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APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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President's Message

Happy Spring everyone! The weather's been a roller coaster - heat, rain and heat again always a surprise.

For those who celebrate Easter hope it was a special day, and hope the bunny was good to you.

We had a good turnout and conversations among friends at our last general meeting, This month we will celebrate spring with appetizers and margaritas at the meeting hope to see you there.

Last meeting we discussed having another



Claudia Fernandes
President

volunteer day at the food bank but at their tri valley facility. More information will follow.

We have events scheduled which Pat will provide more information on at our upcoming meeting and trips scheduled that our trip leaders will discuss. We do have a FWSA Convention coming up in June in San Diego always a fun time check their website for more details.

Enjoy the first days of spring doing what you like most. Be safe and we hope to see you at Don Jose's on April 15 for food and drink. Take care (Tax day)

Best,
Claudia



SkiZette Policy

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: 5th of the month

Articles submitted by this date will be included in the following month's newsletter .

Submit articles to:

Dennie Warren, Editor

email: dennieluuu1@gmail.com



Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? -

PLEASE Contact Maggie Jong, VP Membership

email: mozoro25@gmail.com

SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

Got any sporting equipment (i.e. skis, snowboards) and/or clothing that you no longer can use, don't want, etc..... let me know & I'll put it here!!!!

OR.... If you need the above let me know as well!!!

This also goes for winter/ski cabins that you'd like to offer for rent or are looking for same.... Let me know!!!!

(Dennie—your editor — dennieluuu1@gmail.com)

GREENHOUSE MARKET-PLACE

Do you do lots of canning (fruit — jams/ jellies/preserves) and would like members to know about it — let me know & the word will go here!!!!

Are you blessed with culinary expertise (make pies, special desserts, etc) and would like to share?? Also, let me know!!!

Rattlesnake Fact Sheet

(submitted by Sandy Beecher, Safety Chair)

Awareness

There are several species of rattlesnakes common to California, but the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake is the most prevalent in the District's service area. The physical appearance of each snake is variable, but some general principles in distinguishing rattlesnakes are:

- Broad, triangular head with a noticeable "neck" behind the head.
- A rattle located at the tip of the tail. The rattle is used as a warning device when they are threatened.
- Vertical pupils (non-poisonous snakes have round pupils) though hopefully you would not be close enough to notice this!

Rattlesnakes can be found in rural areas, as well as suburban areas where there is sufficient natural habitat. In Northern California snakes will hibernate during cold months and are active March through September.

Several rattlesnake sightings, including discovery of a nest of juveniles, have been reported this month throughout the District. Take special vigilance when entering into a vault

Prevention

If the rattlesnake is not cornered or imminently threatened, it will usually attempt to flee. Bites are often the result of a snake being startled or provoked, and the victim's underestimation of the range (roughly two-thirds of its total length) and speed (literally faster than the human eye can follow) with which a coiled snake can strike.

Avoid contact with rattlesnakes by remaining observant and not approaching the animals. Be particularly careful when working around fallen logs or boulders, and when near rocky outcroppings and ledges where rattlesnakes may be hiding or sunning themselves. Snakes will also occasionally sun themselves in the middle of a trail. If you do encounter a rattlesnake on a trail, keep your distance and allow the snake room to retreat.

Heavy boots and long pants reinforced with leather or canvas are recommended for hikers in areas known to harbor rattlesnakes.

Treatment

Get to a hospital as soon as possible. In the meantime, these first aid steps can be taken:

- Wash the bite with soap and water.
- Immobilize the bitten area and keep it lower than the heart.
- A suction device may be placed over the bite to help draw venom out of the wound. Snake bite suction instruments are available through the Central Warehouse (Stores Code #063449).

Antivenin treatment is typically used to block the tissue destruction, nerve damage, and blood-clotting disorders caused by rattlesnake venom. Keep snake bite victim calm to avoid elevating their heart rate and accelerating the circulation of venom within the body. Do not attempt to make incisions at or around bite sites, apply ice, or use tourniquets, as this could be more destructive than the venom itself.

Reporting & Relocation

All rattlesnake sightings should be reported immediately to your supervisor so that other workers in the area can be informed. In the event that a rattlesnake is discovered in an area that it needs to be removed from (a valve pit, a basement storage area, etc.), please contact the local District Rangers in that area.

Do not pickup or tap the snake.



CVSC's Hawaiian Luau Party!

Hosted by Pat and Dan Green

Saturday, July 18, 2026

at

4655 Cope Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Mai Tais and Appetizers start at 3 PM - Dinner to follow

The dinner menu:

Jamaican Jerk Chicken Breast, Kahlua Pork, Coconut Rice, Grilled Vegetables,
Spring Mango/Cranberry/Pecan Salad, Tropical Fruit Salad, Sweet Rolls & Dessert

Cost: \$29 for members \$65 for non-members

Make checks payable to CVSC and send to Pat Green

Any questions? Call Pat at 925-846-7250

Please RSVP no later than July 8th!

