



## SIR Branch 176 Windsor Winds Newsletter for June 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 [Branch Webpage](#), [State Webpage](#) and/or attend Tuesday morning coffee.

#### **Windsor Branch 176**

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

#### **Windsor Winds Edition**

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### **Big SIR – Larry Doherty**



OK, are we ready for our picnic? Wow, the numbers of those planning to attend the June 26 picnic really shot up at the May luncheon. Don't forget to mail your check to Garry Trojanowski so you don't miss out.

Speaking of the May luncheon, what a great speaker. Thanks Tom for arranging for "Bear" to speak. He really was great and what awesome stories he shared. I am sorry for those of you who missed it.

We also honored a lot of birthday boys in May, which must have had something to do with the parents being busy during the Fall. Two of our members reached a new decade and perhaps the most important one was Virgil Sevieri, who was unable to attend due to illness. Virgil turned 90 this month. I did meet with his wife Jackie and gave her Virgil's certificate from the SIR's president honoring Virgil's achievement.

Based on those of you who have reached the young age of a nonagenarian, the BEC voted that starting next January any members who is 90 years old or older will no longer have to pay dues.

We also recognized those members who had five or more great grandchildren. All were given raffle tickets and Al Fiori was lucky enough to win the drawing. Howard Blethen surprised us with how many great grandchildren he had. If you want to know how many, ask Howard.

OK, I am off to Europe tomorrow (May 16), I hope to see you all at the picnic.

## Little SIR – Tom Palmer



This month is our Picnic month. I'm looking forward to **June 25<sup>th</sup>** mainly because I've never been in town for one of our picnics and this will be my first. My wife and I are excited, hell a lot of people are excited. As you know, in past years we have combined our resources with Branch 17 and enjoyed our time with them. Now they are a larger branch and we also have grown, so it's time to walk on our own two feet. The consensus this year is for there to be more social time to visit; to keep the auction/drawings a little more subdued...and to have bingo. There has been wine donated and Charlie's has agreed to no corkage fees. Along with non-alcohol options, there will also be beer available. Alcohol will be self-serve but consistent with certain requirements and to be helpful as necessary, Frank and I have our State of California Alcohol Server Certificates "bartender licenses" (I know, something about foxes in the henhouse comes to mind). If you don't have a spouse/partner to accompany you (and unfortunately there are a number of folks who just recently are in that category), please don't let that stand in your way; either bring a friend, or just meet some of the new faces that are sure to be visiting. If you haven't bought your ticket, please do so now by getting a check to Garry Trojanowski (see below). So no luncheon this month, no speaker this month, just some good old fashion fun. See you there.

## Chris Roach – Friendship Report



*Get well cards were sent to: Jeanne Anderson & Tom Hasco.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS JUNE TO:

Wynn Bailey; Lorenzo Cavallo; Steve De La Montanya; Mike Doyle; Tom Lawrence; Dave Schleeter; Tim Senkir; Rich Westman

## Golf: Jerry Culver & Frank Treanor



**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. ([so.done56@yahoo.com](mailto:so.done56@yahoo.com) or text at 707-953-4901). If you have questions you may also contact Frank Treanor at 707 322 7217 or [bcft11@comcast.net](mailto:bcft11@comcast.net).

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

**DON'T MISS OUR PICNIC ON WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Catered by Charlies Restaurant at Windsor Golf Course  
1302 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

**If you don't have your ticket, do so IMMEDIATELY by handing or mailing, a \$40 per person check made to: "SIR Branch 176" to Garry Trojanowski 9575 Wellington Circle, Windsor, CA. 95492**

NOTE: NO MONTHLY LUNCHEON OR GUEST SPEAKER IN JUNE

**Special thanks to our last guest speaker, Barrett Riggins:**

"Bear" provided an entertaining presentation about working on the Oakland Raider's Chain Gang. With over 20 years on the sidelines of every home game, there was much to tell and we thank him.

## **Couples Dinner (Not an official SIR Activity)**

### **Couples Dinner- Wayne Lindahl**

Last evening, at our May dinner, 11 of our SIRs members and their spouses/partners gathered at Qimura restaurant in Windsor for an evening of conversation, laughter and good food.

Qimura has the best tempura of any restaurant that we've frequented. The presentation of their sushi is not only beautiful, but also fresh. There isn't anything on the menu that they don't do well.

