



# SIR HAPPENINGS

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## President Bob's Column



By the time you read this, our annual meeting will be over and the election results for our SIR Officers will be tallied. I regret I did not get my application in for Head Cheerleader. You can be President and Head Cheerleader, but it

is tough. The President is busy.

But we need a Head Cheerleader to support the Regional Directors, encourage the Area Governors and cheer on the Big Sirs. A Head Cheerleader would accentuate the positive in SIR ...to work on the negative. What are the positives in SIR?

- A statewide organization to support Branch activities.
- A local branch organization for member activities.
- Branches and State activities to maintain and encourage interest.
- A luncheon club with speakers, activities and of course, lunch.

And the negatives? ...Member turnover.

And that is what the Head Cheerleader needs to turn around. Starting at the Branches and working up through the President, we need to make our jobs attractive. I want to hear members say, "I want to be a Little Sir, a Big Sir, an Area Governor and on up to State President."

I want the Branch members to be proud of being a member of Sons In Retirement and invite his friends and neighbors to join.

And I want our members to look like members of Sons In Retirement. Be proud to wear the hat, the shirt and in some cases, the SIR cowboy belt buckle.

Lake of the Pines Branch 170, Auburn

## Invite Them & They Will Come

Richard Green, 2014 Big Sir

It was in Vallejo back in 2013, that I first met my Region 9 Director, Don Dill. We discussed declining membership and the need for recruiting. I had been a Sir for 26 years, even though I was working part time and then full time at home. My Branch 132, in Rohnert Park, had declined from 154 to about 60 members. I was the Little Sir in the Rohnert Park Branch in 2010, but the next year, I transferred to the Lake of the Pines Branch 170, just outside of Auburn. Later on, I volunteered to be the Big Sir for 2014.

I tried to think of a better way to recruit. Having every member thinking about whom to invite, seemed to be the way to go...but, HOW? In November of 2013, we had 100 members, so I made up 120 business envelopes with a description of all the Branch activities and enclosed an application. I pasted shipping labels on the outside of the envelopes, using Avery Labels 8164 for ink jet, available from Staples or similar stores. The envelopes were given to every member. I asked them to pre-sign the application as sponsor and give it to a potential member...**That year we had 39 guests for a free lunch and 38 joined**, for a net growth of 29. Many had submitted applications before and were inducted as members at the free lunch. Processing delays had caused lack of interest and participation in the past but now, five really interested new members are already Branch officers.

The label reads:

Please consider joining LOP SIR Branch 170. As a guest, enjoy a free lunch at a first Wednesday of the month meeting at the LOP Clubhouse. Please let me know by the prior Saturday and fill out the enclosed application. If you enjoy the camaraderie, please give it to me at the end of the Wednesday luncheons on: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, or May 6.

Please call me:

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Asking for applications eliminates those just wanting a free lunch! Because the invitations listed several lunches, we avoid becoming nuisances by repeatedly asking invitees to come. In fact, two that I had invited in January, became members in November.

Our Branch description encourages those working part time to join and partially states, "**Those Able to attend half our monthly luncheons are welcome.**" Because we have many members who are part time residents or vacation frequently, we concentrate on membership, not attendance goals. Our attendance runs about 60%.

**Try invitations...they may work for your Branch too!**

**BRING IN A GUEST - WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

## Sirs in the News

**Twin Valley Branch 36, Santa Cruz**

### **Gary Allyne awarded an HLM**

In the picture to the right, President Bob Hairston is shown presenting a well-deserved Honorary Life Membership to Area 10 Governor Gary Allyne at a Branch 36 luncheon. Gary's wife, Ella, was also there and participated in the ceremony.

Gary has made many contributions to SIR and his Branch 36 during his 11 years as a member. Among them are serving two terms as Big Sir and five years as a Director. He also has been assisting with the Branch newsletter, has been involved in various Branch activities and now is serving as an Area Governor.

Congratulations, Gary!



**River City Branch 117, Sacramento**

### **PBS Casali receives HLM**

**Jerry Boulton, Bulletin Editor**

Past Big Sir Jim Casali (center in the picture on the right), received his Honorary Life Membership award from Big Sir Dennis Micheletti (on the Left) and Region 3 Director Jimmie Johnson (on the right).

