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**President's Message:**

It is snowing as I write this message and I have just canceled this evening's executive committee meeting due to the weather. Does this tarnish our skier image that we quail at snow? No. It is only a safety precaution. However, I bet many of our members are already on the local slopes delighting in those first magical runs of the season.

Let us look back with pleasure at the number of activities we have been offered in the off-season. The executive committee wishes to thank all those who have so generously contributed their time and homes to make our events special. Kudos and thanks, also, to Dick Comerford for his outstandingly successful Steamboat Springs "warm-up" week in December.

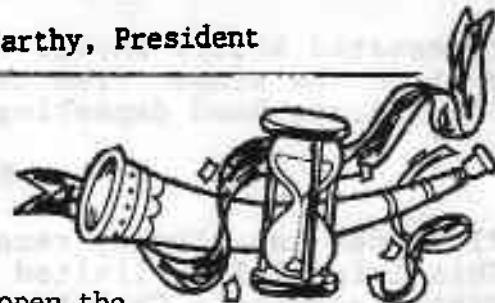
And now, to all, a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

*Mary Jane* Mary Jane McCarthy, President

**MONTHLY MEETING**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18. 8:00 P.M.

Suzanne Boisclair invites us to open the season with a get-together at her Virginia home where fun and camaraderie will prevail (with a little business on the side). Bound to be fun!



**DIRECTIONS TO January meeting at Suzanne Boisclair's: 6821 N 31st St. Arlington, Va.**  
Tel: 703-532-0511. FROM VIRGINIA via Rte 7 (Leesburg Pike) or via Rte 29 (Lee Hwy) drive to Falls Church where they cross at Broad & Washington Sts. Here take Rte 29N and drive 5 traffic lights. You are now on top of overpass spanning Rte 66). Landmarks here are Exxon Station on right, First Va. Bank on left. Turn left (on bank's side) and drive 9 short blocks to Suzanne's house - first one on the left at corner of 31st and Westmoreland Sts.  
FROM D.C.: Get to Va on Rte 66, take exit 69 (Sycamore), leave ramp on right side, immediately pull left to reach traffic light on Washington Blvd. Turn left on Washington Blvd and drive 10 short blocks to Suzanne's place corner of 31 and Westmoreland sts.  
FROM MD. via Beltway (495 south) on left side take Exit 12 A Rte 66 East. (Proceed straight ahead; this connecting road eventually merges with Rte 66 on which you soon take Exit 68 (Westmoreland). Do stay on right side as Westmoreland comes right after a bend and cannot be seen from afar. Bear left at bottom of ramp and proceed straight to Suzanne's - 5 short blocks to corner of 31st and Westmoreland sts.  
(The editor assumes no responsibility for the above directions. B. Anderson, take note!!)

COMING EVENTS

DINING OUT GROUP - Jan. 11, 1994

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, January 11, 1994. Meeting and greeting at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. This month dinner is planned at the FALLS LANDING restaurant in Great Falls, Virginia. FALLS LANDING is a very nice seafood restaurant.



Directions: From the Capitol Beltway (Rt. 495) in Virginia, take exit 13, Georgetown Pike (Rt. 193) West for approx. 6.0 miles to the center of Great Falls (Intersection of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road -- Rt. 681). Proceed through the intersection and turn left at Village Centre Road into the Village Centre Shopping center on the left side of the road opposite the fire house. FALLS LANDING restaurant is the last building at the end of the Village Centre Road.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Monday Jan. 9, 1994..

JANUARY MIDWEEK SKIING. Whitetail & Liberty

We will ski Whitetail on Jan. 6, 14, & 27th, and Liberty on Jan. 18 and 24th. The midweek lift rate at Liberty is \$26. Seniors 65 and over \$16. Whitetail lift rates are the same as printed in the December Toot. Don't forget your ~~Ski America Card for the \$7. discount at Whitetail.~~

Interested skiers should call Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725 as we will 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.

Blue Knob Jan. 9-11th

Blue Knob has already received over 25 inches of snow and more is expected. This trip will be limited to approximately 12 skiers, and we will stay in Betty Lawrence's Chalet on top of the mountain. The cost will be approximately \$30. per person for lodging, and all skiers should bring sheets and towels. Weekend lift rates are \$30, midweek \$22, seniors 65-70 \$17, and over 70 free. We will car pool from Norm Engelman's house in Potomac leaving at 7:30 A.M. Sunday morning for three days of skiing.

Call Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725 to make your Blue Knob reservation.

WINE TASTING AT THE COPES' - March 12 (NOT 19th as previously planned).

Limited to 20. If interested, call Pat or Don (703-836-5436) to reserve. The Copes promise special vintage from Don's cellar and special treats from Pat's kitchen. You can't lose!

SPRING DINNER - March 26. 7 p.m.