We hope you can join us!



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Main tour departs US on: **June 27, 2026**

Returns to US on: **July 12, 2026**

PRICING (per person)

Pre-trip extension to Puglia: **\$1895** Main Tour: **\$4995**

Airfare from SFO: **\$2100** (but we can fly travelers to/from any US commercial airport)

IT'S INCLUDED:

- 14 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 30 meals—14 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 7 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- 24 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters

Castro Valley Ski Club

Sensations of Lyon & Provence River Cruise with 3 nights in Nice

SEPTEMBER 15TH – 26TH, 2026 – SOLD OUT

\$5465-\$6669 including air (depending on choice of cabin and special discounts)



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Highlights

- 23 Meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Three-night hotel stay in Nice, France
- Touring in Monaco and Monte Carlo
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- Personal listening device for onboard excursions
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- **All gratuities included**
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PORTS OF CALL

- ★ New Orleans, LA
- ★ Oak Alley, LA
- ★ St. Francisville, LA
- ★ Natchez, LA
- ★ Vicksburg, MS
- ★ Cleveland, MS
- ★ Memphis, TN

9-DAYS/8-NIGHTS



CONTACT INFORMATION



Certain restrictions apply. Ship, schedules, rates and itinerary subject to change.

We have 5 cabins booked so far on the Mississippi River Cruise

This trip also includes one pre night in New Orleans on May 18th before we board the boat on May 19th. You can add more pre nights for an additional charge. Cruise fare includes: All meals while onboard the ship (including drinks with meals) and a nightly cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres. Guest speakers and nightly entertainment is offered throughout the cruise. All Featured Shore Excursions are included. Taxes, gratuities, and port charges and fees are included in the cruise fare.

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Please call this phone number - 888-458-6027 to book. Refer to the date of the cruise when calling, which is May 18, 2027 and mention the Castro Valley Ski Club. Please note, they are not holding any staterooms for our group, they will be subject to whatever cabins are available at the time of booking.

Personally think deck 2 with the balcony is the best deal with lounges at both ends of the hallway and the restaurant below us. Price is \$5,335.

All cancellations will incur a non-refundable \$250 per person Cancellation Administrative Charge. Following is the group refund schedule for any monies received:
100%* - Up to 91 Days prior to day of sail
50%* - Between 90-45 days prior to day of sail
0%* - Between 45-0 days prior to day of sail
*All refunds will incur a non-refundable \$250 per person Cancellation Administrative Charge.
A Cancel For Any Reason Protection Plan is available upon request.

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<https://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises/mississippi-river-cruises/lower-mississippi-river-cruise>



FWSA 2026 DIVE TRIP Cayman Brac Beach Resort

September 26 - October 3, 2026

Grand Cayman 2nd Week October 3-10, 2026 Extension Available

BASIC Dive Package: \$2,669 pp (double occupancy)
Non-Dive Package: \$2,244 pp (double occupancy)

Oceanfront Room Upgrades and Standard Single supplement rooms are available.

Cayman Brac Beach Resort Land Package Includes:

7 Nights Beach View Accommodations (*Double Occupancy*)

Three Meals Daily & 21 Drink Package (alcoholic & non-alcoholic)

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 with international airfare
 from San Francisco



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- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- **Accommodations** for 7 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins
- **20 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, as well as soft drinks
- **5 included tours** with personal headsets, **up to 5 Christmas markets**, and **6 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Main-Danube Canal conversation • German language lesson • Regensburg choral concert • *Stollen* baking demonstration • *Christmas Traditions* conversation • Wachau Valley conversation
- **Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** These dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and a local perspective
- **Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers
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- **5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next trip



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ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Departure **NOVEMBER 30, 2026**

Return **DECEMBER 8, 2026**

- Day 1 • Depart U.S.
- Day 2 • Vienna, Austria
Embark ship
- Day 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley
Included Tour Melk Abbey
- Day 4 • Linz
Optional Tour Salzburg
- Day 5 • Passau, Germany
Included Tour Passau
- Day 6-7 • Regensburg
Included Tour Regensburg
- Day 8 • Nuremberg
Included Tour Nuremberg
- Day 9 • Nuremberg • Return to U.S.
Disembark ship

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size

- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers (with approximately 3-4 groups onboard) each with a local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

Pacing

- 9 days, with 7 nights aboard a private river ship
- Return flights to U.S. often require departing from ship in early morning hours

Physical Requirements

- Included features on your trip may consist of 3-4 hours of physical activity each day. Travelers should be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, and walk on uneven surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet, colder or frozen conditions

- Optional activities and walks may be offered in addition to the above mentioned activity level
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

Terrain & Transportation

- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-60 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones
- Travel by 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach

- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary
- Docking for the following locations may be up to 1 hour outside of the city center, with transportation to and from the ship by motorcoach: Regensburg, Germany; Nuremberg, Germany; Passau, Germany

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 38-45°F during cruising season
- Rain, ice, snow, and wind are possible during the holiday season

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. today on your flight to Vienna, Austria.

