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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE :

Our beloved ski season is rapidly coming to a close. Two of the club's major trips are already over with three more waiting in the wings ready to go. The season for our beloved sport is entirely too short so it is my hope that we all take every opportunity to take advantage of it. As the old saying goes, "Time flies when you are skiing." Speaking of love, February is upon us, a cold, wintry month, but with a day set aside to celebrate LOVE -VALENTINE'S DAY..... So, Happy Valentine's Day to all of you.

Our thanks to the nominating committee composed of Dot Mills (Chair), Lu Beale, Bob Harmon, Jan and Bob Marx and Bette Walker for assembling the following excellent slate of officers for the coming year: President, Mary Jane McCarthy; ExCom, Liz Triau, Myron Marquardt and John Smith.

Love you all! and SKI HEIL....

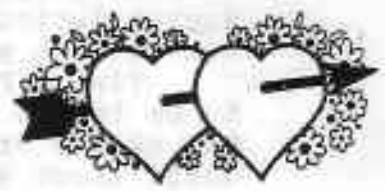
*Bill* Bill Anderson, President



## MONTHLY MEETING

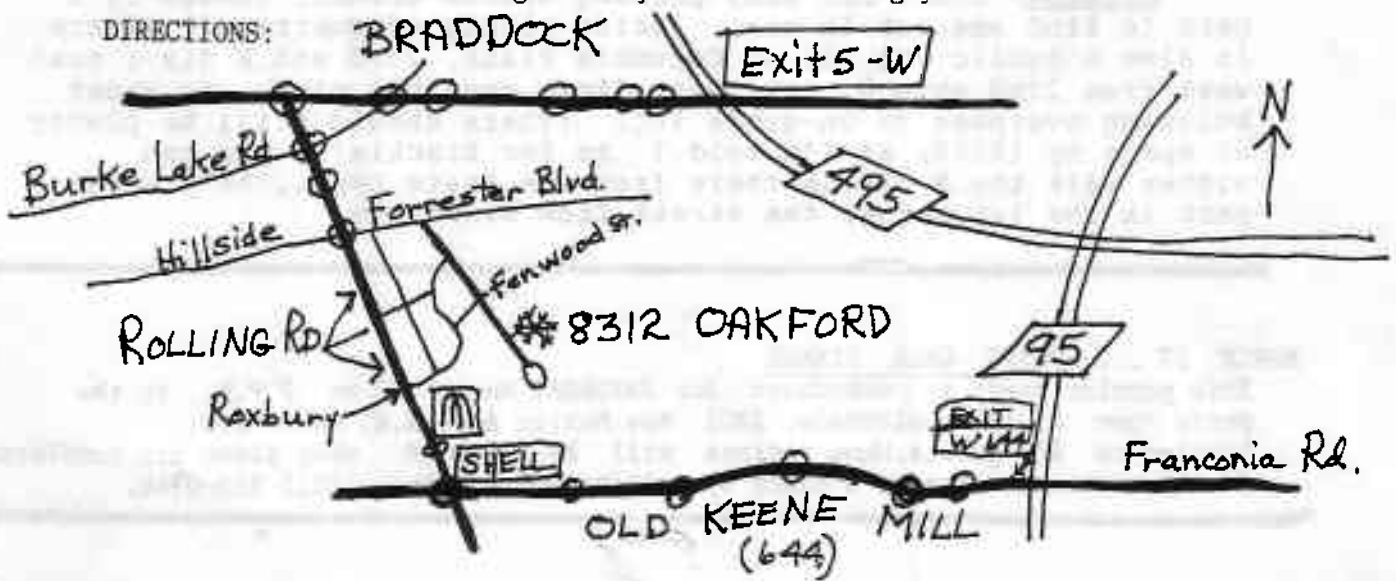
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1993. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Home of Jan & Bob Marx  
8312 Oakford Drive  
Springfield, Va. Tel: (703) 451-9158



While some PVSers are off skiing, the stay-at-homes will gather at the Marx home to talk of skiing already done and skiing yet to come. DON'T MISS IT!!

