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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Not Too Late

You haven't yet renewed your membership in PVS?  
 You're in luck. It's not too late but do it now.

At last count many of you were missing on the 1980-81 membership list. Remember, if you don't renew your membership you will no longer receive TOOT. I'm sure you don't want to miss all the PVS news or any installments of "The Knee."

*Marilyn J. Clark*

Marilyn J. Clark, President

NOVEMBER EVENT Dinner Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 18th  
Time: 7:00 p.m. for exotic dishes  
 8:00 p.m. for meeting and movie

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What: We return to the International Cafeteria - recently renamed the Middle East Supper Club and Family Restaurant - at Tyson's Corner. We meet in the Magic Lamp Room for an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring Homoss, Baba, Ghanouj and Arabian Salad for starters followed by entrees of Kifta Kabab and Chicken stuffed with Rice and Lamb; Balkawa and coffee to top it off.

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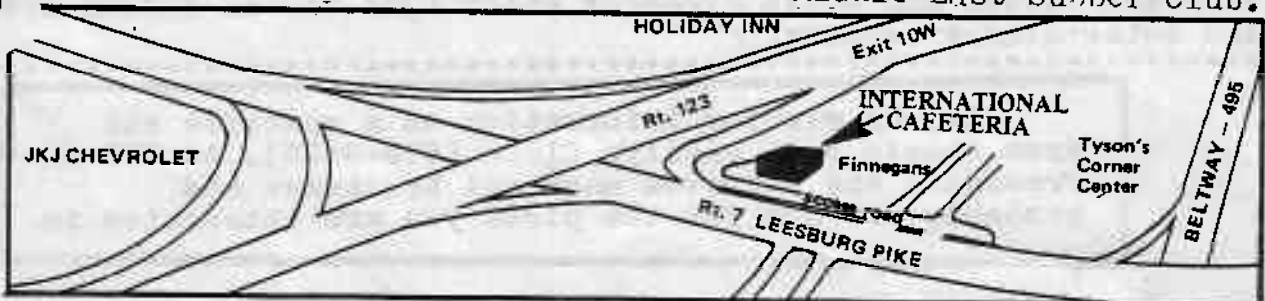
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Head Count: Please call Mary Ward or Jim Slack (860-0011) by Sunday November 16th if you plan to attend. If we have a turnout of 50 or more, Keith Lyon's always superb ski movies will be pre-empted by a Belly Dancer. We need a solid head count for this.

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Directions: Go to Tyson's Corner. At the intersection of Routes 7 and 123, on the same corner as Tyson's Shopping Center; find Finnigan's Car Wash on Rte 7. Go on the access road to the corner and there you will find The Middle East Supper Club.

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PAST EVENTS

Beer Barrel Bonanza by Dick Clark

Some 58 hungry and thirsty PVSers gathered at Bob and Margaret Wyckoff's villa in the rolling hills near Sligo Creek for the annual Oktoberfest, October 11th. While oom-pah band music echoed through the upper stories, vast quantities of special German sausages, beer, potato salad, beer, pretzels, beer, and plum pie were consumed by the happy skiers.

Those still able to walk after such culinary delights descended to the lower level rathskeller where PVS's own Jacques Hadler presented a fascinating slide show of his recent visit to China.

Another great PVS event, thanks to the Wyckoffs.



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Sharp Edges by Gail Gell

PVS's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday October 21st, started with a shot of adrenalin as the movie "Avalanche!" was shown by Larry Pease. Following a talk on avalanche safety, Larry, aided by Bing Poon and Dick Clark, gave his ski equipment conditioning clinic demonstrating methods of preparing skis for the coming season.

Some of the participants were Matt and Sharon Egan, Trudy Santoro and Sheldon Drews.

While the clinic was proceeding, Keith Lyon showed two additional movies. A new one on downhill racing gave us a racer's view of courses including the Olympic run at Lake Placid. The other film demonstrated some fancy tricks on skis.

All present enjoyed Charlotte Eddy's lovely house and delicious treats. A hard core group remained to see the last inning of the World Series.

