

SIR Branch 176 Windsor Winds Newsletter for May 2024

SIR Mission Statement

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life. Visit our <u>Branch Webpage</u>, State Webpage and/or attend Tuesday morning coffee.

Windsor Branch 176 Monthly Luncheon Meeting Every 3rd Wednesday Charlie's Restaurant 130 19th Hole Dr. Windsor CA Charlie's lunch is \$23.00 (plus \$1 table tip if you wish)

Big SIR – Larry Doherty



Windsor Winds Edition

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May 2024

Welcome to May gentlemen. Hard to believe we are getting closer to end of the first half of 2024. Soon you will be free of me and my antics as Big Sir.

During the April BEC meeting, we added three new members bringing our numbers to 73 members. Welcome Steve Clifford, Nelson Weller, and Rich Westman. We honored Nelson with a SIR Presidential Recognition award as he is over 90 years old. Well done Nelson. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to join our group.

Speaking of birthdays, we had quite a lot of members (nine) who had birthdays in April. More importantly, two of those in attendance reached a new milestone as they made it to the next decade. Congrats and Happy Birthday to Denny Amantite and Frank Treanor for reaching that new milestone. As far as what the milestone is, you will have to ask them.

For entertainment during the luncheon we celebrated those members who have been married more than once. Four members have been married three times, but was more important than the number was that they were all smart enough to say that their present wife was their best wife. Phew, as they can now share this month's newsletter with their wives. Next month I will be looking for the member with the most, great grandchildren. Remember the winners receive raffle tickets. This month one of those with whom I provided raffle tickets to actually won. Please remember you are all welcome the BEC, which starts at 10:30 before the luncheon (except for June and December). The more active each of you are in SIRs, the better our branch is represented.

And I would like to see all of you attend this year's picnic. Dave Harrison has been working hard on ensuring that this is one of our best picnics ever. We would like to see you all there. And know, while we do include those who are our better halves, we are encourage every member attend, even if you simply come by yourself. Flyers are available everywhere, but just remember Wednesday, June 26, at Charlies. The cost is \$40 per person.

See you on Wednesday, May 15th for our next luncheon.

Little SIR – Tom Palmer



Last month's luncheon was so well attended that we had to scramble for more chairs. These luncheons are good times and at the core of the SIR program. My small part is mostly to find the guest speaker and ensure they have what they need. Most speakers, in fact all but one of them scheduled through February next year, offer insight into activities we may enjoy or information which may be valuable in navigating life. This month is the exception, it's just plain Tom foolery. For those of you who do not like football, well sooooorry. Seriously, I would like your feedback, which I'll pass down to the next Little Sir.

And the next Little Sir is going to be? I don't know either. So gentlemen, in a couple of months we're supposed to have a name and I'm asking that you to seriously think about throwing your hat in the ring. It's not much of a time commitment and an important but easy job. Numerous guys will help come up with ideas and most importantly, since you are with the speaker, you get first in the buffet line every month. If you believe this is a good and worthwhile club, (which I really do) then please help it thrive, and step forward. We continuously need new energy and insights to keep this a worthwhile and growing organization. So if you have questions, I'm more than happy to expound upon this opportunity.

Chris Roach – Friendship Report



Sorry to report that a Sympathy card was sent to Jerry Culver upon the passing of his wife, Patty.

Get well cards were sent to Gary Jensen and Meryl Lindahl.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MAY TO:

Charlie Boyd, Jerry Culver, Tom Devitt, John Fineren, Gary Greenough, Harold Minkin, Ron Nordstrom, Jock Rader, Len Schwer, Virgil Sevieri, Bob Wallace

Golf: Jerry Culver & Frank Treanor



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Jerry Culver has taken over handling the Tee times. If he is unsure about you playing he may send out a text and/or e-Mail. Please respond I'm in or I'm out, short answer! The signup sheet, text, email or word of mouth will be the avenues to sign up. *If you do not let Jerry know, then your play cannot be guaranteed*. Likewise, if you sign up and need to cancel, please contact Jerry. (<u>so.done56@yahoo.com</u> or text at 707-953-4901). If you have questions you may also contact Frank Treanor at 707 322 7217 or bcft11@ <u>comcast.net</u>.

If you are new to Sirs or figure it's time to pick up the clubs again, please talk to Jerry or Frank to get started.

