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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE :

Once again, I offer my appreciation to The Committee for the good job they did in orchestrating our 25th Anniversary party. In particular, I commend the choral group and the authors of those wonderfully unique songs. I wish I had such talent.

With the holiday season beginning, it is truly time to think skiing and to check-out your equipment before you hit the slopes. If your skis need tuning or your bindings need adjusting, now is the right time to get it done.

Happy Holidays to you all.

Dick Gomerford, President

MONTHLY

TUESDAY DECEMBER 18
8 P.M.

ANNUAL GLÜHWEIN CHRISTMAS PARTY

MEETING

Hosted by Jean and Reg Heitchue
2146 Owls Cove Lane, Reston
Telephone: 703-860-9190



Contributions of your special goodies welcomed!

DIRECTIONS:

Take #495 to Tysons Corner where take Rte 7 to Reston. Make left turn onto Rte 606 - Baron Cameron. (Before the turn there's a large Reston sign on the right side of the highway.) Take a left turn at the first light onto Whiele Avenue. Continue to deadend, turn left onto Sunrise Valley Dr. At top of hill turn right at 1st traffic light onto South Lakes Dr. Go past shopping center on right and turn at first left onto Ridge Heights Rd. Take first right onto Owl's Cove Lane, go to end and park in cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of steep driveway.

A faster way is by the Dulles Toll Road at \$1.50 round trip. For this route, take Beltway #495 to Virginia Exit 12 Dulles Toll Road, Rte 267. Pass through the toll booths, 50c. Exit at #4, Whiele Ave, pay 25c toll. Turn left onto Whiele Avenue and proceed as directed above.

COMING EVENTS

WINTER STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS' - January 5, 1991. 2 P.M.

Once again meet at the Elrods' gorgeous home in Triangle for a winter swim, a relaxing loll in the jacuzzi, and a grand time basking before a roaring fire while enjoying one of Roy's cooked-to-perfection steaks and all that goes with it.

Call coordinator Margaret Wyckoff (301-589-5532) to reserve a place and to coordinate your contribution of salad, dessert or hors d'oeuvre.

Cost - approximately \$13. Reservations limited to 25. Deadline is January 3rd. Those making reservations will be responsible for the cost of their steaks unless cancellation is received by the deadline.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-95 South to Richmond. Take Dumfries/Manassas exit for Route 234. Go L on 234, then R on old Route 1, then L on Virginia Route 1107 at the Triangle Plaza sign. Follow 1107 to a T-type dead end and bear R on Cabin Road. Continue on Cabin Road to 3100 Hemlock Point - last street on left. Phone: 703-221-4122.

PHANTOM AT THE KENNEDY CENTER OPERA HOUSE - JULY 27, 1991

Join your PVS friends for the Andrew Lloyd Webber international hit THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. Orchestra seats at \$55 each have been obtained for a Saturday matinee (2:00 p.m.) performance.

Please send check made out to PVS and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Steve Grenleski, 13422 Tamarack Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Questions? Call Steve (301-384-9013).

CLUB ELECTIONS

President Comerford has appointed a nominating committee which will meet in mid-December to select nominees for president and the executive committee for the year 1991-1993. Suggestions from the membership are welcome. Call chairwoman Lu Beale (202-363-3521).

UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

MUGS FOR SALE - YES, DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE...

For those unfortunate ones who were unable to attend the Fantabulous 25th Anniversary Gala, we are now offering the beautiful porcelain cobalt blue anniversary mugs for \$10. And for those who did attend, additional mugs may be purchased. The perfect Christmas gift! Call Bill Anderson (301-654-4711).

AND FOR THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING -

HEADBANDS - \$10!!

White, 100 % wool headbands with Potomac Valley Skiers written in a choice of 3 colors - charcoal gray, medium blue, Ming green. They come with anti-itch inner bands.

These fine bands are useful not only for skiing but for apres ski, hiking, skating, going to the store or taking out the garbage.

These unique Christmas gift ideas will be available at the Gluhwein Party on December 18. Or call Jan Marx (703-451-9158). Make checks payable to PVS.



