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Because most of the membership is off skiing, the February meeting has been canceled. Instead, let us look forward to other events scheduled for the near future when the skis are once again stored away.

SPRING DINNER AT THE COLONNADE - April 8, 1995. 7 p.m.

Coordinator Marilyn Clark is planning a most delectable feast for this popular event. Limited to 40, there are only a few places left so better call Marilyn soonest (703) 978-9435 .

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WINE TASTING AT THE COPES - April 22, 1995 8 P.M.

Limited to 20. Filling fast. Call the Copes (703) 836-5436 to reserve your place. We don't have to remind you of the heady evening awaiting the lucky attendees.

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FUN RUN/BRUNCH WITH THE CLARKS - May 20, 1995.

Believe it or not, this limited (for brunch) event is already filling. Call the Clarks (703) 978-9435.

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AND DON'T FORGET OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY BASH TO BE HELD AT AN AS YET UNDETERMINED DATE IN NOVEMBER !!!



AND FOR THE LOCAL SKIERS:

FEBRUARY MIDWEEK SKIING

February 8 - WHITETAIL

FEBRUARY 14 - LIBERTY

Interested skiers should call Charles Huggins (301)424-5725 and plan to car pool to the slopes from the parking lot of the Fairlanes Bowling Alley on Shady Grove Road departing promptly at 7:30 A.M.

## PAST EVENTS

### January Meeting by Irene Farrell

Twenty-six PVS'ers gathered at Ruth Schrider's for the first meeting of the New Year. Ruth gave us a tour of her spacious town home, which had been completely gutted and tastefully renovated.

After an hour of socializing and sampling the many delicious hot and cold snacks, Ray called the meeting to order. Since so many of the "Powers That Be" were in Aspen, Roy wore many hats.....Prez and Vice Prez.....Membership Chair....as well as Program Chair and Ski Trip Leader. Ray thanked Ruth for opening her home for PVS and remarked that the decor reminded him of Ruth's place in Ocean City and the unique fireplace/heater in the Rec Room made him think of a fish tank....a fish tank? (One of his hats could have been a little too tight.)

The evening was topped off with our hostess serving delectable lemon pie. Many thanks, Ruth. Perhaps we could make this an annual event.

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### PRE-MARDIGRAS PARTY

By Pat Tengel and John Smith

The first PVS party of 1995 was hosted by Arlette Delong on January 21 at her lovely vintage home in upper Georgetown. The beautifully restored Hall Pl. reminded some of us of former days spent on Beacon Hill in Boston. Ray and Nancy McKinley, Lu Beale, Pat Tengel and John Smith, Joan and Glade Flake, and Arlette's friends Paul and Rose Elaine enjoyed Arlette's gracious hospitality and fine cooking. Everyone brought their favorite recipe and we experienced some mighty fine eating. We were entertained with a magnificent collection of stylish antique hats that were modeled by all present. A bit of a preview of our own private Easter parade. Even though there was no snow in sight for skiing, it was a fine and fun evening with much talk of our past and future skiing adventures. Thank you Arlette for a lovely evening.

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### PVS OFFICERS

President ... Mary Jane McCarthy  
Vice President ... Serge Triau  
Secretary ... Irene Farrell  
Treasurer ... Nancy Garrett  
Membership ... Marilyn Clark  
Program Chairman ... Ray McKinley  
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TOOT Production ... Bette Walker  
Ski Trip Chairman ... Glade Flake  
Midweek Activities ... Charles Huggins  
Ombudsman ... Bill Anderson

### EXCOM

#### Second Term:

Myron Marquardt  
John Smith  
Liz Triau

#### First Term:

Jessica Blockwick  
Charles Boykin  
Betty Lawrence



# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

We've finally done it. We've found winter on the East Coast.

Many local ski resorts lost out on the lucrative Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King holidays. But all are up and going full steam (snow?) now. Even better, we have yet to see an ice storm! Right on.

One local weatherman came up with a rather paradoxical description. "On the average, snow levels are below average."

When Dick and Marilyn Clark arrived home at 5:30 pm prior to holding an ExCom meeting, there was no heat in their house. An emergency call to their repairman had the home cozy by meeting time.

Nancy Garrett was limping, having just had foot surgery. By the Whistler trip she'll be fine. Nancy noted "Better days are afoot."

In recognition of the season, 8 of 12 ladies present wore red while 8 of 8 men present carried green. Some even jingled as they mingled. Very Xmasy.

