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The Latest

Let's Make It Special!

Many, many thanks for this year's *great* Club 50 holiday parties! Karen and I had such fun seeing all of you these past two Wednesday nights. I don't think I've hugged so many people in my life! We were thrilled by the positive response you gave us about:

The Venue: The Westin Waltham-Boston served us well – literally! Virtually all of you were pleased with the friendly and efficient staff. You also liked that the Westin's oval tables allowed for full-table conversation.

The Special Guests of Honor: At the December 4th party, an "overwhelmed" Joan Galgay received two lovely gifts from WSB President Brett Dean, including a one-and-only lifetime ticket to the holiday parties! Joan also had the honor of deciding this year's recipient of a \$5,000 donation on behalf of all Club 50 members – the Rotary Club of Watertown.

And at the December 11th party, WSB invited Sergeant Jeffrey Pugliese and wife Connie, Sergeant John MacLellan and wife Monique, and Officer Joseph Reynolds and wife Heather, in order to pay the three Watertown Police Department officers a special tribute -- led by Chief Ed Deveau and WSB Chairman and CEO Ronald Dean -- who were applauded for their remarkable efforts on that week none of us will ever forget in April.

The Veterans: Mr. Dean invited every veteran up to the stage, and WSB employees presented each of them with two special gifts while The Soft Touch Band performed Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA." We were thrilled to be able to do something a little different than we usually do to show our appreciation to our Club 50 members who have served our country, and it was a very moving tribute.

And, last but not least, the Santa Photos: Professional photographer Kay Ritter was a hit!

Thank you for your feedback about the parties. Now we're ready for 2014! Please see all the details in this eNewsletter about Travel Seminar 2014 and the special presentation and signup for our Northern California's Finest trip. I look forward to seeing you at the seminar; until then, Karen and I wish you all the best over the holidays and for the New Year.

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Northern California's Finest

RESERVATION FORM

Northern California's Finest — September 25-October 4, 2014

Deposit Due: \$250 per person. Deposit Due with Insurance: \$449 per person. *Insurance must be purchased with deposit.*

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ to reserve _____ place(s). Make checks payable to **Globus**. Check one: ___ Single ___ Double ___ Triple

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____ Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

DOB: _____ Citizenship: _____ DOB: _____ Citizenship: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

If paying by credit card: Card Holder Name: _____

Type of Credit Card: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Card Identification #: _____

Mail form to: Watertown Savings Bank
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(Visa, MasterCard and Discover — 3 numbers on back of the card in the signature panel.
 American Express — 4 numbers on front of the card in the signature panel.)

Tour Code: AL 40926 Invoice Number: 316875



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Travel Seminar 2014

RESERVATION FORM: Travel Seminar 2014
 2 p.m. Thursday, January 23
 American Legion Post 440
 295 California Street, Newton

Reserve your Seminar seat before January 9!
 (We will contact you in case of adverse weather.)

Please reserve a space for _____ people at the Club 50 Travel Seminar on Thursday, January 23.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Return to: WATERTOWN SAVINGS BANK
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Club 50 Opportunities

Northern California's Finest

Date: September 25-October 4, 2014

First day of Signup: At Travel Seminar 2014

Price: **\$2,849.00 Double** **Single: \$3,723.00** **Triple: \$2,679.00**

Walkability: **strenuous activity:** ability to move quickly over uneven terrain for longer periods of time

Vacation Highlights

Napa Valley: Scenic ride with lunch on the Napa Valley Wine Train

San Francisco: Sightseeing; Chinatown walking tour with lunch

Sonoma: Guided tour of wine caves & tasting

Virginia City: Historic trolley tour; guided silver & gold mine tour

Yosemite National Park: Yosemite floor tour by tram

Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park: Sightseeing; stargazing program

Monterey: Sightseeing including scenic 17-Mile Drive; farewell dinner at Monterey Aquarium

This magnificent trip blends the sophistication of San Francisco with the inspired beauty of California's national parks and scenic Lake Tahoe, Carmel, and Monterey.

Day 1 Arrive in San Francisco: Welcome to the gateway to your Northern California adventure. The rest of the day is yours!

