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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!**

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#### \*\*\*\*\*TRIP PRESENTATIONS\*\*\*\*\*

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 200 E Hamilton Ave, Campbell, CA. A representative from Alamo World Travel will show slides and answer questions for (1) "Alaska - Yukon - Land and Sea", scheduled for July, 2017 and (2) "Florida's Sunshine Trail", scheduled for November, 2017. Special discounts will be offered for those attending.** RSVP to Mike Console (408) 246-1080 for reservations and directions. It's more fun to travel with friends. Get a group together; they will be welcomed.

#### \*\*\*\*\*OVERNIGHT AND LONGER TRIPS\*\*\*\*\*

**February 3 - 18, 2017 ♦ Hawaii 16-day Grand Princess cruise from SF** ♦ (Br 141) Co-escorts: Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) & Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). Cruise roundtrip from San Francisco on a 16-day cruise to Hawaii stopping at Hilo (Hawaii), Honolulu (Oahu), Lahaina (Maui), Nawiliwili (Kauai), and Ensenada (Mexico). Cruise fare includes home pick-up, gratuities for drivers and porters, port taxes, 1 bottle of wine per stateroom, all meals onboard, and shipboard entertainment, (onboard gratuities

excluded) and return transfers to your home. Cruise fares range from \$2165 pp/inside to \$3445 pp/mini-suite, without insurance. Discounts and promotions may be available from Princess. Talbot Tours will confirm latest discount at time of booking. Make checks payable to: Talbot Tours Trust Account, and mail to Talbot Tours, 1952 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95124. Brochures available from your branch travel chairman or from tour co-escorts.

**March 6-12, 2017 ♦ Spring Training and Southwest Adventure** ♦ (Br 141) Escorts: Brian Serpa (408/227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408/268-5245). Fly to Phoenix and enjoy 2 Spring Training Games and visit the Desert Botanical Gardens and Frank Lloyd Wrights winter home Tallesin West. Day 4 travel by bus from Scottsdale to Sedona where we will meet with a professional tour manager and take in the highlights of the Sedona and Grand Canyon areas. Tour includes Home Pick up and round trip airport transfers, professional guide, 6 nights accommodations, admission fees, baggage handling for one suitcase and all taxes and gratuities for porters and step on guides. The basic price is \$2495 pp double occupancy. Make checks payable to: Talbot Tours Trust Account, and mail to Talbot Tours, 1952 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95124. Brochures available from your branch travel chairman or from tour co-escorts.

**May 20-25, 2017 ♦ 100TH Birthday of JFK on Cape Cod** ♦ (Br 32) Escorts: John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 or (408) 504-1255 and Mike Console (408) 246-1080.6 day tour includes home pick-up and airport transfers, Round Trip Air Fare, 1 night accommodations at Holiday Inn Boston and

4 nights accommodations at Cape Codder Resort & Spa, Hyannis, MA. Deluxe motor coach, 8 meals (4 breakfast and 4 dinners). Tour highlights include JFK Presidential Library, Boston, guided tour of Hyannis, JFK Museum Hyannis, Hyannis harbor cruise, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, whale watching cruise (weather permitting), and guided tour of Nantucket. Total cost including air fare \$2395 (\$2760 single). Deposit including travel ins \$495 (\$522 single) or \$350 without travel ins. Check or Credit Card Payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct and mail along with application in brochure to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121. Final payment due March 14, 2017.

### **June 17 – 25, 2017 ♦ The Colorado Rockies ♦**

(Br 38) Escort, Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521. Co-escort Alan Patmore (408) 867-4197. Nine day escorted tour. Highlights... Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Junction, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Colorado National Monument, Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Mesa Verde National Park, Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Garden of the Gods. You'll be picked up at The Villages or Capitol Light Rail Station in San Jose. These & an optional excursion (Rafting on the Colorado River with Lunch) are exciting destinations with details described in our brochure – available now to view & print on the Br 38 website: <http://branch38.sirinc2.org/> Printed brochures are available at your branch travel table or, call Br 38 escort or, e-mail [brodman@sbeglobal.net](mailto:brodman@sbeglobal.net). **Book by Dec 16, 2016 & save \$100 per person.** Also covered in the \$3159 pp dbl occupancy (\$3059 until Dec 16, 2016) are air taxes & fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, gratuities & RT air fare from San Jose & transportation to/from the airport. First deposit of \$490 pp (which includes cancellation & waiver insurance of \$240) is due upon reservation. Make checks payable to COLLETTE or use the Credit Card Authorization Form (included in the brochure) & mail, along with your application, to Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr, San Jose, CA 95135.

### **July 3-15 2017 ♦ ALASKA YUKON LAND AND SEA**

♦ Sir Br.54 escorted by Mike Console (408) 246-1080 and John Pletsch (408) 274-2992.

This is a 7 night land tour of upper Alaska and the Yukon Territory, followed by a 4 night Cruise through the Inside Passage on the Holland America M/S Nieuw Amsterdam. Tour Features includes: Anchorage, Domed Rail Cars (McKinley Explorer to Denali), Tundra Tour in Denali, Fairbanks, Klondike Spirit Paddle-wheeler Cruise, A short (one hour) Flight to Dawson City, Yukon, Pan for Gold and strike it rich at the Dawson Historic Gold Dredge, Visit Whitehorse where we board the White Pass Train to Skagway, Over night in Skagway where we will board the Holland America Cruise Ship for 4 nights. Ports of call are: Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, and end our journey in Vancouver, Canada. 16 land meals are included along with three meals per day on board Ship.

