinstated. Make checks payable to Sir Area 4 Golf Club, and send to him.



Bill Gipe
 Travel Chairman
wgipe24@gmail.com.

The 2017 SIR Branch 4 local day trips started with a visit on Jan. 20 to San Mateo County Historical Museum's "Peninsula at War! San Mateo's World War II Legacy" exhibit. Please look at the SIR lunch for sign up sheet and details of future day trips. Little SIR George Suter has offered to lead a Spring flower walk. Other trips are considered to Oakland Aviation Museum, Alameda's Pacific Pin Ball Museum, and Sutro Library at SF State. Any ideas? Call 650-878-5746 or wgipe24@gmail.com.

Attendance & Membership

Bill Gipe, Chairman



Branch 4 January lunch attendance was 70 members and 1 guest. Year end membership total was 154, including Super Seniors over age 95. Thanks to all members who have paid their 2017 dues, and thanks to Bob Richter for his generous gift. Please leave a message with Bill Gipe, if you'll miss a lunch or have any membership questions. You can call 650-878-5746 or email wgipe24@gmail.com.

Remember SIR wallet cards are at the Badge Table.

Badge 240

Sunshine List:

Branch 4 sends greetings to Bob Bowen, Bob D'Elia, Scott Danielson, Bud Fields, Don Nuti, Ernie Pead, Walt Prawicki, Antoon Van Arkel, Andy Ynostroza, and all those with challenges these days.

Bocce Ball—Roger Kelly and 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

Meet at 11:45AM every 3rd Wednesday 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.

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San Francisco Branch 4

Address Label

Meet our speaker (from page 1)

Jeanne MacVicker grew up in Kansas and received her degree from Kansas U. She currently has a successful realtor business.

The Orphan Train Movement was the largest mass migration of children in American history. It lasted from 1854 to 1929 and it's estimated that over 250,000 children were moved from orphanages in New York City to rural areas in the United States. It was the genesis of the modern day foster care system and the brain child of Charles Loring Brace, a Methodist minister and social activist. This "placing out" was an attempt to find homes for the urban poor and children were transported on "orphan trains" to be selected by people in rural areas. Jeanne's Great-Aunt Adeline Rousseau Trowbridge arrived in Clyde, Kansas on the Orphan Train in 1911. She was taken in by Jeanne's Great-Grandparents George and Sarah Trowbridge at the age of 3 and is buried in the Clyde cemetery. The presentation is an informative history of the Orphan Train Movement on a very personal level.



Jerry Blumenthal (left) was presented a plaque of appreciation for being a past Big Sir, while Bob Fox (right) received his plaque of recognition from the State President for serving as past Region 5 Director. Behind them is Big Sir John McGlothlin.



Big Sir John McGlothlin (right) presented a plaque of appreciation to Jim Colton (left) for being the guest speaker last month. His topic was about Cuba through his pictorial presentation about the past, present, and future of this country.