Our thanks to hostess Charlotte and to Ski Patrollers Larry, Bing, and Dick, and movie producer Keith Lyon for an informative and entertaining evening.

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Anyone wishing information on a specific ski area should call Marilyn Clark (978-9435). As PVS President she receives many ski brochures and probably has one for the place you are interested in.

## A FEAST OF SKI TRIPS

In addition to the European and Western trips in 1981 led by the Wyckoffs and Norm Engleman, PVS offers these skiers' delights for the near and far future:

### SNOWSHOE by SPECIAL BUS

You can avoid the 5-6 hour drive to Snowshoe, West Va., by joining a planned bus trip for January 16-18. Cost: \$145 a person (two to a room) or \$115 (four to a room). Cost includes bus, lift tickets and lodging, but not meals. Contact Shirley or Paddy Frucht evenings (765-3803) for more information. Space is extremely limited so, if interested, call now.

### SNOWSHOE HOUSE

Anyone interested in participating in a trip to Snowshoe during January or February, contact Bob Barry after 7 p.m. (560-3127). He has access to a townhouse on the mountain adjacent to the slopes that sleeps 8-10. Cost for 5 days or longer is about \$140 a day so cost per person would depend on number participating.

### BROMLEY-STRATTON

See flyer and application form in this issue for this Wingrove-led trip to Vermont, Jan. 25-30. Only 2 places left so get your deposit in now. Call the Wingroves (762-4887).

### WISP 1 - January 9-11

Gail Gell leads this car pool trip to Wisp with lodging scheduled at that old favorite - Timberlake. This spacious house will sleep 12 adults plus miscellaneous children and is about 5 miles from the ski area. The kitchen is well equipped to handle cooking for such a group. The cost, about \$25, is based on number of people and amount of food. Lift tickets are additional. Anyone interested in this fun weekend, call Gail (H: 620-4573; O: 924-5000).

### WISP 11 - February 6-8

Same as above. Call leaders Reg and Jean Heitchue(860-9190).

### SPAIN AND NORTH AFRICA - 1982

Bob and Mary Lee Grasley plan a real biggie for January '82. Says Bob, "This will be a 15 day trip with the first stop in Spain for a week of skiing in the Sierra Nevada. The second week will be in Morocco with skiing in the Oukaïmeden (High Atlas) and Ifrane (Moyen Atlas) areas. Oukaïmeden claims the world's highest chairlift (the télésiège de l'Ouka).

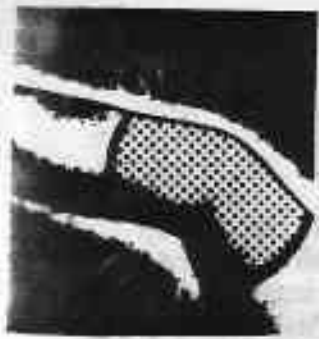
"The general itinerary: Washington - N.Y. - Casablanca - Sierra Nevada - Ifrane - Marrakesh - Oukaïmeden and return to N.Y. via Casablanca. After arrival in Casablanca, all travel to and from ski areas will be by motor coach except for the short stretch of the Mediterranean between Tangier and Spain which will be by ferry or hydrofoil.

"Sierra Nevada was the site of a very successful PVS trip in '78. The Alhambra, one of the world's outstanding sightseeing attractions, is on our route. In Morocco, we will visit 3 of the 4 "Imperial Cities", Fez, Meknes, and Marrakesh. (The other one is Rabat.) These ancient cities provide some of the few remaining opportunities to see a civilization almost unchanged for centuries.

"Marrakesh, with a view of the gleaming snows of Djebel(Mount) Toubkal - the highest point in the Atlas Mountains is a most scenic and fascinating city."

Promises to be a great see and ski trip. More details later.

SUTTON - Mar 14-21. (See details on page 5)



### THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Help! Have you noticed that of late the Knee has been a bit fuzzy? No, I have

not been drinking. Yes I have but that's not relevant at this thyme-er-time. I'm talking of the Knee's knee - that gawdawful little square sketch in the upper corner of this column. The sketch was taken from a magazine more than a year ago - (Better Homes and Knees, I believe) - and it wasn't all that good to start with.

