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**TAMALPAIS BRANCH NO. 47**

A Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation of Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

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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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**MARIN COUNTY**

**MARCH 2018**  
**OUR 44TH YEAR**

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## BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

Gong xi fa cai. Best wishes for happiness and prosperity in the year of the dog. Our first party of the year took place at Yet Wah restaurant in San Rafael on February 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 25 attendees, including some wives, who enjoyed a very fine celebration. Many thanks to See Tom for a great job organizing a very successful affair.

We began 2018 with 104 members. As I reported in the January Tamal Talk, 2 members passed away. This month, February, we had 2 members resign. The good news is that last year we gained 11 new members. Statistically, It takes about 3 guests to sponsor one new member. This tells us that we need to invite more folks to our luncheons, and encourage more of the guests to join SIR. Take the Branch 47 calling cards with you and hand them out to friends and neighbors, or even folks that we meet on the trails. Our recruitment committee (Bill Donnelly, Kurt Heilman, and Norm Jensen) can help, if you need assistance. Contact Bill Donnelly for the Branch 47 calling cards. Also, when you bring a guest to a luncheon, please text the Branch 47 hot line (415-881-7477) or e-mail ([sirbranch47@gmail.com](mailto:sirbranch47@gmail.com)) and let Doug Twitchell know that you are bringing a guest

REMINDER: If you have not yet paid your \$35 dues, you should do so. Contact Paul Schofield, our branch treasurer

Jake Solomon, Big Sir

**March 27th Lunch Menu**

*Salad*

*Chicken Toscana with penne pomodoro*

*Alternative: Grilled Salmon with rice and vegetables  
Rolls and butter*

*Dessert*

**Lunch Fees up \$1 to \$28**

**March 27th Luncheon Speaker**

The Speaker for the SIRS March Luncheon is Marin Municipal Water District Ranger Matt Cerkel who will make a presentation on plane crashes on Mt Tamalpais.

**A Frickin' Elephant**

Jake is five and learning to read.  
He points at a picture in a zoo book and  
says, "Look Mama! It's a frickin' elephant!"

Deep breath... "What did you call it?"

"It's a frickin' Elephant, Mama!  
It says so on the picture!"

and so it does...

**"African Elephant"**

Hooked on phonics!  
Ain't it wonderful?

How many boxes  
of these Thin Mints  
do I have to eat  
before I start  
seeing results?

**Board Highlights for February 26 Meeting**

**Big Sir Report:** Eric Jensen, McInnis Manager, plans to acquire a new audio-visual system which can be used by our branch for our members and speakers. It was decided to ask Russ Flaum and Bob Gonzalez to research the purchase of a Branch 47 projector with the requirements that the system have a port for a USB flash drive so that presentations can be projected without the need for a computer. There is a state meeting on March 26, 2018 that Jake will attend. This is the same date as our March BEC meeting so Jim Norton as Little Sir will conduct the BEC meeting. Our Area Governor, Sandy Grieve, will host a March 15 meeting to prepare the branches within Area 8 for this meeting. Topics include email, travel concerns, inter branch activities, along with recruitment, retention, publicity and advertising. An Advisory Council will be formed at this meeting with the goal of assimilating Area 8 responses so that all branches will have a voice at the State meeting.

**Little Sir Report:** Our April speaker will be Matt Cerkel who will present the searches for various plane crashes that have occurred on Mt. Tam over the years. Jim Norton discussed what to do if a speaker failed to appear and is building a list of members who will bring a flash drive in order to discuss a topic from their lives as a back-up. Branch 47 has numerous members who have interesting experiences and a presentation would help to make a more interesting event.

**Treasurer's Report:** Branch 47 has \$10, 795.90 in our checking account including a deficit of \$84.94 for free lunches and birthday wine. We collected 2018 dues for 58 members for a total of \$2030.00. Paul reported on the findings of the Budget Committee and these topics will continue to be studied throughout the year. One item was that the Recruitment Committee is being asked to meet and present their ideas for recruitment and retention to the BEC for discussion and approval of necessary funds.

**Committee Reports:** A plan to assist Paul Bell for updating the web site was initiated and we will ask Paul what he needs in order to accomplish these minor changes. A new member was approved. His name is Alan Lutsky and he was an IT Consultant for his career.

**Old Business:** A discussion about how to list Life Members and Members Emeritus in form 27 and luncheon attendance performance. There is a procedure in the SIRS Manual referencing this topic and the Branch Secretary will download the PDF onto a laptop so that items that are discussed can immediately be referred to the Manual for resolution. The state President has requested a list of all Branch 47 members and their email addresses for the compilation of a state SIRS database. Before responding, Jake will present our concerns at the March 15 meeting so that a recommendation can be presented over the use of this information.

