



GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95

SIR is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of our members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making friends for life.

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Kevin King, Editor

BIG SIR | Jay Muzio 650-302-1902



Can you believe it's June already? We're fast approaching the halfway point of 2023, the time of year that makes you stop and wonder, "where has this year gone?" The summer solstice is June 21st and the days will be getting shorter after that. But, as a guy who usually sees the glass as half full, I prefer to view it as time to look forward to enjoying the still-long days of summer.

June was when school was out for the summer in our childhood. In the fifties, our neighborhood was full of kids, and we would play outside until dark or until we were called home by our parents. There were long camping trips in the '57 Ford station wagon, and weeks spent at my grandmother's house swimming in the public pool. Of course, in those days there was no such thing as sunscreen and for a kid with almost no melanin in his skin, I had a perpetual sunburn and skin peal. My cousin Kathleen, who is six years older than I, would organize the younger kids to perform shows for the adults. The great aunts, grandmothers and great grandmother would sit on the big porch that went around the house and looked down on the lawn where we would perform. Marching, singing and baton twirling were a big part of the performances. On many summer evenings my grandfather would take us to the dumps in Columbia to watch the bears raid the garbage and then it was to my grandmother's where we would fall asleep in wonderful crisp sheets that had been hung on the clothesline since there were no dryers in those days. Those were great, carefree days

with no schedules and our activities were whatever our imaginations could conceive.

Let us also remember that June 18th is Father's Day. This day has special meaning since many of us are fathers and all of us had fathers at least at our conception. I know there can be a lot of emotion associated with Father's Day so I will not elaborate here. I was lucky enough to have had a wonderful, supportive father who I celebrated this day with for 60 years, and as old as I am, I miss him every day. As the years have passed, our family Father's Days have expanded to honor our two sons who are fathers to our three grandchildren.

June 30th is also International Asteroid Day and the birthday of someone I know you all know and love—me. Birthdays always give us an opportunity to consider our mortality. None of us are guaranteed tomorrow, but would we live our life any differently if we knew a planet-killing asteroid was heading to earth and there was no way to avoid it? Or would we live our lives differently if we knew the time of our last day? Except for wanting to be with my family, I don't think I would do anything differently. So, fortunately, I must be a happy, contented guy.

June is traditionally the month we have our Annual Picnic. This year it is on June 14th at Promontory Park. I hope you have already signed up to attend. Our Little SIR, Lew Chapman, has been working extremely hard to make this event an enormous success.

See **BIG SIR** next page

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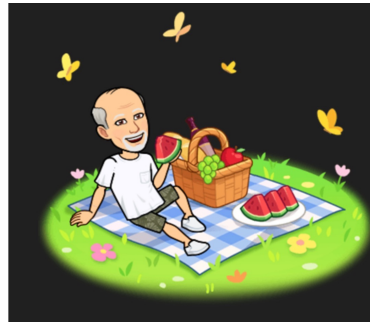
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Please support all the efforts of those who work so hard to provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience by honoring us with your attendance.

The next General Membership meeting after the Annual Picnic is July 12th at Cameron Park Country Club. Hope to see you all at the usual time.

LITTLE SIR | Lew Chapman
510-912-5658

Many of you have signed up for the Annual SIR Branch 95 Picnic at Promontory Park on June 14th, Flag Day. We start at 11:00 am and will go until about 3:00 pm. Attendees will enjoy catering by Back Forty BBQ and lots of activities (corn hole, putterball, Four in a Row, bocce ball), and two group games (bingo and trivial pursuit). Winners will accrue tickets which go into the drawing hopper to win nice prizes. Those not there are square or otherwise probably had other commitments.



Our monthly luncheon meetings will resume at Cameron Park Country Club on Wednesday July 12th. Our speaker will be Bonnie Rea, MSW, a Family Care Specialist with the Alzheimer's Association. She will provide an overview of Alzheimer's and Dementia and answer your questions.

