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TAMAL TALK

A SIR PUBLICATION

Luncheon Meeting:
McINNIS GOLF CENTER, SAN RAFAEL
Fourth Tuesday of the month
Happy Hour at 11:00 am, as always

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BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Will Kaefer. Your Executive Council has nominated Will for Honorary Life Membership. The application has to be approved by SIR state officers, and a presentation will be made soon thereafter.

On April 14th, the Hiking group of 11 members hiked from the Mill Valley Community Center to Sausalito. Along the way Al Springstead suggested that we see the wooden boat that is being built in Sausalito. This resulted in our getting a docent tour of the Mathew Turner, a 100 ft. long tall ship that will be completed in 2017. This kind of unexpected experience can happen when you participate in activity groups. I encourage you to join one or more of the many activities and special events associated with our branch. In our branch, bowling, golf, tennis, hiking, and bocce groups are very active. You will enjoy the comradery and friendships that come with better knowing each other. The activities are where the action is!

Last week, Tim Leveque and I attended an Area 6 meeting of Big SIRs and Little SIRs. The purpose was to compare notes regarding what the Marin County branches are doing about common problems. Some of the branches have difficulty in recruitment and in getting members to fill the officers and directors positions. We feel fortunate that our concerns are not as great as those of other branches, but we must continue to progress in bringing in new members. We have done well so far this year, but we have lost nearly as many folks as we gained. If we are to have a viable branch, all of us have to bring in new members. If even half of our members, each brought in one new member, that would be 50 new members! To assist us in attracting new members, our Recruitment Committee has created improved flyers, calling cards, and even a personal letter to all members. The recruitment committee will assist you, if you feel you need a hand, or if you need additional membership applications to hand out. There is no stigma to asking for assistance. Remember, every guest who completes and turns in a membership application at the luncheon, will receive a free lunch. And, if that guest becomes a member and attends 3 luncheons, his sponsor receives a free lunch.

Hooray! We have a new website. Many thanks to Paul Bell and Ron Kosciusko for their many, many hours creating the new site. You can see the results of their work at http://www.sir47.org. The plan is to show it to our membership during the luncheon on May 24th.
Did you know? We have an e-mail address: sirbranch47@gmail.com and a dedicated phone: 415-881-7477. **Please** use either if you are bringing a guest or visitor, or if you will miss the luncheon. Also, you may use it to select the alternative entrée. YOUR CALL MATTERS and timely notification would be appreciated.

Jake Solomon, Big Sir

MARCH SPEAKERS REVIEW

Our March 22nd meeting included a presentation on OLLI, Osher Life Long Learning Institute. Those of us who focused on completing a four year curriculum in college may have always regretted that we were not able to take classes that really interested us. We were constrained either by time, finances, or other reasons and for the most part, had to stick to our "majors."

Though OLLI, we now have the opportunity to take classes in a great variety of fields and OLLI's focus is on interest. Cathy Henderson is an administrator of OLLI and gave us a synopsis of OLLI's program. OLLI started around 2002 at the Fromm Institute which is housed at USF, the University of San Francisco. The emphasis was and is on liberal arts subjects. There is no homework, and OLLI branches are located at accredited institutions. The program at Dominican University in San Rafael was funded at $100,000 a year for five years and was intended to have 500 participants. Beginning in the fall of 2002, the Foundation issued Requests for Proposals to campuses in the California State University and University of California systems. It is backed by a two million dollar endowment and five percent a year from that endowment funds the program. There are 119 OLLI programs around the United States. There is at least one grantee in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Foundation also supports a National Resource Center for Osher Institutes which is located at Northwestern University. Emphasis is strictly on academic courses and there are no "filler" courses.

