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### **Lunch Menu**

January: Chicken Dore with caper sauce, Caesar salad, mocha almond fudge ice cream.  
Alternate: Shrimp and crab sandwich.

February: Meat Loaf with gravy, house salad with Italian dressing, cherry strudel.  
Alternate: Cobb salad.

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### ***Thoughts from your Big SIR George Suter:***

There's more to SIR than one meeting a month. It seems to me that there are so many things crowding in on my time, that I have less free time available than I did when I was working. It may have something to do with the place where we live – there is so much to do here that the choice can be overwhelming. So you need some guidance, someone to tell you where the good things are. I'm going to usurp that role now. Cast your eye down the pages of this Foghorn. You will see that SIR Branch 4 has a number of fun activities and events. Our new Activities Chairman, John McGlothlin is searching nearby SIR branches to find more activities



you can participate in. You may even have some fun activity that you could invite your fellow SIRs to join. I encourage you to choose something you might enjoy, and give it a try. Better schedule it though; add it to your calendar or by the time the date rolls around, you'll have forgotten all about it! (Now how would I know that?)

More to SIR? When you finish reading this, I'd like you to check out the SIR website – specifically the "Watch Our Video" right under the masthead. Go to [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org). It will show your organization in a new light, and might awaken some new ideas for participation.

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***Our January Speaker – Thomas A. Kennelly, author of "One More Story and I'm Out the Door: A life, with Recollections about Jimmy Hoffa, the Mafia, G. Gordon Liddy, and Guardian Angels, among others."***

Tom Kennelly will recount his experiences as a trial lawyer in Washington, DC, first as a federal prosecutor, and then as a criminal defense attorney, during the

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### **January 2018 Issue**

Meeting: January 3, 2018

Next meeting: February 7, 2018

tumultuous years of the 1960's, '70's and '80's.

Working under Robert F. Kennedy, he helped convict Jimmy Hoffa, initiated the Department of Justice's "strike forces" against organized crime, and created the federal witness protection program.

In his varied private practice, Kennelly represented Watergate figures, high-ranking government officials, and the leader of a DC jail-break.

### ***Membership Report - Bill Gipe***

Branch 4 thanks all members who have already paid 2018 SIR dues. Remember 2018 dues can be paid at the Badge Table.

Active members 130

Super Seniors 4

Total (Nov.2017) 134

November lunch attendance was 72.

Branch 4 welcomed new 2017 members: Carlo Noce, Michael Robinson, and Case Verploegh.

As 2018 begins, Branch 4 remembers these SIR friends whom we lost during 2017: Bob D'Elia, Irv Jarkovsky, Ed Murphy, Ernie Pead, Paul Rosenberg, and Bob Scholton.

### January Birthdays

Branch 4 sends January birthday greetings to Larry Farrell, Rich Fraher, James Gibbons, Peter Klein, Pablo Magat, Lloyd Rinde, David Solomon, Rich Soward, Ray Steward, Marios Stathopoulos, Wil Uclusin, and Brian Weiss.

### Sunshine Report

Branch 4 sends greetings to Claude Blakeslee, Bud Fields, Juan Garcia, Jack Negrin, Don Nuti, Meyer Segal, and Jim Smith.

### Local Tours

Branch 4 local tours are set to resume in 2018. Tentative plans are to take the free Wednesday noon tour of the historic SF Mechanics Institute's library and chess room at 57 Post St. Details will be announced at the January lunch or call 650-878-5746. Badge #62. Future tours include the Computer History Museum. Any ideas for a local tour? Please mention ideas at Badge Table or call 650-878-5746.

### *Report from your Activities Chairman John McGlothlin*

Our Big SIR, George, wanted to ease my transition as former Big SIR and asked me to write about activities.

In my remarks at our Holiday Luncheon (Great Job, George and

helpers!) I mentioned my goal for last year was to make our meeting experience as enjoyable as possible as it sets the stage for everything in SIR. Activities are the way we build on meetings and put our stamp on our Branch.

Branch 4 has several activities and dedicated chairs and assistants who work for your enjoyment. Bocce, Cyber Sir's, Golf, Local Tours, Walk for Health, Speakers, and Wine Tasting are all enjoyed. We need more Pinochle players to play with George Samoulides. We're always looking for new ideas and SIR's to support them. The key is to take advantage of these opportunities.

We share the North and Mid Peninsula with other branches and they also sponsor activities; our wine Tasting group is actually a joint effort with another branch as is our Picnic. Neighboring branches also offer activities such as Book Reviews, Bowling, Bridge, Investment Discussions, and Travel. In most cases, you are welcome to contact their activities chairs and participate.

For February, I'll develop a list of activities our neighbors sponsor and share it with you. "Carpe Diem."

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***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 **2018 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 **December 12th Sharp Park tournament** weather conditions were decent, but somewhat smoky from SoCal fires. The greens were in good shape; just fine for a four-putt on 12 for me! We had only 24 players with a buffet breakfast. The staff (Nancy, Kevin, and Flora) was delighted to get the Christmas gifts – thanks for the contributions! Results are out on the website above.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 - 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 **2018 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are all scheduled for **Tuesdays or Wednesdays** this year – Tue 2/20, Tue 4/17, Wed 6/27, Tue 8/21, Wed 10/24, Wed 11/21, and Tue 12/18. 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 20** - 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. Prize merchandise vouchers can't be used for cart rentals during tournaments.

#### **SIR Area 4 Away Golf**

**Tournaments:** The next Away Tournament is to be scheduled.

Remember after **January 15th**, the **NCGA dues for go up \$10**, from \$37 to \$47.

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](mailto: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, January 17, 2018.

#### **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.

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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.

## 2018 Branch 4 Officers Inducted – December 13, 2017



The picture above shows 2018 Branch 4 Officers being inducted by Ex-Officio Big SIR Gerald Blumenthal. Left to Right, Jack Major – Assistant Secretary, George Fenech - Assistant Treasurer, Bob Golton – Treasurer, Gerald Blumenthal, George Suter – Big SIR, Stuart Ruth – Secretary, Stuart Etzler – Little SIR.

The SIR Holiday Party was a blast. We sang carols, exchanged gifts, guessed at M&Ms in a jar for grand prize, enjoyed drinks, lunch and good company with spouses and our fellow SIRs. All of this at the spectacular new Dominic's at Oyster Point in South San Francisco. For a general idea of the festivities, see the pictures on the back page. I hope to see you all there next year.

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