Usual regular Bill Anderson missed the meeting. His return flight from Florida was diverted to Baltimore. Bill had hosted the previous ExCom meeting. To several remarks on his gorgeous gold table cloth, quipped Bill "It's part of my show outfit." In attendance were Ham and Terry Morton - at their first ExCom in over 20 years. About time.

Fumiko and Myron Marquardt spent the New Year's holiday at the Grand Canyon. Noted Myron, "Even with good snow cover, it would be one heck of a schuss."

We had a lively January meeting at Ruth Schrider's newly refurbished townhouse. Since most of the past Presidents were skiing, this meeting was run by one of my favorites, the Gossip Columnist (and PVS President from 1977 to 1979). The big news of the evening was from Paul Yessler whose son, Wayne, recently married Jenny, the lovely blond he's been with at some PVS events.

It was a pleasure to see Penny Hanshaw who has been attending her 94-year-old mother and getting her private pilot's license. In mid-February, Penny will fly to the Caribbean to sail with hubby Bruce. Then they are off to their home in Telluride for three weeks of skiing.

Jack Peoples recently attended his granddaughter's wedding in Florida. Yes, I did say granddaughter.

Condolences to Charles and Alexa McGrath. They recently lost their three-month-old granddaughter, also named Alexa, due to heart problems.

Last year Steamboat had about 1.5 million skier days. That's an average of 11,000 skiers per day. The ski patrol treated 35 injuries per day or 0.32 percent. That's much lower than I expected.

Recently, Nat Seeman was wearing a Lake Louise sweatshirt. He won it by filling out a form while there. When I fill out such a form, noted Veep Serge Triau, all I get are calls to buy time-shares. Me too, Serge.

From my Late Early Skier department. Jim Arnold, reports skiing at Attatash NH the day before Thanksgiving. "It wasn't much, but it was sort of white."

Some PVSers are still gung-ho for Europe. Suzanne Boisclair is currently at Zell am Ziller in Austria for two weeks.

Janet and Bob Marx are in India where Bob is attending a meeting of the Pacific Rim Census Bureau Chiefs. They report that Penn State's Nittany Lions are named after a local mountain. I always thought it was KnitaKnee and related to a component of their uniforms.

More on "fat" skis. Bob McNeill owns 2 pair. (That's a total of 4.) He has a pair of "fat-fat" and a pair of "medium fat". Bob loves them and uses the "fat-fat" in deep powder and the "medium-fat" everywhere else. And I bet they have no cholesterol.

Finally, PVS has made a magazine. We are in the local "Sports Club Magazine." PVS is defined as a retirees club!

# P R O F I L E S

FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOS OF TWO NOMINEES FOR EXCOM TO BE VOTED ON AT APRIL MEETING:

NED FLAHERTY has been in PVS only five years but his caring ways, quiet wit, good hostmanship and, of course, skiing expertise, have made him and vibrant, ever-cheerful wife Jaclyn welcome additions to the club family.

Ned lived in Waterloo, Iowa until departing for military service in 1943. After the war he lived with his relocated family in Spokane, Washington. There he found Jaclyn skiing on Mount Spokane and, in 1953, lead her to the altar.

After graduation from Gonzaga University in Spokane in 1949, Ned continued his studies part-time to obtain an MA (1954) and Ph.D (1963) in clinical psychology from Lyola University in Chicago. In 1953 he was called to active duty with the Navy and soon began his long career as clinical psychologist culminating in assignment to the Naval Hospital in Bethesda in 1967 as military director of the clinical psychology graduate training program.

He retired from USN active duty in 1971 after convincing Montgomery General Hospital they couldn't open their new Mental Health Center without him. He stayed at MGH until, in 1988, he retired to a part-time consulting and teaching. Plus a host of hobbies including skiing, (natch), grand-parenting (he and Jaclyn have 14 grands!), perpetual tennis game -enhancement with Jaclyn as an experienced and patient coach, and working, with Jaclyn, to make their Rockville yard and patio a beautiful, peaceful retreat for 8 months of the year. The Flaherty roses and hibiscus are outstanding garden delights. Swimming is also a hobby and the Flaherty home is lined with shelves loaded with swimming trophies won by their 4 daughters and 3 sons.