Jim Casali has been Branch 117's most successful recruiter and sponsored our current Big Sir as well as eight others of our current members. He served as Golf Chairman in 1995 & 1996, Little Sir in 1997, and Big Sir in 1997 & 1998. He was then on the Board of Directors from 1999 through 2005, and on the Advisory Group from 2009 through this year. He has been an active member of Branch 117 for nineteen years, and is always available when asked for his help and participation.



**Los Gatos Branch 141**

### **Two Honored with HLM's**

**Bart Raynaud, Bulletin Editor**

Branch 141 was recently honored to have SIR President Bob Hairston attend the Ladies Day luncheon meeting to award two Honorary Life Memberships.

In the picture, during the presentation, are from left to right: HLM honoree Jim Hill, President Bob Hairston, HLM honoree Big Sir Tom Smith and Region 7 Director Pat Misener.

## River City Branch 117, Sacramento

### 91 Year Old Ace

**Jerry Boulton, Bulletin Editor**

Golf chairman Bob Kuhlman (right) is shown presenting 91 year old Pete Tellers with a hole-in-one trophy at the June luncheon.

Pete aced the 6th hole at the Indian Creek Golf Course last April. The 6th hole was picked as the “closest-to-the-hole” tee that day, so Pete will also be recorded in the Branch historical annals as winning closest-to-the-hole honors that day for Flight Number 3.

It was the first hole-in-one for Pete and the first hole-in-one for the Branch 117 golf league since Past Big Sir Jim Casali’s ace back in 2007.



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## Tri-City Branch 106, Vacaville

### Steve Handel is 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Sir

**Bob Staib, Region 4 Director**

In the photo taken at a Branch 106 luncheon meeting Region 4 Director Bob Staib, who is also a member of Branch 106 is on the left – Steve Handel, the Branch 106 Treasurer-Elect, is standing in the middle – and on the right is Steve’s Dad, Bob Handel, who is a member of Branch 145 in Lodi.

Steve follows his father and grandfather as a proud member of Sons in Retirement. He joined Tri-Cities Branch 106 in 2014 after his retirement as a corporate accounting executive and tax consultant. It’s no wonder that he is now our Treasurer-Elect for the coming year.

Steve’s father, Bob Handel, is a retired farmer and irrigation systems engineer in Lodi and is a 24 year member of SIR and a Past Big Sir of Lodi Branch 145.

Bob’s dad – Jacob “Jake” Handel (Steve’s grandfather) – joined Lodi Branch 18 in 1966 and was a member for 13 years before he passed away at age 100. *Maybe SIR adds years to your life!!*

Could there be any other three generation members in SIR?



# News from the Annual Meeting



New State officers for 2016 are (left to right) Assistant Treassurer Jimmie Johnson, Treasurer Karl Ryden, President Don Dill, Vice President Jerry Strain, Assistant Secretary Ron Flagel and Secretary Derek Southern



Four successful Branches (real growth over 5 years) were invited to make a short presentation explaining their success. In the photo President Bob Hairston presented them with certificates of appreciation. In the photo (left to right) is 2016 President Elect Don Dill, Gary Luis - Branch 98, Dan Calcagno - Branch 69, President Bob Hairston, Dick Green - Branch 170 and Rolland Burns - Branch 15.



Past President Maynard Rodland and Chairman of the Nominating Committee introduced nominees for 2016 offices.



On the left Past, President Dwight Sale discusses proposed Changes to the SIR Bylaws.



On the right, 2015 Training Chairman, Mark Stuart introduce training plans.

# News from the Branches

**Bidwell Branch 110, Chico**

## **Classic Cars**

**Frank Pangburn, Automotive Club Chairman**

**Bill Jemison, Bulletin Editor**

The Branch 110 Automotive Club was formed last year and is made up of about 17 individuals who have an interest in classic cars, but owning one is not a requirement. Our vehicles in the club range from Model T's to a new Ford Mustang. (See the pictures of two of the club member's cars) We are never in a hurry and travel to our destinations at the speed of the slowest vehicle...for example, our WW II jeep goes along at only about 45 miles per hour.

We do not have any meetings, minutes, or dues and we communicate via email or just word of mouth, to let everyone know of upcoming events.

Our outings include tours to various interesting places and events. As one example, last April a few of us joined up with a group from Oroville and made a 120 mile tour through Butte County, Sutter County, Glenn County, around the Sutter Buttes and then settled in at the Steelhead Restaurant (along the Sacramento River) for lunch, enjoying great weather and great company!!