### DIRECTIONS:



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COMING EVENTS



DINING OUT GROUP - February 9, 1993

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, February 9, 1993. This month, we will meet at THE TIVOLI 1700 N. Moore St., Rosslyn, Va. We will meet for dinner at 7:00 P.M.. THE TIVOLI is a very interesting Northern Italian restaurant.

Directions: From Maryland - take the Beltway (Rt. 495) across the American Legion Bridge to Virginia, go South on the George Washington Parkway to the Key Bridge/Rosslyn exit. Turn West off the parkway to Rosslyn. At the traffic circle turn left at the traffic light and go straight ahead on Lee Highway to Fort Meyer Drive. Continue past the Metro station sign (on the left) and turn left at the next corner (Wilson Blvd.). Immediately turn left at the next corner (N. Moore St.) and enter parking garage on the left.

From Virginia, come into Rosslyn from the West on Wilson Blvd. (Rt. 237). Turn left on N. Moore St. and left again into parking garage.

Parking is FREE in the building after 5:00 P.M. -- get your ticket validated in the restaurant.

If you would like to come by METRO, get off at the Rosslyn Metro stop -- THE TIVOLI restaurant is just upstairs at Mall Level 3 in the building above the METRO station.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday, February 7.

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TOUR OF DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOMS -- Wednesday, March 10

By the time you read this, there may still be a few openings for this fine arts tour followed by lunch (optional), probably at Blackie's (22nd & M Sts. NW). Call Bob Harmon (703) 820-6561, except during the period Jan. 31-Feb. 7 when I will be away. During that period call Ray McKinley (703) 527-7126.

Time & Place: The tour starts at 10:30, but we are requested to be in the lobby at the 23rd St. entrance (between C & D Sts. NW) of the State Dept. Building not later than 10:15. The tour lasts about 45 minutes. Important: Every participant must have a photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport, etc.). Cameras are permitted, including flash, but only in the reception rooms themselves.

Parking: There are many parking meters around, though it's hard to find one not in use. (Bring plenty of quarters!) There is also a public PMI lot at Columbia Plaza, 23rd and E Sts.; turn west from 23rd onto E, take very first possible right, go under building overpass to on-grade lot. (There should still be plenty of space by 10:00, so I'm told.) As for Blackie's, you can either walk the 9 blocks there from the State Dept., or you can park in the lot across the street from Blackie's.

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MARCH 27 ... SPRING GALA DINNER

This popular event is scheduled for SATURDAY March 27 at 7 P.M. in the party room of The Colonnade, 2801 New Mexico Ave. N.W. Wash. D.C. Limited to 40 guests. Menu recipes will be assigned when plans are completed. In the meantime, reserve a place by calling Bette Walker (202) 333-0766.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**MARCH 20 ... GOURMET WINE TASTING AT THE COPES' - 8:00 P.M.**

The annual tasting of a number of special wines will take place at the home of Don and Pat Cope at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 20. Don says that some of the focus this year will be toward French wines which may include White Burgundy, Red Bordeaux and Chateauneuf - du - Pape. Since this event is limited to 20, make your reservations early by calling the Copes soonest (703) 836-5436. Cost will be shared by guests and will depend on choice of wines. See March TOOT for directions to this grand event.

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**SKI TRIPS**

**FEBRUARY MIDWEEK SKIING**

1. Friday Feb. 5th Roundtop. We will stop on the way home at the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont to enjoy the evening buffet. For those under 65, Giant vouchers are good for a \$5. discount on lift tickets, and Ski America Cards are good for lift tickets at half price.
2. Tuesday Feb. 9th Whitetail. Ski America Card is good for a \$3. discount on lift ticket.
3. Friday Feb. 12th Liberty.

Interested skiers should call Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725 so we can car pool to the slopes.

