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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Long-time PVSers Aina Thomas and Jan Marx have heroically consented to co-chair the newly recreated positions of Club historians. Not a moment too soon! At 32, our past is now almost ancient history. We need historians to troll and record our collective memories before we too are ancient and unable to recall even our own names. (Believe me, I know what I'm talking about here!)

Besides being a source of facts and figures from our past (Where was the first crab feast and who ate the most crabs? When was the first Clark Fun Run and who came in first?), the historians will be a repository of club posters, flags, seals, menus, videos, etc. (Serge Triau has generously offered to reproduce your videos.) The historians will also oversee the compiling in scrapbooks of pictures, anniversary programs, and similar items of interest to all.

Don't look on this as an answer-to-your-prayers opportunity to clean out your closets. Aina and Jan don't have much more room than you do, so puleeze be selective among your souvenirs.

Meanwhile, good luck and many thanks to our brave historians.

...Lu Beale, President.



JUNE 17, 1997 - 7:30 p.m.

Home of Betty Lawrence, 525 Haven Lane, Great Falls, VA.  
Telephone: 703-759-0471. If you'd like to swim, come at 6:30.

Directions: Take Beltway Exit 13 onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike) toward Great Falls. Drive 6.3 miles to Great Falls where you turn right on Walker Road. Go 1.1 miles to left on Squires Trail. At the end of the road, turn left onto Haven Lane and proceed to #525 on the left.

A WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A belated but enthusiastically warm welcome to those who became PVS members at the April meeting:

- Roland and Lorraine Brockmeyer
- John and Pauline Brunelli
- Ruth Powers
- Jack Ragen
- Therese St. Louis
- Richard Will
- Gladys Youngblood

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COMING EVENTS

DINING OUT GROUP

It's not Paris, it's LE PARADIS. Join us for dinner on Tuesday, June 10, 1997. This month, we will meet at LE PARADIS in Gaithersburg. LE PARADIS is located at 347 Muddy Branch Road in the Festival Plaza Shopping Center (the same shopping center where the SKI Chalet is located). We will meet for dinner at 7:00 P.M.. LE PARADIS is a very nice French restaurant with a very imaginative menu.

Directions: From RT.. 270 in Gaithersburg, take the Sam Eig highway (RT.. 370) WEST to Fields Road (first right turn), turn right and go a short distance to Muddy Branch Road, and turn right again. Go a short distance and turn right into the Festival Plaza Shopping Center. LE PARADIS is on the North side of the shopping center opposite the SKI Chalet.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday, June 8.

MIDWEEK SUMMER CONCERT -- Wednesday June 25, 1997



Special Gathering for a midweek concert at the Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike in Rockville, MD. Join us for picnic dinner at 6:30 P.M. and outdoor concert at 7:30 P.M. by the KETTER BETTS QUARTET (quiet Jazz and cool sounds) Wednesday June 25.

The choices for picnic dinner are:

- (1) Full dinners are available for sale starting at 6:30. The dinners are made available by O'Brien's Pit Barbecue of Rockville.

OR

- (2) Bring your own special gourmet picnic dinner.

The Concert is FREE. (Parking \$2). Bring a lawn chair or blanket for sitting on the grass.

(Summer Concert continued)

Directions: Strathmore Hall Arts Center is just next to Grosvenor Metro Center (on North side of Metro) at Tuckerman Lane and Rockville Pike. From the Beltway (Rt. 495) go North on Rockville Pike (Rt. 355) about 1/2 mile. Strathmore Hall is on the right (East) side. Coming South on Rockville Pike (Rt. 355), Strathmore Hall is on the left just before the Beltway exit.

For additional details of the picnic dinner arrangements, please call John Smith or Pat Tengel at (301)-299-8376, otherwise just come, we don't need to know the number of people ahead of time this month.

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OLNEY THEATER AND DINNER, SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2:00 p.m.

Join PVSers to see The Importance of Being Earnest, considered to be Oscar Wilde's masterpiece and the wittiest comedy in the English language. Bargain price of \$16--if we get as many as 15 signups.

Following the performance, we'll have early dinner at Sylvia's, a highly rated neighborhood restaurant. You will order and pay individually. Please make dinner reservation when you call to sign up for the play.

Call Jeannette Albersheim, 301-598-7525 to sign up. She must receive your check, made out to her for \$16, by June 10. Her address is 3574 Fiske Terrace, Silver Spring, MD, 20906-1739. Telephone 301-493-5839.

**Directions:** Olney Theatre Center is located on MD Route 108 in Olney, MD, 1 1/2 miles east of Georgia Avenue (Rt. 97) and 2 miles west of New Hampshire Avenue (Rt. 650).

