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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

COME AND JOIN US! There are a dozen of us so far! And what a deal we have. (See LOCAL SKI TRIP schedule on page 7.) We are going to the Ski-O-Ree Winter Carnival at Canaan Valley W. Va. on January 29-31. Ski-O-Ree is known as a racing (racy) event but entering is not a requirement. There are fun events, ice skating, parties and just plain skiing. For those interested, there are 18 miles of Xcountry trails...with rentals available.

Each BRSC club is allotted 20 rooms. If those rooms are not reserved with a deposit by Nov. 15, they are made available to other clubs. Last year, the lodge filled and late comers had to find lodging away from the area. Car pooling or busing is being considered. Plus, the big clubs have buses going and they usually have room for other BRSC members.

PLEASE assist leader Dina Taylor and send her your reservation by November 12th so that she can get PVS booked.

PVS also has a WISP trip planned for Presidents' Weekend. (See page 7).

Jan

Janet Marx, President

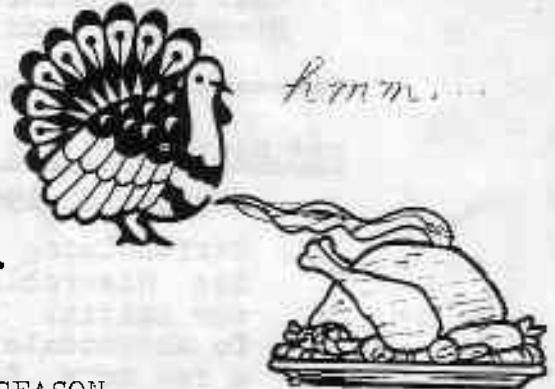


TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 17th

8:00 P.M.

Where: Home of
Adele Waggaman
5209 Cammack Dr.
Bethesda, Md.
Tel: 320-2363



GREAT START FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND SKI SEASON
DON'T MISS FUN AND FRIENDS

PLUS

A DEMONSTRATION OF THE LATEST IN SKI EQUIPMENT BY
THE SKI CENTER'S BRIAN EARDLEY

DIRECTIONS:

From Seltway, take River Road exit #39 for Washington. Go 4.1 miles to Western Avenue. Turn right on Western and go .7 miles to Westmoreland Circle. Turn right (west) on Massachusetts Avenue and go .4 mile to left on Newport Ave. Proceed 1 block to deadend and right on Cammack Drive. 5209 is third house on right.

Coming Events

WINTERFEST DINNER Saturday, December 5th. 7:00 P.M.

The first annual Winterfest (or 7th Annual Harvest) dinner will be held in the party room at Skyline House East, Bailey's Crossroads, Va.

The committee has come up with an outstanding menu so plan to join in the feasting with PVS friends in a glamorous setting.

Call Marilyn Clark (978-9435) to reserve your place and find out what food to bring along with your plates and flatware.

DIRECTIONS TO SKYLINE HOUSE, 3709 South George Mason Drive, Falls Church, Virginia: From I-395 (Shirley Highway) take King Street (Rt. 7) exit West. to left on George Mason Drive having passed McDonalds on your left. On George Mason take first left after stop light and drive up to SKYLINE HOUSE lobby for a guest parking permit (they tow if car displays no permit). Or

Park without a permit on George Mason Drive or in lot across George Mason in front of large, low office building (permitted on weekends).

Sign in for the Felker Party (not PVS, please) at reception desk in lobby and go left to the East Building elevator for Penthouse Party Room.

GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA, HIKE WITH CHILI AT THE MCKINLEYS'

Saturday, December 12th. Rain or shine.

This popular fun event is limited to 20 and is already fully subscribed.

Call Ray McKinley (527-7126) for information.

Directions and time will appear in the December TOOT.

PVS MATINEE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

August 6, 1988

Overwhelming PVS response to offering of spectacular

Les Miserables musical production has over-subscribed our initial ticket allotment in just 3 weeks.

To accomodate the enthusiastic theater goers, PVS has secured a few more \$40 tickets.

Send check made out to PVS with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to

Steve Grenleski, 13422 Tamarack Rd. Silver Spring, Md 20904

Telephone: 384 9013

LOST AT A PAST EVENT -

Nancy Garrett reports finding a scarab bracelet after a summer meeting in her home. If you are missing one, call Nancy (250-4791).



PAST EVENT

SIGNAL KNCE by Chris Waln

"signal," adj.: "Out of the ordinary; remarkable; conspicuous..."

