

Review of :

Fallsview Casino Niagara and Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls / 25th November-2017

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The TEGSA Committee organized another exciting trip to Fallsview Casino Niagara and a drive through to visit Canada's foremost illumination festival – the Ontario Power Generation Winter Festival of lights in Niagara Falls on Saturday, November 25th.

The departure time of 11 am from Commander Recreation Centre was perfect for a Saturday, as we all got to sleep in a bit as well.

Violet Monteiro co-ordinated the registration of this trip and ensured that we had a full bus load as usual. The bus took off on time and hearty snacks, prepared by Violet, were distributed to everyone to either savour immediately or keep for later. We then prayed for our safe journey. After that, it was game time and the lucky winners received Tim Hortons Gift Cards. It was lively and entertaining all through the game and we soon reached the Casino.

Each one was given \$10 free play – and we all dashed to the slot machines to try our luck at winning the jackpot. There were some small wins and losses but it made for a very addictive fun couple of hours! The Niagara Casino mall too was beautifully decorated with lights and festive store displays and some of us spent some time also strolling through the mall to enjoy the décor and do some shopping as well!

We boarded the bus around 6:00 pm for our return journey to visit the Winter festival of lights in Niagara Falls. This winter marks their 35th season and it captures the magic of the holiday season. It is an 8 km long illumination route that includes the three dimensional Canadian wildlife displays including moose, deer and bison, the world's largest Canadian-American flag, the illumination of the Skylon Tower, the Inuksuk and several trees in Dufferin Islands, etc. It was definitely worth the visit.

After we had soaked in the majestic illumination festival, it was time to entertain ourselves for the journey home. Cookies were distributed to satiate our little hungry tummies. We sang Christmas carols et al, with a competitive streak with the front and back seaters and an endless stream of jokes to keep us entertained. We all reached safely home after another fun trip organized by TEGSA.

Thanks to Violet and several TEGSA members Elizabeth Prabhu and Paul Madeira who worked hard to co-ordinate the logistics of this trip and make it a success! Your efforts are truly appreciated by everyone!