*From Northern Virginia DC/Bethesda Chevy Chase:* From 495, take Connecticut Avenue approximately 8 miles past the Beltway to the intersection of Connecticut and Georgia Avenue (Rt. 97). Turn left onto Georgia and follow it north 5 miles to the intersection of Georgia and Route 108. Turn right onto Route 108 and follow it 1 1/2 miles to Olney Theatre which will be on the left. Sylvia's Restaurant is off Gude Drive, at 14670 Southlawn Lane, Rockville, MD..

From Olney Theatre, drive south on Georgia Ave.; turn right onto Route 28, right onto Gude Drive. Turn left onto Southlawn Lane and the restaurant (which looks like a warehouse) is on the right.

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Tina Farrell would like to thank those many members of PVS for their kind expressions of sympathy and condolence at the time of the death of her husband, Charlie Farrell.

FDR MEMORIAL - MID-WEEK BIKE RIDE TUESDAY JUNE 24th

Our mid-week bike ride will meet in the parking lot of the Clara Barton House/Glen Echo at 10:30 a.m. for a 16 mile ride stopping at the FDR Memorial, and then returning to Glen Echo. We will stop on the return in Georgetown for lunch.

Interested PVSers should call Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048 or Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737.

Directions: I: From Maryland, take beltway towards American Legion Bridge, exiting on MD-190 (River Road) east toward Washington. Continue 2.2 miles to a right onto MD-614 (Goldsboro Rd.) At Mac Arthur Blvd, make a right then an immediate left into parking lot for Glen Echo Park & Clara Barton House. II: From Virginia, at Maryland end of American Legion Bridge take exit 41 onto Clara Barton Parkway east toward DC. In 1.5 miles, bear right on ramp leading to Cabin John overpass. Turn left onto overpass to Mac Arthur Blvd. Turn right and continue .7 mile to lot for Clara Barton House on right.

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TOUR THE DAVID TAYLOR MODEL BASIN FACILITY, CARDEROCK, MD WED., JULY 2nd

PVSers are invited for a 9:15 a.m. tour through the huge naval installation that conducts research on surface ships and weaponry. You will see how ships are built, pressure tested, ocean tested, and designed tested in indoor basins eight football fields long.

NOTE: Security considerations require that all visitors be citizens of the United States. Also, no cameras or photographic equipment will be allowed on this tour. There will be extensive walking and stairs to climb. No walking aids are permitted. No open-toed canvas shoes or sandals are permitted. The tour will take approximately two hours.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot across from the Old Anglers' Inn as we did for the April hike on the Billy Goat Trail, and reduce the number of cars by carpooling the short distance to the naval facility.

Interested PVSers should contact Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725 and get your name on the tour list.

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WHITEWATER RAFTING, JULY 9/10

Cancellation date for this trip is June 6. Anyone interested must sign up before that date. For information, call Dina Taylor, 301-663-6089.

**ANNUAL PRE-SKI-TRIP PARTY .**

Sunday, July 13, 4 p.m.  
Home of Jean and Reg Heitchue, 2146 Owl's Cove Lane, Reston,  
VA.

Hear details on next season's skiing plus dinner and a ride  
on a party boat.

Call Jean at 703-8670-9190 by Wednesday, July 9, to sign up  
to bring a dessert, salad, or appetizer. A small fee will be  
charged.

Directions: From Beltway (I-495), exit onto Route 273 (Dulles  
Toll Road). Exit at Hunter Mill Road (Exit 14), turning left.  
Turn right onto Sunrise Valley Drive. At first traffic light,  
turn left onto South Lakes Drive. After passing the shopping  
center, take first left onto Ridge Heights Road. Take first  
right onto Owl's Cove Lane. Go to the end and park in the cul-  
de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of steep driveway.

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**Your Chance to See Broadway's Newest, Biggest Musical Hit**

# RENT

PVS has arranged for special, group rate tickets at the National Theater for the matinee (2:00 pm) performance on Saturday October 25. We've reserved 30 orchestra seats in rows F-N. Tickets are 10% off the regular \$67.50 price (plus \$.25 handling) making the total cost \$61.00. First come first served. All tickets must be paid for by June 10. We are also planning an optional post theater dinner at *Les Halles*. Call the McKinleys at (703) 527-7126 to sign up. And mail your check for \$61.00 per ticket (payable to Nancy McKinley) to the McKinleys, at 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.



