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The Outdoors Club is a non-profit 501(c) (3) volunteer-run organization open to all adults 18 and over which engages in hiking, biking, wilderness trekking, canoeing, mountaineering, snowshoeing and skiing, nature and educational city walking tours of varying difficulty. Individual participants are expected to engage in activities suitable to their ability, experience and physical condition. Leaders may refuse to take anyone who lacks ability or is not properly dressed or equipped. These precautions are for your safety, and the wellbeing of the group. Your participation is voluntary and at your own risk. Remember to bring lunch and water on all full day activities. Telephone the leader or Lenny if unsure what to wear or bring with you on an activity. **Nonmembers pay one-day membership dues of \$3.**

It is with sorrow that we say goodbye to Mike Pollack who died in August. Mike served as secretary on the Board of Directors for a term, and led many hikes for us. He had a remarkable "can do" attitude, and was always willing to help. There will be two memorial walks for him on November 8th one easy, and one difficult. Also, Craig Nunn has dedicated his February 14th Sheepshead Bay to Prospect Park walk to Mike.

CHECK THE MAILING LABEL ON YOUR SCHEDULE FOR EXPIRATION DATE! RENEWAL NOTICES WILL NO LONGER BE SENT. It takes 4-6 weeks to process your renewal. Some leaders will be asking members for proof of membership, **so please carry your membership card or schedule on activities** (the expiration date is on the top line of your mailing label).

Need to confirm has been underlined in the outing write-up. Please be sure to confirm that the outing will take place. Also, special instructions and equipment needed has been underlined.

INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS – Mail to the post office box, call Lenny Morgenstern at 917-842-9490 or send an e-mail to hbmnyee@yahoo.com.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE DELAYS are a constant problem on the weekends. It is a good idea to confirm transportation information the week of the trip by logging onto: www.mta.nyc.ny.us or calling or checking websites of local transportation companies for bus and train information.

Please remember winter walking may involve icy paths and extreme cold. Please dress appropriately to avoid frost-bite and falls – wear hiking boots, face protection, a hat, gloves, use a cane, layer clothing, bring a hot beverage.

Don't hibernate! Come and join us often on walks and hikes. You'll have a wonderful time with fun companions.

Happy Holidays!

Helga, Dorothy, Helen and Craig

11/1 SAT, WALK ACROSS NEW JERSEY PART XII: HOBOKEN TERMINAL TO PORT IMPERIAL FERRY TERMINAL. Penultimate in a series of thirteen hikes crossing the Garden State. From Hoboken Terminal walk a bit of the Hudson River waterfront and around Hoboken, then up to the top of the Palisades. Wander around Union City and Weehawken then descend back to the waterfront to end at Port Imperial. 8-12 miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and park paths. Mostly flat except the easy climb to the top of the Palisades. Optional 2-3 mile extension to Manhattan by ferry then walking the new section of the High Line et al. Bring lunch, snacks and water. E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). Joint Hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Contact leader after 7:00 AM morning of hike if uncertain. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/1 SAT, BIZET'S *CARMEN* IN THE CONTEXT OF LONG ISLAND CITY. We'll have a short, brisk walk exploring Long Island City, ending at 12:30 at Long Island City High School for the 1:00 free Metropolitan Opera Simulcast of Bizet's *Carmen*. Bring lunch/water. MEET 9:45 a.m. so we can leave promptly at 10:00. Email jean.arrington@gmail.com for the meeting place the week of the hike, or call. Leader: Jean Arrington, 646-290-4119. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/1 SAT, HEMPSTEAD LAKE STATE PARK. Circular 6 miles, easy, flat around the lakes. Lovely place, very impressive in every season. Bring lunch/plenty water. Light boots recommended. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. From PENN Station, lower level, board the LIRR Babylon Line train, at 10:57 AM to Rockville Centre, from Flatbush at 10:59 and from Jamaica at 11:22, arr. 11:38. Fare: \$9.00 O/W, seniors \$6.25. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Members Only.

11/2 SUN, HEMPSTEAD LAKE STATE PARK, 6-7 miles moderate. Walk 1/2 mile thru streets before getting to park. Meet leader at Rockville Centre LIRR station. Train gets there at 10:38 am, will leave 10:45 am. Check www.mta.info or 718-217 LIRR. Give yourself an hour from NYC. Bring lunch and water, will come back to same spot. Leader J Socolick 516 359 1591 serious calls only, email preferred Socolickvl@aol.com. Meet at downstairs meeting room. Cancelled if raining/snowing. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/5 WED, VOYAGE to the END. IT'S DONE! 5-7 easy miles. High Line opened third and final phase before the end of September. Come and see this beautiful piece of greenery in the heart of Manhattan. We'll continue on to 97th St. or beyond along the scenic Hudson promenade. Bring lunch/water. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take A, C, E or L train to 14th St and 8th Ave and meet outside at West corner of 14th/8th Ave at 11:00 AM. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Rain/Shine. Members Only.

11/8 SAT, RIVERSIDE PARK. A leisurely stroll in Riverside Park and along the Hudson from 116th St. to 66th St. followed by a nice bowl of hot soup (or whatever) at the new Ollie's at 67th St. and Freedom Place. Riverside Park is widely regarded as Manhattan's most spectacular waterfront park, and one of only eight officially designated scenic landmarks in NYC. Meet 10:30 inside the Broadway & 116th St. subway station on the #1 line, but outside the turnstiles. No need to register, just show up, but feel free to email me or call if you have any questions. Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com. Members only.

