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Fourth Tuesday of the month
Happy Hour at 11:00 am, as always

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BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed our member George Martinez' presentation at this past luncheon as much as I did. I wasn't living in the Bay Area when George represented CEO Don Silverthorne in the San Francisco National Bank collapse case in the early 60's so I had no personal memory of the news coverage of that scandal. As a result for me George's recitation of the case was a revelation. Who knew bank fraud could be fun?

Everybody in the country knew about the Patty Hearst case that Attorney Martinez was involved in after her trial was completed. I was fascinated by George's account of his representation of Patty's interests and his family's friendship with her.

Member Martinez had a sixty year legal career with several high profile clients...very impressive. Also impressive is the fact that all three of his sons followed in their father's footsteps to become lawyers, what a great example dad set for his family! It all made me wonder how many more of our members have intriguing life stories to tell. Perhaps another member might have something to share with the club about their own careers, military experiences or interesting hobbies. Let me know if you do, we may be able to book you as a speaker for a luncheon in 2020.

I want to thank Tom Culhane for his good work putting together our picnic a few weeks ago. As usual everything was great but this year Tom had to work especially hard and right up to the last minute because of some liability insurance issues raised by the State Sir organization. Tom persevered through some real bureaucratic hassles to make the picnic happen. THANKS TOM!

My wife and I enjoyed the Sir's bay boat trip the last two years but my daughter is visiting with us from Hawaii at the moment with my one and only grandchild (for now – hoping for more someday) so we'll miss this year's trip. I hope everybody who attends this year has a great time.

See you all at the October luncheon...keep on being active and social in the meantime.

Jim Norton, Big Sir - Branch 47

August 27th Meeting Speaker Review

Nan Su,
Senior Correspondent of The Epoch Times

A Philosophical Awakening

The Epoch Times is a multi-language newspaper founded in 2000 by John Tang and a group of Chinese Americans associated with the Falun Gong spiritual movement. The newspaper covers general interest topics with a focus on news about China and its human rights issues. Along with its critical coverage of the Communist Party of China, the Epoch Times is becoming known for its support of the current administration of the United States. The newspaper now has publications and web sites in 35 languages.

After presenting information about Epoch Times, Mr. Su proceeded to focus on a philosophical/religious discussion which is assumed to be a topic related to the Falun Gong spiritual movement. The following coverage was taken from Mr. Su's lecture and is recreated in a manner that attempts cohesiveness and appropriateness to the lecture.

Wisdom and humanity are taken from the ancient Chinese culture. These concepts are based on the teachings of Confucius who lived from 551 B. C. to 479 B. C. Chinese history and culture started with the Confucius Dynasty and from this resulted in the Ying and Yan symbol which is now acknowledged as "two sides to everything."

The highest compassion is the same as water and is indispensable. Taize is a reflection of the universe. The thought is to put others before yourself. From this develops the thought: Humans follow the Earth/Earth follows Heaven/Heaven follows Tao.

Tao is the wisdom of the universe and the wisdom of the creator. Based on a philosophy rather than a religion, Taoist Philosophy is the Temple of Heaven; the thought was founded in Beijing in 1420.

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Symbolically, Earth is based on the square and Heaven is based on the circle. Origins of this thought are based on the following figures:

	Fire	
Humanity	Timber	(South)
Mortar		
/Tao		(East)
(West)		
Taoism/	/Heaven\	Soil
	/Earth\	\Confucianism
	/Humanity\	
Water		(North)

Mr. Su showed drawings of early Chinese emperors of the Tang dynasty known for prosperity. All emperors of this period wore yellow shaded clothing said to be the color of the soil.

China today is a dictatorship under the Communist Party. "Communism is now referred to as "Socialism." "Marxism" is now a term used against other governments. "Capitalism" is synonymous with "economic freedom and inalienable rights."

Hong Kong before 1997 was a democracy. Thirteen year old adolescents there now have the vote. The Christian church is popular but its creed is contrary to Communism

Alan Thomas

(Publisher's Note. Kudos to Alan for his attempt to capture the writing on the wall)



*Branch 47's Annual
Christmas Holiday Party*

*Tuesday, December 3rd
At McInnis Golf Club, San Rafael*

5 pm—6 pm Social Hour

\$48.00 / person includes:

Appetizers and Champagne

**Cash Bar: Beer \$5, House Wine \$8,
Cocktails \$8, House Wine Bottle \$25**

<Holiday Entertainment may be Provided>

6 pm Sit-down Holiday Meal

With Choice of:

Prime Rib

**Herb Crusted Salmon fillet w/lemon Butter
Rack of Lamb or Pasta Pomodoro(Vegen)**

Salad

Coffee-Tea-Decaf

Dessert: Tiramisu

**Tickets will be available at the October and
November Luncheons**

No refunds within 48 hours.

