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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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FEBRUARY 2019
OUR 45TH YEAR

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BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

As I write this I am here in Hawaii with my daughter and her new born son, who is a real cutie pie and a very good baby, hardly cries at all. This good fortune has put me in mind of all the other good things in my life.

As this is a note for Tamaltalk, I'll focus on the good stuff I share with all the other members of SIRs Branch 47. First of all, like all of our members, I'm retired, I made it this far in life which not every body does so I am grateful that I'm still here to witness the joy of my first grandchild. I love Hawaii and have been here often, but really there is no place like Marin.

We have everything you could want: great weather, not too hot in summer with cool breezes and little humidity and our winters don't freeze your toes off. Coming originally from the East coast with their Polar Vortexes, I sure appreciate our Marin weather. We are only a few miles from a great city with all the wonderful cultural attractions: theater, opera, ballet, museums and every major sport. Like the ocean? Marin has miles of beautiful coastline. Like winter sports? Off to Tahoe you go. And of course, there is the natural beauty of Marin.

As a hiker, I can never get enough of the wonderful trails through soaring Redwood trees and the magnificent views from Mt Tam. Enjoy it all men we are all very lucky to be here. I'll see you at the February Luncheon. Regards,

Jim Norton, Big Sir - Branch 47

**FEBRUARY MONTHLY LUNCH MENU**

NOTE COST IS NOW \$29

Salad

Corned beef , Boiled red potatoes and cabbage  
Alternative: Penne pomodoro pasta and vegetables

Or Salmon

Rolls and butter

Dessert

**JANUARY 22, 2019 SPEAKER REVIEW**

Speaker review in the next edition

**FEBRUARY and March Luncheon Speakers**

**February:** John McGinnis - Sonoma County rancher and bee keeper. Topic - Bees. Background: John removed a hive from our property in Sonoma and I learned later that this event was featured in his talk to the Bee Keeper club in Sonoma. He will be bringing a hive (assume no active bees) and sharing many bee facts and adventures.

**March:** Jack Devlin - Member of SIR Branch 68. Topic U.S.S. Sultana - Worst Maritime Disaster in US History. Background: Jack is a member of Branch 68 and was in the Navy from 1964 - 68 - including a 16 month tour in Vietnam. He had a 45 year career in property / casualty insurance. He learned of the Sultana disaster from his great-great grandfather's obituary. Jack has researched this disaster and will recount much of the story we may never have heard of before.

**DOUG TWITCHELL , LITTLE SIR**

**SIR BR 47 CHINESE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION**

**@ 11:30 AM ON TUES FEB 12, 2019 AT**

**YET WAH RESTAURANT,**



This is our first party in 2019 to kick off the Year of the Pig. This will be a sit down Chinese Banquet, so you can really "Pig" out this year.

**The proposed menu includes:**

<b>WEST LAKE SOUP, LEMON CHICKEN</b>	<b>MINCED CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAP, MONGOLIAN BEEF WITH BROCCOLI, SALT &amp; PEPPER PORK CHOP, WHITE OR BROWN RICE,</b>	<b>SWEET AND SOUR PORK, WALNUT PRAWN, PORK WITH MINCED GREEN BEANS, DESSERT.</b>
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**There will be plenty of food to eat and to take home.**



**Cost is \$30 including tax & tip.**

Please invite spouses and other guests to help us celebrate the New Year. Tickets are on sale at the Br 47 January 22, 2019 luncheon. Reservations required. Or **contact See Tom @ 415-378-3008 or seestom@gmail.com.**

**<<<<< The deadline for making both reservations and payment is Friday Feb. 8, 2019 >>>>>**

Tamalpais Branch 47  
Area 8, Region 3  
McInnis Park Board Room  
January 7, 2019

**Attendees:** Jake Solomon, Paul Schofield, Bill Stewart, George Miller, Bob Wilson, Bob Gonzalez, Ned Lawrence, Will Kaefer, Jim Norton

**Big Sir Report:** Jake Solomon related that 2018 was a great year as far as Recruiting and Retention. We added 14 new members for a net growth of 9. Jake also stated that Jim Breitmayer had passed away in December after a brief illness. The January 22 lunch meeting speaker will be Lee Turner.

**Little Sir Report:** JimNorton reminded all members that annual dues of \$35.00 are due and should be collected at the January 22 lunch meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Branch 47 continues to have a healthy bank balance with \$10,039.00 in the account which includes a deficit of \$1390. For lunch wine for guest speakers, birthdays and spirits for the annual Christmas party. Each branch of Sirs pays a quarterly amount of \$1.50 per member to help fund the state duties.

