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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

What a fascinating life member Mark Bosch outlined for us during his presentation at our luncheon on Tuesday. Mark's cousin twice removed Allan Bonnalie built airplanes in his San Francisco garage in the early 1900's then went on to fly as a US Army officer in combat while gathering reconnaissance photos over the trenches of WWI. Allan later served as a Navy officer in WWII and after that war as an airline executive widely credited with making airlines one of the safest ways to travel. He had all those accomplishments plus he lived to be 90 years old, what a life! Our fellow Sirs member Mark Bosch sure has an illustrious family member with a proud place in history.

I would like to say how grateful I am for having the opportunity at our luncheon to lead our club in expressing our club's appreciation to our many military veterans for their place in history. Our country seems to be going through some difficult times right now but as long as we keep producing the kind of men who stood up and received the enthusiastic thanks of their fellow SIRs club members on Tuesday then I believe the USA will be fine in the long run.

As far as our SIRs Branch 47 is concerned we continue to grow at a steady pace, we are now up to 116 members and enjoy a sound financial situation. Our members have done a wonderful job this year recruiting and our Board of Directors and activity chairmen deserve our thanks for their steady leadership.

The Board is making a concerted push to update the roster book this year to make sure all the information is corrected and as accurate as possible. We will again ask each attending member at the November luncheon to confirm their personal information, email, etc and to provide their cell phone (strictly optional). Your cooperation is appreciated.

See you all in November

Jim Norton – Big Sir Branch 47

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 SPEAKER REVIEW

On September 24th fellow Branch 47 SIR member Attorney George Martinez shared with us some highlights of his sixty years practicing law. George graduated from USF Law in 1959, and after working with George T. Davis for four years opened his own law office with other attorneys in 1963. He has been busy ever since and became “inactive” (retired) “a year ago last January.” I could fill this entire page with his impressive creds and bio, but I need to save some room for his presentation, so will stop with this: George has been awarded a rating of “AV Preeminent, the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards” by his peers “pursuant to the standards of Martindale-Hubbell.” Just so we know, this distinction covers criminal defense, personal injury, and civil litigation.

Now for the hard part. George’s first really big case commenced in 1966 when he represented Don Silverthorne, President of San Francisco National Bank. Silverthorne was indicted on 79 counts of violating banking laws, misapplication of funds, making false entries in bank records, and various alleged violations of federal statutes. Approximately 56% of the bank’s assets were either improperly used or loaned or placed beyond the chance of recovery. On January 22, 1965 the bank was ordered closed because of insolvency. Silverthorne was convicted of 14 counts, but the result was reversed on appeal, primarily because there was so much publicity in the Bay Area surrounding the trial. In 1969, Silverthorne got a new trial and was again represented by Attorney Martinez. In this trial, three counts were thrown out, but eight were upheld. He received a sentence of eight years but was released “after little more than a year” because of poor health. George spent five years on these cases, and as he remarked after his coverage of this case, he doesn’t “know if justice was done.” On this subject, I would like to hear more.

Next, George spoke about Patty Hearst and her case(s) and legal problems after her conviction for bank robbery in 1976. George made it clear that he did not represent Hearst in her bank robbery trial “and doesn’t take credit for that case,” but he did get involved after her trial and during her appeal in matters relating to conflicts of interest by her attorney F. Lee Bailey whose agent was in negotiation with a publisher for a book contract about Patty during her appeal. George petitioned the Supreme Court for a hearing arguing that Bailey’s book contract was “a prohibited conflict of interest” and that her “conviction should be vacated based on new authority.” This book issue was never settled, but it hasn’t prevented the publication of numerous books and movies about Patricia. George has represented her in “ongoing matters

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Hearst is a grandmother living, I presume, somewhere in California, involved in a foundation helping children with AIDS. Her memoir, *Every Secret Thing*, was published in 1981, and she has appeared in several feature films by John Waters. Finally, she has won top awards with her show dogs at Madison Square Garden in 2015 and 2017. George and his wife continue to be in touch with her.

