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NEXT MEETING

Thursday May 21st, 8:00 PM SYOSSET – WOODBURY COMMUNITY CENTER

Jericho Tpk, 2nd light east of Rt. 135 – Opposite Fox Hollow Inn
On entering park, turn right
at stop sign and follow
road to end.

What a Snow Boarder melts.

does when the snow

Happy Hour

Please join us at Bertucci's on Friday, June 5th from 4 to 6 PM. Bring friends, and anyone that may be interested in our various activities. Bertucci's is located at 881 Walt Whitman Rd. Melville, NY (Rt 110).

Elections at May Meeting: The following members of the Board whose terms are up are: MJ Albiston, Al Kipperman, Lois Robbins, Roberta Gerson, and Bob Tamulinas,

Al Kipperman, Roberta Gerson, Lois Robbins, and Bob Tamulinas will serve another term.

The nominating committee nominated Mark Rosenberg, and Rhonda Castano was nominated from the floor.

April 24th, 2015 Guatemala, Tikal, Antigua, and Atitlan: by Bob Tamulinas. I must admit that I was a little hesitant about visiting a third world country where tourism is still in its infancy, but what an exciting and enjoyable trip it proved to be.

Guatemala City is a clean, vibrant City with a modern airport on a plateau right in the center of town. I don't know how they do it, but it seems to work. Our modern, ten story hotel was located only ten minutes from the airport, even in traffic. The city is located in the shadow of an active volcano that constantly spews smoke and rumbles.

After spending some time here, we boarded our brand new Volvo Motor Coach and we were off for an ear popping, stomach churning ride through jungles at just above sea level, to cloud forests at 8,000 ft. and plenty of twists and turns in between.

Our next stay was Tikal and a 3.5 mile walk through jungle paths in 113 degree heat and high humidity, to explore Mayan ruins. It was quite an adventure and the pool and hot tub at the end of the day was most welcome. We slept with the sounds of the jungle around us. I could swear that a howler monkey was right on my deck that night.

Then off to the Colonial City of Antigua where all the buildings faced inward to beautiful courtyards much like those found in New Orleans. Once again, our hotel was first class.

Our next stay was Lake Atitlan. After a roller coaster, twisting, turning ride up through cloud forests, we dropped down to 4,000 ft. to an unbelievable hotel in the middle of a botanical garden on the shore of the lake. There was a helicopter approach, but it was not in our budget. Three weddings were scheduled for the week end and I overheard someone saying one groom was from Long Island. It really is a small world. Mel Gibson has a house on the lake.

All our meals were included and the quality and quantity of the food was excellent. All meals were buffet style and seconds were always available.

An interesting sight were the Camioneta or "chicken buses". They are used, U.S. school buses, sold at auction, then renovated with new 6 speed manual transmissions, 2 speed rear axles, air brakes, a roof rack and ladder, chrome grill, rear deck, and colorful paint jobs with extensive detailing. They are privately owned and used as public transportation from city to city.

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

It looks like our Western Trip will be to Park City, Utah, including a proposed interconnect to the Canyons for the upcoming season. Details are still being worked out. More later on.

By popular demand, we will again go to Mt. Snow this coming winter. The date will be adjusted to not conflict with the western trip.

An eastern trip is also in the works. Possibly a long week end to Killington, Okemo, or Stratton.

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

Anyone interested in this trip should call Lois for more information.



Mid Week Biking, by Chris Zimmet: Bicycle riding has started with some interesting rides. We went from Howard Beach to Cony Island and enjoyed lunch at Nathan's. We also enjoyed a ride through the Five Towns, from Valley Stream to Long Beach. Tomorrow we're riding in Bethpage Park. If you would like to join in, e-mail Chris Zimmet at: peachglowgirl48@yahoo.com

Words, Words, Words

For each of three words below, find a fourth word, which, when added to the others, forms a compound word or a word pair.

For example, for a set including smith, fore, and game, the answer would be word, as in wordsmith, foreword, and word game. Ready?

Answers:

slow
hard
stop
life
show
cheese
hand
box
eye
wood
spot