DON'T MISS OUR LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER ON 5/15:

BARRETT RIGGINS:



Ever wonder what those guys with the chains actually do? Who hires them? Why would someone want to do this "job" for over 20 years? This is a different type of lunch speaker than we normally invite. Purely for fun. Barrett, who you may know as "Bear" from the Publican downtown will have photos and stories about his time on the Chain Gang and with the Oakland Raiders. So please come to the luncheon and enjoy.

Special thanks to our last guest speaker, Jon Stout:

John provided an entertaining and educational presentation (if you missed it, see his power point on our web page at <u>https://windsorsirs.org</u>) about the our County Airport (STS). With over 20 years as manager, his wealth of information and willingness to share was quite impressive.



ATTENTION PLEASE:

SIR Branch 176 2024 Ladies Day Picnic Wednesday, June 26th, 2024

Catered by Charlies Restaurant at Windsor Golf Course 1302 19th Hole Drive, Windsor, California

11:00 AM Social Hour, Buffet Lunch at Noon

Including meat entre, pasta, chili beans, corn on the cob, salad, bread, butter, and dessert wine, beer and soft drinks

Raffle, Bingo, Music, Conversation and Fun

All for Only \$40.00 Per Person

Tickets on Sale at April 17th and May 15 At SIR Branch 176 Lunches

More Details to Follow, but remember this is a fun event for all, even if you're not bringing someone, you are very likely to have fun; so everyone, please come and enjoy.

If you can make it to our picnic, please reserve your seats (\$40.00 per person) **no later than our May 2024 SIRs Luncheon meeting**. We need to know how many people will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

If you cannot make the Luncheon or prefer to mail your check, please make it out to "SIR Branch 176" and mail it to Garry Trojanowski 9575 Wellington Circle, Windsor, CA. 95492.

Couples Dinner (Not an official SIR Activity)

Couples Dinner- Wayne Lindahl

The beautiful early evening on Monday, April 22nd was the first appetizer for a delightful evening Couples Dinner at Tisza Bistro in Healdsburg. Krisztian Karkus and his lovely wife, Alena Rebik, agreed to increase the size of our group from 10 couples, to 12 couples, the restaurant was very accommodating in serving our large group. The food, ambiance and service were outstanding and all seemed to enjoy the restaurant.

Tisza was not only one of our favorite eating spots in Windsor, but also several other members, before they closed and reopened, several years later, in Healdsburg at the former Singletree on Healdsburg Ave.

Our Tisza Dinner for 10 couples was totally booked within four hours with a waiting list of an additional 4 couples. When they agreed to increase seating for our group we were able to get in everyone who responded.

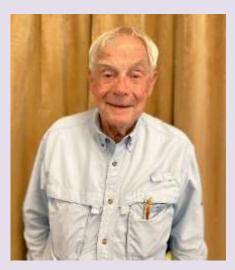
Tisza doesn't open until 5:00pm, but since the parking lot was filling up with the early arrivals of our group, they opened early and invited the group in. We started with the Brown Butter Artichokes, then Jagerschnitzel for me and lamb chops for Maryl. Both excellent, I had no room for dessert, but the cheesecake looked inviting. The cheeseburger also seemed a big hit with a few diners.

A couple of members had never been there before and said they would certainly be returning. A successful evening.

These dinner slots fill up very fast, so if you are not on my email list and wish to be, please contact me at <u>wlindahl@sonic.net</u>.

Remember that if couples dinner is to continue beyond this year, we need someone to step up and take over this popular and fun activity. Wayne is more than happy to give his time and train the new coordinator. So the sooner we know who this person is going to be, the better. Someone please step up.

When you see them, please welcome our newest members Nelson Weller, Richard Westman and Steve Clifford:



NELSON WELLER

I am a native Californian who grew up on the North Shore of Chicago where I very much benefited from a superior grade, middle school and high school education. I began competitive swimming at seven years and played high-school baseball via the local American Legion following WW11. I joined the U.S. Coast Guard ---serving 5-years. I am a University of Montana graduate---GO GRIZ.

My wife Jane and I met in San Francisco and we lived for many years in Piedmont. My professional career was in the always challenging but totally interesting foreign investment management field. I am Charter Financial Analyst and was the youngest research director of a NYSE member firm.

