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Luncheon Meeting:  
**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

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**You must make a reservation (RSVP) to attend our monthly luncheon. Please call our Lunch Line at (415) 881-7477 or send an email to [sirbranch47@gmail.com](mailto:sirbranch47@gmail.com). Include your meal preference and information regarding any guest(s).**

We had a good turnout of 50 members and one guest for our first luncheon since February 2020. It was great to be back and to meet our friends again under the fellowship of a indoor luncheon. Hopefully this will continue going forward.

Jake Solomon was awarded the status of Honorary Life Member (HLM) by our Region 3 Director – Dennis Pangburn. Congratulations to Jake for his long time membership and service to Branch 47.

Our new slate of officers was approved by the members in attendance at the August luncheon and will be sworn in at our November luncheon. You can be assured that your board and directors will ensure our branch continues to be strong and well managed well into the future.

A new web-based reservation system is currently being tested by your board. The plans are for this to be available for all members beginning with the October luncheon and for all special events. This will be in addition to the existing Lunch Line and email system. More details on this new system will be forthcoming.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Labor Day holiday with your family and friends.

**Doug Twitchell, BIG SIR BRANCH 47**

## SIR BRANCH 47 – LUNCHEONS RESUME – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Our monthly luncheons have resumed at the McInnis Restaurant. The start time is 11:45 but please arrive not later than 11:30 to permit time for check in and an opportunity to socialize. This is the same location and venue as before. Due to the fact that we have not met together for the past 18 months and the new requirements from the State SIR organization, we are implementing the following for those attending the luncheon.

1. Although most of you have already done this, you need to have signed the Waiver form (copy attached) and provide a copy of your covid vaccination card. These need to be submitted to Bob Gonzalez by email or postal mail. **You will not be permitted to attend the luncheon unless this has been done.** For your reference, Bob's email address is: [bobsrags@gmail.com](mailto:bobsrags@gmail.com). The postal address is Bob Gonzalez, 26 Foremast Cove, Corte Madera, CA 94925. Note: any guests must also sign the Waiver form and provide proof of vaccination. Waiver forms will be available at the check-in table.
2. You must make a reservation for the luncheon using the branch lunch line (415) 881-7477 or send an email to [sirbranch47@gmail.com](mailto:sirbranch47@gmail.com). See below for what needs to be included in the phone message or email \*.
3. The luncheon will cost \$32. Prepare your checks prior to arriving at the luncheon payable to: SIR Branch 47. No cash please.
4. Reservations must be received not later than the Friday prior to the luncheon (September 24).
5. If you need to cancel a reservation, this must be done not later than September 24.
6. A no-show for a reservation will be charged \$32.

### The luncheon menu is:

**Choice 1:** Salad, Chicken Marsala with mozzarella and Pasta, rolls & dessert

**Choice 2:** Salad, Grilled Salmon with rice and and vegetables, rolls & dessert

**Choice 3:** Caesar salad with chicken rolls and dessert.

**Choice 5:** Vegan Dish Pasta Pomodoro, rolls and dessert

\*In your email or phone message provide your name, member number and menu choice number. If you are bringing a guest, provide your guest's name and menu choice. Note: guests that are potential members are not charged for this meal.

Please make your reservations early as this will help the attendance function with their expanded record keeping requirements.

We hope to see all of you at our luncheon on September 28.

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Visit the SIRs Branch 47 Web Site  
For the monthly Tamal Talk and  
Other Important Information

<http://sir47.org>

## **BRANCH 47 BUSINESS**

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

Tamalpais Branch

Zoom meeting from homes

July 26, 2021 (**Approved minutes of the Board meeting will always be 1 month late for TamalTalk. ED**)

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, Bob Gonzalez, Will Kaefer, Rick Coburn, Jim Kleiser and George Brown. George Miller and Bill Stewart were absent. Visitors were Bill Wickley, Mark Rudy, Erick Young, Dee Steuver and Trevor Hughes.

Minutes from Board meeting of June 21, 2021 were moved for acceptance and passed.

### **Big SIR Report:**

Big Sir reported that all items included in a monthly report would be raised under specific topics.

The Board recognized a Branch 47 member who appeared and addressed his concern with the expenditure of wine purchases for SIRs events (birthday gifts, membership parties, etc.). This member believes that it is not ethical for the non-drinking members, such as himself, to be made to pay for the wine out of the apportionment increase in the annual dues that is set aside for this purpose. After discussion, Alan said that this issue had been previously raised about six years ago. At that time, the Board approved the purchase of Martinelli's cider, a non-alcoholic beverage that was then distributed to members who were given the option of accepting wine or a non-alcoholic beverage for birthday or other tribute. This previously observed remedy was again moved for acceptance by the Board, seconded and carried. As an aside, any Branch 47 member can attend a Board meeting, either to observe or raise an issue for discussion. A member requesting discussion should inform the Big Sir prior to the meeting so that the item can be placed on the agenda. The item will then be discussed in the order on which it appears on the meeting agenda.