Day 2 San Francisco. Excursion to Napa Valley: After breakfast, depart San Francisco for a scenic drive to Napa Valley, where you will board the NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN. On board, you'll enjoy an elegant 3-course lunch as you pass many of the region's notable vineyards and wineries. Then transfer back to San Francisco via motorcoach this afternoon. At 6 p.m., meet your traveling companions for a welcome drink. Your Tour Director will prepare you for your upcoming journey. (B, L)

Day 3 San Francisco: This morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour of San Francisco, taking in all the major sites. See the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, and Union Square. Then explore historic Chinatown on a WALKING TOUR. Discover dim sum teahouses, see how fortune cookies are made, wander back alleys, and peek into temples in this historic neighborhood. Afterward, enjoy lunch at a typical Chinatown restaurant. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free for you to explore more of this vibrant city. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for sightseeing, shopping, and dining. (B, L)

Day 4 San Francisco-Sausalito-Sonoma-Lake Tahoe: This morning, cross the Golden Gate Bridge and stop in picturesque Sausalito. Enjoy some time to take in the breathtaking waterfront views and explore the many shops and art galleries. We then head to California's wine country, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of the wine caves and a tasting at the GLORIA FERRER CAVES & VINEYARD, makers of award-winning sparkling wines. Continue to beautiful Lake Tahoe for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 5 Lake Tahoe. Excursion To Virginia City: Step back in time with a visit to historic Virginia City. Your TROLLEY TOUR takes you back to the mining town the way it was. Learn the interesting history and the scandalous secrets; see the Victorian mansions, Opera House, and the red-light district. Then visit PONDOROSA MINE to see antique mining equipment and learn the workings of an underground mine. Afterward, stroll the authentic sidewalks and check out the Old West saloons, shops, museums, and restaurants. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore more of this 4-season resort destination. Perhaps join us for an optional cruise on Lake Tahoe. (B)

Day 6 Lake Tahoe-Yosemite National Park: Leave the shores of Lake Tahoe and travel to one of the first wilderness parks in the United States — YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. The park is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles you can also find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient sequoias, and much more. This afternoon, enjoy a VALLEY FLOOR TOUR that highlights the wonders of this incredible park. (B)

Day 7 Yosemite-Mariposa Grove-Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks: Before leaving Yosemite we'll visit the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias, where some of these fantastic trees are over 3,000 years old. We then travel to SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS, the "Land of Giants." In these parks you'll discover a land of diversity and beauty — huge mountains, deep canyons, vast caverns, and the world's largest trees! Overnight inside the park at the Wuksachi Lodge. This evening, join in a STARGAZING PROGRAM, where you'll hear ancient and cultural stories about the constellations and enjoy an evening under the brilliant California sky. (B, D)

Day 8 Kings Canyon/Sequoia National Parks-Monterey: Spend more time this morning exploring these magnificent parks, which now protect nearly half the remaining sequoia groves in the world. See the General Sherman Tree, spend time at the Visitors Center, and just relax in one of the most beautiful settings you'll find. We then continue across the farmlands of California to the coastal town of Monterey for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 9 Monterey: Today's highlights include a journey along scenic 17-MILE DRIVE. Enjoy views of the famous Lone Cypress, Pebble Beach Golf Course, and million-dollar homes. Stop in the seaside town of Carmel-by-the-Sea, a haven for writers, artists, and celebrities. Then return to Monterey and visit Cannery Row, immortalized by John Steinbeck. Your Tour Director hosts a special farewell dinner tonight at the world-famous MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM.

Day 10 Monterey-San Francisco: This morning, travel back to San Francisco for your homebound flight.

Pricing and Additional Information

Per person price based on Double occupancy: \$2,849.00 Single: \$3,723.00 Triple: \$2,679.00

Price includes: Transportation to/from Logan, Airfare from Boston, Pre-night in San Francisco, land tour, Napa Valley Wine Train with 3-course lunch and transfers, sightseeing, hotels and meals as specified in the itinerary, and the services of a professional tour director.

Air-inclusive price quotes will include all government-imposed taxes and fees applicable at the time of booking and will be shown as a total Amount. Additional airline fees for baggage may apply. For more information please check the Globus website, the carrier's website, or iflybags.com for up-to-date baggage pricing/restrictions.