In the mid-1990's, after retiring, we bought vineyard land in Alexander Valley, Sonoma County where I enjoyed being a grape grower, following receiving an AA degree in vineyard management at the outstanding SRJC. Seven years ago we sold the vineyard and moved to the Spring Lake Village. I continue to seek out various educational programs as well. I remaining a loyal member of the Commonwealth -World Affairs club of California, of which I was a former President. I look forward to being an active member of SIRS-Windsor.



RICHARD WESTMAN

My name is Richard Westman. I was born in Evanston Illinois, just outside Chicago and raised in Lake County, Illinois, also in the Chicago area. At 18, I went into the Navy for four years. I was hoping to learn a good trade but instead I found out I was partially color blind so I was put in the engine rooms operating high pressure boilers and maintaining peripheral equipment aboard the USS Forrestal CVA 59. Upon leaving the Navy, I went to junior college in Lake County, Illinois. I finished my Mechanical Engineering degree at Southern Illinois University. Married my sweetheart my Junior year and went on to have two children, a boy and a girl. Upon graduation from school, I went to work in the steel mills of Babcock & Wilcox in Pittsburgh. Transferred to Milwaukee with B&W to work on installation of a new hot mill in an existing facility. Upon completing the new installation for B&W, I changed jobs. I went to work for General Motors for the next 15 years, designing, installing and putting in production, machines and high volume production lines for building Catalytic converters. GM then closed the plant and moved all the work to Mexico. I now own a Toyota.

We started our own business that ran for close to 20 years, renting High Quality villas in the Caribbean. We worked on the islands of St. Martin/Maarten, Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Barts, Anguilla, and Grand Cayman. It had its moments but I missed Engineering. My wife and I moved to Sonoma County in 2009 after visiting our son who was working in San Francisco.

We love it here. We enjoy the people, the food, the ocean, the wide open spaces, and the forests. I will do my best to be a good member.



STEVE CLIFFORD

I was born in Arlington Massachusetts on September 16, 1960. My family moved to California shortly there after. I grew up in Petaluma where I met my wife Rose. We have been together for 36 years and married for 27. Our anniversary is May 10th, 1997. I spent 42 years working as a machinist, starting at my father's shop in Petaluma. My career led me to Medtronic Cardiovascular where I supervised their R&D machine shop, and then lastly to East Bay Municipal Utilities District as a Maintenance Machinist where I retired May 2021. My wife Rose is also newly retired as of December 2023.

We sold our primary home of 31 years in Petaluma in October 2023 and moved into our home in the Brooks Creek subdivision of Windsor. We are avid walkers and are getting to know Windsor on foot.

My wife and I love to travel abroad and domestically. Our latest adventure was Alaska where we enjoyed watching the start of the Ididerod, the World Champion Ice Carvings, Northern Lights, snowmobiling and ice fishing.

I am an avid outdoorsman, enjoy hunting, fishing and shooting.

I belong to Petaluma Elks Lodge 901 and Petaluma SIR 147.

I look forward to joining SIR 176 and getting to know the members.

CRIBBAGE



Cribbage is a weekly event every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm until 4:30. This is run through the Windsor Senior Center, so anyone and everyone is welcome. Just come for a game or two or stay the entire time, your choice. New players welcome.

Gary Jensen – Recruitment

Recruitment: In April we officially brought in three new members and Roger Wiese just put in his application. We are at 70 members with a goal of 80 by years end, so let's keep inviting friends.

For Coffee (John Fineren): Interest in the Tuesday Morning 9am coffee session remains high (27 guys on 4/23). Where else can one get coffee and a good pastry for \$1.00?



Coffee at the senior center

Bocce Ball - Stewart Morgan



Bocce Ball at the Senior's Center Thursdays at 10:00am. All are welcome.

Notable bocce players have included the Roman Emperor Augustus, the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates and the astronomer Galileo. (None pictured above).

Dave Harrison: Bowling Report for SIR Branch 176

On Monday, April 23, 2024, we concluded our Monday Morning Mixed Seniors Fall and Winer bowling league at the our local Windsor Bowling Center. After 31 weeks we finally reached the end of an enjoyable season. The overall winner was the Mission Impossible team (true to their name). My team, the Pin Seekers including Sir Ken Tomsen came in second place. Third place went to The Markers, while Fourth place went to Sir John Campbell's team, the Pin Lovers. These teams typically include two male bowlers and two female bowlers. Due to a shortage of senior women bowlers this past season, some of the teams had three male bowlers and a single lady bowler.

