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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS!

And what a great year it promises to be! In PVS, it marks the beginning of our "big trip" season, and it's time for our active skiers to get out and do all the downhill and cross country they can on their own or in small, informal groups. (Remember our Answering Service.) In short, it is what we have been waiting for since last spring when the last of the "crud" melted and washed down the hill.

This is also the perfect place to headline a great big "Thank you!" to the producers of the PVS Cookbook. (Do you have yours yet?) Bette Walker and her committee did an outstanding job collecting and organizing the finest recipes in the PVS repertoire, typing them and assembling the final products. Mort Kuff rates kudos for getting together the page layouts, graphics and beautiful format. You would be hard pressed to find better eating anywhere for less than this \$6.95 little cream puff.

Happy skiing!

Bob

Bob Marx, President

JANUARY MEETING: Movie...Refreshments...
Tips on Keeping Warm on the Slopes.

Date: January 19. 8:00 p.m.
Place: Glade Flake's, 11804 Beekman Place,
Potomac, Md. 20854. Tel:762-6890.

Directions: From the light in downtown Potomac at the corner of Falls Road(Rte 189) and River Road (Rte 190) proceed on River Road to Norton (third street on the right).Norton Road deadends at South Glen Road. Take a left here and go to first street on right - Glen Road - and then first left onto Beekman Place. 11804 is on the left.

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PAST EVENTS

SMILE, YOUR ARE ON CANDID CAMERA by Lu Beale

There we were, Saturday, Dec 12th, twenty PVSers making a simple little exploratory trip to the Lincoln Memorial Catacombs and the next thing we knew we were on the 6 o'clock TV News (Chanel 4).

When Ray McKinley arranged the tour back in early summer, he had no way of knowing that on the very day before our trip the Washington Post would report that ghosts and other things that go bump in the night were haunting the vast underground areas of the Memorial. TV jumped on the story and accompanied our group to see what haunts we might encounter and how we would handle same.

As it turned out, we tramped through many black, scary, echoing caves and saw lots of stalacites and stalagmites, but no spooks and the chills were caused not by the supernatural but by the very low temperature.

Still, the group - which included, among others, the Copes, Marxs, Wingroves, Barrys and Wyckoffs - stayed VERY close to one another and when the TV interviewer asked Robin Wingrove why she clutched her father's hand so tightly, small Robin replied, "I wasn't holding on to HIM. He was holding on to ME."

Although our exposure on the evening news was disappointingly brief (90 seconds), we considered that to be television's loss, considering all the talent available, and voted unanimously that the expedition was a very successful PVS FIRST.

CHRISTMAS GLUWEIN PARTY - 1981 by Jean Heitchue

Our annual Christmas Party was hosted by Adele Waggaman at her lovely home December 15th. About fifty people were greeted by Christmas decorations, a warm fire, sparkling gluwein and a table laden with all kinds of nibbles donated by members of the club. Even the weatherman put us into the season mood with all those beautiful flakes coming down.

The high light of the party was the viewing and sale of our long awaited cookbook. It was most impressive and a must for every PVSer's kitchen. It's a steal at \$6.95!

Bob conducted a short meeting to remind us of coming events and trips.

Many thanks, Adele, for a beautiful evening.

CONDOLENCES:

The club sends sincere condolence to Adele Waggaman on the recent death of her husband, Bob, who had suffered from a heart ailment for some time. The club is especially grateful to Adele for continuing her arrangements to host the Christmas event despite her sad loss.

The Knee

by

Ray McKinley



Dear Kneeophiles, Kneeophytes, and members of my fan club Core Knee (hint-say it fast), let me

be the first - and hopefully the last - to wish you a happy knee year. We've had my favorite kind of weather at most ski areas - snowknee- (and that's snow joke) so it looks like a great ski season.

Did you note the new membership roster? The Knee complained when the June list came out that called us the Potomac Valley Ski Club rather than Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. - which is our actual name. The power of the press showed its clout. When the December list came out there we were: Potomac Valley Ski Club. Maybe we should change our name?

It wasn't really a PVS event, but there were certainly a lot of PVSers at Gail and Larry Pease's wedding which was held at Mary and Norm Engleman's. For the first time in memory I saw Norm in a shirt and tie. Ditto Hank Thomas. I was fit to be tied.

The occasion had a fiesta air with delicious Mexican food and a Mexican wedding cake. All catered by the Tortilla Factory in Herndon. All in all it was quite an event. Everyone was in holiday clothes and the ladies freshly coiffured. Pat Cope was notable in her new hairdo. Everyone had a great time and all agreed Gail and Larry should repeat the ceremony next year and make this an annual PVS event.

Someone asked who my favorite first lady is. The answer is obvious: Jacknee KenKneedy.

With regard to who skied the earliest this year the apparent winner is Glade Flake who skied at Ski Liberty on Thanksgiving day accompanied by his sons. (Leaving Joan at home to cook the bird?)

Other early skiers include Norm Engleman who skied Stowe the week of Dec. 12; new member Norb Kulpa who skied at Jackson Hole in early December; and Jack Lilly who spent Christmas at Vail. The Knee hates all of you because I haven't yet been on skis this season.

Remember my report some months back on the "Great Stamp Caper?" (If you didn't, you had jolly well better go back and read it. It was excellent - if I do say so myself, and I do.) Well, Mafiosa Member (MM) has struck again. The "C" stamp on this very TOOT is one the club obtained from him. This time we got almost \$300 worth of stamps at a 5% discount so we'll have "C" stamps on TOOT for a while to come. Right on, MM.

