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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

A COUPLE OF ITEMS FROM THE BACK PAGES OF LAST MONTH'S TOOT NEED REPEATING:

THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS WERE ON THE LAST PAGE. AFTER MARILYN CLARK'S REVISION, THIS FORM IS ALMOST AS EASY AS ANY YOU'VE EVER SEEN FROM THE IRS. IT COSTS LESS TOO. FORMS AND MONEY SHOULD BE SENT TO MARILYN BY OCTOBER 31st.

THE 20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP. VOLUNTEER A TAPE, SLIDE OR WHATEVER THAT CAN JOG A MEMORY OF SOME PAST SKI TRAIL. CALL JAN MARX, LARRY PEASE, CHARLOTTE REITH OR MARGARET WYCKOFF.

THE SIMPLE THEME OF THIS MESSAGE IS: "MONEY TO MARILYN, JOGGERS TO JAN."

Sheldon Drews, President

THE POSTMAN WILL SOON BRING YOU A SPECIAL MAILING WITH ALL THE DETAILS OF THE NOVEMBER 10th 20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER. WATCH FOR IT AND, TO BE A PART OF THE FUN, SEND RESERVATION AND CHECK PRONTO!!!

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

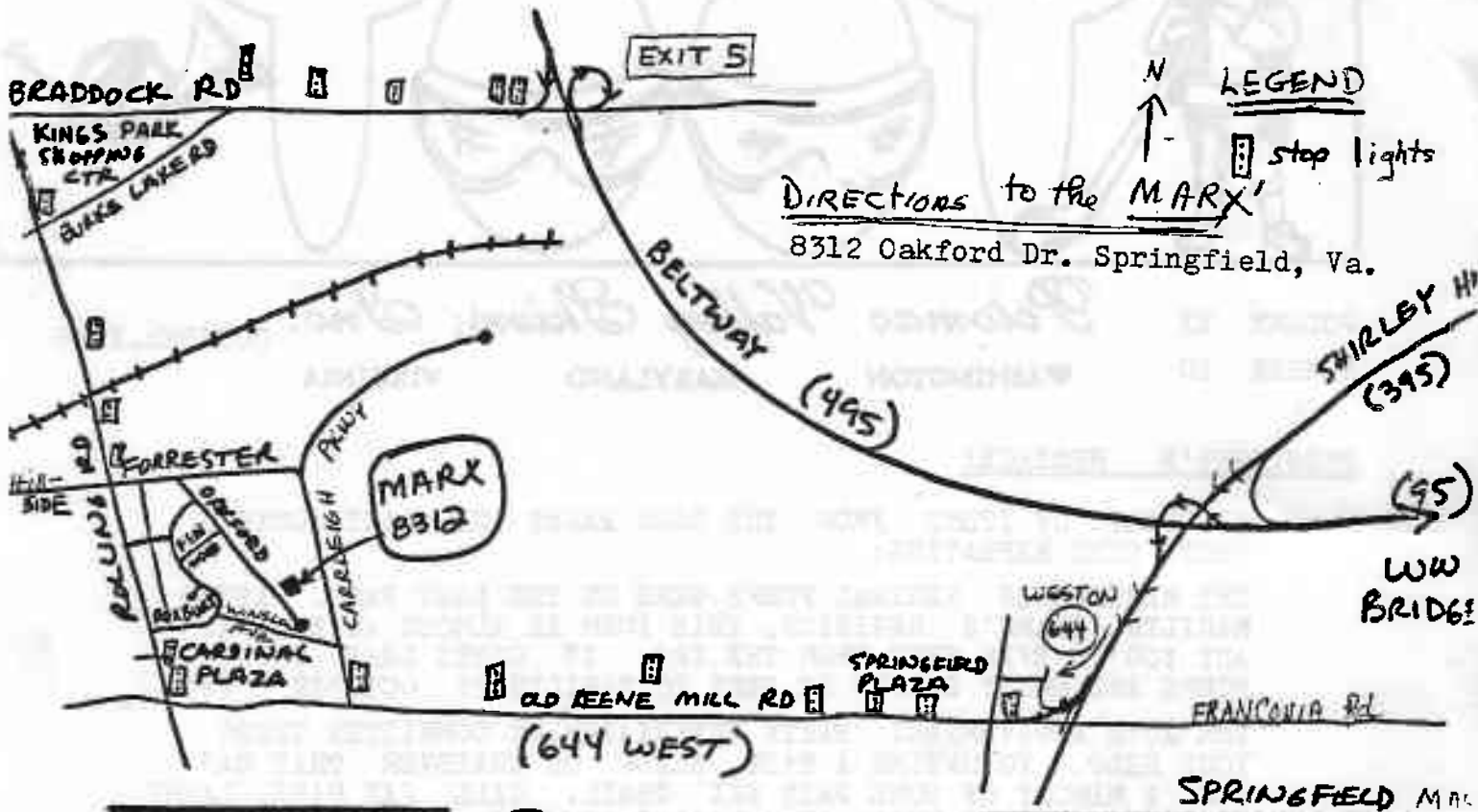
When: Tuesday, October 15th. 8:00 P.M.