Our tentative speaker schedule for the balance of the year includes:

- August - Deborah Seiler, President, Renaissance Society
- September - Lewis Chapman, Little SIR, Our 2019 World Cruise in the Southern Hemisphere, 140 days, 43 Ports of Call
- October - tbd
- November- Christina Wynn, Sacramento County Tax Assessor
- December - Holiday dinner

If you know a potential speaker, please give me a call. We are building a great SIR-wide speaker database on the State SIR website which was developed by and is managed by Kevin King.

Branch 95 Annual Picnic

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

11:00am - 3:00pm

SIGNUPS EXTENDED TO 6/7

PROMONTORY PARK

2700 Alexandra Drive

El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

~ Menu ~

BBQ Beef Brisket

BBQ Chicken

Potato Salad

Coleslaw

Rolls

Soft drinks

Dessert

June Birthdays

Ray DiBasilio
Brian Lemley
Dan Link
Jay Muzio
Dennis Windsor



June SIR Anniversaries

10 years: Terry Privott

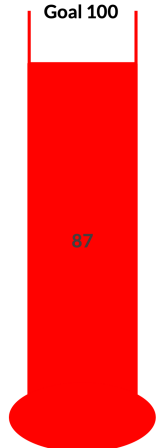
Membership

Welcome new members:
Jim Nystrom, Dennis Pfaff, Mike Steinbach and Paul Warner

New members this year: 13

Current number of members: 87

2023 Membership
Goal 100



BRANCH HAPPENINGS / SIR COMINGS & GOINGS | Kevin King (PBS) 916-337-9811

Introducing our four newest members:



Jim Nystrom learned about our Branch by picking up one of our flyers after conducting an owl rescue at Cameron Park Country Club. He was a fabricator/technician at a number of high tech companies. He currently volunteers as a blacksmith at Marshall Gold Mine in Coloma and is a raptor team first responder for Sierra Wildlife Rescue. He listed a number of interests including bocce, photography, fishing, golf, pickleball and wine tasting. He and his wife, Karen, live in Placerville.



Dennis Pfaff heard about SIR from our Membership Chairmen's (David Chighizola) wife. He was a facility repair worker for the City of San Jose. He listed baseball, biking and golf as his preferred activities and indicated his willingness to help out at lunch either as a greeter or assisting at the check-in table. Dennis and his wife, Loretta, live in Cameron Park.



Mike Steinbach, who is joining our Branch, is also a member of Branch 113 (Pollock Pines). He is a Financial Advisor for Edwards Jones and has a background in computer science. He listed bowling, breakfast club, investments, pinochle and wine tasting as his activities. Mike was originally from Michigan but he and his wife, Susan, now call Camino home.



Paul Warner learned about our Branch through an ad in The Gold Panner magazine. He listed a number of activities of interest. Among them were a few that our Branch currently offers including bocce, bowling and pickleball. Paul's a 10-year US Air Force veteran having served in Vietnam. He is a graduate of the USAF Academy and University of San Francisco Law School. He and his wife, Joan, live in Placerville.

Please welcome them to the Branch and invite them to your table the next time you see them. With these four new members, our membership count is now 87.

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW SIR

As mentioned above, Jim Nystrom, one of our newest members, is a raptor team first responder for Sierra Wildlife Rescue. It was while wrapping up a rescue that Jim learned about SIR by picking up one of our brochures from the message board we place in front of the club entrance on meeting days. An owlet, still covered in down feathers, had fallen from its nesting spot onto the ground from a huge cavity of a very large oak tree halfway down the fairway of the 10th hole at Cameron Park Country Club. With the Great Horned Owl's mother watching vigilantly from above, Jim's team along with Cameron Park Fire Department developed a plan to re-nest the owlet. As CPFDD raised a 3-section ladder to the nesting spot, the mother owl flew away to observe at a safe distance. Jim carefully placed the owlet in a sack and began the climb up the ladder. Reaching the top, Jim could see a sibling owlet in the tree cavity. Jim reached into the sack and the owlet quickly clamped down on Jim's fingers with its talons but released again upon seeing its sibling. Once the team returned to the clubhouse, the mother owl was seen flying back to its nest. Of all of Jim's accomplishments during the course of his 47-year career, he described this as the most rewarding thing he had ever done.