TOOT editor and resident artist, Lu Beale, has tried countless times (assuming, of course, that 3 is countless) to sketch a better one but to no avail. They didn't fil! the kneed. Let's face it, a knee is hard to sketch. Lu told me that if I wanted to change the name of the column, she does a great appendix. But I never was any good at writing **appendices**.

Anyway, back to the "Help!" at the **beginning** of the column: I'm looking for a new knee. If you have an appropriate picture of a loved one's knee (with dimples, of course), or can sketch one, or, more likely, find an appropriate picture of one, please get it to me or the TOOT editor

It's time for a Knee kneedle and this one is to President Marilyn Clark: I realize it was one of your campaign planks, but why must we always limit ourselves to "3 minute" business meetings? At the last meeting, I (being a gossip) would like to have heard about the Marx Sutton trip, or about the costs of the Wisp trips, or news of Engleman's and Wyckoff's trips. Skiing is more than just ski movies (though there was a plethora of them at the last meeting). Lord only knows, if I've told you once I've told you a million times, the Knee would never, I mean never, pad, pad, pad this

delightful, charming, witty, spontaneous column with trite expressions and words merely, and I do mean merely, for the sake of length. However, I firmly believe the time has come for the 3½ or even 4 minute meeting .

Changing subjects -(I tried changing adverbs but that didn't help nor did changing diapers)- it was a pleasure to see long time PVSer Carol Parmenter recently. She's now - (not at this particular instant, you understand) - teaching at Towson State up near Balmer (home of the Balmer Orioles and Colts). I tried teaching once, but teaching people was more challenging.

Did you hear about the SCWDCer who opened a cat house? Yup, sold 22 cats the first week!

The Knee understands that Bob Grasley, previously one of my best sources, has again changed jobs. He's left the munitions business and is now in the travel business. His last job was a blast but now he's movin' on.

Bette Walker was shocked to see her bathroom discussed in last month's Knee. She has threatened not to reveal any of her other - how can I say this delicately? - foibles to Cookbook Committee members. However, Knee, still sleuthing about, did learn that it erred in reporting that a PVS Cookbook did not, in fact, exist. It does exist but the committee is trying desperately to delay publication. Why? All the meetings are held at Bette's - and she makes fantastic desserts. Bette, if I can come and have some dessert, I'll give you my great recipe for ice water (serves six).

Hank and Aina Thomas came half way around the beltway to the meeting in Charlotte Eddy's gorgeous house just to refute last month's Knee report that their marriage was on the rocks and Hank was "on the town." Well, they were back together (though I noticed several black and blue marks on Hank). P.S. They put on a super brunch several weeks ago.

I also found out that between them Hank and Aina have 11 pairs of skis! ( 5½ pairs each) Does anyone have more?

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The Knee (Continued)

Who will be the first PVSer on the slopes this year? Killington is likely open now. Please let me know. I know of no firm plans for anyone before June, 1981. If you want to be among the first, Dick and Julie King in Colorado report that on October 26 there was a 30 inch base at Berthod Pass and the skiing was "excellent."

Now for a highly technical ski question: Can a girl from Buffalo Junction, Virginia find happiness with a boy from Mule Shoe, Texas. Ask Malda and Roy Elrod. That's where they're from.

The Oktoberfest at the Wyckoff's was a tremendous success. I had some of the best wurst ever. And no one could accuse Margaret of being a sour kraut. Halfway through the festivities, daughter Patricia's date for the Prom arrived. The young man pinned a corsage on Patricia, they said hello and goodbye to 50 PVSers and departed. How would you like heading for your first prom with that kind of sendoff?

At the Oktoberfest, in keeping with the German theme, Jacques Hadler showed his magnificent slides of his trip to China - taken with a German camera, of course; or so Knee assumes.

