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TAMAL TALK

A SIR PUBLICATION

Luncheon Meeting: McINNIS GOLF CENTER, SAN RAFAEL Fourth Tuesday of the month Happy Hour at 11:00 am, as always

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OUR 50TH YEAR

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BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

You must make a reservation (RSVP) to attend our monthly luncheon. Please call our Lunch Line at (415) 881-7477or send an eil to www.sirbranch47@gmail.com\

2024! Can you believe it? It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the new centennial and man walking on the moon. It does seem like the days go by faster and faster as our hair grows thinner. That is why we have SIR - to add some PURPOSE to our lives and activities to our days.

This year we are going to have a theme. That theme is PURPOSE. We have had many purposes in our lives - earning a living, being a good husband, raising children, being a doting grandpa. Now that most of us are retired, we had to find some new PURPOSE in life. And for most of us it does not include the rocking chair on the porch. We are finding organizations to join, charities to help, staying physically active, and of course, helping around the house.

So, to bring the theme to life at some of our monthly luncheons, we are going to bring local organizations to talk about their needs for volunteers and give you the opportunity to join them in their activities. I know some of you have a favorite activity that you would like to share with our branch. Please let me or our Little Sir, Frank Luttringer, know; and we can schedule them throughout the year.

I would like to thank Mark Bosch and his wonderful Branch Executive Committee for an incredible 2023. Not only did we have interesting and enjoyable speakers and comradery at the luncheons, but we also increased the number of activities available, and we created a very successful merger between 47 and 68. So much so that your first Little Sir after the merger is from 68.

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(Big Sir Comments Continued)

As we go through the year, we want to have your input on activities, luncheons, special events and direction. You are always invited to our board meetings which are currently held at McInnis at 9:30 AM on the day of our luncheon. You may also contact one of your board members to get your idea on the agenda for the meeting.

Thank you to your 2024 Branch Executive Committee

OFFICERS		DIRECTORS
Big Sir	Carl Dawson	Mark Bosch
Little Sir	Frank Luttringer	Marshal Gross
Treasurer	Bill Stewart	Rick Coburn
Asst Treasurer	Mark Rudy	Bill Wickley
Asst Treasurer	Howard Foster	Ron Kosciusko
Secretary	Alan Lutsky	Bill McNicholas
Asst Secretary	Charlie Panfely	

Let's have a great 2024!

Carl Dawson Branch 47 Big Sir

JANUARY 23 MENU ENTREES

All choices include, bread or rolls, butter, and dessert

(1) Pot Roast with mashed potatoes and vegetables
 (2) Grilled Salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables
 (3) Vegan Plate – Mushroom Risotto
 (4) Chicken Caesar Salad

JUST A REMINDER THAT IF YOU DO NOT CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION BY THURSDAY 5pm ,BEFORE THE LUNCHEON YOU WILL BE CHARGED AND EXPECTED TO PAY THE \$35 FEE

BRANCH 47 JANUARY 23, 2024 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: LORI E. FRUGOLI MARIN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Connecting the Community to the Courthouse Lori Frugoli is a Marin native and was first inspired to keep Marin safe when she participated in a Law Enforcement Ride-a-long program while attending Terra Linda High School. She was one of the first women to volunteer as a Reserve Police Officer in San Rafael and later became a Police Officer for the Santa Rosa Police Department where she chose the Downtown Walking beat to meet and learn about her community. While at Santa Rosa she investigated arsons, fraud, elder abuse, embezzlement cases and served as a member of the Hostage Negotiations Team. Lori worked her way through law school while working for the Marin County Sheriff's Office. In 1990 she became a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Marin and in 2018 and 2022 she was honored to be elected to serve as Marin County's second woman District Attorney. Lori has earned many prestigious awards and recognitions including the Champion for Children award from the Jeannette Prandi Children's Center. She has earned a reputation in the community for treating all people with respect and professionalism. A few of Lori's accomplishments as the DA include establishing one of the first immigration relief programs in a California District Attorneys Office; co-chairing the Marin Gun Safety Collaborative and the Coalition to End Human Trafficking, hosting Gun Violence Restraining Order trainings for law enforcement and community members in collaboration with Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety and Brady. Lori and her staff assisted in the successful Gun Buy Back in 2022 where over 500 firearms were removed from the streets. Her office has co-hosted and sponsored multiple Not in Our Town (antibullying and anti-hatred campaign) events. She created and co-sponsored Hate Crime Investigation legislation and her office is one of the few with an Investigator specially trained in conducting Hate Crime Investigations. She continues to work with community leaders to ensure an open line of transparency and communication between the DA's office and the community. Lori partnered with community partners and the Court to launch Marin's first Veterans Treatment Court. Lori continues her commitment to "Connect the Community to the Courthouse" by serving as a member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission and speaking and supporting local events such as Clean Slate Events, and speaking at Rotary and other community groups. She is proud to share the collaborative work of Shelly Scott of the Assessor Recorder's Office and Marin County District Attorney Real Estate Fraud Investigator Mark Reischel.