This popular event will be in the party room at the Colonnade, 2801 New Mexico Ave., Washington, D.C. Limited to 40. Menu recipes will be assigned when plans are completed. In the meantime, reserve a place by calling Bette Walker (202-333-0766).



# THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Let me wish you a Happy Knee Year! And a Happy Winter! We've finally made it past the fall-winter interface. (The Knee loves technical jargon, especially if self-created.)

This year, the interface (aka winter solstice) coincided with our PVS Christmas party at Reg and Jean Heitchues'. Indeed, some claimed to have detected a Druid or two. Can I count Sheldon Druid? Sorry, I kneerly druid a blank.

Everyone looked great in red and green. Pres. Mary Jane McCarthy epitomized the look in a striking green suit. When John Smith saw her he noted "You look so different; this must be the only day of the month you're not in ski clothes."

It was a pleasure to see Aase Berling, visiting us from Hilton Head, and looking great. And Jim Slack and Mary Ward were just back from a wine weekend at Yosemite. Seems neighbors had unsuccessfully invited them for 5 years when they lived in California. After moving to Virginia, they wined.

At the Heitchues' we consumed a larger amount of Glühwein than usual. Jack Peoples laced his with bourbon. You put bourbon in eggnog, Jack, not Gluhwein.

Knox and Karen Felker missed the PVS Christmas party. They were in Norway skiing--or searching for Druids.

A tip of the ol' Knee Cap to Larry Pease for our new PVS telephone list. And it's in the same format for two consecutive years!

Veep Serge Triau retired as of January first. Serge's plans? New Year's Eve at Seven Springs, then Banff, Hunter Mountain, etc.

Ken and Myra Evans toasted the new year from Atlanta, where they miss PVS events and haven't found a

Georgia equivalent. Sorry, guys, (or is it guypersons?) there is no equivalent to PVS. We're ukneeque.

Gordon Leggett, who was Betty Lawrence's boarder and frequent PVS co-host, got married in November and Betty hosted the reception. Congrats from PVS, Gordon.

The selfsame Betty unexpectedly showed up at Bill Anderson's November ExCom and turkey dinner. Betty was a week late for the PVS meeting. She fared better than Dick Comerford who was a week early for the November meeting. (See November Knee.) Dick didn't get a turkey dinner.

In his living room, Bill Anderson has a kneedlepoint (I love that techneeque) pillow that says "Money Talks." All the Knee's money ever says is "Goodbye."

PVS now has 183 members--more than ever before. Since we're limited to 200, Membership Chairman Marilyn Clark has decided that PVS will no longer take applicants--only supplicants!

Ginny Larson reports chatting with ex-PVS'er Thelma Belloli now living in Boston. Thelma's having a great time there.

Time for another hard hitting Knee editorial. Is it just me or is most ski advertising aimed at 16-year-old ski racers? Wise up, advertisers. Quite a few skiers are actually full-grown, mature adults who do not ski or want to ski double black diamond slopes. And most of us have considerably more disposable income than a 16-year-old.

The Knee hears that Bob McNeill is reluctant to ski above the tree line (leaving him unavailable to patrol a great portion of Ski Liberty). It seems Bob suffers a bit from acrophobia when there are no tree trunks to grab. Usually, the Knee wouldn't publish an item about a tree-trunk fetish (in part because he fears lawsuits). However, as noted last month, Mr. McNeill skied a week earlier than the Knee. So there!

### PAST EVENT

A VERY MERRY, MERRY WITH THE HEITCHUES' by Irene Farrell

The Christmas party at the Heitchues' has become a very popular PVS tradition. The December 21st gluhwein special was the umpteenth time that Jean and Reg have hosted this event and their warm hospitality makes it extra special.

This year it seemed merrier than ever, if that were possible. Steamboaters were there with exuberant reports on their recent trip. Anticipation of a good snow year out west for future trips and reports of snow falling in nearby hills added to the festive spirit.

There was glühwein aplenty in the kitchen and incredible (guest-provided) goodies in the living rooms. All added to the evening's pleasure.

President Mary Jane McCarthy held the briefest of meetings and then it was with great reluctance that we headed home, looking skyward for any sign of white flakes or a glimpse of that jolly old one-man shopping mall and his eight highstepping trotters.

Thanks, Jean and Reg. We love the tradition and love you for carrying it on.



### LOST & FOUND

**Left behind at the Oktoberfest:** Photos (appear to be of the New Zealand ski trip), ceramic stein with rounded pewter top and featuring an antique soldier, stainless steel knife & fork, and stoneware plate with leafy design and brown ground. Please contact Mary Ward or Jim Slack to arrange a return.