PVS SKI TRIPS FOR 1997-1998 SEASON

PLACE	DATES	LEADERS
Valle Nevado, Chile	Aug. 14-25, 1997	Ray & Nancy McKinley
Steamboat, CO	Dec. 6-13, 1997	Ned & Jaclyn Flaherty
St Mortiz & Zermatt, Switzerland	Jan. 24-Feb 7, 1998	John Smith & Pat Tengel
Big Sky, Montana	Feb 22-Mar 1, 1998	Ray & Nancy McKinley
Mt Tremblant, Canada	Mar 15-21, 1998	Tony Drago

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There's still time to Ski the World! Join us in  
**Chile!!!**

August 14-25, 1997

Ski Valle Nevado in Chile for 6 days and then tour Chile's coast and the lovely city of Santiago for 4 more days. This is truly a Ski-and See Vacation! Valle Nevado sits atop an Andean mesa at 9,600 feet with towering Andes on all sides. Valle Nevado offers 26,000 acres (10 times the size of Steamboat) and it's lift-linked to La Parva and El Colorado, providing the largest ski circuit in the southern Hemisphere and a 4,000 foot vertical. Most of the skiing is intermediate; however, there is more beginner and expert skiing than in any three US resorts. And they have their own helipads for heliskiing. We stay at the 4 star Puerto del Sol hotel. Breakfast is included every day and all dinners at Valle Nevado at 4 excellent international restaurants of your choice. In Santiago two more dinners, a lunch, and all breakfasts are included. We stay at the 5-star Hotel Carrera across from the President's Palace right downtown. We'll tour Santiago, Valparaiso, Vina del Mar, and the Concha y Toro vineyards.

We can arrange longer or shorter stays and can facilitate optional tours to suit your schedule and interests. Just ask us. Spanish language is not necessary for this trip.

The cost is \$2,668 per person double occupancy. Land only: \$1,777. (Another local ski club is offering this trip at \$1000 more per person for less time in Chile!) See our flyer or call us for more information: Nancy and Ray McKinley (703) 527-7126. Or send your first payment of \$875 to Nancy McKinley, 2326 N. Upton St. Arlington, VA 22207. *Final payment of \$843 is due June 5th.*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS TRIP outlined on the next page is nearly (perhaps already) full. Call Ned for information or to be placed on the waiting list.

A NOTE FROM THE TOOT EDITOR: If you almost let that important deadline slip by, there is a fax in my office building, available from 9 to 5. Fax number is 703-790-9778. Please let me--Jessma--know it's coming by calling 703-356-0717.

# POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS



Applicants to date 5/19/97  
 Iriaus, Leonhardts, Pulos  
 Walker, Beale, Tengel,  
 Smith, Ewings, Blockwick,  
 Waggaman, Wilson, Riley,  
 Schrider, Soler, Farrell,  
 Ragen, Rabinowitz, Cook,

Youngblood, Byrne, Mas,  
 Flakes, Lewis, Rettig, Hicho,  
 Anderson, Shelburne,

Who's next??? You?

DECEMBER 6 to 13, 1997

THIS SEASON-OPENER TRIP INCLUDES

SHERATON STEAMBOAT RESORT'S SUPER COMFORT FEATURES  
 include LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

- Airfare Washington to Eagle Vail and return via Northwest Airlines
- Ground transportation between the airport and hotel and return
- 7 nights lodging at the Sheraton
- 5 of 6 days lift ticket
- 6 buffet breakfasts in the hotel
- Apres ski or dinner each evening
- All transfers, gratuities, taxes and baggage handling included.

- Unbeatable ski-in ski-out-- 60 feet from the Silver Bullet gondola
- Free overnight ski storage, plus valet service
- Discounts in the hotel's shops
- Heated outdoor swimming pool, plus saunas, whirlpool spas
- Complimentary Welcome Reception on arrival

AND ON THE MOUNTAIN -- 2,939 ski area acres

- NEW! Phase 1 expansion onto Pioneer Ridge
- NEW! Thunderhead Express high-speed Quad lift

Complimentary trip insurance - \$300  
 cancellation, \$200 trip delay costs

<u>TRIP COSTS</u>	Full package -- \$1120.	70+yrs -- Full package \$984
	Land only \$ 821	70+yrs -- Land only \$685
	After \$100 deposit, payments schedule to be announced.	

Note: transportation tax not included. May be added if renewed by legislation.

Application for PVS Trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado December 6 10 13, 1997:  
 Send to Jaclyn & Ned Flaherty, 15305 Narcissus Way, Rockville, MD with \$100 and signed Trip Agreement. Please complete application and trip agreement if you already sent a deposit.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Room mate preference \_\_\_\_\_ Under 70 yrs \_\_\_\_\_ 70+ yrs \_\_\_\_\_

Full package \_\_\_\_\_ Land only \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# PVS SWITZERLAND 1998

ZERMATT -- GLACIER EXPRESS --- ST. MORITZ

January 30, 1998 TO FEBRUARY 15, 1998

FRIDAY JANUARY 30 -- NONSTOP FROM DULLES AIRPORT TO ZURICH ON SWISS AIR

FIRST CLASS TRAIN FROM ZURICH AIRPORT STATION TO ZERMATT / LUGGAGE IS CHECKED THROUGH ON SWISS AIR / SWISS RAIL FROM DULLES DIRECTLY TO ZERMATT

ZERMATT - 7 NIGHTS AT A FOUR STAR HOTEL / BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED.

