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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.**

As I am sure you are aware, we are now able to view the coming end of the Coronavirus event. Restrictions are easing which means we can begin to anticipate returning to McInnis for our luncheons around September. There is no definite date at this point however. Also, we will try to organize an outdoor picnic event. Stay tuned for upcoming details on this.

The one aspect that has become clear, is that to participate in any indoor SIR event you must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19. In our calls to our membership, it seems that most all of us have received the vaccinations.

A sad note. Our longtime member, Charles Caviness, passed on April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to send his wife, Joan, a card I am sure this would be appreciated.

Enjoy the spring weather. Our hiking group has great outings every Thursday. Contact Jake Solomon, our hiking leader, if you wish to receive emails on the planned hikes.

Continue to keep safe and well.

**Doug Twitchell, BIG SIR BRANCH 47**

## **BRANCH 47 BUSINESS**

### **SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting**

Tamalpais Branch

Zoom meeting from homes

April 26, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Big Sir Doug Twitchell and a quorum was determined to be logged in.

**Attendees:** Doug Twitchell, Frank Ghazzagh, Jake Solomon, Alan Thomas, George Brown, Bob Gonzalez, Will Kaefer, George Miller, Carl Dawson, and Trevor Hughes. Rick Coburn, Bill Stewart and Jim Kleiser were absent.

Visitors were Ron Kosciusko, Bill Wickley, Mark Rudy and Mark Bosch. Trevor Hughes was introduced and welcomed to the Board as Assistant Secretary-Elect.

Minutes from Board meeting of March 22, 2021 were moved for acceptance and passed.

### **Big SIR Report:**

CoronaVirus report received lengthy discussion resulting from SIR State requirements. A meeting to be given by SIR State officers was scheduled for 2:00 p.m., also on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Board members and others were encouraged to attend via Zoom. It was considered that the preliminary requirements of members signing waivers and showing proof of vaccinations would be clarified at the later meeting. Many issues were raised at the April 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and updates will be provided as they are presented. A related issue is that finalization of plans to open McInnis Restaurant is still on hold.

### **Little SIR Report:**

The speakers scheduled for April 27 will be Lisa Scarsella and Debbie Toizer on the topic: *Myth Busting in Marin* (related to racial justice and prejudice in Marin). The June meeting will cover the Underground Railroad which ties to the Civil War Era. July's presentation will relate to World War II and France.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Cambell advised after the meeting that 'There has been no activity in April and all the balances are the same as they were on March 31, 2021.'

### **Committee Reports:**

Jake Solomon reported and spoke on the current status of the nominating committee and provided information that there are still some vacancies to be filled. Jake anticipates that a complete slate for 2022 should be available by the end of May 2021.

### **Old Business:**

A. Ron Kosciusko on eCommerce activity: Ron is working on an Events Calendar that will allow members to indicate that they are interested in going to the event and how many tickets they would need. Ron also indicated that each member would have to have an email address and password to make this work to access the Events Calendar. Ron hopes that we can use the Events Calendar to "test" this concept using the picnic proposed for sometime between July and August.

B. Eric, Manager of Mcinnis also advised that he anticipated opening up for Luncheons in September.

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C. Ron provided information on a discount retail outlet that could be utilized by the membership. The outlet is called Columbia Outlet Store and is located at Richmond in the former Ford plant area. Ron said that he would distribute to Board members a detailed write up of this business. **(See Good News later in this newsletter.)**

D. Ron also provided information that the storage and access of material on Google Drive is being refined and Ron in agreement with Doug, asked that this matter be placed on hold for the time being.

**New Business:**

Meeting discussions covered possible new business and all pertinent items are held in abeyance at the present time.

Next Branch 47 Board meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2021. The April meeting was moved for adjournment at 12:15 p.m.

**Alan Thomas  
Secretary**

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

### **Speaker Name: Dr. Jan DeAmicis** **A Brief Biography**

I am Air Force “brat.” I was born in Indiana and attended 10 schools in Illinois, Kansas, California, Arkansas, Ohio, and Puerto Rico. I graduated from Dartmouth College in 1967 and spent the next four years in the Air Force, mostly at Mt. Home AFB, Idaho. I earned my Ph.D. in 1976 at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. For my PhD research, my wife, 3-year old son, and I moved to Australia in 1974 where I studied Americans who had emigrated there. I taught at Melbourne University while completing my research.

I taught sociology at Utica College from 1977 until retiring in 2016. My research focused on Oneida County African American history, local slavery, and 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Black family structure.

In 2001 we established the Oneida County Freedom Trail Commission to study the local pre-Civil War Abolitionist Movement and the Underground Railroad. We have discovered many sites and people that were involved in the Underground Railroad, none of which were known before. Recently we installed a 6-sign, self-guided walking tour Utica’s Underground Railroad sites. I invite you to visit our website: [oneidacountyfreedomtrail.com](http://oneidacountyfreedomtrail.com).

## **GOOD NEWS**

Branch 47 members have a new benefit. Access to the Richmond Columbia Outlet Store on an invitation basis. . An excerpt of an email I recently received outlines this new benefit . **My comments are in Bold.**

“Thank you for inquiring about access to the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store! This email confirms that we have Sons in Retirement Branch 47 set up to participate in our free Community B2B Program. As you know, we are not open to the public but we do provide passes to Bay area organizations as our way of supporting wellness initiatives in our community. Below is a brief overview of the process/program:

- You will receive multiple invitations per year, with each invitation valid for several weeks.
  - The week prior to access, we will send an email with a PDF invitation attached for you to share with members. **I will send out a notification when I receive it either through TamalTalk or directly by email.**
    - o Invitation can be shown on mobile device or printed.
    - o This is an **instore offer** for the Richmond employee store.
    - o The store is at EMPLOYEE pricing, tags are marked with prices for you - Typically, 40-50% off MSRP. Discounts vary, exclusions may apply.
    - o The member must be present to use the invitation and will need to show proof of affiliation.
    - o The invitation can be used multiple times per invitation period.
- Each member can bring up to 4 guests each time they visit.