PAST EVENT

ANNUAL FALL HIKE/DINNER WITH THE MILLERS by Don Swaby

What happened to all the color? Jack Frost has been falling down on the job. It certainly wasn't as spectacular as we have come to expect, but don't consider that a real complaint. In every other way the Fall Hike was perfect. The day dawned clear and clean with a very comfortable temperature level. The killer gnats, or gnats from hell, were not in evidence this year as Bob Marx tried to gather his, definitely not Japanese, tour group. After a good half hour devoted to this almost impossible task, approximately 42 PVSers started up the trail. It was very evident from the beginning that Frank Shelburne was not leading this one. The pace was tolerable. In fact, it was almost impossible to get lost as long as you followed the upside down red exclamation mark in Larry Pease's right hand. Just to make sure, Bob kept running back and forth like a platoon sergeant to make sure. Even without the usual autumn spray, the views were gorgeous (simply gorgeous).

There was a touch of drama as the head of the group approached the mid-way point along the ridge. Lu Beale, a deposed hike organizer, intercepted our group from the opposite direction. Lu tried to organize a coup, and even brought a hat that pronounced her the leader. However, after a brief struggle Bob confiscated the hat and took charge again. Lu may have been more successful in rallying support if she could have gotten the fragmented hikers attention away from their food.

After lunch, someone reminded hikers that there was beer waiting in the parking lot and the hike commenced in earnest. Bob assures us that "approximately" 42 hikers came down from the mountain. That reassurance made the beer go down much smoother. He lost some credibility when someone indicated that he took his survey by counting empties.

Even if this had not been such a great hiking day, Jamie and Shahrsad Miller would make sure it was worth the trip. Their home in Strasburg is always warm and friendly. And, the smells emanating from the kitchen make it even more inviting. They started with the tastebud teasers of brie covered with raspberry jam in one room and goose liver paté in another. The tastebuds had properly peeked when the main course of curried chicken and currant rice appeared. Naturally, no PVS meal would end without dessert. This one included ice cream cake, and carrot cake - a double waist line spreader. My favorite cake was once german chocolate. However, I have recently developed a passion for carrot cake. Would all you cooks please store that away in an easy to retrieve portion of your memories - carrot cake!

If you weren't there, as usual, you missed a great one!

PAST EVENTS

NOVEMBER MEETING by Lu Beale

June Kelsay hosted the pre-Thanksgiving meeting in the large, comfortable party room at her Grosvenor Apartment building home - a proven and popular location for good-time meetings.

June provided an endless supply of goodies for sandwich-making, dipping, nibbling and, of course, dessert -sampling. This was no easy task as June had to cart the provisions back and forth from her apartment on the 13th floor to the lower level party room. Thanks, June, for all your efforts which the fifty some attendees (including 10 non-member guests) truly appreciated.

The Ski Center's Brian Eardley gave his 7th annual address to the club demonstrating and evaluating the latest in ski equipment. There's not a whole lot new, according to Brian, except, perhaps, some stainless steel beauties (which Eric Marx, using Dad's credit card, promptly bought).

Iridescent colors appear on all new skis with surrealist designs appearing on the bottoms of the new skis as well as the tops (with a different design on each ski, yet!) Purple predominates - on bindings, skis and boots. Gimmicks for your Christmas list include battery-powered heaters for gloves as well as boots (the latter \$120 installed) and goggles warranted to improve your performance (oh, yeah?).

Thanks, Brian, for the evaluation. We hear you're a super skier and you oughta know!

P.S. For those who wondered - Bette Walker is okay. The doctors still don't know what happened but Bette says, "For sure, it wasn't the chocolate cake!"

The Chile Hike - by Gringo Farrell

On a brisk autumn day (it was November 17, as a matter of fact), 29 gringos met the Senora Lu Beale and the Senor Ray McKinley to take part in the notorious chili hike. The Senora led the group to the overlook at Great Falls, not only to see the magnificent views, but also to watch the brave kayakers in the turbulent waters. But the viewers did not speak what was uppermost in their thoughts. "Those brave kayakers would never make it over the Falls".

Then, on to the dramatic views of the narrow Mather Gorge and up to Cow Hoof Rock to watch the rock climbers. By following Difficult Run and making a couple of wrong turns (some gringos don't know their right from their left), the hikers returned to the trail head and with much haste proceeded to Senor McKinley's hacienda where he welcomed them in his best serape and sombrero.

Hot and cold Mexican dips, salsa and chips, hot and hotter chili, cool, cool salads as well as many scrumptious desserts had been spread out for the weary travelers. But not too weary to do much feasting and partying.

Many olés to Lu for leading the hike and mucho thanks to Ray for hosting it.

