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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: Marty Soja, Dick D'Addario, and Terence Jew

As I reach the end of my second stint as Big Sir, it is a good time to reflect on the year. It has been my privilege to serve as Big Sir, again. We are a diverse group of great guys. I have gotten to know some of you more than others through various activities, especially hiking and bowling. In that regard, I strongly recommend that each member participate in one or more activity because that is where the real benefit of our club comes into play. The luncheons are swell, and we have been fortunate to have had really good speakers, but it is the activities where real friendships are made.

This has been a very good year for membership; we have gained 14 new members this year. And we have a new member application to be presented to the BEC. This good news is tempered, sadly, by the passing earlier in the year of 3 of our fine members: Richie Guetter, Cecil Green and Harold Litcherman. This gives us a plus nine in our membership for the year (we had 2 resignations in February.) Welcome again to all. Well done to those who introduced our new members to SIR. As with any organization, there must be new members to keep the organization viable. Keep up the good work, guys!

Branch 47 is one of the more successful SIR branches. We are successful because folks have stepped up to fill positions; we have a great group of officers taking over in 2019. I feel confident that they will be able to continue our successes.

I would be remiss if I did not recognized a few of our members for their contributions – much of it behind the scenes: Doug Twitchell for streamlining our membership and attendance records; Paul Bell for his continued maintenance of Branch 47 outstanding Website that he designed; Ron Kosciusko for publishing Tamal Talk; Ken Griffin for providing the wine for our luncheons; and Will Kaefer and Kurt Heilman for their experience, guidance and opinions freely given to Big Sir; Alan Thomas and Joel Toste for their musical contributions; And to many of you for the support and friendship that I received throughout the year; I just don't have space to identify everyone individually.

Thanks to Chuck McDevitt for putting the holiday party together, which will take place at the McInnis Golf Center on Tuesday, December 4th. This is always a very popular event and is one of four special events that we have during the year; they are open to spouses, and guests and are important to the comradery that SIR can provide. Our next special event will be the Chinese New Year party in February 2019, organized by See Tom.

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For those who wish to help the victims of the Camp fire that destroyed so many lives in the Paradise area, the website to visit is: <http://bit.ly/onate2ParadiseSirs>

Please note that there is no luncheon or BEC meetings in December. However, there are 2 meetings of the BEC in January, the 7th and 21st.

NOTICE: Dues for 2019 are \$35.00 and are due on January 1st and are delinquent on January 31st. Dues may be paid at the January luncheon, January 22nd

The guy at the door you cannot sneak past. Some unpaid officers that want your money and your time



The unruly mob they lead



This is Ron's Joke. I am just the temp editor trying to follow his directions while he goes off to party



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."

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

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



Oct speaker review next time

November 25 2018 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Attendees: Jake Solomon, Paul Schofield, Bob Wilson, George Miller, Ned Lawrence, Will Kaefer, Jim Norton, Tim Leveque, Bill Stewart, Guests: Kurt Heilman, Bob Gonzales

Big Sir Report: Sirs had two branches, 52 and 135, greatly impacted by the fires in Paradise and Magalia. Many homes lost and several Sirs on the missing lists. Individual branches cannot provide funds but a _GoFund Me account has been set up so Sirs may make individual cash donations: however donations are not tax deductible. The account is <http://bit.ly/Donate2ParadiseSirs/>

Little Sir Report: The decision for branch 47 to purchase new audio visual equipment for the branch has been tabled due to improved performance of the microphone and the impending RFP by the City of San Rafael to upgrade the equipment at McInnis so that the city may use the facility.

Treasurers Report: Branch 47 has \$10,459. in the checking account. This number includes a luncheon deficit of \$1152. for guest lunches and wine for our speakers and birthdays.

New Business: It was decided that the 2019 roster book will be printed in color. Our lunch cost will be \$29.00 in 2019 and dues will remain \$35.00. Members will be asked to bring a check for dues to our January meeting. Kurt Heilman presented a survey for the board to learn how they use the roster book, Tamaltalk and the website. This survey will be presented to the membership next year to learn how these products can best serve the branch.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee requested that new members joining in 2019 would not pay dues for their first year and that any member who brought a new guest would have the guests' first lunch aid for by the branch.

Ned Lawrence, Secretary

Book library

Over 1/3 rd of the members indicated a desire to continue the availability and the use of our book collection. Our current library is a bit depleted so we can use a few more good books. Just the ones you think are better than average.

Some issues:

We have had a problem culling out books that are never taken to read so if you get a dud do not bring it back. I know that sometimes one persons trash is another person 's treasure.

If you really like a book and want to keep it that is OK but it would be nice if you replaced it with some other good read.

Taking our good stuff to a reseller just weakens our library.



TRAVEL

The full schedule for travel can be seen at www.sir47.org under activities then travel.

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

Dec. 31, 2018-Jan 3, 2019 New Years-Rose Parade:

R/T Air – Hilton Hotel – Claremont. Candlelight Pavilion New Year's Celebration – Reserved Area 1 Seating-Rose Parade – Nixon Presidential Library – Huntington Library Tour –Tea Festival of Lights. Includes, Gratuities, Driver Tips and Luggage Handling. Price \$1425. For additional information contact Chuck Wolf #58 707 477-3505 or chuck@charlesjwolf.com

Jan 30 –Feb 15, 2019: Princess Panama Canal Cruise:

Ft. Lauderdale to San Francisco. 15 nights Aboard the Coral Princess. Pre-Cruise hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. 9 Port of Calls. Price includes Air Fare, Bus R/T to Airport and return Pier. Baggage handling for one suite case. Price range from \$3525 to \$4975 Double Occupancy. For additional information please contact Bill Stires #143 209 544-2684 or wsmkp101130@sbcglobal.net

Feb. 2-7, 2019: Yellowstone in the Winter:

Destination Salt Lake City, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, WY. Includes Super Shuttle, Air, Motor coach and Slow-coach, plus 5 Breakfast and 4 Dinners. Price \$2195 DO or \$2595 SO. For additional information, contact Paul Peters #73 510 724-8345 (no e-mail available).

