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



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

Winter 2018: The Board of Directors have approved Winter Park, Colorado as our destination for next year's

Western ski trip. The trip will take place late in January 2018. The exact date, prices, etc. will be available when negotiations are finalized and contracts signed.

New Trip: "Treasures of Southern Spain and Morocco". This is an 8 day trip aboard a beautiful Windstar Motor Sailboat, October 20 - 27. This trip is closed.

TRIP CANCELATION INSURANCE STRONGLY RECOMMEND

Cuba, by Lois Robbins: Burt and I spent five days in Cuba and found it to be very interesting. We did not know what to expect and were pleasantly surprised. Our hotel was more than ample with an upgraded bathroom, air large TV, swimming pool, and two conditioning, restaurants; and everything was very clean. Havana is really a busy, beautiful, historic city. We visited the enormous estate of Ernest Hemingway, a tobacco farm and saw cigars being made. We also had lunch at an organic farm. We found the food to be excellent and inexpensive. The old cars are amazing and quite beautiful. They are everywhere. One evening we went to the famous Nacional Hotel to see the Cabaret show and viewed the palatial interior of this historic hotel. Included was the Hall of Fame which contains photos of dignitaries going back to the Batista era when mob bosses such as Meyer Lansky, and famous actors and actresses of the 20's, 30's, 40's, and 50's, when famous world figures used Cuba as their playground.

Politically, communism has had its toll on the people, infrastructure, and housing. On the plus side, capitalism is alive and well among the smaller businesses such as restaurants, gift shops, and flea markets. The biggest thing we heard was that "Americans do not like us". This we told them was not true. The largest thriving industry is tourism with many professional people such as teachers becoming bellmen and guides opting for the tourist's tips.

If anyone is interested in seeing Cuba in the near future, please let me know and perhaps we can get a group together since I would love to go back.

Board Members: The following Board members are running for reelection to the Board:

Al Kipperman Lois Robbins Mark Rosenberg Joyce Nagin Deena Teschner

Bob Tamulinas will not be running for another term and his position will not be replaced.

Since I have the room, let's have some fun.

LOST AND FOUND

Did you ever lose a jackhammer on a bus? Someone in Vancouver did. The Vancouver transit authority has a veritable museum dedicated to forgetfulness-a museum it quaintly calls the Lost and Found Department.

Only a quarter of all the objects turned in each year are ever claimed. The rest include such seemingly unforgettable items as:

Artificial limbs Oars False teeth Hard hats Full length mirrors Sacks full of cash

In one year alone, the department took in 2,510 cell phones, 3,232 wallets, 2,164 hats, a 440 bicycles. And the object mislaid far more often than any other by far? It was the humble and all too forgettable umbrella.