COOK'S CORNER

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by

Nancy Garrett

As Ray McKinley is fond of saying, "The chili hike was just another boring PVS event.".... which is, of course, not

true. The hike was fun and as usual, the food was delicious. Three of the offerings are presented below. They would all be great to use during the holidays.

TACO DIP Janet Waln

Preheat oven to 350*.

In medium bowl, mix together:

- 2 (8 oz.) cream cheese
(Janet uses Light Philly)
- 1 (1 1/4 oz.) package taco seasoning

Spread on bottom of two pie plates or in 9" X 13" baking dish. On top of cream cheese mixture, pour:

- 1 (15 oz.) can chili without beans
(Janet uses Hormel)

On top of this mixture, layer:

- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/2 cup chopped black olives
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions

Bake in 350* oven for 30 minutes. Serve with corn chips or tortilla chips.

Liz Triaü brought a delicious Summer Pecan Pie. It tastes just as well or better in the winter. The recipe given will make one 10-inch pie. Liz doubled the recipe for the chili hike and baked it in a 9" X 13" baking dish.

SUMMER PECAN PIE Liz Triaü

Beat until stiff:

- 3 egg whites

Beating continuously until mixture is thick and glossy, gradually add:

- 1 cup sugar

Mixing gently, but thoroughly, add:

- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 16 Ritz crackers, crushed
- 3/4 cup finely ground pecans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring

Spoon into buttered pie plate. Bake at 350* for 30 minutes. Cool. Spread with Cool Whip or whipped cream. Refrigerate for several hours before serving. Serves 6 - 8. Large rectangular pan makes 15 large servings or 20 small ones.

BUTTER PECAN CHEESECAKE Nancy Garrett

Combine, mixing well:

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup butter or oleo, melted
- 1/3 cup finely chopped pecans

Reserve 1/3 cup. Firmly press remainder on bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Chill while preparing filling.

Beat until light and fluffy:

- 3 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese

Beating well, gradually add:

- 1 1/2 cups sugar.

Add, one at a time, beating after each:

- 3 eggs

Add, mixing well:

- 1 (16 oz.) carton sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon butter flavoring
- 1 cup pecans

Spoon into prepared pan. Sprinkle with reserved mixture. Bake at 475* for 10 minutes. Reduce temperature to 300* and bake for an addition 60 - 75 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool to room temperature on wire rack. Chill.

PVS 25th Anniversary Dinner

by Bette Walker

On November 3 the Ballroom of the Fort McNair Officers' Club provided a handsome setting for the Potomac Valley Skiers 25th Anniversary Dinner. Among the 135 attendees, ten were former presidents and fourteen were charter members.

It was an impressively dressed crowd - Lt. Colonel Chris Waln, resplendent in Air Force Mess Dress and Fumiko Marquardt in an exquisite Japanese kimono and obi. Bill Anderson was heard to chide Fumiko that we weren't going on a hike and back packs were not necessary! In more conventional dress, standouts were elegant Shahrsad Miller in black decoletté and Frank Shelburne in black tie.

The cocktail hour was a time for getting acquainted and re-acquainted. Of the out-of-towners Meg Anderson traveled the greatest distance, coming from Denver, the runner-up being Charlie Gordon who came from Georgetown, Texas.

Eventually conversations ended and tables filled for a dinner highlighted by Chicken Cordon Bleu and Peach Melba. At each place setting was a handsome favor, a gold and blue mug decorated with the PVS logo and XXV. Finally, fully satiated, the group was ready for entertainment. President Dick Comerford delivered the Welcoming Address and first President Dick King, as Keynote Speaker, delved into the history of PVS.

Bill Anderson's ready wit as Master of Ceremonies was much appreciated - in particular his explanation for choosing Fort McNair as anniversary venue. The committee met there for lunch prior to November 3, said Bill, and there was a Norm Engelman sandwich on the menu - all tongue and baloney. This came after a comment by Norm from his table.

Rumors had been rampant about the musical performance and the audience was not disappointed by the "Moron Tabernacle Choral," twelve of PVS's finest voices rendering songs written by Bill Anderson, Karen Felker, Mort Kuff and the Knee. They were joined in singing by Peggy and Kirk Burns, Marilyn and Dick Clark, Jean and Reggie Heitchue, Dot Mills, Ruth Schrider and Margaret Wyckoff and accompanied professionally by Virginia Whitmire. Mort Kuff did not sing. Mort Kuff did not come. He was missed! As the Master of Ceremonies introduced the past presidents, Dot Mills played "Send in the Clowns." Dot claims it was originally meant for the Choral, but seemed equally appropriate for the presidents.