**Old Business:** The board voted for the low bid for the production of the 2019 Roster Book in color in order to have copies to distribute at the January 22 lunch meeting. The date of the May BEC meeting was changed from May 27 (Memorial Day) to May 20. Four members do not have a photo on file and the 2019 Roster Book will be published without their photos for this year.

**New Business:** The state website lists the Seniors and Super-seniors by branch number. The branch 47 secretary will coordinate with the Membership chairman to certify the list from our branch and send a letter to state with the correct names and remove the names of the deceased. Due to the timing several actions were deemed necessary to ask the board members for an email approval rather than wait for the next board meeting to approve. These include:

- \*Approval of new members application
- \*Form for caterer for branch function, i.e., picnic
- \*Activities Chairman will publish an action list for each event chairman

**Committee Reports:** Recruitment and Retention Committee submitted their recommendations for 2019 expenditures. The following were approved for 2019.

- \*Guests will enjoy one free lunch per annum if accompanied by a member
- \*Members joining in 2019 will have their annual dues waived for 2019
- \*The Premium Membership for Yoast SEO will be paid for the year. This \$89.00 expense will allow the webmaster to continue to increase web viewership in order to expand the effectiveness of the site.
- \*The committee will make a recommendation if there is a plan to reward current members for sponsoring a new member at the next board meeting.
- \*In addition to number 4, the committee will discuss a Facebook Page, NextDoor and any other useful social media applications to increase our membership.



## TRAVEL

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

**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 Slowcoach, 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).

**Feb 15-Mar 2, 2019: Cruise from San Francisco to Ft Lauderdale.** 15 day cruise aboard the Coral Princess with port stops at Cabo San Lucas, San Juan Del Sur, Puntarenas, Fuerte Amador, cruising through the Panama Canal, Cartagena, and Ft Lauderdale. Cost ranges from \$3390 to \$4190 depending on stateroom and includes, home pickup, shipboard meals and entertainment, R/T airfare, luggage handling, transfers, all drivers and porters, gratuities, all applicable taxes. For additional information please contact Archie Belogolovsky 408 767-2838. [arkadybel@gmail.com](mailto:arkadybel@gmail.com)

**March 11 – 15, 2019: Spring Training – Scottsdale, AZ.** Travel by Air & Bus – Enjoy Baseball games, shows and local attractions. Also includes 4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, and 4 Dinners plus Lodging. Cost \$1648 per person DO – Single Supplement additional \$500. For additional information contact Bill Stires #143 209 544-2684 or [wsmkp101130@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wsmkp101130@sbcglobal.net)

**April 6-21, 2019: Princess Hawaii Cruise R/T San Francisco: Ports of Call:** Hilo, Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Ensenada.. Pricing, Inside \$2290, Outside \$2865, Balcony \$3365 and Mini-Suite \$3935 Double Occupancy. Single Occupancy range from \$399 to \$7395. **Veterans,** Bring your DD214 to the travel agent for an additional \$250 shipboard credit. For more information contact Brian Serpa 408 227 -7658 [bserpa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bserpa@sbcglobal.net) or Alan Patmore # 125 408 867-4197 [alan\\_patmore@earthlink](mailto:alan_patmore@earthlink) or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933

**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

## GOLF



**Chairman Tom Brady, 897-8573**

9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting

Contact *James G Bitter* <jybitter@aol.com>

## 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.**

## 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**

## 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

## 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**

## 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

## Book library

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

Culling books that were never taken to be read has been an issue. So, if you get a dud do not bring it back. I know that sometimes one person's 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 other good reads. Taking your "good books" to a reseller weakens our library.

## Br 47 Outings include:

1. The Pacific Empire Chorus (PEC) presents an All-you-can eat Crab Feed & live A Cappella Show 5-9 pm on Sat. Feb. 2 at the Petaluma Veterans Building, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. So. Obtain tickets on line at "pacificempire.org" or call 1-877-772-0087. Cost is \$50 for adults or \$60 at the door.

2. 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.

