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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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BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

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



March is upon us. There is a lot to celebrate this month. Besides the beginning of Spring and Daylight Savings Time, we have to remember Saint Patrick on his day as well as Easter this year. Oh, but there are so many other days to celebrate. These include National Peanut Butter Lover's Day, World Compliment Day, National Pig Day, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, National Common Courtesy Day, National Read Across America Day, Old Stuff Day, National Pound Cake Day, National Dentist's Day, National Pi Day, World Kidney Day, National Goof Off Day, National Puppy Day, Mom and Pop Business Owners Day, National Take a Walk in the Park Day and so many more.

We also have whole weeks dedicated to Chocolate Chip Cookie Week, National Aardvark Week, Girl Scout Week, National Introverts Week, and, of course, National Tsunami Awareness Week.

If that is not enough to celebrate, you, SIRS, can have a great day with your fellow SIRS by hiking or golfing or playing bocce or joining the car enthusiast group or the investor group or the many activities listed in this newsletter. If one of those activities does not interest you, pick up your SIR roster and call someone to join you for coffee, or a beer. That is the essence of SIR.

A big thank you to our past Big SIR, Doug Twitchell, for helping us coordinate our Bay cruise in September. This will be for the whole family. Look for more information in a later Tamal Talk.

Be sure to plan to attend some of the other activities that are described in this Tamal Talk. This is where some great friendships begin.

SIR state is planning a leadership meeting on March 15th. We have a contingent from the board attending. If you are at all interested in SIR leadership, please contact me and I will send you some information about the meeting.

We are going to update our web site. If any of you have any experience or desire to help with the plans for our new web site, please contact me to join the committee. (Continued on Page 2)

(Big Sir Comments Continued)

Enjoy yourselves and visit your friends, they will love you for it.

Carl Dawson

BRANCH 47, BIG SIR

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Little Sir Report Frank Luttringer

Little Sir Report for March

Thanks to all who attended our February luncheon. The movie, presentation, and questions gave me a bit of insight into what it must be like to lose 20 years of your life in prison and the incredible opportunity that Mount Tam College offers for people to catch up on education and be released with a great chance to succeed. If you missed the presentation or want more information, watch a short video about MTC [here](#) and learn more about MTC on their [website here](#).



In March, we will have one of our own members Art Boudreault joined by Michael Boulland telling us *The Story of the First Mining Community in California - mining mercury 2 years before the gold rush*. I'm sure that they will enlighten us on this fascinating part of California history that does not receive as much exposure as the Forty-niners and the "Gold Rush" does. More information is in the *March Speaker* section.

With the primary election just a few weeks away and the presidential election coming up in November, we are scheduled to hear from our local political reporter Dick Spotswood in April. Other upcoming topics will include updates from The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority and The Buck Institute. We will also hear baseball stories from the San Francisco Giants from Eric Grey and stories about the Fear of Flying from Kent Dutrieux. Most of our speakers are either recommended by one of our members or presented by one of our members, so keep up the good work to make my job easier! Let me know if there are topics that you might want to hear about or speakers that you would like to recommend. You can email me with your comments at Fluttringer1@gmail.com.

Thank You and response to our questions from Jody Lewen

Thanks so much for your very kind message. We looked around for you as we were departing but couldn't find you in the sea of people. We really enjoyed our time with all of you — what a delightful group, and what a warm reception. Thank you!

To answer your question, please feel free to share my contact information with anyone you like — we're always grateful for more opportunities to share about our work.

I also realized I forgot to mention that if anyone would ever like to come inside San Quentin to visit a class, they should feel free to contact me and Bekki, cc'ed above.

In case you'd like to share this information with everyone, our website is [here](#). The donation information (which a few people graciously asked about) is [here](#). To subscribe to our mailing list (mostly electronic; occasionally paper), please send a note to: info@mttamcollege.edu (or just let me and Bekki know!)

If anyone would like to learn more in depth about our activities over the last year, here's the link to our most recent [annual report](#).

And finally, the link to the film we mentioned, [26.2 To Life](#), about the running club at San Quentin.

Thank you again for your kindness and hospitality! Please stay in touch!



