



Port Stockton Sayings Bulletin



The monthly bulletin of Port Stockton Branch 46 of Sons In Retirement, a California non-profit corporation chartered July 23, 1974.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 17th THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING AUGUST - 2017

There's not much happening in August to bring to your attention. Of course, our own personal day occurs on the 21st. That's Senior Citizen's Day in case you didn't know. I wonder what they're going to do for us this year. VJ Day is August 15th, and Women's Equality Day occurs on August 26.

The Luncheon went well, in spite of the fact that our scheduled speaker was a no-show. So far we don't have a reason for this. To my knowledge, this is the first time this has ever happened. It appears that my term as Big Sir is slightly snake-bit. If you recall, in January the electric power was also a no-show so we didn't even have a luncheon. On a more positive note, the speaker void was filled by our current and past branch officers giving short talks on their duties. These speakers were John Doisy, ex-Little Sir; Paul Wagner, Secretary; and Bill Werner, Treasurer. We have yet to fill vacancies for these positions, and anyone interested should call Paul Wagner. Our current and existing candidates for 2018 are listed further on in this bulletin. These candidates will be voted on during next month's luncheon.

In order to combat our overall declining membership - a problem for all branches - the State Sir office has created a document outlining improvements we can make in our recruiting efforts. The document is titled RAMP and calls for creation of four new branch-level committees. It is described further on in this bulletin, and we will be hearing more about this system in the coming months. Finally, hats off to our previous (2016) Big Sir Paul Wagner who was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from State President Don Dill.

John Doisy - Big Sir 2017

Important Dates for Branch 46 August, 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- Aug 4 International Beer Day
- Aug 5 National Underwear Day
- Aug 10 National S'more's Day
- Aug 14 Branch Exec. Committee
- Aug 15 V-J Day
- Aug 17 Branch Luncheon
- Aug 21 Senior Citizen's Day
- Aug 23 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- Aug 26 Women's Equality Day
- Aug 30 Toasted Marshmallow Day

NEW IN THIS EDITION

- --Birthdays and Anniversaries
- --July Luncheon Happenings
- --Calendar with Important Events
- --2018 Candidates (voting time!)
- --August Speaker
- --RAMP-A New Document from State It'll be around for a while - Read It!
- --August thru September 18-Hole Golf
- --Latest Romeo Information
- --Two travel pages (Up to May 2018)

SIR BOWLING

Come join us for bowling fun every Wednesday morning, 9:30 am, at Pacific Bowl. Experienced bowlers, beginners and anybody in between will have a great time. Women are welcome, too.

Call Ron Korock at 951-4759 for more information. Or ronkorock@comcast.net



Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting, please give our Attendance Chairman, Dick Andersen, a call (478-3753) or send him an e-mail: whalelady@comcast.net

Bring a Friend, Win a Prize

- When you bring a friend (prospective new member) to a Branch 46 lunch meeting, you will receive FREE five 50-50 tickets. Good luck! **ALSO**, if your friend happens to join, then you will receive a free lunch.



SIR BRIDGE

Bridge starts at 9AM preceding the monthly meeting. Please contact Dave Palmer to reserve a seat at a bridge table.

Dave Palmer Bridge Chairman 242-2093 or E-mail Dave at dpalmeretal@aol.com

Sunshine & Memorials:

John Mendonca is our chairman for this committee. His phone number is 477-0743. Whenever you are aware of a member who has a serious illness or whose family has experienced some tragic circumstances, please give John a call. Please don't be hesitant to call John if you are aware of a member who is having problems. A call from the SIR would be greatly appreciated.



9 Hole Golf

The 9 hole golf group plays every Tuesday at Swenson Executive Course. Players should arrive by **8:30 a.m.** to get their tee times. In the winter months we play on an informal basis. Come and join us. John Mendonca

Any questions, call me at 477-0743 or johnmendonca@yahoo.com

SWITCHING TO E-MAIL



Sending out bulletins via Snail-mail (USPS) is time consuming and expensive. If you have a computer and are now receiving your bulletin thru the mail, please consider switching to E-mail. Simply contact Jack Lamberty and we'll take care of the rest. Thank you. **Remember – E-mail is in color!!**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165 JackL68734@aol.com