**Luther Burbank Branch 17, Santa Rosa**

## **Fishing in Alaska**

**Ted Scapeccia, Fishing Chairman**

**Jim Fenstermaker, Bulletin Editor**

Last August Ted Scapeccia, the Fishing Chairman for Branch 17, and Glenn Andrade, also from Branch 17, left for Sitka, Alaska with two guests. All four were headed for three days of ocean fishing with Kingfisher Charters.

The first day saw us with Captain Don on the "Mist." We fished an area called the "Sharks Hole" slightly north of Sitka and hidden behind an island in order to avoid rough seas. We caught the limit of 24 Coho salmon and one king (see picture). Due to the rough seas, we were unable to go out into the open ocean for halibut.



On the second day, the seas had calmed a bit, so Captain Don took his boat (see picture) south towards an area known as "The Cape" and open waters. There were six foot swells that day but we managed to catch limits of Coho Salmon and King Salmon. We then headed further out to sea for halibut. Once again, we caught a limit of four halibut before calling it a day.



On the final day, the seas had calmed further so we headed for "The Cape" once again on the "Chinook" with Captain CJ. A limit of 18 Coho and three kings were quickly caught, so out to the halibut grounds for more fishing. As the day wore on, the halibut we caught were either too small or too big and had to be released. Nonetheless, we kept one halibut and three yellow eyes before calling it a day.

The next day, we departed Sitka with approximately 430 pounds of frozen fish fillets packed in 50 pound boxes. This was quite an impressive catch!!

In case you are wondering, about the food...we didn't go hungry. The day started at 5:00 am with a breakfast buffet consisting of eggs, sausages, bacon, french toast and biscuits and gravy, plus assorted sweet rolls, bagels, fruit, cereal and yogurt were also available. Lunch was deli sandwiches on the boat with chips, cookies and soft drinks. The dinners were the best consisting of such items as a choice of Dungeness crab or beef tenderloin; New York strip or salmon; prime rib or halibut and on the last night, a surf and turf combo of beef tenderloin and halibut or chicken marsala.

So, if this sounds like something a Sir might want to do, lookout for sign-ups in our Branch in November.

# News from the Branches

*Garden City Branch 39, San Jose*

## **Sirs on Parade**

**Bob Taylor, Area 5 Governor**

Led by Big Sir Bill Sanderson, 16 members of San Jose's Garden City Branch 39 marched in the 25th Annual Thousand Oaks Neighborhood 4th of July parade wearing their bright red SIR Polo Shirts.

After marching in the parade, the group posed for this picture: In back row from left to right are – Lambert Malloy, Keith Balch, Cliff Marks, Augie Augabright, Chuck Lucchesi, Rex Krivanek, Mike Norgard, Vern Meade, Joe Wilson, Jack Oneto, Ruben Maynes. In the front on the left is Big Sir Bill Sanderson and on the right is, Area 5 Governor, Bob Taylor.



*Spirit of 76 Branch 76, Santa Rosa*

## **Historic Air Museum**

**Bob Conover, Branch Member**  
**John Andrews, Bulletin Editor**

On a breezy spring day in May, a group from Branch 76 and their wives attended "Hot Dog Thursday" at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Located adjacent to the Sonoma County Airport, the museum has a unique collection of warbirds, spy planes and other aircraft. All are beautifully maintained and preserved by a dedicated crew of retired Air Force mechanics, airline pilots, and museum volunteers.

After an enjoyable picnic lunch, our group strolled through aviation history. Many Sirs were familiar with the aircraft, having either flown in them, or maintained the airplanes while in military service. We were able to see and touch over 30 restored aircraft, mainly from the Cold War and Vietnam era. (see picture)

We also saw exhibits displaying local aviation history, which told the story of the Santa Rosa WWII Army Air Field and the Santa Rosa Naval Air Center. It was a great opportunity to spend time with fellow Sirs and learn more about the history of aviation in beautiful Sonoma County.



# News from the Branches

## *The Country Club Aires*

Proudly Sponsored by Country Club Branch 33 in Carmichael

Story by: Bob Fitzgerald--Country Club Aires Webmaster, Stage Manager, and Audio Crew Chief

**“Oldies but goodies!”** That phrase certainly describes this great group of vocalists & musicians, as well as the songs they have been performing for audiences all over the greater Sacramento region since 1972. The **“Country Club Aires” (CCA)** men’s chorus & band perform 60-70 times each year to the delight of more than 4,000 people in the greater Sacramento area bounded by Elk Grove, West Sacramento, Folsom, and Loomis.

