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Happy Hour at 11:00 am, as always

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## BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: DUE TO COVID-19 (The Corona Virus) SIR LUNCHEONS AND ALL SIR ACTIVITIES ARE STILL CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

As we enter our third month of sheltering-in-place, I hope you are all doing well and are able to get outside a bit to enjoy the nice weather.

Our SIR activities will begin again once California has reached phase 3 of the federal guidelines which means that "...vulnerable people (that is us) could resume interaction but should seek to follow social distancing guidelines." We will receive directions from the SIR State organization when some of our activities can resume.

Currently we have two groups that meet using the Zoom application. These are the Hiking group and the Investor's group. If you are interested in joining these Zoom meeting groups please contact Will Kaefer for the Investor Group and Jake Solomon for the Hiking Group. It is a great way to stay connected with your fellow SIR members and to also pick up some excellent tips and ideas.

We are reaching out to our list of speakers to see if any of them would be able to host their presentations over the internet. If this is possible, you will be receiving separate instructions on how to link into these events.

You should soon be receiving a call from one of our board members to just say hello and to be sure you are doing well. The calls that were made last month were appreciated.

Keep safe and well.

**Doug Twitchell, BIG SIR BRANCH 47**

### FROM THE INVESTORS LUNCH BUNCH

The evolving Covid-19 strategy has had a significant impact on the economy and stock market. The stock market has experienced extreme daily volatility over the last several week. There has been a significant though partial recovery. Will the recovery continue or will there be another downward trend?

The INVESTORS LUNCH BUNCH held a ZOOM video conference meeting in April With 16 in attendance. This was conducted from the comfort and safety of each person's home. We will again meet virtually Friday, May 8th at 12:30. If you are not already in our Investors email list and would like to join the meeting, please send me your email address to [willmary@pacbell.net](mailto:willmary@pacbell.net) so that I can add you to the invitation. This will be an easy way to check out what our Investors lunch bunch is all about.

This virus and our response to it have hampered many of our normal activities. But the market goes on, and so we will too.

If you are a bit intimidated about trying a ZOOM connection, email and I will walk you through a demo.

Hope to *see you there*.

Will Kaefer, Investors Lunch Bunch Chair  
[willmary@pacbell.net](mailto:willmary@pacbell.net)

### SIRs Birthdays – May

#### Badge # LAST NAME FIRST NAME DAY YEAR AGE

20	BELL	PAUL	5	1	38	82
103	KAEFER	WILLIAM	5	7	43	77
113	SIMON	RONALD	5	19	53	67
9	REIZMAN	VICTOR	5	26	38	82
66	CAVENESS	CHARLES	5	31	32	88
34	DONNELLY	WILLIAM	5	31	34	86
107	SHAW	DON	5	31	41	79

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Summary:

<b>Actives -</b>	<b>115</b>	
<b>Gains:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Losses:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## **BRANCH 47 BUSINESS**

**Tamalpais Branch 47**  
**Area 8, Region 3**  
**Initial Zoom Video Meeting from our homes**  
**April 27, 2020**

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM and a quorum was determined to be present.

**Attendees:** Doug Twitchell, Frank Ghazzagh, Bill Stewart, Will Kaefer, Ned Lawrence, Alan Thomas, Bob Gonzalez, George Miller, Jim Kleiser, Jake Solomon, Rick Coburn. George Miller rejoins the BEC to replace Jim Norton. Missing: George Brown

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes were not read due to the minimal topics discussed. Alan Thomas mailed a copy of the minutes from the last meeting to the board members which was February 24, 2020.

**New Members Application:** The application for Galen Dunham was approved unanimously. The application for James Gloystein was actually for another branch so his application was dismissed.

**Big Sir Report:** Because of the State Sirs regulations combined with the California regulations all Sirs activities have been shut down with no real knowledge of a future date to resume activities. Because restaurants have been determined to be among the last business to be open, we need to contact McInnis and find out their procedures. Will Kaefer will contact Erick and report back to the BEC once Erick can communicate McInnis date for reopening. Several other topics were discussed and several decisions were postponed until Doug Twitchell can learn some directions from Ed Benson. These include:

We recommend keeping the same slate of officers for 2021.

Have any alternatives to lunch meetings been discussed?