October 18th, nearly 40 of us partook of an out of the ordinary, button-busting feast following a remarkable Fall color trek marked by conspicuous contusions, abrasions, and lacerations.

Jamie and Shahrsad Miller (and Shahrsad's father, Admiral Safavi, our emeritus host) graciously opened their Strasburg retreat to the hale, hearty, and walking-wounded for a Persian buffet that left the voracious sated, americana afficianados dazzled and all of us warmed by the welcome. (Dessert was so caloric it glowed in the dark.)

Jamie's natal home, built in 1920, is fit for a feature article in any architectural publication. After all, how many of us can boast a bronze plaque in our front walk commemorating our home?

The hike? Oh, yes, the hike! Had Frank Shelbourne led the von Trappe family out of Austria, the Sound of Music would have started: "The hills are alive with the sound of panting..." As we climbed, many of us noted how red the leaves were. We attributed this to an early cold snap until Ray McKinley (a man of some small fame in the astrophysics field) pointed out that we were experiencing a relativistic red-shift caused by our speed. (I said "small" fame.)

As the power-hikers pulled away from the the more esthetically inclined, the shock waves rippled down the trail. As the trail jumped up, Jamie Miller modified a large log with his nose, and Janet Waln proved that taking a quiet inventory after a rolling fall down a 12 foot incline can be mistaken by others as being dead.

A thankfully uneventful lunch with the Shenandoah Valley at our toes underscored the value the Confederate Army placed on maintaining an observation post and signal station literally where we sat. Dominating both 500 square miles and the largest pass in the Blue Ridge from Harrisonburg to Winchester, Signal Knob is a signal knob.

The cool air led eight of us into testing ourselves by following Frank down the circuit route (6 miles) while the rest doubled back (4.5 miles) the way we came. We quickly discovered that the trip up had been merely a warm-up. We also found out that Suzy Swaby, employing considerable leg strength to move negligible weight, goes up hills like they aren't there. Once we were on the easy part of this trail, Ray Garrett decided to practice face-plants (some people just can't wait for snow) and scored a 9.2 by splitting his lip without losing his hat.

The circuit included a ridge that Sherpas would recognize - and avoid, but even so, the circuit hikers made the refreshments thirty minutes prior to the main body of hikers. Only Kirk Burns and Bette Walker beat us in, but then Kirk and Bette hike like they dance - all out but with style (the same way Lu Beale sets up a hike).

All in all it was an excellent outing and one I suspect we should plan on repeating soon, sans injuries. Thanks Lu, Frank, Jamie, and Shahrsad, from all of us.

PAST EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST by Dorothy Mason

It was rainy and it was cold but the Wyckoff hospitality was warm. The sauerkraut smelled heavenly to the 48 Oktoberfesters who met on October 3rd to celebrate the season once again at 8100 Park Crest Drive in Silver Spring.

The dessert table was loaded with luscious variations of pflumen kuchen, one smeared with real schlag. There were the usual deviates: an apfel kucken, lemon bars, and two plum pies.

In spite of the usual struggle with the beer keg, beer and wine flowed as we waited for the food to reach the right degree of doneness. We caught up on the news of the summer - new addresses, new jobs, what the kids were doing, what we had been doing. We planned trips for the winter and Steve Grenleski was taking reservations for our summer cultural event - Les Miserables August 6 at the KenGen.

Finally, everything was ready and we tucked away 50 pounds of potato salad 100 sausages (50 white and 50 dark) Aina Thomas wasn't there to tell us how much sauerkraut she made and special delivered by Hank.

The dessert table was devastated.

We left reluctantly. It had been such a wonderful afternoon. Thanks, Bob and Margaret.

MONTHLY MEETING - PVS HALLOWEEN EVANS-STYLE by Nancy Garrett

You may have heard references to the "witch on skis". Approximately 40 PVS'ers were greeted by her skiing down the stairwell slope wearing Rossies and carrying her broomstick. The Halloween theme was carried out with a carved pumpkin on the stoop and throughout the Evans home. Hot spiced cider, wine and beer, and lots of goodies allowed all of those present to fulfill the "& E" part of our club name.

Trip leaders discussed the adventures to be had and the wonderful times to be experienced from beginning to end of this years ski season. If you haven't yet decided on the trip YOU want to be a part of, decision time is coming.

