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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

Happy New Year to all, I hope your holidays were wonderful and full of family and fun.

As the newly elected Big Sir, I am in the happy position of beginning my term with the club in excellent condition, our finances are solid, our membership is growing, our activity groups, hiking, bowling, bocce and golf etc are doing well and our monthly luncheons are well attended. I want to thank past leadership for their contributions to guiding our club to its current vibrant condition.

As we leave 2018 behind we say a sad farewell to the members who left us in 2018 but also extend a warm welcome to the sixteen new members who joined us last year. We won't forget the past but we do look forward to our future.

I would like to extend our thanks to Charles McDevitt who organized our very successful holiday party in December and to Alan Thomas and Joel Toste whose music added a delightful touch to the festivities. Good work men, well done!

On a personal note, I regret that I will be unable to preside at my first luncheon as Big Sir in January. I have good reason for my absence, I'll be in Hawaii but not just to enjoy the sun and beaches. I'm going to be with my oldest daughter who lives in Honolulu and will be delivering into this world my first grandchild in mid January. I know there are many grandfathers in our club who will understand my joy as I await the arrival of grand son Francis James (Frankie J). I am so looking forward to being a grandpa.

I am sure Little Sir Doug Twitchell will do a splendid job filling in for me, I will be back for our February luncheon.

Best Wishes,

Jim Norton, Big Sir - Branch 47

JANUARY MONTHLY LUNCH MENU

Salad

January - Pot Roast with mashed potatoes and vegetables

Alternative: Grilled Chicken breast with potatoes and veg

: Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa

Rolls and butter

Dessert

JANUARY 22 Luncheon Speaker

Our January speaker will be or member Lee Turner. Lee's topic is titled: "How I Contributed to Desert Storm Without Leaving the Safety of My Office".

I am assuming his office was here in the Bay Area, but maybe it was somewhere in the Persian Gulf???

DOUG TWITCHELL , LITTLE SIR

NOVEMBER 27, 2018 SPEAKER REVIEW

Our luncheon speaker this month, Davis Perkins, is a man of many talents, interests, and accomplishments. It would be impossible to list them all here, so I'll just mention the things that most caught my attention. Davis' life-long passion has been painting. He has Fine Arts degrees from the University of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest School of Art in Portland. His paintings hang in at least eight museum collections including the Smithsonian, the Alaska State Museum, the Pentagon, and the University of Oregon in Eugene. You can view many of his paintings on his website: [HTTP://DavisPerkins.com](http://DavisPerkins.com). You won't be disappointed! He refers to himself as a landscape painter, but he also is keen on aviation, so you'll find quite a few paintings of airplanes.

Which brings us to smoke jumping. Davis worked thirteen summers as a smokejumper after serving as a paratroop sergeant with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and the 12th Special Forces Group of the Army Reserve. Davis says that smoke jumping has been a big influence on his life, and that's easy to believe. It's extremely difficult to be accepted into this profession. Only about 50% of applicants make it through training, says Davis, and "it's tougher than the military." A smokejumper article in *Wikipedia* puts it this way: "Bases tend to look for highly motivated individuals who are in superior shape and have the ability to think independently and react to changing environments rapidly." That's probably why there are only four or five hundred smokejumpers in the United States. You'll find them primarily in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Alaska, but they will jump wherever they are needed. Davis no longer jumps, but he did put in volunteer time at the recent Camp Fire in Northern California.

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Sometime along the way Davis became a paramedic, and he remains active in that field and as a member of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team of the Department of Health and Human Services. From about 2010 to the present, Davis has served on medical relief missions to Haiti, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Liberia, Vanuatu, Nepal, Greece, and Mosul Iraq. In these places, he helps to set up treatment units and clinics, the goal being, as he puts it, "to establish stabilization points and to keep people alive." Davis is pretty modest about what he does and what he has done, but he did suggest that these medical teams have saved a lot of lives.

I get the idea from his talk and the slides he showed us of smokejumpers and paramedics that while his primary focus at the present is landscape painting, if his phone rings and someone asks him to jump out of a plane into a fire or leave tomorrow morning to help people in Mosul, he would say YES!

Thank you, Davis, for sharing so much of your life with us.

