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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.

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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!

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

December 7, 2013 ♦ All Aboard! For the Santa Cruz Holiday Lights Tour ♦ (Br 21) Escorts Ron Berube (408-829-5588) vinter101@gmail.com and Dick Kohl (408-268-0428) dakohl@pacbell.net. We start off with a late hosted lunch in a private room setting at the **Shadowbrook Restaurant** in Capitola. An enchanting Old World setting overlooking Soquel Creek, with fern lined paths and the famous "cable car" elevator. After our lunch we will be re-board our Royal Motor Coach for the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Here we will board the **Roaring Camp Holiday Lights Train**. Roaring Camp trains are known for their vintage excursion cars that will be adorned with thousands of colorful lights. We will travel through the streets of old Santa Cruz while singing along to seasonal carols, listen to musical entertainment and even enjoy a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. **What better way to start off your 2013 holiday season!** All-inclusive price is \$158 per person. If you were not able to pick up an announcement brochure at your SIR luncheon Travel Table, please email me and I will

get a brochure out to you right away. The application includes menu choices and therefore it is important that we receive this information for each participant as soon as possible.

April 6-13, 2014 ♦ California Coastal Cruise ♦ (Br 141) Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). This 8 day cruise starts and ends in San Francisco. Home pick-up and delivery so no driving is required. Ports include Santa Barbara, San Diego, Los Angeles (Long Beach), and Ensenada, Mexico. Trip cost includes home pick up, all meals and entertainment on board the Grand Princess, luggage handling of one suitcase per person, one bottle of wine per cabin, all taxes and fees. Costs range from \$1095 to \$1545 pp/dbl occ depending on cabin selection (insurance not included). Captain's circle members may qualify for a discount at time of booking. Princess Cruises has certain dates available where only a \$100 deposit is required which qualifies the traveler for a \$325 onboard coupon book as well. Also retired military will receive an onboard credit of \$100 by completing the application and returning it along with the appropriate military discharge paper. Brochures available at your SIR branch travel table or contact one of the Br. 141 escorts. Deposits are payable by check or credit card to Talbot Tours Trust Account. Mail deposit and registration to: Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Ct., San Jose, CA 95123.

Oct. 12-Nov. 8, 2014 ♦Cruise the Islands of Spain & Portugal♦ (Br 141) Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). Princess has combined two cruise segments to make this a Grand Experience you will never forget. The first is 12 days covering the Island of Madeira Portugal, three ports in the Canary Islands and Santiago Spain. If you choose this segment you will fly San Francisco to London and cruise round-trip from Southampton. On the full 25 day cruise you will also enjoy the exciting ports of Le Havre France for Paris and the “Beaches of Normandy” then Lisbon Portugal, the Azores Islands, and finally a Tran-Atlantic crossing to Bermuda, before arriving in Ft Lauderdale for your flight home. Home pick-ups, pre-night in Southampton, Sabatini’s Dinner Cover charge, cocktail party, and bottle of wine per cabin are included in the cost. Also included are roundtrip air transportation, all nights aboard the Emerald Princess, all shipboard meals and entertainment, luggage handling, all transfers between airport, ship and pier, and hotel; all taxes including air, government fees and port taxes, and all driver and porter gratuities. Costs range from \$3895 to \$4925 pp/dbl occ for the 12 day trip depending on cabin selection (insurance not included). Costs for the full 25 day cruise range from \$5395 to \$6995 pp/dbl occ depending on cabin selection (insurance not included). Captain’s circle members may qualify for a discount at time of booking. Princess Cruises has certain dates available where only a \$100 deposit is required which qualifies the traveler for a \$325 onboard coupon book as well. Also retired military will receive an onboard credit of \$100 for the first segment, and \$250 for the full cruise, by completing the application and returning it along with the appropriate military discharge paper. Brochures available at your SIR branch travel table or contact one of the Br. 141 escorts. Deposits are payable by check or credit card to Talbot Tours Trust Account. Mail deposit and registration to: Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Ct., San Jose, CA 95123.

*******ONE DAY TRIPS*******

December 4, 2013 ♦Beach Blanket Babylon♦

(Br 141) Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). Beach Blanket Babylon is the longest running musical revue in theater history. It’s a zany spoof of pop culture and politics, highlighted by extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats. After the show (where we have center and side box seats), dinner with wine is hosted at nearby Capp’s Restaurant—great food and service. We’ll arrive early enough in San Francisco for Christmas sightseeing and shopping. Trip also includes deluxe motor coach transportation and dinner and driver gratuities. Price: \$178 per person. Please send your application and check payable to “Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account” to Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Court, San Jose, CA 95123. This

one sells out so make your reservations early. Brochure available.