On May 6th, a new league, the Monday Morning Summer Mixed Seniors will begin. This league runs weekly through August 19th, and features a unique scoring arrangement called "no tap" (defined as a type of competition where nine pins on the first ball is recorded as a strike). This really eases scoring as no one has to hit the pesky seven pin on the left, or the ten pin on the right. If you are interested in our summer league, please contact me at <u>harrisod@sonic.net</u>.

SPECIAL PROFILE: BOB BROWNE



I was born in Boston Massachusetts on July 6, 1938. My father was working in the Boston Naval shipyard when World War II began. He was transferred to the San Francisco Naval Shipyard when I was in the first grade. We lived in San Francisco, but when I was about 12 years old I began working on a friends' dairy farm in Ferndale California during the summers. This arrangement continued until I graduated from High School in 1956.

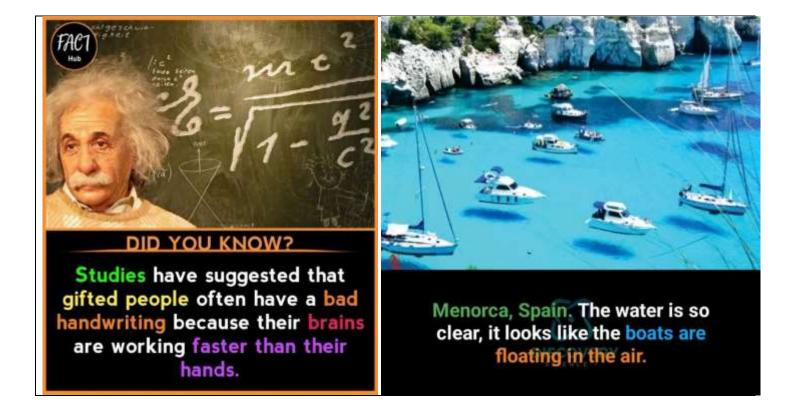
I joined the Air Force in 1956 and was sent to Weapons Mechanic School in Denver Colorado. Then, to Massachusetts, Morocco, and North Carolina. While there I enrolled in San Mateo Junior College and got an early discharge in 1959 in order to sign up for classes in the fall semester. I met an attractive young lady there. We married after the fall semester.

I enrolled in San Jose State College in 1960. Graduated with a BA degree in Entomology, (i.e. the study of insects.) I applied for a position as an entomological research technician at U. C. Berkley and was accepted. After about a year my supervisor suggested that I apply for Grad School. I did so, and graduated with Master's Degree in Agricultural Entomology. We had two children, Nicole and Michael while at Berkeley. I heard of a position for an Agricultural Entomologist at a Washington State University Field Station in Wenatchee, Washington. I applied for it and was accepted. We moved there in 1972.

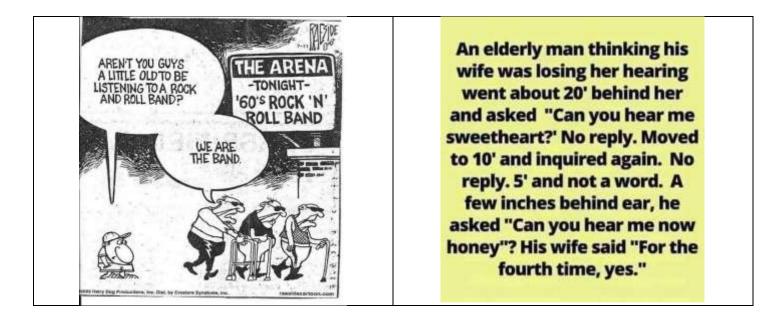
My wife, Barbera, did not like rural life in Wenatchee, and she deplored the snow and cold weather. We divorced in 1978. She moved back to California. I was a single parent with two children. Nicole, was 12. Michael, was 10. They both graduated from high School in Wenatchee.