WELCOME OUR NEW STARS



New members to Branch 46 are easy to recognize. They have a star on their badge. When you see a star on a SIR's nametag, make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them to Branch 46. **We suggest you also send a welcoming E-mail to the new member.**



**August 17 Luncheon
2018 Officers & Directors**

Note: For the complete 2017 schedule, visit the branch website: <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

18 Hole Golf Schedule for August, September, & October:

- Aug 16 2 Person Mixed Scramble Elkhorn Rutherford
- Aug 30 4 Man Manteca Bob Cossey
- Sept 13 2 Man BB Castle Oaks Rutherford
- Sept 28 4 Man Modified Tracy Bob Cossey
- Oct 11 2 Man Scramble The Reserve Rutherford
- Oct 27 2 Man Scramble Van Buskirk Stevens

Please plan to play. Questions- please call Gary Calhoon 474-6448, garycalhoon@comcast.net

AUGUST SPEAKER

Our August speaker will be Mr. Kelly Olds, the Executive Director of the San Joaquin County Fair. Mr. Olds has a BA from UC Berkeley and is a graduate fellow of the California Agricultural Leadership program. Mr. Olds has held several senior management positions in agribusiness, produce, and food processing. In recent years, he was CEO of Visalia-based Provisions Food Co., a wholesale food distributor; CEO of Driftwood Dairy in El Monte, which supplied milk for the Los Angeles Unified School district; and Stockton-based Human Resources manager with Super Store Industries. Mr. Olds lives in Lodi with his wife Karen and they have three daughters.

Officers

Big Sir..... Dave Derksen
Little Sir.....**No candidate yet**

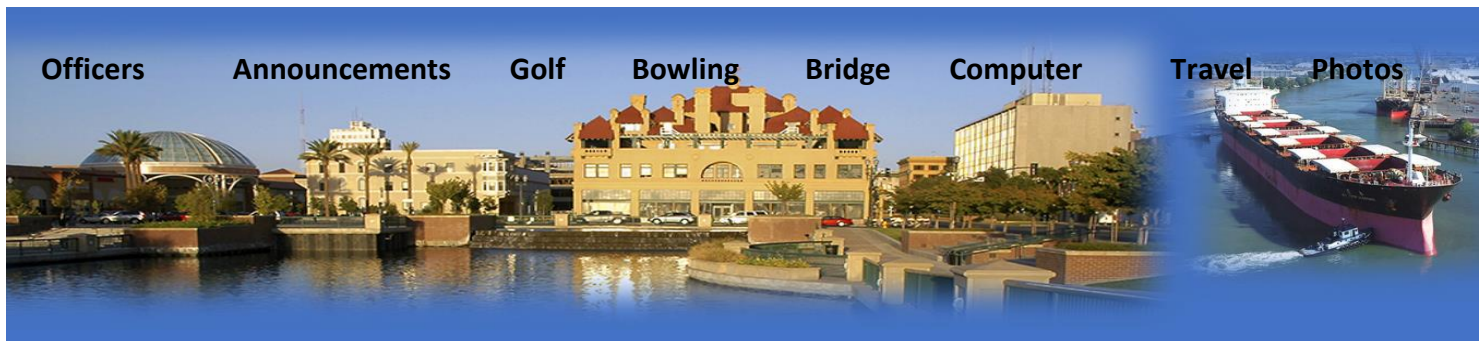
Secretary **No candidate yet**
Assistant Secretary.....John Stevens
Treasurer.....**No candidate yet**
Assistant Treasurer.....Bob Stewart

Directors

2016-2018.....Jack Lamberty
John Mendonca
2017-2019 Ron Korock
Bill Halboth
2018-2020 John Doisy
No candidate yet

Note that we need one more volunteer for the 2018-2020 Director slot. This is a cushy job where you attend our monthly executive meetings and participate in running the branch. Directors make recommendations, vote on issues before the board, and participate as necessary in any new or old branch activities. The experience is valuable, particularly if you're interested in becoming a branch officer.

By approving this slate, you will be approving all listed officers plus the 2018-2020 Director. Other Directors listed were approved for their terms in previous years.



BRANCH 46 WEBSITE

<http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

Remember, to access the website, just use the CTRL, click feature on the above link.