(If you have speaker recommendations, call or email Frank Luttringer our LITTLE SIR for 2024)

CARL DAWSON, BIG SIR

BRANCH BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting Tamalpais Branch In Person Meeting November 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Big Sir Mark Bosch. A quorum was determined to be present. Attendees: Officers and Directors of 2023 Board were present as follows: Mark Bosch, Carl Dawson, Alan Thomas, Mark Rudy, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Erick Young, Frank Luttringer and Rick Coburn. Alan Lutsky, Marshall Gross, Bill Stewart and Bill McNicolas were absent. Visitor: Charlie Panfely.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for November 28, 2023 and minutes for BEC meeting of October 24, 2023.

Big Sir report incorporated into portions of these minutes.

Little SIR Report:

Upcoming Little Sir gave a report on speakers who will make presentations over the next few months.

Treasurer's Report:

Mark Rudy, assistant treasurer, will be standing in for Bill Stewart who is traveling. No further report was made regarding treasury.

Membership Report

The number of members for Branch 47 now stands at 162. Eighty-one members will be present for lunch on November 28th. The current number of alumni members is fifteen.

Old Business:

Three Distinguished Service Awards will be presented at the luncheon to members who performed services for the branch above normal expectations. Kent Detrieux will perform ceremony to install new officers for 2024.

New Business:

Discussion was regarding the proposal of raising dues for 2024 to \$35.00. The discussion culminated with continuation set for Zoom call on December 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The roster book for 2024 will be in the same style with amendments to be submitted by January 1, 2024. The directory will increase from 40 to 56 pages due to the two-branch merger. Two hundred copies will be made at a cost of \$792.00 plus tax and shipping. It was moved, seconded and passed that the expenditure for the directory printing for 2024 be accepted.

Planning for 2024 improvements included "help needed", an item that is felt to be necessary so that members can be relieved of heavy lifting. An article to later appear in Tamal Talk should include a need for help when older members can be assisted in matters of heavy lifting.

Items relating to the December 5th Christmas party were discussed and everything is in place as planned.

Items related to the luncheon of November 28, 2023 are pending. Later adjustments may be needed with regard to computer glitches.

The information shared with hikers has been routed with no explanation to "trash." Since this issue has been recurring, the matter should be addressed by members with computer responsibilities.

With no further topics to be raised, it was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting at 10:40 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Thomas Secretary



SIR Branch Travel Chair Trips and News

Milt Smith State Travel Chair miltsmith549@gmail.com 925-285-2897c

Best of Spain and Portugal April 27 – May 12. 2024. Branch 146. Cost \$7,895pp. Madrid, Segovia, Porto, Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar, Costa Del Sol, Alhambra, Valencia, Barcelona, round trip airfare, 15-day guided tour with Travel Director, 14 nights at centrally located 4star hotels, 5 dinners and 2 lunches including wine, all tips, transfers and baggage handling. Contact Glenn Breslin 925-288-6520 glennbreslin@gmail.com

Memorials of WWII Tour Sept. 6 – 15, 2024 Cost \$4,972pp dbl.Occ. London, Portsmouth, Paris, D-Day Museum, Landing R/T air, motor coach, ferry from England to France. 8 brkfst. 4 dinner. Contact Glenn Breslin

925-288-6520 glennbreslin@gmail.com

Grand Circle River Trip Prague to Budapest 2024

Here is information about a river trip Prague to Budapest 11/6-11/20 2024, discounted by \$1000 if booked by 12/31/23; also pre and post trips are available, see below. I have attached a video at the end. Do not pay attention to those prices in the video the prices I have listed in the email body are correct for SIRs. Along with the group number etc.