Jan Marx's ably selected and narrated slide show (with contributions from Dick King, Aina and Hank Thomas, Bob Wyckoff, Dick Comerford, Dina Taylor, Tony Soler and both Marxes) provided a pictorial history of the club which was both nostalgic and revealing. (It was not previously known, for instance, that Jack Peoples shaved in his shorts.)

In his unique and inimitable style Myron Marquardt awarded Door Prizes generously donated by Inner Ski, Ski Center, Ski Chalet, Dynastar-Lange, Nordica and Olin Ski. Mary Jane McCarthy, who chaired the committee for the event, gave credit where credit was due, and with a finale by the Choral, the evening concluded.

Mary Jane and her committee, consisting of Karen Felker, Dot Mills, Jan Marx, Marilyn Clark, Bill Anderson and Ray McKinley, are to be praised for their efforts which resulted in a memorable evening for all.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

We were wonderful. We were elegant. We were resplendent. Gadzooks, could it have

been PVS?

Needless to say, I am emoting about our 25th ankneeversarknee. One hundred and thirty five kindred spirits were there discussing old times, new times, other PVSers and, of course, skiing.

Bob McNeill had skied at Killington two days earlier and reported half of one run open.

We arrived at Greenleaf Point, the home of Ft McNair, dressed to the nines. Since most party reporters normally describe women's fashions, I'll describe men's. We were, in a word, dazzling.

About half of the men wore tuxedos. (By way of comparison, only three guests wore tuxedos at our 20th celebration.) Myron Marquardt claimed to be wearing the oldest tux (35 years) and was the only guest wearing a hat. Albeit a black bowler rather than the standard black homburg.

Three of us, Bob Barry, Ken Evans and Bill Hager, opted for a bit more color than the standard "black tie optional" and wore various shades of red and burgundy. Bob also sported a matching jacquard (you didn't know the Knee knew - gosh! what alliteration!! - such fashion words. I also know Gucci and Keds) vest and cummerbund.

The Knee's buns were unencumbered but I did have one of those fancy velvet things around my waist.

Where was I? Ah, yes, red ties. Marilyn Clark asked Bill Hager where his black tie was. It was optional, he retorted (having tortured earlier). He asked her where hers was. Responded Marilyn "I prefer Americans to Thais."

Among the last to respond to the invitation were Sal and Lee Mahallati. Pediatrician Sal scrawled a lengthy letter of explanation. As a postscript he wrote "I am sorry if this is illegible. If you have any problem reading this take it to my pharmacist."

The last to respond was Bing Poon whose check arrived 3 days after the party! Thus, he had no seat (more unencumbered buns?). Fortunately, Jack Peoples' daughter did not arrive in town in time to use her reservation so a switch was made and Bing got a seat.

Among those sending regrets were Max Bunnell, Penny Wiederholt, Ted Cardwell and Frank Fiske. Ted is already in Salt Lake City (where he invites PVS friends to visit him - call his Reston number). Frank hopes to see a gaggle of us at Mt Sutton.

M.C. Bill Anderson swears his opening line about the Engelman sandwich being all tongue and baloney was spontankneeous. Hmmm...

Dick King opened the ceremonies with comments about PVS being a close, intimate group. It's certainly true, but the remark seemed ironic addressed to PVS's largest ever gathering.

The PVS Chorale. Who could believe it? Our temporary director, Virginia Whitmire, observed that she had never worked with a group of so many chiefs and so few indians.

Karen Felker wrote four full verses of PVS words to the tune "Try to Remember." I asked how she was able to write so prolifically. Karen said she had a bad headache one night and the words just kept flowing out. Hmmm...

From my Try to Remember department: Dick King, for his keynote speech, asked for a list of those who came the farthest so he could mention them. He forgot.

M.C. Bill Anderson said, don't worry, he would recognize them. He forgot.

Chief Organizer Mary Jane McCarthy said, "Don't worry. I'll mention them in my closing remarks." She forgot.

It is mentioned in the event report about Charlie Gordon and Meg Anderson coming great distances. Not included were Jack (aka Jean Clod) Lilley who came up from Atlanta and ex-pres Geoff Wadey who made a special trip down from Massachussetts. (The Knee, by the way, made a special trip from Arlington.)

