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Lunch Menu

February 2019

House salad w Italian dressing
Roast Beef w Au jus
Brownie a la mode
Alt: Chef Salad

March 2019

House salad w ranch dressing
Corned beef and cabbage
Mint ice cream
Alt: Tuna melt sandwich

Our speaker for the February meeting is John W. Lehman.

You may remember John from his session with us in September 2016.

He was the featured speaker who divided us into tables to compete in naming songs, or singers, or the movie of the songs he was playing. This turned into a very lively lunchtime as each of us racked our memory to come up with the big names of by-gone times.

John is now the office and marketing manager for SarahCare of Campbell, an



adult day activity center, where he has given twice weekly “vintage-music-for-memory” sessions since August 2012.

John is an amateur musicologist and collector since 1960, and has every original popular recording from 1890 to the present. He started giving vintage music entertainment sessions in 2004 and has given over 150.

As Executive Director of the Senior New Ways non-profit, John created Vintage Music for Memory Therapy for groups and individuals. He delivers the “reminiscence” therapy to SarahCare of Campbell and some residential care centers..

Membership Report - Bill Gipe

Membership and Attendance:

Active	92
Super Seniors	5
Total	97

November lunch attendance was 65 members and three guests.

ACTIVE MEMBERS! your dues help support SIR lunch and activities.

God Bless America



February 2019 Issue

Meeting: February 6, 2019

Next meeting: March 6, 2019

The Badge Table now has 2019 dues envelopes.

Dues can be paid through Wednesday February 6 for inclusion in the 2019 Member Roster / Directory.

Pay at the Badge Table or mail a \$25 check to Bill Gipe, 2323 Galway Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080.

Thank you for your past, present, and future support!

Sunshine Report

Branch 4 sends greetings to Ernie Braun, Bud Fields, Tom Heafey, Dan O'Leary, Harry Lieberman, Jack Negrin, Don Nuti, Ray Yoshak, and all who face daily challenges. Please let the Badge Table know if a SIR friend is ailing.

February Birthdays

Branch 4 remembers the birthdays of Ed Damonte, Bill Davolos, David Donnelly, Pete Gandell, Mel Kranke, John McGlothlin, Flor

Mendoza, Dave Nigel, and Paul Nocero..

Local Tours

Big Sir Stu Etzler and your editor George Suter drove down to the Hiller Aviation Museum on Saturday December 29 for an 11 AM talk by Brian Shul , Air Force Fighter Pilot, and Top Gun instructor, A-10 demonstration pilot, and SR-71 pilot.

Brian gave one of the best talks I have ever heard. He deftly mixed humor with typical Air Force fighter pilot bravado in recounting his remarkable come-back after being shot down in flames over Vietnam.

Recovered by Special Forces at the risk of their lives, he was so badly burned that he was given next to no chance to live. Enduring painful skin grafts and reconstruction surgery over a period of years, he related at one point that he just no longer wanted to live.

Brian's talk centered on his step-by-step recovery from that low point in his life. He not only walked again, but came back to full flight status and beyond; becoming one of only 70-odd pilots cleared to fly the triple hypersonic SR-71 spy plane.

Through it all, he took photographs and captured sights only very few are privileged to have witnessed.

Dear fellow SIR reading this, we missed you at that presentation, but fear not, Brian will be back next year, and our invitation from last month will be re-extended.

SIR John Hoskins is a docent at the Año Nuevo Preserve on the Coastsides. He has not set a date yet, but it is likely he will lead a SIR tour soon. The elephant seals overwintering on the beach are a natural phenomenon you don't have to travel far to see. It's a good bet that people come from all over the world to see what is in your own back yard. Don't miss this opportunity. Sign up if you get the chance.

Magnificent magnolias are in bloom in Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park. Last year we went there in the morning to spare the \$7 entry fee for non-residents. We learned that mornings are the time the gardeners choose to turn on the water and we got soaked! The blooms are still something special though, so this year we'll start at 1 PM. Meet at the 9th Avenue gate closest to Lincoln on Tuesday February 12.

Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Ken Reed 415-810-3832.

A 2019 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 **2019 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 **January 8th** match was cancelled due to wet weather. We can't complain too much – we may go through May again this year until it's playable.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, February 12th - first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. There's **breakfast that starts at 0815**, so you want to get there early. At least, **check in a half-hour before your tee time.** The lineup will be sent out by email a few days before. Sharp Park fees are **\$54** - \$18 green, \$13 breakfast, \$13 cart, \$6 prizes...No cart saves you \$13.

The **2019 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are all scheduled for **Tuesdays** this year – 2/19, 4/23, 6/18, 8/20, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17 – starting at 1015.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday

February 19th - 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 \$33 double, \$23 single, payable at the Pro Shop. Prize merchandise vouchers can't be used for cart rentals during tournaments.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: these will be scheduled. Alameda, Tilden, Crystal Springs, and Lake Chabot are on the list. Any other suggestions?

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 the first Wednesday of the month because of SIR's Lunch. We have been skunked by the rain early in January. To keep you posted on conditions, make sure Roger or Charley have your email address.

Computer Club - Jerry Blumenthal - Chair (415) 728-5573 or
glblumenthal@gmail.com

Meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Center. We take lunch together at 12:00 PM (reserve a seat early!), then repair to Room 3 at about 12:45 PM.

Walk for Health - Ken Reed - Chair

Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45 AM. Badge 31. The walks are scenic, fun, and full of camaraderie. An email is sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.

From your editor - George Suter

I recently ran across a PBS show in the "American Masters" series on Mike Nichols. If you get a chance to watch this, I can recommend it. Mike Nichols was the director/producer of an amazing number of successful films, among them "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", "The Graduate", "Catch-22", and "The Birdcage" (naming only the movies that I saw and liked.)

Nichols appears to have had a lot to say about the things on our mind as they developed over recent decades.

I watched "Primary Colors" (another Nichols film from 1998-with John Travolta and Emma Thompson). The theme may be an old one (20 years old!), and possibly familiar by now - a come-from-behind presidential race with a main character you will easily recognize.

The movie kept me enthralled with several cringe-inducing episodes, a plot twist or two, and a satisfying ending.

If you're (like me) dismayed at the lack of watchable movies in the theaters, Amazon Plus streams interesting movies for "free". That's in quotes because I got hit with advertisements in some of my recent selections.

Speaking of "watchable" movies, did you catch Willie Brown's article in the Jan 20 Chronicle about "If Beale Street Could Talk?" From my memory of that great blues song, I was tempted to see the movie. I'm glad I didn't. It was apparently tough to watch, as are so many.

Instead of entertainment, we are now expected to sit still to be pummeled in punishment for our "sins" (whether we actually did them or not).

Why is the editor the only one who gets to write his opinion in this newsletter? It may be because you haven't sent anything in this month. I will probably never run out of opinions, but I will make room for yours IF YOU WRITE! Make a resolution to send me a few paragraphs by February 15; in time for the March Newsletter and I just may grudgingly yield the space to your thoughts.

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 6 free tickets for the raffle

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