This trip has an additional \$1000 off my listed prices if you book by December 31. So act now, If you have any questions call or email Milt Smith State Travel Chair. Br 146, 925-285-2897miltsmith549@gmail.com

Take a look let us know what you think. We can give you chapter and verse on shipboard life, cabins, weather, air etc. I am sending this to all SIRs statewide, we could get a large group. Also, excellent prices for solo travelers.

Dates: 11/6 thru 11/20

Pre-trip to Dresden and Berlin US departure date: 11/1/24 Pre-trip to Warsaw and Krakow US departure date: 11/1/24

Post-trip to Budapest return date: 11/23/24

Per person pricing, by cabin level: \$1000 OFF IF CONFIRMED BY 12/31/23

Serenade A: \$3995 Serenade B: \$3895 Sonata C: \$3795 Sonata D: \$3695 Cantata E: \$3595 Cantata F: \$3495 Prelude G: \$3395 Prelude H: \$3195

Air from SFO: \$1100

Dresden and Berlin: \$995 Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095

Budapest: \$745

The group code for the trip is G4-23630. This is fully linked to the cruises date - all set for registrations to come through at 1-800-221-2610 once travelers are ready.

Travelers can mention the promotional code EUEM 101 for the additional \$1000 off. I'll be auditing all reservations over time to ensure the discount is applied correctly for all those who register by 12/31/23.

A link for more information:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.gct.com/trips/river-cruises/europe/romantic-blue-danube-budapest-to-prague/2021/itineraries?}}\\ \underline{\text{year=2024\&jobcode=010-1514}}$

Sir Branch 47 and Area 8 needs a Golf Chairman

SIR BRANCH 47 OFFERS GOLFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF CHOICES.

NINE HOLES (Weather Permitting)

Every Monday a group of golfers plays nine holes of golf at McInnis Park Public Golf Course. McInnis offers golf, a putting green, a driving range, pull carts and electric carts, (which must be reserved). If you are a member of a SIRs Branch and you wish to play 9 hole golf on Monday morning at McInnis contact coordinator, Jim Bitter, (jybitter@aol.com) or phone 415 388-7897. Players do not need a ghin number or golf handicap to play.

EIGHTEEN HOLES 18 Hole No Schedule for 2024 as yet

On Monday morning golfers can join Sir Branch 134 for golf competition at 10 courses throughout the county. In order to play and enjoy different courses a player needs a ghin number and an updated handicap card. Contact either Jim Larkin, Branch 134 Golf Chairman at Jlark57@yahoo.com-or

2024 dues are collectible now if a golfer wants to have a state sponsored handicap and their scores recorded to show their current shot making ability. For those interested, send a check for \$39.00 if you are continuing a handicap number and \$59.00 if you are new to Sirs golf.

SIRS STATE GOLF WEBSITE-WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG

Date

Take a look at the website and download the attached flyers to use as a signup or talk to other golfers about this opportunity to play. New rules for this year's scramble tournament enable C and D players to play from the forward tees. Branch 47 can enter as many teams as we want so lets talk it over and win this year's tournament.

https://sir47.org/

18 Hole Golf 2020 Season

COURSE

Day Start Time

Comments

NO SCHEDULE YET

9 Hole Golf at McInnis Park

We play on Mondays at Mcinnis Golf Park. First tee time is 9:30.weather permitting Jim Bitter will be running the nine holes golf.

Jim's email is jybitter@aol.com



STATE SIR SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES

Investors Lunch Bunch

Join us on the second Friday of every month for lunch followed by an hour discussion on various investment topics such as current market conditions, specific investment strategies, market cycles, and specific investments (stocks, bonds, real estate, funds, ETFs, limited partnerships, options). This is not a traditional Investment Club. It's purpose is to share knowledge and experiences of managing investments. We encourage attendees to ask questions and share their knowledge. We have had discussions on Estate Planning, appropriateness of specific types of investments, investment performance calculation tools, laddering bonds, risk management, broker selection, various internet resources, and tax issues.

Our attendees collectively have broad experience and share their specific knowledge with the group. If you have limited investment experience this is a excellent resource to learn the basics and make you more fluent with financial terms and products. This knowledge is especially useful whether you manage your own investments or use an individual or firm to manage your finances.