11/8 SAT, BATT-BEAR TRAIL: State Line to Nyack - MEMORIAL HIKE FOR HIKE LEADER MIKE POLLACK - 7 miles. Autumn colors on the Long Path, extending through Tallman Mountain, and the Old Erie RR bed. One steeper descent en route to an optional dinner in Nyack. Return by nearby bus stop. Bring lunch and water. Meet at PABT South Wing by the Commuter Statues before 8:45 A.M. Bus departure at 9:15 A.M. (Bus 9A, Gate 220), o/w to state line arr. 10:00 A.M. Leader: Marvin Malater (call 718-376-3608 for status or information). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/8 SAT, MEMORIAL WALK FOR MIKE POLLACK - BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDENS, 1-2 miles, easy, slow pace. Meet 11:30 AM in front of the BBG Eastern Parkway entrance. Take IRT #2 or #3 train to Eastern Parkway/ Brooklyn Museum stop (right at token booth, right after stairs). Bring snacks/water. We'll take a bus ride (bring MetroCard) for an late lunch in Brooklyn Heights. Rain may cancel. Leader: Helen Yee 212-348-5344 call to confirm Friday 5/2 evening 8-9pm only. Members only.

11/9 SUN, LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER. Let us visit this very interesting science museum by traveling via PATH and Bergen-Hudson Light Rail. Admission \$19 adults, \$15 seniors. (We will try to get the lower rate for all.) Bring lunch and beverage. Joint walk. Please call Leader BOB WARD 718-471-7036 (after 8:00 pm for info and registration at least one week in advance. Members only.

11/9 SUN, HIGHLAND PARK and RESERVOIR. 7-8 miles easy hike. Beautiful restoration around the reservoir, woody trails and some architecture. Bring lunch/plenty water. Sneakers OK. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take

any train to 14th St and change to L train, also A, C, or J trains to Broadway Junction (Eastern Pkwy) Stop and meet at 11:00 AM down inside the turnstile (do not get out). Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Hiking boots if light rain/snow. Deep or slush snow cancel. Members Only.

11/15 SAT, BRIGHTON BEACH, CONEY ISLAND TO SEAGATE, 2-1/2 to 3 miles, city/boardwalk, easy pace. Eat at BB restaurant (or bring lunch), then to boardwalk from BB to Seagate, passing land of "BB Memoirs", Coney Island amusement parks, then to Stillwell Ave. and its charms-Nathan's Famous Hotdog Stand, Keyspan Park (baseball), NY Aquarium, Coney Island Museum, and beautiful subway station at Stillwell. Meet 12 noon BEFORE lunch, at Brighton Beach stoop of Q or B train; exit on water side of Brighton Beach Ave. Call to confirm. Leader-Susan B. 718-275-7654. Joint walk; nonmembers \$3.00.

11/15 SAT, 42nd STREET EAST TO WEST, 2 miles, easy walk. Pass architectural sights - bring light lunch - eat later at restaurant if desired. Meet: 12:30 pm at 42ND Street, SW Corner. Call to confirm before 10 PM. Leader: Joan Mendelson & Archie (her dog) 973-230-0761. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/16 SUN, GREAT NECK TO KINGS POINT MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY, 7 miles. Walk through the land of "The Great Gatsby," the original "West Egg" of the novel. See where the 1% lives; then onto the Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy located on Long Island Sound. Tour this 82 acre campus that has the former mansion of Walter P. Chrysler (previously owned by Henri Bendel), and houses the American Merchant Marine Museum in another mansion. Important: Bring photo ID for admission to the Marine Academy, Metrocard for the bus back to the train station, water and lunch. Restroom may not be available on walk until Kings Point. Restroom available at train station. Take the 9:18 a.m. LIRR from Penn Station, arrive Great Neck at 9:55 a.m. Fares: 16.00/11.00 senior, round trip. Meet: Great Neck LIRR station. Leader: Bill Wrublewski Cell: 646-369-0279; Email: summer.time101@verizon.net. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/16 SUN, SCARBORO TO TARRYTOWN via Old Croton Aqueduct, 8 miles, moderate pace. One way walk from Scarboro station to Tarrytown Main St. Lunch at Rockwood Lookout. Easy paced autumn outing. Take MetroNorth 10:20 am to Scarborough (ck sch for changes). Drivers park at Tarrytown Sta. & join us on the 11:10 north bound train & exit at Scarboro. (buy 1 way ticket, we are hiking back to Tarrytown) Leader Hal Kaplan 914.376.3156 hike message beg. Fri 11 AM or e-mail any time kapkotours@gmail.com. Members only.

