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Monthly general membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month  
at 10 am at Atomic Bowl, 624 Wellsian Way, Richland

## SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

(Any comments about the newsletter, you can email the editor at shepatfleming@gmail.com)

### ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Marsha Hathcox

Vice-President: Lucy Budde

Secretary: Lynne Brown

Treasurer: Claudia Theroff

### Directors:

Diane Beckmann

Pat Landen

Dortha Backer

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

Trip Coordinator: Linda McCarty, 948-0545

Trip Coordinator: Linda Petersen, 551-1700

Social Coordinator: Vel Wright, 521-7710

Member Connections Coordinator: Claire Schneck

Office Manager: Margaret Ault, 308-6892

### OTHER

Attendance: Sharon Warren

Greeter: Barbara Strait

Membership Specialist: Karen Crawford

Website Specialist: Larry Smith, 539-1142

Newsletter Editor: Pat Fleming, 539-5459

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS—*Happy Birthday to You!***

Sophie-Calvey-1  
Margaret -Mathia-4  
Karin-Hogg-5  
Patricia-Adams-7  
Dale-Havens-7  
Rodney-Parham-7  
Marilyn-Dickenson-8  
Karen-Haworth-8  
Fred-Phillips-8  
Patty-Bailie-10  
Joyce-McClanahan-11  
Linda-Peterson-12  
Vernon-Till-12  
Janet-Becker-13  
Patrick-Fleming-13  
Judy-Harper-13  
Lorrie-Pope-13  
Paul-Beaudet-15  
Donna-Ryan-13

Sue-Campbell-15  
Kristina-Kennedy-15  
Jan-Blair-17  
Georgianna-Lockhart-17  
Kathy -Terpenning-17  
Dawn-Gerken-19  
Denise-Hohimer-19  
Joanne-Dimond-22  
Ida -Mains-24  
Dixie-Blankenship-25  
Cathy-Riddle-25  
Gerald-Suminski-25  
Carol-Berry-26  
Karen-Don-26  
Lori-Meyer-26  
Pat-Johnstone-27  
Ron-Meyer-28  
Bonnie-Goering-30

## MEET OUR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

The Rover Office is located at 660-R George Washington Way. Our office hours are Mondays and Thursdays from noon to 2pm. Here are our wonderful volunteers who work those days. Ye Editor just thought she'd bring you up-to-date. Chris Web is our latest volunteer. Thank you Chris for volunteering!!

### MONDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pauline Cullison + Kim Robuck
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lorrie Pope + Dortha Backer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sharon Warren + Joyce Storm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Connie Storey + Barbara Strait
- 5<sup>th</sup> Margaret Ault + Diane Beckmann

### THURSDAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gloria Ewing + Claire Schneck
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Ault + Chris Web
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cheri Jones + Carolyn Gray
- 4<sup>th</sup> Diane Beckmann + Margaret Ault
- 5<sup>th</sup> Barbara Strait + Jolene Olsen

For Questions, you can call our Office Manager, Margaret Ault (308-6892) or email her at mpa99336@gmail.com

## SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS . . .

We are sooo appreciative of Verna Bond and her sister Vicki Madden who bring a cart to each general meeting and put all of the wonderful food donations and things for Martha's Cupboard in it and then into their car and then deliver them.

This is what Verna said: *"Rovers did a wonderful job donating in Aug. Food weighed 170 lbs and Martha's Cupboard was 43 lbs. Food Bank said our donations were perfect. **New socks, gloves, men's caps, children's mittens and stocking hats would be great for the up coming winter for Martha's Cupboard along with any personal or cleaning items.** Thank you Rovers!! Verna"*

**TO THOSE GOING ON FRIENDLY EXCURSIONS' TRIP TO NEW YORK IN 12/25, THE  
FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025**

# SAVE THE DATE

ROVER CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 4, 2025 AT 11:30 a.m.  
AT THE RED LION, KENNEWICK

Details and sign ups start after the October Newsletter





**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 p.m.** (doors open @ 7:00 p.m.)

*Such hits as Mony Mony, Crystal Blue Persuasion, Crimson and Clover, Dizzy, Hanky Panky, Sweet Cherry Wine, I think we're Along Now, and many more.*

**PRICE: \$90.00**

Kennewick Fred Meyer=3:30 p.m.