Once again Qimura did an outstanding job of serving us in a friendly and efficient manner. A plus for any restaurant. They also cordoned off an area just for our SIRs group giving us privacy.

All in all, another evening of enjoying our member's friendship and good food.





These dinner slots fill up very fast, so if you are not on my email list and wish to be, please contact me at [wlindahl@sonic.net](mailto:wlindahl@sonic.net).

**When you see them, please welcome our newest members MIKE DOYLE AND ROGER WIESE:**



**Mike Doyle**

I am Vernon Mike Doyle (I go by "Mike") and was born in San Francisco. Lived in Sebastopol for 35 years and moved to Windsor 2 years ago. Married to my beloved wife, Barbara for 60 years. Sadly Barbara recently passed on April 8th. We had no children, but kept busy with all of our dogs over the years. Currently "Angel" our golden retriever is my daily companion. I served 10 years in the Merchant Marines shipping out on freighters. I worked as a Stationary Engineer for a large apartment complex in San Francisco and retired as Chief Engineer. I have volunteered at the Gold Ridge Fire Department in Sebastopol for the last 21 years and still continue to do so (truck #8131).

I enjoy watching the fights on ESPN and attending car shows with my 2001 torch red 500 horsepower corvette.

Looking forward to being a Windsor SIR member.



**Roger Wiese**

Hello. My name is Roger Wiese. I was born in Chicago, Illinois. My wife (Becky) and I moved to the Brooks Creek community of Windsor in August of 2023 after being residents of Rohnert Park for 42-years. Prior to that we lived in the Los Angeles area. We are the parents of three daughters and we have five Grandchildren. Career-wise, I was a banker in downtown Los Angeles with Security First National Bank, and then moved over to Wells Fargo Bank. I transferred to San Francisco while with Wells Fargo. Moving from banking to the legal profession, I became a law firm administrator with a firm in downtown SF. I then performed the same functions at two attorney firms in Santa Rosa. After leaving full time employment, I recently retired from a part-time administrative/accounting position at Sonoma County Harley-Davidson. I continue to assist with accounting support for Pacific Door Products in Cotati on a limited basis.

From 1961-1964 I served in the United States Army. I went to crypto school at Fort Gordon, GA. After completing this course, I was assigned to Arlington Hall Station (Arlington, VA), and at The Pentagon. After high school, I originally attended Los Angeles City College before graduating from California State University, Los Angeles, with a bachelor's degree in finance.

Becky and I enjoy a variety of activities with our family. We are very fortunate that our family members live within close proximity to our home. One oldest daughter and spouse live in Windsor, our second daughter and husband live in St. Helena, while our youngest and her husband reside in Santa Rosa. On a personal basis, I enjoy being a model railroader. Unfortunately, when we moved from RP, and downsized, I had to tear down a large n-scale layout I had built in our RP home. My next plan is to eventually build an HO-gauge in our garage (n-scale is just too small as I grow older).

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## CONGRATULATIONS ARE DUE:

**You may not know it but we may have the fastest running treasurer, most likely, in all of SIRS. Congratulations to the only 70 plus runner in the Windsor 5K on May 5, 2024. What is also truly remarkable is that Garry ran at a 10:02 per mile pace finishing 60 out of 194 total runners.**





## CRIBBAGE



Cribbage is a weekly event every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm until 4:30. This is 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 and wanted.

Recruitment: (Gary Jensen): In May we officially brought in two new members. Let's keep inviting friends, especially for coffee hour.

For Coffee (John Fineren): Tuesday Morning 9am coffee sessions remains well attended with visitors showing up almost every week. Come and get coffee and a good pastry for \$1.00. Special thanks to Dave Schleeter & Eilias Zegarra who are behind the scenes making everything work.



Coffee at the senior center

## Bocce Ball - Stewart Morgan



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

Did you know that 25 million people in the U.S. alone play bocce ball?

## **Dave Harrison: Bowling Report for SIR Branch 176**

On Monday, April 23, 2024, we concluded our Monday Morning Mixed Seniors Fall and Winter bowling league at 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 6<sup>th</sup>, a new league, the Monday Morning Summer Mixed Seniors will begin. This league runs weekly through August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 [harrisod@sonic.net](mailto:harrisod@sonic.net).

