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TAMAL TALK

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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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MARIN COUNTY

OUR 44TH YEAR

BIG SIR'S MESSACE

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Welcome to our new members: Farzad Ghazzagh and Ric Sullivan

Congratulations to all the incoming officers for 2019. At the August luncheon, we voted on the slate of officers: Big SIR-Jim Norton; Little Sir-Doug Twitchell; Secretary-Ned Lawrence; Assistant Secretary-Charles Stedwell; Treasurer-Bill Stewart; Assistant Treasurer-Will Kaefer; Directors- George Brown, Bob Gonzalez, Jim Kleiser, Paul Schofield, and Jake Solomon.

I believe that filling an officer position is a rewarding experience which benefits the member as well as the Branch. Looking ahead to 2020, I would like to see more members step up - as many have done so. Most years we have members agreeing to fill the 6 officer positions and 6 director positions.

The best way to get full benefit of your SIR membership is to take part in some of the many activities that we offer. Bowling (Paul Schofield - 415-892-7019), bocce (Kurt Heilman - 415-892-2460), tennis (Bill Donnelly - 415-897-8966), golf (Tom Brady - 415-897-8573), bridge (Charles Caviness – 415-435-9618) and hiking (Jake Solomon – 415-472-3069) are always looking for additional participants. Some such as hiking and bocce are open to spouses/guests as well as members. For more information, please contact the activity chairman listed for each activity. If some members would like to organize an activity that we do not currently offer, if there is sufficient interest, we can start. Please let me know so we can get something organized.

Don't forget the BBQ which will be at Miwok Park in Novato on September 11th. If you have not signed up and would like to attend, with or without a guest, please contact Tom Culhane (415-897-5077) or Kurt Heilman (415-892-2460) earliest. Spouses and guests are welcome.

Thanks again to our resident musicians, Alan Thomas and Joel Toste, for their contribution to the luncheon on August 28th. And Joel you should have ended with "Stardust", as you noted; would have been a fitting ending.

Jake Solomon, Big Sir

<u>September 25th Luncheon Menu</u>

Salad

Chicken Marsala with mozzrella and Pasta Alternative: Grilled Salmon with rice and vegetables

Rolls and butter and Dessert

<u>SEPTEMBER 25th Luncheon Speaker</u>

I James Brosnahan a distinguished San Francisco
I Attorney. Mr. Brosnahan was named one of the top 30
I Trial Lawyers in the nation by Legal 500 US and was
inducted into the California State Bar's "Trial Lawyers
Hall of Fame" in 1996. Mr. Brosnahan will speak to us
on "Great Lawyers of the Past 50 Years".

JAMES NORTEN, LITTLE SIR

July 24, 2018 Luncheon Speaker Review

While Alan Olson, today's speaker, may not yet be a household name to most of us, he may well soon be. He's the guy who is responsible for the Matthew Turner, a 132 foot brigantine that was launched on April 1, 2017 and is currently floating in San Francisco Bay just out front of the Bay Model in Sausalito. Alan has so many creds that I can't list them all here, so I'll just present a few. In 1985 Alan and a group of local sailors and marine enthusiasts founded the "Call of the Sea" (COTS), a Sausalito educational non-profit organization whose "mission is to inspire youth to unleash their potential through experiential education under sail. Our vision is to empower generations of students to become environmental stewards and transform their world through sailing." In 2015, COTS merged with "Educational Tall Ship Inc. " (ETS), the organization Olson created to build the Matthew Turner in Sausalito. The overall idea is "to cultivate the maritime tradition of the San Francisco Bay by engaging people with their local waters." COTS also merged with The Golden Gate Tall Ship Society, another nonprofit "dedicated to raising on-board scholarship funds for students and bringing awareness of tall ships to the Bay area." So you can see that Alan's efforts are primarily educational, best summarized this way: "investigate the local marine environment, connect to the Bay's rich maritime history, and inspire [area youth] to be stewards of the sea and earth." In a few months, Alan hopes, the Matthew Turner will be finished and ready to do its job.