DID YOU KNOW...

If you've been following the news lately, you've heard a lot about recent developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques and, in particular, tools such as ChatGPT. We've even seen examples of ChatGPT and heard about its power and ease of use in April's Big SIR article and May's Invocation.

Early focus on the news about these tools was about plagiarism and how to detect it. More recent stories show these tools' potential to be disruptive in the wrong hands by its ability to perfectly replicate a person's voice. Fake news is something that's part of our lexicon these days and especially important now as we're entering another political cycle. There have been stories of family members calling to say they have been involved in a serious accident or are in jail when, in fact, they were safe at work. Last week, a Nextdoor post here in EDH was regarding a phone call a man received from his wife's phone number from a man claiming to have his wife and demanding money. It turns out his wife was in another part of the house. Evolving AI and digital imaging technology will make Zoom and FaceTime calls, where you might actually see a distressed family member on the screen pleading for your help, easier to fake.

That's where we are going. Many of us have been victimized by spam or spoofing emails or even identity theft. This latest technology is taking it up several notches. Alarmingly, the developers of this technology are already pleading with Congress to regulate the very technology they created. Many of the biggest names in the industry signed a statement saying "Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war."

The message here is to rely on trusted news sources and be diligent in protecting yourself and your personal information online. As traumatizing as it may be to receive one of these calls from a family member, it's important to keep your wits about you. Try locating or calling the person to check on their well-being. You might also consider creating a family "safe word" that would help you identify a family member who may actually be in distress. Advances in computer technology reminds me of the days when we didn't lock our houses and left the keys in the car. Safeguards will catch up to the technology but, in the meantime, we need to take a few precautions.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Her Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment about it.

Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much. I asked him what was wrong and he said nothing. I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it.

On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.'

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep - I cried.

I don't know what to do. I am almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

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His Diary:

Couldn't hit the fairway today...can't figure out why.

Two SIR-wide golf events have recently been announced. For more information, click on the following links to view and printout the flyers.

[Reno Tournament](#)

[State Team Championship](#)

Additional details and registration forms are posted on the State Golf website at sirgolf.org.

BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman 916-817-1524



We are finally into earlier tee times and warmer weather. With Empire Ranch at the beginning of June, we move to 9:00 am tee times. In mid-July, we move to 8:00 am tee times. This is to avoid the hottest part of the day, but it is a little harder for those of us that are not early risers.

We will move back to 9:00 am start times at the end of September and then on to 10:00 am start times at the end of October. Be sure to check your emails when signing up for the weekly golf tournaments to see what time check-in is for that round.

We have added another new member to our golf group. Welcome to Iain Marshall who recently became our newest golf member. A reminder to all golfers that in order to collect your prize money, you need to stay around until everything is finalized at the end of the round.

In the coming months we will be playing Ancil Hoffman, Diamond Oaks and Bing Maloney golf courses in addition to our regular play at Empire Ranch, Mather and Wildhawk. Be sure to check the schedule and watch your emails to sign up for each tournament.

Thanks to Kevin King for maintaining the golf information on the SIR Branch 95 website. It has all the information about the tournaments, standings for the SIR Branch 95 Gold Country Cup and the Marksman of the Year Award and current qualification information for the Club Championship. It also has a photo gallery of our golf members, if you want to review who you are playing with.

To those golfers that have not been able to play with us very often this year, I hope to see you healthy and able to join us again. I also realize that some may be missing golf dates now that travel has resumed and members are catching up on lost travel opportunities. Safe travel to all.

Editor's Note: There's still plenty of time to make the field for this year's Club Championship in October. A SIR Branch 95 golf member must complete 10 rounds to qualify. To date, six members are in with 15 tournaments remaining to qualify. Get up to date information as to the number of rounds you've played and the remaining rounds to qualify in the SIR Branch 95 Club Champion section of the Golf page on our Branch website sirinc2.org/branch95/golf/.