3. 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: Jan. 19 & 20 Adam Swanson; Feb.23 & 24 Mimi Blais; Mar 9 & 10 Jeff Barnhart; Apr. 20 &21, 2019 Ethan Leinwand; Aug 24 & 25 Brian Holland and Danny Coats; Sept 28 & 29 Frederick Hodges and Janet Klein

4. Cinnabar Theater: 3333 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma suggested by Al Anderson. Contact <<http://centerstageticketing.com/>> [centerstageticketing.com](http://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. Feb. 1-17 Underneath the Lintel; Feb 17 Daniel Glover, piano; Feb. 23 Broadway Bash; March 8-10 Much Ado About Nothing; April 7 An Evening of Raga Music.

5. Ross Valley Players: Jan 18 – Feb 17, 2019 "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin. March 8 – 31 "These Shining Lives". For tickets contact <<http://rossvalleyplayers.com/>> [rossvalleyplayers.com](http://rossvalleyplayers.com/) or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.

6. Marin Theatre Company: Contact the Box Office at (415)388-5208, <<mailto:boxoffice@marintheatre.org>> [boxoffice@marintheatre.org](mailto:boxoffice@marintheatre.org), or visit us during regular Box Office hours of operation: 397 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941 Jan 10 – Feb 3 How I Learned What I Learned In his one-man autobiographical play, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson takes us on a journey from his days as a young poet through the completion of his acclaimed American Century Cycle. Feb 28 – Mar 24 The Who & The What Brilliant Pakistani-American writer Zarina is finishing a novel about women and Islam when she meets Eli, a young convert who bridges the gulf between her modern life and her traditional heritage. But when her conservative family discovers her controversial manuscript, they are all forced to confront the beliefs that define them.

7. 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 Feb 4 Boots Riley; Feb. 8 Joshua Bell; Feb. 16 "A Far Cry"; Feb. 22 "Wild up – We the People Arts as Activism"; Feb 23 The Chieftains; Mar 30 Anne Akiko Meyers; Apr 4 Monterey Jazz Festival – Cecile McLorin Salvant and Christian Sands...

8. The Novato Theater Company: Contact <<http://novatotheatrecompany.org/>> [novatotheatrecompany.org](http://novatotheatrecompany.org/) or call 415-833-4498. Jan 25 – Feb 10 "Loot" by Joe Orton, directed by Trevor Scott Floyd. April 5 -28 You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown..

9. Marin Onstage, The Belrose Theatre, 1415 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Rafael, CA 415-290-1433. Sol Flamenco the Passion of Spain in Music and Dance! Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9, 2019. Show at 8:00 pm, Tapas at 7:30

Cheers, Kurt Heilman 1-415-892-2460

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

## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Summary:

Actives -	112	
Inactives -	-	
Gains:	0	0
Losses:	0	0

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS

Al Anderson, Martin Benson, Laszlo Folk,  
Marshall Gross, Trevor Hughes, John Rouch,  
Hans Schmid, Robert Wilson.

## JANUARY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	112
Members Present	77 68%
Guests:	3
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](mailto:sirbranch47@gmail.com)  
with your request, giving name and badge number

Friday	Feb	1	Bowling
Monday	Feb	4	Bocce Ball
Monday	Feb	4	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Wednesday	Feb	6	Tennis
Thursday	Feb	7	Walking Group
Friday	Feb	8	Bowling
Friday	Feb	8	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Feb	11	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Feb	12	Rolling Roamers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>
Tuesday	Feb	12	Fishing
Wednesday	Feb	13	Tennis
Thursday	Feb	14	Walking Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Valentines Day</b>
Friday	Feb	15	Bowling
Monday	Feb	18	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Presidents' Day</b>
Wednesday	Feb	20	Tennis
Wednesday	Feb	20	Advanced Digital Camera
Thursday	Feb	21	Bridge
Thursday	Feb	21	Walking Group
Friday	Feb	22	Bowling
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>George Washington's Birthday</b>
Monday	Feb	25	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Feb	25	Executive Board Meeting
<b>Tuesday Meeting</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Branch Luncheon</b>
Wednesday	Jan	27	Tennis
Monday	Feb	28	Walking Group

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**To see all that SIR has to offer:**  
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**REMEMBER:**  
**Our regular lunch dates are on the**  
**FOURTH TUESDAY, of**  
**every month**

**JOKE OF THE MONTH**

I was having trouble with the idea of turning thirty and was oversensitive to any signs of advancing age. When I found a prominent gray hair in my bangs, I pointed to my forehead.

"Have you seen this?" I indignantly asked my husband.

"What?" he asked. "The wrinkles?"

**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
<b>Happy Hour - 11:00 am; Luncheon - 11:45 am</b>		
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 , February 25 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

**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)
Nov 26 Tuesday	

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