### **Little SIR Report:**

Two speakers will be present for the July Zoom meeting entitled Carving Joy, Finding Peace. A recording will be available to the membership after its posting on YouTube. No speaker is planned for the on-site meeting scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. The September program will be presented by Julie Syler based on her book *The White Devil's Daughter*, coverage of the slavery and virtual imprisonment of young Chinese women in San Francisco's Chinatown in the late 1800s and earlier years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There are no presentations scheduled beyond September.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Two expenditures were raised by Big Sir, picnic supplies of \$35.00 to \$40.00 and the wine purchase.

### **Committee Reports:**

Slate of nominees was presented for July nomination, and for August to hold election at on-site meeting. Detailed information will be released on future dates through Tamal Talk and individual notices to members. At the present time, there is no designated Assistant Secretary and this is seen as incomplete coverage in the instance that the Secretary had to be absent. Secretary will attempt to remedy this matter to result in a complete Board.

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**Old Business:**

With regard to Google Drive access for file backups, it is believed that all members who need access to the Google Drive should be skilled in this process. Big Sir said that ideally Google Drive access should be easy and he is willing to go to members' homes to impart the instructions to those in need.

Bob Gonzalez reported that of our current membership of 103, 19 members still have not provided information that they have received COVID-19 vaccinations. Twenty-three members have not completed the waiver form. Tamal Talk or other means of communication should cover this matter so that full membership is apprised of its urgency and the potential for incomplete communication at future on-site gatherings will be minimized.

The Branch 47 picnic held at Miwok Park on July 14<sup>th</sup> was acclaimed to be a success. The possibility of the "bring your own meal" for future events was raised. Any event designated to be a SIR event will be covered by SIR insurance.

Long-standing member Chris Lewis has moved to Southern California. His status is now member emeritus. He will no longer be notified of future events and will not be included in active member tabulation.

The slate of officers for the 2022 term should be sent to all members by written communication.

The secretary bears the responsibility for forwarding a Form 20 to State SIR body in August informing whether Branch 47 election of officers has or has not taken place.

**New Business:**

For on-site August luncheon planning, care must be taken to cover check-in table, covid/waiver verifications, money drawing, greeter(s), book library, PA system setup and possibly other components to ensure a smooth resumption of our monthly on-site luncheon and program.

Meal tickets will be available since the luncheon meal will now include more choices. Color coding of tickets and numbering tickets for drawings will result in revised procedures for increased options. Membership will be apprised of these revisions in a letter to soon go out.

Big Sir will be out of the country for the September board meeting and luncheon. Little Sir will preside at both events. Big Sir recommended that Board have a Zoom meeting prior to the August luncheon.

July 26, 2021 meeting was moved for adjournment at 11:53 a.m. The next board meeting will take place on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Notification will include either Zoom or on-site at McInnis Golf Club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Thomas  
Secretary

Based on the SIR State requirements, all participants in any SIR event (indoors or outdoors) must have signed the Waiver document and provided proof of vaccination with the required two week waiting period after the final dose of the vaccine.

Participants from Branch 47 and all other branches must have met this requirement in order to participate.

Branch 47 now has a data base of those providing this information that is updated daily by Bob Gonzalez. Bob will provide you a copy of this upon request.

Al Springstead

**Slate of Officers and Directors Approved Unanimously by the  
Membership at the August Meeting for 2022**

**OFFICERS**

<b>BIG SIR</b>	<b>ERIC YOUNG</b>
<b>LITTLE SIR</b>	<b>MARK BOSCH</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>ALAN THOMAS</b>
<b>ASST SEC</b>	<b>ALAN LUTSKY</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>BILL STEWART</b>
<b>ASSIST TREAS</b>	<b>MARK RUDY</b>

**DIRECTORS (6)**

**DOUG TWITCHELL**

**CARL DAWSON**

**RICK COBURN**

**TREVOR HUGHES**

**BILL WICKLEY**

**JAKE SOLOMON**

**BRANCH 47 SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 ZOOM SPEAKER**

**Speaker Name: Julia Flynn Siler**

**Title: The White Devil's Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco's Chinatown.”**

**During the first hundred years of Chinese immigration--from 1848 to 1943--San Francisco was home to a shockingly extensive underground slave trade in Asian women, who were exploited as prostitutes and indentured servants. Julia examines this little-known chapter in our history--and gives us a vivid portrait of the safe house to which enslaved women escaped.**

**Accompanied by historical photos from the book, she'll explore the Marin settings and people in her nonfiction book.**

**FRANK GHAZZAGH, LITTLE SIR**

**SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF  
LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

**Branch Name: Tamalpais Branch**

**Branch Number: 47**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above (“Branch”) is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated (“State Sir”) to agree to the following:

In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.

Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.

Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.

The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.**

Attendee’s Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Once you sign this document, it is valid for all future Branch and or State activities.

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>
9/6	Monday	<i>HOLIDAY</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>	
9/13	Monday	Rooster Run	07:30	Sequential
9/20	Monday	Indian Valley	08:00	Sequential \$55
9/27	Monday	Chardonnay	07:48	Sequential \$40

**9 Hole Golf at McInnis Park**

Play starts Monday September 13 at Mcinnis. First tee time is 10:00.weather permitting  
Contact Ron Dorville will be running the nine holes golf.  
Ron's email is [vethelo@icloud.com](mailto:vethelo@icloud.com)



**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

**BRANCH 47 BOCCE**

"I was just informed by the BR 47 Board that Bocce attendees must be in full compliance with the State SIR requirement for providing proof of vaccination and signing the SIR waiver.  
This is also reaffirmed by our survey where the majority of responses said that they are not comfortable eating or playing bocce with unvaccinated attendees.  
So for the next bocce on Sept. 6, all attendees (members, spouses or guests) must provide proof of vaccination and sign the SIR waiver – unless they already provided such proof to Bob Gonzalez.  
Frank will be coordinating the Sept. 6 bocce with a BYO picnic @ 11:30 with bocce following @ the Margret Todd Center in Novato.  
Thanks to all for you for your input to our survey."  
Kurt

**Investors Lunch Bunch**

We have returned to live monthly luncheon meetings at Sam's Place, Novato.Our luncheon meetings are every second Friday at 11:30. Please note that unless you have previously provided a copy or view of your Covid vaccine card and a signed SIR Wavier, you will have to bring that information. Sam's requires that everyone in their meeting room be fully vaccinated. If you bring a guest, they will have to meet the same requirements. Will Kaefer, Chairman 415-927-1043

## SIRs BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
124	ANCELL	HERB	9	19	1941	80
3	BRANDON	JACK	9	21	1942	79
7	FLAUM	RUSSELL	9	22	1946	75
80	LARSSEN	KNUT	9	20	1945	76
116	LING	NANSING	9	14	1929	92
21	MINOIA	FRANK	9	11	1945	76
40	OHM	GLEN	9	22	1936	85
47	PLOTNICK	JEFF	9	2	1948	73
55	RUDY	MARK	9	9	1951	70
50	SMITH	BILL	9	16	1935	86

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Summary:

**Actives - 103**  
**Gains: 0**  
**Losses: 0**

### AUGUST ZOOM ATTENDANCE REPORT

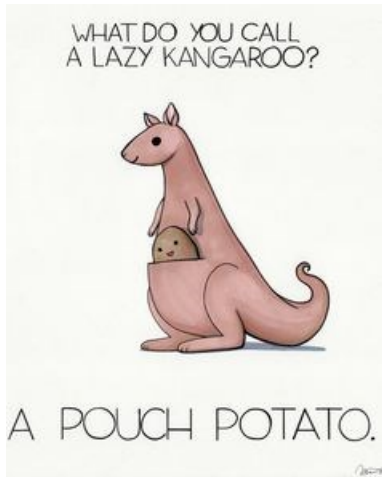
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Members Present</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Visitors:</b>	<b>0</b>

### ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Sep	2	Hiking
Monday	Sep	6	<b>LABOR DAY</b>
Monday	Sep	6	BOCCE
Monday	Sep	6	ROSH HASHANAH begins
Wednesday	Sep	8	ROSH HASHANAH ends
Thursday	Sep	9	Hiking
Friday	Sep	10	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Saturday	Sep	11	Patriots Day
Monday	Sep	13	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Sep	13	<b>9 Hole Golf Commences</b>
Wednesday	Sep	15	YOM KIPPUIR BEGINS
Thursday	Sep	16	YOM KIPPUIR ENDS
Thursday	Sep	16	Hiking
Monday	Sep	20	18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Sep	20	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Wednesday	Sep	22	First Day of Autumn
Thursday	Sep	23	Hiking
Monday	Sep	27	18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Sep	27	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meets</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Branch 47 ZOOM meeting</b>
Thursday	Sep	30	Hiking



# HUMOR



**Karl Marx is a historically famous philosopher but no one ever mentions his sister, Onya, the inventor of the starting pistol...**

**I READ THAT, BY LAW, YOU HAVE TO TURN ON YOUR HEADLIGHTS WHEN IT'S RAINING IN SWEDEN**

**HOW THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW IF IT'S RAINING IN SWEDEN?**



**IF YOUR DENTIST FIXED YOUR CAVITIES WITH DIFFERENT COLORS, WOULD IT BE OK**

**OR WOULD YOU HAVE MIXED FILLINGS**