On a recent business trip, I was scanning a local California newspaper. There, on page 3, was a chapter of a 17 chapter serialized Christmas story called "Santa and the Ice King" by Lucrece Beale. In talking with Lu, I learned that for 27 years she wrote an annual Christmas story for the Associated Press, before quitting some years back. Now the AP is re-running them - and with no royalties! Boo! Do you remember any of them? My favorite was "Santa Gets Hauled in by the Environmental Protection Agency Because of Unclean Exhaust."

If someone takes pot shots at this column, do you call it knock knee(d)? Probably not.

Despite a tad of snow and traveler's warnings, the Christmas party at Adele Waggaman's was lovely. The long awaited PVS cookbooks finally arrived (including Lu Beale's contributed recipe for Elephant Stew. I had it last night and it was delicious... except when I bit down on a bit of tusk) and everyone was in a festive mood. Veep Mary Ward had a new hairdo and Alice Swalm was sporting a cast on her left arm fractured at an earlier Christmas party. She is confident it won't affect her skiing.

The tour through the Lincoln Memorial Catacombs was also fun. And it certainly was dark when we momentarily turned off our flashlights. The comment of the day came from new member Jane Miller who, remarking on the dank stalagmite-filled area, quipped, "Overall, it's cleaner than my basement."

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Gail Gell

Welcome to new applicant members:
Philip and Eugenia Ufholz
1229 J Greenleaf Ave.
Potomac, MD. 20854
Home: 340-0683
Office: 224-2441

This gives PVS 26 new applicant members for a total membership of 148 as of December 23, 1981.

NOMINATIONS

PVS President Bob Marx has appointed Alice Swalm to chair the nominating committee for the 1982-83 slate of PVS President and three Executive Committee members.

The committee's recommendations will be published in the February TOOT in accordance with PVS bylaws and voted on at the April Annual Meeting.

MISSING LINKS?

Cookbook editor Bette Walker reports that a few cookbooks were delivered with missing pages.

If you are one of those with a missing page, contact Bette (554-4766). She has plenty of replacement pages.

NEW VISTAS

The club officers are considering a white water trip (possibly on the New River in West Virginia) and a fall hay ride as future club events.

Watch these pages!

Those Were the Days :

The July 1969 TOOT contained the following report on the drinking habits of PVS as demonstrated at the June 1969 club meeting held at the home of Bill Stecher:

"Members present at the June meeting will acknowledge the evening's overwhelming success was the result of the Stechers depleting their booze cellar as a parting contribution to PVS. In fact this was the first meeting that didn't deplete someone's treasury (either PVS or personal) thanks to Bill's booze, the 50¢ fee, and Edna's cashiering. The official bartender's estimate of the evening was:

- // 192 gills beer
- 80 gills 7-up, coke, etc.
- 6 gills Chivas Regal
- 6 " Canadian Club
- 5 " Old Grandad
- 4 " Beefeaters

- 2 gills Vermouth
- 2 " Vodka
- 1 gill Acquavit
- 2 gills Tom Collins Mix
- 0 " Pimm's Cup #1 (no cucumbers)

"Three hundred gills is one heluva load and the bartender hopes everyone got home safely.

"Note: gill (jil) is a liquid measure equalling 1/4 pint according to New World Dictionary."

Boy! Those WERE the days!



SKI TRIPS

WISP 11 February 12th - 15th

Add this just planned second Wisp trip to your 1982 ski options. It's for the long presidents' birthdays weekend and shud be a winner.

Lodging will be at Timberlake (as usual) and the price for the 3-day weekend including food will be about \$45- \$50 per. Transportation will be by car pool.

Call Vivian or Bob Barry for information and reservation.(560-3127)

SKI UTAH POWDER March 6 - 20

Because of cancellations three slots have opened up on this Western trip. Call Norm Engleman. (299-2635)

and

- Jan 8 - 10 ... Wisp I. Gail Gell leading (924-5000)
- Jan 23 - 30 ... Sun Valley, Idaho. Call SCWDC's Tom Rollow(703-684-7154)
- Jan 26 - Feb 9. Spain/North Africa. Grasleys leading (460-3167)
- Jan 29 - Feb 7. Kitzbuehl. Call SCWDC's John Holt(703-534-2512)
- Mar 13 - 19 ... Ski Sutton, Canada. Deightons leading(424-5707)

ACTIVITIES

- Jan 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Glade Flake's. 8 p.m.
- Jan 26 ... ExCom Meeting at the Marx home. 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 16 ... Monthly Meeting at Shakey's. See next month's TOOT.
- Mar 16 ... Monthly Meeting at the Heitchues.

FIRST ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - by Bob Marx

In keeping with the opening salutation in this issue, 15 hardy FV'Sers braved the New Years Eve deluge to join about 25 neighbors and other friends of the Barry's to send off the old year and ring in the new. As those of you familiar with the Barry's style of event know (and sadly, those of you who have never joined them have missed) the setting was elegant in their beautiful house, gently lit by candlelight and kerosene lamps; the food tables were overflowing with delights from roast beef (which Bob cooked that day) to chocolate fondue and all sorts of delicacies inbetween; the spirits corner was flowing freely (you should try the champaign punch with fresh strawberries); and the company was superb. At the stroke of 12, the champaign corks popped, the toasts rang out and another new year was successfully launched. Many thanks to the Barrys for a most enjoyable evening---we hope to see many more of you next year.



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