SIR Branch 47 February Luncheon Recap



This luncheon was a very busy one, for one thing we had 92 members in attendance and 5 guests. Out of these 5 guests 2 said they would be submitting their applications and the other 3 would think about it. We had 3 new members inducted into our branch with one almost suckered into becoming next year's Little SIR. The highlight of the day was Mark Bosch's start and presentation of the Century Year for Eddie Simon who was turning 100 this year.

Mark presented the SIR President's Lifetime Achievement Award to Eddie Simon. We all looked on in envy but knowing that someday we would enjoy that achievement ourselves. With so many members in attendance the room was quite animated, and the conversations were plentiful. Seeing so many guys together at lunch engaging with each other makes you realize how important SIR is to our lives. value of what we are and what we do.

The topic of our speakers Jody Lewen and Pat Mims was the Mt Tamalpais Collage. This is the only accredited college that is located in a state prison. Most of us had never heard of such a thing and it made for a very interesting afternoon. Many thoughtful questions were answered by Jody and Pat, and we all enjoyed the presentation. If you missed this luncheon, you missed a good one, and if you're hesitant about coming to the luncheon, step out, come join us, this is what SIR is all about.

New Members		
		
Marshall Jainchill	Neil Park	James Purvis
T-40	T-72	T-73
Rob Ruby (Sponsor)	Bob Gloisten (Sponsor)	Bob Gloisten (Sponsor)
Former Occupation		
	Attorney	Lawyer
Interests		
Antique Cars, Astronomy, Bocce Computer Training, Fishing Gardening, Golf, Hiking, Poker Investments	Local development issues	Model Railroad Boating

BRANCH BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch

In Person Meeting

January 23, 2024

A Planning and BEC meeting were held at the Aroma Café in San Rafael. The planning meeting was started at 8:30 a.m. The BEC Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Big Sir Carl Dawson. A quorum was determined to be present.

Attendees: Officers and Directors of 2024 Board were present as follows: Carl Dawson, Frank Luttringer, Alan Lutsky, Bill Stewart, Mark Rudy, Charlie Panfely, Mark Bosch, Rick Coburn and Bill Wickley. Absent were Ron Kosciusko, Bill McNicolas and Marshall Gross.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for January 23, 2024 and minutes for BEC meeting of November 28, 2023 and special Zoom meeting of December 11, 2023.

Big Sir report incorporated into portions of these minutes.

Little SIR Report: Little Sir gave a report on speakers who will make presentations over the next few months. Speaker for January will be Lori Frugoli, Marin County District Attorney. February speaker will be Jody Lewen president at Mount Tam College in San Quentin.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Stewart reported that treasury is in a status quo mode. Audit forms and December form 28 were submitted to the state. January payments will be submitted to the state.

Membership Report

The number of members for Branch 47 now stands at 161. 88 members will be present for lunch on January 23rd. Kurt Heilman was recommended and approved for a Distinguished Service Award. Kent Dutrieux will perform ceremony to install one new member for 2024.

Old Business:

Activities for 2024 were discussed. See attached Branch 47 activities list "Activities 2024.docx." TamalTalk for January will be done by Kent Dutrieux.

New Business:

It was approved that Howard Foster be elected to the board. In addition, Howard can also stand in as a Treasurer as needed.

The roster book for 2024 will be handed out at today's luncheon. 1, 2024. The directory size has increased from 40 to 56 pages due to the two-branch merger. Erick will also remind the recipients to shred the old ones in their possession. Kent noted that the electronic roster will be distributed each quarter in 2024.

A search will be made for someone to maintain the Branch 47 web site. Numerous recommendations were made including looking at the COM for a student and recruiting existing members. Remuneration was not discussed.

In keeping with the theme of "Purpose" we will have a brief presentation from the Hamilton Field History Museum representative regarding opportunities for docents at today's lunch.