I became a dealer in gun shows. I bought, sold, and traded guns. I also made and sold Plains Indian replicas. Bows, arrows, war clubs, etc. I built, hunted with, and shot in competitions with muzzle loading rifles. When not shooting muzzle loaders, I engaged in Cowboy Action shooting. That is, shooting single action revolver, lever action rifle, and double-barreled shotgun at metal targets against the clock. I met a lady, Sharon Bell, in 1982. We dated and married within a year. We purchased a ¼ acre lot on a small lake about five miles south of Wenatchee. We built a house on the lake and lived there until she passed away in 2014. Meanwhile, Nicole and Michael had moved back to California. Nicole to a job at U. C. Santa Barbera. Michael to become a wine maker. I moved to Windsor in 2015.

DID YOU KNOW?



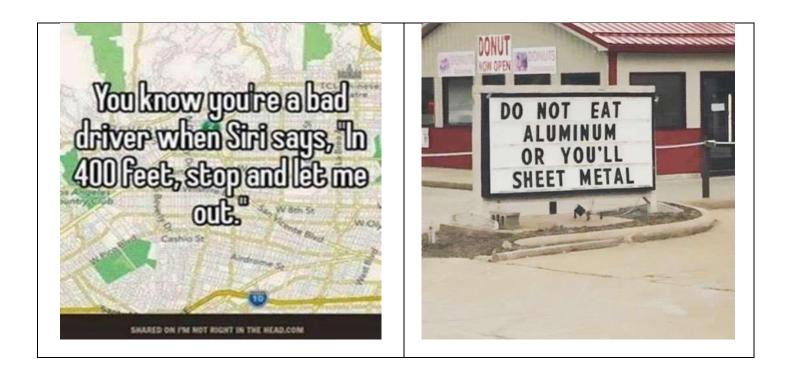
FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED:



When I was a kid you could go to a store with just \$1.00 and come home with
4 comics, 3 candy bars, 2 packs of trading cards, a bag of chips & a cold drink.



Now, they have cameras everywhere.





NEVER MAKE A WOMAN MAD. THEY CAN REMEMBER STUFF THAT HASN'T EVEN HAPPENED YET.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

SIR HAPPY HOUR NEWS



There is now a new Happy Hour Coordinator. Bob Wallace has stepped up to lighten the load of Tom Palmer and such volunteerism is greatly appreciated. So while the Sunday weekly notice sent out by Tom will still contain the upcoming Happy Hour Notice, Bob will be sending out the Thursday reminder. **If you currently do not receive the Thursday reminder and wish to do so,** please email Bob at <u>B5wall@yahoo.com</u> and he will add you to the list. If you have some type of master schedule, please destroy it as Bob is free to make changes as he deems fit. Any ideas or input, talk with Bob.



OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Non SIR Activities)

May 2nd – The first Thursday of every month, April through October, was the return of "Hot Dog Thursday" hosted by the Pacific Coast Air Museum at the Sonoma County Airport. **Cost: \$8.00** will get you into the museum, a hot dog, a drink, and chips. Extra hungry? Ask for the Big Dog for \$10 or add an ice cream for \$2. <u>https://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/hot-dog-thursday/</u>



Every Saturday morning (8:00-10AM) Jose Castaneda hosts a **FREE breakfast for veterans** at Castaneda Marketplace; 8465 Old Redwood Highway. This "Castañeda's Breakfast Brigade," provides veterans a place for connections, camaraderie & friendship

https://www.facebook.com/CastanedasMarket





Once a month, date varies, this month it is **May 13th**. All SIR and their spouse are welcome to start the "work" week with Margherita Monday – a chance to sample the best frozen margheritas in Windsor. Starts sharply at 4PM Castaneda's Market Place.

Keep an Eye Out for notices from Len Schwer about Margarita Monday and other community events. For additional information contact Len Schwer at: <u>Len@schwer.net</u>



May 30 - August 29 Thursday Live Concerts (6-8 pm) Windsor Town Green

For additional information and complete schedule visit their webpage at:

https://www.townofwindsor.com/342/Summer-Nights-on-the-Green



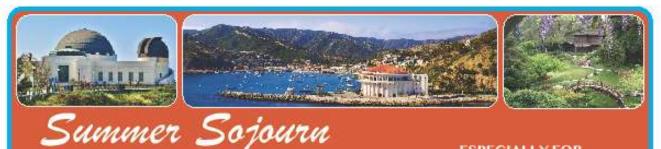
Youth and seniors can now ride free on SMART trains throughout Sonoma and Marin counties under a new pilot program that started April 1.