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**Big Sky, Montana - February 17 - 26, 1993 - DINA TAYLOR leading.**  
**Everything is proceeding smoothly for a great group of 33 skiers.**  
**Continental airline tickets will be sent out within a few days.**  
**Please be at the airport 1 hour prior to departure. Any last**  
**minute questions, call Dina 301-663-6089.**

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**SKI UTAH MARCH 16 - 23, 1993**

End the '92 - '93 ski season with fellow PVSers for a week of super skiing in Utah. Accommodations at the Comfort Inn near SLC Airport easily accessible to seven great ski areas. Lift prices are relatively low with seniors over 70 skiing free. Trip price of \$250 includes 7 nights lodging (dbl.occ.); van service to and from airport; rental cars, 4 to a car. Not included: Air fare, lift tickets, meals.

Call leader Shirley Rettig SOONEST (703) 836-0147.

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# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Here we are, right smack dab in the middle of another ski season. Conditions are great everywhere. (Well, almost everywhere - see next paragraph). It seems like virtually all of us are about to go skiing or are just back from skiing.

PVS' California contingent, Jerry Clapp, is just back from not skiing at Ben Lomond Ski Park on the island of Tasmakneeia (I love that name), near Australia. Skiing is above the tree line--of eucalyptus trees. Jerry comments that, since it's summer there, conditions are "slushy." At 43°S, is this the southernmost ski area in the world?

Getting there was not half the fun on Jack Peoples' Stowe trip. The train trip up was frigid and the train trip back wasn't. It was replaced by a bus.

Despite this trauma, the Knee understands Jack plans another train trip next year. He's working toward a week at Whistler and a second at Banff or Lake Louise. In between will be the Canadian Pacific Domeliner through the Canadian Rockies, oft called the most beautiful ride in the world. Penn Station at 3am will be an extra cost option.

The Knee's Injury Update. In mid-January, Jan and Bob Marx were off for a week of New England skiing. The first night they stopped near Elk Mt. PA, discovered Elk Mt. has nighttime skiing and gave it a try. An hour later, Jan was run down while pausing beside the trail. Result: two broken bones in her right ankle, now held together by a plate and 8 screws. "Jan was screwed," noted Bob. A full recovery is expected.

Several of you have called me concerned about Bob Wyckoff. Yes, he did have another small stroke. But recovery is now well underway and Bob

expects to be back to his old feisty self soon. Right on.

Now for the Knee's Homeless in DC Report. You may recall a news report of chemical warfare residues near American University. They are still uncovering toxic material, and the area is still evacuated workdays. TOOT Editor, Lu Beale and hubby Bill live downwind and thus are often homeless. As Lu said, they've visited "friends, Romans, countrymen." Lu, currently without a home, is never without an erudite phrase.

Icy eastern skiing...Speaking of icy eastern skiing, at Stowe, Fumiko Marguardt fell into the "powder" and badly bruised her rib. Discussing conditions, Bob McNeill touted Volkl skis on ice. Charlie Huggins related a story about Huey Roberts at Sutton. Huey was on ice, out of control, and headed directly for a tree. He jumped sideways, came out of both skis, and landed on the ice. His skis hit the tree. Kids, don't try this at home.

Irene Farrell and Bob Harmon are off to a cross country skiing Elderhostel in Quebec. Tres bien.

Final Steamboat Springs notes. While there, they inaugurated Nelson's Run for Steamboat Olympic winner Nelson Carmichael. Now, in recognition of her great TOOT trip write-up, Jess' Run is renamed after PVS' Jessama Blockwick.

I second Jessama's comments that Marianne Cook is an artist. She's a chanteuse, singing in English, French, German, and Danish, plays the piano in all those languages and writes the most poignant love songs. She says writing love songs is cheaper than a psychiatrist.

In the hot tub one evening with the Flaherty's and non-PVSers, we discussed our group from PVS. "Are you the guys with the name tags?" someone asked. "No," responded Jackie, "those are hotel employees."

Finally, the most popular T-shirt in Steamboat reads "Friends don't let friends ski Vail."

JANUARY MEETING by Charles Huggins

On January 19th, the first meeting of 1993 was hosted by June Kelsay in the Party Room at Grosvenor Pl. in Rockville, Md. Attending were 39 PVsers and 5 guests. The first order of business was to devour the delicious assortment of goodies on the buffet table (ham, turkey, patés, fruit, etc., etc.) which June continually restocked.

