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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

PVS has a multitude of events planned and we are lucky to have so many generous and dedicated members who work hard on these outings (and innings).

Let's continue to be diligent about signing up AND notifying the trip leader or hostess if we need to cancel. If six people out of 26 are no-shows, there can be significant difficulty in covering costs not to mention the extra time in preparation.

The next TOOT will be a combined July/August issue. Any items to be included need to be mailed to Lu Beale by June 28.

Jan
 Janet Marx, President

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, June 21st. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Party Room at Grosvenor Park Apartments
 with co-hosts
 Aase Berling and June Kelsay
 10401 Grosvenor Pl. Rockville, Md.
 Telephone: June -493-5839. Aase - 493-6665



What: Sumer Is Icumen In Party.

DIRECTIONS: From Silver Spring on Beltway take Exit 34 where you will see signs for Grosvenor Lane. Take Grosvenor Lane across Wisconsin Avenue, then take first right into Grosvenor Park. Proceed to third high rise - 10401. Park in front of building, get a parking sticker at desk, and follow directions from desk attendant to Party Room.

From Virginia, take Beltway Exit 36, turning left on Old Georgetown Road. At 3rd light (about 0.7 mile) turn right on Cheshire/Grosvenor Lane and make immediate right turn on Grosvenor Lane. Continue one mile until, just before the overpass, turn left into Grosvenor Park. Continue around the circle to third high rise - 10401. Park in front of building, get parking sticker at desk, follow desk attendant's directions to the Party Room.

Coming Events

SALAD

SAIL AND SWIM AT JACQUES HADLER'S COTTAGE ON THE BAY

Saturday, June 11th. Rain date: Sunday June 12th.

There may still be a spot for you. Call Coordinator Gail Pease at home: 620-4573 or office: 248-6624

If weather is "iffy" on Saturday morning, call Jan Marx (451-9158)

For those who didn't keep last month's TOOT, here's a reprint of directions:

Go east from Annapolis on Rte 50 over the Bay Bridge. At first overpass after the bridge bear right to go south on Rte 8 on Kent Island. The Matapeake Recreation Ground entrance is 3 miles south of Rte 50 (a public boat landing if you wish to launch your own boat). At the Kentmorr Airpark entrance, 5 miles south of Rte 50, turn right (back towards the bay). Take that road to Hadler's cottage. It's the only road - you can't go wrong. It's the blue (4th) cottage after the 90° turn.



PICNICKING AND BOATING WITH DEAN WORCESTER

When: Saturday, July 9th. (Rain date: July 10th.)

Time: 1 P.M.

What: Dean has access to a number of boats of all types available for your pleasure. Swimming doubtful - depending on presence of sea nettles.

Guests will bring their own burgers, franks, or whatever (and rolls) to grill, plus salad or dessert. Please check with coordinator Jean Heitchue. There will be a small charge for beverages, etc.

THIS EVENT IS LIMITED TO 30 SO CALL JEAN NOW FOR A RESERVATION:

Phone: 860-9190. Deadline - July 7th.

Directions to 256 Long Point Road, Crownsville, M.D.

Approach Annapolis on Route 50. Turn off at first Annapolis exit (also labelled "Parole"). Stay right--road loops back under highway and becomes Route 178, General's Highway. Stay on it for about five miles. At the seventh stop light turn right onto Herald Harbor Road (Texaco and Gulf stations at intersection). At first stop sign turn left (still Herald Harbor Road). Follow winding street past Herald Harbor Mini-Mart and Fire Station, make no unnecessary turns. A sign indicates when it becomes Long Point Road; continue for 1/4-mile to 256, on your left.

Since parking is not allowed on narrow Long Point Road and space is limited, you'll have to unload your car, park it near the Mini-Mart, and be shuttled back. And forth.

Also Coming

PICNIC/SWIM/SAIL AT THE FLAKES - Saturday, July 23rd
(Rain date: Sunday July 24th)

Guests for this popular event are limited to 40. Call coordinator Charlotte Reith now to make your reservation. (765-1810) and look in next month's TOOT for full directions and instructions.

A DAY AT VIRGINIA BEACH - Saturday, July 30th.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!!!

Limited to 25 guests. Charlotte Eddy will welcome PVsers to her home at Virginia Beach for a swim and cookout. Bring salad or dessert. Can stay overnight if you bring your own sleeping bag. Call coordinator Dorothy Mills (527-5036). Directions next month.

STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS - Saturday, August 20th.
Coordinator Dorothy Mills. (527-5036)

LES MIZ - Saturday, August 6th.

In due course you will receive your tickets in the stamped, self-addressed envelopes you gave Steve Grenleski when you reserved seats. Those interested in dining together after the performance should contact Alice Swalm (979-6756) who will coordinate dinner plans.

CRABFEST AT THE WINGROVES - Labor Day, September 5th.
See details in next month's TOOT.

CALENDAR

- June 11 ... Picnic at Jacques Hadler's beach house. See page 2.
- June 21 ... June Meeting at Grosvenor Park, Bethesda. See page 1.
- June 25 ... Rafting the Youghiogheny.
- June 28 ... ExCom at Dorothy Mills 7:30 P.M. (527-5036).
- July 9 ... Boating at Annapolis with Dean Worcester. See page 2.
- July 23 ... Picnic/Swim/Sail with the Flakes. See above.
- July 26 ... ExCom at Knox Felkers. 7:30 P.M. (931-6843)
- July 30 ... Outing at Virginia Beach with Charlotte Eddy. See above.
- Aug. 6 ... Les Miz. See above.
- Aug. 20 ... Steak & Swim at the Elrods.
- Aug. 23 ... ExCom at Sheldon Drews. 7:30 P.M. (521-5167)
- Sept. 5 ... Crabfest at the Wingroves.
- Sept. 20 ... September Meeting at home of Susan & Bill Brown
- Sept. 27 ... ExCom at Dick Comerfords. 7:30 P.M.
- Oct. ? ... Oktoberfest
- Oct. 18 ... October Meeting at home of Myra and Ken Evans
- Oct. ? ... Fall Hike/ Dine at the Millers' Strasburg home.
- Oct. 25 ... ExCom at the Garretts.
- Nov. 15 ... November Meeting at the Walns.
- Dec. 20 ... December Meeting/Gluhwein at the Heitchues.

PAST EVENTS

THE PLAY'S THE THING - (ALSO THE PARTY)

On May 1st, twenty two PVsers journeyed to the Montgomery Playhouse in Gaithersburg, Md, for an evening of drama and socializing.

They saw "The Foreigner", a long-running, award-winning N.Y. comedy by Washingtonian Larry Shue. After a somewhat slow start, the plot thickened and the audience was soon immersed in the action. The acting, especially by lead Tom Loftis, who first appeared at the Playhouse in 1978, was generally excellent. And the set, except for a recalcitrant door which refused to shut tight, was attractive and authentic.

Sara and Charles Huggins arranged and hosted a private wine & cheese party for us in a screened off area of the lobby. Before, during intermission and after the show, guests enthusiastically partook of veggies, 8 varieties of cheese and crackers, plus the usual potables.

This event is fast becoming another annual club affair. And why not? Culture AND refreshments AND ski company make a tough act to beat. Thanks, Sara and Charles, for your efforts.

OLD RAG REVISITED (May 14) by Irene Farrell

'T WAS a glorius Spring Day that Lu Beale and her faithful followers set out for an adventure - to conquer Old Rag Mountain, Bob Marx and his merry band led the attack and, indeed, did reach the pinnacle without breaking stride and for their efforts were rewarded with R&R (that's Refreshments and Relaxation).

ALAS AND ALACK, there were other followers that would stop often and smell the flowers. These followers were rewarded with delightful sights--fields of trilliums sparkling in the sun, wild azaleas peaking through the underbrush, not to mention the lovely little flowers along the path. These followers, too, were rewarded, on reaching the pinnacle, with R&R (that's Rest and Refreshments).

ALL TOO SOON, it came time for Lu and her faithful followers to leave the pinnacle with its sweeping view of the valley, to return down the mountain. To encourage their descent, Lu promised the followers there would be more R&R (that's - well you know) at a beautiful brook at the bottom of the mountain. And, of course, the faithful followers hurried down the mountain to where they had stashed their refreshments. But, then they refused to take another step and had their R&R right in the ditch beside the road. They complained to Lu that the mountain was harder that day than it was any other year. But, Leader Bob Marx explained that it was because it is an inflatable mountain and it had been pumped up a little higher that day (do they do that to the census?) The followers felt much better, but the two younger members of the group who have the name of Walcott gave each other a knowing look as if to say "what a lot of fuss for such a little hill".

The DINKUM OIL (Australian for truth) of this story is that if you really want to know what happens on these hikes, you will just have to sign up next year and find out.