SAND TRAPS

Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman
916-817-1524

Golf Director (Mather)
Dennis Petersen 916-817-1149

Golf Director (Wildhawk)
Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484

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SIR Branch 95 Results 2023 Tournaments

May 2nd - Empire Ranch
1st - Terry Starkel
2nd - Al Gurevich
3rd - Richard Mohr
Closest to the pin - Terry Starkel

May 9th - Mather
1st - Jay Muzio
2nd - Rick Willson
3rd - Dan Maglionico
Closest to the pin - Rick Willson

May 16th - Wildhawk
1st - Dennis Petersen
2nd - Oli Bohlman
3rd - Tim Irish
Closest to the pin - Randy Hood

May 23rd - Bartley Cavanaugh
1st - Al Gurevich
2nd - Tim Irish
3rd - Ray Guenther
Closest to the pin - Ray Guenther

SIR-branded apparel is available through the SIR ProShop. Check out what's available at sir.ourproshop.com. Show the community that you're a SIR.

SIR Websites

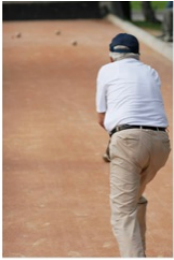
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BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



Drop-In bocce is lots of fun. No experience needed. There is plenty of court space available; so join us if you can on Thursday mornings at 10am at Promontory Park. Couples are welcome. Contact me at 916-844-4067 or obohlman@sbcglobal.net or just show up!

In other bocce news, EDH CSD just wrapped up their Spring league season. Nine Branch 95 members participated in one or more leagues including Bob Burdt, Dan Cattone, Dan Cockcroft, Bob Doettling, Bill Drummond, Kevin King, Bob MacDonald, Ken Mahar and Terry Starkel (my apologies if I missed anyone). If you're interested in putting together a team, registration for the Fall season opens June 28th with play beginning August 22nd.

Lastly, five nearby branches began competing to bring home the SIR Regional Bocce Ball Champions trophy. The first matches were hosted by Branch 98 (Roseville/Rocklin) on 5/23. The Branch 95 team of SIRs Canty, King, Mahar and Muzio won two of their three games tying them for 1st place. Dan Cockcroft is the team Capo. Our branch hosts the next matches on 6/21 at Promontory Park.

PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft (PBS) 408-781-0714

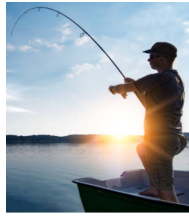
Drop-in play on local courts where you'll often find a few members playing. Call ahead for hours and fees.

- EDH Community Services District gym (play resumes 9/12)
- Cameron Park Lake (outdoor)
- Cameron Park Community Services District Gym
- Andy Morin Sports Complex (Folsom)
- Lembi Park (Folsom; outdoor)
- Heritage Village Park (EDH; outdoor)



There's a long list of activities that our members have expressed an interest in. What's keeping us from offering these activities? Someone to organize the group and help set the direction. If you have an interest in a particular activity that you think others will enjoy, mention it to a BEC member. It's as simple as that. That's how the Breakfast and Walking group got off of the ground.

FISHING | Dan Maglionico 916-719-6821



For information, contact Dan.

E-BIKING | Rich Christensen 916-817-1838



For information, contact Rich.

BREAKFAST & WALKING |

Norman Orrick 916-844-4067



We meet every Thursday at 9:00am at a local restaurant followed by an easy walk in a nearby area. Recent walks have been along portions of the El Dorado Trail and around Cameron Park Lake. For more information, contact Norman Orrick at znorte@gmail.com or 916-709-1693. I hope you'll join us for a healthy dose of breakfast, conversation and exercise.

STATE & BRANCH TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

SIR offers some great travel opportunities! SIR Branches work through a selected travel agencies to sponsor a wide range of travel events.

Ocean and river cruises, bus and train trips to Las Vegas and Reno, and a variety of local, state, and world-wide cultural and recreational trips are available at all activity levels.