Ned first skied at age 12 down creek banks in Iowa fields and ever since he has eagerly checked out ski areas wherever he is located, local or otherwise. However, since 1971, he has skied almost exclusively in the west, especially enjoying western trips with the PVS family. As for favorite place to ski, Ned says, "Definitely and exclusively on SNOW - anywhere!!!" So say we all!! ... by Lu Beale

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## JOHN RAYMOND GARRETT (RAY)

Ray Garrett was born July 14, 1938, and grew up in Montgomery, Alabama. After graduating in Aeronautical Engineering from Auburn University, he married Nancy Carr and began a six year tour as a pilot in the USAF. Ray and Nancy lived in many places before coming to Washington, DC - Charleston, SC, Guam, Ft. Worth, TX, Chicago, IL and, now, 15 years in Burke, VA. In April, 1994, Ray retired after 30 years with the Federal Aviation Administration. Ray and Nancy were first introduced to skiing in the early 70's at Seven Springs. After an inauspicious beginning, they quickly learned to love the sport. Competence was gained through several years of ski school at Mount Snow with their two sons, John and Mark. Favorite places to ski are Snow Mass and Alta, but - happy skiing any place where there is "TRUE" ski-in, ski-out lodging. First experience with PVS was in 1983 as guests of Janet and Bob Marx on a Barry Wisp Week-end. They had such a good time, many more experiences followed. Most memorable ski adventure was the Double Black Diamond at Alta where, writes Nancy "we inadvertently skied with Ken and Myra Evans. We survived, but the hill looked like a yard sale." In addition to skiing, Ray's full time avocation is the family power boat, War Eagle IV. They love roaming the Potomac and all parts of the Chesapeake Bay. . . by devoted fan Nancy Garrett

## HOSTS & HOSTESSES - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

by Nancy Garrett

So many of our wonderful members have opened their homes for monthly meetings. They have prepared gourmet foods for the hoards who gather. We offer many thanks to each for their gracious hospitality.

Folks interested in hosting a future meeting have asked about reimbursement policies. When PVS first started, the host usually provided cheese with crackers and wine or beer, the cost of which was reimbursed from PVS coffers. This offering grew to a sumptuous buffet at many homes and the PVS treasury could no longer totally support the expense. (It was at this time the club became known to many as PVS&E.) For a period of time, the policy was to reimburse up to \$100.00 based on expenses. Since this did not begin to totally repay many of our hosts, the board voted that attendees will pay \$2.00 each at the door which would help defray the costs. At the December EXCOM, the board voted to raise the club reimbursement ceiling to \$150.00. The new ceiling along with collections at the door should be sufficient to totally reimburse our hosts.

A few illustrations of how the policy works:

- Our host sends me a statement which indicates expenses of \$138.56 with grocery/wine receipts to verify. There are 45 people present who contribute \$2.00 each at the door. That leaves a balance of \$48.56. I, the treasurer, will write a check to the host for \$48.56.
- The host spends \$236.75. There are 35 people present who contribute \$2.00 each. That leaves a balance of \$166.75. I send a check to the host for \$150.00 and the balance of \$16.75 is donated by the host.
- The host spends \$133.95. There are 77 people present who contribute \$2.00 each. Collections of \$154.00 exceed the expenses. The host sends a check for \$20.05 to the club.

Exceptions to this policy:

- *Special meeting rooms.* The club will reimburse for the cost of meeting rooms. This is separate from the \$150.00 reimbursement policy cap.
- *Situations beyond the control of the host.* In one instance, the host was required to offer beverages provided by the meeting place at a much greater cost than could have been provided by the host. The board voted that the host was not to be held accountable for the difference in price.

The board feels that there should be a cap on reimbursements. Our host homes should not feel that they must prepare a complete supper for our members. Refreshments are presented to provide a time to socialize with a nibble and a glass of wine. Meetings are held to be fun times. Guidelines on cost help to keep them that way. If you have comments or questions, please call.

# CALENDAR

- Feb. 21 ... No Meeting. Membership gone skiing!
- Feb. 28 ... ExCom at the Wyckoffs'.
- Mar. 21 ... Monthly Meeting at Suzanne Boisclair's.
- Mar. 28 ... ExCom at the Triaus'.
- Apr. 8 ... Spring Dinner at the Colonnade. See page 1.
- Apr. 18 ... Annual Meeting at the Leonhardts'.
- Apr. 22 ... Wine Tasting at the Copes'. See page 1.
- Apr. 25 ... Excom
- Apr. ? ? ... Hike on the Billy Goat Trail
- May 20 ... Fun Run/Brunch at the Clarks'. See page 1.
- NOVEMBER ... 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER

## !! SKI TRIPS !!

- Feb. 18 - 26, 1995 : Whistler/Blackcomb. Full. Pre-trip party January 28. 7 P.M. at the McKinleys'. Questions? Call the Mckinleys (703-527-7126).
- Mar. 19 - 26, 1995: Waterville, N.H. Still room. Call Jack Peoples (301-881-6220).



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