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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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## **BIG SIR'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to our new members: Erick Young and Rick Coburn

REMINDER: November 6<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Be sure to vote; our democracy depends on it! November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day; Thank you to all our Veteran members for your service.

Special thanks to Ken Griffin for procuring the wine that we award at all the luncheons.

Branch 47 is one of the more successful SIR branches. We are successful because folks have stepped up to fill positions, not just Big Sir and Little Sir, but other officer and director positions, committee chairmanship, back up positions and functions like Webmaster, membership and attendance, Tamal Talk editor and Roster Book editor. These are functions that operate behind the scenes and make our branch run smoothly, tasks that have to be done. We have members who have been doing these tasks for many years, and are ready to move on to other things. We have many talented members – members who have been in SIR for a long time as well as newer members - who have skills that would benefit our branch. Most positions take minimal time and can be very enjoyable. We are talking about the life-blood of the branch. It is important enough that we devoted the October luncheon program to the topic. THANKS to our newest members, Erick Young (Roster) and Rick Coburn (membership) for stepping up during the luncheon. You set a great example! I would like to see many others follow you and accept a role in making Branch 47 even better by filling one of the responsible functions; your contribution to the branch will be appreciated. Looking ahead, I would like to see members step up – as many have done in the past, when the nominating committee begins seeking officers for 2020. Installation of officers for 2019 will take place during our November luncheon.

The Branch 47 Holiday party will take place at the McInnis Golf Center on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The social hour will commence at 5:00pm, and dinner will be served at 6:00. This is always a very popular event, so make your reservations with Chuck McDevitt (415-420-2299; e-mail: [mcdev095@aol.com](mailto:mcdev095@aol.com)). Events like this are important to the comradery that SIR can provide. Spouses and guests are welcome. I encourage you to attend this, and as many of our other special events and activities as possible. Thanks to Chuck McDevitt for putting the holiday party together.

Please note that because we have the Holiday party, there is no luncheon in December.

**Jake Solomon, Big Sir**

**November 27th Luncheon Menu**

*Salad*

*Baked Ham with honey glaze, potatoes and veg  
Alternative: Penne pomodoro Pasta and vegetables  
Rolls and butter  
Dessert*

**Nov 27th Luncheon Speaker**

SIR Branch 47 member Bob Gonzalez will be our featured speaker for the Nov 27 luncheon.

His presentation will be on "The Beginnings of Music Publication in America"

**JAMES NORTEN , LITTLE SIR**

**SEPTEMBER SPEAKER REVIEW**

**James J. Brosnahan  
Senior Trial Counsel**

SIR Branch 47 had the honor of hosting James J. Brosnahan as our speaker on September 25, 2018. Mr. Brosnahan is one of the most noted trial attorneys in the United States and because of that, provided the Branch 47 membership with a condensed biography of his awards and tributes, selected press coverage references and a listing of some of the most noteworthy cases in which he took part as trial attorney. Some of his accomplishments are listed as follows:

- (1) Named among the top thirty trial lawyers in the United States according to the "Legal 500 US."
- (2) Inducted in the State Bar of California Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame.
- (3) In 2001, named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the American Board of Advocates.
- (4) National Institute of Trial Advocacy Teacher of the Year.
- (5) Was inducted into the Lawdragon 500 Hall of Fame.

James Brosnahan as served as trial attorney on some of the most visible and newsworthy cases that have been heard in the United States in recent times.

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**(CONTINUED SPEAKER REVIEW)**

Referred to in condensed form, some of these cases were:

Defense of John Walker Lindh in which Mr. Brosnahan obtained dismissal of all terrorism-related charges against Lindh in a leading case regarding the legal war on terrorism;

Associate member of the Office of Independent Counsel: Iran-Contra; lead prosecutor in the case of United States against Casper Weinberger. This case involved two presidential administrations and was highly visible and highly controversial. It involved the shipping of missiles to Iran and in the end Mr. Weinberger was not prosecuted. James Brosnahan felt that he was denied victory in this case because of previous indictments. Public opinion seemed to the downfall.

Dismissal of charges of Patricia Dunn, former chairperson of the board of Hewlett Packard Corporation.

Close to home, James Brosnahan in January 2013 obtained a \$32 million decision for Marin General Hospital against Sutter Heath.

If there were unlimited space, the legal history of James Brosnahan could fill the entire Tamal Talk and then some. However, it is hoped that the condensation that appears herein is sufficient to inform readers that his history does occupy a top spot indeed in the annals of the legal profession.

His final statement to us was captivating and I believe worthy enough of reiteration: "Lawyers take risks—it is part of the continuation of democracy."

**By Alan Thomas**

**JOKE OF THE MONTH**

A guy stands over his tee shot for what seems an eternity: looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed.

Finally his exasperated partner says, "What's taking so long? Hit the damn ball!"

The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Forget it, man," says his partner. "You'll never hit her from here."

**OCTOBER 22th BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

Big Sir Report The November lunch meeting will feature the nomination and election of Officers and Directors for 2019 for Sirs Branch 47.