Considerable time was spent by skiers discussing their trip to Stowe while Jack Peoples circulated two sets of pictures around the room. The Stowe skiers came home by four modes of transportation (car, bus, train, plane). This has got to be a first and only Jack, with a little help from Amtrak could pull it off.

Bill Anderson opened the meeting, and Ray gave his usual report on upcoming events. Ray also made a special request for anyone with a large home to host some events as some present hosts are being called on a little too often. Dina Taylor gave a report on the Big Sky Trip. Shirley Rettig reported on SLC saying she still has room for additional skiers. Charles Huggins reported on several midweek day trips planned to local areas in February.

After the meeting adjourned, it was back to the buffet table which June had now covered with an array of desserts and coffee. Thank you, June, for your generous hospitality and another great time in the Grosvenor Place Party Room.

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TALES FROM THE STOWEFLAKE INN by Nancy Garrett

What could sound more romantic than a train ride from Washington to Waterbury, VT, aboard a metro liner similar to the Orient Express? For vivid details, ask one of the 34 persons who enjoyed this ride. Some of the pleasantries - a decent meal, which was a surprise to many (others chose to bag it, not trusting AMTRAK food) - a beverage of choice provided by our erstwhile leader - pillows to aid the sleeping process. Unpleasantries - a surly conductor who angered more than one passenger with his wisecracks - a frozen car with no water provided by same surly conductor who turned off the heat in our car. However, the train left the station only 20 minutes late and arrived relatively on time in Waterbury. There were trolley cars to cart all 34 of us, our skis and bags to the Stoweflake Inn. Stoweflake had arranged for a room for all our gear and locker room facilities for showers and refreshing after the long night's travel. Then to breakfast for a sumptuous buffet.

There were 6 who chose a speedier means of transportation - Lu Beale, Barbara Leonhardt, John Newdorf, Dick and Steve Wills, and Charley Huggins flew to Burlington on Saturday morning, rented motel rooms and were able to watch both football games. They rented a van and drove to Stowe on Sunday morning to join those of us who trained. Driving their own vehicles were Franklin Fiske from Maine, Knox and Karen Felker and Chuck and Alexa McGrath from Northern Virginia.

The Stoweflake Inn was all Jack Peoples had promised and more. The ambiance was delightful with several conversation pits built around fireplaces for warmth, nicely decorated bedrooms large enough for sleeping and relaxing, a wonderfully hot Jacuzzi and cool pool for those aching muscles, and meals that added girth to many of us. Choosing from a bountiful menu along with specials for a four-course meal every night and a choice of buffet or menu every morning provided us all with sufficient nourishment for the task at hand - skiing in the daily ration of new snow.

Would you believe that in the second week of January in Vermont temperatures ranged from 3 to 33 daily? Would you believe that while there we got a total of 15 inches of new snow? Would you believe that there were 20 men on this trip with a total number of years skied at 516 and 25 women whose ski years totaled 618? Would you believe that Nancy Laymon and John Newdorp guessed the numbers at 515 and 614 respectively? Would you believe that we had an absolutely great time? If you answered yes to all the above, you were probably on the trip.

We trolleyed daily to and from the slopes on a 15 minute trip. One of the places we passed was the Toll House Inn. In 1955, Dot Mills learned to ski on a gentle slope beside this delightful inn. Dot also told us that in her youth she skied from the top of the "Standard Run" to the bottom in 1.15 minutes - straight down. She still skied it nicely, but it took a bit longer as the snow was not conducive to a straight downhill run.

Barbara Leonhardt spent several of her first years skiing at the ski school at Stowe. School must have been very good - just look at her now. Others who praised the school were Nancy Laymon, June Kelsey, and Ruth Schrider.

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TALES FROM THE STOWEFLAKE INN by Nancy Garrett (Continued from previous page)

Aina Thomas taught water aerobics to several of us in the afternoon following a session in the hot tub. On Tuesday, Aina came down with Stoweflake Itch caused by bromide in the hot tub. When she saw the doctor on Wednesday, he advised her to walk the 2 miles back to the Inn since she missed skiing that day. He told her it was very easy to find her way back - just follow the bike path. Through the 6 inches of snow, Aina lost the bike path and encountered an irate homeowner in whose backyard Aina ended. This lady(?) directed Aina back to the path and alas, again, Aina ended up in a private yard. I am delighted to report that she eventually got safely back to the Inn and the medication began to ease her irritation.