What: Regular third Tuesday monthly get-together featuring movies, refreshments, friends.

Where: At the home of Jan and Bob Marx
8312 Oakford Drive
Springfield, Va. Tel:451-9158

Directions: See next page.





Coming Events

FALL FOLIAGE HIKE WITH DINNER AT THE MASONS' -

When: Saturday, October 26. Rain date: Sunday, October 27.

What: We will hike another newly laid out section of the Appalachian Trail between Mt. Weather, junction of routes 601 and 605, and Route 7. Long hike covering the entire distance will be 10 - 11, possibly 12 miles - up and down, passing Bears' Den, once an inn, and a magnificent view from ledges just one mile from the beer. Short hikers will start at Route 7, pass the same ledges and Bears' Den, and go as far as they want, returning by the same trail. Then - ten miles to the Masons' where dinner will be ready....almost.

Time: 8 A.M. at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13, Rte 193 (Georgetown Pike). The school is on the right side of #193 (going towards town) on Balls Hill Rd. Carpooling will be arranged here.

Bring: Lunch, including beverage and spare drinking water, warm clothing in case it gets cold after dark, and rain gear as good weather insurance. Wear sturdy shoes.

Cost: Share- the-cost-dinner has never been over \$5. Carpool sharing to be set by driver. (Usually, 4¢ a mile per passenger.)

Reservations: Trip and dinner limited to 40. Call Dot or Jenckes Mason (652-4313) by October 15th.

Other Coming EVENTS

THE JOY OF SOARING

"Glide" "Sail" "Soar" above the farms and forests in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Warrenton, Va.

A different kind of thrill. Bring friends, picnic lunch, cameras, etc., and make a day of it.

It's on Saturday October 19th at the Warrenton Soaring Center.

Cost is \$35 for a flight of approximately one half hour.

Send check with reservation to Mary Jane McCarthy,

3703 Farragut Ave., Kensington, Md. 20895. Home:949-3703. Office:443-6520.

Participants will meet at the Cooper School at 9:30 A.M. for car pooling to Warrenton. School is located just inside Beltway Exit #13 on right side of Rte 193 (going towards town), corner of Balls Hill Road.

FALL SKI TRIP - GRASS SKIING AT BRYCE MOUNTAIN

Places are still available on this exciting one day grass ski trip to Bryce Mountain on October 20th. Lift tickets \$ 7.00. Equipment rental also \$7.00. Free instruction from Pat Cricenti who is coordinator for the event.

Group will car pool and leave about 7 A.M. and return Sunday evening after a picnic supper at the mountain. Skiing from 11:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Call Pat. (H) 439-2479. (O) 496-4433.

NOVEMBER 10th: Twentieth Anniversary Dinner. Details in special mailing.

November 19th : Monthly meeting at Adele Waggaman's with Ski Center's Brian Eardley demonstrating the latest ski equipment.

November 23 : Special wine tasting at the Copes. Limited to 20. Cost - \$20. Details in Nov. TOOT.

November 30: Annual Great Falls Virginia hike with supper at Ray McKinley's. Limited to 25. Cost - \$4. Details in Nov. TOOT.

