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Ski Trip and group dinner. There is still time to contact **Gary Boire** at 347-728-4245 or at his office 718-487 2633 for the ski trip scheduled for **February 23rd**. Coach departs at 6 AM from the parking lot at Bldg. 77 and returns to Bldg. 77 at about 8 pm. Price per person is \$75 and includes the lift ticket and dinner. Ski or snowboard rental is \$25. Even if you don't ski, and you just want to get away for the day and relax in the the snow cover mountain areas and read a book or just socialize and have a good dinner in good company, contact Gary. Priority is given to those who ski but, if there is space, I am sure Gary can get you on board. Price per person will be for the dinner and a small amount for the cost of the bus. The Fund covers most of the cost of the bus.

Atlantic City. Next trip March 24, 2010. **Price:** \$25 for fund members and \$30 for non members. Bus leaves Bldg. 77 at 8:45 A.M. Contact **Bob Batchelor**, 718-553-1642. Our last trips have been very well attended and we cannot guarantee seating for individuals who show up that morning who have not reserved a seat in advance. Don't put us in the position of having to turn people away. If you want to go, let us know!

Spring Party. Remember to keep April 7, 2010 open for this event and come to say "thank you" and farewell to our fellow officers who have retired this past year or who will be retiring very soon. Fliers are posted with complete details. Cost for Fund members is \$50 and nonmembers \$60. Contact **Bob Batchelor** at 718-553-1642 for tickets.

Recent Expenditures. Your Fund will be purchasing new microwave ovens for the IAT and other locations. We have recently purchased new chairs for several locations. We are also in the process of rehabilitating the dinning chairs at the IAT and having the upholstery cleaned. **Operation Afghanistan.** Your Fund contributed \$1,000 for purchase 5 coffee makers, charcoal water filters and 20 bulk packages of coffee filters, purchased at Sears and sent free of charge by Sear to five different remote outpost bases in Afghanistan. In addition, high protein energy snacks /bar and "baby wipes" along with other items will be purchased and sent also. Why you ask? Because these outposts did not even have coffee makers, do not showers and are lucky to have two warm meals a day.

The snack bars will supply extra calories needed to keep the soldier's bodies warm. These outposts are very poorly heated and winter gear is worn 24/7. We have **on site confirmation** that the soldier were ecstatic when the items arrived. Yes, we have someone on the ground in Afghanistan! **Israel, Egypt.** Color brochures have been posted with complete details on this combined tour which has four different options available in an effort to suit all those interested. This is by far one of our most ambitious tours where we will have two different departure dates and three different return dates and two group meeting in Cairo and merging together and returning to the U.S. together after a Five Star deluxe Nile River cruise. If you are receiving this Newsletter via e-mail, opening the following link

<http://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/uscisraelegypt.htm> should bring up the electronic brochure. If not, cut and paste to the browser address bar and you will have the brochure. Clicking on any **blue highlighted** print will bring up detailed information of any site. Clicking on the **Reservation Form** on the bottom will bring up a new page with the reservation form. **Electronic Newsletter** delivery. If any member wishes to receive the newsletter electronically, we need to have a valid e-mail address. We prefer your personal address, but if you don't have one, any valid e-mail address that is available to you will do. Send your e-mail address to me at ciccolilli@netzero.com and you e-mail address will be added to the address book. **Dues** Current membership dues is \$10 per year and is due January of each year. This is the last year that the yearly dues will be \$10. After January 1, 2011 dues will be \$15 annually. Lifetime membership is still \$100. Please pay your dues timely or become a member. Without you, the Fund has no reason to exist and we cannot exist without you. Special thanks to **Alan Wolfe** who has come up with yet another gem of a weekly planner/ date book complete with a telephone directory and other important information. These are provided free for all paid up members. *Thank you for your support. Ray Ciccolilli*