

## **Bingo World and Georgian Downs Casino**

**Saturday, March 18th, 2017**

This exciting trip was organized by Violet Monteiro and attended to by Elizabeth Prabhu as Violet could not make it. Our group was picked up at Commander Blvd. sharp at 10:00 a.m. Our first surprise on entering the bus was our breakfast presented by Inno Soares, brown bagged delicious muffin and a yoghurt. After introductory prayers by Sheilah D'Souza for a safe trip, we knew we were off to a good start.

Our driver Ray took us safely to our first stop at Bingo World. We arrived at 11:00 a.m. which was too early as the game starts at 12:30 p.m. We were given a bingo book and a lunch coupon. This place was new to some members and Bingo World helpers gave us some coaching on how to play the games. After consuming our lunch of soup/salad or soup/sandwich or roast beef/fries we were ready for winning big money. We played several games of Bingo in different combinations and the most exciting moment was when Paul Madeira called "bingo" on a two-lines call and his prize was \$500. 'Lucky Winner'. Thereafter we left for our next stop at Georgian Downs Casino.

The Casino gave us a \$10 incentive and new players got an additional \$10. The casino was very busy but they did have a variety of machines and plenty of them. Here of course everyone was on their own either making money or losing it. After all a casino trip always has some winners and some losers. We left the Casino at 8 p.m. after spending 4 hours there, but no one claimed to have won big.

The drive back was a lot of fun. Sheilah D'Souza took over the microphone and called for jokes or a song by anyone. Menino then sang a Konkani rendition of a song which had us in splits of laughter. Then Sheilah took over and we all sang together all the oldies favourites till we reached safely back to Commander Blvd. at 9:15 pm. One hitch here our cars had a lot of snow which had to be cleared before we took off for home.

It was a fun day .....

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