The bromide caused other problems - Knox Felker entered the water in a bathing suit of black, red and white and exited the pool with a suit of brown, orange and white. Chris Waln had a sterling silver ring when he got in the pool and exited with a sterling black ring (it did polish nicely back to its original luster). The rest of us exited refreshed from what the whirling water did to our aching muscles.

Dick Wills had a birthday with the appropriate song sung on Thursday night. Marilyn Clark had best wishes sung to her at the train station as we awaited our means of departure. Since both of these people are forever young, most of us believed it must have been the first or second celebration of their 39th birthday. Mary Ward and Jim Slack celebrated their 16th Wedding Anniversary on Friday night and reserved a sleeper car on the train for their ride back to Washington - who wants to sleep in a coach with 32 other PVSers on your anniversary. Since the Garretts and the Walns also ended up in adjoining sleepers, Jim and Mary came with champagne for us to help them celebrate.

Overheard at breakfast - Knox Felker was asked why he had purchased bent ski poles. His reply was it helped with wind resistance. June Kelsey thought she might buy some as she needed something to help her with wind resistance - particularly during those lessons. Bill Anderson constantly regaled us with witticisms - none of which may be printed.

Seen prior to boarding the trolley - Janet and Chris Waln dancing in ski boots. Janet's remark was that Chris couldn't step on her toes that way. Seen on the slopes - Dick Clark and Chris Waln sporting identical one-piece black suits. Marilyn and Janet swore it was coincidence. Not coincidence were the matching outfits worn by Marilyn and Janet while entertaining the group singing "Sisters".

We ended the week with 2 relatively minor casualties - on Wednesday, Fumiko Marquardt bruised her rib cage with a bad fall forward and Friday afternoon Burr Schuler was knocked in the air for about 14 feet by a reckless skier. Burr has a pulled tendon that allowed his shoulder bone to protrude. He felt fortunate that it wasn't his arm pulled from the socket. However, mending will take about 8 weeks for Burr and a few for Fumiko. Both got to enjoy the skiing all week and Friday was the best day of all.

Jack and Charley Huggins planned and executed a marvelous trip. Apres ski on Monday afternoon in the Charlie B's Pub and Wine Bar with wine and cheese. Apres ski on Wednesday and Thursday in Jack and Charley's room with fiddle music provided by Mary Ward on Thursday (Mary brought her Daddy's fiddle to play for us. When asked the difference between a violin and a fiddle - Mary replied that a fiddle is a violin that plays fiddle music.) Bingo and word games on Tuesday and Thursday. And a speedy departure on Friday after a three-course dinner (no dessert!) A trip by van on Thursday afternoon to the Trapp Family Lodge. The lodge originally built by the Baron and Maria von Trapp burned 12 years ago and has been rebuilt in the same fashion. It is a beautiful lodge with the von Trapp history in pictures on the walls. A very nice excursion, however, most of us preferred to be staying in the inn which Jack had selected for us.

When we arrived at the train station ready to depart - lo and behold the coach cars planned for us had frozen and were unusable so AMTRAK rented a bus which would take our group to New York where they would board a train in front of "our" train. These lucky people arrived in Washington at 7:30 AM. However, their luggage was on "our" train, so they had to wait until after 12:00 noon to head for home. Several decided to fork out the extra bucks and get a sleeper - Walns, Garretts, Ward/Slack, Helen Price, and Wayne Yessler. We arrived on the train with the luggage. Folks doing the bus/train bit said it was all right. Folks on the sleeper say that is the way to train it - at least you can stretch totally out on a bed with clean sheets and your very own private WC.

When all is said and done, Jack has promised that we will fly next time. A great big thank you to Jack and Charley for all their planning and arranging - to Barbara Leonhardt for the word games and bingo and to all who brought such nice gifts to make the games more fun. It was a week of good snow, good food, good friends and now good-bye!