Hotels: Superior First Class (SF) First Class (F) National Park Lodge (NP)

San Francisco: San Francisco Marriott Marquis (SF)
South Lake Tahoe: The Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel (SF)
Yosemite National Park: Yosemite View Lodge (NP)
Sequoia National Park: Wuksachi Lodge (NP)
Monterey: Hilton Garden Inn Monterey (F)

Meals: Breakfast daily; 2 lunches; 3 three-course dinners including a farewell dinner in Monterey.

Travel Protection Plus is available for an additional \$199.00 per person.

Travel Protection Plus: (Must be purchased at the same time of initial deposit) For those who purchase the **Globus Travel Protection Plan**, Globus provides the Travel Protection Plus Plan as well. The Plus Plan allows you to cancel your vacation up to 24 hours (or the prior business day, whichever is farther out) before the scheduled departure FOR ANY REASON. Under this Travel Protection Plus Plan Benefit, **Globus** will reimburse the cancellation penalty amount in travel certificates, minus the plan cost. Additional terms may apply. Cancelling for a covered reason will result in a cash refund, based on the cancellation penalties at the time of cancellation, minus insurance premiums.

Cancellations and Cancellation Fees

(If cancellation is received by Globus)

119-65 days prior to departure: \$250 per person cancelled

64-22 days prior to departure: 20% of total price

21-8 days prior to departure: 30% of total price

7-1 days prior to departure: 50% of total price

On departure day and later: 100% of total price

Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, including accommodations, independently supplied services and optional excursions, reserved prior to, during and after the tour.

Non-members traveling with us must do so as the guest of a current club member.

Individuals who require special attention must bring someone to assist them.

The reservation form is available on the left column of this page – see Forms.





Club 50 Adventures

Travel Seminar 2014

Thursday, January 23, 2014
2 p.m., American Legion Post 440

10 Night Ultimate Caribbean Cruise

Plus One Night in Fort Lauderdale
January 30-February 10, 2014

Northern California's Finest

September 25-October 4, 2014

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Save the Date

Travel Seminar 2014

Date: Thursday, January 23

Don't miss the annual event revealing all of the trips for the year (including Bar Harbor's jaw-droppingly beautiful Acadia National Park, pictured)! **Thursday, January 23**, is the date for Connie and Karen's presentation, starting at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton. This year's special presentation and signup is "Northern California's Finest" set for September 25-October 4 with Globus. (Please refer to the Club 50 Opportunities section for details.) There will also be light refreshments and raffle prizes. We ask that you **reserve your Seminar seat before January 9** (if we know you're coming, we can contact you in case of adverse weather) by mailing us the form included in this eNewsletter, or by calling **617 928 2337** or by emailing Karen at kcondor@watertownsavings.com. Hope to see you there!

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Featured Photo

Vermont, Sampler-Style

Getting cozy at the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory (left to right): Eileen Reardon, Elaine Freimont, Connie, Jane McCusker, Maureen Mello, Maryann Ridenti, Mary Alice McMahon, and Nanci Pepoli.

Cheese samples, syrup samples, and chocolate samples, oh my! Some lucky Club 50 members spent three delicious days in late October tasting their way through tours of Cabot Creamery, Morse Maple Farm, Lake Champlain Chocolates, and the Cold Hollow Cider Hill ... the latter on the *very day* the Red Sox were treating the press to a special order of 300 dozen of Cold Hollow's legendary cider doughnuts at an event before the opening of the World Series! In between samplings, our travelers also enjoyed their stay at the luxurious Essex Resort and Spa and their visits to the beautiful Lincoln family home Hildene, Montpelier, the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, and The Vermont Country Store.

(See more photos of Vermont! Just click on WSB Photo Album in red on the left. On Facebook? Just find us at Watertown Savings Bank-Massachusetts.)

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On the Go & In the Know

Tell us what you think -- and have a chance to win!

Thank you to all of the Club 50 members who responded to our "There's No Place Like Home!" question from the September newsletter: What's the first thing you do when you return home from a trip?

The choices and responses were:

1st choice – Unpack (53%)

2nd choice: Sort the mail (40%)

3rd choice: Pet the cat (7%)

(No votes: Buy groceries, start planning for the next trip, Go to bed!)

And congratulations to **Barbara B. of Charlton, the winner of a \$25 gift certificate towards a Club 50 trip!**

For this newsletter's question – and your chance at that gift certificate – please respond to the "Resolve to Experience More!" survey on the left by January 10.

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