Finally, George spoke about the Voting Rights Act which was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on August 6, 1965. We were all around at that time but may have forgotten some of the details, so George kindly brought them to our attention. In 1964 three civil rights workers /voting rights activists were murdered in Mississippi which resulted in numerous demonstrations and considerable violence. State troopers in Selma, Alabama attacked peaceful marchers who were protesting the suppression of voting rights for blacks which were guaranteed by the Fifteenth Amendment. George went to Mississippi with George Moscone, Terry Francois, and Jim McDonald in January of 1965 in response to Mayor Willie Brown’s request for volunteer attorneys to determine how Mississippi’s voter registration laws were applied and to gather evidence of voter suppression through depositions which, they assumed, would expose the “devices” and policies (such as literacy tests, poll taxes, and other bureaucratic restrictions) that southern states used to deny blacks the right to vote. It was generally accepted that what these volunteer lawyers were doing was potentially dangerous, but obviously George survived his two weeks of deposition taking, and the result was a stunning victory for civil rights/voting rights activists. However, as George pointed out, some provisions of the Act have been challenged since its passage, notably the requirement that states with histories of black voter suppression must clear with the Justice Department any changes in their procedures for voting. The Supreme Court struck down this requirement in 2013, and the result has been “several gerrymandering cases where voting districts were claimed to be drawn on race,” according to George. Clearly, this is a “developing” story which, despite the impact of The Voting Rights Act, seems to have legs. If you want more detail on this subject, there’s always Google! But keep in mind: it’s complicated.

Thank you, George, for sharing with us your memories of these three fascinating involvements. As we say at SIRS, “Cheers” and may you continue to enjoy your retirement.

--Michael Kelly



**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 November
Luncheon

No refunds within 48 hours.

**Make a firm reservation by
Contacting Chuck McDevitt
By phone @415 924-6949, or email
@ MCDEV095@AOL.COM**



For SIRs Travel please refer to the SIRs WEB site
www.sir47.org for the years Travel itineraries or
call your Travel Chairman Kurt Heilman @
415-897-2460

NOVEMBER MONTHLY LUNCH MENU

Salad

Baked Ham with honey glaze, potatoes and veg

*Alternative: Penne pomodoro Pasta and vegeta-
bles*

Rolls and butter

Dessert

November 26 Speaker

Michael St. John, Marin County Search and Rescue:
Michael will talk about the Critical Mission of
MCSAR and will share some his first hand accounts
from the front lines of the Paradise Fire in 2018.

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

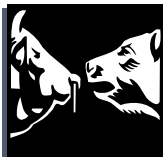
GGCS classroom
First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Avenue, San Rafael

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

November 4 Monday	Chardonnay	08:00
November 11	OFF VeteransDay	
November 18 Monday	Foxtail South	08:00
November 25 Monday	Rooster Run	Sequential

Tee Times Starting @ 07:00
FINAL EVENT and BANQUET

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 Sewer Band's next concert is on Veteran's day **November 11, 2019 from 9:30 AM 11:30 AM** in Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael CA Honor those who have served our country. Marin's Veterans' Day program will begin in the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium with music, military exercises and a brief address. It will continue in front of the World War I, World War II and Korean, Vietnam and Merchant Marine Memorials on the Avenue of the Flags. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the Redwood Foyer. **09:30 - 11:30 Monday, December 23, 2019 from 7:00 PM 8:30 PM @ 19:00 20:30 Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium 10 Avenue of the Flags San Rafael, CA.** Join the Sewer Band for its annual FREE holiday concert. Bring family and friends to enjoy this joyous performance loved by all!

2.. **Ross Valley Players: Nov. 13 – Dec 22 a musical "She Loves Me"**. Bringing together the same source material as *The Shop Around The Corner* and *You've Got Mail*, *She Loves Me* brings the magic of a soaring score to a classic story. Each elevating the other while captivating hearts with the plights of Georg, Amalia, and their co-workers in the parfumerie. These characters remind us that the most important things in life are not the work or making money, but family, friends and those we truly love. For tickets contact <<http://rossvalleyplayers.com/>> rossvalleyplayers.com or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.

