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TO MAKE RESERVATIONS - **FIRST Contact the Tour Escort!**, then send him your check made payable to the listed travel agency. Make sure your phone number, address and branch number are on the check. Reservations are on a first paid, first served basis. Your reservation is firm only when the Tour Escort has received your Payment.

BROCHURES - Brochures are available for most trips ask your Branch Travel Chairman for a copy.

REFUNDS - Refunds are made as outlined in the brochures.

RESPONSIBILITY - All travel events and other activities arranged for and by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of participants or passengers, or their property, in any manner pertaining to said travel or other activities.

YOUR TRIP NOT IN THE BULLETIN? - Trips that are full or are not available for sign up are not included in the Bulletin.

HANDICAPPED? Notify Tour Escort, before signing up, so suitable arrangements can be made.

DEPARTURE - Unless otherwise specified, trips depart from the South Light Rail Parking Lot G, located at Highway 87 and Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Check Brochure for your trip!

Please Note!!!

If you are not interested in travel get your name taken off our mailing list by contacting Bob Shields at (408) 268-4975, email rwshields@Comcast.net, or your branch Travel Chairman.

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This Travel Bulletin is published by the Sons In Retirement Coordinated Travel Committee, representing Area #5 (Branches 39, 54, 74, 94 125, and 141) and Area #20 (Branches 21, 32, 38, 62, 114 and 153). It is mailed without charge to each interested SIR in these Areas.

*******PRESENTATIONS*******

Friday, August 6, 2010 for the June 11-23, 2011 ♦
RUSSIAN WATERWAYS ♦ At Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave., at 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) or Larry Martinson (528-0746).

*******NEW TRIPS*******

Apr. 23-May 4, 2011 ♦ **THE LEGENDARY DANUBE** ♦
(Br 141) Escorts, Brian Serpa - 408-227-7658 & Rollo Parsons - 408-268-5245 Fly from San Francisco to Prague, Czech Republic for 3-night stay, then drive to Nuremberg, Germany where we board our luxurious home on the Danube River, the Avalon Tapestry for a 7-night cruise to Budapest, Hungary. As we cruise the river we stop each day for included tours of historic cities, towns, and villages, including Vienna, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Passau, Melk, and Budapest. Special features of this trip include Home Pickup in greater SJ area, beer tasting in Regensburg, wine with dinner on cruise, plus much more. Prices range from \$4395 - \$4995 pp, dbl occ, depending on stateroom

category. Includes round-trip air transportation, all transfers, tips for drivers, guides, & skycaps, and travel gift. Deposit is \$600 pp, payable to Talbot Tours Trust Account. Send registration and deposit to: Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Ct, San Jose, 95123

Sept. 16-26, 2011 ♦ **WEST COAST SWING** ♦ (Br.74)
Escorts: Allen Daily 408/265-8140 & Don House 408/268-1703. Home pick up and return. Fly to Seattle for dinner at Space Needle, Underground Tour and more. After two nite stay, take the train to British Columbia. Stay two nites each, at Kelowna, Whistler and Vancouver. Attractions include several Olympic sites, mountain tram ride, Old Town, dinner at winery, scenic touring and Whistler Mountaineer train. Conclude with two nite cruise on the Coral Princess to San Francisco, and home. Price varies with cabin, from \$2,980 to \$3,220/p dbl. occ. Check or Credit Card deposit of \$400/p payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct. should be mailed to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose 95125 with Application.

******* ONE DAY OUTINGS *******

Oct. 10, 2010 ♦ **Fleet Week on the Jeremiah O'Brien** ♦
(BR 62) Spend the day cruising the bay on the last operational World War II Liberty Ship, SS Jeremiah O'Brien. The trip is Fleet Week every year. The cruise is approximately 6 hours and includes a BBQ lunch, drinks

(beer, wine etc), live music, a tour of the historic ship, and the Bay Area's best view of the Blue Angels Air Show. The seating is quite limited so it is recommended that you bring a portable chair. There are stairs onto the ship but no ladders unless you want to go below deck for one of the guided tours (engine room etc). The cost is \$260 per person, which will include transportation from the South Bay, the cruise, and a mandatory donation (\$150 in 2009) for the care & maintenance of the Maritime Museum. We have reached our minimum for the trip to happen, but the cruise is not sold out yet. Therefore there is still time if you would like to come with us. Payment is due upon reservation because tickets must be purchased immediately before the cruise sells out. Call Jim Hohenshelt 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765 for details.

*******OVER NIGHT AND LONGER TRIPS*******

Sept. 7-18, 2010 ♦ PORTUGAL and SPAIN RIVER CRUISE♦ (Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner 238-8458 and Larry Martinson 528-0746. Spend 3 nights in Lisbon touring the area and then drive north to Porto to board the MS Amadouro where a luxury 7-night cruise awaits us. We will enjoy the beautiful countryside and rich vineyards of the Douro River Valley, stopping at picturesque towns along the way. Prices range from \$5280 to \$5860 pp dbl. occ. All outside staterooms. Group medical insurance and all gratuities included! Deposit of \$500 pp payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account should be mailed with applications to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Ct., San Jose, CA 95135. Brochure available for this unique scenic adventure.