# HAPPY

## NEW YEAR

#### PVS OFFICERS

President ... Mary Jane McCarthy  
 Vice President ... Serge Triau  
 Secretary ... Irene Farrell  
 Treasurer ... Nancy Garrett  
 Membership ... Marilyn Clark  
 Program Chairman ... Ray McKinley  
 Midweek Activities ... Charles Huggins  
 Ombudsman ... Bill Anderson  
 Ski Trip Chairman ... Dick Comerford  
 TOOT Editor ... Lu Beale  
 TOOT Production ... Janet & Bob Marx  
 TOOT Copy Editor ... Bette Walker

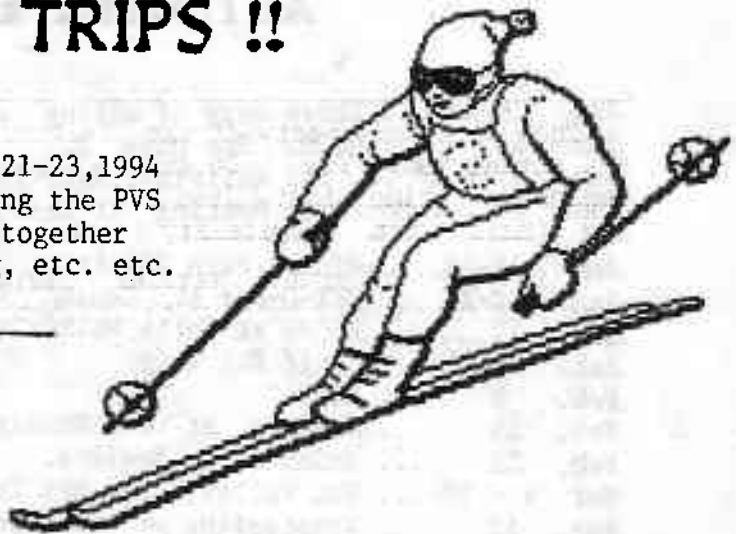
#### EXCOM

**Second Term:**  
 Rob Harmon  
 Karen Felker  
 Janet Waln

**First Term:**  
 Myron Marquardt  
 John Smith  
 Liz Triau

# !! SKI TRIPS !!

SKI-O-REE - CANAAN VALLEY. January 21-23, 1994  
Karen Felker (703-931-6843) is leading the PVS  
contingent to this annual BRSC get-together  
for skiing, racing, eating, dancing, etc. etc.



## WINTER PARK, COLORADO

Jan 13 - 23, 1994



Leader Dina Taylor says that, due to cancellations, three spaces are now available for this trip. If interested, call Dina. Home: 1-301-663-6089  
Or, locally, 301-427-3240. Call SOONEST!!

BANFF February 5 - 12, 1994. Jack Peoples leader.  
(301-881-6220) All systems GO.

# Banff!!



SUN VALLEY, ID. March 1 - 10, 1994. Leader Nancy Laymon,  
leading a group of twelve, says everything is set for an  
a-one time. Questions? Call Nancy (703-379-7323).



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### ROSTER CHANGES (Already?):

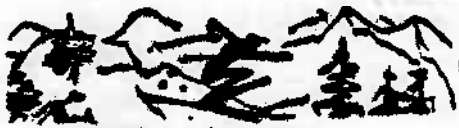
Add: Gladys Youngblood, 14255 Sawmill Rd. Nathrop, CO 81236  
M. Hamilton, Jr. & Terry Morton. 4813 Falstone Ave. Chevy Chase, Md. 20815  
301-656-6636. H: 202-872-0082. T: 202-842-1859  
Paddy & Shirley Frucht. 151 Gonzales Rd. #24. Santa Fe. NM 87501  
505-984-0213  
Correct: Roberta Gilbert's Tel: Home: 703-671-8019, Work: 202-965-0730  
Joe & Nancy Lewis address: 5545 (not 5565).  
Jim Arnold's Zip Code: 03860 (not 03820)



# ACTIVITIES and TRIPS

- Jan. 9-11 ... Three days of skiing at Blue Knob. See page 2.
- Jan. 11 ... DOGS. See page 2.
- Jan. 6,14,27 ... Ski Whitetail. Jan. 18 & 24, Ski Liberty. See page 2.
- Jan. 18 ... Monthly Meeting at Suzanne Boisclair's. See page 1.
  
- Jan 13-23 ... Winter Park Ski Trip
- Jan 21-23 ... SKI-O-Ree at Canaan Valley.
- Jan 25 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's.
- Feb. 5-12 ... Banff Ski Trip.
- Feb. 8 ... DOGS
- Feb. 15 ... Meeting at Joy McKnight's.
- Feb. 22 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's.
- Mar. 1 - 10 ... Sun Valley, Idaho, Ski Trip.
- Mar. 12 ... Winetasting at the Copes'. See page 2 and note change of date.
- Mar. 15 ... Monthly Meeting at the McNeills'.
- Mar. 22 ... ExCom at the Triaus'.
- Mar. 26 ... Spring Dinner at the Colonnade. See page 2.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR ROSTER CORRECTIONS!!



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