December 17: Annual Christmas Gluwein party at the Heitchues.

January 4: Winter Steak & Swim at the Elrods. Limited to 40. Coordinator: Dot Mills. Details in December TOOT.



The Knee.

by

Ray McKinley

Well, guys and guypersons (the Knee is never sexist) the Knee has made it through another birthday (I can vote now .. only a few more years before I can drink!). Time sure flies when you're having fun.

Speaking of time flying, the Knee was thinking about our 10th Anniversary party held at the Stechers common area off Potomac Valley Drive in Rockville. That was a "pot luck" affair. Our 20th, befitting our greater years, will be a sit-down dinner and much easier on all of us. Y'all come!

I'm excited about the idea of grass skiing October 20th at Bryce Mountain because it'll be with one of my favorite people, Pat Cricentknee. I hope to see you all there. And remember "Please Keep Off the Grass" means don't smoke it.

Lots of talk among members about attending the Swiss Ski School this fall. Those considering it include Mike Rysavy, Bob Grasley, Frank Shelburne and Hank and Aina Thomas. If any of you decide to go, do let me know.

Dot Mills told me that on her trip to Scandinavia this summer she also traveled to Lapland and got to see the midnight sun. On a recent date, the Knee got to see a midnight daughter.

New member Ken Evans missed the wine tasting because he had to work late. I'm certain that meant his wife, Myra, got to drink twice as much!

The beach weekend at Ocean City was again blessed with lovely weather. Our hosts, Charlie and Dina Taylor missed some of the sun so they could hear a pitch on a time-share condo. They weren't interested in the condo. Charlie just wanted the free TV for attending.

I'm still trying to find out if they used Charlotte Reith's parmesan cheese by mistake in the dishwasher at Ocean city. The dishes sure tasted good.

Worst thing about the weekend was getting home for those of us who left on Sunday. It took me more than 6½ hours including one hour when I travelled only 6.2 miles.

Quote of the weekend went to Knox Felker who noted "One should never eat on empty stomach."

Speaking of Knox, he and Karen brought a gift of "Polar Bear" beer - made in Iceland - to the Swabys' splendid beer tasting event.

Of course I'm going to talk about the beer tasting, Bud. Did you think I'd let a great event like that get Pabst you?

Knox named the most beers correctly. Said it was because he had been practicing. While it ended up ranked at the bottom, my favorite beer, of course, was Heinkneekan.

I had a nice chat with Stan and Paulette Lichtman who are "inactive" members but active beer drinkers. Right on! Stan, by the way is quite a trivia buff.

From the Small World Department: Brian Eardley from the Ski Center is the son of Earl Eardley who was listed as an ex-PVser on our recent list.

Congratulations to Jack Peoples whose daughter was on the American bicycle team that competed in the recent Tour de France. It's not true that she got on the team by using Peoples Drugs.

At the wine tasting at the Leonhardts, Bill Anderson and Mike Rysavy made rare appearances and both showed up without mustaches.

With all the beer and wine tasting, maybe we ought to change the name of the club to PVS&D (for drinkers) rather than PVS&E. The club for alcoholics?

Only Pres Drews and Dot Mills attended both events. And, of course, your erudite reporter. But I was only there to do erudite reporting. If only my notes weren't so fuzzy.

Kneedle of the Month to Steve Grenleski who just bought new skis (Rossignols) and his only requirement was that they fit in his car's trunk!

PAST EVENTS

CRABFEAST AT THE WINGROVES by Bette Walker

On September 1 Mother Nature favored us, and 41 PVS & Eers (the in-town crowd) and Josie Beale, who has previously contributed to this publication, gathered at the beautiful home of Barbara and Jim Wingrove with mallets in hand ready for the annual crab-eating contest. But first, the preliminaries: swimming and frizbee tossing for the kids and the young at heart, conversation and liquid refreshments for the less active, and tours of the grounds for a few who discovered the sweet green beans on the garden vines.

