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NEXT MEETING Thursday, February 18th, 8:00 PM SYOSSET – WOODBURY COMMUNITY CENTER On entering park, turn right at stop sign and follow the road to end.

Happy Hour by Gary Schorr: On Friday, February 19^{th} , we will have a Happy Hour at the Black Forest Brew Haus, at 2015 New Highway, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Happy Hour is from 3 - 6 PM. Drinks are discounted and there is free food. We will be given our own room for the event. Come join us for food, drink and socializing. Those who have attended past happy hours know what a pleasant way it is to end the week.

New Year's Day Hike:by Julie Fahrar. OMG, what a way to start off 2016. Mother Nature fully cooperated with us to insure a wonderful five mile FLAT hike around the lake. There were thirty three hikers as well as a dog that joined us for a lovely sunny day at Blydenburg County Park. The banter was cheerful and the position of the hikers shifted so many times that a new companion was always at your side. With all the conversation, the five miles around Stump Pond flew by. A few more people joined us after our hike to partake in our luncheon of Hebrew National franks, hot baked beans, washed down with the best \$5 champagne we could buy. In addition, everyone ends up pitching in and bringing something, so we end up having a feast for lunch.

We have been doing our New Year's Hike for eight or nine years now and we are happy to say that it keeps growing, and we are glad it does because the hike is merrier with lots of people. This year seemed especially warm with the sun joining us for the entire trip. The hike takes most of us about two hours and then Rich Drab starts the BBQ so that we can enjoy our meal as soon as we get back.

If you have not joined us in the past, think about joining us next year. We couldn't think of a better way to start off the New Year with friends, a little exercise and a lovely lunch together. Happy New Year from Julie and Barry Fahrer.

Trips and Events

For trip info call Lois at 518-945-2667 or Eleanor at 516-938-7078

Mt. Snow, Vt., Feb. 21-26, 2016. The Lodge at Mt. Snow, 5 nights lodging, 5 hot breakfasts, 5 multi course dinners, 5 half day group ski lessons, 5 day senior lift tickets, \$609.00 pp dbl. occupancy, includes tax & gratuities. \$659.00 for non-seniors (under 65). Cross Country skiing available on groomed trails at Timber Creek. Make checks payable to WeLuv Traveling and bring to meeting or send to Eleanor Tokar, 40 Linden Blvd. Hicksville, NY 11801. Note: If you have not sent in your check, please do so ASAP. Also, still looking for a male and female roommate.

March 11-14, 2016: Killington, Vt. Grand Summit Lodge. Ski in/Ski out, heated outdoor pool. Includes 3 nights lodging. Two queen sized beds in rooms, 3 full hot breakfasts, 2 day senior lift ticket, \$769.00 pp dbl. all inclusive. Checks made out to 50+ Ski Club and mail to Eleanor Tokar, 40 Linden Blvd. Hicksville, NY 11801.

Note: If this week end is good but the price is too high, there are many other accommodations available that are not ski in/ski out.

April 25th 2016: Grand Canyon, Sedona, Lake Powell, Bryce & Zion: 8 days \$1295 pp dbl.+ air. Starts in Phoenix, travel through Scottsdale, Sedona, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Las Vegas. \$300.00 deposit or \$399.00 with insurance needed ASAP to insure space. This trip is closed. All available space filled.

TRIP CANCELATION INSURANCE STRONGLY RECOMMEND

Mid week trip to OKEMO Mtn: by Neal Pisanti: This trip got off to a rocky start, but improved every day. We drove up on Sunday in the pouring rain. It got cold overnight and we skied on ice on Monday. Tuesday was windy, but the trails were in pretty good shape. The group I traveled with stayed through Thursday and the conditions improved every day. The Hotel we stayed at was very nice in general, and the Happy Hours were very enjoyable, as usual. The complementary buffet breakfasts were nice for the price. The included dinner at the Castle was great. The Castle was elegantly decorated, the service terrific, and the food was excellent.

Park City/Canyons/Deer Valley, Utah trip: by Bob Tamulinas: This western trip went off without a hitch except for a two hour return delay due to a NY snow storm. We had a variety of weather with abundant sunshine, an eight inch snowstorm for the powder hounds, and a fresh inch or two each night. Now that the Canyons are part of Park City, the area is vast with terrain for every level of skier. Even if you make a mistake and find yourself on the wrong end of the mountain at closing time, there is a free shuttle bus to bring you home. Those who also skied Deer Valley had an enjoyable day on groomed slopes with no snowboarders in sight. Bill Allurid had an interesting experience. Skiing alone one day, he started to talk to a man on one of the lifts. The person turned out to be a Delta pilot who lived locally and skied with Bill all afternoon and showed him every inch of the resort.





Mid Week Skiing by Gary Schorr: We've had a most enjoyable start to the ski season in spite of the lack of natural snow upstate. Several of us have found good conditions at Windham, Hunter, and Belleayre so far. We're looking forward to winter with the natural stuff falling. And if you would like to join us, please send me address mobile e-mail and your number at <u>gss12@optonline.net</u>. We meet in Christopher Morley Park in time to leave at 6:30 and carpool to our destination. If you're already on the list there's no need to send it again.

Memorial Run for Roberta (Bobbi) Gerson

On our recent trip to Park City Utah, 10 of us met with Howard Fishman, Roberta's brother, for a snowy run down the mountain in honor of our club VP, fellow skier, and friend, Roberta; who recently succumbed to cancer after a valiant fight to beat this dreaded disease. I am certain she was with us in spirit. Howard lives locally, works at the mountain as a guide, and Roberta skied here with him on a number of occasions.

Roberta, you will be missed.