DAY 2 • Vienna, Austria • Embark ship

You'll be met at the airport today and transferred to your private river ship. Mingle with your fellow travelers during dinner onboard this evening. If you began your discoveries early with our optional pre-trip extension to *Vienna, Austria*, you will join your main group today.

D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 3 • Melk • Wachau Valley discussion

After setting sail this morning, enjoy hot chocolate and relax onboard as your ship

cruises along the Wachau Valley. Your Program Director will provide enlightening commentary about this UNESCO World Heritage Site consisting of sculpted hills and medieval towns built along the river during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion. Later, disembark in Melk for an excursion to the dramatic 900-year-old Baroque Melk Abbey.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 4 • Linz • Optional Salzburg tour

This morning the ship calls at the port of Linz. You have the day free to explore this Old World city. It offers a wealth of discoveries—from its Hauptplatz, one of the loveliest squares in Europe, to the 17th-century Abbey of St. Florian, where Linz's native son, Anton Bruckner, was the

organist and composed many of his famed masterpieces of church music.

Or, join us for an optional full-day tour of Salzburg, the Baroque city of Mozart. Savor hearty Austrian fare over lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight, celebrate the holidays with your fellow travelers at the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

B,L,D—M/S *River Aria* or M/S *River Adagio*

DAY 5 • Passau, Germany • German language lesson • German Christmas Traditions discussion

Begin the day with an **Exclusive Discovery Series** German language lesson, where you can learn some German phrases—such as, *Schöne Feiertage* (Happy Holidays)—commonly used during the Christmas season. In mid-morning, disembark to



Vienna, Austria

explore Passau on an included walking tour, which includes visits to St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Bishop's Residenz. After time to admire the remarkable artistry displayed at the festive Christmas handcrafts market, gather onboard for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation on the history of German Christmas traditions, as your ship cruises along the picturesque Danube River to Passau.

B,L,D—M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

DAY 6 • Regensburg • Choral concert

Today, you'll arrive and dock around mid-morning in Regensburg, Germany's largest medieval city. Then, enjoy a walking tour of this hidden treasure. Since the city suffered no damage during World War II, it remains beautifully preserved. Your tour features the Old Town Hall, the famous Stone Bridge, Germany's oldest, and the Regensberg Christkindlmarkt (Christmas market) in

Neupfarrplatz. After dinner onboard, join us for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event as we walk to a local church to hear a choral concert featuring festive holiday music.

B,L,D—M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

DAY 7 • Regensburg • Main-Danube Canal discussion • Stollen baking demonstration • Captain's Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a leisurely morning onboard today. Your cruise toward Nuremberg begins shortly after lunch. During the afternoon, you'll enjoy two **Exclusive Discovery Series**: a discussion outlining how the Main-Danube Canal's innovative system of locks has made Europe's rivers navigable, and a **Stollen** baking demonstration, where you'll learn how to prepare this traditional German bread made with fruit and nuts, and topped with powdered sugar.

B,L,D—M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

DAY 8 • Nuremberg

Your ship docks at Nuremberg quite early this morning. After breakfast, you disembark for a tour of Nuremberg, one of the most important cities of the Franconia region. Later, visit Nuremberg's famous *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market), where you have free time to browse on your own. This is Germany's most famous traditional Christmas market, and it is open throughout the holiday season.

B,L,D—M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

DAY 9 • Disembark ship • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home, or join the *Munich, Germany* post-trip extension.

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Regensburg, Germany

Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Departure NOV 30, 2026
Return DEC 8, 2026

DECK

A	Serenade w/balcony	\$3,345
B		
C	Sonata	\$3,295
D		
E	Cantata	\$3,245
F		
G	Prelude	\$3,145
H		\$2,995

AIR ADD-ON

San Francisco	\$1,450
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

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Travel Protection: Starting from \$389.

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11 months prior	6% off	\$390	\$780

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Reservations & Information:

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Singles league racing: slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm
 Open league racing: olrc.org
 Weather: nws.mbay.net/home.html
 Best weather website for snow: Tahoweatherdiscussion.com

Far West Racing Assoc: fwra.com
 Web cams on the slopes: magnifeye.com
 Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623
 Info on all ski areas: onthesnow.com

Take a bus to the slopes: nacski.com & tahoeskitrrips.com
 Sierra webcam: sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/

SKIZETTE FOR APRIL, 2026



All monthly general meetings are held at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant, 3430 Village Dr., Castro Valley, CA

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