According to a recent announcement, the program runs through June 30, 2025, and allows youth 18 and younger and seniors 65 and older to board any SMART train, any day of the week and ride fare-free. Youth and seniors are not required to have a Clipper Card or to use the SMART eTickets app, to reduce any barriers to entering the transit system.

STEWART MORGAN –TRAVEL If you are interested or have questions please contact Stewart at <u>stwrtmorgan@gmail.com</u>



Princess 11 Nigh Inside Passage Cruise from San Francisco Rt Alaska May 26 – June 6, 2024. Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway AK and Victoria, Canada. Cabins start \$2590 pp to \$3322 pp double occupancy. **Contact** John Cardoza Branch 143. 209-483-7722 or johncardoza@hotmail.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, 15day 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 Branch 146 925-288-6520 glennbreslin@gmail.com Venice & Croatian Islands Cruise Sept. 30 – Oct. 12 '24 cost approx. \$6,645 - \$7,145pp. depending on cabin. Highlights: 2 nights hotel each in Venice and Rijeka. 7 night cruise of the Croatian Islands Venice, Murano Island, Collio Wine Region, Hum, Olive Oil tasting, Farm to table dinner, Sailing through Kornati National Park and more. Contact Bill Britton Branch 101, 925-200-1062 bill.britton@comcast.net Fall Mexican Riviera Getaway Oct. 15 – 26, '24 11 Days. Branch 98 Cost \$844 - \$944 - \$1074 - \$1424 -**\$6083pp. depending on cabin.** Highlights: Departs from and returns to San Francisco, ports of call Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo. Contact Katherine Gervais Branch 98. 916-337-1623 Kathig@shipsandtrips.com Prague to Budapest River Trip November Dates: 11/6/24 thru 11/20/24 Serenade A: \$3995 / Serenade B: \$3895 /Sonata C: \$3795 Sonata D: \$3695/Cantata E: \$3595 /Cantata F: \$3495/Prelude G: \$3395/Prelude H: \$3195/Air from SFO: \$1100. Ports and cities: Prague, Linz, Krems, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest. Pre-trip US departure date: 11/1/24. Post-trip to Budapest return date: 11/23/24 Dresden and Berlin: \$995pp PRE-TRIPM - Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095 PRE-TRIP. Budapest: \$745 POST-TRIP. Contact Milt Smith 925-258-2897 ASAP for more info. miltsmith549@gmail.com or book directly Group Code G4-23630 call 1-800-221-2610 Panama Canal Cruise San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale. Jan. 20 – Feb. 5, 2025 17 days. Cost from \$4,185 -**\$6,295 depending on cabin choice.** Ports of Call: Puerto Vallarta Mexico, Puerto Quetzal Guatemala, Puntarenas Costa Rica, Fuerte Amador Panama, Full Transit through the historic locks, and Cartagena Columbia. Includes transfers from Modesto to Port of San Francisco and airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento. For more information contact John Cordoza 209-483-7722 johncordoza@hotmail.com Branch 143



Southern California Get-Away

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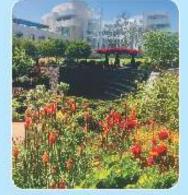
A CUSTOM FIVE DAY TOUR July 23 - 27, 2024

TOUR FEATURES

Escorted by: Bruce Scheibach

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation throughout AMTRAK Coast Starlight passage from Emeryville to Santa Barbara One-way Air Fare (Burbank to Santa Rosa) ONE Night at the Best Western - Santa Barbara THREE Nights at The Embassy Suites - Glendale





Breakfast Dally, Three Lunches and Three Dinners Narrated TROLLEY TOUR - Santa Barbara Self-Guided Tour of THE GETTY MUSEUM CATALINA EXPRESS Ferry (round trip Avalon) Discover Avalon Tour - Catalina Island

Admission and Tour of the PETERSEN Auto Museum Admission and Presentation at the GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY Admission for Self-Guided Tour & Traditional Tea at the HUNTINGTON Library & Gardens

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COST: \$1,785 Per Person Double Occupancy

\$ 2,265 Single Occupancy

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(Trip Limited to 34 Passengers)

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