Note: Be sure to check out the travel link on the website. There are several new trips listed on the last page which we couldn't put in the bulletin due to space limitations.

The Computer link on the main website page features the August edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. Interesting write-ups that we can relate to are described briefly below.

3. How to remove Malware from your computer and make it run "better". We have Windows 10 and tried the method involved - ran into a lot of problems -eventually gave up. They warn you that the Windows 10 instructions are somewhat involved.

6. Robocalls. Government levied a 120 million fine against one robocaller. If you're getting robocalls, I would recommend reading this. I'm sure we were one of his "victims".

10. No more fog lamps on front of cars. You may have noticed. Brighter headlights eliminate need.

15. Electric cars. Definitely the car of the future. Volvo will quit making gasoline cars in 2 years. France has banned manufacture of gasoline cars. China and Europe are seriously considering this. Good article – lots of pluses and minuses about the future of electric cars.

Finally, if you would like to have something posted on the web concerning Branch 46, please contact: Jack Lamberty. 451-1165 or Email at JackL68734@aol.com.



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)



Dinner at 6:00pm on August 28 at **GARLIC BROTHERS**, 6629 Embarcadero Dr. \$20 per person including tax and tip. Order any Entree off the menu (excepting the Grilled Yucatan Prawns or French Cut Lamb Chops).

Garlic Brothers is located west of I-5. Go West on Benjamin Holt to the curve. Their driveway is on your right up onto the levee just after the curve.

RSVP Pete Lepisto at (209)948-2265 or SISIFINN1@SBCGLOBAL.NET or sign up at our August luncheon meeting on August 17th.

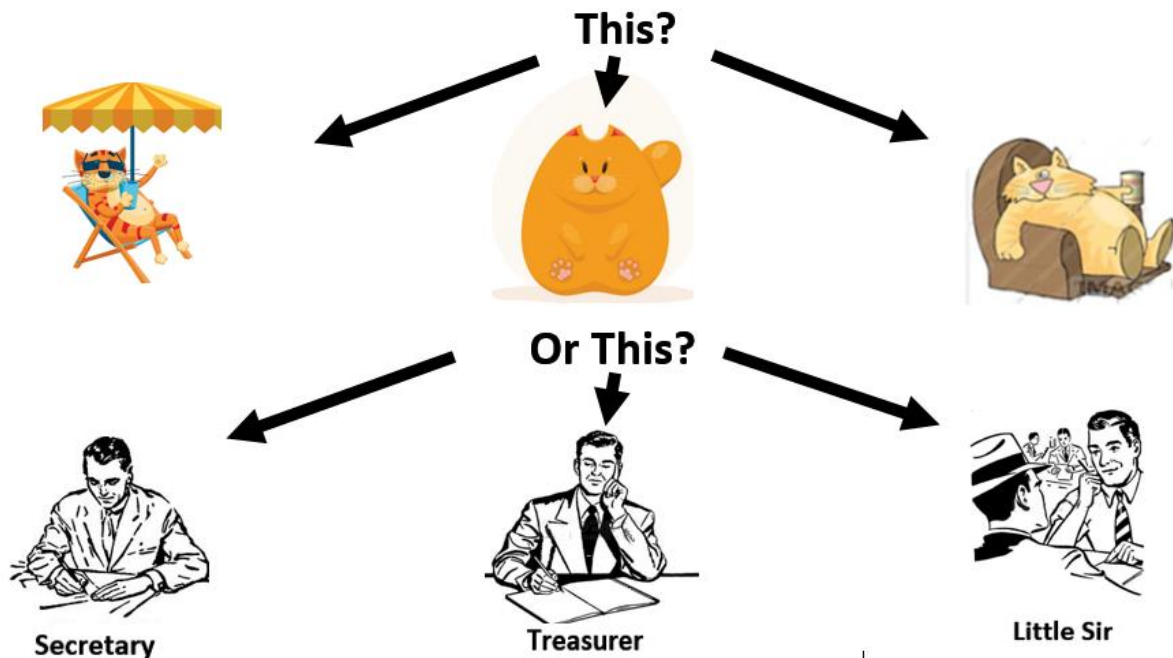
What's Happening on January 18, 2018?