SIR travel is designed for members and their guests, so you will always be traveling with people you know.

See the last page of this newsletter for the latest travel opportunities.

WINE TASTING | Jay Muzio, Big SIR

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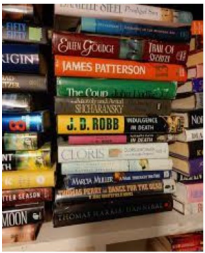
This month the wine tasting was held at the home of George and Micki Alboff. The featured varietal was Sauvignon Blanc. There were thirteen people in attendance and instead of a potluck dinner everyone brought small bites and hors d'oeuvres. There were also various small deserts.

Two wines tied for first place: Oyster Bay 2022 New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc (\$22); and Dry Creek, Sonoma County 2022 Fume' Blanc (\$16). Third place went to Courtney Benham 2021 California Sauvignon Blanc (\$16.99). Fourth place was awarded to Z Alexander Brown 2021 Uncaged, North Coast (\$17). Fifth place was a Justin 2021 Central Coast Sauvignon Blanc (\$14.40). Sixth place was the Rutherford Ranch 2021, Napa Sauvignon Blanc. (\$20), and last but not least, since all the wines were particularly good, was The Prisoner Wine Company, Unshackled, 2020 Sauvignon Blanc (\$20).

Our next wine tasting will be June 22nd and will feature Syrah. If you have not already joined the wine tasting group and would like to join, contact Jay Muzio at jaymuzio@gmail.com. Besides being able to sample a variety of great wines and wonderful food, the Wine Tasting Group provides a terrific opportunity to get out of the house and socialize with your SIR friends. Why not come and check it out?

BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman

510-912-5658



So many books, so little time. Not to be dramatic, but I better get reading. I wandered into the Barnes and Noble bookstore a couple days ago. It's nice to browse a real bookstore on occasion, right? I get inspiration from it. And what do you know? What I discovered was aligned with a goal I have had for a time now. I thought it would be nice to reread or read for the first time the "Classics" of literature. On a nicely organized table in Barnes and Noble was a display of much of the classic literature in my reading vision. The cool part was they were all beautifully printed and bound in classic covers. It would

make an impressive addition to any home library even if you haven't read all of them...yet.

Some of the titles include: A Tale of Two Cities (Charles Dickens), The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (Arthur Conan Doyle), Pride and Prejudice (Jane Austen), Dracula (Bram Stoker), Moby Dick (Herman Melville), Frankenstein (Mary Shelley), The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Mark Twain) ...well, you get the idea. I'm not sure there are any of the classics in our Book Exchange, but if you have one and want to donate it, the Exchange could use your contribution.



So, remember the benefits of the SIR Branch 95 Book Exchange: no cost, no library cards, no late notices, no fines.

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.

My IQ test results came back. They were negative.

I never knew what happiness was until I got married—and then it was too late.

Advice to husbands: Try praising your wife now and then, even if it does startle her at first.

JUNE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th -
Drop-in bocce - Promontory Park



6th - Empire Ranch
13th - Mather
20th - Wildhawk
27th - Empire Ranch



14th - Branch 95 Annual Picnic
Promontory Park



22nd - Wine Tasting
Note one-time change of date



8th & 9th - Gold Country Lanes;
Sutter Creek
19th & 20th Earl Anthony's Dublin
Bowl; Dublin - to apply, see the link
in the Bowling section



1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th -
Breakfast & Walking - various
locations

UPCOMING LOCAL ACTIVITIES

A short list of other local activities that may be of interest to our members and/or their spouses/significant others. Click the link for more information. If you have an activity that you'd like included, please send details to kmking00@gmail.com.

Sundays Farmers Market [EDH Town Center](#)
6/23 Summer Concert [EDH Community Park](#)

BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727



This year's SIR Annual State Tournament was held on May 16-17 at Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights. Rancho Cordova Branch 112 was our host. The SIR State Tournament is held at alternating branch bowling centers and is the only tournament that is for SIR members only, guests are not allowed. This year 72 SIR members competed in both singles and doubles. The State Bowling Committee again added \$500 to the prize fund.