Sept 25-30, 2010 ♦ Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup♦

(Br. 153) Tour escorts Ralph Hunt (650-967-8467) and Alan Patmore (408-867-4197). A visit to southwest South Dakota that will include stops at the Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park and many other notable features in the area highlighting the romantic Old-West. Five nights (...unpack only once) and eight meals are included. The Tour provides transfers/airfares from San Jose to Rapid City, SD. All applicable taxes and Gratuities for Drivers and Guides are included. This event will be a 'guaranteed-departure' and as a final attraction will include a Group Photo at Mount Rushmore. Cost \$1,407 dbl. and \$1,647 single. Deposit \$415 with Insurance or \$300 without payable to TALBOT TOURS TRUST ACCT. and mail to Ralph Hunt 13158 Diericx Dr Mountain View, CA 94040.

Oct.1-8, 2010 ♦ ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA & GRAND CANYON♦

(Br.74) Escorts, Allen Daily 265-8140 Don House 268-1703. Fly San Jose to Albuquerque for 3 nite stay. See Balloon Glow, Dazzling Fireworks, and Mass Ascension of hundreds of hot air balloons. Visit Santa Fe; tour Canyon de Chilly by jeep; spend 2 days touring Grand Canyon; stay at

Sedona and tour Verde Canyon by Railroad. Fly home from Phoenix. Price is \$2,925 pp, dbl. occ. Includes 18 hosted meals, all attractions, flights, tips and professional guide. Full payment of \$2975/pp is new due, payable to Cruise ADVENTURES UNLIMITED TRUST ACCT. Mail with Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

Nov. 17-18, 2010 ♦ The Spirit of Christmas at The Eldorado, Reno ♦ Br.74; Escorts: Allen Daily 265-8140 & Don House 268-1703. Deluxe Coach to Reno for an evening extravaganza show of Christmas music, high kicking chorus girls and glittering costumes. Enjoy a private Cocktail Party, hosted dinner and breakfast. We will stop at The Nugget for fun and an \$8 cash bonus, Price is \$163 /p. dbl. occ. Sold out. Call to have your name placed on the Standby List.

Nov. 17-22 10, 2010 ♦ BRANSON HOLIDAY ♦

(Br. #94) Escorts: Ernie Bode (408) 264-2077 and Bud Souza (408) 340- 0082. A 6-day tour of the Entertainment Capital of America--Branson, MO-- is designed as a joyous introduction for your mind and heart to the Advent Season. Six shows of music and comedy by talented performers. Four additional selected points of interest are scheduled. Ten hosted meals (4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 5 dinners) and comfortable accommodations throughout. Daily activities and included features are detailed in our brochure, now available. Price is \$2089 pp dbl. occ. (add \$320 sgl. supp.) Deposit \$200 per person--checks only-- made payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account and mail to Ernie Bode, 2533 Malaga Drive, San Jose, Ca 95125. Final payment due August 27, 2010.

Dec. 15, 2010 ♦ BEACH BLANKET BABYLON♦

(Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (408-528-0746). Steve Silver's Beach Blanket Babylon is the longest running musical revue in theater history. It's a zany, musical spoof of pop culture and famous worldwide for its extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats. Trip includes dinner and shopping time in the Union Square area, deluxe motor coach, and all gratuities. Send application and payment of \$160 per person payable to "Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account" to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Ct., San Jose 95135. Brochure for this holiday performance available. Hurry, this one fills up fast!

Jan 16-28 2011 ♦ Ultimate Caribbean Cruise Celebrity Cruise Ship EQUINOX ♦ Escorts: Tom Lamp 274-0666 Bill Rodman 274-4521. Ports of call: Cozumel, Roatan,

Puerto Limon/Costa Rica, Colon /Panama, Cartagena/Colombia, Georgetown /Grand Cayman. Price includes Jan 16 Hotel w/ brkf. Round-trip AIR, Ins. Pre-existing Med /Cancellation transfers, both at San Jose and Ft. Lauderdale, tips, Govt. fees/charges, C2 Concierge Stateroom/Veranda has VIP Events,, one bottle of Wine p.c.,

, \$25 p/p cabin credit, plus other Great Benefits. These cabins will not last, other lesser cabin are available. Phone above for brochure w/application or lighthouselamp@att.net Dep. with Appl. \$700 price for C2 Concierge stateroom/Veranda \$2960 p/p dbl. at this printing.