The CCA (see picture) is an all-volunteer “sing-along” chorus & band who make it fun and easy for their audiences to participate and to smile while they remember the “good old days”. Very ably directed by Clyde Kidd, the CCA currently has twenty-five singers and five band members. Instruments played by the talented CCA musicians include: Piano/Keyboard, Acoustic Guitar, Banjo, Harmonica and Accordion. The average age of the CCA members is 78, with the youngest member at 61 while the oldest member is 88. The CCA is always looking for additional singers and retired band members, particularly a drummer & a violinist.

The Country Club Aires are best known for putting on a one-hour program at least once a week for the folks who are residents of senior retirement apartments, assisted living facilities, and care homes. The CCA also performs for much larger groups such as in the past the “Senior Spectacular” at the Radisson Hotel (1999-2003 & 2005), the “California State Fair” (2001, 2004 & 2005), the annual Christmas programs in the lobbies of “Sutter General Hospital” and the “Shrine Children’s Hospital,” the 2010 “United Way Campaign” Kickoff Breakfast at the Sacramento Convention Center, plus a number of large organizational luncheons such as the “Women’s Social & Cultural League” at the Clarion Hotel.

The Country Club Aires are proudly sponsored by Branch 33. Although the majority of the CCA members are from our sponsoring Branch, there are currently three other Branches represented within our membership: 14, 23, & 107. If you would like to join the CCA, age is not a consideration, but you must be a retired male and a member of any SIR Branch.

More information about CCA is available on-line from our web site: [www.CountryClubAires.org](http://www.CountryClubAires.org). To book the CCA for an event, please contact the CCA Business Manager: PBS Fred Stallcop, at 916-486-2519, or email him at “[BusinessMgr@CountryClubAires.org](mailto:BusinessMgr@CountryClubAires.org).” The CCA is actively recruiting additional singers and band members. If you fit either of those categories, please contact our Director, Clyde Kidd, our Business Manager, Fred Stallcop, or – Bob Fitzgerald. Contact information & forms are available from our web site.



# News from the Branches

*Mission Branch 32, San Jose*

## **Bocce Goes COED**

**Jack Vierhus, Bocce Chairman**

**Dwight Buzick, Bulletin Editor**

Branch 32 has a very active group of members that play Bocce several times a month. Now they have started to include their Ladies into this activity. Four Branch 32 Sirs and their Ladies participated in the Branch's first COED Bocce game at the Lake Almaden Park Bocce courts. Also included was Bob Edwards, a member of the Branch 32 Camera Club, who recorded the activities.

The players were divided into two teams of four players each. The domestic tranquility rule was in play...no Sir and his Lady could be on the same team. The Ladies proved to be quick learners and were very competitive (see picture). The teams were well matched and the friendly competition made for a very close game.

After the game the group went to the Olive Garden restaurant to have a late lunch. It was a fitting ending to afternoon of fun, friendly competition and fellowship.

Branch 32 plans to add the COED Bocce games to its yearly calendar of activities.





# News from the Branches

## Santa Cruz Branch 20

### Classic Car Tour

Ken Jenkins, Bulletin Editor

In mid-February, twenty Sirs and several of their ladies from Branch 20 went on a guided tour of the Canepa Company located in Scotts Valley, to see an impressive collection of exotic cars and the immaculate shops where the cars are repaired and prepped.

The Canepa Company was founded by Bruce Canepa, a highly successful race car driver. The Canepa Company is noted for high level restoration of cars. The Scotts Valley facility consists of three components: a showroom for sale of restored cars, a museum for many of the cars, and motorcycles raced by Bruce Canepa, and the workshop where the restoration and repair work is done

We started the tour in the sales area shown to the right. All of these cars have been lovingly restored by Bruce and are available for sale. If you are looking for anything from a 1953 Cadillac Eldorado, to a Porsche 914, to a



Lamborghini Countach, they have them here in perfect condition.

Then, it was on to the museum, where many of the cars Bruce raced are located. Shown on the left is a 1972 Porsche 917. Most of the cars in the museum are owned by Bruce. For a complete listing you can go to the website at [www.canepa.com](http://www.canepa.com).