**Ned Lawrence  
Secretary**



## GOLF

### **Chairman Tom Brady, 897-8573**

March 5 Monday	Petaluma CC	08:30	2X	9 Holes
March 12 Monday	Chardonnay	08:00		
March 19 Monday	Napa/Kennedy	08:00		
March 26 Monday	Rooster Run	07:00	Sequential	Tee

Times

### **9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park**

**Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting**

Contact Jack Friesen <friesenjack@aol.com>

## 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 at 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

## Interested in Dominos???

Gary Polsky, of Branch 68, is their new Dominos Chairman and would like to hear from anyone who is interested, his contact information is

[garypolsky77@gmail.com](mailto:garypolsky77@gmail.com) or (415) 710-4949.



## TRAVEL

**Mar 4-8, 2018: Giants Spring Training.** 5- day trip to Scottsdale to see three MBL Cactus league games. Reserved seats, R/T air for SFO, Accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn including breakfast. Hosted dinner at Talking Stick Resort/Casino and more for only \$1445.00pp. Contact Derlin German, Br. 58, Petaluma, 707-763-6162

**Apr 4-14, 2018: Tulip Time in Holland.** A 7-night Cruise R/T to Amsterdam aboard AMA Waterways. Celebrate the beauty of the Netherlands and Belgium in the springtime. You will visit the legendary Keukenhof Gardens, and pass colorful row houses and houseboats, See Ann Franks home then indulge in culinary bliss via Belgium chocolates and stropwafel. Cost ranges from \$4830.00 to \$6195.00 based on cabin choice and includes complimentary bikes, unlimited complimentary fine dining and wines, all guides, gratuities and taxes, R/T air, choice of excursions, and river view staterooms or suites. John Pletsch, Br.32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

**Apr 18-27, 2018: Spring Tulip River Cruise.** 10-day Cruise featuring Dutch and Belgium Waterways. Highlights include Amsterdam, Volendam, Hoorn. Arnhem. Middelburg, Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp, Kinderdijk windmills. Utrecht and Keukenhof Gardens. Cost \$4376 to \$7176 and includes RT Air, Insurance, Air Taxes, Hotels and transfers. Bill Britton, Br121, 925-443-9913.

**Apr 22-30,2018: Explore the magnificent Northwest.** 9 day voyage aboard the elegant American Empress, from Clarkston, WA to Portland. OR. Ports: Richland, WA, The Dalles. OR. Stevenson, WA and Astoria, OR. \$3665 includes T/T airfare to Spokane and return from Portland, all port taxes, porter gratuities, wine and beer with dinner, complimentary shore excursions in each port. Pre-night stay at famous Davenport Hotel, in Spokane, WA Lee Suess, Br. 96 408 309-1480 or Tom Duncanson, Br. 20 831 662-8605

**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 from the complete Breakfast/Lunch menu and receive individual checks. No reservations are required. Meeting will start at 11:45, followed by presentations and discussions.

Contacts:

Will Kaefer 415-927-1043, or  
Brian Stompe 415-897-1610

### 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

<b>Summary:</b>	<b>Actives -</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>Inactives -</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>Gains:</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>
	<b>Losses:</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE 2017

Erik Boditker, Jack Brandon, Russell Flaum,  
Bob Gonzalez, Kurt Heilmann, Mike Kelly,  
Peter Kerner, Carlos Martin, George Miller,  
George Pikkarainen, Terry Scott, See Tom

### FEBRUARY LUNCH TICKET WINNER

Jim Dowling

### MARCH BIRTHDAY BOYS

3rd Don Kuchta, 9th Bob Fields, 13th John Freel,  
13th Herb Husen, 16th Tim Leveque,  
17th Peter Kerner, 18th Pierre Terrier,  
22nd Norbert Hudobnik, 26th George Vaio,  
27th Bill Stewart , 29th Ara Apkarian

### FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE REPORT

<b>Total Members</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Members Present</b>	<b>71 69%</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Visitors:</b>	<b>2</b>

*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*

See what's happening Statewide in SIR  
[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)

To see all that SIR has to offer:

[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)

## BRANCH 47 OUTINGS

1. **A unique opportunity suggested by Bob Gonzalez that I highly recommend. Enjoy Vintage Music and tour 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 you can tour the old Victorian before the concert.).  
**\*Mar 10 & 11 Ivory & Gold. The location is** 824 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94117; the door opens at 1:30 pm and the concert begins at 2 pm; the price is \$25 per person. Make the check payable to Richard Reutlinger and mail it to his home on 824 Grove St., San Francisco, CA 94117. Free champagne and snacks are served during intermission as you enjoy Richard's fine collection of mechanical musical instruments. Be sure to mention which day you wish to attend and buy your tickets early to guarantee seating.