Cost ranges from : \$5150 Per Person dbl/occ- to \$5895 depending on Cabin selected . Insurance is optional, but highly recommended. Ins costs are from \$395 to \$450 per person and must be purchased at time of deposit which is \$800 Per person. NOTE\*(A discount of \$125 on final payment will be given if you pay by check) Make all Checks Payable to: ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL Mail Checks to: Mike Console, 3527 Parkland Ave. San Jose, Ca. 95117

### **August 14-18, 2017 ♦ Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare**

**Festival ♦** (Br 38) Escort Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521. In Ashland, Oregon a five day bus tour, departing from San Jose The Villages and Capitol Light Rail station features two Shakespeare Festival productions and a Cabaret show “Drowsy Chaperone”. Shakespeare Festival productions are “Merry Wives of Windsor” performed outdoor on the Elizabethan Stage and “Shakespeare in Love” performed indoor at the Bowmer Theatre. Tour Harry & David’s Country Store and Kitchens in Medford, OR, Rogue Creamery and, time permitting, Lille Belle Farms Chocolate Shop. We’ll also visit the National Historic Village Town of Jacksonville. We will make other stops on the way both going (hosted lunch –probably Williams, CA) and returning (Napa Valley hosted lunch and visit a winery for wine tasting). Costs include, insurance, tickets to shows, 9 meals, bus driver and guides tips, baggage handling, and four nights of deluxe accommodations. Cost is \$1450 pp, dbl occ or \$360 additional if single. Deposit of \$400 pp to secure your reservation. Make checks payable to: **Cruise Adventures Unlimited/Trust Account** and mail to Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr., San Jose, CA, 95135

### **September 6-19, 2017 ♦ Atlantic Isles Cruise ♦**

(Br 114) Escorts Larry Martinson (408-238-0746) and Jim Stoner (408-238-8458). This 13-day luxury cruise aboard the *Crystal Symphony* begins and ends in Lisbon, Portugal, with several exotic ports of call in the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, and Morocco. Crystal's legendary all-inclusive six-star service is something SIR members should experience at least once in a lifetime.

Crystal distinguishes itself from other cruise lines by offering the very best in service, food, entertainment and cultural programs. This sailing will feature world-famous chefs and wine experts at lectures, special meals and tastings on board and ashore. All beverages are included -- premium wines and spirits, bottled water, soda, and specialty coffees and teas. You won't be nickled and dimed with various beverage package choices, or tacky clothing and jewelry sales. Painstaking attention to details separates Crystal from all the rest. Everything is first class.

Prices start at \$8095 pp/dbl occ for a deluxe stateroom with large picture window, and rise depending on stateroom category. Price includes a \$250 per person shipboard credit, all gratuities, roundtrip air, port charges, and transfers in San Francisco and Lisbon. Crystal Society members can add a

\$160-240 credit, depending on stateroom choice. Send application and deposit of \$1,000 payable to Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account to Larry Martinson, 9029 Village View Drive, San Jose, CA 95135. Brochure available at your SIR Branch travel table.

**September 28-October 6, 2017 ♦ NORMAN**

**ROCKWELL'S NEW ENGLAND ♦** (Br 32) Tour Escorts John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 or (408-504-1255 (cell) and Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Take a tour through the backroads the Berkshire and Adirondack Mountains as you admire the fall foliage and visit the life memories of Norman Rockwell. The tour includes Boston City Tour (Old North Church, USS Constitution, Boston Commons and more, Lexington and Concord, the (Rockwell Museum) in Stockbridge MA which houses over 700 of his original works, Bennington VT (Grandma Moses Museum), Rutland VT (Saturday Evening Post Museum), Lake Placid NY (1932 & 1980 Winter Olympics). Then ferry cross Lake Champlain to Burlington VT and into the Green Mountains. Visit Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and then to Stowe Village (Von Trapp Family home). Cross the Connecticut River into New Hampshire driving along the Washington Hwy and then into the coastal town of York Beach, Maine. Prices are \$3385 (dbl occ) and \$4240 (single occ). Price includes Home Pickup, Airport transfers, Round-trip Air, Deluxe Motrcoach, 14 meals, admissions to museums, luggage handling and gratuities. Deposit of \$250 or \$506 incl insurance(dbl occ) or \$561 (single occ). Checks or credit cards payable to Talbot Tours Trust Acct, and mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121. Final Payment is due July 7, 2017.

**November 9-20, 2017 ♦ FLORIDA'S SUNSHINE**

**TRAIL ♦** Sir Br. 32 Escorts Mike Console (408) 246-1080 and John Pletsch (408) 274-2992. 12 days, 11 nights of 1st class accommodations. The spotlight on this trip features Florida's top attractions such as: A free day in Orlando to take advantage of the numerous attractions there (Disney World, Epcot, and more), Other stops include: St Augustine, Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center, West Palm Beach, Key West-2nights, Miami-2 nights, Air Boat experience through the Everglades, Naples, Fort Myers-2 nights, Visit the Edison and Ford's winter estates. Costs: \$4250 per person dbl/occ. Single Supplement-\$1375. Deposit of \$500 p/p. Optional Insurance- \$325 pp/dbl. \$375 Single Make Checks Payable to: ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL Mail checks to: Mike Console 352 7 Parkland Ave. San Jose, Ca. 95117