



# BULLETIN

August 2015

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)

## SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136  
Annual BBQ will be at the  
Moose Lodge on  
Tuesday, August 11th  
Starts at Noon  
(Social Hour Starts at 10:00 am)  
The Branch Executive  
Committee  
Will not meet.**



### MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

**If you are not able to attend  
the regular monthly meeting  
please call the Membership  
Message Line at  
536 - 6311**

**No Later Than Noon on the  
Monday Before the  
Luncheon Meeting!  
and leave a clear message  
with your NAME &  
BADGE # and the reason  
you will not be able to  
attend.**

### BIG SIR NOTES

#### Jim Johnson - 536-1595

It feels like summer has arrived. It's hot, dry and BBQ time. Hope you are enjoying your summer, I can't wait for autumn. Our annual BBQ is right around the corner. Dale and the Special Events Committee have worked hard planning a great event and Dale assures me that the weather will co-operate. Either way there will be plenty of good food, fun and shade at the Moose Lodge picnic area. The SIR Bowling League will be starting around the first of September and Bert Abreo is looking for a few more bowlers to sign up. You don't have to be a seasoned bowler to participate. Give Bert a call and give it a try. Don't forget we also have a group of SIRs that have a good time playing golf a couple times a month. Give Danny Laureta a call to join in on the fun. Jim Botto really has the RV group busy this summer. If you have a RV and like to travel to some fun places and be with great people, give him a call. A call has gone out for all Branch 136 fishermen to join our new fishing chairman Chuck Simons to drown a few worms. If the outdoors isn't your thing call Bob Morrison and join the good guys that play pinochle every Monday afternoon. Be active in a SIR's activity and be happy. See you at the SIR Branch 136 Grand Family BBQ on August 11.



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

#### Dale Decker - 533-0455

Well, when you read this month's bulletin we'll be into August - Hot August nights? But, the weather forecast for our annual branch picnic is looking hopeful - let's just keep our fingers crossed. At least the Moose Lodge picnic grounds have lots of trees and is usually cooler than Sonora.

Our plans for the picnic are moving along very well and I'm getting some great help from our members. As I mentioned in an e-mail I've made arrangements to have a limited supply of BBQ chicken (1/4's) and some hot dogs for those that would prefer something different or in addition to?

Our RV Club and their wives will be taking on the cooking and serving detail again this year along with logistic help from our Big Sir and his bride. And, our Events Committee members and others will be helping with the parking, 50/50 ticket sales, check-in and setup. If you feel like joining in we'll be at the picnic grounds by 8:00 am on the 11th - there's a lot of work we'd be glad to 'share'!

Bowling starts the Monday after Labor Day. Contact Bert Abreo at 736-4804 if you would like to join our league. A big fishing trip has been scheduled at Kennedy Meadows for Aug 26 - 29. There are only 3 beds remaining in a 'booked' cabin for 8 for this outing. Contact Bert Kronnick at 586-7726. Sounds like a great time can be had with your fellow members. Also, a fishing trip to Fort Bragg is being scheduled for September 17th. Contact Bert Kronnick at 586-7726 if you would like to do some 'deep sea fishing'. And finally, a big Thank You to Roger Swartz who has volunteered to make a trek to Costco the day before our picnic. Roger will be loading up his truck with a whole bunch of items from our shopping cart list, including 130# of ribs, for our picnic. This is a tremendous help to me as I have so many, many things on my plate right now.

The September luncheon is looking pretty attractive now as R & R.



