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#### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 18th, 8:00 PM
SYOSSET – WOODBURY COMMUNITY CENTER
Jericho Tpk, 2<sup>nd</sup> light east of Rt. 135 – Opposite Fox Hollow Inn
On entering park, turn right at stop sign and follow road to end.

<u>Trips and Events</u>
For trip info call Lois at 518-945-2667 or Eleanor at 516-938-7078

January 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Stratton Mountain, Vt. This trip is closed. Wait list only at this point.

January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Big Sky, Montana. This trip is closed. Wait list only at this point.

March 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Sunday River, ME. Carpool, 5 nights Jordan Hotel, Ski in Ski out, 5 day senior (65+) lift ticket, 5 complimentary perfect turn clinics, wine/cheese/veggie party, tax & gratuities. Senior rate \$409.00 pp, dbl occ. (\$494.00 with 5 full breakfasts). Non senior \$429.00 pp dbl occ. (\$514.00 with 5 full breakfasts). Check payable to 50+ Ski Club. Mail to Eleanor Tokar, 40 Linden Blvd, Hicksville NY, 11801. Checks needed ASAP! Don't miss out. Send in your checks NOW! This trip was arranged due to popular demand, but the deadline is fast approaching, so don't wait any longer.

# Trip Insurance is highly recommended. Upcoming Events

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Guatemala, Tikai, Antigua, Atitlan: 10 days, includes all tours and all meals. \$1295.00 plus air fare and tax.

Oct 26th, 2015 Vietnam, Cambodia and Mekong River: 13 days.

Anyone interested in these two trips should call Lois for more information.

## **Dues Restructure**

Dues for 2015 are due NOW! Single \$30.00, Couple \$45.00. Dues mailed in must be postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. If paid thereafter, a \$10.00 initiation fee will be assessed for a single, and a \$15.00 initiation fee will be assessed for a couple. Bring to the next meeting or mail to Eleanor Tokar, 40 Linden Blvd., Hicksville, NY 11801. Make check payable to 50+ Ski Club.

Mid Week Skiing, by Gary Schorr: The ski season is here. There's already been a great deal of snow upstate and the resorts have been making their own. We're going to be starting our midweek ventures. If you haven't already done so and are interested in skiing without lift lines and without having to carry your equipment a quarter mile from where you park to where you purchase your lift ticket, please let me know at <a href="mailto:gss12@optonline.net">gss12@optonline.net</a>. Also, send me your mobile phone number.

Holiday Party, by Gary Schorr: On Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the holiday season with a very enjoyable dinner at the Per un Angelo Restaurant at the Jones Beach Hotel. The food was good and the wine and soda flowed. Listening and dancing to the DJ added to the festive atmosphere.



New Year's Day 2015 by Barry Fahrer: Well, it's getting to be that time of year when we flip the calendar and start a new year. This year we are going to again host our annual New Year's Day hike around Blydenburgh County Park. I believe this might be our 7<sup>th</sup> year doing this, but I have not kept track. We will meet at the boat rental parking lot and begin hiking at 10 AM. The hike is an easy 5 mile trek around Stump Pond, which should take about 2 hours. This year we will be traveling counter clockwise around the pond. Keep your own pace and keep the pond on your left and you will return to the point of origin. If you have been there before with us you know what a good time you can have. If you haven't joined us before, ask yourself "why not"? Following the hike, we will roast hot dogs on a stick and heat baked beans in the can, all washed down with some of the finest \$5 champagne money can buy. Truly the best meal of the year.

### Directions to the park.

Take Northern State Pkwy. to the end and continue east along 347/454 until you get to the entrance to the park which is on the north side of the road opposite the Suffolk County office complex. Keep going on the park road and look for the signs for the boat rentals.

## The top 5 myths about the New Years Day Hike

- 1. "I stayed up late to watch the ball drop and can't get up that early".
- 2. I don't know if I can walk around the entire pond.
- 3. I don't really like hot dogs.
- 4. I don't really like beans.
- 5. I don't like the cold.

Believe me; all these objections can be worked out if you try. As far as the last one, I thought we belong to a "Ski Club". See L.L. Bean, Lands End, Eddie Bauer etc. for a solution.

So as you can see, there is no real reason you can't make the hike. See you next year.

Barry & Julie



Cross Country Skiing, by Micheline Kagan: There are two possibilities for making flexible and last minute plans for good cross country skiing off Long Island; the week of January 12<sup>th</sup> or week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>. depending on snow conditions. Let me know if either possibility would interest you. Not to influence in any way, but the advantage of Garnet Hill is that it is pretty much all inclusive and once you're there, you don't have to drive anywhere. Each location has miles and miles of groomed, tracked trails of varying difficulty.

Please call Micheline Kagan at 516-659-8852or <a href="micheline">mfkagan@gmail.com</a> if possibly interested, or have questions, I would like to hear from you in late December.

#### Bennington Vt.

- . Stay at Best Western for less than \$100 a room, incl. breakfast
- . Ski at Prospect Mt. ski center about 20 min. from motel.
- . Dinners in town of Bennington.

### Garnet Hill, North River NY (Southern Adirondacks)

- . 3 night package \$350 pp double or \$385 pp single, includes MAP (breakfasts & dinners) and a trail pass.
- . Can start Sun, Mon, or Tues.