Our new movie mogul, Rosemary Solar, had two movies to get us in the skiing mood (as if we weren't already). This was to make up for a lack of films in the months to come - equipment meeting in Nov, and Christmas party in Dec. It was suggested that with two movies in Oct and then such a break, maybe we should have four ready for Jan.

Thank you Ken and Myra for inviting us to enjoy your home, friendship, and delicious food.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Killington opened a month ago! (Yes, I know they closed 2 days later!) In mid-October I saw snow covering the runs at Santa Fe Ski Basin and Los Alamos resort (and me without skis!). Returning through St Louis, I ran into ex-PV Ser Dick Harsh. He now patrols at Winter Park and told me they plan to open in mid-November.

It's happening again. That annual ephemeral marriage between the uppermost reaches of mountains and that beautiful, fluffy white stuff (no, not dandruff!). Just envisioning it sends chills down my spine. Hot diggety! It's almost our time of year.

Ted Cardwell may well be PVS' first skier this winter (in this hemisphere, in real snow -- what you don't have to caveat in order to avoid lawsuits these days!). He will soon be off to spend the winter in Utah. He has season passes at Brighton and Big Sky, Montana.

Faraway places with strange sounding names. Leesburg? I don't know but the Comerfords' excom meeting drew 21 of us to see their wonderful victorian house. Phil Ufholz arrived 90 minutes late saying "I thought it was closer." Charlie Huggins was there wearing a great looking navy and white polo shirt with PVS logo. Where can I get one, Charlie? Dick Clark was really impressed with the meeting. He read a paperback the entire time.

Sheldon Drews, Gail Pease and Jan Marx attended the fall BRSC meeting for PVS. For the first time in years PVS plans to participate in Ski-O-Ree. (I can't understand the dearth. I went 10 years ago - it was fun.)

Dina Taylor, who could market ice cubes to Eskimos, has volunteered and has set up a great package. Huey Roberts, Dick Comerford and Gail Pease plan to race for PVS. Janet Waln is thinking about it.

Who was the first PVS skier? Jack Lilley first skied in 1934 in Montreal. Can anyone beat that?

The power of this column amazes me. Last year I wrote of disgust with Mommouth Mountain in California not refunding deposits when they didn't open at Christmas. PVS stayed away in droves. Its 1986-87 attendance was down 750,000-- 50%. First time in memory they didn't finish first in skier days. Five of the top 6 were in Colorado. Vail first with 1.3 million skier days. Killington and Keystone had over a million each. The others, Breckenridge, Steamboat and Winter Park.

PVS has some preski injuries. Karen Devorshak broke her wrist gardening and Mrs Knee has a broken arm. Lin slipped on a step -- she didn't trip on her Knee.

Dena Drews is in London for a year studying architecture. Others are just returning from abroad - Mary Jane McCarthy from Scotland; Janet and Bob Marx from Mexico and Shirley Rettig from India which she left in 100 degrees and returned to 40 in Washington. (I hope she visited one of my favorite places- Kneepal.)

Visiting Alaska and my favorite mountain last summer were Fred and Barbara Leonhardt. They said "It was kneet."

The Knee has a mailbox. I love to hear from you. Occasionally I even open the box. Let me catch up a bit. Dorothy Mills sent me a nice article from the Post on the Appalachian Trail which mentioned this lady who hikes it accompanied by a small black dog named Tootle - aka Josie.

Aina and Hank Thomas sent a postcard from Banff where they visited Mt Allan - home for this winter's Olympic ski events. They reported ski conditions on that August day were "poor". (The Knee never promised to provide you timely gossip.)

Peggy Burns gave me a Post article headlined "Md Judge Bars Sale of 'Toot' Seems 'Super Toot' is a new cocaine substitute drug.

(Please note that there is no original material in this column. it was all first written by Joe Biden.)

KNEE CAP: Here's a real scoop! I have seen the menu for the Dec. 5th Winterfest dinner. It's super. Unfortunately I have been pledged to secrecy as to the main course. But I can tell you the price won't be too deer. It won't cost a lot of doe. And the buck stops there.

!! SKI TRIPS !!

MONT SUTTON, CANADA - January 9 - 15, 1988

Jack Peoples leading (301)840-2213

This trip is now fully booked. Jack reminds you that final payment is due on November 9th.

PVS SPANISH SAFARI January 23 - February 8, 1988

Leader Bob Grasley (565-9650)

There are still places available. Good news is that the trip price has been reduced from \$1,950 to \$1,825 and a tour of Barcelona has been added.