Thomas, Bob	8/1
Maxwell, Oliver (Bert)	8/3
Gregory, Steve	8/7
Creager, Roy	8/6
Wright, Bob	8/6
Challas, Bill	8/8
Peabody, Donald	8/9
Page, Rex T.	8/9
Soares, August 'Augie'	8/15
Zertuche, Joe	8/20
Dunlavy, Bill HLM	8/24
Dolan, Michael E.	8/25
Hansen, Bill	8/28
Keegan, Mike	8/28
Williams, Neil (PaPa)	8/29
Silver, Bob	8/30
Nuzum, Jim	8/31



## GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Asst Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

### Results of July 28 Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs GC

#### Format: Team Scramble

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Chace Anderson, John Perrault, Dennis Land, Jeff Juhl (net 57)

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Barry Bynum, Paul Padavana, Tom Nischwitz, Wayne Dixon (net 65)

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Steve Hagel, Bob Nath, Kent Kirkland, Mike Ross (net 68)

#### Closest to the hole #5

1 <sup>st</sup> Mike Ross	6'10"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dick Nutting	10'8"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Danny Laureta	13'6"

#### Closest to the hole #12

1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Padavana	2'5"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chace Anderson	9'7"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ed Wright	9'10"

**Next Golf Tournament** 8:00 am Shotgun start

Tuesday, August 4 Skins at Mountain Springs

Tuesday, August 25 4 Man Assigned Hole at Mountain Springs



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

July Membership

Active = 222

Inactive = 4

Total = 228

July luncheon attendance = 152

Excused absence = 20



## PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com



For an afternoon of fun, please join us each Monday to play pinochle. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, we will tutor you in our rules. (Most of us had not played in decades, and some had never played before they joined.) You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have fun so cheaply?) You win a prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. Some of our players make it to all of the sessions, but others to only 3, 2, or just one session. We meet at the Pine Tree Restaurant at 11:30 A. M. for lunch and start playing at 12:30 P. M. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.



## SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601

### Tough Days

You've heard them. Those all-too-familiar cries of exasperation. Maybe a couple have crossed your mind today sometime between the too-early clang of the alarm and the too-late racket of the neighbors next door. *Going from bad to worse. Jumping from the frying pan into the fire. Between a rock and a hard place. He said, "Cheer up, things could get worse." So I cheered up- and sure enough things got*

*worse. My mother told me there would be days like this, but she never said they would run in packs.*

Tough days. We all have them. Some are worse than others. Like the one the hard-hat employee reported when he tried to be helpful. Maybe you heard about it, too; the account actually appeared on a company accident form. Bruised and bandaged, the workman related this experience: When I got to the building I found that the hurricane had knocked off some bricks around the top. So I rigged up a beam with a pulley at the top of the building and hoisted up a couple barrels full of bricks. When I had fixed the damaged area, there were a lot of bricks left over. Then I went to the bottom and began releasing the line. Unfortunately, the barrel of bricks was much heavier than me so the barrel started coming down, jerking me up. I decided to hang on since I was too far off the ground by then to jump, and halfway up I met the barrel of bricks coming down fast. I received a hard blow on my shoulder. I then continued to the top, banging my head against the beam and getting my fingers pinched and jammed in the pulley. When the barrel hit the ground hard, it burst its bottom, allowing the bricks to spill out. I was now heavier than the barrel. So down I go again at high speed. Halfway down I met the barrel coming up fast and received severe injuries to my shins. When I hit the ground, I landed on the pile of bricks, getting several painful cuts and deep bruises. At this point I must have lost my presence of mind, because I let go of my grip on the line. The barrel came down fast-giving me another blow on my head and putting me in the hospital. Some days you honestly wonder why you ever crawled out of bed that morning ... and later, if you will ever make it back to bed that night. Most of us have little difficulty fielding a couple or three problems during the day, but when they start coming down like hail, with no relief, rhyme, or reason, we get jumpy. More often than not we also get grumpy. Invariably there are those who love us and really want to help. So what is the answer? Your attitude! Towards what happens to you. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it."

Ref: "Come Before Winter" by Charles Swindoll





## RV CLUB NEWS

**Jim Botto - 586-0822**

**Ron Long - 586-1838**

On July 20<sup>th</sup> we headed to Bodega Bay RV Park for a three day outing. Our Wagon Masters were Kathie & Chuck Price and Loma & Tony Mallard.



This was Kathie's first time as Wagon Master and she out did herself. There were 9 Rigs joining us and we all had a wonderful time. Monday's dinner was Mexican with hard & soft tacos, refried beans, salsa, salad and dessert. Tuesday morning was our Guy's Breakfast, where all the guys play like they know how to cook. We get by and the food is still great! It even tasted better with Chuck & Kathie Price's Orange Blossom Eye-Opener.