June 8-9 we will be in our own backyard at Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek. Hope to see a good turnout.

Exciting news - we've recently confirmed we will be heading back to the National Bowling Stadium in August. Room blocks will be at the Silver Legacy. Please click on this link to make your reservation <https://book.passkey.com/go/GRSIR3>

Upcoming tournaments

June 8-9	Gold Country Lanes	Sutter Creek
June 19-20	Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl	Dublin
July 6-7	Foothills Bowl	Auburn
July 25-26	Clayton Valley Bowl	Concord
Aug. 7-9	National Bowling Stadium	Reno, NV
Aug. 23-24	Prosperity Lanes	Grass Valley
Sept. 11-13	Gold Dust West	Carson City, NV
Sept. 26	Brentwood	Brentwood
Oct. 17-18	Fireside Lanes	Citrus Heights
Nov. 2-3	McHenry Bowl	Modesto

Applications and results of all tournaments are available online:

<http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

Striking up Friendships



Member Attendance

To maintain membership, a member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period, unless the Branch BEC has approved different attendance requirements (Policy 25; Bylaw 18).

SIR Non-Responsibility Clause

All activities arranged for, or by, or sponsored by SIR'S Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. SIR'S Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said events or activities.



SIR Branch Travel Chair Trips and News

June 2023

Disney's Aladdin Wed. Aug. 9, 2023 1pm at the Orpheum Theatre. Branch 7 & 8. Cost \$110 pp. Includes Lunch at Max's Opera Café, luxury motorcoach transportation, driver gratuity. Contact Ted Pullen, 415-499-4610 tedpullen@comcast.net

Majestic Princess Denali Explorer Aug. 23 – Sept. 2, 2023. Branch 147 Cost pp. \$3,147 – 4,572 depending on cabin, plus airfare. Includes Princess Wilderness Lodge, Denali Wilderness Lodge and southbound cruise: Anchorage, Hubbard Glacier, Icy Straight Point, Juneau, Ketchikan, Vancouver Canada. Contact Bill Johns, 707-971-7639. billjohns121@gmail.com

Colorado Rockies, Rails & Western National Parks Sept. 10 – 18 2023. Branch 32. Cost \$3,649pp. Includes r/t air, 11 meals 8 breakfasts, tour director, motorcoach transportation, all admissions, baggage handling. **Highlights: 3 train experiences**, Durango, Pikes Peak & Royal Gorge. **4 National Parks**, Mesa Verde, Arches, Canyon Lands & Great Sand Dunes. Contact John Pletsch, 408-504-1255 jeplet@sbcglobal.net

Croatia and Its Islands. Sept. 24 – Oct. 7, 2023. Branch 101. Cost \$6,714 – 7,214pp depending on cabin. Highlights: Dubrovnik, 7-night Adriatic Cruise, Slano, Mljet National Park, Korcula, Vis, Bisevo, Blue Cave, Hvar, Bol, Trogir, Slit. Choice on tour; Sibenik, Cathedral of St. James, Krka National Park, Zagreb, Stone Gate. The price includes round trip flights from SFO, Travel Insurance and tips. 3 cabins still available (6 people max.) Contact Bill Britton 925-200-1062. bill.britton@comcast.net

Autumn Colors Oct. 13 – 22, 2023. Branch 143. Cost \$4,330pp. Boston to Boston. Includes air & bus transportation. **Highlights:** Boston, Mohawk Trail, Mount Washington. Contact Bill Stires, 209-544-2684. bstires46@gmail.com

Best of Spain and Portugal April 27 – May 12, 2024. Branch 146. Cost \$7,895pp. Madrid, Segovia, Porto, Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar, Costa Del Sol, Alhambra, Valencia, Barcelona, round trip airfare, 15-day guided tour with Travel Director, 14 nights at centrally located 4star hotels, 5 dinners and 2 lunches including wine, all tips, transfers and baggage handling. Contact Glenn Breslin 925-288-6520 glennbreslin@gmail.com