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“You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing”

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ - Charles Chapman charles@chapmanhext.com

Think Snow and Ski You Soon..... Charles

MEMBERSHIP – Diane Reed dianereed1@swbell.net

GREAT NEWS ON Neighbors Go Section of the DMN- they have confirmed they will be running both a photo & follow up article on the Egypt trip! Our web site will be included in the article so we're hoping to get some feedback from that.

***Our Membership is holding strong with great participation in our monthly activities and 44% of membership going to Crested Butte! Our monthly activities are a great way to introduce newcomers, both family & friends to experience YAHS friendly and fun personalities. We hope your friends can join us on our next event! Pass the word...
Diane***

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL "TSC" – Marlow/Joyce Muldoon mjmuldoon@verizon.net

This season's ski trips are shown below.

Fall Roundup	Breckenridge	Nov. 23-28, 2010	
Traditional	Beaver Creek	Jan 8-15, 2011	
Winter Expedition	Austria	Jan 21-28, 2011	
Winter Shootout	Crested Butte	Feb 5.12, 2011	Pam
Final Showdown	Snowbird, Alta	March 12-19, 2011	
Summer Expedition	Alaskan Cruise	Sept. 6-13, 2011	

Also, you are always welcome to travel with other groups. Check out the Texas Ski Council website www.texas-ski.org for more details.

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING

USA or BUST !!!

Joyce Muldoon

We've returned from the long awaited trip to Egypt, Petra & Jerusalem. A total of 354 people from the Texas Ski Council traveled the main trip w/167 going on the post trip to Petra and Jerusalem. We had 13 official YAHS members, some were our newest members and some from an Austin club.

Marlow and I left on Friday, September 24 via Amsterdam to Cairo. Other members flew through Frankfurt. After all 354 people arrived in Cairo by Sunday, we then flew to Luxor to board the river boats. Our boat the M/S Royal Ruby was nice & we enjoyed a fairly large cabin w/air-conditioning. The inclusive buffets were large & varied, however the bottled water was at an extra charge.

Each group was assigned a bus and an Egyptologist. Our Egyptologist was named Amghat and was absolutely amazing. Our first visit was to the Valley of the Kings. It was packed with tourists and no photos were allowed. It was very hot and there was lots of walking. We next went to the Queen Hatshepsut temple.

The temple of relief was next but of course we had to pay to relieve ourselves. We then visited an alabaster factory where we were entertained by the workers singing and showing off their goods. We negotiated and bought a few pieces.

Last stop before lunch was the Colossi of Memnon where 2 statues weighing 1300 tons were erected thousands of years ago.

After lunch we boarded the buses again and headed to the temples of Karnak and Luxor. The Karnak temple is the largest in Egypt – one room having 134 columns. We again learned more about the Egyptian gods. There is an avenue of the sphinx being slowly restored between the 2 temples.

There was a reception in a very nice hotel in Luxor but unfortunately it was outside and all we wanted was air conditioning. The deck where the reception was held overlooked the Nile. Back to the boat, dinner and drinks on the top deck. After one glass of wine, I was ready for bed.

On Tuesday we went to Edfu where Amghat had us all intrigued with the Egyptian version of creation. We were sailing down the Nile toward Aswan with a stop at the temple Kom Omba.

Wednesday was our LONG day. We got up at 1:00 AM to catch the 1:30 bus to Abu Simbel. We wanted to be there when the sun rose. The temple had been moved when the first Aswan dam was built. We explored two beautiful temples – we walked and walked and walked some more. After 4 hours at the temple we headed back to the boat stopping at the Aswan High Dam (built in the 60's). The earlier dam is made all of granite and the High Dam is several times larger, supplying all of Egypt with electricity.

We were back at the boat for lunch and then off again at 2:45 sailing on small boats to the botanical gardens. From the gardens we took a motor boat to ride the camels. We rode for about 20 minutes to a Nubian village where we saw the local village and their crafts. A motor boat took us back to the boat where after dinner we went to a light show at the Philia temple.

At 11:00 PM (remember we got up at 1:00 AM) we got ready to go to the Galabaya, the Egyptian party. Everyone was dressed in Egyptian outfits. They had games – belly dancing, mummy wrapping – loud music, laser lights, etc. Needless to say we did not stay too long. Tomorrow we go to Cairo

On Thursday, we arrived in Cairo after dark in a sand storm. There are over 17 million people in Cairo (the most densely populated city in the world). It is very dirty, the traffic is horrendous and the people drive without lights (to save their batteries).