*******OVERNIGHT AND LONGER TRIPS*******

November 13-25, 2013 ♦Paris, Rhone River, and Provence♦

(Br 62) Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). This is a less expensive version of the Rhone River cruise previously listed. We fly from San Francisco to Nice for an overnight stay and short exploration. The next day a motor coach takes us to Arles, with a stop at the Rhone American (WWII) Cemetery. At Arles, we board the Grand Circle 5 star rated cruise ship “Provence,” and after touring Arles (Roman sites, Van Gogh, optional “Afternoon in Provence” tour), we depart for an 8 day (7 night) cruise of the Rhone and Saone Rivers, with stops, day tours, and free time in Avignon (Papal Palace, famous bridge), Viviers (medieval village walking tour), Tournon (visit & dinner in French home), Lyon (UNESCO World Heritage site, Basilica of Fourviere, tour of Beaujolais region, discussion of WWII resistance in Rhone Valley) and Macon (recently renovated old town), also an overnight stop in Trevoux. After disembarking in Macon, we board a bus for Paris, with a stop and walking tour in Beaune en route. We have three nights in Paris at the Moderate First Class Novotel Paris Eiffel Tower (or similar) hotel. Our stay in Paris includes a panoramic tour, passing by the Champs Elysees, Eiffel Tower, Cathedral of Notre Dame and other landmarks, and a guided tour of Versailles. Another day will feature an optional tour of the Louvre and a half day free. The cost is \$4510 or \$4710 (lower deck), or \$5210 (upper deck) pp/dbl occupancy, or \$5355 single, including air fare, transfers, accommodations, taxes, cruise meals, and breakfasts, Paris and Versailles tours. For those wanting to explore further, there are extensions available, a three night pre-trip in Nice for about \$650 and a three night post trip in Paris for about \$700. Brochures are available from Jim or Roy, or from your branch travel table.

November 14-19, 2013 ♦Branson Holiday♦

(Br 32 & 54). Escorts John Pletsch (408-274-2992) and Mike Console (408-246-1080). Six day tour to America’s Entertainment Capital featuring the Osmonds, the Lennon Sisters, The Miracle of Christmas, the Twelve Irish Tenors, Shoji Tabuchi and much more holiday magic. Round trip airfare Bay Area/Kansas City, Deluxe motor coach, five night accommodations (Embassy Suites Kansas City – 1 night, Raddison-Branson – 4 nights). Ten meals (4 breakfast, 1 brunch, 5 dinners, admission to 7 shows, all gratuities and trip cancellation insurance. Price: \$2270 pp dbl occ (+\$320 single supplement). Deposit \$400 per person to secure reservation. Checks or Visa, Mastercard, Discover accepted. Payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account. Mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121. Call for brochure or pick up at your branch travel table. Final payment is due October 1.

November 20-21, 2013 ♦CHRISTMAS ICE FANTASY at THE ELDORADO, Reno♦ (Br 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). Our annual Christmas show at the Eldorado will be an Ice Fantasy where Cirque meets the Ice combining the excitement of figure skating with the thrill and wonder of cirque acts on ice. We will include our private Cocktail Party, buffet dinner and breakfast, casino time with \$5 cash and \$5 food bonus at the Nugget, plus no-host rest stops at the Black Oak and Nut Tree Center. The price is \$199/p dbl. occ. (\$16 Sgl. Suppl.) payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited. Mail check & Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona way, San Jose, CA 95125.

Dec. 29, 2013 – Jan. 3, 2014 ♦New Year's Extravaganza 2014♦ (Br. 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). We will travel by deluxe coach to the Hyatt Regency, Long Beach with a hosted lunch at Harris Ranch. After viewing the decorating of the Floats, lunch at Lawry's, have a guided tour of Space Shuttle ENDEAVOUR. Tour Universal Studios; enjoy New Year's Eve with dinner/champagne/dancing/Monte Carlo Casino, etc. View the Rose Bowl Parade from your reserved seat with cushion and program. Watch football on the large screen, followed by a teppan-vaki style dinner. Tour the Getty Villa, view the monarch butterfly sanctuary; overnite w/dinner at Pismo Beach and additional stops on the way home. Price is \$1845/p dbl. occ. with \$373 sgl. suppl. and includes Insurance. Deposit of \$200 is due with Application and payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited. Mail check & Application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona way, San Jose, CA 95125.

Feb 23-26, 2014 ♦USO SHOWS OF BOB HOPE♦ (Br 32) Escorts: John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 & Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Palm Springs, Ca. Home pick up and transfers, RT air Palm Springs, 3 nights hotel accommodations at Comfort Inn Palm Springs, three breakfasts & 2 dinners. Tour Highlights: Tribute to the USO Shows of Bob Hope, with a live orchestra and The Girls of Company "B", M*A*S*H* Night at the Palm Springs Air Museum, and Vegas-style stage show featuring The Rat Pack. Trip concludes with a performance of the fabulous Palm Springs Follies. Cost: \$1205 dbl occ (\$1435 single supp). Deposit \$200 without ins or \$285 with ins. Final payment due December 15, 2013.

