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Lunch Menu

November: Turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, salad w/pomegranate dressing, pumpkin pie
Alternate: Barbeque pork sandwich with French fries

Thoughts from Your Big SIR John McGlothlin: – Travel Broadens the Mind

September found us in France. Fitting, as we reflect on the U.S. entry into “The Great War” 100 years ago. Our bus rides around Paris and up and down the Loire river brought constant reminders of the struggles of France and especially those involving the United States.

Our first night in Paris brought us to the Bastille (a prison in 1789, today a stylish Symphony Hall). Signs on freeways surrounding Paris directed towards the Marne (scene of bitter battles at the start of the Great War). Another sign pointed to Chateau-Thierry, where the American Expeditionary Forces proved their mettle. Still another pointed towards Metz and Verdun, fortresses where German and French generals took turns



ordering troops to face withering fire.

We think of France as an ancient country since history recounts great kings as far back as the 700's. In reality, it took France almost 1,000 years to look like it is today as underscored by our travel along the Loire. At the mouth is Nantes, part of Brittany, an independent dukedom, through the 1500's. Much of the Loire Valley was controlled by England until the 1500's. The great Chateau of Chinon is an example of their power while the citadel at Angers symbolizes French might. You can follow the path of Joan of Arc up the Loire, from Chinon to Orleans as France threw off foreign domination.

One sign of nationhood is that chateaux became stately and less warlike. French kings were quite fond of their mistresses and what better way to show their appreciation than gifting a chateau. It goes without saying that a fancy chateau demands good food and wine and France may as well have invented both.

Back in Paris, there is more to learn. For instance, the towers of the Concierge, were where the nobility was “scheduled” for the guillotine during the revolution. You'll never think the same about the smiling person at your hotel.

God Bless America



November 2017 Issue

Meeting: November 1, 2017

Next meeting: January 3, 2018

October arrives and it is time to leave a country with so many historical and emotional ties.

Many thanks to past Big SIR Jerry and 2018 Little SIR Stuart for filling in so ably.

November Speaker – Larry Serkanic – “The Liberty Ship Jeremiah O’Brien”

Larry joined the volunteer crew of the Jeremiah O'Brien as a trainee welder in the Engine Department for his love of history and because of friends who convinced him to do so.

He says it's been a wonderful experience working with men and women who share like interests, contributing their talent, creativity, and energy in sustaining such an important piece of our great American heritage. Plus, the O'Brien always provides challenges rich with opportunity for personal growth; and is great fun.

Larry is a Chemical Engineer and Chemist whose career has spanned 40+ years in the adhesives industry developing industrial engineering

adhesives. Badge 195. He is the co-founder of several adhesive companies.

Membership Report - Bill Gipe

Active Members 130
Super Seniors (over 95) 4
Total 134
Oct. 4 lunch attendance was 72.

Branch 4 welcomes Carlo Noce, retired businessman. Carlo was sponsored by Big SIR John McGlothlin.

Branch 4 remembers Ernie Pead who passed away in late September. Ernie was a member since 1981.

Thanks for your 2018 dues contributions, which support Branch operations. --- **The 2018 dues envelopes are available at the Badge Table.** Members can pay \$25 dues at the table or mail a check to Wm. Gipe, 2323 Galway Dr., South San Francisco, CA. 94080. Thanks to Bob Richter for his special contribution at the Oct. meeting.

Please remember handy SIR wallet cards and extra copies of the Foghorn are available at the Badge Table. These are useful to give to anyone interested in SIR lunch and activities.

Travel Report - Bill Gipe

Branch 4 has local trips almost every month. Nov. 12 is SIR Theater Day at Redwood City's Fox Theater production of "Singin' in the Rain". Details at the meeting.

More long-distance SIR travel opportunities are listed on the SIR website sirinc.org.

Birthdays: Branch 4 remembers the November

birthdays of Tony Agustin, Fred Dannecker, Dennis Hoyt, John Lewkowitz, Russ Lindquist, Bud Loughran, Jim Moore, Henry Ratti, Meyer Segal, and George Suter.