Michael Kelly

See what's happening Statewide in SIR

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

To see all that SIR has to offer:

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	113
Members Present	82 73%
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

with your request, giving name and badge number

***Please call by noon of the Friday
before the lunch date***

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 paid for by the branch.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:	Actives -	113	
	Inactives -	-	
	Gains:	4	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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS

Richard D'Addario, Ken Griffin, Michael J. Kelly,

Ron McGinnis, Norbert Winter



TRAVEL

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

Jan 27 – Feb 11, 2019: Princess Hawaiian Cruise: 15 –Days round trip from San Francisco .Includes Home Pick up, port taxes & government Fees, Gratuities for transfer driver and pier porters (excludes shipboard gratuities) and one bottle of wine per stateroom. Visit the islands of Hawaii, Oahu, Kauai and Maui. Plus Ensenada, Mexico. Price Inside cabin \$2443 Out-side cabin \$3023 and Balcony \$3528, All prices DO. US passport required .Deposits range from \$494 to \$711. For additional information and brochure contact Roy Newman #45 530 755-3713

roy.newman@comcast.net or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933

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 Air-port and return Pier. Baggage handling for one suite case. Price range from \$3525 to \$4975 Double Occu-pancy.

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).

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 state-room and includes, home pickup, shipboard meals and entertainment, R/T airfare, luggage handling, transfers, all drivers and porters, gratuities, all appli-cable taxes. For additional information please contact Archie Belogolovsky 408 767-2838. arka-dybel@gmail.com

**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



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

9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park
Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting
Contact **James G Bitter <jybitter@aol.com>**

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.



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!

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

Book library

Over 1/3 rd of the members indicated a desire to continue the availability and their 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.

TREASURED BRANCH 47 SIRS PHOTOS



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



Br 47 Outings include:

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

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, 2019 Adam Swanson; Apr. 20 & 21, 2019 Ethan Leinwand.**

4. 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. **. Dec 31 Spend New Year's Eve in Linda Lee's glamorous Paris Apartment Dress in glamorous garb & win a prize.**

5. 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.

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

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 or 1-866-955-6040. Time and cost vary, depending upon the performance. The next performances are **Jan 24 Martha Redbone: Feb. 8 Joshua Bell.**

8. The Novato Theater Company: Contact <<http://novatatheatrecompany.org>> novatatheatrecompany.org or call 415-833-4498. **Jan 25 – Feb 10 "Loot"** by Joe Orton, directed by Trevor Scott Floyd.

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

JOKE OF THE MONTH

I had just had my 50th birthday and found the decade marker traumatic.

When I went to get my driver's license renewed, a matter-of-fact woman typed out the information, tested my vision, snapped the camera and handed me a laminated card with my picture on it.

"You mean I have to look at this for the next four years?" I jokingly said to her.

"Don't worry about it," she replied. "In four years it'll look good to you."



SIR BR 47 CHINESE NEW YEAR'S
CELEBRATION @ 11:30 AM ON TUES FEB 12, 2019 AT

YET WAH RESTAURANT, 1238 FOURTH ST., SAN RAFAEL



This is our first party in 2019 to kick off the year of the Chinese Zodiac Brown Pig. This will be a sit down Chinese Banquet, so you can really "Pig" out this year. The **proposed menu includes:** CHICKEN CORN SOUP, MINCED CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAP, SWEET AND SOUR PORK, MONGOLIAN BEEF WITH BROCCOLI, LEMON CHICKEN, WALNUT PRAWN, MU SHU PORK, B & B PORK FRIED RICE, DESSERT, WHITE OR BROWN RICE. There will be plenty of food to eat and to take home.



Cost to be determined.

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 @ 415-388-5819** or seestom@gmail.com.

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

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

AREA 6 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Tuesday	Jan	1	New Years Day
Wednesday	Jan	2	Tennis
Thursday	Jan	3	Walking Group
Friday	Jan	4	Bowling
Monday	Jan	7	Bocce Ball
Monday	Jan	7	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Jan	8	Rolling Roamers
Tuesday	Jan	8	Fishing
Wednesday	Jan	9	Tennis
Thursday	Jan	10	Walking Group
Friday	Jan	11	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Friday	Jan	11	Bowling
Monday	Jan	14	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Wednesday	Jan	16	Tennis
Wednesday	Jan	16	Advanced Digital Camera
Thursday	Jan	17	Bridge
Thursday	Jan	17	Walking Group
Friday	Jan	18	Bowling
Monday	Jan	21	Martin Luther King Day
Monday	Jan	21	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jan	21	Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday	Jan	22	Branch Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday	Jan	23	Tennis
Monday	Jan	24	Walking Group
Friday	Jan	25	Bowling
Monday	Jan	28	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Wednesday	Jan	30	Tennis
Thursday	Jan	31	Walking Group

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** *

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)

REMEMBER:

Our regular lunch dates are on the
FOURTH TUESDAY, of
every month

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Markavage, 1926-2018

James W. Breitmayer, 1937-2018

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