Join us at 11:30 AM the second Friday every month at Sam's Place, Nave Shopping Center, 1545 South Novato Blvd. Novato, . We use their private room for our lunch and discussion. You can order any breakfast or lunch item on their extensive menu. You will receive a separate check. We will conclude promptly at 1:30. See link below for menu and directions http://www.samsplacenovato.com/index.html

Will Kaefar, willmary@pacbell.net



THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP

1st Thursday 2nd Thursday 3rd Thursday 4th Thursday

Jake Solomon Pierre Terrier
Al Springstead
Charlie Panfely

5th Thursday Rotation of leaders in the same order as above

BRANCH 47 FAMILY BOCCE

BOCCE PLAYERS: (NO Bocce in Jan next on February5)

Our BR 47 Family BOCCE PLAYS on the first Monday of each month AT 10 AM at the Margret Todd Center in Novato. If you are on Kurt's bocce email list you will advised of any changes in the schedule by email. Let all know how many in your party will be eating lunch and/or playing bocce afterwards.

If you are not on the bocce email list and want be put on our bocce email list contact Kurt Heilman, heilmanfour@comcast.net, or call Kurt @ 415-892-2460. Members, spouses and all guests are always invited.

I Cheers,

Kurt Heilman

PS Please bring your bocce balls if you have them

BRIDGE GROUP

Br 47 BRIDGE GROUP. Future bridge games have not been determined, but likely be at a rotating host's home. If you would like to play bridge, contact Kurt Heilman (heilmanfour@comcast.net) directly. Also he will put you on the bridge email list of players.

ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Pickle Ball -

Pickleball now has a fixed schedule. We will play on the Third Monday of the Month aat the Margaret Todd Recreation Center in Novato at 2 pm. The Novato courts have six dedicated pickle ball courts.

Please see the video on pickle ball basics on YouTube if you are not experienced before you come to play

Please bring your paddles and pickle balls and wear court shoes.

Car Enthusiasts

Our Branch 47 Car Enthusiasts group (previously called Vintage Vehicles) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Sam's Place Restaurant, 1545 South Novato Blvd., Novato. Meetings begin at 11:30 AM. If you enjoy automobile related activities, car shows, automotive memorabilia, car museum tours, etc. then the Car Enthusiasts group is for you. For more information contact Joe Sauerland at 415-479-8442 or joesauerland@comcast.net."

Joe Sauerland

Federation Bocce

SR Branch 47 Bocce Report

Since league play concluded in late October we are conducting bocce practices each Wednesday morning at 10am. The cost is \$10 and we play for around 2 hours. Several of the participants have lunch following play.

Bill Risch (<u>rischbill@gmail.com</u>) is sending an email to interested members each week asking that they respond if they intend to play. If you are not on last year's list, please contact Bill if you wish to participate. If you have not played before and wish to join the group, we will be conducting clinics to acquaint you with the game.

These weekly practice sessions will continue until league play resumes in mid-March weather permitting.

Regards, Jack Friesen

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<u>POKER</u>

After the Branch meeting. If interested in the poker group, call Jim Waltz, Geezer831-home@yahoo.com or call 415-408-8695

BRANCH 47 WINE TASTING

We have another wine tasting scheduled for Tues Jan 16, 2024 @ noon @ Drew Dowsett Wines, 500 Tamal Plz. Suite 516, Corte Madera. The cost is \$25pp (\$20 for tasting plus \$5 for the cheese platter). You will receive a \$20 credit toward your purchase of a Dowsett wine. We are fortunate to have Michael Sommer, Br 7 Little SIR, providing information about the wines that we will be tasting. Please let me know if you and any of your guests will be attending. Contact Kurt (heilmanfour@comcast.net) or Erick (erickt.young@gmail.com).

Verified Branch 47 and Area 8 Activities (as of 4/21/2023 MAB)