***Make a firm reservation by
Contacting Chuck McDevitt***

***By phone @415 924-6949, or email
@ MCDEV095@AOL.COM***



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www.sir47.org for the years Travel itineraries or
call your Travel Chairman Kurt Heilman @
415-897-2460**

OCTOBER MONTHLY LUNCH MENU

Salad

*Roasted Turkey with Cranberry & gravy Peas and
carrots, sweet Potatoes (stuffing on the table)*

Alternative: Chicken Marsala

Rolls and butter

Dessert

**October 22 Speaker : Mark Bosch, Member of our
branch: Pilot Pioneers. Mark has done considera-
ble research on the early days of flight and will
share his knowledge and pictures.**

DOUG TWITCHELL , LITTLE SIR

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



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, @**



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

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 Ned Lawrence, 415 595-1092

9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting

Contact James G Bitter <jybitter@aol.com>

18 Hole Golf

October 7 Monday	Petaluma CC	08:30
October 14	OFF Columbus Day	
October 21 Monday	Napa/Kennedy	08:00
October 28 Monday	Blue Rock East	08:00\

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 the mailing list or to join us for lunch and bocce.

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-

The GGCS QUICKEN and PERSONAL FINANCES SIG

The Quicken SIG is no longer meeting monthly or quarterly. Instead, it has gone digital and become the Quicken Forum, an Email List where Quicken users and those curious about the program can ask questions, give one another tips, and discuss the program's features, as well as other related personal finance issues.

If you would like to subscribe to the Quicken forum, contact Babette Bloch at babette@ggcs.org.

TENNIS, ANYONE?



SIR Tennis is not only FUN, HEALTHY & ENTERTAINING, it can also be EDUCATIONAL! For example, we learned that the fastest recorded serve ever was 163.7 mph by an Australian Sam Groth in 2012! Who knows what next month we will learn?



Play is at McInnis Park every Wednesday @ 9:30 AM.
Call Bill Donnelly 897-8966 or Glen Ohm 479-5693 if you wish to join the fun!

Br 47 Outings include:

1. The Mill Valley Philharmonic The organizations have planned four Thursday evening concerts, all beginning at 7:00 PM, over the course of the 2019-2020 season: **The next concerts are: Thurs Oct. 10 @ 7 pm Chamber Music Concert 1, featuring Sonoluma Quartet & Tamalpais Quartet:** All programs in the series cost \$20 per ticket Limited seating (60) will be available on a first come, first served basis. Homestead Valley Community Center, 315 Montford Av., Mill Valley, CA 94941

2. 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. **October 20 "Sovereignty"** by Mary Kathryn Nagle Directed by Jasson Minadakis Sarah Ridge Polson.

3. Cinnabar Theater: 3333 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma * Note: Seating is now reserved in advance, but the Theater seating has been refurbished. **Oct 11 – 27 Nov** Luna Gale A veteran social worker takes the case of two teenage drug addicts accused of neglecting their baby. Contact <<http://centerstageticketing.com/>> centerstageticketing.com or 707-763-8920 for tickets or for other performances

4. Ross Valley Players: Sept. 13 – Oct. 13 "MouseTrap" by Agatha Christie. Nov. 13 – Dec 22 a musical " She Loves Me". For tickets contact <<http://rossvalleyplayers.com/>> rossvalleyplayers.com or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.

5. The Novato Theater Company: Contact <<http://novatotheatrecompany.org>> novatotheatrecompany.org or call 415-833-4498. **Sept. 5 – 29 "The Humans"** A Pulitzer finalist and Tony winner. **Oct 24 – Nov 23 "Sweeney Todd"**

6. Weill Hall 2017-18 Season of great performances @ the Green Music Center @ Sonoma State University (1801 East Cotati Av. Rhonert Park, CA). 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: Oct. 13 Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble; **Oct. 17** Theater of War Productions; End of Life; **Oct. 24** Liz Lerman – Lecture with Performance Excerpts; **Oct. 25** "Take me to the River" New Orleans Live**

Cheers
Kurt Heilman 1-415-892-2460



Sirs Day at the races will be October 18th (golden gate fields) The cost will be \$41/person , includes valet parking , all you can eat lunch with Jockey club seating.