Little Sir Report: The city of San Rafael has initiated a bid process for a new projector for the McInnis Park meetings and the decision to purchase a new projector has been postponed.

Treasurers Report: Paul Schofield has suffered a heart attack and did not have time to refer the latest report to another board member. Paul is home and appears to be recovering smoothly after stints were inserted.

Lunch Menu: Doug Twitchell will meet with Eric Jensen, McInnis Banquets Manager, to discuss the alternative options for the rest of the year and beyond. Once this has been determined, the new options will be published along with any new procedures for letting the Membership Chairman know of the member's choice.

Membership and Attendance Turnover for 2019: Doug Twitchell and Jack Brannon have discussed next year's organization for these important functions and a solution has been finalized.

Orientation Functions: New members will continue to be asked to contribute to the various functions of the branch in order to prepare interested members for Officers and Directors positions. These duties will include spending time as a greeter, working the attendance desk, attending a board meeting as a guest, signing up for an activity and volunteering for a successor position so that they could take over an important function in case of need.

**Ned Lawrence, Secretary**

**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

**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



**TRAVEL**

The full schedule for travel can be seen at [www.sir47.org](http://www.sir47.org) under activities then travel.

**Nov 5 -13, 2018 Branson, MO Bentonville, Arkansas and Beyond**

Wine, Dine and Yacht with Branson entertainers and see beautiful scenery and historic sites of Northwest Arkansas. Price includes home pick-up, professional tour guide, round-trip air fare and transfers, 8 night deluxe hotel accommodations, and more. Cost: \$2935 per person dbl occupancy – \$3470 Single. Br 141 Co-escorts: Brian Serpa 408 227-7658 & Rollo Parsons 408 268-5245

**Dec 30, 2018-Jan 3, 2019: Tucson New Year's - with Tombstone.**

5 days at the Grand Four Star Westward Look Resort. Daily Tours including Mission San Xavier Del Bac, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Zoo & Botanical Gardens, Pima Air & Space Museum, Kartchner Caverns and Limestone Caves and Sabino Canyon Tram Ride. R/T Airfare to Phoenix. 7 meals including Gala New Year's Eve Party All gratuities for Guides and Drivers. Price \$1950 DO, \$2280 SO. For additional information, contact Sir #73 Paul Peters 510 724-8345 or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933

Questions?? Your Travel Chairman:

**Kurt Heilman –415 892-2460**

**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.

## TENNIS, ANYONE?

Every Wednesday 9:30 AM McInnis Park

Bill Donnelly 897-8966 or Glen Ohm 479-5693 if interested



### **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**

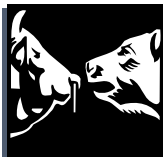
**Fifth Avenue, San Rafael**



## 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**



Nov 5 Monday Chardonnay 08:00  
Nov 12 Monday Petaluma CC 08:30 9 Holes Twice  
Nov 19 Monday Foxtail North 08:00  
BANQUET LUNCH Provided

### 9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting

Contact James G Bitter <jybitter@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.

## SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Summary:** Actives - 109 Inactives - 0  
Gains: 2 0  
Losses: 0 0

### 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

### OCTOBER LUNCH TICKET WINNER

**Russ Flaum**

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

2nd Kurt Heilman, 3rd Tom Brady, 6th Marv

Mizis, 9th Ron Nass, 13th Terry Scott,  
16th Neil Burton, 18th Bernie WU,  
21st Jim Dowling, 26th Bob Gonzalez,  
27th Trevor Davey, 30th Jake Soloman.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

12th Norm Jensen, 13th George Miller, 16th Lew Gibbs,  
17th Jim Norton, 18th Del Prescott, 26th Eddie Simon,  
30th Tom Culhane



## SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members 109  
Members Present 73 67%  
Guests: 0  
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**

**Br 47 Outings include:**

**1. Free Mill Valley Philharmonic Concert @ the Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church**, 410 Sycamore av. Mill Valley. Program is C.M. von Weber (Overture to Der Frieschutz), W.A. Mozart (Flute Concerto in G Major) and A. Dvorak (Symphony No. 7 in D minor). Donations appreciated.

\* **Wed. Nov 7 @ 7 pm – open dress rehearsal; Nov 9 @ 7 pm ; Sat. Nov. 10 @ 4 p.m .** As in the past, I suggest we attend the 4 pm concert on Sat. Nov. 10 and have dinner afterwards @ 6:30 pm @ **Piazza di Angelo, 22 Miller Av., Mill Valley.**

**2. Ross Valley Players: Nov. 16 Dec 16 “The Odd Couple” by Neil Simon;** For tickets contact <<http://rossvalleyplayers.com/>> [rossvalleyplayers.com](http://rossvalleyplayers.com) or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.

**3. Marin Theatre Company:** Contact the Box Office at (415)388-5208, <<mailto:boxoffice@marintheatre.org>> or visit us during regular Box Office hours of operation: 397 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941 **Nov 15 – Jan 9** This holiday season, MTC revisits Jane Austen’s world of Regency romance with Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon’s ***The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley***—a companion piece to the duo’s delightful Miss Bennet—both continuations of Austen’s popular novel, *Pride and Prejudice*.