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

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

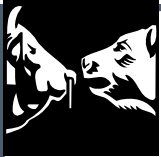
All are welcome. Open to all of Area 6.



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
c.caviness@sbglobal.net**

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

GOLF



Chairman Tom Brady, 897-8573

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.

October MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary: Actives - 109 Inactives - -
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

November LUNCH TICKET WINNER

Norbert Winter.

November Birthday Boys

2nd Kurt Heilman 18th Bernie WU
3rd Tom Brady 21st Jim Dowling
6th Marv Mizis 26th Bob Gonzalez
9th Ron Nass 27th Trevor Davey
13th Terry Scott 30th Jake Soloman
16th Neil Burton

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

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

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members 109
Members Present 73 67%

Br 47 Outings include:

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Br 47 Outings include:

1. Br 47 Wine Tasting and BYO picnic @ Jacuzzi in January (under a covered awning should be have rain). I will have a signup sheet @ our Nov. 25 Br 47 luncheon. Based on responses, we will pick a date, likely mid week, e.g. Jan 10 or Jan 17, 2019.

2. Free Sewer Band Holiday Concert @ 7 pm on Monday Dec. 17 the Marin Civic Center. Donations appreciated.

3. For those who enjoy continual learning -- the San Francisco Chronicle - One Day University Series presents various lectures in SF on interesting topics for education and entertainment. Feb. 17, 2019 from 9:30am – 1:15 pm @ Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Av., San Francisco, CA 94102. For details contact “info.onedayu.com”. This will cover the Shifting Lens of History: How We Reimagine the Past -- Supreme Court 2019 What to Expect, and Why -- Four Books that changed the World.

4. A unique opportunity suggested by Bob Gonzalez (our Nov. 27 Luncheon Speaker). 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.). Monica & Kurt attended the Feb 18 2018 Mimi Blais concert AND thoroughly enjoyed the experience. 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 24 & 25 Morten Gunnar Larsen; Jan. 19 & 20, 2019 Adam Swanson; Apr. 20 & 21, 2019 Ethan Leinwand.****

5. Cinnabar Theater: 3333 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma suggested by Al Anderson. Contact <<http://centerstageticketing.com/>>centerstageticketing.com or 707-763-8920 for tickets or for other performances. * Note: Seating is now reserved in advance, but the Theater seating has been refurbished... **Dec 14 – Jan 6 “Love, Linda” The great songs of Cole Porter** are ingeniously interwoven with captivating story-telling by his beautiful and glamorous wife, Linda Lee. Peek behind the glitter of her sensational life with her brilliant husband, to experience a unique, sometimes difficult but always love-filled marriage. As she tells us, “Just because a love between two people may be difficult to define, that doesn’t mean it didn’t exist.” Musical numbers include the hits *So In Love, I Love Paris, My Heart Belongs to Daddy, Night and Day, Wunderbar*, and many more.

6. Ross Valley Players: Nov. 16 - Dec 16 “The Odd Couple” by Neil Simon; * Jan 18 – Feb 17, 2019 “Deathtrap” by Ira Levin. **March 8 – 31”These Shining Lives”**. For tickets contact <<http://rossvalleyplayers.com/>> rossvalleyplayers.com or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.

7. Marin Theatre Company: Contact the Box Office at (415)388-5208, <<mailto:boxoffice@marintheatre.org>> 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*. 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*.

8. 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 the performance. The next performances are **Dec. 20 Dave Koz and Friends (Christmas tour): Jan 24 Martha Redbone: Feb. 8 Joshua Bell.**

9. Marin Onstage, The Belrose Theatre, 1415 5th Ave., San Rafael, CA 415-290-1433. “Tapcracker 2018” two shows on Sat. Dec. 22 @ 2 pm & 5:30 pm.

Cheers, Kurt Heilman 1-415-892-2460



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**

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sunday	Dec	2	Hanukkah Begins
Monday	Dec	3	Bocce Ball
Monday	Dec	3	9 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Dec	4	Holiday Party
Wednesday	Dec	5	Tennis
Thursday	Dec	6	Walking Group
Friday	Dec	7	Bowling
Monday	Dec	10	9 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Dec	11	Rolling Roamers
Tuesday	Dec	11	Fishing
Wednesday	Dec	12	Tennis
Thursday	Dec	13	Walking Group
Friday	Dec	14	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Friday	Dec	14	Bowling
Monday	Dec	17	9 Hole Golf
Wednesday	Dec	19	Advanced Digital Camera
Wednesday	Dec	19	Tennis
Thursday	Dec	20	Bridge
Thursday	Dec	20	Walking Group
Friday	Dec	21	Bowling
Friday	Dec	21	First day of Winter
Monday	Dec	24	Christmas Eve
Tuesday	Dec	25	Christmas Day
Wednesday	Dec	26	First Day of Kwanzaa
Wednesday	Dec	26	Tennis
Thursday	Dec	27	Walking Group
Friday	Dec	28	Bowling
Monday	Dec	31	New Years Eve

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).

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

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* **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will not meet in December** *
* **Next meeting , January 21 2019 10:30 AM at the** *
* **McGinnis Park Golf Club Boardroom 350 Smith Ranch** *
* **Road** *
* **San Rafael, CA 94903** *
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DATES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Monday preceding the Fourth Tuesday
Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting

Sir Hiking Group at Bezerkly



BRANCH 47 LUNCHEON MEETINGS IN 2019

Fourth Tuesday Of The Month

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

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