After breakfast we went for a walk in the Bodega Dunes. The signs were deceiving. They told us that the ocean was only .5 of a mile, but ended up more like 5 miles.



Tuesday evening Ray Feldman prepared the ribs on his Weber. It took him most of the day to smoke the ribs and they were delicious. John & Dianne Avila BBQ'ed the chicken and everyone brought side dishes for another great feast. Many of us did some sightseeing, antique shopping, and just

enjoying the peaceful village of Bodega Bay. If you did not know, this is where Alfred Hitchcock filmed the move "The Birds". The Point Reyes Lighthouse was quite a drive and when we arrived we found out that it was closed on Wednesday's.



The first picture was taken from the Lighthouse parking lot. The rest were taken at the Bodega Head.

Our next RV Club outing will be at Carmel by the River RV Park on September 10th through September 14th. This is scheduled to coincide with the Monterey Italian Festival. We have 17 rigs signed so far. I will be sending out the planning menu soon. Linda and I will be the Wagon Masters with help from Earl Randal and Bill & Peggy Guenza.



My real home has wheels



## FISHING CLUB

**Bert Kronnick 586-7726**

**Chapter 77**

**Chuck Simons 532-9550**

**Chapter 136**

**Let's go fishing!**

The July fishing trip to Pinecrest Lake was cancelled due to lack of participants. I believe it was to the short notice given for planning. There will be a SIRS Fishing Trip at Fort Bragg, CA on September 17, 2015. Fishing with captain Tim on the Seahawk which hold up to 20 fisherman. September is a good time to fish for Albacore, Salmon, and Lingcod. If we fill the Seahawk the cost is \$1500 or \$75 per fisherman. If we don't have 20 it will be a half day trip and cost \$80 per fisherman. The Seahawk fishing time is only 5 hours 7am to 12pm or 1pm to 6pm. If you want to come I will need a payment of \$80.00 to secure your Reservation. If SIRS fills the Seahawk we will either return the \$5.00 or use it for Prize money and deckhand tip. I will be making this offer to all SIRS members, so first come get the reservation. Please call: Bert Kronnick at (209) 586-7726.

### Sporting Collectible Show

**September 11-12, 2015 at the Motherlode**

**Fairgrounds, Sonoma, CA**

For more information e-mail  
oldfishingreels@aol.com



## Nominating Committee

### Recommendations

#### For 2016

- Big Sir: Dale Decker
- Little Sir: Danny Laureta
- Secretary: Jerry Bellefeuille
- Ass't Sec: Angelo Costanza
- Treasurer: Ed Toews
- Ass't Treas: Frank Taylor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Director: Rex Page
- 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Director: Dick Aberle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Director: Jim Botto
- 1<sup>st</sup> yr Director: Maurice Rollins
- 1<sup>st</sup> yr Director: Monty Youngborg
- 1<sup>st</sup> yr Director: John Vierra



### INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

### THE PICNIC DEADLINE HAS PASSED!

If you haven't purchased your tickets for our annual Branch 136 Family BBQ and wish to go, call Dale Decker, 533-0455, to see if additional tickets are still available.

Besides the St. Louis style ribs Dale has arranged to have a limited supply of BBQ chicken and some hot dogs if you prefer something different. All this to go with the homemade potato and Cole slaw, BBQ Beans, French Bread and Ice Cream. Plus music by Jim Mueller and entertainment by Donald 'the Master of Balloon Animals' for \$12 per person! The weather is expected to be a lot cooler than what we'll be experiencing this week so why not get out of the house and join your branch for OUR PICNIC!



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 588-9529 (and an application form will be mailed to you), or by downloading the form from our branch website. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to Angelo Costanza with a check for the amount stated on the application. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.



Three old guys, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. One says to another, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man answers, "it's Thursday." The third guy, listening in, pipes up, "So am I! Let's grab a beer."



### BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Some of the SIRS members have participated in other branch tournaments. SIR Branch 113, Pollock Pines, held one in mid-July and among the money winners were Billy Oliver and Dave Rossi from Branch 136 and Frank Gaspardi from Branch 77.

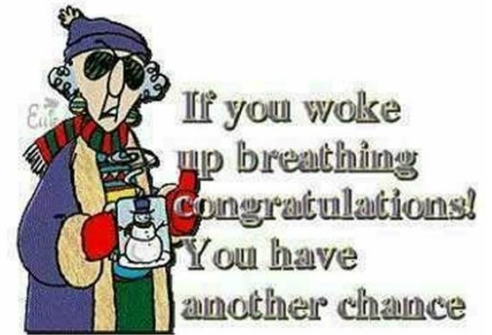
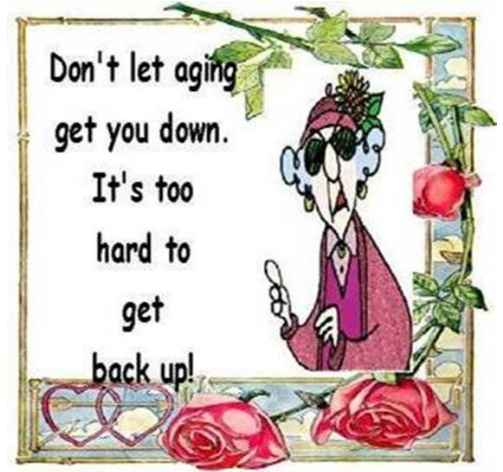
The next tournament was held here at Black Oak which was not well attended. However, I would like to thank from Branch 136 Jack McGinnes, Gerry Davis, Billy Oliver, Dave Rossi, Mike Silva, Knute Kleinen, Frank Myers, Bob Wright and their guests for participating. The results are not yet final, but Dave Rossi, Billy Oliver, Frank Gaspardi and guest Kevin Flanagan are among the potential winners.

The Winter league of SIRS will start on September 14. New members are needed for some of the teams. A member does not need to have a "high" average, just a desire to bowl and be with other SIRS members. The league will have a meeting prior to the actual bowling on September 14 to adopt rules, etc. Let's see some new faces.

### HAVING A GOOD ATTITUDE:

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company....a church....a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it." And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes.

**Charles Swindoll**



"Take every birthday with a grain of salt. This works much better if the salt accompanies a Margarita."



### BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

**Jim Botto - 586-0822**  
**Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**

SIR Jim Botto has assumed responsibility as Bulletin Editor. Please send all bulletin input to Jim at giacamo42@gmail.com  
The deadline for the next bulletin is

**August 31, 2015**

## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2015/16*

**Aug 7-22, 2015: Baltic Cruise.** You will cruise from Copenhagen to St Petersburg and back to Copenhagen. Cost \$5236 to \$6050 depending on cabin. Contact Jerry Wisenor, Br 145, 209-334-5181.

**Aug 15-Sep 1, 2015: Blue Danube Discovery** the Imperial Capitals of Central Europe. 17 day trip starting in Budapest with a river cruise down the Danube stopping at Bratislava, Vienna, Melk, Linz, Passau, Regensburg, and Nuremberg. Then motor coach to Karlovy, Prague, Dresden and Berlin. Cost \$7680 to \$8730 pp. not including air. Werner Schlapfer, Livermore, Br.101-121, 925-443-8291

**Aug 21, 2015: Treasures of France.** (20 night cruise on the Grand Rivers of France from Normandy to Provence.) trip includes 17 sightseeing tours along the way, 59 meals, complimentary beer, wine and soft drinks, audio headsets, all transfers & baggage handling plus free International Airfare, Cost \$6499, Ken Richter, Br. 146, Walnut Creek, 925-689-6217.

**Sep 9-19, 2015: Alaska Cruise.** Round Trip leaving San Francisco on the Golden Princess. Includes 4 stops and glacier National Parks. Last trip of the year to Alaska. Cost \$1965 to \$2680 depending on cabin. Jerry Wisenor, Lodi, Br.145, 209-334-5181.