Two contests took place, Cam Clark claiming victory in the crab-eating, saying he owes it all to calculus and the fact that the almost-winner, Jan Marx, slipped two corn cobs under her pile of shells! Three unnamed ladies entered the desert-eating contest, but as all three claimed to have shared the seven different delectables on their plates, no winner was declared. The ladies are scarcely to be blamed, however, as the array of goodies tempted everyone...even after mountains of crabs, a plenteous supply of silver queen corn and an abundance of crisply delicious salads.

Our thanks to Barbara and Jim for their continued gracious hospitality and to Dot Mills for her coordinating efforts.

BEER TASTING PARTY by Dick Clark

Sixteen thirsty and curious PVSers met at Susannah and Don Swabys' home in Annandale, Va., to participate in a taste bud calibration contest on September 14th. While guests alternated between observing stars through the Swabys' new greenhouse room and backing up to the crackling fire in the fireplace, Don was making repeated trips to his beer cellar to bring up pitchers filled with a mysterious golden liquid.

Despite jokes about Don having a pet panther, we all tasted 11 different brews and rated each as either "rot-gut", "so-so/fair", "above o.k./good", or "real good stuff". Also, we recorded our best guesses as to which beer we were sampling from the list of brands Don supplied.

After all of the noticeably more jovial participants had performed the PVS ritual of consuming vast quantities of delicious sandwiches and Susannah's decidedly decadent chocolate cheesecake, Don tallied our ratings and disclosed the beer brands.

The results were interesting: For the domestics, Coors was rated highest and Pabst Blue Ribbon lowest (not too surprisingly), and, for the imports, Carta Blanca (Mexico) got high honors with Heineken matching Harp (Ireland) for "rot-gut" ratings! Obviously too many wine tasting parties have ruined our taste buds!

While a few of us managed to mis-identify all 11 brands, the real beer lovers of the group were established: Knox Felker (six correct identifications) and Dot Mills (five).

Our thanks to Susannah and Don for a most pleasant and interesting evening.

PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED)

WINE TASTING AT THE LEONHARDTS by Alice Swalm

A thin crescent moon and crystal clear sky were the setting for what is now a September tradition: the annual cheese and wine tasting party, this year hosted on September 17th by Barbara and Fred Leonhardt in their spacious Potomac home.

Avid PVSers, whose enjoyment of skiing, eating, and wine sipping seems more or less in that order of importance, found a lot to appreciate in the selection of wines and cheeses chosen for our pleasure by Mary Ward and Jim Slack.

As guests wandered from table to table, tasting and sipping, many were discussing plans for forthcoming ski trips and the most frequently heard question was "Which trips are you taking this winter?" Shirley Rettig was the envy of all when she announced her plans to go on both European trips: to Austria and to Cortina!

Margaret and Bob Wyckoff (for Zurs/Zell am See) and Dina Taylor (for Cortina) were seen happily taking more reservations for these two popular trips while Sheldon Drews and Irene Farrell sold the classic PVS Cookbook and good looking PVS polo shirts to those club members who recognize a terrific buy when they see one.

After a very brief business meeting, guests began drifting homeward but not before expressing much gratitude to hosts Barbara and Fred, co-ordinator Sheldon, and palate-pleasers Jim and Mary for another marvelous PVS event.

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WINE TASTING ADDENDUM by Sheldon Drews

The thirty eight PVSers and guests at the Leonhardt event were sipping and tasting the following wines and cheeses:

- Fetzer California Premium White (\$5.69)
- Lion d'Or La Carafe Blanc (\$4.99)
- 1985 Gaillaine Sauvignon Blanc (\$5.99)
- Fetzer Mendocino Premium Red (\$5.69)
- Lion d'Or La Carafe Rouge (\$4.99)
- 1882 Ch. Bellevue la Foret(white) (\$7.69)

- Brie (Joan of Arc 60%) (\$3.99/lb.)
- Port Salut (\$4.99/lb.)
- Aged Guda (\$5.89/lb.)
- Black Diamond Cheddar (\$6.69/lb.)

