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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.

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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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*****PRESENTATIONS*****

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 for the October 9-28, 2011

"Exploring New Zealand"

At The Villages Clubhouse Sunset Room, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Bill Rodman (408-274-4521) or Tom Lamp (408-274-0666).

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

Dec. 9, 2010 ♦ Christmas Lights In San Francisco ♦

Branch 21 Escorts: Bill Kurtz (268-8830) and Dick Kohl (268-0428). Get in the Christmas spirit with a holiday trip to San Francisco. We will journey up to SF in the early afternoon stopping at Union Square for a little shopping before heading to Fior D'Italia - America's Oldest Italian Restaurant. After an early dinner, we will see a performance of the Showtime Follies Cabaret Review, a toe tapping trip through Vauderville, Broadway, and Hollywood. After the show, we board our motorcoach for a tour of San Francisco's beautiful Christmas lights. The cost of the trip is \$118.

Send application and check payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account and mail to Bill Kurtz , 1115 Olive Branch Ln., San Jose Ca, 95120.

January 12, 2011 ♦ Art Lovers Exhibit at the De Young Museum ♦

Branch 21 Escorts: Bill Kurtz (268-8830) and Dick Kohl (268-0428). See the post-impressionist masters at the De Young Museum in San Francisco. This exhibit includes 120 pieces of art from such masters as Van Gogh, Gauguin, Lautrec, and Cezanne. In addition, after a hosted lunch at the Beach Chalet Brewery and Restaurant overlooking the Pacific Ocean, we head to the Presidio to the Walt Disney Museum for an interesting look at the beginnings of the Mickey Mouse empire. The cost of the trip is \$128. Send application and check payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account and mail to Bill Kurtz , 1115 Olive Branch Ln., San Jose Ca, 95120.

Alaska (Land and Sea) ♦ July 11 - 23, 2011 (13 days) ♦

Branch 62 Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt 241-4421 or Roy Jordan 735-8765. The trip begins with a flight from San Jose to Anchorage, Alaska where we will be at the Captain Cook hotel for a welcome dinner. Then it's on to the Princess Lodge at Mt McKinley (2 nights, dinner 1 night), where several day activities are considered, a particularly intriguing sounding trip is an all day ATV wilderness ride. This is

followed by two nights at the Princess Lodge in Denali National Park where we will attend the "Music at Denali" dinner show our first evening. Included in our Denali stay is a full day Natural History Tour into the Denali Wilderness. Most land transportation will be via the Alaska Railroad (featuring glass domed cars), with the Anchorage to McKinley leg by motor coach. The 7 night return cruise will begin with two days of scenic cruising past Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay National Park. The next three days include stops at Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan (minimum of 8 hours each), and then by a day of cruising through the Inland Passage, arriving at Vancouver the final morning in time for our flight home. The costs are \$4075 for an interior cabin and \$4985 for a balcony cabin. Costs will include all transfers, air travel, all fees, taxes and land gratuities, all cruise meals, all land breakfasts, 3 land dinners, the "Music at Denali" show and the Denali Nature Tour. More trip details should be defined soon; complete details will be discussed at a presentation scheduled for early January, 2011. For more trip details or a brochure (when available), call Jim or Roy Jordan.

Aug. 1 - 12, 2011 ♦ Grand Scotland and Ireland Tour ♦

Branch 39 Escorts Neil Jameson (831) 336-2476 and Wayne Dawson (408) 972-1054. 12 Days, 18 Meals Professional Driver / Guide, Ferry from Scotland to Ireland, Scenic cruise on Loch Ness, Whisky tasting and tour of Blair Athol Distillery, Voucher for open-top bus tour in Dublin, Reserved seats for Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Tours of Edinburgh and Belfast with local guides, Walking tour of Derry with a local guide, Minibus excursion to Slieve League Sea Cliffs, Visits and admissions to Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, Ben Nevis Highland Centre, Blair Castle, Edinburgh Castle, Giant's Causeway, Ulster, American Folk Park, W. B. Yeats' Grave, Strokestown House & Famine Museum and Kilmainham Gaol. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is an annual series of Military tattoos performed by British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and International military bands and display teams in the Scottish capital Edinburgh. International military regiments and even African tribes have performed at the Tattoo over the years. The first regiment from outside the UK to take part was the Band of the Royal Netherlands Grenadiers in 1952. So far, over 30 countries have been represented at the Tattoo. Popular visiting performers include the Swiss Top Secret Drum Corps. Brochure available. Price \$3995 dbl/4650 single. Deposit is \$300 pp. Insurance is available, (\$370 dbl/459 single) to be paid with deposit. Make check payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct. and send to Neil Jameson, 390 Hallson Lane, Ben Lomond, CA 95005-9411. Email jamesons@pacbell.net

Oct. 9 – 28, 2011 ♦ Exploring New Zealand ♦

Branch 38 Escorts, Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521 & Tom Lamp (408) 274-0666. Twenty day escorted land tour of both New Zealand's North and South Islands,

with optional 2 night post tour extension to Fiji. You'll be picked up at The Villages and possibly a second site. Highlights.... Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Tranz Alpine Train, Franz Joseph Glacier Region, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Mt Cook. These are exciting destinations with details described in our brochure - available at your branch travel table or, call Br 38 escorts or, e-mail brodman@sbcglobal.net. Also covered in the \$5329 pp dbl occupancy are Cancellation and Waiver Insurance of \$225 pp, air taxes and fees/surcharges of \$130, hotel transfers, gratuities and RT air from San Francisco. First deposit of \$475 pp (which includes Cancellation and Waiver Insurance) due upon reservation. Make checks payable to COLLETTE VACATIONS and addressed to Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr, San Jose, CA 95135

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

Oct. 10, 2010 ♦ Fleet Week on the Jeremiah O'Brien ♦

Branch 62 Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt 241-4421 and Roy Jordan 735-8765. 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 \$150 mandatory donation 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 or Roy Jordan for details.

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!

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

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.

Jan 16-28 2011 ♦ Ultimate Caribbean Cruise Celebrity Cruise Ship EQUINOX ♦

Br.38 Escorts Tom Lamp 274-0666 and Bill Rodman 274-4521. Many ports of call with COLON/PANAMA and CARTAGENA/COLUMBIA being the most southerly stops. AIR/INS/TIPS/TRANSFERS/etc. are included. AIR RD trip Fort Lauderdale / San Jose and cruise RD trip from Ft. Lauderdale. Still have space left for veranda/cabins under \$3,400 per person dbl. Brochures are available at your branch travel table. If they are out phone escorts above or lighthouselamp@att.net DO NOT MISS BRANCH 38's Diamond Adventures with more bang for the BUCK.

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.

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 Nuremburg, 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

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. Passengers will be picked up at their home and at the conclusion of the trip returned home. 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 Acct 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.

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.

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

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