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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 20th, 8:00 PM

SYOSSET – WOODBURY COMMUNITY CENTER

On entering park, turn right at stop sign and follow the road to the end.



Midweek Skiing by Gary Schorr: The weather's been strange this winter with temperatures cold enough for there to be snow followed by balmy spring temps. In spite of this, we've found that our upstate areas have done a wonderful job of blowing and grooming snow, enabling us to have had several most enjoyable days at Hunter, Belleaye, and Windham. We're looking forward to more good days. If you'd like to join us, let Gary know at gss12@optonline.net.

February 9-13 Attitash, New Hampshire Trip Closed.

Stratton Mt. Vermont: by Julie Fahrer

I had a wonderful time at Black Bear Lodge at Stratton. . It was early January and fourteen 50+ ski friends went on this trip. . The weather was mostly cooperative and we had two snow days to enjoy the lovely trails. The shuttle bus ran very often and made it very easy to get to the mountain. The trails that were open were well groomed and they were making snow in many areas. The lift lines were non-existent. Just a short wait on the gondola on the first day. Accommodations were comfortable as each room is exactly the same as the next. The buffet breakfast was even better than I remembered. Also, the two dinners were well planned and delicious. Please consider joining me on this ski trip next year. It is well worth the money for 4 nights of lodging, 4 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Barry and I remember the times when there were 35 or more people on these ski trips. We did have a small mishap but everything ended well. Hope to see you next time. Julie Fahrer

Heavenly Mt. Lake Tahoe: by Louise Covitt, Anne Fitzgibbon & Joseph Rosenberg

There were 11 skiers, 5 on their maiden western trip this year. Heavenly offers a large venue with a picturesque view of the 22 mile long Lake Tahoe which sits on the California, Nevada border. Skiers cannot help but stop and admire the scenery in the middle of a trip down the slopes! The large mountain also meant there was something new to explore each day.

Thankfully, the travel days were uneventful: the planes and the buses were on time; the weather was clear; and the rooms were ready upon arrival! We stayed at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel. **Everyone had large comfortable and well equipped suites.** No need to scurry about cleaning up bedrooms for those hosting happy hour!

Each morning after a hearty breakfast, which included wonderful coffee, cold items, scrambled eggs, bacon and sometimes sausage, along with either pancakes or French toast. We then headed out two blocks to where the gondola sits beside the main road – right in the middle of the village of South Lake Tahoe! The ski conditions were mainly packed powder, although we were treated to a bit of new snow one glorious morning! We found many trails or long cruising runs, and there were soft moguls as well as trees and more trees everywhere. Something for everyone!

At the end of the day it was either dinner at the hotel or evenings out “on the town”! The four planned dinners were served in a private dining room providing the opportunity for wonderful camaraderie and stimulating conversations. The local restaurant scene provided a wide variety of cuisines. Half the group was pleasantly surprised to find “The Taste of Europe”, which offered specialties like stroganoff and goulash! The delicious buffet at Harrah’s was multi-national and was followed by a visit to the casino, which proved to be a positive one for some members financially, and an educational one for others who tried intently to follow what was taking place at the craps tables.

Our thanks to Lois and Eleanor for all the work they did in planning the trip.

A great big hug and thank you to Joe Rosenberg, group leader on our Tahoe trip for the fantastic help he gave to us. His constant updates regarding plane connections, bus transfers, meals and daily happenings of the group was greatly appreciated. He was on top of it all and the trip went smoothly, thanks to him. That certainly gave us peace of mind. We understand everyone on the trip had a marvelous time.....

Thank you again, Joe.

Lois and Eleanor

And.....If we ever get some local snow this winter, the following applies.

Cross Country Skiing by Chris Ruona: For anyone interested in cross country skiing, I plan to (weather permitting) organize a few local outings this winter. The location would probably be the Bethpage State Park golf course (99 Quaker Meeting House Rd, Farmingdale) but I am open to other areas. While skiing on a golf course may not sound overly exciting, the Bethpage course offers a variety of easy and challenging terrains. There are no usage fees at Bethpage, nor do they rent skis. Please contact me if you want to be informed of any planned cross country ski outings. Email me at cruona@yahoo.com