11/16 SUN, "JUNIPERLAND" IN QUEENS, about 3 & 1/2 mi., level terrain, easy but steady pace. So there was once a "phantom village" in Queens? And what did Arnold Rothstein have to do with it? See the place & hear the story. Stroll thru the verdant, spacious (55 acre) Juniper Valley Park & the adjacent neighborhoods of Rego Park, Middle Village & Rego Park Crescent. Possibility of an optional early dinner at end. Take the "R" train to 63rd Dr.-Rego Park & meet 1 PM @ 63rd Dr. & Queens Blvd. (on the S side of Queens Blvd., SE corner, in front of Rite-Aid). Joint hike. Steady rain cancels. Call to confirm. Leader: Dev Zetlan (212)662-8922. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/16 SUN, SERPENTINE COMMONS, 5-6 miles. Moderate with some wilderness ups and downs. From Sailors Snug Harbor, Allison and Silver Lake Parks, Serpentine Commons, traverse the St. Paul Ave-Stapleton Heights Historic District ending at Ferry Terminal. Bring lunch/water, hiking boots. Rain cancels. Meet 10:45 am Staten Island Ferry Terminal at South Ferry, 2nd Floor by newsstand. Metrocard. Leader: Joel Pomerantz (212)-691-3844. Call to confirm before 10 P.M. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/20 THU, RONKONKOMA TO BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM: on the Long Island Green Belt. 8 miles at a moderate pace. Terrain is almost all flat, but boots are best because the trail can be muddy in places. We'll walk through Connetquot State Park, look at the fish hatcheries there, and end up at Bayard Cutting Arboretum where we can get tea/coffee. Meet at Penn Station/34th St. in the LIRR ticketing area, at the latest 9A.M., to take the 9:14 AM train to Ronkonkoma, arriving at Ronkonkoma 10:37 (check schedule for any changes). Return from the Great River LIRR station. Fare round trip: \$25.25 / \$17.25 for seniors. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff, 212-568- 2052 orpadaulton@gmail.com. Call after Sunday; no calls after 9:30 PM. You must, however, call to make sure hike is on. Joint hike. Members only.

11/22 SAT, JAMAICA TO ST JOHNS UNIVERSITY. 7 miles, on pavement, second half hilly. Relaxed pace. After looping through the historical center of Jamaica we will wander about mostly residential areas of Jamaica and Jamaica Estates with some fine homes. After crossing over the Grand Central Parkway we will walk through the campus of St. Johns University. Meet at 10:30 am Sutphin Blvd and Archer Ave by the Long Island Railroad station (E&J trains). Bring lunch, water. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Call to Confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar (718-782-7732). Nonmembers: \$3.

11/23 SUN, RIVERSIDE PARK. Take the No. 1 subway train to 116th St and Broadway and meet at 12:00 pm. We will walk north to Grant's Tomb for restrooms and then make our way down to the Shore Path in Riverside Park, where we will walk south, possibly as far as 34th St. Some moderate ascents and descents. Several drop-off points available. Will stop at Pier 71 Restaurant. Call if weather doubtful; hike may be canceled for rain, snow, or excessive cold and wind... Joint with NHOC, a Long Island club. Optional dinner after. Bring lunch, snack water. Ken King 631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694 (day of hike only); Phyllis Spisto 516-547-0497. MEMBERS ONLY.

11/27 THU, ASTORIA PARK to ROOSEVELT ISLAND. 6-7 miles easy hike along the water side with drop off available. Bring lunch/water. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take N, Q train to Ditmars Station, last stop and meet in front of McDonald at noon. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Rain/Shine. Members Only.

11/29 SAT, CHINATOWN MANHATTAN TO CHINATOWN BROOKLYN IN SUNSET PARK, 7-9 Miles. Meet at 11:45 AM for Vietnamese Lunch at "Pho" at 73 Mulberry Street (trains 6, N, Q, J, Z to Canal St.). Or meet us at 1 PM outside the restaurant if you do not want to eat before the walk. Medium pace. We will not wait for very slow walkers. We will also eat noshes in Brooklyn Chinatown, like dumplings, etc. No special diets. Call 9:00-10 AM only on day of walk for questions-212-924-8412 or email to contact leader SarinaM@msn.com. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/30 SUN, City Walk. GREENWICH VILLAGE AND 42ND STREET LIBRARY. About 5 miles. We will see sites in Greenwich Village and explore the main library at 42nd Street. Bring lunch and water. Use F or A train to West 4th Street. Meet 11 A.M. at West 4th and 6th Avenue near movie. Leader: Ellen Juro (212) 861-4267. Call Leader to confirm that walk is on before 10 P.M. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/30 SUN, MARINE PARK AND VICINITY. 3 miles, easy pace. We will see the Lott House and Marine Park. Meet 1:30 P.M. Take Q Train to Kings Highway Station. Use E.16 Street Exit. Meet at East 16th Street and Quentin Road. Optional early dinner. Leader: Alan Hecht 1-718- 252-2161. Call to confirm before 10 P.M. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/1, Hudson River South walk on 12/14 - Purchase tickets now if you wish to tour the 9-11 Memorial and Museum (Memorial free, Museum costs \$24, \$18 for seniors).

12/3 WED, BRONX BOTANICAL GARDENS. This is our annual pilgrimage to see the Holiday Train Show at the New York (Bronx) Botanical Gardens. Yes, you've been there before but the exhibition changes every year. Admission \$18. Bring lunch and beverage and dress warm. Joint walk. For reservation and information please call Leader BOB WARD 718-471-7036 (after 8:00pm, at least one week in advance. Members only.

