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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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OUR 43ND YEAR

BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

We have had a long and wet winter, but spring is here and we have sunshine, flowers, green hills and fields and blue skies. We do live in a wonderful part of the world.

At our March luncheon we heard Ms. Gisela Zebroski speak on the Berlin airlift. She gave her presentation with enthusiasm, candor, real facts and nice pictures. She sold her books after the meeting and we Sirs purchased all of the books that she brought with her.

We had 75 (73%) of our members at the lunch. We also had 4 quests who we hope will become members.

This month our branch celebrated its 43rd year. Sirs #47 was established on March 19, 1974. Back in September 1989 we had a total of membership of 225. Our current membership is 103, which we could increase if each of us brings just one person to our monthly meeting. Ask a friend to join you next month.

Just a reminder, if you have not yet paid your annual dues, please contact Paul Schofield and we will accept your payment.

Have a great month. See you at the April luncheon.

Tim Leveque, *BIG SIR*

Program of January 17, 2017
Friends of Mt. Tamalpais Volunteer Group

The program presented by Arlin Weinburger, past president of the Board of Friends of Mt Tamalpais. Arlin spent nine years on the Board, six as president. She has also been on the board of the Marin Conservation League and has served with the California Alpine Club Foundation. The Friends of Mt. Tam has a 33 year history and was formerly known as the Mt. Tamalpais Interpretive Association. By either name, this volunteer organization has the purpose of promoting the conservation, education and interpretation of California State Parks, primarily at Mt. Tamalpais State Park.

The current mission is to lead hikes, present astronomy programs, staff the visitor center and the Gravity Car Barn Museum at East Peak. East Peak is particularly well-known for the Verna Dunshee trail that rings the summit, and historically for the dance hall and train stop there many years ago when the Gravity Train was scaling the mountain. The Visitors Center provides hiking information, maps, a display of stuffed animals found in the area, a replica of the train, and videos of old footage. The Visitors Center opened in May 2009 and has thousands of visitors every year.

The need for hike leaders is ongoing and programs have been developed for working with inner city and underprivileged youth and with the elderly. There is also an astronomy program held at the Mountain Theater after dark during the months April through October. This program usually has a turnout of between 300 – 500 people. Amateur astronomers set up telescopes and let other people take a look at the heavens. In addition to all of these features, a movie night has also been added.

Trail crew volunteers give back to the mountain by fixing trails and helping to remove non-native plant species. These volunteers turn out on the third Tuesday of each month. Incentives are given as follows: volunteers who give 40 hours or more per year receive free annual parking for Mt. Tam State Park. Fifty hours volunteer time will result in expanded passes to include most Bay Area parks, and volunteers who give 200 hours or more per year will receive a free annual parking pass for all California State Parks. Volunteering includes other possibilities with the whole array including:
Volunteering at the Visitor Center on East Peak
Sponsoring interpretive hikes for the public
Selling and distributing interpretive and educational materials
Aiding in conservation and interpreting areas of the State Park System Fundraising to support these activities

Other information: the Friends of Mt. Tam was established as a 503(c) entity in 1985. The agency was awarded the Golden Poppy award from California State Parks for its hiking program. One can get to Mt. Tam by public transportation; for the bus schedule, visit the West Marin Stage Coach website or call (415)455-2000. See trail crew events via the e-newsletter. If your company or group would like to organize a volunteer trail crew event, check in at friendsofmttam@gmail.

Alan Thomas 2/2/2017

PUB Note: I forgot to put this speakers review in the Mar issue.

APRIL 25 LUNCH MENU

Salad
Grilled Salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables
Alternative: Grilled Chicken Picatta, with rice and vegetables
Rolls and butter
Dessert

SIR Br 47 Tax Party Wednesday April 12, 2017
Luncheon at the Marin Country Club

11:30 am social time and 12:00 for lunch
Please invite your spouse and friends to join us.