**4. Red Oak Victory – reopened on Sat. Sept .1.** Regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

**5.** For those who enjoy continual learning -- the **One Day University Series** presents various lectures in SF on interesting topics for education and entertainment. **Sun Nov. 11 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm @** San Francisco State Conference Center, 835 Market St., Room DTC 673-674, San Francisco, CA 94103. For details contact “[info.onedayu.com](http://info.onedayu.com)”. **The Five Most Powerful People in the World by William Burke-White / University of Pennsylvania**

**6.** A unique opportunity suggested by Bob Gonzalez that I highly recommend. **Enjoy Vintage Music and tour the lovely Victorian Home of Richard Reutlinger on 824 Grove St., SF 94117** (between Fillmore & Webster). Concerts are on specified Sat & Sun afternoons @ 2 pm (doors open @ 1:30 pm, so you can tour the old Victorian before the concert.). Send a check payable to Richard Reutlinger to the address above to reserve seats. **\$25 per person.** 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. The next scheduled concerts are **Nov. 10 & 11, 2018 - A ragtime afternoon concert with Michael Chisholm;** Nov 24 & 25 Morten Gunnar Larsen

**7. Ross Valley Players: . \* Nov. 16 Dec 16 “The Odd Couple” by Neil Simon;** . For tickets contact <<http://rossvalleyplayers.com/>> [rossvalleyplayers.com](http://rossvalleyplayers.com) or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.

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**8. Fresh Starts Chef Events @ Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato** Contact

“[cookingschoolsofamerica.com](http://cookingschoolsofamerica.com) . Cost is around \$60 pp. \*

**Thurs Nov 11 @ 6:30 pm** Rebecca Katz - Entwine Great Taste & Healthy Eating.

**9. 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 A.M. (You might remember we had a tour a few years ago with lunch afterwards.) To reserve a date, call 415-209-2245.

**10. . 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](http://gmc.sonoma.edu) or 1-866-955-6040. Time and cost vary, depending upon the performance. The next performances are: **Nov. 11 Joan Baez;**

**11. . The Novato Theater Company:** Contact <<http://novatoteatrecompany.org>> [novatoteatrecompany.org](http://novatoteatrecompany.org) or call 415-833-4498. **October 26 – November 11, 2018 GOD OF CARNAGE** by Yasmina Reza, directed by Terry McGovern.

Cheers, Kurt Heilman 1-415-892-246



**Branch 47’s Annual Christmas Holiday Party**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

**At McInnis Golf Club, San Rafael**

**Cost: \$47.00 / person:**

**Social Hour: 5:00 pm—6:00 pm Includes Appetizers and Champagne**

**Cash Bar: Beer \$6, House Wine \$7, Cocktails \$8, House Wine Bottle \$24**

***Holiday Entertainment will be provided***

**6:00 pm Sit-down Holiday Meal with Choice of:**

**Prime Rib, Grilled Salmon with Mango sauce, Rack of Lamb, or Pasta Pomodoro (Vegetarian) With Coffee-Tea-Decaf & Ice cream sundae**

**No refunds within 48 hours. Make a firm reservation & payment by contacting Chuck McDevitt by phone @ 415 420-2299, or email @ [mcdev095@aol.com](mailto:mcdev095@aol.com)**

**Chuck will be collecting money/reservations at the Tuesday. Nov. 27 Br 47 Luncheons**

# THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Thursday	Nov	1	Walking Group
Friday	Nov	2	Bowling
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>
Monday	Nov	5	Bocce Ball
Monday	Nov	5	9 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Nov	5	18 Hole Golf
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
Wednesday	Nov	7	Tennis
Thursday	Nov	8	Walking Group
Friday	Nov	9	Bowling
Friday	Nov	9	Investors' Lunch Bunch
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>MARINE CORP BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>VETRANS DAY</b>
Monday	Nov	12	9 Hole Golf Holiday Rates
Tuesday	Nov	12	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Nov	13	Rolling Roamers
Tuesday	Nov	13	Fishing
Wednesday	Nov	14	Tennis
Thursday	Nov	15	Walking Group
Thursday	Nov	15	Bridge
Friday	Nov	16	Bowling
Monday	Nov	19	9 Hole Golf
Monday	Nov	19	18 Hole Golf
Wednesday	Nov	21	Advanced Digital Camera
Wednesday	Nov	21	Tennis
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>
Thursday	Nov	22	Walking Group
Friday	Nov	23	Bowling
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Executive Committee Mtg</b>
Monday	Nov	26	9 Hole Golf
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Branch 47 Luncheon</b>
Wednesday	Nov	28	Tennis
Thursday	Nov	29	Walking Group
Friday	Nov	30	Bowling

**Sir Hiking Group at Bezerkly**



## AREA 6 MONTHLY MEETINGS

<u>Br. #</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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*).

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet

**Monday, November 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)

## 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

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