June 3-14, 2014 ♦Alaska Cruise, Roundtrip from San Francisco aboard the Star Princess♦ (Br 38) Escorts Bill Rodman (408-274-4521) and Hank Clark (408-223-6466). NO FLIGHTS....This 11 day cruise starts and ends in San Francisco. Cruise through the Golden Gate on your way to and from Alaska. We stop at 4 ports of call: Ketchikan,

Juneau, Skagway & Victoria, B.C. We'll also cruise beautiful Glacier Bay. Transportation to and from San Francisco pier from The Villages & Capitol Light Rail Station. 1 bottle of wine per stateroom, port taxes, taxes on included items, Travel Guard Group Protection Plan and porter tips for 1 suitcase per person. Plus...one cocktail party on board. Prices range from \$2185 to \$3785 per person, double occupancy, depending on stateroom category. Deposit of \$550 per person (reduced to \$300 pp during Special Cruise Sale Sept. 16-20, 2013 & Oct. 1-15, 2013). Higher deposit if traveling as a single. Brochures available at your SIR branch travel table. Brochure is also available on SIR 38 website: <http://branch38.sirinc2.org/> Deposits payable by check or credit card to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account. Mail deposit and registration to: Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr., San Jose, CA 95135.

July 21-24, 2014 ♦Festival of the Arts Featuring "Pageant of the Masters" (Br 32 & 54) Escorts John Pletsch (408-274-2992) and Mike Console (408-246-1080). Pageant of the Masters is a performance of "living paintings" re-creations of classical and contemporary works with real people posing to look exactly like their counterparts in the original pieces. In addition to the pageant the trip also includes cruise to **Catalina Island**, a visit to the Hollywood Museum and the **Space Shuttle Endeavor**. Tour includes home pickup, round trip air to Southern California, 3 nights at the Buena Park Holiday Inn, 5 meals (3 breakfasts, 2 dinners). Cost \$1335 dbl occ (\$1530 single sup). Deposit \$385 with insurance, \$300 without insurance. Final payment due May 5, 2014. Send application and payment check or credit card payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct and mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave., San Jose, CA 95121.

August 18-25, 2014 ♦Canadian Rockies♦ (Br 114) Tour escorts Jim Stoner (408-238-8458) and Larry Martinson (408-528-0746). We will be traveling in the world famous Rocky Mountaineer for two days, a sightseeing train that passes through pristine wilderness, inaccessible by any other means. You'll see towering mountain ranges, waterfalls, snow-capped glaciers and big game animals. The train travels only in daylight, so guests don't miss a thing. Renowned for its service and food, the Rocky Mountaineer is an experience of a lifetime. In addition, we will be visiting other scenic sites, such as Vancouver, Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff, staying at deluxe Fairmont Hotels (Jasper Park Lodge, Chateau Lake Louise, and the Banff Springs Hotel). Tour includes 7 breakfasts, 5 at hotels and 2 on train, 2 lunches on train and dinner at the Chateau Lake Louise. Also included: GRATUITIES and TRIP INSURANCE, transfers, baggage handling, Canadian taxes, National Park passes and AIRFARE. Costs range from \$5265 pp dbl occ (Red), \$5735 (Silver) and \$6150 (gold). Substantial savings in each category for the first 10 couples that sign up: see brochure for details. Send application and \$750 deposit per person,

payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account and mail to Jim Stoner, 8458 Traminer Court, San Jose, CA 95135. Brochure available.

Sept. 5-12, 2014 ♦Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod and Rhode Island Mansions in the Fall♦ (Br 21)

Escorts Dick Kohl (408-268-0428) and Bill Kurtz (408-268-8830). This trip to New England includes visits to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod and Rhode Island Mansions. There are many other sights and events too numerous for this announcement. However, you can get all the details from the brochures at your monthly meetings. As in all SIR trips this one includes gratuities, many meals, hotel accommodations, tour guides, motor coach, airfare and all attractions. You also only have to unpack twice during the trip. The cost for this trip is only \$2676 double occupancy. Please mail your application (which is on the last page of the brochure) and deposit to Dick Kohl at 6696 Winterset Way, San Jose, CA 95120.

November 3-17, 2014 ♦Spain (13 days)♦ (Br 62) Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). We plan 13 days to experience historic and culturally diverse Spain. We arrive in Madrid (5 nights) with a city tour and day trips to Segovia and Toledo. Then we proceed to Valencia with a stop en route at Cuenca. From Valencia we have scheduled day trips to Manises, and Lake Albufera. Next it's on to Barcelona with a city tour and day trips to the Llado Museum, Montserrat, and Codornia Winery. The cost is \$4195 pp/dbl and \$4395 sgl. The cost includes all air fare, accommodations, tours, taxes, gratuities, all breakfasts, some other meals, and transfers between cities. There is also an optional pre-trip to Basque Country (Bilbao and San Sebastian) and an optional post-trip to Malaga. Each optional trip is for 4 nights and costs \$795. Brochures will be available later from Jim or Roy, or from your branch travel table.

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

February 2015 ♦Cruise the Caribbean♦ (Br 141)

Escorts Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245) and Brian Serpa (408-227-7658). Details will be coming.