The cost is $27 / person for a 3-course lunch which includes spinach salad, rolls & butter, and choice of main course:

1. **Mushroom & Goat Cheese Stuffed Chicken,**
2. **Grilled Salmon or**
3. **Gnocchi Gorgonzola.**
4. **Also brownies & ice cream, coffee and tea.**
5.

There is a no host bar for those interested.

Although April 15 is tax time, we can still celebrate that your government will not take all of your money!

So join us in this celebration

Please make check payable to

SIR Branch 47 and send to:

Kurt Heilman,
457 Fieldstone Dr., Novato, CA 94945.

Reservation and payment must be received by noon Monday April 10.
Contact Kurt Heilman @ 1-415-892-2460 or heilmanfour@comcast.net

GOLF

Chairman Tom Brady, 897-8573

April 3	Monday Foxtail South	08:00	$31
April 10 Monday	Rooster Run	07:00*	$43
April 17 Monday	Rooster Run	07:00*	$43

Sequential Tee Times

April 24 Monday	Foxtail North	08:00	$40

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

The first Monday of each month; no cost to play. Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend. We start with Lunch @ 12 noon @ the Swiss Hotel on the Sonoma Square. Then we play Bocce @ about 1:30 pm at Depot Park behind the Swiss Hotel. Bring your own Bocce balls, if you have them.
Contact: Kurt Heilman @ 415-892-2460 or heilmanfour@comcast.net to let him know if you want to be on the mailing list or to join us for lunch and bocce.

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 10-25, 2017: 100th Birthday of JFK on Cape Cod. Tour highlights include JFK Presidential Library, tour of Hyannis ,JFK Museum, Hyannis Harbor cruise, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Whale watching cruise and tour of Nantucket. Cost $2395.00 includes RT airfare, deluxe motor coach, 8 meals, tours and 5 night accommodations .John Pletsch Br.32,San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

June 17-25, 2017: The Colorado Rockies. 9 day escorted tour including Denver, Rocky Mt. Natl Park, Grand Junction, Arches Natl Park, Canyonlands Natl Park, Colorado Natl Monument, Durango & Silverton Narrow gauge railway, Garden of the Gods, Mesa Verde Natl Park, Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Cost $3159. Including air taxes & fees RT air, hotel transfers and gratuities. Bill Rodman, San Jose, Br.38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

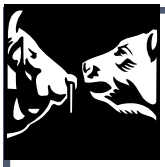
June 19-25, 2017: Yellowstone Wildlife Safari. 7 day land trip to Yellowstone Park with over sixty species of mammals, untamed landscapes and geothermal features. You will visit West Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, Yellowstone

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

QUICKEN SIG
2nd Tuesdays, 10:am
B. Bloch, GGCS, 415-388-3864
ADVANCED DIGITAL CAMERA STUFF
3rd Wednesdays, vp@ggcs.org
All Wednesday sessions are from 1:30 to 3:30 pm
GGCS classroom
First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Avenue, San Rafael
All are welcome. Open to all of Area 6.

FISHING

The fishermen meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Novato United Methodist Church at 9:30am. For detailed information,contact **SIR Bill Cline, Branch 134, @ 415 892-0209**



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,

BRIDGE GROUP

The bridge group meets on the third Thursday of each month at a member's home. Play is from 10 am to 2 pm. To reserve space and get directions for the next event, call or email

Charles Caviness: 415 435-9618

THURSDAY WALKING/HIKING GROUP

1st week each month: Jake Solomon 415-472-3069
2nd week each month Pierre Terrier 415-785-4513
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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:	**Actives -**	**103**	**Inactives -**	**6**
	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 KOSCIUS-KO, 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.

MARCH LUNCH TICKET WINNER

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APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS

7th Al Thomas, 9th Chris Lewis, 12th Don Stephens, 25th Erik Bodtker, 30th George Brown

JANUARY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	**103**	
Members Present	**75**	**73%**
Guests:	**4**	
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

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights
MARCH 27, 2017

Big Sir Report: There was a large overturned truck on Highway 101 going north on Monday morning which kept several members from attending the meeting. We did have a quorum and Paul Bell presided over the meeting

Treasurer Report: The checking account balance is $10,897. Dues have been collected for 2017 from 83 Members for a total receipt of $2905.00. Members who have not yet paid should contact Paul Schofield.