PAST EVENTS

MAY MEETING IN THE RAIN

About 50 PVSers braved a torrential downpour to attend the May 17th meeting at the Arlington home of first-time PVS hosts Jean and Howard Hensley. An al fresco affair on the azalia bordered patio was planned but (alas!) the threatening storm forced a last minute change of venue and all party paraphernalia was moved indoors.

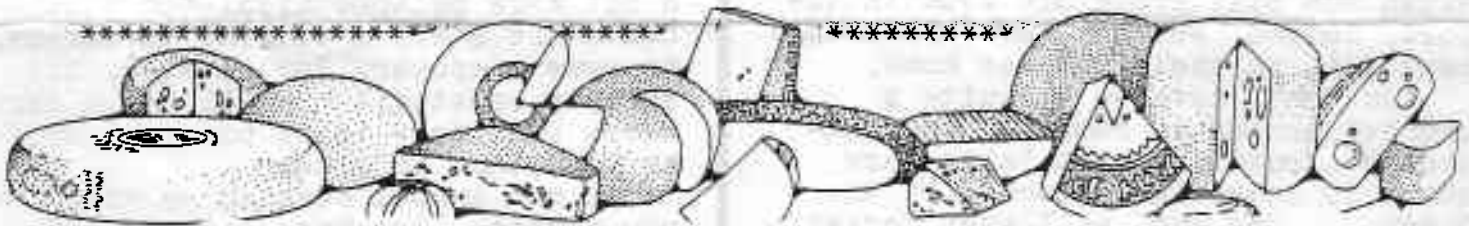
It made no difference! Every softly lighted room was filled with flowers from Jean's garden and guests circulated in the flower-scented house admiring the creative touches and relaxing in the genuine warmth of the lovely home.

Guests had come from as far away as Tokyo (Bill Hager) and California (Jim Slack). Among the charter members present were Bill and Susan Clark Brown, Jack Lilly, Nancy Monacelli, Glade Flake and Larry Pease.

When not circulating, guests gathered round the dining table loaded with cheeses and fruit, Mexican bean dip, Mexican layered dip, and hot Mexican cheese pie. (Jean has a favorite Mexican cookbook authored by a friend!)

After the business meeting (13 minutes) and the showing of a movie on Tirol (22 minutes), home made chocolate cupcakes and brownies were offered to those whose energies had been depleted by the evening's vigorous doings.

Afer that there was more circulating until reluctant goodbyes were finally said. And THANKS! to Jean and Howard for a super evening!



RUNNING FOR BRUNCH by Lu Beale

May 7th was the day of the Clarks' 7th Annual 5/6 mile Run for Fun around Lake Accotink in Virginia's Wakefield Park. Although only eighteen athletes participated (there were 6 no shows - a no-no!) it was, as usual a hotly (?) contested event with the four runners (leader Dick Clark, Ray Garrett, Don and Susannah Swaby) struggling mightily while the others sauntered the route enjoying the perfect spring day; the wonderful scents from the surrounding woods, and, most of all, the companionship of friends last vied with on the ski slopes.

A few bum knees, pulled muscles, fallen arches and other phantom pains were offered as excuses for the leisurely completing of the appointed route but, let's face it, we've been doing this for seven years now and we're not getting any younger and it's time for some pain. Okay?

But, no pains in the stomach department! After the Run we repaired to the Clarks' home for Marilyn's famed brunch of Cheddar-Egg Bake, Sausage Bake, fresh fruit and homemade breads - the raison d'etre, for some, of the whole affair, if the truth be told.

A perfect day all round thanks to Marilyn and Dick and their winning ways!



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

It's June! Summer is upon us. Our last regular meeting is on the 21st - the summer solstice, the first day of summer and the longest day in the year. From then on, each day is shorter and it's all downhill (to coin a phrase) 'til ski time comes.

Do you know the name of the largest circus - not ski circus - in Switzerland? (Do you care?) It's called the Circus Knie (pronounced kah-knee). Well this knee has a circus of gossip for you.

Can it be PVS is about to lose another charter member to a more southern climate? More next month (assuming I find out).

To counter the loss, we just regained another charter member who has been out of touch for many years. Susan and Bill Brown are back in the fold. Indeed, we will have a meeting next fall at their Potomac home.

You don't have to be quite a charter member to remember the lobster cookouts in Great Falls Park about 20 years ago - cooked by the Copes. And who will ever forget the lobsters on Rehoboth Beach some 5 years ago cooked by Vivian Barry?