12/4 THU, JERSEY CITY/JOURNAL SQ. AREA/MANA CONTEMPORARY Weekday walk, 2 mi. & standing (during tour), level terrain, steady pace. See highlights of Journal Sq. area & take a free, 1 hour+ guided tour of Mana Contemporary, a sprawling & multi-faceted new arts center. Meet 11AM in the little park @ 6th Ave. & 32nd St. in Manhattan & we'll take the PATH together (\$5 R/T, exact amount in singles or a 5 best). Lunch (modest cost) w/the artists in the cafe @ Mana. Joint walk. Call to confirm. Leader: Dev Zetlan (212)662-8922. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/6 SAT, GREAT SOUTH BAY PLUS BAYARD ARBORETUM. Two options 6 or 11 miles – Moderate/brisk steady. Flat, varied. Not for slow hikers. Hike to a fantastic view of the Great South Bay in Heckscher State Park. Drop out after 6 miles or if you wish continue to explore the beautiful Arboretum. Bring water and lunch; wear hiking boots. Rain or snow cancel. From Penn Station take the 9:16 AM LIRR train to Great River. Fare \$25.50 round trip/seniors \$17.50. Leader will meet group at Great River train station at 10:33 AM. Check mta.info/lirr for current train schedule. Leader Quyen (Quinn) Pham 631-234-5486, 8PM - 10 PM and morning of hike. E: qwpham@yahoo.com. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/6 SAT, PIERMONT TO NYACK. 9 miles at a moderate-to-brisk pace via a Tallman Mountain Loop and northward trek on the Old Erie RR bed. Terrain: level-to-mild hills with one steeper descent; especially cheerful in light snow. The trails culminate in an optional dinner in Nyack. Bring lunch and water. Meet before 8:45 A.M. at PABT South Wing by the Commuter Statues in the ticketing area. Departure at 9:15 A.M. outward to Piermont NY, o/w Bus 9A, Gate 220, arriving at Piermont at 10:17 A.M. Call for hike status and schedule or info. Leader: Marvin Malater 1-718-376-3608. Joint hike. Nonmembers \$3.

12/6 SAT, WEST SIDE WALK, easy walk, architectural sights. Bring light lunch and eat later at restaurant if desired. Meet 12:30 pm at the entrance to Central Park at 59th Street and 5th Avenue, Call in advance to confirm before 10 PM. Leader: Joan Mendelson & Archie (her dog) 973-230-0761. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/7 SUN, EAST SIDE WALK. Meet at 12:15 pm at First Ave and 34th St. A hospital there provides a warm lobby in which to meet, bathrooms and possibly some indoor gardens to tour. We then walk on the bike path along the East

River to just below the Manhattan Bridge, where we turn inland to Chinatown for an early dinner (optional). Bring lunch or snacks and water. Call if weather doubtful; hike may be canceled for rain, snow, or excessive cold and wind. Joint with NHOC, a Long Island club. Optional dinner after. Bring lunch, snack water. Ken King 631-991-8170. nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694(day of hike only); Phyllis Spisto 516-547-0497. MEMBERS ONLY.

12/7 SUN, WILLIAMSBURG WALK, 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. Meet at 11:00 AM outside subway station at 59th and Lexington Ave. Walk from subway station at 59 Street and Lexington Ave over the Queensboro Bridge through Greenpoint, the gentrified area of Williamsburg and over the Williamsburg Bridge to Second Ave F-train at Houston Street where walk will end. We will stop for optional lunch at a restaurant in Williamsburg. Bring water and lunch, if you don't want to eat in the restaurant. Rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ed Liebowitz. Please call 201-332-1709 or email, eleibow@verizon.net to confirm that walk is on. Cell phone only on day of walk after 10AM: 201-850-9649 Nonmembers: \$3.

12/11 THU, LAMONT OBSERVATORY TO NYACK. 7 miles at a moderate pace. We'll meet by 9:20 to take the 9:40 9A bus from the George Washington Bus Station. (The bus station is under repair; we'll meet in the temporary ticket office at Ft. Washington and W. 179 Street.) Return will be by bus from Nyack with an early out at Piermont. Mostly flat, but we'll be on woods trails where boots are best. We'll walk through the woods, through Piermont, and onto the Rail Trail to Nyack. Round trip bus fare \$16.40, less for seniors. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff, 212-568-2052 orpadaulton@gmail.com. Call after Sunday; no calls after 9:30 PM. You must, however, call to make sure hike is on. Joint hike. Members only.

12/13 SAT, CHINATOWN – EAST MEETS WEST, 3 miles, city walk, easy. Changes in expanding Chinatown, landmarks, ancient gravesite, specific architecture. Meet 12 noon, NE corner Canal St. and B'way; 12 noon, lunch at nearby restaurant; or eat in nearby park. Many trains to Canal & B'way, A, C, E to Canal and walk east to meet site. Leader: Susan B; 718-275-7654, call to confirm; Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/13 SAT, EAGLE HILL AREA on the ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE. 8-10 miles. A moderate all day circular hike with some hills. No drop off point. Hike along newly marked trails, includes vista of a special mansion and crossing on many bridges. Very scenic. Bring lunch/hot drink. Good sneakers OK. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take the Hudson Line local train from GCT (42nd St.) to Philipse Manor at 9:20 AM OR from Marble Hill (225th St. Sta., near subway #1) at 9:41, train arrives at 10:13. Fare: buy O/W trip \$9.75/Srs. \$6.50. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Fresh snow we go! Deep snow/slush snow cancel. Cars may park in front of P. Manor Sta. Members Only.

12/14 SUN, HUDSON RIVER SOUTH. Meet 11:15 am in Penn Station, in front of the police booth in front of the LIRR waiting room. From Penn Station we will walk west and do the High Line, then walk south on the bike path along the Hudson River as far as the Atrium of the World Financial Center. . Bring water and lunch or snacks. The Atrium of the World Financial Center provides a warm place in which to eat then we can tour the 9-11 Memorial and Museum (Memorial free, Museum costs \$24, \$18 for seniors). If you wish to tour the museum, it is probably a good idea to go online and buy tickets in advance. Call if weather doubtful; hike may be canceled for rain, snow, or excessive cold and wind. Joint with NHOC, a Long Island club. Optional dinner after walk. Bring lunch, snack, water. Ken King 631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694 (day of hike only); Phyllis Spisto 516-547-0497. MEMBERS ONLY.

