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Lunch Menu

April 2019

House salad w Thousand Island dressing Pork tenderloin cutlet Apple pie Alt: Chicken salad

May 2019

House salad w Raspberry vinaigrette Chicken enchiladas Vanilla Flan Alt: Fruit salad w yogurt & granola

Our speaker for the April meeting is Lt. John Norris – California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. His topic is "Combatting the drug cartels in order to reclaim America's wildlands."

Lt Norris earned his BS and MS degrees from San Jose State. He became a game warden for California Fish and Wildlife in 1992. In 2013, he developed the Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET), an organization aimed at combatting the marijuana cartel's decimation of wildlife resources. He was awarded

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the Governor's Medal of Valor for lifesaving and leadership efforts in 2008. John has written two books on the subject of today's talk. He continues to train law enforcement in combatting the tactics used by narcotics operators in their attempted appropriation of the nation's wildlands for their own purposes.

Membership Report - Bill Gipe

Membership and Attendance:

Active 117
Super Seniors 6
Total 123

March lunch attendance was 67 plus six guests.

Branch 4 thanks all members for their 2019 dues and welcomes the members from Branch 91.

Welcome to new member Irv Boxerbaum, sponsored by Al Herpe.

Remember SIR wallet cards are available at the Badge Table. These business size cards are handy to invite friends to the SIR lunch

Sunshine Report

Please tell the Badge Table (or call 650-878-5746 with a

God Bless America



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Meeting: April 3, 2019

Next meeting: May 1, 2019

message) about any SIR friend with challenges these days. Branch 4 sends greetings to Roy Bava and Bob Bowen.

April Birthdays

Branch 4 remembers the birthdays of Stan Falk, Bob Fox, John Ghiglieri, Nick Itsines, Roger Kelly, Tony Marotto, Aldo Ramon, Ken Reed, Mike Robinson, and Rolf Rosander.

Local Tours

Look for a Badge Table signup sheet with details about an April visit to the Peninsula Museum of Art in Burlingame (free admission). The current displays at this undiscovered gem include the following three exhibits:

1. From the Stone Age to the Digital Age - Sculpture by Oleg Lobykin

Oleg Lobykin has roots in the craft of Old World stone carving, yet considers himself sculptor and "an international man and product of globalization." His recent sculptures in organic abstract shapes, sometimes highly shiny and brightly colored in fiberglass or earth tones and constructed of natural stone or bronze, express harmony between the natural and man-made worlds badge 041. Lobykin's intention is to bring attention to human disconnection and self-destructive activity toward the environment. It's a reminder that we are here not to abuse nature, but to be a part of it.

Overgrown - Fiber Sculpture by Heather Devling

Heather Deyling is an artist and educator who creates colorful site-specific two-and three-dimensional installations which spill over architectural into space. creating contrast between the organic and the man-made. The prevalence of unnatural hues in her pieces invites the viewer to consider whether the colors originate from man or nature. Her intent is to immersive create an environment of mysterious temporarily mutations. altering their location. Her studio practice is driven by research and observation of natural forms. such as

succulents, fungi and marine invertebrates.

3. Mood & Movement -Large-scale Paintings by Suhas Bhujbal

Suhas Bhujbal captures abundant ambiance, mood and movement in his figurative paintings. Many of his giant pieces brim with people and color, pulling the viewer into vibrant imaginary settings; others are informed by his regular meditation practice. with an overwhelming peacefulness apparent in his canvases.

The March 2019 Branch 4 board meeting discussed the following future Local SIR Tours:

- Pacific Pinball Museum
- Presidio's Disney Museum
- Oakland Aviation Museum
- Hiller Aviation
 Museum
- Vallejo Ferry ride to the Mare Island Museum or
- The Victory Army-Navy Store in Vallejo.

Any ideas? Please write your suggestions on the Badge Table future tour clipboard or call 650-878-5746 with a message

SIR George Rodriguez contributed the following:

Unsung Heroine - One who does great deeds but receives little or no recognition.

During World War 2, there was a young lady working on an assembly line assembling hand grenades. Fortunately she had the mechanical aptitude to realize that the arenades thev were assembling were faulty. The instant you pulled the pin, the grenade would explode. She took the bold and courageous move and shut down the assembly line. The foreman rushed over and said, "What's going on?" She told him the grenades were faulty. He demanded her to start the assembly line. She said, "I will not!" The foreman stormed off and came back with the supervisor. The supervisor wanted to know what was going on . She said, "I tried to tell the foreman that the grenades were faulty but he wouldn't listen. You wouldn't want your son or another soldier using these grenades would you?" The supervisor took her for her word, corrected the problem and the assembling went forward. How many lives did this courageous American Lady save?

Ruby Mae Gray Ellsworth – A True American Heroine

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 **March 12**th 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. (maybe, if dried out) April 9th - first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their quests 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.

The Tuesday **February 19**th **Tournament** was played with sloppy conditions, cart-pathonly, but pleasant weather. Results will be emailed, and on the golf table at the March lunch.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday April 23th - first tee-off is 1015. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$33), prize fees (\$7), and golf fund replishment (\$5) are \$45; 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.

And to that George Rodriguez adds (he heard it said somewhere): "If you're afraid that a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there."

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. 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. The walks are scenic, fun, and full of camaraderie. An email is sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.

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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