PVS SWITZERLAND - January 22 - February 8, 1988

Leaders Margaret and Bob Wyckoff (589-5532)

There are still a few places left but call soon.

SKI THE FAMOUS WEST: SOUTH LAKE TAHOE & SUN VALLEY- February 13-27, 1988

Leader Dina Taylor. O: 427-3227. H: (301) 663-6089

Places still available.

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING/SALT LAKE CITY AREA - March 5 - 20, 1988

FINAL NOTICE from leader Gorman Young: "Because penalties for cancellation of hotel rooms at Jackson Hole commence on December 1st, I will drop all hotel and air reservations except for those persons who have paid in full by December 1st.

"If you want to go and need special financial arrangements, call so that we can work it out." Telephone: 244-2319

SNOWBIRD, UTAH - April 2 - 9, 1988

Call leaders Jean and Reg Heitchue for information.

H: 860-9190. O: 733 - 5491.

LOCAL SKI TRIPS

THREE FINE LOCAL SKI TRIPS ARE NOW PRESENTED FOR YOUR PLEASURE

① SEVEN SPRINGS MIDWEEK SKI TRIP (DECEMBER 16, 17, & 18th. Wed.-Fri.)

Car Pool from the Peoples' House. Possible lodging at Hidden Valley Town House at a very reasonable rate, or First Class Motel in Somerset. Interested skiers should contact Jack Peoples 840-2213 or Charles Huggins 424-5725.

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LOCAL SKI TRIPS

② CANAAN VALLEY, W. VA. SKI-O-REE - JANUARY 29 - 31, 1988

DEADLINE FOR RESERVING SPACE ON THIS FUN TRIP IS NOVEMBER 12th.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IS REQUIRED.

Special rates for club members: Single \$147. Dbl. \$100.
Package includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts & 1 dinner,
4 hour party with live band, ski race, 2 hours of ice skating,
wine and cheese social.
Lift tickets at \$22 per day are extra. Ski/skate rental available.

REMEMBER - A \$50 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 12th!!!!

Make checks payable to PVS CANAAN VALLEY and send to Leader
DINA TAYLOR, 8403 Stonehouse Road, Frederick, Md. 21701.
Call Dina NOW at O:427-3227. H: 310-663-6089

③ WISP - February 12,13,14 - PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND

Due to the success of the Red Run Inn Bed and Breakfast last year, we have reserved the entire place this year.

The Inn sleeps 16 in mostly double beds and each room has a bath. It is about \$25 per person per night (DO) and includes a continental breakfast. There is a large common area for us in the dining room downstairs.

We will all bring snacks, beverages and lunch fixings and share the cost.

Please send a \$25 deposit to (and check payable to)
Jan or Bob Marx, 8312 Oakford Dr. Springfield, Va. 22152.
Telephone: 451-9158

!! AND STILL MORE SKI TRIPS !!

In addition to our own trips, PVSers are welcome on the following BRSC sanctioned trips offered by other BRSC affiliated clubs:

Gray Rocks, Canada Dec. 13-19, 1988
Kathe Campbell (Columbia Ski Club)
(301) 551 - 8349

Steamboat, Col. Feb 6 - 13, 1988
Debby Halperin (Columbia Ski Club)
301-995-0121

Val d'Isere, France Jan 9 - 17, '88
Chip Irby (Columbia Ski Club)
H:301-730-5768. O:202-523-1720

Keystone, Co. Feb 27 - March 5, 1988
Judy Miller (BRSC Western Carnival)
703-243-5252

Snoeshoe, W.Va. Jan 15-18, 1988
Larry Robinson (Air Force Ski Club)
H:703-323-8114. C:202-697-7914

Snowbird, Utah March 19 - 26, 1988
Len Busse (Columbia Ski Club)
301-992-4436

CALENDAR

- Nov. 17 ...Monthly Meeting at Adele Waggaman's house. 8:00 P.M.
- Nov. 24 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's home. 7:30 P.M.
- Dec. 5 ... Winterfest Dinner. See page 2.
- Dec. 12 ... Great Falls Hike/Chili at the McKinleys'. See Page 2.
- Dec. 15 ... Annual Christmas Gluhwein Party with the Heitchues. 8 P.M.
- Dec. 22 ... ExCom at Marilyn Clark's. 7:30 P.M.
- Jan. 19 ... Monthly Meeting at the Leonhardts'. 8:00 P.M.
- Aug. 6 ... Les Miserables at the KenCen. See page 2.

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