Feb.14-28, 2011 ♦ MAGNIFICENT MEDITERRANEAN ODYSSEY ♦

(Br. #21) Escorts: Bill Kurtz (408) 268-8830 and Dick Kohl (408) 268-0428. Our fifteen day adventure begins in Venice and includes visits to exotic ports in Italy, Greece, Egypt, Cyprus, and Croatia. We begin with a leisurely two day stay in Venice and then embark on the Mediterranean adventure of a lifetime. As in all SIRS trips, gratuities, airfare, hotels, transfers, tips, taxes, most meals and group insurance are included. The cost for this exciting trip into history begins at \$3510 per person for an inside stateroom. The ocean view rooms are \$3700 per person and balconies start at \$3850 per person. Send checks for the deposit of \$700 per person made out to 'Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account'. Mail those checks to Bill Kurtz at 1115 Olive Branch Drive San Jose, Ca. 95120. Sign up quickly these state rooms will sell quickly and we only have a limited number available. Remember your deposit, less group insurance premium, is totally refundable unless you wait beyond the contract date stipulated by the travel agent.

Mar 5-15, 2011 ♦ The GALAPAGOS ISLANDS ♦ (Br 153) Tour escorts Ralph Hunt (650-967-8467) and Alan Patmore (408-867-4197). A visit to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands that will include the Otavalo Indigenous Market, the Andes Mountain Train, the "Middle of the World" Quito and a 5-Day Galapagos cruise with stops at six (6) enchanted islands. Eleven days with 23 meals are included ! Also covered are air taxes and fees/surcharges of \$100, Hotel transfers, gratuities and Round Trip Air from San Francisco. Priced at \$6,469 per-person, double occupancy. First deposit of \$250 pp due upon reservation, payable to COLLETTE VACATIONS and addressed to Ralph Hunt, 13158 Diericx Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040.

May 10-17, 2011 ♦ ROCKY MOUNTAINEER WESTERN EXPLORER ♦

(Br # 32) Escorts: John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 and Mike Console (408) 246-1080. An 8 day tour of the Canadian Rockies, with one night in Calgary, one night Banff, Lake Louise, two nights in Jasper and then all aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train Red Leaf Service Jasper to Kamloops, with an overnight in Kamloops, with the train continuing the next day to Vancouver, with an overnight in Vancouver before flying back home. Daily activities and included features are detailed in our brochure. Price is \$2999 pp dbl occ (single supp is \$3626 pp). Deposit is \$400 per person w/o insurance or \$652 w/ insurance. payable to Talbot Tours Trust Act and mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San

Jose, CA 95121. Final Payment is due March 1, 2011. Brochure available

Jun. 11-23, 2011 ♦ RUSSIAN WATERWAYS ♦

(Br. 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (528-0746). An upscale, all-inclusive 11-night luxury cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow on the newest, best equipped riverboat in Russia: AMA's MS Amakatarina. The boat features extra large staterooms, available balconies, modern bathrooms and an elevator. This cruise is the best available; wine with dinner, gourmet meals, exemplary service and great excursions, such as a ballet performance at the Hermitage Theater. Prices range from \$5895 to \$7695 for a suite, pp dbl. occ. All meals, all gratuities, port charges, visas and transfers included! Deposit of \$740 pp payable to Around the World Travel/YTC Trust Account should be mailed with applications to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Ct., San Jose, CA 95135. Brochure available for this incomparable cruise adventure.

****COMING ATTRACTIONS*******

Thurs Sep 30, 2010. ♦ Charles Schulz Museum and Canine Companions ♦

John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 or Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Guided tour of the Charles Schulz Museum featuring the life and works of the 20th century's most influential cartoon artist featuring Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the gang. Hosted lunch at the Warm Puppy Cafe and after lunch we will visit the Canine Companions for Independence for a tour of their facility and learn how they train dogs to be of service with persons of disabilities. Brochure available soon.

Jan. 11-13, 2011 - ♦ 15th annual Reno Amtrak ♦

Neil Jameson (831) 336-2476 and Wayne Dawson (408) 972-1054. Brochure available soon.

Jun. 2011 ♦ ASHLAND, OREGON & N. CALIFORNIA ♦

Allen Daily 265-8140 & Don House 268-1703

Aug. 15, 2011 - ♦ Grand Scotland and Ireland Tour ♦

To include Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Neil Jameson (831) 336-2476. Brochure available soon.

Sept. 2011 ♦ SEATTLE, VANCOUVER, WHISTLER PLUS 4 NIGHT CRUISE TO SAN DIEGO ♦

Allen Daily 265-8140 & Don House 268-1703

Oct.9-28 2011 ♦ Exploring New Zealand, North & South Islands ♦

Bill Rodman 274-4521 & Tom Lamp 274-0666.

HighlightsAuckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua,

Wellington, Christchurch, Trans Alpine Train, Franz Joseph

Glacier Region, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Auau, and Mt Cook.