Activity	Frequency	Chair	Email	Phone	Branch
18 Hole Golf	Monthly	Richard Seyler	rseyler41@gmail.com	415-479-6028	22
18 Hole Golf		Jim Larkin	JLARK57@YAHOO.COM	707-364-7225	134
9 Hole Golf	Weekly	Jim Bitter	jybitter@aol.com	415-388-7897	47
Bocce (League)	Weekly	Jack Friesen	Friesenjack7walter@aol.com	415-491-1086	47
Bocce (Co-Ed)	1 st Monday	Kurt Heilman	heilmanfour@comcast.net	415-408-8489	47
Investors Lunch	2 nd Friday	Will Kaefer	willmary@pacbell.net	415-927-1043	47
Vintage Cars	Varies	Joe Sauerland	joesauerland@comcast.net	415-479-8442	47
Hiking/Walking	Thursdays	Jake Solomon	J_KSolomon@comcast.net	415-845-1645	47
Hiking		Bill Long		415-883-0261	134
Book swap	Monthly @ Luncheons	Pikk Pikkarainen Lonn Baldwin	pikkdata@sbcglobal.net lwbaldwin@aol.com	415-454-3843 415-453-4295	47
Bridge member & couples	4 th Thursday	Bill Cline	wacline@comcast,net	415-892-0209	134
Genealogy	2 nd Thursday	Jeff Vailant	topspinut@yahoo.com	415-897-7808	134
Gardening	1 st Friday	Bill Walker	walker@gmail.com	415-883-5780	134
Foreign Policy	2 nd Wednes- day	Bill Medigovich	billandky@comcast.net	415-827-1262	134
Military History	1 st Wednesday	Alan Dunham	alnberta@comcast.net	415-897-8886	134
Poker	After meeting	Jim Waltz	Geezer831- home@yahoo.com	415-408-8695	47
Tennis		Robert Chandler Bill Cline	robertchan- dler33@comcast.net	415-464-7794 415-892-0209	47
Rolling Roam- ers (RV)		Ray Canziani		415-453-4463	22
Bowling*					
Bicycling (many use E-bikes)	Wed's @ 9:30 later coffee	Jim Barden	jbarden@aol.com	415-897-6537	134
Book Club	Wed	Dick Locke	rflocke@comcast.net	415-897-1572	134
Science Discussion Group	3rd Thursday @ 10:00 am	Don Pierce	Not listed	415-897-2701	134

Bowling League possibly for Fall '23 and Winter '24 - in Petaluma (Need to contact Branches 58 and 147 in Petaluma)

JANUARY SIR BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Date	Age
Peter , Brekhus	1/1/1939	85
Richurd , Somers	1/11/1933	91
Kevin , Colgate	1/16/1948	76
Richard , D'Addario	1/19/1949	75
Michael, Kelly	1/20/1942	82
Ken , Griffin	1/20/1933	91
William , Risch	1/21/1938	86
Ron , McGinnis	1/23/1943	81
Tarry, Winfrey	1/23/1939	85
Bill, Bunderson	1/23/1945	79
Brian , Johnson	1/26/1956	68
Norbert , Winter	1/28/1938	86
Mark, Bosch	1/28/1949	75

JANUARY SIR ANNIVERSARIES

Name Anniversary	Date	Years
Peian & Ron Harness	1/4/2002	22
Terri & Reynold Brown	1/4/1980	44
Joan & Arthur Costamagna	1/4/1958	66
Donna & Herbert Husen	1/9/1994	30
Marie & James Hancock	1/10/1965	59
Dee & Frank Minoia	1/25/1970	54

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

MondayJan1HAPPY NEW YEARThursdayJan4Hiking

Tuesday Jan 7 Car Enthusiasts field Trip

Monday Jan 8 9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)

Friday Jan 10 Bridge Thursday Jan 11 Hiking

Friday Jan 12 Investors' Lunch Bunch

Monday Jan 15 PickleBall
Tuesday Jan 16 Car Enthusiasts
Tuesday Jan 16 Wine Tasting
Thursday Jan 18 Hiking

Thursday Jan 18 Hiking

Monday Jan 22 9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)

Tuesday Jan 23 Board Meeting 8:30 McINNIS Tuesday Jan 23 Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting

Tuesday Jan 23 Poker after Meeting

Thursday Jan 25 Hiking

NOVEMBER LUNCH ATTENDANCE

Total Members 171
Members Present 85
Guests: 1

Visitors:

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives - 161 Gains: 1

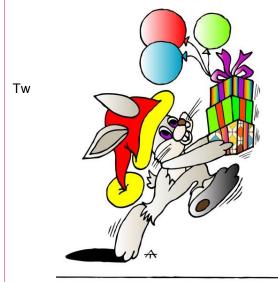
Losses:

ESCOM

The Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM), was founded at the College of Marin (COM) in 1973. A pioneer in the innovative use of community colleges for adults, the organization enhances the lives of its greater community with a diverse selection of clubs, events and classes offered online or at COM's Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses. Check it out at:

https://escom.marin.edu/

HUMOR



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



"We went to Greece for a second honeymoon. Six days and seven fights."



My wife asked me what I was going to do today.
I told her, "Nothing".



She said, "You did that yesterday".

I said, "I wasn't finished".



"Good god, man, flap harder!"