Sunshine Report

Branch 4 remembers all members with challenges at this time and sends greetings to Claude Blakeslee, Bud Fields, Mel Kranke, Jack Negrin, Don Nuti, Meyer Segal, and Jim Smith. --- Good to see Harry Lieberman at the Oct. lunch!

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243 and 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 **October 10th Sharp Park tournament** course conditions were decent, but a bit dried out on 14, 16, and 17. We had only 22 players with a buffet breakfast. Results are out on the website above.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday November 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 \$50 for green fees, cart, and breakfast, and prizes (\$7 each). Carts are allowed on most par 4's and 5's.

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 November 28th - first tee-off is 1015. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$33) and prize fees (\$7) are **\$40**; optional cart fees are \$15 per player double, \$20 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: The next Away Tournament is **Wednesday November 22th at Chuck Corica Golf Course**, Alameda, starting at 0830. Fees are \$45 including green, cart, warm up bucket, and prize fund. We have spaces for 24 players.

Stand by for updates. Sign up for the tournaments at the golf table at the 1st Wednesday lunch.

Bocce Ball - Charley Leach and Roger Kelly - Co-Chairs
Meets every Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Center 10-12 AM. No Bocce Ball on First Wednesday because of SIR's Lunch.

Computer Club - Jerry Blumenthal - Chair (415) 728-

5573 *or*
gblumenthal@gmail.com

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

The Center no longer allows pre-assigned tables, if you will eat at the Center you must place your lunch or purchase tickets early to stake out a table.

Notify Gerry if you plan to attend the club meeting only (no lunch).

The next CyberSirs meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Walk for Health - Ken Reed - Chair

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 is sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.

Wine Tasting – Bob Fox – Host

Members from our branch as well as branch 118 meet monthly. We rotate selecting 5 wines for the purpose of expanding our knowledge of wine. Additionally we meet every three months for dinner at a different restaurant. If you are interested in this activity, contact Bob Fox.

Look for your badge number in the Fog Horn, if you see a number that just doesn't belong in the context and it's yours, claim your 5 free tickets for the raffle.



SIR Branch 4 Holiday Party



Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays from Big SIR John McGlothlin and Little SIR George Suter. This year we will celebrate the holidays with our traditional Luncheon at the Oyster Point Yacht Club, down the road from last year's venue, but at a larger, updated location overlooking the yacht harbor. Date for the event is Wednesday December 13, 2017, starting at 11 AM.

As in the past, the event will be catered by Dominic's at Oyster Point with the same menu choices:

- A Tri-tip with mushroom sauce, roasted potatoes and vegetables
- Stuffed Sole with rice and vegetables
- Chicken a la Marino
- Stuffed Portabello mushroom

The dessert will be chef's choice.

Different from last year is a fully-stocked no-host bar in the new location.

Location/Directions: Oyster Point Yacht Club is at 911 Marina Blvd in South San Francisco.

- From the 101 freeway heading South take exit 425B for Oyster Point Blvd East, continue on Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.
- From the 101 freeway heading North, take exit 425B for Oyster Point Blvd, turn left onto Dubuque Ave, turn right onto Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.
- From the South San Francisco Elks, head East down Hillside Blvd, continue on Sister Cities Blvd, then straight ahead onto Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.

Please send you acceptance before November 15, using the form on the next page.

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San Francisco Branch 4



\$37 per person Holiday Luncheon - December 13, 2017

Please send in your reservation no later than Nov 15, 2017

With your check payable to SIR Branch 4, and mail to:

*George Suter
1770 18th Ave
San Francisco CA 94122*



Reservations for (Name) _____ Telephone _____

Luncheon menu choices (put initials in front of dish)

_____ Tri tip with mushroom sauce, roasted potatoes and vegetables

_____ Stuffed sole with rice and vegetables

_____ Chicken a la Marino with rice and vegetables

_____ Stuffed portabello mushroom

***** _____ Yes, we will bring a gift for the gift exchange*****

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