I should mention that Alan's bio is as impressive as his brigantine. At the age of 22, he built his first boat and now has over 60 years of boatbuilding and sailing experience. He has worked for Greenpeace, restored many ships, and in 1992 completed a 15,000 mile voyage. Alan shared with us a lot of interesting information you might otherwise have some problems digging up. He confesses that the Matthew Turner is "a step back in time" even with its classic design which was based on various 19th century records, photos, paintings, and surviving blueprints. He'd been thinking about this project since 2001 or even earlier (1985), but it wasn't until 2011 that the decision was made to go ahead with it and 2016 proposed as

July 24th Speaker Review (Continued)

She is scheduled to sail to Mexico in December, and she might be OK, it's a couple years "off," but Alan and others who know, believe that she'll be totally operational by October (2018). even be out in full regalia for Fleet week. Let's hope!

Here's some interesting stats and facts. She cost about 6.5 million to build, 4 years to build it, and over 120,000 volunteer hours. 75% of the workers were volunteers. Most of the donated funds came from Marin donors. She will be the first tall ship to set sail in Marin in more than 200 years. You may be wondering: what exactly is a "Brigantine"? Well, it's not too much of a mystery. It's a two-masted square-rigged ship that was fast and efficient, especially for cargo hauling along our coasts. From what I've read, there are actually a fair number of them left in various conditions in west coast harbors, but not too many seaworthy specimens. Many are mere tourist attractions. The *Matthew Turner* will be a working ship—and a lot more, a real asset for the Bay area. She should be able to carry 85 passengers for day trips and 39 combined crew and passengers for overnights. Best of all, perhaps, she will be the "greenest" wooden tall ship ever built. No fossil fuels will be used for its operation, just wind and electric motors when there is no wind. Only FSC certified lumber and the latest non-toxic paints were used in its construction. Icing on the cake!

Finally, a few facts about Matthew Turner: He was from Ohio, born in 1825. He designed and launched his first ship on Lake Eire in 1848. In 1849 he heard about the gold rush and ended up in Calaveras, California where he was quite successful. He bought cargo ships and shipped lumber along the coast and set up a shipyard at Hunter's Point. In 1883 he formed the Matthew Turner Shipyard in Benicia and constructed at least 154 wooden-hulled ships there. Altogether, he built at least 228 sea going vessels in a period of 37 years from 1868 to 1905, more than any other American shipbuilder. He also built sealing boats and racing yachts and designed some of the most advanced sails and hulls. Need I add that he was a charter member of the San Francisco Yacht Club? He died in 1909. Amazing man! And so, we trust, will his namesake brigantine the *Matthew Turner*, be just as amazing.

Thanks Alan for bringing the *Matthew Turner* closer to us. It will be inspiring to view it sailing around the Bay!

-Michael Kelly



Sirs Day at the races will be October 19th(golden gate fields) The cost will be \$41/person, includes valet parking, all you can eat lunch with Jockey club seating.

Tim Leveque

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AUGUST 27th BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Big Sir Report: Jake Solomon and Jim Norton attended the state Sirs meeting and reported on several salient points. There will be a special meeting on September 12, 2018 to decide on a rewrite of the state Sirs rules. The new rules will then be voted upon by the individual branches on October 20, 2018. One item for our branch to decide upon was whether or not we wanted to send to the state a list of email addresses for each member in their suggested format so that the state could communicate with individual members. There will be an unsubscribe feature on this list.

<u>Treasurers Report:</u> Paul Schofield reported that the checking account balance was \$11, 010.62. This includes a luncheon deficit of \$824.00. All eligible members have paid dues for 2018.

New Business: Two new members applications were approved. The 2019 slate of officers will be presented at the lunch meeting on August 28, 2018. Form 20 will be sent to the state once the new slate is approved by the membership.

Ned Lawrence and Bob Wilson will ask the membership to sign the petition to place the decision on the future of the San Geronimo Golf Course onto the Marin voters. Sirs have been instrumental in signing the petition with nearly 2/3 of the Marin membership already signed up.

<u>Committee Reports:</u> Guest Kurt Heilman reviewed the minutes of the recent Recruitment and Retention Committee.

When a prospect signs up to attend a lunch through the website or a phone call to our Branch 47 answering machine, there should be a procedure in place to assign a sponsor, reserve two seats at one of the lunch tables, and members should make an effort to meet the prospect and encourage him to join Sirs.

The problems with Audio Visual can be broken up into two portions. The projector situation is probably the easiest to resolve since the cost has been approved. All that is remaining is the type of cable and length to be purchased with the projector. Little Sir would handle.