## **SPECIAL PROFILE: RON NORDSTROM**



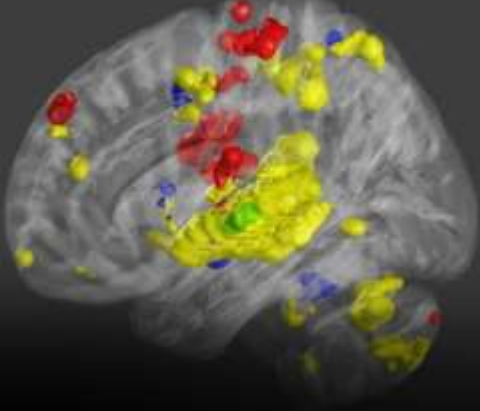
I was born on May 19th, 1950 in the small railroad town of Wainwright, Alberta, Canada. We moved in 1954 to Edmonton, Alberta and lived there until 1962. Then in 1962 my mom, my three siblings, and I boarded a Greyhound bus with 24 boxes and left to meet my dad in Santa Ana, California. It was wonderful to be near Disneyland and the beaches of SoCal. Quite the change from Canada. ("Eh?")

I graduated from high school in 1968 and then did one semester at Santa Ana Junior College. I then joined the Navy in 1969. After boot camp in San Diego I was sent to Jacksonville, Florida, where I boarded the carrier USS Saratoga. I did two cruises to the Mediterranean, then down around Africa to Vietnam for my last one. While onboard I was an electrician's mate and was in charge of the ship's movies. I traded movies between ships and issued movies and projectors to the crew every day.

After discharge in 1973 I worked for several manufacturers in Orange County doing electrical work. In 1975 I met my wife, who was working as a court reporter, and on July 4th, 1976 we got married in San Juan Capistrano. We lived in the City of Orange and after our honeymoon I joined the electrician's union.


Five years later, in the spring of 1981, we moved to Santa Rosa with our two kids. Five months later, on Halloween, we moved to Healdsburg. We have a son who lives in Sweden and owns a pub and brewery there, and a daughter who is an interior designer. Our daughter and two grandkids live in Petaluma. We still live in the same house and will have been married 48 years this July 4th. I retired in 2008 at 58 and have kept busy with golf and social times with friends. We go camping and love to travel. We have been to lots of different countries, the favorites are Spain and Greece.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**FACT POINT**

Listening to music uses all your brain, one of the very few activities that do such a thing.




*Science and Facts*

*The Netherlands is turning empty prisons into hotels because of a shortage of prisoners.*

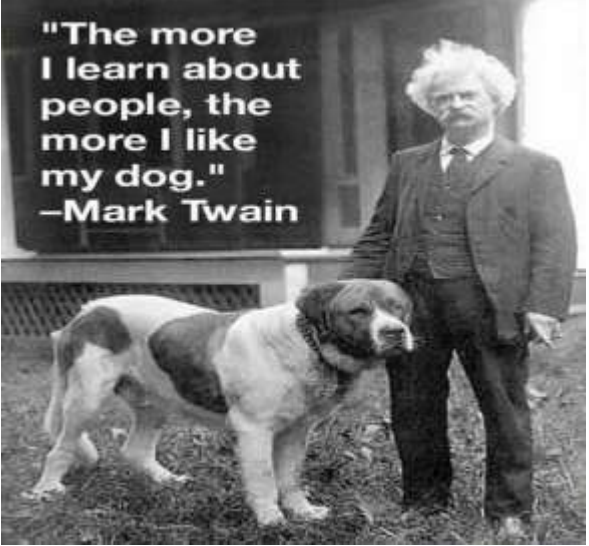
## FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED:

**BLISS** Harry Bliss



"Behold, my antidepressant."

