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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 am writing this the day after Christmas. It is hard to believe the day has passed and the memorable year of 2020 is finally coming to a close. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday – or as good as you could under the circumstances.

Our former Big SIR in 2005 and long-time member Pete Petrofsky passed on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Pete had also been active in the Investment meetings. He resigned from SIR several years ago due to declining health. You can read more about Pete's interesting life on our website under "Spotlight on a SIR".

Our speaker for January 26, 2021 is Oak Dowling, JD. The topic is: "Avoiding Scams". This will be on behalf of the Marin County Financial Abuse Specialist team (FAST). We should all learn some good tips from this discussion.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Please keep safe and well.

**Doug Twitchell, BIG SIR BRANCH 47**

## **BRANCH 47 JANUARY, 2021 ZOOM SPEAKER**

Oak Dowling, JD, is a retired attorney with 43 years of practice, including 31 years in San Rafael. He's a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison Law School and a native of Chicago. He has lived in Marin County for over 47 years and for over 25 years he was a part-time Instructor of Law at College of Marin.

Oak has been a member of the Marin County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) team since its inception in 2011 and was selected as Outstanding Marin County Volunteer of the Year for 2012-2013. He has been a member of Marin Forum for over 23 years and was its President in 2002.

For the past 10 years Oak has been an Instructor in the OLLI program at Dominican University in the subject of "Courtroom Drama in the Movies and Theatre." In his Law classes, he uses courtroom drama to demonstrate legal principles. As an avocation, he performed in theatre in Marin and San Francisco for 15 years. Oak has been a member of the Rotary Club of San Rafael for over 43 years and has served the Club as Director and Speaker's Chairman.

Oak has been married for 58 years to his college sweetheart, Mary. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Updated: September 9, 2020

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>**  
*Date Day COURSE Start Time Comments*

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**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

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**BRANCH 47 BUSINESS**

Next Branch 47 Board meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2021.

### 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, **JANUARY 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 – JANUARY

<u>Badge #</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
58	BOSCH	MARK	1	28	1949	72
71	D'ADDARIO	RICHARD	1	19	1949	72
10	GRIFFIN	KEN	1	20	1933	88
17	KELLY	MICHAEL	1	20	1942	79
28	MCGINNIS	RON	1	23	1943	78
13	WINTER	NORBERT	1	28	1938	83
56	ZILBER	LEONARD	1	11	1938	82

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Summary:

<b>Actives -</b>	<b>108</b>	
<b>Gains:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Losses:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



#### **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**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
And  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## NEW YEAR JOKES 2021

Q: What is a New Year's resolution?

A: Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Q: What do farmers give their wives at midnight on New Year's Eve?

A: Hogs and kisses!

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

This New Year's, I'm going to make a resolution I can keep—no dieting all year long.

Q: Where can you go to practice math on New Year's Eve?

A: Times Square



Every New Year's I have the same question: "How did I get home?"

- Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.
  - Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow remains to be seen.
  - My mom always told me I wouldn't accomplish anything by lying in bed all day. But look at me now, ma! I'm saving the world!
  - After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.
  - If I keep stress-eating at this level, the buttons on my shirt will start socially distancing from each other.
  - Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- Yesterday I ran out of soap and body wash and all I could find was dish detergent. Then it dawned on me.
  - Being quarantined with a talkative child is like having an insane parrot glued to your shoulder.
  - I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

Since we're all in quarantine I guess we'll be making only inside jokes from now on.