After a lovely buffet breakfast at the hotel we are off to the pyramids and sphinx at Giza. Lots of vendors peddling their wares but our guide, Amghat, warned us to stay clear. We went to see the ancient city of Memphis and then to the alabaster sphinx. We went to the papyrus store and found some lovely gifts.

After lunch we went to Sakkara to see more pyramids and ended up visiting carpet factory when we watched children weave rugs. No purchases there. We passed on the optional Cairo by night city tour but heard it was great.

On Saturday we are up bright and early to drive to Alexandria. We saw the ruins, the catacombs and the new library. Lunch was at a lovely restaurant by the Mediterranean.

We attended “Mass” at the Moslem Mosque. It really was quite interesting. Amghat took us into the mosque, sat us down and explained the Islam religion. There are many similarities between Christianity and Islam and his opinion was that it is the political fanatics who cause the problems.

After church we went to the Egyptian Museum where we saw the Tut exhibition. We did not make it through the complete tour – the museum was not air conditioned and there were lots of people.

For those going on the post trip to Petra and Jerusalem it was a wake up call at 1:00 AM, luggage out at 1:30 AM and bus leaves at 2:00 AM. The only thing worse than the traffic in Cairo is the air pollution.

We drove ALL day across the barren desert. We stopped at St. Catherine’s monastery along with other rest stops. Of course, we paid at each stop to go to the restroom. We arrived at a beautiful resort in Taba but really did not get to enjoy it. That night there was a Mexican buffet and the food was fantastic.

Another early wake-up call so we could go to Jordon via Israel. You have to cross Israel to go to Jordon. This procedure took 3 or 4 hours passing through security and customs in both countries.

We ended up in Aqaba at a gorgeous resort, Radisson Blu where we met our new guide, Maem (means the man who thinks wisely). Tuesday afternoon, we went for a jeep tour at Wadi Rum (Moon valley).

The hotel/resort in Aqaba was beautiful, less than 5 years old and on the Red Sea. The rooms were great with all the conveniences of home – coffee in the rooms.

It was a 2 hour drive from our hotel to Petra. Our guide Maem was great. The walk down to the hidden city LONG. After passing some tombs which are located outside the city, visitors pass through an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone. It is a winding, one-kilometer-long fissure between overhanging cliffs that seem to meet more than 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage and with one last turn and in

towering brightness appears Petra's most impressive monument, The Treasury. This is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity, carved out of the solid rock from the side of the mountain, is nearly 140 feet high and 90 feet wide.

Coming back up, Marlow and I decided to take a horse back to the visitor's center. The charge was \$4 but Marlow said that was the best \$4 he spent on the trip. My guide proposed marriage; he already had 2 wives and was looking for another. I passed on his proposal.

Thursday, the day from hell on which we were suppose to be going to the Holy City. We got through Jordon and Israel customs and security with not problems.

NO buses to take us to Jerusalem. We passed customs at 8:00 AM and the buses did not come until 1:00 PM. The story was that the tour group was expecting us on Friday, not Thursday. We had a two hour bus ride to the Dead Sea with lunch at 3:00 PM. We stayed for 2 hours where some people swam but I only waded.

We left the Dead Sea resort at 5:00 PM to go to some unknown hotel in Bethlehem. 2 ½ hours later we were there but it was mass confusion. We ended up staying at the Holy Family Hotel. Our lodging had no hot water, no mattress – only springs on the bed. Not the luxury we had in Jordon. The people at the Holy Family Hotel were very nice but we were ready to move on.

Friday, our bus came about 7:30 and while in Bethlehem we visited the Church of the Nativity. The church is the oldest church in world which was never destroyed till this very day. We had a 20 minute souvenir shopping stop and then it was on to Jerusalem – passing though the border (Bethlehem is in Palestine).

In Jerusalem we visited the church of the Holy Sepulture where according to the Christian tradition Jesus was crucified and buried. Going through the bazaar (which we were not allowed to stop at) we went to the Wailing Wall. We had lunch and then toured the city and ended up at the Mount of Olives.