12/14 SUN, BROOKLYN'S "BEST" BLOCKS PART II, ENDING IN DYKER HEIGHTS. Second in an indeterminate series of hikes aiming to connect all 200 "best" blocks and corners in Brooklyn suggested in a series of articles published between 2010 and 2014 in "The L Magazine". Starting at some to be determined Brooklyn subway station and ending 8-12 miles later around Dyker Heights, with an option to continue on to see the Christmas lights that neighborhood is famous for. Bring lunch, snacks and water. E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). Joint Hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Call leader after 7:00 am morning of hike if uncertain. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/14 SUN, GARRISON CIRCULAR, 6 miles, moderate pace. Beg trail head commuters lot then OSI Gazebo & on to the Meadow Gazebo (most view; least climbing) Then back to Arden Point's Hudson River View (deepest point in river called "Worlds End") & back to Garrison Landing. Coffee in Cold Spring? Take MetroNorth to Garrison the 9:44 train (ck sch for changes) Drivers meet/park in commuter lot 11 AM. Leader Hal Kaplan 914.376.3156 hike message beg Fri 11AM. E-mail kapkotours@gmail.com. Members only.

12/20 SAT, BROADWAY JUNCTION TO FOREST PARK IN QUEENS. Meet at Broadway Junction token booth (only 1 token booth) at A, C or L train. However, destination may change. Look for Yahoo Group email the week of walk for details. Leader: Julia, questions email at walklover1@gmail.com or call to confirm with Helen 212-348-5344 on 12/19 Friday evening 7-9 pm only. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/21 SUN, MANHATTAN HOLIDAY DECORATIONS. We will walk along 34 Street and then Fifth Avenue at a slow but steady pace, looking at store windows and Xmas trees. Please call Leader BOB WARD (718-471-7036), evenings, after 8:00pm at least one week in advance but not the morning of the trip, for information and to register. Bring lunch and beverage. NO GO IF ICE OR SNOW ARE PRESENT OR IN THE AIR. Members and their guests, only.

12/21 SUN, STATEN ISLAND GREENBELT, 10 miles. Excellent introduction to forest hike. While we will be in the woods and on multi-trails there will be two drop off points. Upper moderate pace but NOT Rambler fast. We will go the length of the Greenbelt via the Blue and Yellow Trails and White. Several stops including top of Moses MTN. Learn trail navigation. Bring lunch, water and hiking shoes. Prepare for cold. Meet: Take 9:30AM Boat to Staten Island. Meet Leader on STATEN ISLAND SIDE at entrance of RAMP A. You MUST call during the prior week (718 967-0855) to hear confirmation message! Leader's course schedule could change date. This HIKE WILL occur even if date changes! Registration is NOT required. For details it is best to e-mail: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com or LEAVE message on phone. LEADER: Brian J. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/25 THU, FORT TOTTEN/ALLEY POND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER. 7-8 miles hike. Hike around the Fort then along the scenic shore promenade. Bring lunch/hot drink, dress warmly. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take the # 7 Flushing Line to last stop and meet in front of Macy's. Q16 Bus to the Fort departs at 11:35 AM from 39 Av./Lippmann Plz. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Fresh snow, light rain we go! Deep snow or slush snow cancel. Members Only.

12/27 SAT, THREE BOROUGH CONNECT-THE-DOTS STEAM GENERATING PLANTS PERIPATETIC PERAMBULATION. Connect most if not all of the plants in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan which generate steam for Manhattan's historic (parts dating to 1882) district heating system. 15-20 essentially flat miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and park paths. Bring lunch, snacks and water. E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). Joint Hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Contact leader after 7:00 am morning of hike if uncertain. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/27 SAT, SOUTH HALF OF THE G LINE. About 6 miles on pavement. Starting at Barclays Center where we finished in July, we will follow the route of the G subway through various neighborhoods to its current end at Church Avenue. Meet in front of Barclays Center (Atlantic & Flatbush Avenues) at 10:30 am. Bring lunch, beverage. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar (718-782-7732). Nonmembers: \$3.

12/28 SUN, CENTRAL PARK, 5 miles. Easy walk from 59th Street to Harlem Meer. Meet: 1:00 pm at Time Warner Building lobby at Columbus Circle. Rain or snow cancel. Leader: Ray Lin (212) 865-1950 No calls after 10pm. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/1/2015 THU, JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE. 8 easy mile hike. The Refuge is re-open. Scenic views with waterfowl. Continue through Broad Channel, the Cross Bay Bridge to Jacob Riis Park. Bring lunch/hot drink and dress warmly. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take the # 7 Flushing Line to Woodside 61 St Stop to board the Q53 limited bus downstairs at 11:00 AM. Brooklynites may take the A subway line to Rockaway Blvd to reach Q53 Bus at around 11:15 (check your bus map). We should all arrive at 11:45 at the Refuge. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Fresh snow we go! Deep snow/slush snow cancel. Members Only.