3. **Marin Theatre Company:** Contact the Box Office at (415)388-5208, <boxoffice@marintheatre.org>, or visit us during regular Box Office hours of operation: 397 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941 **Nov. 14 - Dec. 5 "Mother of the Maid"** Isabelle Arc is a sensible, hard-working, God-fearing woman. and upended faith along the way. Orleans Live; **Nov. 8 Danish String Quartet; Nov. 9 Branford Marsalis Quartet.**

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4. **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 is **Nov. 8 Danish String Quartet; Nov. 9 Branford Marsalis Quartet.**

5. **The Novato Theater Company:** Contact <<http://novatotheatercompany.org>> novatotheatercompany.org or call 415-833-4498. **Oct 24 – Nov 23 "Sweeney Todd" and Jan 23 – Feb 19, 2020 "Our Town"**

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 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

McInnis Park Board Room
October 21, 2019

Attendees: Jim Norton, Doug Twitchell, Jake Solomon, Alan Thomas, Will Kaefer, Rick Coborn, Paul Schofield, Bob Gonzales, George Brown, Jim Kleiser.

Call to Order and Quorum: Meeting was called to order and a quorum was determined to be present.

The minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2019 were read and one correction was made to include Bob Gonzales as working on the activities listings for members. Minutes were moved to be passed as amended, seconded, and carried.

Big Sir Report:

Birthday Boys will be covered by Doug Twitchell for the October meeting

Veterans would be acknowledged by asking them to stand when the respective branches of the armed services were called at the October meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the Branch Membership List that must be sent to SIR State Hqs.;

Decision made to NOT include e-mail addresses of Branch members on list.

Activities report: There are several sheets that reflect a wide variety of interests from the membership; Big Sir will appoint chairmen of the most popular activities and then communication can follow between the leader and interested membership.

Discussion followed regarding inclusion of members' cell phone numbers and a related effort to insure that information regarding members in the directory is complete and correct in the 2020 directory. Big Sir intended to enlist a member to verify information either before or during the 10/22/19 meeting.

Big Sir then assigned portions of the 2019 directory to Board members for their follow up in areas that are anticipated for revisions. Assigned members are to report findings and revisions back to Big Sir as a preliminary to preparing the 2020 Branch 47 directory.

Little Sir Report: information remains the same from September.

Treasurer's Report: No new report

Committee Reports: Discussion included with Big Sir report.

New Business: Possibility of having live music at the luncheon of November 25, 2019 will be raised at the November meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 PM

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	115	
Gains:	0	0
Losses:	1	0

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

2nd Kurt Heilman, 6th Terrance Jew,
6th Marvin Mizis, 9th Ron Nass,
13th Terry Scott, 18th Bernie Wu,
21st Jim Dowling, 26th Farad Ghazzagh
,26th Bob Gonzales, 30th Jake Solomon

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	115
Members Present	69 60%
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

JOKES OF THE MONTH

Marriage is like a hand grenade, take off the ring and say goodbye to your house.

For those worried about Alexa listening to your conversations Amazon are now releasing a male version called Alex who ignores everything you say.

**I said to my girlfriend, "Please get me a newspaper."
"Don't be silly," she replied, "you can borrow my iPad." That spider never knew what hit it.**

If women could read minds men would get slapped every 2 seconds.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday	Nov	3	Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday	Nov	4	Bocce Ball
Monday	Nov	4	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	4	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Nov	5	Election day
Wednesday	Nov	6	Tennis
Thursday	Nov	7	Walking Group
Friday	Nov	8	Bowling
Friday	Nov	8	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Nov	11	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	11	18 Hole Golf (Canceled)
Tuesday	Nov	11	VETERANS Day
Tuesday	Nov	12	Fishing
Wednesday	Nov	13	Tennis
Thursday	Nov	14	Walking Group
Friday	Nov	15	Bowling
Monday	Nov	18	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	18	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Nov	18	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	18	18 Hole Golf
Wednesday	Nov	20	Tennis
Wednesday	Nov	20	Advanced Digital Camera
Thursday	Nov	21	Bridge
Thursday	Nov	21	Walking Group
Friday	Nov	22	Bowling
Monday	Nov	25	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	25	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Nov	25	Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday	Nov	26	Branch Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	27	Tennis
Thursday	Nov	28	Walking Group
Thursday	Nov	28	Thanksgiving
Friday	Nov	29	Bowling

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AREA 6 MONTHLY MEETINGS

<u>Br. #</u>	<u>Branch 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 , **NOVEMBER 25th 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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