Since Jim Norton has been bringing new batteries to each meeting, the problems with the hand held cordless microphone have not resurfaced. If the microphone fails to operate properly at future lunch meetings, a solution will be discussed and voted upon.

Ned Lawerence, Secretary

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

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



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

Sep 17-25, 2018: The BIG E. The largest fair on the East Coast. Fall colors, culture, history, entertainment, shopping, food and drink. Highlights include Eastern States Exhibition, Storrowton Village, Springfield Museum, Dr Seuss Sculpture Garden, Big E Circus and Parade, Ben and Jerry Factory, Lunch at Trapp Family Lodge, Quechee Gorge Loon Gondola ride, Portland City Tour and Lighthouse Lovers Cruise. Trip includes R/T air, accommodations, deluxe motorcoach, Meals, admission fees, gratuities. all taxes, and driver, step on guide fees. Lee Suess, Br 96, 408-309-1480.

Sept 20 - 27 2018 Islands of New England

Eight day escorted tour. Highlights – Providence, Newport, Boston, Cranberry Bog, Plimoth Plantation, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Lobster Dinner, Provincetown, Hyannis, Nantucket. Br. 38 Escorted by Bill Rodman 408 274-4521 or Alan Patmore

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

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 or (415) 710-4949.

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

TENNIS, ANYONE?

Every Wednesday 9:30 AM McInnis Park

Bill Donnelly 897-8966 or Glen Ohm 479-5693



QUICKEN SIG

Meets quarterly for info call 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

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, @



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

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

GOLF

Chairman Tom Brady, 897-8573

TUESDAY Eagle Vines 08:00 September 4

Note Day Change

Monday Blue Rock East 08:00 September 10 September 17 Monday Chardonnay 08:00 Monday Foxtail South September 24 08:00

9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting Contact Jack Friesen <friesenjack@aol.com>

NOTE: If anyone has a suggestion for a Br 47 Outing or event, please let Kurt Heilman know so he can include it in our future Outings.

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary: Actives -107 Inactives -

Gains: 0 Losses:

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

> **AUGUST LUNCH TICKET WINNER** Dee Stuever

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

9th, RON BROYLES, 11th, FRANK MINOIA, 14th, OSCAR, 16th, LUCKY LISTER, 16th, BILL SMITH, 19th, HERB ANCELL, 19th, JIM WATT, 20th, KNUT LARSSEN, 21st, JACK BRANDON, 22nd, RUSS FLAUM, 22nd, GLEN OHM, 26th, DON SUGRUE

AUGUST ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members 107

Members Present 74 69%

Guests:

Visitors:

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

Br 47 Outings include:

- 1. Sat. Sept. 29 @ 6:00 pm Tiburon Sunset Cruise (a repeat event from last year). Br 47 SIR Tiburon Sunset Cruise from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Sat. Sept. 29, 2018. Cost is \$20. Please sign up & pay in advance if you are interested in attending. You should bring your own drinks, but also bring appetizers to share with others. Plan to be at the Angel Island terminal @ 6:00 pm to queue up with the rest of our group. < Make payment to Kurt Heilman by Tues. Sept. 25. >
- 2. 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 a 3-part lecture on Sat. Sept. 22 9:30 am 1:15 pm "Positive Psychology: The Science of Happiness", "Three Musical Masterpieces That Changed America", and "How the 1960s Shaped American Politics Today". For details contact "info.onedayu.com" <= I attended a past lecture and found it very educational.
- **3. Cinnabar Theater**: 3333 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma suggested by Al Anderson. Contact http://centerstageticketing.com/ or 707-763-8920 for tickets or for other performances.
- Aug. 31 Sept. 16 "Cabaret" Welcome to the infamous Kit Kat Klub, where the Emcee, Sally Bowles and a raucous ensemble take the stage nightly to tantalize the crowd and remind them to leave their troubles outside. Come hear some of the most memorable songs in theater history, including Cabaret, Willkommen and Maybe This Time. Even the orchestra is beautiful in this Tony-winning musical about following your heart while the world loses its way.
- **4.** Ross Valley Players: : Sept. 28 Oct. 21"Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare. A ship is wrecked on the rocks and Viola is washed ashore. Come see this imaginative interpretation on one of the Bard's most beloved works.. For tickets contact <http://rossvalleyplayers.com or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.
- 5. Weill Hall 2017-18 Season of great performances @ the Green Music Center @ Sonoma State University. For tickets contact http://gmc.sonoma.edu/> gmc.sonoma.edu or 1-866-955-6040. Time and cost vary, depending upon performances. The next performance is: : Sept. 08 Lyle Lovett
- 6. The Novato Theater Company: Contact http://
 novatotheatrecompany.org>novatotheatercompany.org or call
 415-833-4498 * September 7 30, 2018 A CHORUS
 LINE music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Edward
 Kleban,book by James Kirkwood Jr. & Nicholas Dante, directed by Marilyn Izdebski
- <hacklight https://www.novatotheatercompany.org/2018_god-of-carnage/
- **7. 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. To reserve adate, call 415-209-2245.