1/3 SAT, HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL PARK. An approximately 2 to 3-mile leisurely walk through some relatively little-known areas of Central Park, including Harlem Meer, The North Woods, The Great Hill, The Ravine, Belvedere Castle, and The Ramble -- ending up around 1pm for lunch, either at the Boat Basin Cafe, or some other convenient restaurant, for a nice bowl of hot soup (or whatever). Take the No. 2 or 3 subway, or a northbound Madison Avenue 2, 3, or 4 bus, to 110th St. & Lenox Ave. Meet there at the entrance to the park at 10:30. Email me during the prior week or call me the evening before (anytime), to make sure that the walk is on, and if you have any questions. Bob Susser; rsusser@aol.com; 212 666-4371. Members only.

1/4 SUN, PARK SLOPE TO BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, approx. 4 miles, easy pace w/rest stops. We'll walk through different neighborhoods in Brooklyn for an early dinner afterwards. Bring snacks & water. Any ice or snow cancels!

Take IRT #2 or #3 train to Eastern Parkway stop. Meet 11AM inside subway at token booth. Leader: Helen Yee **MUST call to confirm morning of walk 8-9 am ONLY** 212-348-5344. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/10 SAT, SLOATSBURG-HARRIMAN STATE PARK, 10 miles. We will follow some trails around to Pine Meadow Lake, then to Lake Sebago and back to the station. **LATE RETURN DEPENDING ON TRAIN SCHEDULE** (may be past 8 PM) Bring lunch and extra food and drink and a flashlight. Meet at Penn Station at LIRR waiting room on lower level (as this is an easier place to find each other.) We will take NJ Transit train to Sloatsburg and back. Purchase R/T tkt to Sloatsburg upstairs. Fare: \$16.00 RT. Start calling Wednesday night during the week for recorded message or E-mail me at nyhiker50@verizon.net any time up to 1 day before the hike. Leader: Mike Puder 718-743-0920. Nonmembers: \$3.00.

1/10 SAT, BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDENS, 1-2 miles, slow easy pace with rest stops. We will walk around the gardens (about 2 hours), and then take a bus (bring Metrocard) to Greenpoint for a late lunch. We'll stop for a snack & hot drink at garden. Take #2 or #3 subway to Eastern Parkway stop (right after turnstiles, right after steps). Meet outside the Eastern Parkway entrance to gardens 11:30 AM. Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee 212-348-5344 call to confirm day of walk only 8-9 AM. Members only.

1/11 SUN, QUEENS' WATERFRONT, PART-1, 12 to 13 miles. Meet at southwest corner of Vernon Blvd and 50th Ave., Long Island City at 9:00 a.m., Vernon Blvd-Jackson Ave. station, number 7 line. Check to be sure that the number 7 train is running. Even if the number 7 is not running, meeting place is still the same. MTA will provide a shuttle bus to meeting place. Walk the Queens waterfront from Long Island City to Flushing; at least as much of it as we can get to. Pass Socrates Sculpture Park, Steinway mansion, and Lent-Riker-Smith homestead (circa 1654). Drop-off points. Important: bring water and lunch. Food and water not available where we will have lunch. Leader: Bill Wrublewski, cell 646-369-0279. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/11 SUN, CENTRAL PARK SOUTH & QUEENSBORO BRIDGE UNDERPASS. Meet noon at the Time Warner Building Lobby at Columbus Circle. We will explore the southern part of Central Park, possibly as far north as Belvedere Castle, and/or do Central Park Zoo. We will then walk east on 60th St to First Ave to see the Guastavino tiles in the Food Emporium under the Queensboro Bridge. Call if weather doubtful; hike may be canceled for rain, snow, or excessive cold and wind. Joint with NHOC, a Long Island club. Optional dinner after walk. Bring lunch, snack, water. Ken King 631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694 (day of hike only) Phyllis Spisto 516-547-0497. **MEMBERS ONLY.**

1/17 SAT, THE *MERRY WIDOW* & BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOODS. We'll have a short, brisk walk exploring Clinton Hill and Prospect Heights, ending at 12:30 at the Brooklyn High School for the Arts for the 1:00 free Metropolitan Opera Simulcast of Lehar's *Merry Widow*. MEET 9:45 a.m. so we can leave promptly at 10:00. Email jean.arrington@gmail.com for the meeting place the week of the hike, or call. Leader: Jean Arrington, 646-290-4119. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/17 SAT, BROOKLYN WALK, 5-6 miles at a moderate pace. Meet at Hotel Millenium at Church and Fulton Street at 10:00 AM. Walk through the financial district, over the Brooklyn Bridge to Brooklyn Bridge Park along the Brooklyn waterfront to Atlantic Avenue. Optional late lunch at a Middle-Eastern restaurant on Atlantic Ave. Rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ed Leibowitz please call 201-332-1709 or email, eleibow@verizon.net to confirm that walk is on. Cell phone 201-850-9649, only on day of walk after 9:30am. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/17 SAT, ROCKWOOD HALL. A leisurely walk of around 2-3 miles mostly along the Old Croton Aqueduct from Scarborough over the former site of Rockwood Hall, one of the largest mansions ever built in the U.S.-- of which only the foundations remain. Large interesting trees and fine views over the Hudson. Lunch in the cafeteria of Phelps Hospital (very reasonable). Take the 9:20 MetroNorth Hudson Line train from GCT, arriving in Scarborough at 10:16. This train may also be boarded 9:40 at the Marble Hill station. Sorry, but no pets and no smoking. Email me during the prior week or call me the evening before (anytime) to make sure that the walk is on, and if you have any questions. Bob Susser, 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com. Members only.