**Sep 12-17, 2015: Great Gatsby Getaway.** You are invited to attend 3 luxurious roaring 20's parties at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Here is your chance to swing the night away, step back in time, as there are no motorized vehicles on the Island; instead, horse drawn carriages are the mode of transportation. Cost starting at \$2150. Bruce Bentley, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590.

**Sep 15-20, 2015: San Juan Islands Cruise & Leavenworth.** Cruise the pristine waters and narrow passageways aboard the Viking Star. View Orca whales and other wildlife, talk with our knowledgeable captain and crew about the biology and geology of the area. Enjoy 3 nights in the town of Friday Harbor, the heart of the San Juan Islands. 6 days, 9 meals, Cost starting at \$2280. Bruce Bentley, Br. 20, Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590 or Tim Rau, Br. 73, 510 222-3905.

**Sep 17-25, 2015: The Island of Cuba.** The door is open and Cuba is waiting to be discovered. Start your trip in Camaguey, Cuba with a professionally guided seven-day tour. This tour is designed to provide an educational as well as pleasurable experiences. Visit colonial towns as well as the city of Havana. Cost is \$4560 pp. Prices include RT airfare, Cuban Visa fee, all trips and baggage fees on charter flights. Phil Manriquez Br.1, San Bruno, 650-871-5009.

**Sep 19-27, 2015: Upper Mississippi River Steamboat Cruise.** You will board the elegant American Queen in Minneapolis-St Paul and cruise along the Upper Mississippi during the Fall Color season.) Each day visiting a different port with free excursions. Cost of \$4875 to \$5765 depending on Stateroom includes meals, evening entertainment, wine with dinner, and cocktail party. Allen Daily, Br 74, San Jose, 408-265-8140 or Don House 408-268-1703

**Sep 23-28, 2015: Custer State Park Roundup.** (5 nights, 8 meals, plus Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Historic Deadwood, Ken Costner's Tatanka, Badlands Nat'l Park, 1880 Train Ride & More. Cost \$2095. Home pickup and airfare included. Gary DeRosa, Br.96, Amador County, 209-296-4934/Cell 209-601-6439.

**Sep 30-Oct 11, 2015: Canada and New England.** 11 day cruise on the Caribbean Princess. Starts in Quebec City with 8 stops including Port Saguenay, Graspe, Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax, Bar Harbor and ends in New York. Cost \$2990 to \$3389 which includes RT Air, motor coach, gov't fees and more. Derlin German, Petaluma, Br 58, 707-763-6162.

## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2015/16*

**Oct 3-10, 2015: Colors of New England.** Visit Boston, Stowe, Lake Winnepesaukee, and Boothbay Harbor. Trip includes 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners, views of autumn colors, Air transportation, hotels and transfers. Cost \$2999 to \$4049 depending on accommodations. Bruce Saltzman, Br 128, San Ramon, 925-735-2366.

**Oct 9-23, 2015: Eastern Mediterranean Cruise.**( 11 day cruise starting in Rome with visits to Istanbul, Athens, Ephesus, Naples, Mykonos and Santorini) Trip includes transfers, all shipboard meals, entertainment, 2 days in Rome with breakfast, 2 sightseeing tours, travel protection plan covering pre-existing conditions, cocktail party, port taxes, and gov't fees. Cost \$5380 to \$6100 depending on stateroom. Jim Stoner, Br 114, San Jose, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson 408-238-0746.

**Nov 5-23, 2015: Crossroads of Turkey.** (19 day land tour of Turkey begins in Istanbul and then continues to Asiatic Turkey with stops at the WW1 battlefield of Gallipoli. Other stops will include many ancient Biblical, Roman and Greek sites.) Cost \$3795 which includes airfare, hotel, taxes and fees, gratuities for drivers/guides and 35 meals. Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, San Jose, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

**Nov 6-22, 2015: Panama Canal Cruise.** 16 day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to L.A. and back to S.F. through the Panama Canal aboard the Coral Princess. Cost \$7000 for Two. Includes Air fare too and from SF and one night stay in Ft. Lauderdale as well as ship transfers. Ed Boll, Br 152, Arnold, 209-736-9466.