Last we got to go down on the garage floor to see some of the work in progress.

Along with the exotic cars, the other amazing thing is how clean the facility is. You could literally eat off the floor. That same dedication extends to how they handle the bolts and fasteners when disassembling a car. They take each bolt and clean and re-plate it, keeping track of each one's location in the car.

This was a very interesting tour, led the entire way by a very knowledgeable employee of Canepa.



# Committee Reports

## State Bowling

### Del Locke, State Bowling Committee Chairman

The SIR State Bowling Championships were held on May 4, 5, and 6 at the Black Oak Casino, hosted by Bert Abreo, and his tournament committee from Branch 136. The turnout was 13 Division "1" teams and 13 Division "2" teams. For those of you keeping score, that's 104 SIR bowlers. Competition was held in Team and Doubles events over the 3 days. Winners in the Division "1" team event was Branch 136 and Division "2" went to Team Upcountry, a mix of Branch 136 and Branch 7. Winners were Sirs Burt Abero, Mike Silva, Dave Rossi and Billy Oliver in Division "2" and Sirs Frank Gaspardi, Jim Sehr, Manny Brager and Jack McGinnes in Division "1." Division "1" Doubles winners were Jerry Sabo and Donal Spicer from Branch 59 and the Division "2" winners were John Ramsey and Jacky Luke from Branch 19. It appears local knowledge of lane conditions benefitted the local guys but so be it, in the game of bowling.

The 2015 tournament schedule is now just over half done but there are some upcoming tournaments that are great travel destinations. The SIR Reno Tournament is August 17, 18 and 19 in the USBC Bowling Stadium and Lake Tahoe is scheduled for September 18 and 19. This is a Friday and Saturday and don't forget the kids are back in school, so Lake Tahoe is a little less crowded. You can find all of our remaining tournaments with entry forms on the SIR Bowling website.

The State Bowling Committee August meeting is coming up fast. We will finalize our 2016 Tournament schedule at that meeting, so look for it on the SIR Bowling website. Also, if there is something you think the Committee needs to address concerning SIR tournament bowling, please let a member of the committee know what your concern is so we may address it. SIR Bowling Committee members can be found on the SIR Bowling website.



# Committee Reports

## State Golf

**Bill Wilhelm, State Golf Committee Chairman**

Here we are half way through the year already and we have made great progress in bringing the Golf Committee into the 21st century and finding new venues for our golf tournaments. Next year's schedule is already out, with all the dates and venues, with the exception of our Fall Classic, where we are still exploring sites for a suitable location.

Reno was great this year! We had perfect weather and the three courses were in great shape. The new hotel seems to be working well. The rooms are modern and very clean, with outstanding restaurants.

The ladies had many choices: Shopping nearby; an indoor and outdoor pool; gambling; and the Spa, which has been voted one of the 10 best hotel spas in the world.

Even with all these great things, we still had a smaller than expected turn out of around 100 for each week. In years past, we have had waiting lists for each of the three weeks! The committee is open to any suggestions to help increase the participation, so if you have any ideas, please contact me or any committee member or drop us a line on the internet.

This year we moved our current Fall Classic to Whitney Oaks in Roseville to accommodate our players in the Upper Sacramento Valley and Sierra Foothills. We had hoped that this would be a popular event for the golfers in that area but as I write this, we have had a very little response from those golfers. The Fall Classic is a Guest Tournament that is open to women and all SIR members and their guests, who are 50 years young. There is still time to sign up and play! It should be a great day in the Sacramento Valley. The application is on our website: [www.golf.sirinc2.org](http://www.golf.sirinc2.org). We are still hoping to get an influx of applications from the area in support of SIR State Golf and fill this tournament.



By the time you read this, our Team Championship will be complete at Poppy Ridge in Livermore. We will have 144 players competing and 36 players will have walked away with cash prizes.

Qualifying for the Individual Tournament is well underway and we are preparing for 70 players to compete for the SIR State Golf Championship. Day one will be open play so all golfers can play and show off their skills on a classic course in the Monterey. Day two will consist of 70 players who have qualified in their division and 74 open spots, for those of you still up for a challenge after day one.

Remember, if you are one of the 70 Division 1st & 2nd place winners, your green fees on day two are covered by

your State Golf Committee.

Our website has the information on all of the tournaments along with applications and schedules. Our first tournament for 2016 will be Spring Time in Napa on April 18th & 19th. The application will be available in November.