We arrived at the Tel Aviv airport at 8:30 PM for an 11:00 PM flight. We made it home safely after a 12 ½ hour flight from Tel Aviv to Atlanta and a 2 hour flight from Atlanta to Dallas. The United States never looked so good.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Special Request from Mary McManemin: Members please send me the information regarding any event or place, such as a museum or exhibition, maybe even the Zoo ??, Anything that would be of interest to you. Just send me your email address with your place of interest. I'll check on arrangements for our group. Thanks, Mary McManemin
gramamac27@gmail.com

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER

Only 5 weeks Until December 5th - Jingle Bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.....Please reserve now by return email to Greg Jones ljones2140@aol.com. Yes it is that time already and plans are set for our YAHS Annual Christmas Event !!! This year Billye and Charles Summers will receive our group in grand fashion at their 7,000+ square foot home- what a treat for us to share our 'best dishes' and 'laughs' in a whole new area of Dallas.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. The club will provide brisket as a main dish and libations! Bring your 'best dish' and smile! In our normal YAHS Christmas Party tradition each of us will provide all of the side dishes & desserts. Remember the Chinese gift exchange and don't give all those 'oldies but goodies' to anyone else, they bring us a lot of laughs!

**NOVEMBER 16, 2010
DINERS' EVENT
LA CALLE DOCE RESTAURANTE
(Lakewood Location)**

We will meet a 6:30 pm in a special upstairs private dining room of the recently remodeled Lakewood location of La Calle Doce, 1925 Skillman Ave, Dallas; it's just north of Live Oak. They are accommodating us with separate check service in order that you may choose from their very extensive menu. While known for Mexican style seafood, it includes many other kinds of entrees as well as all your Tex-Mex favorites. Please check out their website at www.lacalledoce-dallas.com where you can see their menu and learn more about the interesting nearly thirty year history of this Dallas culinary hot spot which began in a small Oak Cliff house on, you guessed it, 12th Street.*

This event is open to DFWYAH members and guests. To make your reservation, mail \$10 per person, to me at the address shown below by November 12. The reservation fee is non-refundable but will be applied to your bill. LARRY FELLMAN, 11225 PARK CENTRAL PLACE, DALLAS, TX 75230

**No elevator, you really do have to go up the steps. It's not that bad, trust me.....*

We're keeping in shape for Ski Season, are you??? Champion Trail Bike Rides – Saturday mornings.....
The Muldoons go out nearly every Saturday to ride the trail beginning at 7:30 AM. Experience our wonderful Fall weather with us! If we have 8 or more confirmed people joining us we will have our mimosas after the ride. Coffee, juice, baked goods are always available. Joyce/Marlow mjmuldoon@verizon.net

Other News, Updates and Information

Raise a glass to GLENNA DAY as we cheer her on for her biggest challenge to date. Glenna is one of our original DFW YAHS members (superseded by Over The Hill Gang of Dallas). She spent 5 years living at Aspen Mountain (someone had to bear the burden, ha) & has traveled the world over. She loves a good laugh and you'll never see her without a smile on her face!. Good luck Glenna, we look forward to sharing the Spa with you at Crested Butte.

IT'S SNOW FUN IN THE MAKING !

SKI CRESTED BUTTE !!!
We Have 22 Confirmed Pillows
With Final Payments all in house

(thanks guys, you make planning a whole lot easier)

6 Skiers have already purchased their, AA tickets to Gunnison/CB
early enough to get in on the Sale Prices

To Check out our accommodations "The Grand Lodge" Emmons Studio Suites
Click on the following link: www.skicb.com then follow the prompts.

Reservations WERE Closed October 16, 2010

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Travel Tip - when passing through security at the airport, toss an empty water bottle in your carryon bag, then after security, fill the water bottle with cold water at the fountain. You can now carry it on the plane legally. Your other option is to pay \$3-4 for a bottle of water at one of the shops!

FRUGAL IS COOL !! Do you have any bargains you would like to share please email/snail mail them on to Pam for next month's edition. **REMEMBER all those dollars saved today add up to more ski days tomorrow.**

OUR MONEY GUY- Beach Aten

The club had a balance on hand of \$16,165 as of the end of October. Of this, \$13,150 represented deposits for the Crested Butte trip next spring. Funds for the Egypt trip have been completely zeroed out. We had two membership renewals this month, out of three scheduled. For the past twelve months, we had 52 renewals--the same as the last twelve month period.

Until Next Month.....

Pam