A very special tip of the ol' Knee cap to Mary Jane and her entire committee who met 8 times in 6 months to insure a very special, flawless evening for all of us.

SONG. FROM THE PVS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Tune: "Try to Remember." Words by Karen Felker.

Try to remember the many Septembers with
Crabfeast, beach trip, Leesburg biking.
Try to remember the springs and the falls when with
Lu and Josi we went hiking,
And at Old Rag and White Oak Canyon
With Frank ahead, oh so hard to follow;
But we all loved it, it's to our liking, go
Hiking - biking-

Do you remember the gourmet dinners,
The steak and swim and also sailing.
Always good times and plenty-of laughing, but
Talk of skiing was prevailing.
Monthly meetings with diets retreating
And lots of joking and little smoking.
We don't forget, though, that
WE are THE club for skiers
Skiers - skiers

Do you remember the trip to Morocco with
Grasley skiing rocks and stucco,
And when we went to the Pink-Mink-Cortina
And skied in Italy with Dina.
Good days and snow days, the best and the worst days,
We WILL ski as long as the skis keep gliding.
We don't remember when skis came off
-Sent us sliding
Sliding - sliding

Yes, we remember the trips to the Alps with the
Wyckoffs, always first class places,
And up to Sutton, La Pampolaise,
Where Jack reserved all hotel spaces.
Yes, we remember the trips to the West, where the
snow is best - skied with Norm and Gorman.
Now we shall see how much more
We remember; then follow
Follow - follow

The words of the other Anniversary Dinner songs
will appear in the next issue of TOOT.

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!! SKI TRIPS !!

MONT SUTTON Sunday Jan. 13 - Sunday, Jan. 20, 1991

There is space for one female. Call Jack Peoples IMMEDIATELY (301-840-2213). Jack asks that all participants bring a wrapped useful or humorous \$10 gift for games. All trippers will receive a final notice next week giving room assignments, plane details, etc.

REMEMBER: FINAL PAYMENT OF \$299 DUE BY DECEMBER 8th.

MERIBEL AND COURCHEVEL, FRANCE - January 25 - February 10, 1991

Leader Steve Grenleski reports that all arrangements have been made for this fine trip to the site of the '92 Olympics. On November 14, Meribel already had a snow base of 20 inches! Questions? Call Steve (301-384-9013).

CRESTED BUTTE AND TELURIDE, COLORADO. February 17 - March 3, 1991.

Call Jack Peoples (301-840-2213).

Interested in skiing Copper Mountain, Colorado Feb 3 - 10, 1991 with Club Med?

Call Kirk Burns (703-256-4443).

Interested in skiing in New Zealand? Call Charles Farwell (301-949-2375).

STOWE, VERMONT SKI TRIP March 17-22, 1991. NOW OFFICIAL!

Luxury accommodations with ski-in, ski-out, at the world famous THE INN at Mt. Mansfield Resort.

TRIP INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. Round trip airfare Washington, D.C. to Burlington, Vt.
2. Five nights lodging at THE INN.
3. Five day lift tickets interchangeable with Smugglers Notch and Jay Peak
4. MAP (Stowe Dinner Plan) - Ten restaurants to choose from at Stowe.
5. Fly drive - One Thrifty Rental Car per four people.
6. Full service health club available.

All of the above for only \$740 per person, double occupancy. Seniors (65-69) 20% off lift tickets, 70+ lift tickets free.

Twenty people needed for the outstanding group rate above. If interested, please call Jack Peoples 840-2213.

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IN MEMORIAM

The club notes with deep regret the sudden death in early November of longtime member, Mike Rysavy. In the early days, Mike was an enthusiastic participant in all club activities. He was an expert skier, an ardent hiker, camper, boatman and fisherman. He loved travel and the great outdoors. Also, being a true PVSer, he loved to eat. Mike had many good and devoted friends in PVS. We will miss him greatly.

- Bill Anderson

CALENDAR

- Dec. 18 ... Gluhwein Party at the Heitchues. See page 1.
- Jan. 5 ... Steak and Swim at the Elrods'. See page 2.
- Jan. 22 ... Monthly Meeting at the Walns'.
- Jan. 29 ... ExCom at Howard Hensley's.
- Feb. 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Kathy Quinden's.
- Mar. 19 ... March Meeting at the Leonhardts'.
- Apr. 16 ... Annual Meeting at Adele Waggaman's.
- July 27 ... "Phantom of the Opera" See page 2.



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