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EXCOM NOTES by Adele Waggaman

Twelve PVSers attended the October ExCom meeting hosted by Lu Beale. The following topics were discussed:

1. Bob Grasley requested and received club sanction for a trip to Spain and North Africa in 1982. (Details on page 3.)
2. Bob Marx outlined plans for Sutton Trip March 14-21. (Details at end of this column.)
3. Marilyn Clark reviewed Geoff Wadey's report on the BRSC meeting. (Continued)

EXCOM NOTES (Continued)

4. Membership Chairwoman Gail Gell reported we have 110 current members. Officers present volunteered to call those 13 who had not yet renewed membership.

5. The telephone tree was activated to solicit more participation in the 16th Anniversary Dance.

6. The Christmas Gluwein party at Adele Waggaman's was scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 16th.

7. The November ExCom meeting will be at Alice Swalm's.

8. After a discussion of club policy regarding trip advertising in TOOT the following decision was made:

For major trips, the club will provide, free, one page - one side - once. Any additional pages will be at the expense of the trip leader except for postage *although* It was pointed out that when TOOT exceeds 5 pages (printed on both sides) extra postage is required. TOOT will continue to print, at no charge, blurbs, calendar listings, etc.

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SUTTON SKI TRIP - March 14-21

The Marxs will lead the trip to Sutton March 14-21. They have made arrangements to accomodate up to 16 in the upper and middle units of the Burns' chalet.

Costs will be based on participation. If 10 people, the cost will be \$75 per person plus meals and lift tickets.

Car pooling will be arranged. Current plans are to continue the tradition of preparing all meals at the chalet. However, there are many nearby restaurants where people can eat out.

People interested call Bob or Jan Marx (451-9158)

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The Amazing Masons by Lu Beale

Dot and Jenckes Mason have been PVSers only 2 years but already have made names for themselves as leaders of 3 hugely successful hikes in the Blue Ridge followed by equally successful dinners at their country hide-away near the Shenadoah River.

Few skiers enjoying these events would guess that Jenckes, a retired U.S. Forest Service Director, and Dot, also an ex-Forest Servicer, between them have chalked up 56 years of downhill fun.

Serious skiing for Dot, a native of Manchester, N.H., began in the late 30's when Hannes Schneider opened his Austrian-dominated ski school at North Conway. Dot, whose first job in the Forest Service was as a lookout in a fire tower overlooking the Cranmore ski area, invested \$10 in boots and skis, took some lessons, and was indelibly stamped with the Arlberg Technique.

Later she moved to Washington and, in 1948, joined SCWDC where she eventually became Editor of the Bulletin, a Board Director, Club Historian, and Head of Public Relations.

Meanwhile, Jenckes, Chicago-born, and a 1925 graduate in Forestry from the University of Michigan, joined the Forest Service immediately after graduation. He worked in western Washington for 20 years before transferring to Washington in '44 as Director of the Division of Timber Management which job he held until retirement in '67.

Out west, Jenckes first skied on Mt Hood in 1938 and he occasionally returned to western slopes when on business trips from Washington. But he felt he was getting no where (on skis, that is) until, in 1964, he bought Head skis and had his first real lesson on Mt. Tremblant. From then on it was Ski Heil! all the way.

Dot and Jenckes met over the water cooler- so to speak, when they had nearby offices in the Washington Bureau of the Forest Service. Jenckes, widowed in '64, married Dot in '66, joined SCWDC in '67 and the two began those ski trips which have taken them 8 times to Europe and countless times West - almost yearly to Aspen which, of all areas, remains their truest love.

In all these years the Masons have suffered only one serious injury - a cracked rib for Jenckes at Sun Valley in '78. But time, says Dot, is taking its toll and "parts of the anatomy are not holding up the way they used to."

But, slowing down? Not so you would notice. In the off-ski season, the Masons are still to be found in the mountains. Only last month they went west and hiked a trail in Washington that Jenckes himself blazed in 1925. Besides hiking with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, (Dot, in 1959, was its first woman president), the Masons have hiked in Norway, Switzerland, Austria and Italy and have led numerous Western wilderness backpacking trips.

