CONVENTION MEETING March 18, 2017 at Kubat's home 6 PM Reading of the Minutes from the last convention meeting was waved. Guest—Walter Young from Entertainment Express Limousine Co. attended and explained his availability of limos, vans & busses & all kinds of transportation his company can provide. In business for 30 years based in Englewood & has many large accounts (Bergen Pac/NJ Pac/Pegasus Racetrack, etc. and many lg. corporations). He will give us a proposal with prices. Cost for transport from the 3 airports to the Hanover Marriott & hotel to NYC. Mike Meehan has prices from a few limo services & when this proposal comes thru he will make comparisons.

## (Break for dinner)

Wendy Meehan reported that some clubs have sent us donations for the convention. Dan McCormack former NJORTC member gave us \$500. If the club makes money on the convention, we need to reimburse CTCI \$1,500-they gave us \$2,500 start-up funds. Wendy has turned in over \$14,000 in registration funds (\$900 from PayPal) 713 room nights at the Marriott, 41 Chapters & 26 States/Countries represented. Average registration fee \$480. 25 T-shirts & 45 Polos ordered. 47 cars & 14 trailers. Hotel opened up 20 more rooms for Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun. Still waiting list for Weds. Night.

Registration online thru PayPal (fee 2.9% + .30 transaction fee). Better for our club members pay by personal checks.

Mike reported that we have signed "Securitas" for security for the show field. No deposit required.

Wendy reported on signups for trips & events: 140 Welcome party, 5 Yoga, 8 Stress, 20 Short Hills Mall, 163 Cookout, 107 for Circle Line & NYC trips, 2 Casino, 153 Banquet. There are 6-10 registrations coming in each week.

Joe Kubat reported on the trips. 55 persons per bus. 45 persons on bus is our break-even charge. Charge is per person for trip.

Casco will be doing our goodie bags.

Joanne Seiler-Yoga mats @ \$4.50 ea. Umbrellas \$10. She suggested we order more mats to sell to car owners to use as mats while working on their cars—voted down.

Mike Parillo-not attending. Vendor tables.

Arlene Kubat-Volunteers list taken care of. She suggested shirts for kids acting as runners for judging day. Suggestion will be considered about entertainment at Welcome Party.

Detailer for washing stations discussed.

Bill Downing-Early Bird May/June issue will have article/ad on convention.

Phil Guidone-sending out thank you's to people making donations. He has ad commitments of \$900. \$1,200 from Hills/lanyards. Pat contacted NJ Tourism Board & they will send 300 maps & 300 tourist pamphlets for the goodie bags.

Vince Ucci-Trophies & acrylic paperweights discussed.

Harriett LoPiccolo-not attending. Joanne discussed centerpieces.

Pat will burn CD's of Thunderbird songs for goodie bags.

Arlene & Joanne went to hotel to see hospitality room. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. No coffee served.

Toni Sabino-Welcome Party. Joanne suggested a meet & greet table with the CTCI directors & Regional directors at a table for an hour at the party.

Diane Szura-10 baskets made. Donations needed for baskets suggestions of wine basket or car books themes.

Next meeting hosted by Paul Schroll at DeLizia pizza in small back room on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned approx. 10 p.m.