1/18 SUN, LOWER STATEN ISLAND MIXTURE HIKE, 10 miles. The exact location will depend on snow levels (if any). Road walking in Tottenville plus weather permitting a beach walk of several miles and some woods! Bring lunch, water and prepare for COLD! Meet: Take 9:30AM Boat to Staten Island. Meet Leader on STATEN ISLAND SIDE at entrance of Train. You MUST call (718 967-0855) during prior week to hear confirmation message as date may change due to leader's course schedule but registration is NOT required. For details it is best to e-mail: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com or LEAVE message on phone at least a day in advance. LEADER: Brian J. Nonmember: \$3.

1/24 SAT, RIVERSIDE PARK, 3-4 miles, a moderate level walk along Hudson River. Meet 1:00 pm in front of Columbia University at 116th Street and Broadway, take #1 train to 116th Street. Rain or snow cancel. Leader: Ray Lin (212) 865-1950 No calls after 10 pm. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/25 SUN, CONNETQUOT RIVER PARK PLUS BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM, Two options 6 or 10 miles. Flat. Brisk pace. Not for slow hikers. A winter hike to an interesting Connetquot Park Preserve. See ponds, river, fish hatchery and wildlife; drop out after 6 miles or if you wish, continue to exploring the beautiful Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Bring water, lunch and hot beverage, wear hiking boots. Rain, snow or cancel. From Penn Station take the 9:16 AM LIRR train to Great River. Fare \$25.50 round trip/seniors \$17.50. Leader will meet group at Great River train station at 10:33 AM. (Check mta.info/lirr for current train schedule). Leader: Quyen (Quinn) Pham 631-234-5486, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. and morning of hike. E: qwpham@yahoo.com

1/31 SAT, SOUTH BRONX EXCURSION, city walk, about 4+ miles, easy/moderate steady pace. We'll visit the Mott Haven Historic District, and the grave of Lewis Morris who signed the Declaration of Independence. Bring a hot beverage and lunch. Meet 11 AM at 125th St. & First Avenue in Manhattan (at bus stop). Take any subway that goes to 125th Street and then Bx15 or M100 cross-town bus to First Avenue. Call to confirm if weather is bad. Leader: Robert Halasz (home 212-866-3563, cell 917-482-9757, or rjhalasz@yahoo.com). Nonmembers: \$3.

2/1 SUN, Walk BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO FORT GREENE TO PARK SLOPE. 5-6 miles moderate pace. No slow walkers. We will walk from Court Street in Downtown Brooklyn to Fort Greene Park via Lafayette Avenue. We may take a quick walk around Prospect Park and then walk to Vanderbilt Avenue. We will then walk to Grand Army Plaza via Prospect Heights. We will take a lunch break at Prospect Park with food from the nearby Farmer's Market, if desired, or have lunch at a nearby eatery. We will end the walk either with an additional walk inside the Park or a visit to the Brooklyn Museum (admission is pay what you wish), depending on the weather. Meet at 11:00 AM at the Starbucks at Court and Joralemon Street in Brooklyn Heights. Walk will end around 5 PM. Trains 2,3,4,5 to Borough Hall or R train to Court Street. Rain cancels. Tel only 9-10 AM on the day of the Walk Mary Durkee 609-915-1949, Sarina Meones, SarinaM@msn.com Nonmembers \$3

2/7 SAT, GOWANUS CANAL. About 4-5 miles, walking on streets. Explore Brooklyn's own Venice, its vistas and occasional aromas. Learn about its unusual history and view examples of its ongoing gentrification even as the area seeks to emerge from more than a century of environmental damage. Meet 11 am outside Union St subway stop (R train). After lunch, we may continue through Carroll Gardens. Leader: Robert Halasz (home 212-866-3563, cell 917-482-9757, or rjhalasz@yahoo.com). Nonmembers: \$3

2/7 SAT, MONTROSE POINT STATE FOREST TRAIL SYSTEM. 7-8 mile easy hike, few hills along Verplanck and Buchanan. Scenic views of the Hudson and of Hook and Bear Mountains. Pleasant trails and some history to be learned. Bring lunch/hot drink and dress warmly. Hiking boots recommended. **NO SMOKING ON HIKE**. From GCT (42nd St), board the Hudson Line train at 9:51 AM to Croton Harmon OR from Marble Hill at 10:11, arriving at 10:54. Then board W14 bus for a short ride at 11:28. Fare: O/W train \$9.75/Srs.\$6.50, Metrocard for bus. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Fresh snow we go! Deep snow/slush snow cancel. Cars may park in Croton H. Members Only.

2/8 SUN, RIVERSIDE PARK. A leisurely stroll of around 3 miles in Riverside Park from 116th St. to 66th St., followed at around 12:30 by some hot soup (or whatever) at the new Ollie's, 67th & Freedom Place. Meet 10:45 inside the Broadway & 116th St. subway station, but outside the turnstiles. Email me during the prior week or call me the evening before (anytime) to make sure that the walk is on, and if you have any questions. Bob Susser, 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com. Members only.