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 February 27, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary



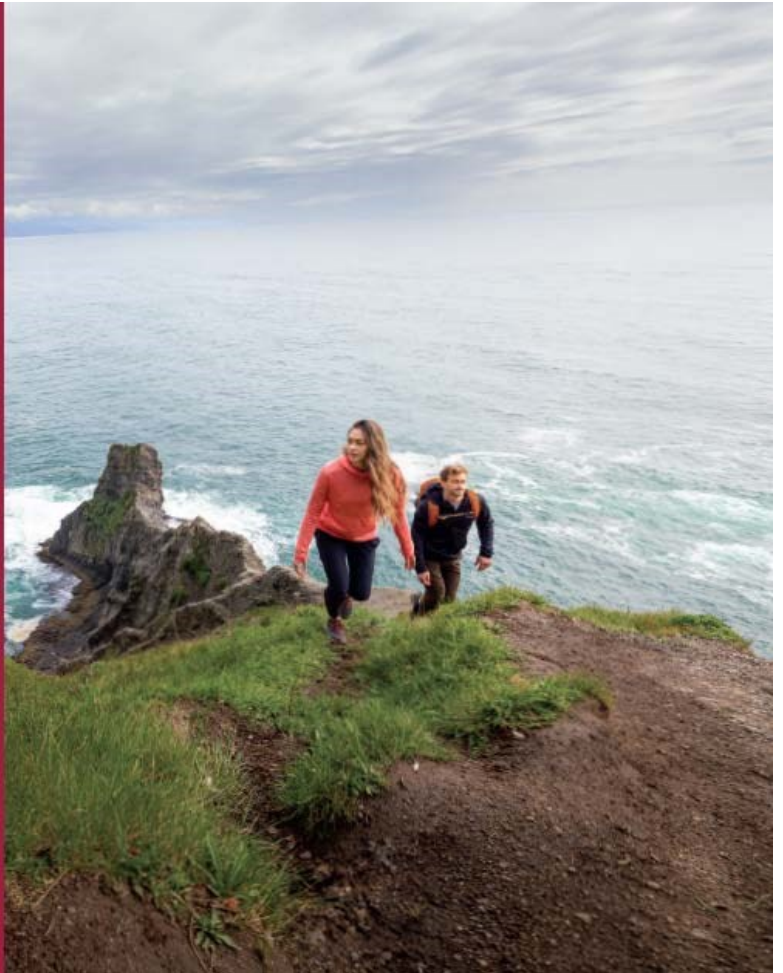
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SIR Branch Travel Chair Trips and News Milt Smith State Travel Chair miltsmith549@gmail.com 925-285-2897c

August 2023

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 \[glennbreslin@gmail.com\]\(mailto:glennbreslin@gmail.com\)](#)

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, 925-285-2897 miltsmith549@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

GOLF ACTIVITIES

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 Bill Wilhelm -Bill@billbev.com 18 Hole Schedule for 2024 on WWW.SIR47.org

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](http://WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG)

the 2024 Napa Golf Tournament sponsored by Branch's 35, 149 and SIR State Golf. The links below provide the announcement and registration form for our first State Golf tournament of the year to be held in April. I'd ask that you inform you members by sending out email blasts to your golfing members, placing this information in your March and April newsletters, providing flyer information at your golf tournaments and luncheons.

Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated in helping to make this SIR event a great opportunity for all interested members to participate in.

The information on this event and other SIR golfing events can be found on the SIR State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org.

Ben Gikis, 2024 SIR State Golf Committee Chair <https://sir47.org/>



18 Hole Golf 2020 Season

<i>Date</i>	<i>COURSE</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>Comments</i>
March 4	Petaluma CC	Monday	0830	TBD
March 11	Rooster Run	Monday	0730	\$56
March 18	Valley of the Moon <i>SUGARLOAF</i>)	Monday	1030	\$45
March 25	Indian Valley	Monday	0830	\$57

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

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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 an 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

1 st Thursday	Jake Solomon
2 nd Thursday	Pierre Terrier
3 rd Thursday	Al Springstead
4 th Thursday	Charlie Panfely
5 th Thursday	Rotation of leaders in the same order as above

BRANCH 47 FAMILY BOCCE

BOCCE PLAYERS:

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 be 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 to 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.