I will be available at all the previous mentioned tournaments, so please look for me if you have questions, suggestions, or if you just want to say hello. We are interested in your ideas on how we can make your SIR Golf experience better.

If you have a bad day on the golf course, just remember the quote by Hank Aaron "It took me seventeen years to get my 3000th hit in baseball, but it only took me one afternoon on the golf course."



# Happenings Travel Bulletin

**September 19-27, 2015**

## **Upper Mississippi River Steamboat Cruise**

We will fly to Minneapolis/St. Paul for an overnight stay prior to boarding the elegant American Queen paddle-wheeler for a seven night cruise along the Upper Mississippi River during the Fall Color season. Each day we will be in a different port with free shore excursions. All meals and evening entertainment are included, as are amenities such as wine with dinner, a Captain's champagne welcome reception, and a private cocktail party. Prices vary, with stateroom selection, from \$4,875 to \$5,765 PPDO. Offered by Branch 74 Travel. Contact Allen Daily at 408-265-8140 or Don House at 408-268-1703.

**October 9-23, 2015**

## **Eastern Mediterranean Cruise**

This is an eleven-day round-trip, Rome to Rome on the luxurious Celebrity Reflection. The trip includes, two pre-cruise nights in Rome (Hotel Ponte Sisto) with two guided tours—ancient Rome and the Vatican. We will visit legendary cities such as Istanbul, Athens, Ephesus, Naples, Mykonos and Santorini. The trip includes air, all shipboard meals, entertainment, group cocktail party, and one bottle of wine per cabin. Costs range from \$5380 to \$6100 PPDO, depending on stateroom category. Offered by Branch 114 Travel. Call Jim Stoner at 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson at 408-238-0746.

**November 5-23, 2015**

## **Crossroads of Turkey**

This land tour of Turkey begins with 3 days in Istanbul and then continues to Asiatic Turkey, with a stop at the WW I battlefield of Gallipoli. Stops will include many ancient Biblical, Roman and Greek sites, as well as fascinating geological features and museums, showing history back to the Hittites. The cost per person is \$3795, either single or double, and includes air fare from SFO, tour transportation, all hotel accommodations, and 35 meals. An optional 5 day pre-trip to Athens is available for \$1295. Offered by Branch 62 Travel. Call Jim Hohenshelt at 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan at 408-735-8765.

**The Editor of SIR Happenings failed to recognize Past State President and Publisher of SIR Happenings, Dwight Sale, as the author of the article in the Spring edition of SIR Happenings describing the proper use of SIR-SIR Inc.-SIR's-Sir-Sirs-Sir's or Sirs'**

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**September 30-October 11, 2015**

## **Canada & New England**

This is an 11 day cruise on the Caribbean Princess. The cruise starts in Quebec City with 8 stops including: Port Saguenay, Graspe, Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax, Bar Harbor and ends in New York. Prices range from \$2990 to \$3389 PPDO depending on accommodations and includes r/t air, and much more. Offered by Branch 58 Travel. Call Derlin German, at 707-763-6162.

**December 26, 2015-January 3, 2016**

## **New Year's Celebration**

A New Year's Celebration on a Western Caribbean Cruise. Prepare to enjoy a better than usual way to greet the New Year. The event includes a one night stay in New Orleans and then boarding the Norwegian Dawn for seven days of freestyle cruising and visiting the following ports of call: Cozumel (Mexico), Roatan, Bay Islands, (Honduras), Harvest Caye (Belize) and Costa Maya (Mexico). Prices range from \$2350 to \$3530 PPDO. Price includes home pick up, roundtrip air fare to New Orleans and all shipboard meals. Offered by Branch 1 Travel. Call Philip Manriquez at 650-871-5009.

**January 9-19, 2016**

## **Mexican Riviera Trip**

This is a round trip cruise from San Francisco. The ports of call will be: Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas. Some of the attractions include: Splendid beaches and lush jungles, early architecture and towns, wildlife, Mexico's largest turtle sanctuary, kayaking, snorkeling or scuba diving, zip-lining and other outdoor adventures such as, dolphin encounters and whale watching. Costs range from \$1455 to \$1995 PPDO, depending on cabin selection and includes home pick up to & from the San Francisco Pier and all shipboard meals & entertainment. Offered by Branch 62 Travel. Call Roy Jordan at 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt at 408-394-7226.

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