2/8 SUN, ROCKLAND RAMBLE, 10 miles, moderate steady pace. Ups, downs and rocks. Hiking boots needed. Long Path from Nyack to Piermont. Optional add-on: abandoned railway right-of-way to Sparkill. Bring lunch, water, snacks. No access to eateries at lunchtime. Meet at Port Authority Bus Terminal, South Wing, by the white commuter statues 7:50 for 8:15 Rockland Coach bus. O/W Nyack Fare: \$9:25/ Seniors \$4:55. Joint hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Leader: Cricket Giese Parker (212.924.2171), cgiese7@gmail.com. Members only.

2/8 SUN, MUSEUMS AROUND CENTRAL PARK Meet at 1 pm just inside the park entrance at 90th St and Fifth Ave. Depending on weather we will either do the new Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum at 91st or walk north on the east side of the park to end at 103rd St, where will end at either the Jewish Museum or the Museum of the City of New York. Call if weather doubtful; hike may be cancelled for rain, snow, or excessive cold and wind. Joint with NHOC, a Long Island club. Ken King 631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694 (day of hike only); Phyllis Spisto 516-547-0497. MEMBERS ONLY.

2/14 SAT, SHEEPSHEAD BAY TO PROSPECT PARK. Dedicated to Mike Pollack. Walk from Sheepshead Bay to Prospect Park past interesting things including several associated with Mike Pollack's walks. 8-12 essentially flat miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and park paths. Bring lunch, snacks and water. E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). Joint Hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Contact leader after 7:00 AM morning of hike if uncertain. Nonmembers: \$3.

2/15 SUN, MANHATTAN WEST SIDE TO CENTRAL PARK, 10 miles. The exact location will depend on snow levels (if any). We will walk along the West Shore of Manhattan and take a tour of Central Park. Moderate pace. Dress for COLD and bring lunch. Meet: 11:10 AM in S.I. Ferry Terminal at the base of the escalator. We will not be taking the boat. You MUST call (718 967-0855) during prior week to hear confirmation message as date may change due to leader's course schedule. But registration is NOT required. For details/questions it is best to e-mail: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com or LEAVE message on phone at least a day in advance. LEADER: Brian J. Nonmembers: \$3.

2/15 SUN, MCNY & CARNEGIE HILL WALK, 3 miles, easy pace. We'll visit the Museum of the City of NY and walk around the Carnegie Hill Historic District. Afterwards we'll have a late lunch in a Chinese restaurant. Meet inside Museum at 11:15 am. Any ice or snow cancels! Take #6 subway to 103rd St. stop or buses M1, 2, 3, 4, 101, 102 or 103. Leader: Helen Yee 212-348-5344 call Friday to confirm (message on answering machine). Nonmembers \$3.

2/21 SAT, BRONX BOTANICAL GARDEN. No flowers, but plenty of snow-clad trees (maybe) in this winter wonderland. Around 2 miles at a very relaxed pace. Take the 9:23 Harlem Line train from Grand Central, arriving at the "Botanical Garden" Station at 9:42. Fare OW \$4 with "City Ticket." Alternatively, take the 4 or D subway to "Bedford Park Blvd." and then the #26 bus east to the Mosholu Gate entrance -- or, the 2 subway to "Allerton Ave." and then the #26 bus west to the entrance. Meet just inside the Mosholu Gate at 9:45. Admission to the Garden is free on Saturdays until 10 (but visiting the conservatory -- optional -- will set you back \$20/\$18srs -- unless you're a member). Lunch in the cafeteria. Sorry, but no pets and no smoking. Email me during the prior week or call me the evening before (anytime) to make sure that the walk is on, and if you have any questions. Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com. Nonmembers: \$3.

2/21 SAT, BUTTERMILK HILL AREA on the ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE. 12 miles. A moderate all day hike with some hills. No drop off point. Hike through beautiful newly marked trails including along the Fergusons Lake. Scenic with great views of the Saw Mill River Valley. Bring lunch/hot drink and dress warmly. Good sneakers OK, boots if snow. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take the Harlem Line train from GCT (42nd St.) to White Plains at 9:25 AM OR from Fordham near D subway at 9:45, train arrives at 10:16 (please use train bathroom, we must take W14 bus at 10:22). Fare: buy One Way fare \$8.50/Srs.\$5.50, Metrocard for bus. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Fresh snow we go! Deep snow/slush snow cancel. Members Only.

2/22 SUN, PARKS OF MID-WESTCHESTER, 11 miles, moderate steady pace. Ups and downs - mostly trails. Hiking boots needed. From Cortlandt station, walk through village of Crugers to Oscawana Island Park via Shore Line Trail. Several bushwhacks to Brinton Brook Audubon Sanctuary. Continue on white trail to Jane A. Lytle Memorial Arboretum. Out to Croton-Harmon station via local roads, Senasqua Park and Waterfront Esplanade. Bring lunch, water, snacks. Meet Grand Central Terminal 7:20 for 7:43 Hudson Line train O/W Cortlandt. Fare: \$.21:50/Seniors \$14.25. Joint hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Leader: Cricket Giese Parker (212.924.2171), cgiese7@gmail.com. Members only.

2/28 SAT, NEWARK MUSEUM, about 4 miles, some ups & downs, easy pace. We'll stop for lunch in a Jewish deli before the walk (under \$15 tip/tax). Any ice or snow cancels. Meet 11:45 am inside NEWARK Penn Station waiting room at ticket windows. Take 11:14 AM NJTransit train w/leader or PATH to Newark Penn Station. Fare: O/W \$5/Srs \$2.25. Inclement weather may cancel. Leader: Helen Yee 212-348-5344 call Friday to confirm (message on answering machine). Nonmembers \$3.

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