Make your check out to Br # 68 and send it to :

Ron Gurich
36 Bridle Path Lane
Novato , Ca 94945
Tel # 415-233-1584
E mail ron marin@yahoo.com

**He needs Your check by Oct 9th, and your tickets will be at Will Call .
Enjoy the races.**

Tim Leveque

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.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

A card was sent to BOB FIELDS encouraging him to get well soon & not resign at this time!

If any of you know of a member who needs some "sunshine", please report an illness or death to BILL DONNELLY at (415) 897-8966

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

Tamalpais Branch 47
Area 8, Region 3
McInnis Park Board Room
September 23, 2019

Attendees: Jim Norton, Doug Twitchell, Jake Solomon, Ned Lawrence, Alan Thomas, Will Kaefer, Rick Coburn, Paul Scofield, Bill Stewart, Bob Gonzalez, George Brown, Frank Ghazzachi

Call to Order and Quorum: Meeting was called to order by Big Sir Jim Norton at 10:30 AM. A quorum was determined to be present.

Big Sir Report: Jim reported that the Board members voted to accept membership of Ernie Ganas. Jim informed the Board that bylaws indicate there are ten days in which to vote, and after that time those not responding will be considered non-votes. Discussion ensued in which expenditures incurred by the incumbent Big Sir should be approved by the Board. Clarification was sought and the result was that the following motion was made and passed: Moved that in the future, the wording of the resolution should clarify the guidance of the expenditure. The Big Sir would have \$100 a month available to cover time sensitive items. Motion carried.

Little Sir Report: Doug Twitchell provided information on the speaker for September and reiterated that the speaker slate is lined up through February 2020. The computer is ready to go and photos for the September presentation are loaded and ready to view.

New Business:

Live music was discussed for the Holiday Season party on December 3rd and motion was made and carried that a woodwind player would be hired from outside the Branch and receive payment of \$100 and dinner.

Recruitment "calling cards"; a member may have a large quantity of cards and should be contacted prior to printing a new batch.

\$100 for laptop upgrade: Covered in Big Sir report

Big Sir/Little Sir small fund: Covered in Big Sir report

Branch 47 veterans will be honored at the October meeting

Activities/interests: Jim quoted from sheets that Rick Coburn had prepared of breakout of many interests shown by recent survey. Rick adds interests of new members to tally as they join.

Miscellaneous category of preparing a new roster for 2020 included discussion that members' cell phone numbers should be included. Rick and Eric Young must have feedback on changes as they occur and a notice would be put out to inform membership of the importance of correct information.

Old Business: Laptop upgrade and veteran acknowledgement were discussed under new business.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 pm.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	116	
Inactives -	-	
Gains:	2	0
Losses:	2	0

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

1st Ted Smith, 5th Lee Turner, 10th Harry Forst, 12th Laurence Sykes, 13th Carl Martin, Serge Glazonov, 16th Pete Petrovsky, 17th Reggie Ricci, 17th Ned Lawrence, 18th Wally Chipman, 22nd Martin Soia, 22nd James Hancock, 24th Richard Sullivan, 26th Robert Koch

AUGUST ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	116
Members Present	66 57%
Guests:	2
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

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A worldwide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"

The survey was a huge failure. In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant. In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant. In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant. In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant. In South America they didn't know what "please" meant. And in the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Oct	2	Tennis
Wednesday	Oct	9	Tennis
Thursday	Oct	3	Walking Group
Friday	Oct	4	Bowling
Monday	Oct	7	Bocce Ball
Monday	Oct	7	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	7	18 Hole Golf
Thursday	Oct	10	Walking Group
Friday	Oct	11	Bowling
Friday	Oct	11	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Oct	14	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	14	18 Hole Golf (Canceled)
Tuesday	Oct	14	Columbus Day
Tuesday	Oct	15	Fishing
Wednesday	Oct	16	Tennis
Wednesday	Oct	16	Advanced Digital Camera
Thursday	Oct	17	Bridge
Thursday	Oct	17	Walking Group
Friday	Oct	18	Bowling
Friday	Oct	18	DAY AT THE RACES
Monday	Oct	21	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	21	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Oct	21	Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday	Oct	22	Branch Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday	Oct	23	Tennis
Thursday	Oct	24	Walking Group
Friday	Oct	25	Bowling
Monday	Oct	28	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	28	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Oct	30	Tennis
Thursday	Oct	31	Walking Group
Thursday	Oct	31	HALLOWEEN

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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*).

Call the branch phone listed above to secure a guest spot.

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** *
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 * Next meeting , **October 21st 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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