THIS could be happening if we don't have our 3 Main Officers!



Not a pretty picture, is it?

That's right! We can't operate without a Little Sir, Treasurer, and Secretary. Your branch needs your help! Would you please give some serious consideration to volunteering for one of these positions. Think about it! Do you want to be a "fat cat" or a contributor to the well-being and future of your branch? Which do you want to be?



Please don't worry about whether or not you can do the job. If you're alive and well you can do it. We plan on providing on-the-job training by inviting officer candidates to our BEC meetings so they can see what's happening in the branch. That way the first 2018 BEC meeting will be "old hat" to you. You'll learn practically everything necessary for the job.

**For more information on these positions contact:
Paul Wagner (931-9001) or Jack Lamberty (451-1165)**

Help your branch! We need you!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2017 SIRS BRANCH 46

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – RON KOROCK

OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Don COMBS

Steve VIADO

Lee ALMQUIST

John PULVER

Bill WERNER

Bill NOEL

Chuck ARGUS

Roosevelt LOYD

CELEBRATING THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nellie & John HILL

anniversary date August 25, 2001

Tambi & Roosevelt LOYD

anniversary date August 11, 1982

Lori & Gary CALHOON

anniversary date August 16, 1969

Connie & Dick ANDERSEN

anniversary date August 24, 1968

Dianne & Larry SMITH

anniversary date August 20, 1968

50 YEARS OR MORE GREETINGS GO TO ...

Bonnie & Mac McCREARY

anniversary date August 07, 1965

Suzie & Frank CLARK

anniversary date August 08, 1964

Donna & Bill HALBOTH

anniversary date August 04, 1962

Judy & Bob COSSEY

anniversary date August 12, 1961

AND CELEBRATING 60 OR MORE YEARS ...

Pat & Jim PICKERING

anniversary date August 10, 1956

Nancy & Jim HARRIS

anniversary date August 30, 1952

Membership...98 Active, 11 Inactive

July Meeting Attendance...51 = 52%

July Luncheon Happenings

Since the scheduled speaker didn't show up, the luncheon theme shifted to recruitment and, in particular, filling the three officer positions for 2018. Big Sir John Doisy had current and past officers describe their positions and the work involved so that we actually had three speakers for the luncheon. Big Sir John talked about his work as Little Sir last year, Bill Werner discussed the Treasurer position, and Paul Wagner described the Secretary job. Luncheon attendance was 52%. This is fairly typical for the summer months. In 2016, attendance was 54% and 50% for July and August, respectively. Big Sir John Doisy presented a Certificate of Appreciation to last year's Big Sir Paul Wagner from State SIR President Don Dill. John also introduced new member Prince Smith and presented him with his packet. Roster information for Prince is in the May bulletin.



WELCOME TO BRANCH 46, PRINCE!

RAMP - What is it?

RAMP is a system directed toward increasing branch membership. The 4 letters in RAMP stand for Recruiting, Activities, Member Relations, and Publicity

Recently we have been hearing a lot about the name RAMP; however, very little information has reached the main body of our members. So we're going to cram as much information as we can into a single page.

RAMP was created at State level in response to our declining membership. The decrease is due not only to our low recruiting numbers but also our loss of existing members through either death or resignations. At its peak, SIR membership was around 33,000 and now is about 14,000, and the number of branches has gone from over 300 to 129 currently.

To counteract this, each branch has been provided with an information package called a "toolkit". The document is well-written, complete, and describes a system specifically directed toward increasing membership. It calls for 4 additional chairmen in each branch, one for each of the four RAMP areas with additional members assigned in each area to assist the chairman. As an example of State SIR interest in this program, every branch has been asked to provide the names of RAMP Chairmen on SIR Form 20 which is the form currently used to list Branch Officers and specific chairmen. Most of the RAMP document is a tool box of ideas directed towards increasing membership and also maintaining our current membership levels. Each of the four RAMP areas has its own listing of ideas, suggestions, and methods for this. We have summarized some of the important features of each.

Recruiting: Create a Recruiting committee with chairman plus committee members. Provide the members with Sir Cards, incentives, recognition AND include their spouses. Place brochures where candidates gather – golf courses, bowling alleys, fishing retailers, senior centers, barber shops, etc.