Carl Goldberg also spoke as a member of the advisor council. About four years ago when Carl had some extra time, he attended an OLLI Open House. He found it to be enriching and exciting. As he enrolled and took classes, Carl found the classes to be excellent and something was offered for all interests. It is an effective method of continued learning and there are no tests or papers to turn in. Examples of courses that are available are migration, great cities of intrigue, courtroom dramas, history of Islam and further courses in science and religion. One can audit classes. The lecturers are of the highest caliber. Carl said he will join SIRs if any member joins OLLI! Before Carl concluded his portion of the presentation, he continued with more examples of classes offered Renaissance artists, the royal family of Stuarts, U. S. History, early presidents, presidents ' wives, history of baseball, micro-economics and more.

The presenters were enthusiastic and inspired. It truly does appear that participation in OLLI has something to offer for everyone. Better yet, the class offerings at Dominican University are easily accessible to anyone who lives in Marin County.

By Alan Thomas

THIS MONTH'S MENU

Salad
Tri-Tip topped with balsamic onions, mashed potatoes and vegetables
Alternative:
Pesto Tortellini and vegetables
Rolls and butter
Dessert

BR 47 GARDEN PARTY (for members, spouses & guests)

at Jason's Restaurant,
300 Drakes Landing Rd. in Greenbrae

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016

Social Time @ 12 noon with LUNCH @ 12:30 pm
No Host Bar: $5 domestic beer, $6-7 wine, or $22 bottle

2-course LUNCH MENU

1st Course is Green Salad with Goat Cheese & pecans

2nd Course is CHOICE of (1) Brandied Chicken, (2) Salmon or (3) Pasta (Vegetarian)

Includes: Sour Dough Bread, Coffee & Tea (AND cookies for those who can't resist some desert)

PRICE: $ 31.00

Make your reservations at our April 26 or May 24 luncheons. Or contact Tom Culhane @ 1-415-897-5077 or marin49er@comcast.net

Reservations must be received by Friday June 10, 2016

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights
April 25, 2016

Big Sir Report

Alan and Joel will perform prior to April 26 lunch and their lunches will be paid by the Branch treasury.
Jake and Tim attended Area 6 meeting hosted by Frank Sokolowski. Minutes were distributed from this meeting. A project team has been formed to act upon recommendations. An area 6 advertising campaign has been proposed along with correcting the Area 6 activity page. Our branch is flat for the year having added four members and losing four to death and resignations.

Little Sir Report

Branch 47 is way ahead on topics discussed at the Area 6 meeting. Tim is hopeful that a Marin County advertising plan is approved and implemented. Nancy Mckinnon of the Humane Society will be our guest speaker for the April lunch. Tim was planning to visit her office today to finalize arrangements.

Treasurers Report

Branch 47 has $12,016. in our bank account. 96 members have paid dues and 10 have not paid to date.
A sum of $250.00 as a deposit for the Christmas party will be sent to the host location.
A total of 3 members have not paid for the Tax Day party.

New Business

Tom Brady will not serve on the Board next year as he has completed two years per the Branch regulation. Lon Sykes suggested Branch 47 appoint an assistant treasurer who knew enough about the computer programs in use to actually take over for Paul Schofield should the need arise. As of April 25, the nominating committee and Paul Schofield need to appoint a new assistant treasurer. Lon Sykes volunteered to serve on the board next year as a replacement for Tom Brady.
The nominating committee is scheduled to have a Little Sir candidate by April 26.
17 members achieved perfect lunch attendance for 2015. A plan was discussed on how to honor their record and the prizes will be awarded at the April 26 lunch.

We will not have a guest speaker for the May lunch and the time will be dedicated to activities, recruitment and retention. Kurt Heilman will provide a talk about the importance of bringing in new members. Ron Kosciusko will present the new web page to the group.

Old Business

The topic of how to keep the new website current is still under discussion. Procedures on how to updatethe activities are to be decided by the website committee. Ned Lawrence will send an email by April 26.to Tom Brady, Tim Leveque and the website committee on how to keep the golf page current.

The candidates for Honorary Life membership were discussed and Will Kaefer was nominated from Branch 47. The nomination will be forwarded to the state Sirs for approval by April 26.

Ned Lawrence
Branch 47 Secretary

Branch 47 Outings

1. One special BR 47 Outing - Wine tasting and BYO picnic @ Jacuzzi Winery to be scheduled midweek in July or August. Sign ups will be @ our 4-26 and 5-24 luncheons. The exact time & date will be determined by those who sign up.

2. Marin Jazz Group regularly performs at The Mayflower Inn, 1533 4th Street, San Rafael, (415) 456-1011
The 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. No cover, no minimum. The Mayflower features a full license, a wide selection of beers and great pub food! Please join in the fun & good music and check out their website: **www.JDJAZZGROUP.com**

3. Weill Hall Green Music Center, Sonoma State University. This is a series of great performances on the week ends. Final performances are: Fri May 6 @ 7:30 pm Vuja Wang on piano, playing works by Bach, Schoenberg and Chopin. Sat May 14 @7:30 pm Philharmonica Baroque Orchestra playing arias and duets from operas and oratorios of Handel, and newly arranged work by Arvo Part. Tickets start @ $35.To learn more or order tickets go online @ c.Sonoma.com, or call 1-866-955-6040.

4. Marin Onstage theatre & Music: May 6 –21 "Venus in Fur," by David Ives, praised as "seriously smart and very funny" by The New York Times, is a sexy, provocative and hilarious Tony-winning comedy that explores the boundaries between power, sexuality, and art. Perfect valentine for the season. Contact 1-415-448-6152 to obtain your own tickets or visit their website marinonstage@gmail.com

5. Novato Theater Company: May 20 – Jun 12 Dancing at Lughnasa. A powerful story of five married sisters in 1930's rural Ireland struggling with life, love and quest for freedom. For tickets contact contact novatotheatercompany.org

6. Ross Valley Players: April 1 – May 1 Boeing Boeing is a 60's French sex farce about an American architect in Paris, balancing his complicated love life with three beautiful fiancées - all stewardesses.
May 17 – Jun 19 Anna in the Tropics (2003 Pulitzer Prize in Drama) This is set in Florida in 1929 in a Cuban -American cigar factory. For tickets contact rossvalleyplayers.com or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1

7. Marin Theatre Company: April 14 – May 8 Anne Boleyn. A West coast premiere of a new play. It is shrewd, funny and drop-dead inventive. For tickets contact marintheatre.org.

8. Sewer Band Tuesday, May 17, 7:30 PM at the Marin Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The theme is "Best of the West" featuring selections from the Classics, Broadway, Movies and popular charts. Free admission.

9. Mill Valley Philharmonic Wed June 1, Fri June 3 and Sat June 4. The Concerto Competition Winners from the MV Philharmonic play violin, flute, trumpet concertos. Free Admission.

Cheers,
Kurt Heilman
1-415-892-2460

GOLF

4/4 Monday	Hiddenbrooke	08:00	134
4/11 Monday	Kennedy(Napa)	08:00	134
4/18 Monday	Foxtail North	08:00	68
4/26 **TUESDAY**	Bennett Valley	08:30	134

Note Day Change

Tom Brady, 897-8573

9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting

BOWLING

Bowling League bowling is every Friday at Country Club Bowl, 88 Vivian Way, San Rafael. Start time: 10:45 AM. Come and share the fun!

Contact Paul Schofield, *Chair* ***892-7019***

BRANCH 47 BOCCE

First Monday of each month; no cost to play. Lunch @ 11:45 am (the lunch location varies but is near Sonoma Square), then Bocce @ 1pm at Depot Park, just north of Sonoma Square. Bring your own Bocce balls.

Contact: Kurt Heilman 892-2460 or heilmanfour@ comcast.net to let him know if you want (1) to be on the mailing list & (2) to join us for lunch, play bocce or both.

SIR ROLLING ROAMERS RV CLUB

Join us for lunch 2nd Tuesday of each month & on our outings.

For information, contact

SIR Ray Canziani Branch 22, Wagon Master

(415) 453-4463

TENNIS, ANYONE?

Every Wednesday 9 AM McInnis Park

Bill Donnelly 897-8966 or Glen Ohm 479-5693

REMEMBER:

Our regular lunch dates are on the FOURTH TUESDAY, of every month

TRAVEL

May 9-21, 2016: Kenya Safari Adventure. Visit the best game reserves to see hundreds of animals. Game drives in the mornings and late afternoons. This tour is active and exciting! 4 & 5 star hotels, Mt Kenya National Park, Lake Nakura National Park, Amboseli National Park, Samburu National Game Reserve and Maasai Mara. 13 days, 28 meals. Starting at $3975, Bruce Bentley, Br.20, Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590.

May 11-21, 2016: Alaska Cruise. This 10 day cruise aboard the Grand Princess starts and ends in San Francisco and will make 4 ports of call: Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan and Victoria. The ship will also cruise beautiful Glacier Bay. Cost $2150 to $3270 depending on cabin. Don House Br 74, 408-268-1703 or Allen Daily 408-265-8140.

Jun 3-19, 2016: Great American Wateways. A 15 night cruise on a small boat (Blount-88 passengers) which will sail across four of the Great Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. This adventure starts in Chicago and explores some of Michigan's charming small towns. Cost of $5560 to $7890, Port Charges, Taxes, occ insurance included. Mike Console, San Jose, Br 54 & 32 , 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

Jul 2-16, 2016: Alaska Land and Sea. A 15 day round trip air to Fairbanks returning to Vancouver. 7 days visiting Fairbanks, Denali, Mt Kinley, Kenai then board the Star Princess in Whittier for an 8 day cruise from Hubbard Glacier down the Inside passage ending at Vancouver. Cost $4845 to $5850 depending on cabin. Tim Rau, El Sobrante, Br 73, 510-222-3905.

Questions?? Your Travel Chairman: Kurt Heilman –415 892-2460

COMPUSIRS

QUICKEN SIG
2nd Tuesdays, 10:am
B. Bloch, GGCS, 415-388-3864

PERSONAL COMPUTERS (PC only)
1st WEDNESDAYS

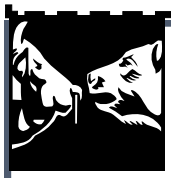
DIGITAL CAMERA STUFF
3rd Wednesdays
Russ Flaum 415-897-1017

WEBSITE DESIGN SIG
3rd Tuesdays
Paul Bell sfpaulsf@gmail.com

All Wednesday sessions are from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

GGCS COMPUSIRS classroom
First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Avenue, San Rafael

All are welcome. Open to all of Area 6.



INVESTORS LUNCH BUNCH

Second Friday of the month at Sam's Place at 1545 South Novato Blvd. Order off the menu, and Meeting will start at 11:45, followed by presentations and discussions.

Contacts:
Pete Petrofsky 415-472-0985, Will Kaefer 415-927-1043, Brian Stompe 415-897-1610

SIR'S GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

"Reading Maketh The Full Man"

We meet in Hangar 5, Hamilton Field, Suite 200, Marin Community Foundation;

May 26th, 2016:

The new read will be: *To Room Nineteen,* by Doris Lessing, pages 359-392 in Great Conversations 5. Dick Locke will lead the discussion.

Dick Locke, Chair, **Howard Bassett**, Emeritus Chair; **Al Crozier** & **Dan McGreevy**, Ass't Chairs, **Jim Rohde**, email master, **Don Pierce**, Google man.

BRIDGE GROUP

The bridge group meets on the third Thursday of each month at a member's home. Play is from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. To reserve space and get directions for the next event, call or email

Charles Caviness: 415 435-9618
c.caviness@sbglobal.net

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:	**Actives -**	**102**	**Inactives -**	**7**
	Gains:	**0**		**0**
	Losses:	**0**		**0**

PERFECT ATTENDANCE 2015

Russell FLAUM ,Harry FORST, John FREEL, Bob GONZALEZ , Richie GUETTER, Mike KELLY, Peter C. KERNER, Ron KOSCIUSKO, Ned LAWRENCE, Carlos A. MARTIN, George MILLER, Earnest RAVANI, Paul L. SCHOFIELD, Al SPRINGSTEAD, Laurence SYKES, Alan THOMAS, Doug TWITCHELL

_Richie Guetter won the free lunch. Alan Thomas and Peter Kerner won bottles of wine.

APRIL LUNCH TICKET WINNER

Guest Sarah Hayes

MAY BIRTHDAY BOYS

1st, Dave Schieser, 7th, Will Kaefer, 23rd, Clyde Adams, 26th, Vic Reizman, 31st, Charles Caviness, 31st, Bill Donnelly

MARCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	**103**	
Members Present	**77**	**75%**
Guests:	**2**	
Visitors:	**0**	

To call-in non-attendance, order an alternative plate or to notify you're bringing a guest/visitor

Call or Text 415-881-7477
or E-mail sirbranch47@gmail.com
with your request, giving name and badge number

Please call by noon of the Friday before the lunch date

THURSDAY WALKING/HIKING GROUP

1st week each month: Jake Solomon 415-472-3069
2nd week each month: Jim Hancock (Br.151) 415-492-0883
3rd week each month:Al Springstead 415-250-3808
4th week each month: Alan Thomas 415-457-4576
5th week (if applicable): Dee Stuever 415-459-6751

Call leaders for details about future walks and hikes

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Monday	May	2	Bocce
Monday	May	2	Golf
Wednesday	May	4	Personal Computers Class
Wednesday	May	4	Tennis
Thursday	May	5	Walking Group
Friday	May	6	Bowling
Monday	May	9	Golf
Tuesday	May	10	Rolling Roamers
Wednesday	May	11	Tennis
Thursday	May	12	Walking Group
Friday	May	13	Bowling
Friday	May	13	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	May	16	Golf
Wednesday	May	18	Tennis
Thursday	May	19	Bridge
Thursday	May	19	Walking Group
Friday	May	20	Bowling
Tuesday	May	23	**Golf (Note Date Change)**
Monday	**May**	**23**	**Executive Board Mtg**
Tuesday	**May**	**24**	**Lunch**
Wednesday	**May**	**25**	**Tamal Talk Deadline for May**
Wednesday	May	25	Tennis
Thursday	May	26	Great Books
Thursday	**May**	**26**	Walking Group
Friday	May	27	Bowling
Wednesday	May	28	Digital Camera Stuff

AREA 6 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Br. #			Branch Phone
7	The Club at McInnis Park	1st Thursday	415 456-3763
22	The Club at McInnis Park	1st Tuesday	415 924-4862
47	**Club at Mcinnis Park**	**4th Tuesday**	**415 881-7477**
	Happy Hour - 11:00 am; Luncheon - 11:45 am		
68	The Club at McInnis Park	2nd Tuesday	415 479-3286
134	Embassy Suites	1st Tuesday	415 892-0209

ATTENDANCE: Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without giving prior notice to the Attendance Chairman, and/or failure to attend at least 6 meetings within the previous 12 months, may result in termination.
Condensed from Rule 100 of State Policy Manual
Attendance at another branch meeting, duly recorded with the Attendance Chairman of that branch, will be credited to a member's attendance record *(Rule 101)*.

Call the branch phone listed above to secure a guest spot.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please report SIR illnesses or deaths to
Bill Donnelly at 415 897-8966

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet
Monday, May 23, 2016. 10:30 AM at the
Marin Community Foundation, Suite 200
Hangar 5, Hamilton, Novato

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