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 at 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

Members of Branch 47's Car Enthusiasts group and guests recently visited San Francisco's Academy of Art Automotive Museum, followed by lunch at the Cantina Restaurant in Mill Valley. The museum offered tantalizing displays of over 50 classic vehicles from the past including Duesenberg, Bugatti, Tucker, Messerschmidt, Packard, and more. Upcoming outings will include visits to San Rafael's Collectors Museum, and the Blackhawk Collection in Danville. Our car enthusiast group meets for lunch on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month. If you'd like to attend a lunch meeting, or join us on an upcoming field trip, please contact Joe Sauerland at joesauerland@comcast.net. Spouses and guest are most welcome.

Joe Sauerland

Federation Bocce

SR Branch 47 Bocce Report

March 2024

League play resumes the week of March 18th and all SIR teams are continuing to participate. If any branch member who is not already on a team as a regular player or a substitute and would like to play league bocce, please let me know and I will let our team captains know of your availability.

Until league play commences, we will continue to practice each Wednesday morning at 10am weather permitting. The cost is \$15. Let Bill Risch know (rischbill@gmail.com) if you would like to join the practice group.

Jack Friesen
Temporary bocce chair

POKER

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

Contact Kurt (heilmanfour@comcast.net) or Erick (erickt.young@gmail.com).

A Day At The Auto Museum

Members of Branch 47's Car Enthusiasts group and guests recently visited San Francisco's Academy of Art Automotive Museum, followed by lunch at the Cantina Restaurant in Mill Valley. The museum offered tantalizing displays of over 50 classic vehicles from the past including Duesenberg, Bugatti, Tucker, Messerschmidt, Packard, and more. Upcoming outings will include visits to San Rafael's Collectors Museum, and the Blackhawk Collection in Danville. Our car enthusiast group meets for lunch on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month. If you'd like to attend a lunch meeting, or join us on an upcoming field trip, please contact Joe Sauerland at joesauerland@comcast.net. Spouses and guest are most welcome.



**Verified Branch 47 and Area 8 Activities
(as of 2/29/2024)**

Activity	Frequency	Chair	Email	Phone	Branch
18 Hole Golf	Twice Monthly	Bill Wilhelm	Bill@billandbev.com	415-479-6028	22
18 Hole Golf		Jim Larkin	jlark57@yahoo.com	707-766-8402	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	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/	Thursdays	Jake Solomon	J_ksolomon@comcast.net	415-845-1645	47
Hiking	4 th Thursday	Jim Gloystein	jimg@gloyboy.com	415-717-3163	134
Book Swap	Monthly at Luncheons	Pikk Pikkarainen Lon Baldwin	pikkdata@sbcglobal.net lwbaldwin@aol.com	415-454-3843 415-453-4295	47
Bridge Member	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	Inactive	Bob Mauceli	bmauceli@comcast.net	585-734-3856	134
Foreign Policy	2 nd Wednesday	Bill Medigovich	billandky@comcast.net	415-827-1262	134
Military Histo-	1 st Wednesday	Alan Dunham	alnberta@comcast.net	415-897-8886	134
Poker	After Luncheon	Jim Waltz	geezer831-home@yahoo.com	415-408-8695	47
Tennis		Robert Chandler	robertchandler33@comcast.net	415-464-7794	47
		Bill Cline	wacline@comcast.net	415-892-0209	134
Bowling	Possible in 2024				
Bicycling (incl.	Wednesday @9:30	Jim Barden	jbarden@aol.com	415-897-6537	134
Book Club	Wednesday	Dick Locke	rflocke@comcast.net	415-897-1572	134
Science Discus- sion Group	3 rd Thursday @	Don Pierce	Not listed	415-897-2701	134

MARCH SIR BIRTHDAYS

Name Birth Date Age

Donald , Kuchta	3/3/1932	92
Alan , Rossi	3/3/1956	68
Eric , Kwok	3/4/1943	81
Donald , Gregory	3/10/1932	92
Herbert , Husen	3/13/1929	95
Robert , Dauphin	3/13/1937	87
Timothy , Leveque	3/16/1943	81
Andrew , Blake	3/16/1945	79
Pierre , Terrier	3/18/1938	86
John , Robinson	3/23/1934	90
Kent , Dutrieux	3/23/1958	66
Samuel , Ennis	3/25/1946	78
Ara , Apkarian	3/29/1932	92
Walter , Zebrowski	3/30/1933	91