**Dec 26, 2015-Jan 3, 2016: New Year's Celebration on a Western Caribbean Cruise.** Board the Norwegian Dawn for seven days of freestyle cruising and visiting the following ports of call. Cozumel, Roatan, Harvest Caye, and Costa Maya. Cost starts at \$2350 which includes home pick up, RT airfare, all shipboard meals, and all transfers between locations. Phil Manriquez Br 1, San Bruno, 650-871-5009.

**Dec 29-Jan 2, 2016: New Year's Eve at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.** This AAA Broadmoor five star hotel is the Grand Dame of the Rockies. Tour includes home pick-up, RT airfare to Denver from Sacramento, Royal Gorge Bridge and lunch on the Royal Gorge train. City tour of Colorado Springs and much more. Cost \$1975 includes taxes, fees, and gratuities. Lee Suess, Br 96, 209-296-2235.

**Dec 29-Jan 2, 2016: New Year's in Scottsdale.** Ring in the New Year at the fabulous Hilton Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort. Enjoy tours of Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, Phoenix & Scottsdale for New Year's Eve highlighted with a wonderful dinner along with popular music of the Big Band era! Contact Bruce Bentley, 831-465-6590, for more information.

**Jan 9-19, 2016: Mexican Riviera Cruise.** 11 day of the sun-kissed Mexican Riviera filled with rich culture, bright flowers, and scenic vistas and, definitely, Fun in the Sun. Get a taste of the rich heritage in this vibrant country, from the friendly people and authentic Mexican cuisine. Cost from \$1485. Bruce Bentley, Br.20 Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590.

**Feb 12-Mar 2, 2016: Australia & New Zealand Cruise.** Start in Sydney with a tour then board the MV Sydney for a bay cruise and a 2 night stay at the Rydges World Square Hotel. Next you will board the Diamond Princess with stops in Melbourne, Hobart, and stops in New Zealand. Trip includes air, transfers, all shipboard meals, 2 cocktail parties, and all port taxes and government fees. Also included is Trip Insurance covering pre-existing medical conditions. Cost \$6085 to \$7315 depending on cabin. Larry Martinson, Br 114, San Jose, 408-528-0746 or Jim Stoner 408-238-8458.

## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2015/16*

**Jan 9-16, 2016: Mexican Riviera Cruise.** (11 day cruise from San Francisco with port calls at Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas). Cost \$1455 to \$1995 pp depending on stateroom and includes home pick-up, all taxes and fees, gratuities for drivers and porters, all shipboard meals and entertainment on board. Roy Jordan, Br 62, San Jose, 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt 408-394-7226

**Mar 10-16 ,2016: Azaleas, Plantations & Cajuns.** Experience the hospitality and charm of the south through educational tours of Natchez, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and New Orleans. See spring in full bloom with the surrounding flowers at historic sites and plantations. 3 nights Baton Rouge & 3 nights New Orleans 7 day, 13 meals from \$2105 Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br 20, 831-465-6590

**Mar 12-31, 2016: South America Cruise.** 18 day cruise starting in Santiago, Chile where you will board the Star Princess for a long cruise of South and Central America ending in Los Angeles. Costs of \$3660 to \$5260 depending on cabin selection include home pickup, transfers, meals and entertainment aboard ship, all departure and port taxes, all driver and porter gratuities. Rollo Parsons, Br 141, San Jose, 408-268-5245 or Brian Serpa, 408-227-7658.

**Mar 25-Apr 10, 2016: Big Band Voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.** 16 day all inclusive cruise across the Atlantic on the Crystal Symphony. Relish the blissful luxury of days at sea, highlighted by visits to Bermuda, the Azores, Barcelona,, Bandol, and Monte Carlo. Cost from \$3665. Ken Richter, Br.146, Walnut Creek, 925-689-6217.