For proof of affiliation, we find that a simple mail merge works best for member based groups. This creates a batch of documents (emails) that are personalized for each recipient. Please let us know if you have other forms of affiliation for your group. We're happy to accommodate these as well.” **Your Branch 47 Roster Book will serve as your proof of affiliation.**

**Look forward to receiving a flyer and invitation.**

**Publisher**

**Ron Kosciusko**

**STATE SIR SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES**



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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>COURSE</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>Comments</i>
5/3	Monday	Petaluma CC	08:30	Sequential \$41
5/10	Monday	Rooster Run	07:30	Sequential
5/17	Monday	Chardonnay	07:48	Sequential \$40
5/24	Monday	Blue Rock West	07:45	Sequential \$39
5/31	Monday	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	

**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**

**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](mailto:heilmanfour@comcast.net) to let him know if you want to be on the mailing list or to join us for lunch and bocce.

**Kurt advises that Bocce will start for Branch 47 on April 5th.**

**FROM THE INVESTORS LUNCH BUNCH**

The evolving Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on the economy and the stock market. A year has now passed since the impact of the pandemic started to be felt.

Because of the restrictions placed on restaurants this last year it has not been possible to hold our regular monthly luncheon meetings at Sam's Place in the Nava Shopping Center in Novato. As a result we have been holding our monthly meetings on Zoom on the second Friday at 12:30pm.

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 Zoom meeting 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 be working with Sam's Place to recommence in person meetings as soon as the State, County, and SIR Inc. permit in-person meetings.

Will Kaefer, Investors Lunch Bunch Chair  
willmary@pacbell.net

**SIRs BIRTHDAYS – MAY**

<u>Badge #</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
20	BELL	PAUL	5	1	38	83
34	DONNELLY	WILLIAM	5	31	34	87
103	KAEFER	WILLIAM	5	7	43	78
9	REIZMAN	VICTOR	5	26	38	83
107	SHAW	DON	5	31	41	80
113	SIMON	RONALD	5	19	53	68

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Summary:**

**Actives - 106**  
**Gains: 0**  
**Losses: 1**

**APRIL ZOOM ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**Total Members 106**  
**Members Present 26**  
**Guests: 2**  
**Visitors: 0**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CHARLES CAVINESS**

**BRANCH 47 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

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Monday	May	3	BOCCE
Monday	May	3	18 Hole Golf(Weather Permits)
Thursday	May	6	Hiking
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Mothers Day</b>
Monday	May	10	18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Ramadan Ends</b>
Thursday	May	13	Hiking
Friday	May	14	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Thursday	May	20	Hiking
Monday	May	17	18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	May	27	Hiking
Monday	May	24	18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meets</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Branch 47 ZOOM meeting</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>



## HUMOR

I tried having my mother's phone disconnected, but the customer-service rep told me that since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway her. Then a solution hit me: "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?" "Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit." —Jeannie Gibbs

The old man was sitting on the examining table in the doctor's office having his hearing checked. The doctor poked his light scope in the old man's ear and said, "Hey, you have a suppository in your ear!" "Rats," said the old man. "Now I know where my hearing aid went."

This farmer's wife prayed to the Lord and asked him, "How old will I be when I die?" His reply was 96 years old. She said, "Hot diggity dog, I will have myself fixed up." She had everything lifted and tucked and was in the doctor's office, making the last payment on her reconstruction. She walked out of the doctor's office, started across the street, and was hit and killed. She gets to heaven and asks the Lord, "What happened? You told me that I would live to be 96." His reply: "We'll I just didn't recognize you!"

In the hardware store, a clerk asked, "Can I help you find anything?" "How about my misspent youth," joked my husband. The clerk shot back, "We keep that in the back, between world peace and winning lottery tickets." —Leslie McRobie, *Lee, New Hampshire*

"Everything's starting to click for me!" said my father-in-law at dinner. "My knees, my elbows, my neck ... "

The sight of my mother cleaning her dentures fascinated my young son. He sat riveted as she carefully took them out, brushed and rinsed them, and then popped them back in. "Cool, Grandma!" he said. "Now take off your arm."

An elderly man visits the doctor for a checkup. "Mr. Smith, you're in great shape," says the doctor afterward. "How do you do it?" "Well," says Mr. Smith, "I don't drink, I don't smoke, and the good Lord looks out for me. For weeks now, every time I go to the bathroom in the middle of the night, he turns the light on for me." Concerned, the doctor finds Mrs. Smith in the waiting room and tells her what her husband said. "I don't think that's anything to worry about," she says. "And on the bright side, it does explain who's been peeing in the fridge."

When a woman called 911 complaining of difficulty breathing, my husband, Glenn, and his partner—both EMTs—rushed to her home. Glenn placed a sensor on her finger to measure her pulse and blood oxygen. Then he began to gather her information. "What's your age?" he asked. "Fifty-eight," answered the patient, eyeing the beeping device on her finger. "What does that do?" "It's a lie detector," said Glenn with a straight face. "Now, what did you say your age was?" "Sixty-seven," answered the woman sheepishly.

Turning 50 two years ago, I took a lot of good-natured ribbing from family and friends. So as my wife's 50th birthday approached, I decided to get in some needling of my own. I sat her down, looked deep into her eyes, then said I had never made love to anyone who was over 50 years old. "Oh, well, I have," she deadpanned. "It's not that great."