Activities: Create an Activity committee, chair + committee members. Begin at least 4 new activities this year. Survey members for ideas. There are 75 activities listed on the State Sir website. Start at least 2 new activities involving couples. Bring in the ladies wherever possible – they are good recruiters. Introduce guests to the branch through activities.

Member Relations: Appoint a Member Relations chair + committee members. Have a new member orientation meeting as soon as possible after he is approved. Besides the new member, meeting should involve Big or Little Sir, Member Relations chairman, and sponsor. Meeting subjects are provided in main document. Have a yearly survey of members which rates the branch on various areas and on items needing addition, improvement, and/or elimination.

Publicity: Appoint a Publicity Chairman + 3 committee chairmen. Insure branch website conveys the desired branch image. Website should be user friendly. Obtain a full stock of Sir publicity brochures, cards and holders, and put them in places where our membership candidates tend to visit. Work to improve branch image at luncheons and impress guests. Guests can be a good source of publicity.

Note: The information in each activity listed above represents only a small portion of all the toolbox ideas and methods listed in the RAMP document. Future bulletins will carry more information on RAMP.

SIR Travel Opportunities 2017

Note: If you decide to book one of these trips or cruises, please go through the branch Travel Chairman shown in the listing. He has spent a great deal of time and effort setting up these opportunities for SIR members, and you will be able to socialize with a group of your fellow Sirs.

Note #2 Due to space limitations in the bulletin, not all travel opportunities appear in the bulletin and, in particular, some of the listings for 2018. If you're interested in any of these, go to our website <http://branch46.sirinc2.org> and click on the Travel link.

Aug 14-22, 2017: US & Canadian National Parks. Explore 7 spectacular locations including Glacier National Park, Banff National Park, Kootenay National Park, Waterton National Park. You'll also visit Lake Louise, Emerald Lake, Silverado Silver Mine, and Spokane. Cost of \$3250 includes RT Air, Tour Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Taxes and Gratuities. Tom Duncanson, Br.20, 831-662-8605.

Aug 14-18, 2017: Ashland, Shakespeare Festival. 5-day tour featuring the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Jacksonville Belle Fiore Winery, Harry & David's Dinner Cabaret Show, Country Village, and Kitchens of Harry and David before returning to Ashland for a visit the Oregon Cabaret Theatre. Cost of \$1450 includes Deluxe Motorcoach, 4 nights lodging, 9 meals, 3 performances and Tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521. (*This trip is now waitlisted*)

Sep 6-19, 2017: Atlantic Isles Cruise. 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 distinguishes itself from other cruise lines by offering the very best in service, food, entertainment and cultural programs. All beverages are included. Prices start at \$8095 and include deluxe stateroom, \$250 shipboard credit, RT Air, all gratuities, port charges and transfers in SF. Larry Martinson, Br. 114, San Jose, 408-238-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

Sep7-20, 2017: Prague, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. This itinerary offers sights that will delight your senses. Highlights include: Prague, Rothenberg, Munich, Salzburg, Hitler's Eagles Nest, Oberammergau, Kleine, Scheidegg, Black Forest, Rudesheim and the Rhine River Cruise. The deluxe tour RTAir, most meals, accommodations, tour manager, admission to all activities, luggage handling, and all taxes. Cost \$5495 including air. Lee Suess, Br 96, Jackson, 209-296-2235.

Sep 10-23, 2017: Southern Italy & Sicily. A 14-day trip touring Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Giardini, Naxos, Taormina, Catania, Matera, Alberobello, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Pompeii. The cost of \$4,849 pp includes Cancellation Insurance, RT airfare, all taxes, fees and surcharges. Bill Britton, Br 101/121, 925-443-9913

Sep 28-Oct 6, 2017: Norman Rockwell New England. Tour through the backroads of 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 then ferry cross Lake Champlain to Burlington VT and into the Green Mountains. Then cross the Connecticut River in New Hampshire into the coastal town of York Beach, Maine. Price is \$3385, John Pletsch, Br 32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080 or Tom Duncanson Br. 20, 831-662-8605.