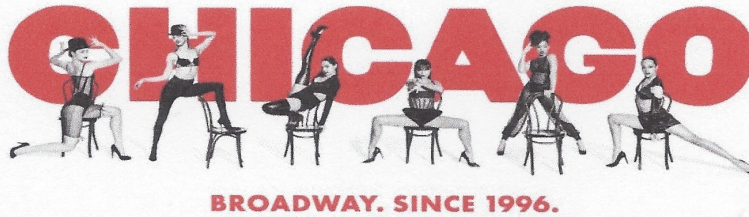
Richland Fred Meyer=4:00 p.m.

Led by Claudia Theroff

509-521-2405

The Yakima Capital Theater Presents~~

NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS TRIP  
AND MONDAY SEPT 1ST IS LABOR DAY AND THE ROVER  
OFC IS CLOSED. IT WILL BE OPEN FOR SIGN UPS THURSDAY  
SEPT. 4TH FROM NOON TO 2PM



**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.**

**CHICAGO** is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz, with one showstopping song after another and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. In the whirlwind of Chicago's Jazz Age, two of the Cook County Jail's most notorious murderesses — vaudeville star Velma Kelly and chorus girl Roxie Hart — become fierce rivals as they compete for headlines amidst a media frenzy.

***Roxie Hart:** A housewife who wants to be a vaudeville star. She goes to jail for murdering her lover when he tries to leave her. **Velma Kelly:** A veteran vaudeville performer known for her "double act" with her sister. She is in jail for murdering her sister and her husband, and she and Roxie are initially rivals when Roxie arrives at the prison. **Billy Flynn:** A smooth-talking lawyer who turns his clients into celebrities, so the public sympathizes with them. He has never lost a case. **Matron "Mama" Morton:** The warden at Cook County Jail, the prison where Roxie and Velma are held. She grants the inmates favors, like press coverage, in exchange for money and other bribes. **Amos Hart:** Roxie's simple-minded yet kind husband. He often goes ignored, especially by his own wife. **Mary Sunshine:** A reporter covering both Roxie's and Velma's murder trials.*

**PRICE \$110.00**

**DINE EARLY OR BRING A SACK LUNCH. NO DINNER STOP.**

Kennewick Fred Meyer=5:00 p.m.  
Richland Fred Meyer=5:20 p.m.  
Prosser Rest Area @ Exit 80=6:00 p.m.

**Led by: New trip Leader, Linda Petersen 509-551-1700 and Assistant,  
Pat Fleming 509-539-5459**



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# *A Day on the Seattle Waterfront!*

## *October 21-22nd*



### **Overnight stay at the brand-new Snoqualmie Casino Hotel**



*While on the Seattle Waterfront, you'll have an opportunity to visit the brand-new Seattle Aquarium, Miner's Landing, The Big Wheel, Wings over Washington, The Carousel, Pike's Market, The Gum Wall, etc. Enjoy the day doing your own thing. Our overnight accommodations will be at the brand-new Snoqualmie Casino with their stunning views of Mt Si. A very special "secret adventure" awaits you before our journey home. Stay tuned!*

**PRICE \$340/\$450** single supplement

**Kennewick=7:30 a.m.**

**Richland=8:00 a.m.**

*(Trip includes motorcoach transportation, driver tip, overnight accommodations, ticket to secret adventure, along with snacks & water onboard and is fully narrated so you won't miss a thing! Meals are on your own.)*

*(Return around 6:30-7:00 p.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

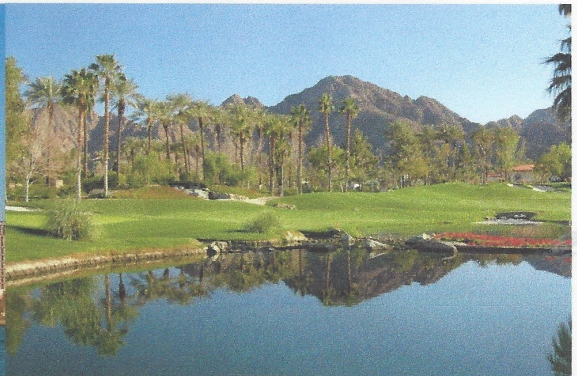
**Led by Linda McCarty and Jim McCarty**

**509-948-0545**

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# San Diego & Palm Springs



**March 8—13, 2026**

**6 Days & 5 Nights**

## Tour Highlights

- San Diego
  - City Tour of San Diego
  - Harbor Cruise of San Diego Bay
  - San Diego Zoo
  - Coronado Hotel Lunch
- Palm Springs
  - City Tour
  - VillageFest
  - Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
  - The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens



## Itinerary

### Day 1 – Welcome to San Diego

Fly into sunny **San Diego**, California, and begin your adventure with a guided **city tour** highlighting some of its most iconic sights. Stroll through the lush gardens and Spanish Colonial architecture of **Balboa Park**, experience the vibrant energy of the Gaslamp Quarter, and soak in the historic charm of **Old Town San Diego**. Settle in for a relaxing three-night stay at the Embassy Suites Hotel, conveniently located next to the scenic **Seaport Village**.