2. **Cinnabar Theater: 3333 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma suggested by Al Anderson.** Contact [center-stageticketing.com](http://center-stageticketing.com) or 707-763-8920. Next music venues: Suggested by Al Anderson. Next performances is **Mar 30 – April 15 Amadeus.** The story about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and his rival, Antonio Salieri..

3. **Ross Valley Players: Mar.1 – 25 Dead Man's Cell Phone.** an increasing ringing cell phone begins this wildly imaginative comedy that makes us think about our own assumptions about mortality. For tickets contact [rossvalleyplayers.com](http://rossvalleyplayers.com) or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.

4. **Marin Theatre Company: Mar 15 – Apr. 8 The Wolves.** A portrait of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for nine girl soccer players. Contact the Box Office at (415)388-5208, [boxoffice@marintheatre.org](mailto:boxoffice@marintheatre.org), or visit us during regular Box Office hours of operation: 397 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941

5. **Marin Onstage at the Belrose Theatre in San Rafael. Mar. 9-31 @ The Mystery of Edwin Drood – the musical. 7:30 pm wine & Tapa's with music, song & dancing @ 8:00 pm.** For \$25 tickets contact 415-298-1433.

6. **College of Marin Performing Arts.** Contact "[pa.marin.edu](http://pa.marin.edu)" or 415-485-9385 for more details and tickets. \* **Mar 2-18 David Copperfield @ James Dunn Theatre, Kentfield Campus.** Performance dates: March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 — 7:30 pm  
March 4, 11, 18 — 2 pm

**Cheers, Kurt Heilman  
1-415-892-2460**

## SIR Br 47 May Party Tuesday May 1, 2018 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 \$32 / person for a 3-course lunch which includes spinach salad, rolls & butter, and choice of main course:

- (1) Mushroom & Goat Cheese Stuffed Chicken
- (2) ( 2) Grilled Salmon or
- (3) Gnocchi Gorgonzola.
- (4) Also brownies & ice cream, coffee and tea. There is a no host bar, for those interested.



How many of you remember giving and receiving May Baskets? Join us to celebrate the coming of summer with good friends.

Please make check payable to SIR Branch 47 and send to: Kurt Heilman, 457 Fieldstone Dr., Novato, CA 94945. Payment must be received by noon Friday, April 27



Cancellations will not be honored after after 48 hours in advance. Contact Kurt Heilman @ 1-415-892-2460 or [heilmanfour@comcast.net](mailto:heilmanfour@comcast.net).

You can buy your tickets at our Mar. 27 and Apr. 24 luncheons

# THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Thursday	Mar	1	Walking Group
Friday	Mar	2	<b>Full Moon</b>
Friday	Mar	2	Bowling
Monday	Mar	5	Bocce
Monday	Mar	5	9 Hole Golf (Maybe)
Monday	Mar	5	18 Hole Golf
Wednesday	Mar	7	Tennis
Thursday	Mar	8	Walking Group
Friday	Mar	9	Bowling
Friday	Mar	9	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Mar	12	9 Hole Golf
Monday	Mar	12	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Mar	13	Rolling Roamers
Tuesday	Mar	13	Fishing
Wednesday	Mar	14	Tennis
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Begins</b>
Thursday	Mar	15	Bridge
Friday	Mar	15	Walking Group
Friday	Mar	16	Bowling
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day</b>
Monday	Mar	19	9 Hole Golf
Monday	Mar	19	18 Hole Golf
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>First Day of Spring</b>
Wednesday	Mar	21	Advanced Digital Camera
Wednesday	Mar	21	Tennis
Thursday	Mar	22	Walking Group
Sunday	Mar	25	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Monday	Mar	26	Nine Hole Golf
Monday	Mar	16	18 Hole Golf
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Executive Committee Mtg</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Branch 47 Luncheon</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>TamalTalk Deadline for Apr</b>
Wednesday	Mar	28	Tennis
Thursday	Mar	29	Walking Group
Friday	Mar	30	Bowling
Friday	Mar	30	<b>Good Friday</b>

## 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, March 26, 2018. 10:30 AM at the  
McGinnis Park Golf Club Boardroom  
350 Smith Ranch Road  
San Rafael, CA 94903**

## BRANCH 47 LUNCHEON MEETINGS IN 2018

### Fourth Tuesday Of The Month

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

## DATES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Monday preceding the Fourth Tuesday  
Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting

Jan. 8

Jan. 22 July 23

Feb. 26 Aug. 27

Mar. 26 Sept. 24

Apr. 23 Oct. 22

May 21 Nov. 26

June 25

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