If you examine the calendar in this issue of TOOT you will note that the day at Charlotte Eddy's Virginia Beach house has been moved two weeks to July 30th. This is because Charlotte's daughter, Charlotte von Bomhard arrives in the U.S. on July 16th and wanted to see her PVS friends.

International Dinner is a unique event but it's a tremendous amount of work. Several months in advance Pat Cope meets with Marilyn Clark to determine the menu. Recipes are modified, rewritten and passed out to the attendees each of whom makes a dish according to directions. Pat does a special house cleaning, Don uncorks a lot of wine. And we all have a wonderful evening.

My favorite musical conductor is Arturo Tosca-knee-knee. My favorite electrical conductor is copper - but

that's another, shocking story.

Skiing news. Among those skiing late in the season were Knox and Karen Felker and George and Karen Devorshak who were in Utah together and loved Powder Mountain and Snow Basin.

Jack Peoples skied 42 days last winter on 22 mountains. Eventually he'll find one with a lift! Jack noted that on his Sutton trip a miracle occurred: Huey Roberts learned that skis can turn!

Bette Falker enjoyed Sutton so much she went back with family late in the season.

New member Bob McNeill closed out his season at Lake Louise in Canada and loved it.

Someone observed that this column is "impeckably written (ie for the birds)"

Joe and Nancy Lewis are now living in London. I recently (January is recently) asked them the difference between us and our British cousins. Joe noted that you can't get your tires changed at a gas station. Nancy was a bit more philosophical and said the Brits are still unwilling to modernize to save manpower. For example, the embassy cafeteria still has a person whose sole duty is to pour you coffee as you stand in line.

At our annual meeting we voted on new members. Jessknee Jackson got a vote. Was Dukarkis ambushed?

Towards the end of the season, Dina and Sheldon Drews were in St Anton. They missed the avalanches but they did run into Sally Finan and Charlie Farwell and only just missed David and Rachel Abraham by a week. Ubiquitous PVSers!

Here for the May meeting was Jim Slack from San Francisco. He noted that Mary Ward would be along later in the week. Jerry Clapp, coming from San Diego, arrived some 24 hours late for the party.

However, setting the distance record was Bill Hager from Japan. (He probably had other, although less important, reasons than the PVS meeting for being in town.) He said he hasn't skied in 5 years. There is no skiing in Egypt (his previous post) and it's too expensive in Japan. Bing Poon says "the Japanese have a yen for skiing."

That's Japankneese, Bing.

PVS AUSTRIA SKI TRIP 1989

Plans are now shaping up for PVS skiers to go to world famous KITZBUHEL and ST.ANTON from January 20 to February 5, 1989. On return we will have one day in Munich.

The price will NOT exceed \$2100 which will include round trip airfare, roundtrip motor coach, breakfasts and dinners in the resort areas, breakfast only in Munich. All stays will be in 4-Star hotels.

Space is limited to 25. Sign up early with a deposit of \$50 refundable until a detailed flyer is available.

Make check payable to PVS Austria 1989.

Mail to Bob and Margaret Wyckoff, 8100 Park Crest Drive, Silver Spring, Md. 20910. Telephone: 589-5532.

COLORADO ADVENTURE - February 11 - February 25, 1988

Details are being worked out for this two week Western trip with the first week scheduled for Aspen and the second for Copper Mountain.

For information, call leader Dina Taylor
Home: 301-663-6089. Office: 427-3227.

SKI ARGENTINA IN SEPTEMBER 1988??? Rates are lower.
One or two weeks. Interested? Call John Pulos. 430-2648.

LONG COLORADO WEEKEND WITH THE WINGROVES

See the next issue of TOOT for details. In the meantime, for early information, call the Wingroves 762-4887.

Mont SUTTON - January 8 - 15.

Wanna be wait-listed? Call Jack Peoples (840-2213)

NOTES FROM THE BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL MAY 1st MEETING:

*September 19 - Fall meeting in Fredericksburg.

*November 11,12,13 - Washington Ski Show at Ballston Common, Arlington. Free admission and triathlon events leading up to the show. Proceeds to US Ski Team, Special Olympics, and 52 Association.

*January 27-29 - Ski-O-Ree at Canaan Valley.

*February 4-11 - at Park City. Groups Unlimited organizing.

*An IRS update for non-profit groups was explained.

*There were no trips presented for sanctioning.

*Three new clubs were admitted as members.

Will your knee -8.

be ready for this adventure?

Too bad you have to miss Dots EXCOM — sooo close.

We do appreciate the prearrangement of all the events. Your good,

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