New Business: Procedures for Sirs outings and regularly scheduled functions should be standardized so that new event chairmen have a protocol to follow for payments and last minute cancellations.

Ned Lawrence,
Branch 47 Secretary

Sir April 2017 Speaker

Buck Institute ~
Dr. Chong He

Presentation title:

The Fountain of Youth – Is It a Myth?

Full BIO is available online at www.sir47.org
Under Monthly Luncheon

Branch 47 Outings

1. This is a suggestion from Bob Gonzalez. Enjoy Vintage Music at the lovely Victorian Home of Richard Reutlinger in San Francisco. Concerts are on specific Sat & Sun afternoons @ 2 pm (doors open @ 1:30 pm). So get there early to tour the refurbished old Victorian home. The concerts are:
a. April 1 & April 2, 2017 for 2 concerts by Mimi Blais, the Queen of Ragtime. <= Monica & I are going on Sat. April 1 & already sent in our payment.

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! Our own Wayne Colyer plays as well.Please join in the fun & good music and check out their website:
www.JDJAZZGROUP.com

3. Marin Onstage at the Belrose Theatre:
.**Mar 31 – April 15 The Sunshine Boys** is a Neil Simon classic of past glories of Vaudeville coming back to haunt the two actors in the team of the Sunshine Boys.
Senior tickets $19. Contact marinonstage.org/ tickets for tickets or call 415-290-1433.

4. Novato Theater Company:March 24 – April 16, 2017 ***"Company"*** A story by George Furth, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, directed by Pat Nims
For tickets contact contact novatotheatercompany.org

5. Ross Valley Players: April 7 – April 23 Way out West – a World Premiers by Joel Eis. For tickets contact rossvalleyplayers.com or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1

6. Marin Theatre Company: March 1 – April 2 A west coast premier of "Peerless" by Jiehae Park "For tickets contact marintheatre.org.

CHEERS,

Kurt Heilman
1-415-892-2460

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Monday	Apr	3	Bocce
Monday	Apr	3	9 Hole Golf
Monday	Apr	3	18 Hole Golf
Wednesday	Apr	5	Tennis
Thursday	Apr	6	Walking Group
Friday	Apr	7	Bowling
Monday	Apr	10	9 Hole Golf
Monday	Apr	10	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Apr	11	Rolling Roamers
Wednesday	Apr	12	Tennis
Wednesday	**Apr**	**12**	**Tax Party**
Thursday	Apr	13	Walking Group
Friday	Apr	14	Bowling
Friday	Apr	14	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Tuesday	Apr	14	Fishing
Monday	Apr	17	Nine Hole Golf
Tuesday	Apr	18	Hole Golf
Wednesday	Apr	19	Advanced Digital Camera Stuff
Wednesday	Apr	19	Tennis
Thursday	Apr	20	Bridge
Thursday	Apr	20	Walking Group
Friday	Apr	21	Bowling
Monday	**Apr**	**24**	**Executive Committee MTG**
Monday	Apr	24	Nine Hole Golf
Monday	Apr	24	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	**Apr**	**25**	**Branch 47 Luncheon**
Friday	**Apr**	**26**	**TamalTalk Deadline for March**
Wednesday	Apr	26	Tennis
Thursday	Apr	27	Walking Group
Friday	Apr	28	Bowling

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, April 24, 2017. 10:30 AM at the
McGinnis Park Golf Club Boardroom
350 Smith Ranch Road
San Rafael, CA 94903

BRANCH 47 LUNCHEON MEETINGS IN 2017

Fourth Tuesday Of The Month

January 24 (Tuesday)
February 28 (Tuesday)
March 28 (Tuesday)
April 25 (Tuesday)
May 23 (Tuesday)
June 27 (Tuesday)
July 25 (Tuesday)
August 22 (Tuesday)
September 26 (Tuesday)
October 24 (Tuesday)
November 28 (Tuesday)

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