"The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog."  
-Mark Twain



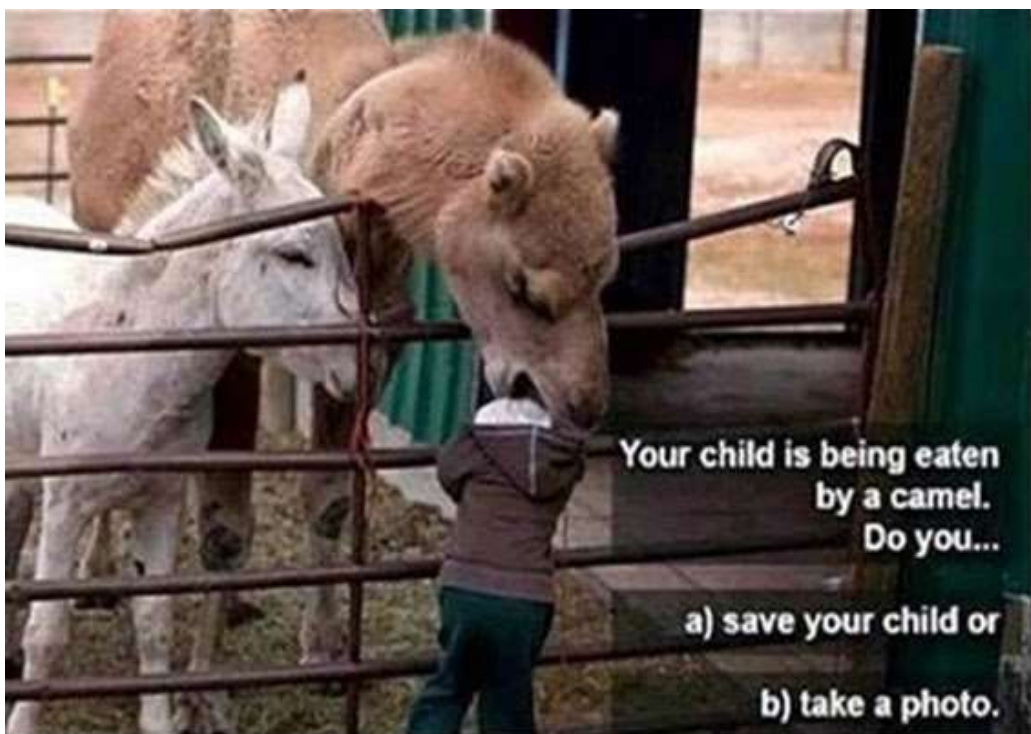


Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

I E-MAILED THIS TO MY JAPANESE DOCTOR FRIEND.



HE REPLIED "IF LIGHT STAY ON MORE THAN 4 HOURS, CALL ERECTRICIAN."



Your child is being eaten by a camel. Do you...

- a) save your child or
- b) take a photo.



## OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Non SIR Activities)

### YOU ARE INVITED TO A HOUSE PARTY



**Sirs Bob Wallace and John Hancock are throwing a house/yard party and you are invited. These neighbors combine their yards, set up a stage for the band, get out the big grills and fun is to be had by all. Since they are now members of Branch 176, they are hoping to see some of their SIR friends (and spouses/partners).**

Time: 8/3 starting at 3pm. Band – Fargo Brothers start at 6.

Place: 129 and 121 Windsor Palms

Plenty of food provided: Jambalaya, Ribs & Beer Can Chicken, Brats and Hot Dogs. If you wish to bring something else to grill, please feel free.

Limited drinks provided, so please feel free to contribute.

No cost to guests, but please consider tipping the band.

**RSVP:** Mary: 707-480-8827 or Becky: 707-849-2349

**Note:** Parking is limited to the street, Windsor Palms shopping center and possibly the Catholic church.

**June 6** – 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. <https://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/hot-dog-thursday/>



**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, at 4:00pm**, date varies, this month it is **June 17th**. All SIR and their spouse are welcome to start the “work” week with Margherita Monday – a chance to sample the best frozen margaritas 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: [Len@schwer.net](mailto:Len@schwer.net)



***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 newish 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 [stwrtmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:stwrtmorgan@gmail.com)



**2024**

### **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](mailto: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, 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**

**Branch 146 925-288-6520 [glennbreslin@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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## Summer Sojourn

*Southern California Get-Away*

ESPECIALLY FOR  
SIR Branch No. 58

A CUSTOM FIVE DAY TOUR

**July 23 - 27, 2024**

### TOUR FEATURES

*Escorted by: Bruce Scheiback*

Cell Phone: (707) 338-2593

**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 Daily, 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**

**Taxes and Gratuity** for all included features

**Airport and Rail Transfers** to/from Petaluma

**Driver Tip**

**COST: \$1,785 Per Person**  
**Double Occupancy**

**\$2,265 Single Occupancy**

(Trip Limited to 34 Passengers)

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