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BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

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

I hope you are all doing well and staying out of "harm's way" in the Corona Virus jungle. We are now beginning the prolonged holiday season with many pressures to meet with friends and family. Continue to use your good judgement and remember the age group of which we are all "card carrying members". Fortunately, we continue to have no known branch members that have come down with the virus.

There are no estimates as to when we will be able to resume in-person luncheon meetings. I met with the management of McInnis Restaurant recently and the best guess is now the spring of 2021 but, of course, this is very much a moving and very soft target.

As previously stated, our golf, hiking and bocce activities have resumed. Please contact the respective activity chairmen if you wish to participate.

In our October board meeting, Jake Solomon was unanimously voted as an Honorary Life Member. This is in recognition of the many contributions Jake has made to Branch 47 over the years. There will be a presentation of this award at our next in-person luncheon meeting. Our Honorary Life Members are Will Kaefer and Jake Solomon. Chris Lewis is now an Honorary Life Member, Emeritus as he has moved to Southern California.

By the time I write the next message, the election will be over (thank God!) and we will have finished the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope you all have a great holiday.

Please keep safe and well.

Doug Twitchell, BIG SIR BRANCH 47

SIR Br 47 Oct. 27 Speaker Review

Speaker: Dr. Cyrus Thomas

Topic: The Historical Role of Seaplanes in Aviation

Background and experience: Dr. Cyrus Thomas is a naturopathic doctor who loves seaplanes! Having owned 5 different planes in the past (his 6th now is home built). His favorite airplanes are amphibian which can land on land or water. His power point presentation was full of awesome videos of many different types of seaplanes, both flying boats and float planes.

Key points captured: Seaplanes and airplanes in general are a big deal with such a variety and history. **Cy covered seaplanes from conceptual development and variation and from hull craft to float configurations.** Hull craft land on their bellies in water, whereas floats land on their floats. You must also have wheels to land on ground as well. Seaplanes need to get speed of 52-60 mph to leave the water.

A Frenchman back in 1897 started using a glider with floats and seaplanes grew from there. The Saunders-Roe SRA/1 was the first jet propelled water-based aircraft flying boat and the prototype fighter of WWII. Some seaplanes were also used to look for submarines in WWII while staying at sea overnight. Some commercial and passenger airlines still use amphibians carrying up to 70 passengers.

The biggest seaplane was Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose, which made one brief flight, but was a not practical adventure. A Canadian hull plane is even used to skin the water to pick up water to drop on fires. There is a town in Florida dedicated to seaplanes.

SF was once a hub for passenger seaplanes. The Chinese "Water Dragon" is now the largest seaplane.

Seaplanes have many designs and engine configurations, including back to back or push/pull engine versions. Compared to traditional airplanes, seaplanes are more varied in design and have high fuel consumption - e.g. burning 30 gallons / hour for each engine, and they often have multiple engines. The Cessna and Piper may be the most popular, but the little Seabee has a cult following.

(Please view the Zoom recording at www.SIR47.org under ZOOMING, then EVENTS, for the complete presentation. It's all about the videos and dialog to me - not the notes above)

Kurt Heilman

OUR SPEAKER FOR OUR ZOOM MEETING ON 22nd SEPTEMBER

“POLICE WORK IN SAN RAFAEL” KEVIN McDOUGALD—DETECTIVE SR.P.D.-SIRS 9/22/02

One cannot hope to replicate in a few words the information and the answers to numerous questions, with the attitudes and values exhibited in this ninety minute presentation. Nor is it necessary because our Administration has made the recording available to us. (see Doug’s email 9/22/20)

Instead I will make five points:

1 Therapy. This talk restored my faith in the goodness of human nature and in the humanity of police work; such faith is sorely challenged in this time of cynicism and discord.

Kevin has wanted to be a policeman since an early age and his professional education has been second to none. (BS in Criminology with a minor in Psychology while working as a Reserve Police Officer, years at the SRPD, Law school with Bar passed, 17 years in private law practice with trial experience, and return once again to SRPD with promotion to Detective. He loves what he does and finds satisfaction from serving his community.

He presented two cases in detail for discussion.

2 The first, a breaking and entering aborted by two shots from the home owner, one of our Sirs’ colleagues. This case was solved by listening carefully to a variety of voices and integration of seemingly unrelated and detailed observations by other police officers. It did not come to trial because the DA needs to meet a higher burden of proof than officers in the field.

3 The second was a bookkeeper who stole \$700,000 from a local nonprofit. On discovery she split and finding her in the haystack took over a year and involved at least six warrants and examination of 300,000 emails. The effort to apprehend involved imagination and persistence and was well justified because, on capture, she had already worked her scam on three more businesses.

4. It was inevitable that Kevin would be asked about police racism and defunding. He readily agreed we live in a bubble here in Marin and he has never been aware of any racism. He welcomes professional help on the streets with social and psychological problems because he obviously does not have that degree of expertise. Just how this ancillary help would be organized and presumably paid for, he leaves to politicians.