### Day 2 – Wildlife and Waterfront Views

Start your day at the world-renowned **San Diego Zoo**, home to an incredible array of wildlife, including the ever-popular **giant pandas**. Later, enjoy a scenic **San Diego Harbor Cruise**, offering panoramic views of the coastline and city skyline. Cap off your day with a memorable **lunch at the iconic Hotel del Coronado**, a historic beachfront resort full of charm and grandeur. B, L



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**\$3,299.** Double occupancy, per person

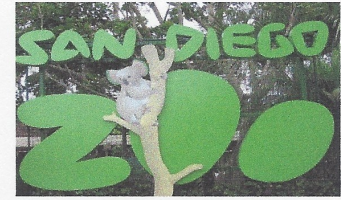
**\$3,999.** Single occupancy

## Tour Price Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Professional Tour Director
- San Diego: 3 Nights: Embassy Suites
- Palm Springs: 2 Nights: Palm Mountains
- Meals: 1 Lunch  
5 Breakfasts

**Tour ID T486**





### Day 3 – Free Day to Discover More (Admissions on Own)

Enjoy a full day to explore San Diego at your leisure. Browse the boutique shops and eateries of Seaport Village, revisit the bustling Gaslamp District, or dive into culture and history at the many museums in Balboa Park or Sea World San Diego. You may also choose to visit the fascinating Maritime Museum of San Diego or step aboard the historic USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum—how you spend the day is up to you! B

### Day 4 – Scenic Drive to Palm Springs

Today, we journey to the desert oasis of **Palm Springs**. Your visit begins with a breathtaking ride aboard the **Palm Springs Aerial Tramway**—the world's largest rotating tram car—ascending over two-and-a-half miles in just ten minutes, with 360-degree views of the rugged mountain terrain and valley below. Then, enjoy a guided **tour through celebrity neighborhoods**, where Hollywood legends once lived and played. That evening, check into the Palm Mountain Resort & Spa, perfectly located in **downtown Palm Springs** for a two-night stay. B

### Day 5 – Desert Beauty and Local Fun

This morning, visit **The Living Desert Zoo**, where you'll encounter over 40 desert-dwelling animal species and hundreds of native plants from the Chihuahuan Desert ecosystem. As night falls, enjoy the lively atmosphere of **Palm Springs VillageFest**—a weekly street fair featuring local artists, live entertainment, food vendors, and a true taste of the community spirit. B

### Day 6 – Farewell and Return Home

After an unforgettable Southern California escape, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. B.-

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**DEPOSIT: \$200** due now to hold your place.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** is due on **January 7, 2026**

**CANCELLATION:** No refund will be given after **January 7, 2026**

Tour ID: **T486**



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## March 16 – 20, 2026

### 5 Days & 4 Nights

\$2,999.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy

\$3,999.00 Single Occupancy

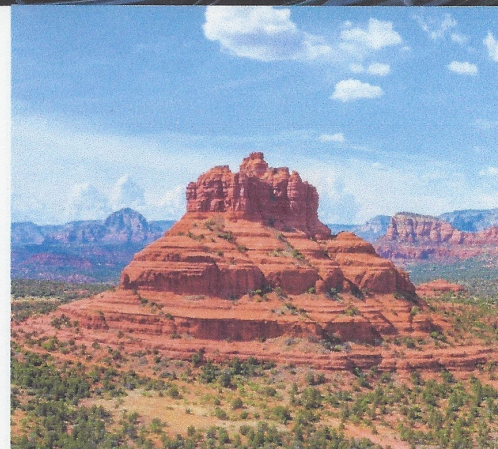
#### Sightseeing Highlights:

- 3 Spring Training Games
  - 2 Seattle Mariners Games Included
- Sedona, AZ
- Pheonix, AZ
- Musical instrument Museum
- Heard Museum
- Westgate Entertainment District
- Tanger Outlets Phoenix

#### Itinerary

##### Day 1 – Fly to Sunny Phoenix, Arizona

Your spring getaway begins with a flight to Phoenix, Arizona, where desert sunshine and warm hospitality await. Upon arrival, you'll check in to the Hampton Inn & Suites Glendale/Westgate, perfectly situated next to **Tanger Outlets Phoenix** and the lively **Westgate Entertainment District**—a vibrant area filled with restaurants, shops, and nightlife. After settling into your comfortable accommodations, enjoy the evening at your leisure. Whether you choose to browse outlet deals, grab dinner nearby, or take a stroll through the bustling district, you'll be right in the heart of the action.