8.Marin Theatre Company: Contact the Box Office at (415) 388-5208, <mailto:boxofficb e@marintheatre.org>boxoffice@marintheatre.org, or visit us during regular Box Office hours of operation: 397 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941 * Sept. 27 – Oct 21 "Oslo: This smash-hit political

thriller tells the true and widely unknown story of how Norwegian diplomat Mona Jull, and her husband, social scientist Terje Rød-Larsen, planned the Top Secret meetings between the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, culminating in the historic 1993 Oslo Accords.

9. Red Oak Victory – reopens Sat. Sept .1. Regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Or perhaps you'd prefer to attend one of our famous <u>Pancake Breakfasts</u> on September 9 and October 14.

10.Fresh Starts Chef Events @ Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato Contact "cookingschoolsofamerica.com . Cost is around \$60 pp. * Thurs Sept. 27 @ 6:30 pm Cristina Topham of Spread Caterin

Thurs Sept. 27 @ 6:30 pm Cristina Topham of <u>Spread Catering</u> will present a delicious menu of specialties from her Lebanese heritage.

Cheers, Kurt Heilman 1-415-892-246

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. >>

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 Sunday Sept. 9, 2018 in order to be honored

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Monday	Sep	3	LABOR DAY
Monday	Sep	3	9 Hole Golf (Maybe)
Tuesday	Sep	4	18 Hole Golf Date Change
Wednesday	Sep	5	Tennis
Thursday	Sep	6	Walking Group
Friday	Sep	7	Bowling
Sunday	Sep	9	Rosh Hashanah
Monday	Sep	10	9 Hole Golf
Monday	Sep	10	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Sep	11	Rolling Roamers
Tuesday	Sep	11	Fishing
Tuesday	Sep	11	SIRs Bar-B-Que
Wednesday	Sep	12	Tennis
Thursday	Sep	13	Walking Group
Friday	Sep	14	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Friday	Sep	14	Bowling
Monday	Sep	17	9 Hole Golf
Monday	Sep	17	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Sep	17	Citizenship Day
Monday	Sep	18	Yom Kippur
Wednesday	Sep	19	Advanced Digital Camera
Wednesday	Sep	19	Tennis
Thursday	Sep	20	Bridge
Thursday	Sep	20	Walking Group
Friday	Sep	21	Bowling
Friday	Sep	21	Bowling
Monday	Sep	21	POW/MIA RECOGNITION
Saturday	Sep	22	First Day of Autumn
Monday	Sep	24	Executive Committee Mtg
Monday	Sep	24	9 Hole Golf
Monday	Sep	24	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Sep	25	Branch 47 Luncheon
Wednesday	Sep	26	Tennis
Thursday	Sep	27	Walking Group
Friday	Sep	28	Bowling
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What do you call cheese that isn't yours? Nacho Cheese.

I just watched a program about beavers. It was the best dam program I've ever seen.

Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in France? There was nothing left but de Brie.

AREA 6 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Br. #Branch Phone7 The Club at McInnis Park 1st Thursday415 456-376322 The Club at McInnis Park 1st Tuesday415 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*).

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet

Monday, September 24, 2018. 10:30 AM at the McGinnis Park Golf Club Boardroom350 Smith Ranch Road

San Rafael, CA 94903

BRANCH 47 LUNCHEON MEETINGS IN 2018

Fourth Tuesday Of The Month

January 23 (Tuesday)

February 27 (Tuesday)

March 27 (Tuesday)

April 22 (Tuesday)

May 22 (Tuesday)

July 24 (Tuesday)

August 28 (Tuesday)

September 25 (Tuesday)

October 23 (Tuesday)

November 27 (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

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