5 Abuse of citizens by police is not a one way street however. Kevin understands, but is disappointed by how he is treated as he drives in his patrol car. Just last week he was hectored and flipped off by both blacks and whites. He related a recent incident where a young black man was reluctant to pull over for a traffic violation. Eventually he did but he was reluctant to take his hands off the steering wheel to reach for his registration. On questioning the man said he feared being shot if he did. Kevin promised to keep his hands on the door in plain sight and the man agreed. On further discussion the young man said he was not used to such considerate behavior. He came from Arkansas.

The above barely scratches the surface of the value of this address. I hope you will find time to view it.

Trevor Hughes

ED NOTE: IF YOUI MISSED THIS TALK OR OTHERS IT WAS RECORDED AND YOU CAN PLAY IT BACK ION OUR WEB SITE WWW.SIR47.ORG, UNDER THE TAB ZOOMING, THEN EVENTS.

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

Sir Branch 47 Board Meeting
Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from member's homes
October 20, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 10:37 by Big Sir Doug Twitchell and a quorum was determined to be present.

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

Coronavirus Updates: No new cases reported and our members appear to be following the safety guidelines to avoid infection.

Big Sir Report: Phone calls have been well received and a new list will be sent out by Doug following the zoom lunch. It was suggested that the feedback was important and members were encouraged to ask for a return phone call or email stating how the member and family were doing. If no response, names will be added to a call list and followed up.

Little Sir Report: Due to the holidays it is doubtful if we will have a December zoom lunch speaker unless we decide to have a meeting sooner than the holidays. Unless the January and February speakers agree to a zoom talk, Frank will need to cancel them and schedule new speakers.

Treasurers Report: The branch bank account currently has a balance of \$1004.39. There are 7 unpaid dues from members for the year. It was determined that a phone call would be made to each member, followed by an email stating that dues should be paid by November 30 or their membership would be terminated. If a member decides that he wants to be reinstated during 2021, they would not be eligible for free dues for the year or a free lunch.

Old Business: It is difficult to determine a date for actual attended lunches and even if McInnis allows meetings our branch still needs approval from the state Sirs. Doug met with Eric, McInnis Manager, and he had no real information other than no lunches would be held prior to April.

Additional Life Member: Chris Lewis has sold his house and will move out of the Bay Area and our branch is eligible to add another life member. It was voted and approved that Chris Lewis would become a Life Member Emeritus and would be kept on the roster but would be left off the report sent to the state for quarterly payment. Our new Life Member is Jake Solomon.

Ned Lawrence, Secretary

STATE SIR SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES



Chairman Ned Lawrence, 415 595-1092
18 Hole Golf 2020 Season

9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting

Contact James G Bitter <jybitter@aol.com>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>COURSE</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>Comments</i>
November	2, Monday	Petaluma CC	08:30 AM	Modified Shot Gun
November	9, Monday	Foxtail South	08:00 AM	Modified Shot Gun
November	16, Monday	Peacock Gap	07:39 AM	Sequential Tee Times
November	23, Monday	Rooster Run	07:00 AM	Sequential Tee Times
FINAL EVENT and Banquet				

THURSDAY 09:45 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

FROM THE INVESTORS LUNCH BUNCH

The evolving Covid-19 strategy has had a significant impact on the economy and stockmarket. The stock market has experienced extreme daily volatility over the last several weeks. 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 on Friday, **NOVEMBER 13th 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 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

SIRs Birthdays – NOVEMBER

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54	DAVEY	TREVOR	11	27	1931			89
14	GHAZZAGH	FARAD	11	26	1944			76
4	GONZALES	ROBERT	11	26	1940			80
61	HEILMAN	KURT	11	2	1944			76
60	JEW	TERRANCE	11	6	1946			74
43	MIZIS	MARVIN	11	6	1938			82
83	NASS	RON	11	9	1948			72
104	SCOTT	TERRY	11	13	1944			76
10	SOLOMON	JAKE	11	30	1935			85
87	WU	BERNARD	11	18	1935			85

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	109	
Gains:	0	0
Losses:	5	0



Tennis Report

There has been NO SIR Tennis the last 3 months w/ the Shelter In Place during the the Virus. Even though Tennis is considered the lowest risk of all activities, the State SIRS has not yet approved this activity! BD

BRANCH 47 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon	Nov	2	Petaluma CC	08:30 AM	Modified Shot Gun
			9 Hole McInnis Golf Park	09:00 AM	
Tues	Nov	3	Election Day		
Thur	Nov	5	Hiking Group	09:45 AM	
Fri	Nov	13	Investors' Lunch Bunch(ZOOM)	12:30 AM	
Mon	Nov	9	Foxtail South	08:00 AM	Modified Shot Gun
			9 Hole McInnis Golf Park	09:00 AM	
Thur	Nov	12	Hiking Group	09:45 AM	
Mon	Nov	16	Peacock Gap	07:39 AM	Sequential Tee Times
			9 Hole McInnis Golf Park	09:00 AM	
Thur	Nov	19	Hiking Group	09:45 AM	
Mon	Nov	23	Rooster Run	07:00 AM	Sequential Tee Times
			9 Hole McInnis Golf Park	09:00 AM	
Mon	Nov	23	ExecCommittee Meets(ZOOM)	10:30 AM	
Tues	Nov	24	Speaker (ZOOM)	11:00 AM	
Thur	Nov	26	Thanksgiving	All Day	