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOS OF MYRON MARQUARDT AND JOHN SMITH WHO, WITH RECENTLY PROFILED LIZ TRIAU, ARE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO EXCOM FOR THE 2-YEAR PERIOD 1993-95.

MYRON MARQUARDT was born and raised in Nebraska (so that's where that twang comes from!) where snow was prevalent but skiing rare. It is rather flat back there. After graduating from the University of Nebraska in electrical engineering Myron went to Seattle where in August of 1950 some friends introduced him to skiing. (There's snow in the Cascades year round.) Myron loved it but shortly after that initial experience he moved to the south which didn't offer much skiing.

In 1955 he accepted an assignment from General Electric to go to Japan. While there he met Fumiko and the rest is history.

In December 1969, the family settled in Montgomery County just down the street from the Grasleys who convinced them to take up skiing and finally, in 1984, they went to Liberty and Myron became reacquainted with the sport. He and Fumiko were hooked and the next year they joined PVS. Myron takes it from there:

"My most memorable ski experience was in Spain. I had practiced hard and thought I was good enough to follow the crowd on a picnic. The trails we took sure looked steep and difficult, but somehow I made it. I still don't know how or why. It was a good incentive to practice some more when we got back.

"Our favorite ski area is Aspen. We have been there a couple times and hope to go back.

"We are both retired and live in Montgomery County. We have one son who is married and lives in Los Angeles. He has skied with us on a couple trips. My main hobby is fixing the house and yard and participating in PVS activities."

JOHN SMITH was born in Rome, N.Y. and grew up in Phillipsburg, N.J. Interested in metallurgy, he received degrees from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., the Missouri School of Mines in Rolla, Mo., and M.I.T. in Cambridge, Ma. He came to Washington in late 1974 to work in the Metallurgy Division at the National Bureau of Standards where he still works. (It is now called the Natl. Inst. of Standards and Technology.)

Now, says John, "Pat and I live in Potomac. We joined PVS in 1989. Other than working too much, our main hobby is sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. I have had the same pretty blue sailboat called the POCAHONTAS for over twenty years. Before moving to Washington, I sailed mostly on Lake Erie. Our most memorable sailing experience was a six week cruise around three of the Great Lakes that we took in 1972.

"I first learned to ski at Mt. Sunapee, NH. during the winter of 1959/60. Most of my skiing was learned at Seven Springs about 25 years ago when it was still a quaint little place with rope tows and poma lifts. My most memorable skiing adventure (still remembered with terror) occurred at St. Anton, Austria when I was still a quite inexperienced skier making stem turns. On two separate occasions, I managed to find myself on a horrible trail called LiftLine that had moguls at shoulder height and no way to escape except to go straight down them for about 3 kilometers. I recently learned that these moguls are still there and are still as large as they were more than 25 years ago.

"My favorite ski area has to be the very elegant Deer Valley, Utah. Although, after the perfect weather last year at Aspen, I may be ready to change my mind."

# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 5..9..12 ... Local One-Day Skiing. See page 3.
- Feb. 9 ... DOGS. See page 2.
- Feb. 16 ... February Meeting at the Marx. See page 1.
- Feb. 23 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's.
- Mar. 9 ... DOGS *O'Donnell*
- Mar. 10 ... State Dept. Diplomatic Reception Room Tour. See page 2.
- Mar 13-17* Mar. 16 ... March Meeting at Olga Gilloegly's.
- Mar. 20 ... Gourmet Wine Tasting at the Copes'. See page 3.
- Mar. 23 ... ExCom
- Mar. 27 ... Spring Dinner. See page 2.
- Apr. 20 ... Annual Meeting at the Leonhardts'.
- Apr. 27 ... ExCom
- May 18 ... Monthly Meeting at Charlotte Eddy's.
- May 25 ... ExCom
- Jun. 15 ... June Meeting at Betty Lawrence's.

A new club roster is in the works. If your phone or address has changed since the last roster, please notify Marilyn Clark (703) 978-9435 within next two weeks.



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