How do they keep busy otherwise? Well, Dot's hobbies are cooking and knitting and Jenckes' are keeping the wood bin filled and making improvements on their country house.

Dot is chairwoman of the Md. and D.C. section of Forest Wives. Jenckes is a Fossil - a club of retired men which meets monthly in Bethesda. He chairs the Science and Technology group, putting out a monthly report on their speciality.

What else? Oh, they square dance once a month, help maintain PATC trails, and visit Jenckes' 2 children and 5 granddaughters - (his son, a world famous cardiologist in Cal., his daughter, a lawyer's wife in Larchmont, N.Y.)

And what do they do with the little ones? Take them skiing, naturally. Where? Aspen, of course. Why? Can you think of a better way of life?

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

- Nov 8 ..... 15th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Newmark Commons. 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 18 ..... Dinner Meeting at Middle East Supper Club in Tyson's Corner. 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 25 ..... ExCom Meeting at Alice Swalm's. 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 16 ..... Christmas Gluwein Party at Adele Waggaman's.
- Dec 30 ..... ExCom Meeting at Marilyn Clark's. 7:30 p.m.

And Ski-Wise

- Jan 9-11 ..... Wisp 1 -Gail Gell, leader
- Jan 16-18 ..... Snowshoe,W.Va., Fruchts leading
- Jan 22-Feb 7 ..... Ski the French Alps,Wyckoffs leading
- Jan 25-30 ..... Ski Bromley/Stratton, Wingroves leading
- Feb 6-8 ..... Wisp 11,Heitchues leading
- Feb 28-Mar 14 ... Sun Valley/Jackson Hole, Engleman and Geiger leading
- Mar 14-21 ..... Ski Sutton, Marxs leading
- January 1982 ..... Spain/North Africa, Grasleys leading.

CLUB OFFICIERS

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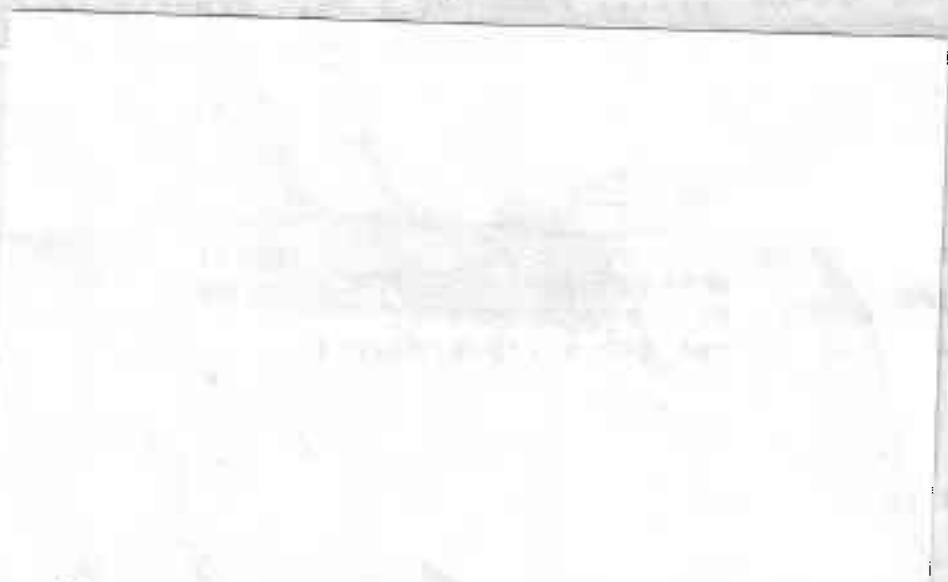
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**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The Little Heiskell Ski Club of Hagerstown, Md. is showing a 90 minute Dick Barrymore film "Vagabond Skiers" on Wednesday, November 12th at 8 p.m. at the Maryland Theatre, South Potomac Steet, Hagerstown - 1 hour from the Beltway. Cost: \$3.50 at the door. For more information, call Bob or Jan Marx (451-9158)

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