**Apr 2-17, 2016: Princess Hawaiian Cruise.** San Francisco R/T to Hawaii. Stops at Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Maui and Ensenada, Mexico. Includes R/T pier transfers, gratuities, excursion special, cocktail party and gifts. Costs range from \$2400 to \$3800. Tom Molinari, Br 147, Petaluma 707-762-1880.

**Apr 17-25, 2016: AMA waterways Tulip Time Cruise.** 8 night river cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium aboard the Ama Serena riverboat. You will visit Amsterdam, Volendam, Edam, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, Kinderdijk and Keukenhof Gardens. Trip includes air, transfers, guided excursions, wine or beer with dinner, free Wi-Fi and more. Cost \$5950 to \$7950 depending on cabin. Jim Stoner, Br. 114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson 408-528-0746.

**May 9-21, 2016: Kenya Safari Adventure.** Visit the best game reserves to see hundreds of animals. Game drives in the mornings and late afternoons. This tour is active and exciting! 4 & 5 star hotels, Mt Kenya National Park, Lake Nakura National Park, Amboseli National Park, Samburu National Game Reserve and Maasai Mara. 13 days, 28 meals. Starting at \$3975, Bruce Bentley, Br.20, Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590.

**May 11-21, 2016: Alaska Cruise.** This 10 day cruise aboard the Grand Princess starts and ends in San Francisco and will make 4 ports of call: Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan and Victoria. The ship will also cruise beautiful Glacier Bay. Included: Transportation to and from SF. Port taxes, taxes on included items, Travelex Group Protection Plan and porter tips. Cost \$2150 to \$3270 depending on cabin. Don House Br 74, 408-268-1703 or Allen Daily 408-265-8140.

**Jun 4-19, 2016: Great American Waterways.** A 15 night cruise on a small boat (Blount-88 passengers) which will sail across four of the Great Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. This adventure starts in Chicago and explores some of Michigan's charming small towns. Marvel at the lowering of the ships on the Welland and Erie Canals than explore New York's Niagara Falls, Cooperstown, West Point and the Statue of Liberty. Cost of \$5660 to \$8125, Port Charges, Taxes, occ insurance included. Mike Console, San Jose, Br 54 & 32, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2015/16*

**July 11-23, 2016: Eastern Europe to Black Sea.** Start with 2 nights in Budapest, then embark on a cruise down the lower Danube to Belgrade, through the Iron Gates, then transit the Black Sea Canal to Constanta followed with a bus to Bucharest. There will be stops in Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. Jim Hohenshelt, Br.62, San Jose, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

**Jul 16-24, 2016: American Empress Steamboat Clarkston-Portland.** This voyage through the Pacific Northwest shows you the bounty and beauty of nature, as well as the history of the this diverse region. Elegant Steamboat state-rooms, free wine with dinners and free shore tours. 9 Days, All meals onboard. Starting a \$4660. Bruce Bentley, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590.

**Sep 6-17, 2016: Colors of Canada & New England.** 10 day cruise aboard Holland America's Ms. Zuiderdam. Cruise from New York to Gloucester, Bar Harbor, Halifax, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edwards Island and Quebec City. Enjoy the sights of Saguenay Fjord and the Gulf of St Lawrence. Cost \$3325 to \$4125. John Pletsch, Br 32, San Jose, 408-274-2993 or Mike Console, 408-504-1255.

**Sep 8-23, 2016: NCL Canada & New England Cruise.** Enjoy the fall colors of New England, Nova Scotia, Prince Edwards Island and New Brunswick all the way to Quebec City. Experience the New NCL cruise line service, food and hospitality on this 15 day cruise. All meals included onboard from only \$2510. Bruce Bentley, Br.20, Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590.

**Nov 12-23, 2016: Panama Canal Cruise.** Centered on Panama itself with visits to Panama City, Chitre, and Gamboa Rain Forest but includes a 2 day complete passage through the Canal on a 24 passenger catamaran. While you're there you will have the opportunity to experience Panama's culture and people. Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, San Jose, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

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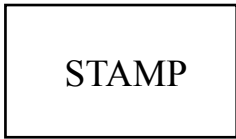
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