MARCH SIR ANNIVERSARIES

Name Anniversary Date Years

Jack & Connie Fuller	3/6/1967	56
Allan & Sharon Noxon	3/9/2000	23
Jack & Ute Brandon	3/24/1990	33
Tom & Joan Culhane	3/30/1974	49

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday	Mar	3	WORLD WILDLIFE DAY
Monday	Mar	4	BOCCE
Monday	Mar	4	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Mar	5	VOTE!!!
Thursday	Mar	7	Hiking
Friday	Mar	8	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Sunday	Mar	11	Daylight Savings Begins
Monday	Mar	11	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Mar	11	RAMADAN BEGINS
Thursday	Mar	14	Hiking
Monday	Mar	15	PickleBall
Sunday	Mar	17	St. Patricks Day
Monday	Mar	18	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Mar	19	First Day of Spring
Tuesday	Mar	19	Car Enthusiasts
Thursday	Mar	21	Hiking
Friday	Mar	22	WORLD WATER DAY
Saturday	Mar	23	Purim Begins at Sundown
Sunday	Mar	24	Palm Sunday
Monday	Mar	25	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Mar	26	Board Meeting 9:30 McINNIS
Tuesday	Mar	26	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday	Mar	26	Poker after Branch Meeting
Thursday	Mar	28	Hiking
Friday	Mar	29	Good Friday
Sunday	Mar	31	EASTER

FEBRUARY LUNCH ATTENDANCE

Total Members	163
Members Present	94
Guests:	5
Visitors:	2

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	163
Alumni	20
Gains:	4
Losses	1

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/>



A Dragon of a Celebration



SIR Branch 47 brought in the Chinese New Year with its first event of the year at the China Village in Navato. Kurt Heilman along with the help of Kelly at the restaurant pulled off a hell of a lunch. There was such a variety and quantity of food that several, including ourselves were able to have dinner at home that night.

The event started at 11:30am with a check-in and name tags being issued by Kurt. In all 49 people made it to the event, with several wives being invited. We enjoyed tea and conversation until the food was served at 12:00. There was a full spread put out in stages so there was always something new to try. The food was great, I didn't hear a complaint from anyone. Along with the food there was Sake to enjoy.

Through out the event there wasn't a quite moment to be had, everyone was enjoying themselves to the fullest. Thank you Branch 47 and Kurt Heilman for your fine work.



新年快乐



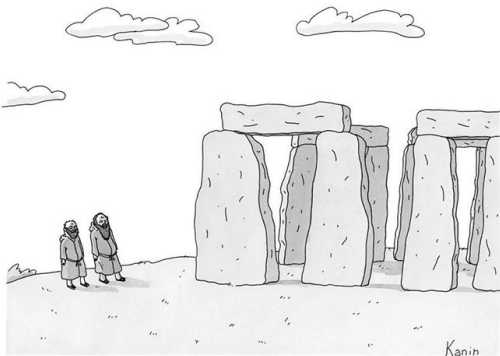
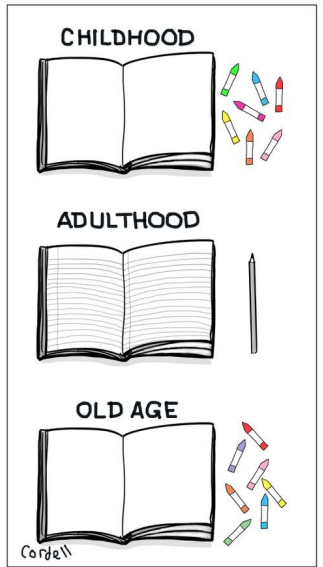
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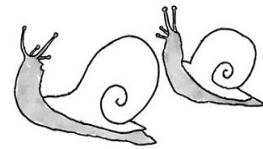
"We'll give it a quarter of a turn once a week, and you should be looking buff by August!"



"Some good news! I made some calls and was able to bundle your open-heart surgery with your auto insurance."



"I just hope people in the future are, like, 'What the hell are these things?'"



S.GROSS

"I don't care if she is a tape dispenser. I love her."



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