Certificate process for members turning 90, 95 and 100 this year?

Should we initiate another round of phone tree calls or any other suggestion for keeping members informed?

Generally seek some guidance and direction for the remainder of 2020.

Jake Solomon stated a motion that Doug Twitchell be reimbursed for the expenditures of our Branch Zoom license on a quarterly basis. Alan Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Because only one Zoom meeting can be conducted at one time therefore members requesting use of the license should schedule them in advance. Doug Twitchell will copy the board on his email to Ed Benson and also Ed's response.

**Little Sir Report:** Frank Ghazzagh has cancelled the May speaker and will hold off on future speakers until the future dates for opening emerge. Members discussed various ways to send out a copy of future speakers presentations that are relevant to our current situation. More discussion to follow as no resolution was reached.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

**Ned Lawrence, Secretary Branch 47**

# CANCELLED

## SIR Br 47 May Party Tuesday May 12, 2020 Luncheon at the Marin Country Club

11:30 am social time and 12:00 for lunch  
Please invite your spouse and friends to join us.

The cost is \$36 / person for a 3-course lunch which includes

salad, rolls & butter, and  
main course:

room & Goat Cheese Stuffed  
(2) Grilled Salmon or  
chi Gorgonzola. Also brown-  
cream,

coffee and tea. There is a no host bar, for those interested.

spinach  
choice of  
(1) Mush-  
Chicken,  
(3) Gnoc-  
ies & ice

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How many of you remember giving and receiving May Baskets?  
Join us to celebrate the coming of summer with good friends.

Please make check payable to SIR Branch 47 and send to:  
Kurt Heilman, 457 Fieldstone Dr., Novato, CA 94945.

<< Payment must be received by noon Friday, May 8.

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**CORONA VIRUS HUMOR**





**MORE CORONA VIRUS HUMOR**

If you thought Toilet Paper was crazy.....Just wait until 300 million people all want a haircut appointment

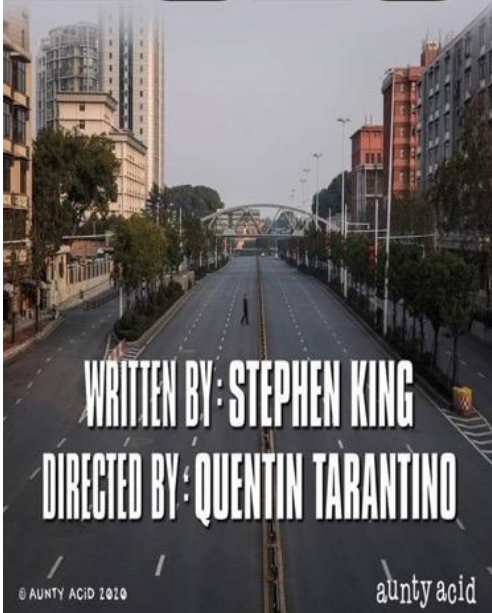
**There's nothing like a little tomato soup to soothe the soul. Even if it's cold. Over ice. With a celery stalk. And vodka..**

This quarantine made me realize I have no real hobbies besides going out to eat and spending money.

**SUMMER 2020**



**2020**



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**It's like being 16 again  
Gas is cheap and I'm  
Grounded.**

**MORE CORONA VIRUS HUMOR**

HOW TO SPEAK TO WOMEN DURING QUARANTINE			
DANGEROUS	SAFER	SAFEST	ULTRA SAFE
What's for dinner?	Can I help you with dinner?	Where would you like delivery from tonight?	Here, have some wine.
Are you wearing that?	You sure look good in brown!	WOW! Look at you!	Here, have some wine.
What are you so worked up about?	Could we be overreacting?	Here's my paycheck.	Here, have some wine.
Should you be eating that?	You know, there are a lot of apples left.	Can I get you a piece of chocolate with that?	Here, have some wine.
What did you DO all day?	I hope you didn't over-do it today.	I've always loved you in that robe!	Here, have some wine.

Quarantine has turned us all into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told 'no' if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.




For only ~~\$3500~~, we come to your house dressed as coronavirus rescue team to rescue you from your wife. We take you to your girlfriend's place for 14 days quarantine and bring you back home afterwards

If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.