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Ski Trip and group dinner. Gary Boire Is in the process of organizing this years ski outing. February is the month but the date is still not set. As in the past, the coach will depart at 6 AM from the parking lot at Bldg. 77 and returns to Bldg. 77 at about 8 pm. Price per person is \$85 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 covered 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. Contact **Gary Boire** at 347-728-4245 or at his office 718-487 2633. if you are interested. so we can plan for this outing.

Atlantic City. Next trip February 23, 2011. **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 6, 2011 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.

Recent Expenditures. Your Fund has purchased 3 new refrigerators. One full sized for the IAT and two small compacts. One in the supervisor's office and one in the training office.

Israel & Egypt tour We had an awesome trip. Everything went perfectly. Weather was warm to hot in both Israel and Egypt. Our guides were both excellent. I am already working next years international tour. Two European tours are now leading in the voting by past tour members and it could not come at a better time for us as the Euro has dropped 10 cents against the dollar in just the past two weeks and it may drop even more.

Dues Current membership dues is \$15 per year and is due January of each year. 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 and will be available very soon.

Credit Card Program. After months of working on this program, it has been instituted. Capital one has a credit card program which benefits nonprofit organizations. We had to qualify based upon the Fund's mission statement and our activities. I worked on this and we were approved for the program in August. The Board approved the program in September and on October 9th, I became the first JFK Health and Welfare Fund, Inc., Capital One's credit card member. How it will work and how it will work for you? **First.** No credit card fee. **Second.** It is a Platinum Card, and it includes all the benefits of their Platinum Card Program. **Third.** The first time the card is used, the Fund receives \$50. **Forth.** The Fund receives 2% back for all purchases of gas and groceries. 1% back for any other charges. In addition, Capital one has a web link to an ever growing list of in stores and online retailers of goods and services which are for card members only and who will contribute back up to 10%.to the Fund. **Fifth.** Any product that comes with a 1 year warranty, Capital One extends that warranty for another year. **Sixth,** anyone who gets our JFK H&W Fund's Capital One credit card and generates \$100 in cash back to the Fund in any year, becomes a Lifetime member. **Seventh.** Any card member who generates at least \$15 a year, will not have to pay the \$15 annual dues. \$100 is easy in the first year with the \$50 bonus the first time the card is used and just gas and groceries will easily cover the balance. **Finally. By** supporting the Fund's credit card program, you support everything we do for all CBP employees here at JFK and gives us the resources necessary to do all we do to making working all the hours we do here as tolerable and comfortable as possible. There was a time when we did not have a single break room, lounge, refrigerator, TV, our own bathrooms or locker rooms. To apply for a card online and review complete details on the program, go to <http://www.cardlabconnect.com/AffinityPortal/visitorAction.do?affinityName=JFKHealthandWelfareFund> This link is also available online on the JFK Web Site at <http://www.jfkhealthandwelfare.org> Any questions, my e-mail address is listed on our web site. **Please print and post this newsletter.** If you did not receive this electronic version and you are a Fund member, make sure we have your current e-mail address. Nowhere else in CPB does an in-house Fund as ours exist. We are the envy of other ports. It is Your Fund, keep it strong! *Thank you for your support, Ray Ciccolilli*