Oct 5-13, 2017: Sicily in Depth. Escorted Tour of Catania, Syracuse, Ragusa, Agrigento, Palermo, Erice, Cefalu, Taormina, Giardini, Naxos, Mt Etna, and Savoca. Cost of \$1913 pp for land only, add approx. \$950 for Air. Henry Puccinelli, Br. 22, 415-897-2364.

Oct 13-20, 2017: Niagara Falls & Grand Hotel. 7-day trip also including Mackinac Island, Henry Ford Museum IMAM Movie, motorcoach and airfare. Cost \$3095.00 pp. Paul Peters, Br 73, 510-724-8345

Oct 29-Nov 5,2017 Panama Canal Cruse. 15-day Cruse from SF with 20 stops including Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Chiapas, Puerto Quetzal, Puerto Corinto, Puerto Caldera, Panama Canal, Cartagena and Ft Lauderdale. Cost include home pickup and return and Airfare from Ft Lauderdale. Cabins start at \$3099 to \$4575. Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

Oct 22-29, 2017: Coastal Cruise R/T from SF. The 7-day cruise starts in SF and ends in SF aboard the Grand Princess. Stops will include Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Ensenada and San Diego. Price of \$1220 to \$1695 depending on cabin includes bottle of wine, port tax, group protection plan, and porter tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521.

Nov 2-9, 2017: Branson, Bentonville & Beyond. Wine, Dine and Yacht with Branson entertainers and see the beautiful scenery and historic sites of the Northwest Arkansas.

Tour includes: RT Air, 7 nights Deluxe Hotel, Professional Guide, Deluxe Motorcoach, 17 meals, admission to attractions and taxes and baggage. Tom Duncanson, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-662-8605.

Dec 29-Jan 2, 2018: Rose Parade New Year's Making a difference. A way to honor and celebrate all of the people in our communities. RT air, 4 nights' hotel, 7 meals, deluxe Motorcoach, Professional escorts. Reserved seating at the 129th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade with many tour options included. Joe Salamida, Br 54, 408-767-2838 or Archie Belogloviski, 408-253-3956.

Dec 29- Jan 2, 2018: New Year's in Memphis at New Graceland Guest House. Highlights include 4 nights at the New Graceland Guest House, Gala New Year's Eve Dinner, Tour of Graceland, Rock n Soul Museum, Memphis Music Hall of Fame, The Cotton Museum, Lorraine Motel & Nat'l Civil Rights Museum. Fabulous Memphis Farewell Dinner & entertainment. Tom Duncanson, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-662-8605.

Jan 12-22, 2018 Cruising the Mexican Riviera. A 10-night cruise from SF on the Grand Princess with ports of call in Puerta Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlán, Cabo San Lucas and back to SF. Cost ranges from \$1565 to \$2375 depending on cabin and includes all taxes and fees, all tipping for drivers, pre-trip orientation, home pick up and return and all shipboard meals. Rollo Parsons Br.141, 408-268-5245 or Brian Serpa, 408-227-7658.

Feb 8-16,2018: Tropical Costa Rica. Highlights of this trip include, air, insurance, 13 meals, gratuities and guides. You will visit the unique ecosystem of the Monteverde Cloud Forest, the Doka Coffee Estate, the Arenal Volcano the Cano Negro Nature Preserve and much more. Cost is \$3299. Jim Stoner, Br 114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson, 408-528-0746.

Apr 4-14, 2018: Tulip Time in Holland. A 7-night Cruise R/T to Amsterdam aboard AMA Waterways. Celebrate the beauty of the Netherlands and Belgium in the springtime. You will visit the legendary Keukenhof Gardens, and pass colorful row houses and houseboats, See Ann Franks home then indulge in culinary bliss via Belgium chocolates and stroomwafel. Cost ranges from \$4830.00 to \$6195.00 based on cabin choice and includes complimentary bikes, unlimited complimentary fine dining and wines, all guides, gratuities and taxes, R/T air, choice of excursions, and river view staterooms or suites. John Pletsch, Br.32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

May 12-18, 2018: Southern Charm Discovery. Trip features Jekyll Island, Savannah & Charleston, Jacksonville, St Simons Island, Andrew Low House, and choice of Boone Hall Plantation or Patriots Pt. Naval Museum. Cost is \$2836.00 covers air taxes & fees, hotel & transfers, gratuities and R/T air, Bill Rodman, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at bobnjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed