



# TAMAL TALK

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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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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

As most of you know by now, I had open heart surgery on June 6<sup>th</sup> to replace a faulty aortic valve. The surgery went well (the surgeons tell me). I expect to have my activities curtailed for 4 to 6 weeks. At that time, about mid-July, I will be allowed to drive, lift more than 5 pounds, and will enter cardio rehab. I am hoping that I will then be able to resume hiking, at least on the flat hikes; I won't really know until I have my doctors' appointments next month. I want to thank all who have offered assistance, and I will be taking you up on that. Many thanks especially to our Little Sir, **Jim Norton** for filling in for me at the June Branch Executive Council meeting and at the June luncheon in addition to his Little Sir responsibilities. Jim did a great job, and I am very grateful to have such a capable team member. It makes it much easier, knowing that the branch is in Jim's capable hands. Many thanks, Jim, for a job well done!

Thanks, too, to **Alan Thomas** for filling in as hiking coordinator until I'm healed and can rejoin our fellow hikers. Alan is as capable a hike coordinator as he is a music director. We are very lucky to have him in our branch.

The recruiting committee would like to nominate **Doug Twitchell** to the Little Sir position for 2019. This can only happen if we have someone step up to fill the Membership and Attendance positions. I found that being in those positions was the fastest way to know all the members. If you are interested, please call John Freel (415-897-7356), or Tim Leveque (415-888-3242), or Jake Solomon (415-472\_3069).

**JAKE SOLOMON, Big Sir**

## **JULY 24th LUNCH MENU**

**House Soup**

**Bay Shrimp Louie**

**Alternative: Grilled Chicken ceasar salad**

**Rolls and butter**

**Dessert**

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

## **JULY 24th Luncheon Speaker**

Alan Olson, Founder and Director of the Mathew Turner Historical Sailboat Project in Sausalito. Alan will speak on how he conceived the idea of recreating this historic ship from late nineteenth century blueprints and drove the project to fruition.

**-Jim Norton, Little Sir**

## **May 22, 2018 Speaker Review Henry Kaiser**

Stephen A. Gilford is a historian, writer and award-winning network television journalist and producer. He has spent more than thirty years doing original research and writing articles and books about the development of the Kaiser Health Plan, the Permanente Medical Groups and the career and impact of industrialist and shipbuilder Henry Kaiser. Currently Stephen Gilford is the Senior Historical Consultant to the owners of the Henry Kaiser-built SS Red Oak Victory. He is currently working with the US National Park Service's Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historic Park in Richmond, CA, and on a history of the Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing. He had provided a listing of dozens of books, articles, programs and consultancies which he has authored. Stephen has also received many honors and awards which he has received for his research and authorship.

Henry J. Kaiser was born on May 9, 1882 in New York. His father had been a shoemaker. Bored with school Henry left at age 13. Before age 20, he worked as an apprentice photographer and ran the studio by the time he was 20. He used his savings to move to Washington state where in 1906 he started a construction company that fulfilled government contracts. Kaiser met his first wife, Bess Fosburgh but her father would not permit them to marry until Kaiser showed him that he was financially stable. On becoming a top salesman in a hardware store, Kaiser returned in ten months with enough money to placate his future father-in-law. He married Bess on April 9, 1907, and they had two children, Edgar Kaiser, Sr. and Henry Kaiser Jr.

In 1914 Henry Kaiser started a paving company, one of the first to use heavy construction machinery.

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## **MAY 22, 2018 Speaker Review (Continued)**

Later Kaiser received a contract for \$18 million to build roads in Cuba and then was awarded a contract in 1931 as a prime contractor in building the Hoover (later Boulder) Dam on the Colorado River. He also oversaw construction on the Bonneville and Grand Coolee Dams on the Columbia River. The conditions for building Hoover Dam were bad in desert and arid land but due to the Depression thousands of men wanted and received employment on all of these sites.

When World War II broke out, Kaiser established the Kaiser Shipyard in Richmond. Due to his innovations, production techniques enabled cargo ships to be built in 45 days. These became known as Liberty ships and were the predecessor to larger and faster Victory ships. Kaiser's teams could assemble Victory ships in four days. As the War progressed, Kaiser Shipyards were located in diverse locations all up and down the West Coast.

Concurrent with shipbuilding, Kaiser implemented the pioneering idea of Dr. Sidney Garfield of Kaiser Permanente. On August 10, 1942, the first Kaiser hospital was opened in Richmond known as the Kaiser Richmond Field Hospital for Kaiser Shipyards. The Kaiser Permanente plan expanded greatly, the levels of treatment expanded, and Kaiser Hospitals opened in Hawaii and many places in California.

In 1945, Henry Kaiser, in partnership with Joseph Frazer endeavored to establish a new automobile company. The Kaiser and Frazer automobiles, introduced in 1946, were innovative and somewhat more costly than those produced by the Big Three. This venture may have been Kaiser's only "failure" but the manufacture of these cars only ran to 1951 for the Frazer and 1955 for the Kaiser.

Henry J. Kaiser was the pioneer for other innovations such as the following: Kaiser Aluminum, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, a private operating foundation focusing on health care issues, Kaiser Permanente Federal Credit Union and the Kaiser Federal Bank. By the mid-1950s, Kaiser had also entered the industry of television and his products were advertised as well as his purchase of a chain of radio and television stations.

Henry J. Kaiser was an American industrialist who became known as the father of modern American shipbuilding. He established Kaiser Shipyards, Kaiser Aluminum and Kaiser Steel. He organized Kaiser Permanente Health Plan and was involved in large construction projects and invested in real estate. He has achieved a lasting prominence in history and will be forever remembered as a true innovator who greatly benefited the industrial landscape of the United States.

--Alan Thomas



## GOLF

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

July 2	Monday	Blue Rock East	08:00
July 9	Monday	Foxtail South	08:00
July 16	Monday	Chardonnay	08:00
July 23	Monday	Blue Rock West	08:00
July 30	Monday	Rooster Run	07:00 SEQ TEE

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

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

**Contact Jack Friesen <[friesenjack@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **Aug 6 – 12, 2018 Yellowstone, A Wildlife Safari**

Tour Highlights: Yellowstone NP, Idaho Falls, Grand Teton NP, Snake River Float trip, Salt Lake City w/Mormon Tabernacle choir and Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center  
Includes: home pickup, transfers, R/T air Salt Lake City, (10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners) all taxes and gratuities. Cost: \$2789 per person dbl occupancy. \$3509 Single.Br. 32 Escorts John Pletsch 408 504-1255 and Mike Console 408 246-1080

### **Aug 22-30, 2018: Colors of Provence River Cruise – Lyon to Arles**

Begin your cruise in Lyon, France's gastronomical capital. Cruise through legendary wine growing regions. Enjoy wine tastings at local vintners, marvel at Roman ruins and stroll through medieval villages. See the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Avignon, the city where Vincent Van Gogh lived and Pope's at one time. Post option, three nights in Barcelona. Price \$6349 to \$7350. Larry Yarberry Branch 8 – [yarberry42@comcast.net](mailto:yarberry42@comcast.net)  
Phone 925-890-9245

**Sep 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip.** 7- day trip with stops at the US Airforce academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Colorado National Monument and Colorado Museum. Cost \$3035 and includes 15 meals, R/T Air, home pickup and back, professional tour manager, Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

**Sep 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage.** 11-day Grand Princess Cruise starting in SF with ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria B.C. Trip includes R/T transfer, Gratuities, Shipboard credit, and Photo. Cost \$1899.00 to \$3249 depending on cabin. Tom Molinari, Br 147, 707-762-1880. [stmolinari@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmolinari@sbcglobal.net)

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

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To see all that SIR has to offer:

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



### 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 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>3</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

### JUNE LUNCH TICKET WINNER

GEORGE VIAO

### JULY BIRTHDAY BOYS

2nd, Wayne Colyer, 13th, Jim Kleiser,  
25th, Paul Schofield, 27th, George Martinez,  
30th, Charlie Jones (97)

### JUNE ATTENDANCE REPORT

<b>Total Members</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Members Present</b>	<b>71 69%</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>1</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*

Senior citizens have taken to texting with gusto. They even have their own vocabulary:

BFF: Best Friend Fainted  
BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth  
CBM: Covered by Medicare  
FWB: Friend with Beta-blockers  
LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out  
GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!

## BRANCH 47 OUTINGS FOR JULY.

1. For those who enjoy continual learning -- the **One Day University series** presents various lectures in SF on interesting topics for education and entertainment.

The next one is "The Mind of Abraham Lincoln" by professor Lou Masur on Wed. July 25 from 7-9 pm. For details contact "info.onedayu.com" <= / attended one lecture and found it very educational.

### 2. Marin Theatre Company:

June 14 – July 8 Bay Area Premiere of "Straight White Men" Ed and his 3 adult children come together to celebrate Christmas. Then they confront a problem that even being a happy family can't solve. When identity matters, and privilege is problematic, what is the value of being a straight white man? 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

3. Weill Hall 2017-18 Season of great performances @ the Green Music Center @ Sonoma State University. For tickets contact [gmc.sonoma.edu](http://gmc.sonoma.edu) or 1-866-955-6040. Time and cost vary, depending upon performances. The next performances are: July 7 - Gabriel Inglesias; July 15 – Ricky Skaggs; July 21 - Los Tucanes de Tijuana; July 28 - Maceo Parker; Aug 10 – Hunter Hayes; Aug 12 - Chris Botti...

4. The Buck Institute Events, recommended from Chloe Caviness, Buck Communications Manager, and daughter-in-law of Charles Caviness Note: Buck also has free docent tours on Thursday mornings @ 10:30 AM. (You might remember we had a tour a few years ago with lunch afterwards.) To reserve a date, call 415-209-2245.

### 5. The Sewer Band free concerts:

- July 4 – 5 @ the Marin County Fair

Cheers,  
Kurt Heilman  
1-415-892-2460

## SIR BR 47 BAR-B-QUE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Social time @11:30am with Lunch @12:00 NOON.



Debbie Ghiringhelli is again catering our BBQ at Miwok Park in Novato (on Novato Blvd. between San Miguel Way & Eucalyptus).

=> You can park at Miwok Park, on Novato Blvd. or on San Miguel Way (from which you can also enter via the back of the Park).

We reserved the Trout BBQ Area for Br 47 members. spouses & other guests.

<< Cost is \$35 / person >>

Menu is choice of BBQ Tri-tip, BBQ Chicken, or both, or BBQ Tofu with vegetable Kabobs (vegetarian) plus Caesar salad, fruit salad, stuffed eggs, and garlic bread. Coffee, water & dessert are also provided. << You may bring your own beer / wine / liquor if you wish, but remember this is a city park. >>

Tickets are on sale at our Br 47 July 24 & Aug. 28 luncheons. Contact Kurt Heilman @ 415-897-2460. Send payment to Kurt Heilman @ 457 Fieldstone Dr., Novato, CA 95945.

Payment must be received 48 hours in advance and/or cancelations made by noon on Sunday Sept. 9, 2018

While he was visiting, my father asked for the password to our Wi-Fi.

"It's taped under the modem," I told him.

After three failed attempts to log on, he asked, "Am I spelling this right?"

T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M?"

# THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Monday	July	2	Bocce
Monday	July	2	9 Hole Golf (Maybe)
Monday	July	2	18 Hole Golf
Wednesday	July	4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
Wednesday	July	4	Tennis
Thursday	July	5	Walking Group
Friday	July	6	Bowling
Monday	July	9	9 Hole Golf
Monday	July	9	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	July	10	Rolling Roamers
Tuesday	July	10	Fishing
Wednesday	July	11	Tennis
Thursday	July	12	Walking Group
Friday	July	13	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Friday	July	13	Bowling
Monday	July	16	9 Hole Golf
Monday	July	16	18 Hole Golf
Wednesday	July	18	Advanced Digital Camera
Wednesday	July	18	Tennis
Thursday	July	19	Bridge
Thursday	July	19	Walking Group
Friday	July	20	Bowling
Monday	July	23	9 Hole Golf
Monday	July	23	18 Hole Golf
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Executive Committee Mtg</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Branch 47 Luncheon</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>TamalTalk Deadline for Aug</b>
Wednesday	July	25	Tennis
Thursday	July	26	Walking Group
Friday	July	27	Bowling
Monday	July	30	9 Hole Golf
Monday	July	30	18 Hole Golf

## 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, July 23, 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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