TOOT EDITOR WELCOMES ANY CONTRIBUTIONS, LITERARY OR ARTISTIC, YOU WISH TO MAKE TO THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SEND ALL SUCH MATERIAL TO LU BEALE, 4040 51st ST. N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016.
DEADLINE FOR ALL NEWSLETTER MATERIAL IS THE 4th TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

WEEKEND AT THE BEACH by Myra Evans

The yearly trek to the beach at Ocean City was great fun and the 14 people who attended enjoyed eating, drinking, sunbathing, eating, shopping, drinking, biking, eating, surfing, drinking, ... As Knox Felker was overheard to say, "I try never to eat on an empty stomach;" Marilyn Clark heartily agreed and suggested that become the slogan for PVS! Friday evening got off to a great start with everyone reminiscing about snakes, tarantulas and pigs they have known--you had to be there to really get the full story. Anyway, none of these stories seemed to bother anyone's appetite or sleep. Whew!

Early Saturday morning Dina Taylor, Charlotte Reiss, Mary Jane McCartney, and Karen Felker went bike-riding down the boardwalk while the rest of the us stayed behind to protect the groceries--I mean condo--and catch a few more zzz's. However, we were probably awake by the time the bikers located Charlie Taylor's car. When they returned, everyone was ready to hit the beaches, shopping centers and ice cream stands. Since Charlotte had teased Charlie about catnapping in the afternoon, he refused to let her close her eyes and she had to go to the beach to get any rest. That evening we loaded into cars and headed to Rehobeth to see Vivian and partake in some wine and cheese at her beach house. (I bet you're saying, "Just what they needed!" Right?) Ray McKinley and his new lady friend came back to Ocean City with us to see the sights and--you guessed it--eat dinner and drink champagne. And what dinner would be complete without ice cream furnished by Mary Jane and Charlie who ran through heavy traffic in the mist at 9 PM to the A&P. (Greg Pease was probably the only one who lost any weight on this trip since he was on a liquid diet due to his wired jaw.)

On Sunday, everyone was a bit slower getting up and around since the day was overcast, but we managed to roll out of bed and send Ken out for doughnuts and coffee cake. About the time we started on those and uncorked the champagne, the cooks arrived loaded with all the fixings for brunch. Larry Pease prepared delicious omelettes, Gail assisted and served while Marilyn manned the toaster; Dick Clark did a superb job of supervising from the living room. After brunch, some began to pack for home while others headed to the beach or boardwalk; even Knox took his surfboard out to ride the waves. The Evans' volunteered to stay behind and cheer for the Dallas Cowboys and curse the Washington Redskins; they were successful on both counts.

For those who stayed until Monday, the seafood dinner at Crisfield's on Sunday was great, but I'm sure you're wondering how any of us could have eaten another bite. Thank you, Dina, for a planning a great trip to the beach.

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There are still places available on all PVS ski trips.

To sign up, call one of the following leaders:

Mont Sutton, Canada - Jack Peoples 840-2213.

Austria - the Wyckoffs 589-5532.

Utah - Norman Engelman 299-2635.

Steamboat, Colorado - the Wingroves 762-4887.

Cortina, Italy - Dina Taylor (H) 301-663-6089.

(O) 301-363-0300 X2650

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Update

CALENDAR

- Oct. 15 ... Monthly Meeting at the Marx. 8:00 P.M.
- Oct. 19 ... Soaring. (See page 3)
- Oct. 20 ... Grass Skiing at Bryce Mountain. (See p. 3)
- Oct. 22 ... ExCom at the Wyckoffs. 7:30 P.M.
- Oct. 26 ... Hike and Dine with the Masons. (See p. 2)
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Call Don(836-5436).
- Nov. 26 ... ExCom at Mary Jane McCarthy's. 7:30 P.M.
- Nov. 30 ... Great Falls Hike/McKinley Supper. Limited to 25.
Call Ray (351-5385).
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- Jan. 4 ... Winter Steak & Swim at Elrods Limited to 40.
Coordinator: Dot Mills (527-5036).
- Jan. 21 ... Monthly Meeting at the Leonhardts'.
- Jan. 28 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's. 7:30 P.M.

Don't Forget - October 31st is deadline for application renewals!!

Jan & Bob Marx
8312 Oakford Dr.
Springfield, Va. 22152

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