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#### Tour Price Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare 
- Transfers to from the Airport
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Professional Tour Director
- 3 Spring Training Games
- 4 Nights: Hampton Inn & Suites here in Glendale/Westgate
- Meals—4 Breakfasts

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**Day 2 – Native American Heritage & Major League Baseball** This morning, immerse yourself in the rich history and artistry of the Southwest at the **Heard Museum**, one of the nation's premier destinations for Native American art and culture. Admire beautifully crafted jewelry, textiles, pottery, and contemporary exhibits that bring indigenous stories to life. In the afternoon, feel the buzz of springtime baseball as we head to a **Seattle Mariners Spring Training game**. Sit back and enjoy the sunshine while watching your favorite players warm up for the season in a laid-back, intimate stadium atmosphere.

**Day 3 – Red Rocks of Sedona & Another Day at the Ballpark** Today, we journey north to the spectacular town of **Sedona, AZ** a place renowned for its dramatic red rock formations, artistic vibe, and spiritual energy. Marvel at towering sandstone cliffs, browse charming galleries and shops, or simply enjoy the peaceful desert views. After this scenic side trip, return to the valley for another **Seattle Mariners Spring Training game**, where you can cheer them on once more and maybe even catch a foul ball!

**Day 4 – Musical Treasures & Return Home** This morning, visit the exceptional **Musical Instrument Museum**, a world-class collection of instruments and music traditions from across the globe. Enjoy interactive exhibits, videos, and even performances as you explore how music connects cultures. In the afternoon, head to the stadium one last time for your **third Spring Training game**. Sit back, relax, and savor every inning of this exciting finale to your baseball-filled Arizona escape.

**Day 5 –** After this harmonious farewell to Arizona, we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight home—bringing with you memories of sunshine, scenic beauty, rich culture, and exciting baseball action.

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**DEPOSIT: \$200.00 per person due now to hold your place.** Final payment is to be mailed to Friendly Excursions. **Final payment is due on December 10, 2025.**

**CANCELLATION:** Last day to cancel for a full refund is **December 10, 2025**

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**HEALTH ADVISORY:** To ensure the safety and well-being of all members, we strongly encourage everyone to take necessary precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 and other diseases. This includes not traveling or coming to a meeting when you are ill; wearing masks, and following all guidelines and regulations set forth by the relevant authorities.

**TRAVEL ADVISORY:** Any member needing assistance on a trip (i.e. caretaker) must provide the name of that person to the travel coordinator and their trip cost is to be paid by either the member or the caretaker. If a wheelchair/walker will be needed, the member will provide that. Caretaker will fill out and sign liability and medical information page required to travel.

**WHEN CAN I SIGN UP FOR A TRIP?** The first time you can sign up for a trip *is either at a meeting or after a trip appears in the newsletter — WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.* You can sign up in the Rover office, you can mail your check in or you can sign up at general meetings. Keep in mind the trip can fill up at any of those times. When you write a check for a trip, make it payable to Rambling Rovers and please include your phone number on the check and also the name of the trip in the memo line. Re Rover trips and not those arranged by a travel company like Friendly Excursions: If you ever cancel a trip and get a refund, you must cash it within 90 days or it is voided. When are refunds made? If you cancel a trip in less than twenty (20) days but more than three (3) days before departure and are not replaced by someone else, the prepaid expenses will be deducted from the total cost of the trip and the balance refunded. If you cancel within three (3) days of departure, there will be NO refund UNLESS the member is replaced by someone else, OR a letter is presented from the member's physician within thirty (30) days of the trip's departure date, verifying member's medical reason for canceling, OR there is a death in the member's immediate family (a person's immediate family is their smallest family unit). Refunds for ALL circumstances may be reviewed by the Board, if requested by the member or by the trip coordinator on behalf of the member.

Tipping the driver: A gratuity for coach drivers is included in the total price of the trip (\$2 per person) but if you feel generous, you can give him/her more as you leave the bus at the end of the trip. When bringing luggage to be loaded under the bus, please color code it with the school colors for your city which are: Kennewick - black/orange ; Richland - green/gold.