GLACIER EXPRESS TRAIN FROM ZERMATT TO ST. MORITZ

ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, WE TAKE THE FIRST CLASS SPECTACULAR GLACIER EXPRESS TRAIN FROM ZERMATT TO ST. MORITZ  
FABULOUS LUNCH INCLUDED ON GLACIER EXPRESS.

ST. MORITZ - 7 NIGHTS AT A FOUR STAR HOTEL  
BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED.

ZURICH - TRANSFER FROM ST. MORITZ TO ZURICH BY FIRST CLASS TRAIN ON SATURDAY FEB. 14

AFTERNOON AND EVENING FREE IN ZURICH

SATURDAY NIGHT STAY IN ZURICH AT A FOUR STAR HOTEL.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND BUS TRANSFER FROM ZURICH HOTEL TO AIRPORT, NONSTOP FLIGHT ON SWISSAIR FROM ZURICH TO DULLES AIRPORT

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE -- \$2540 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

PRE TRIP PARTY, ROUND TRIP (NONSTOP) AIR FARE FROM WASHINGTON TO ZURICH, FIRST CLASS TRAIN FROM ZURICH TO ZERMATT /TO ST. MORITZ/ ST. MORITZ TO ZURICH, ALL LOCAL TRANSFERS , 7 NIGHTS IN ZERMATT AT FOUR STAR HOTEL, 7 NIGHTS IN ST. MORITZ AT FOUR STAR HOTEL, ONE NIGHT IN ZURICH AT FOUR STAR HOTEL, BREAKFAST AND DINNER EACH DAY IN ZERMATT AND ST. MORITZ, APRES SKI MOST NIGHT AT HOTELS, TAXES, GRATUITIES. TRAIN RESERVATION AND SUPPLEMENT FEES, BUS FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT IN ZURICH, POST TRIP PARTY, MEDICAL INSURANCE.

NOT INCLUDED -- LUNCHES AND LIFT TICKETS

FOR 1997 SEASON -- LIFTS WERE APPROX. \$210 FOR SIX DAY LIFT TICKET IN ZERMATT AND IN ST. MORITZ. ( TICKETS FOR FEWER DAYS AND SENIOR TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE , PRICES TO BE OBTAINED)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US: PLEASE CALL JOHN SMITH AT 301-299-8376 AND SEND A DEPOSIT OF \$100 TO 8174 INVERNESS RIDGE ROAD, POTOMAC, MD. 20854.

NOTE: SPACE IS LIMITED TO 24 PEOPLE TOTAL



**ATTENTION      ADVANCE NOTICE**

**MONT TREMBLANT**

MARCH 15, 1998 to MARCH 21, 1998

Ski at a world class ski resort with world class PVS friends. Stroll Tremblant Village's cobbled stone streets surrounded by numerous restaurants, shops and the ambiance of French Canada.

We *will be* staying at the Chateau Mont Tremblant, the newest mountain gem of Canadian Pacific Hotels, with true Ski In and Ski Out. This elegant chateau offers such amenities as: restaurants, lounge, cafe, indoor/outdoor pools, dry/wet saunas, outdoor jacuzzi and exercise room.

**TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:**

- R/T Air to Montreal                      Pre/Post Trip Party
- R/T Motor Coach                              5 Breakfasts
- 5 Nights Accomadations (Dbl. Occ.)
- 5 Day Lift Tickets                            1 or 2 Dinners
- Apres

**OPTIONS:**

- Will have Ground Trip Only
- Attempt arrangements at hotel in Montreal for those who wish to remain longer

VERY TENTATIVE COST w AIR \$1000.

\$100(p.p) Deposit Required by 1 July 1997      Send to:

Tony Drago  
 9016 Home Guard Dr.  
 Burke, VA 22015      Tel: 703 978-5514  
    Fax: 703 239-1838

**PAST EVENTS**

**ROCK CREEK BIKE RIDE AND KENSINGTON TEAROOM**

On May 15, bikemeisters Betty Byrne and Marvin Hass led a group from Candy Cane City up the Rock Creek bike trail toward Rockville with a stop for lunch at the Kensington Tea Room. In this year of cool spring days, they managed to provide us with a beautiful spring day. Norm Engleman and Sara and Charlie Huggins met us at the Tea Room for lunch. This ride seems to be on its way toward becoming an annual event, and it was suggested that non-bikers be encouraged to join the lunch. The Kensington Tea Room is in the midst of the antique row on Howard Ave. and who knows, you might find an antique you can't live without, as I did. Many thanks to Betty and Marvin for hosting this fun event.

Shirley Rettig

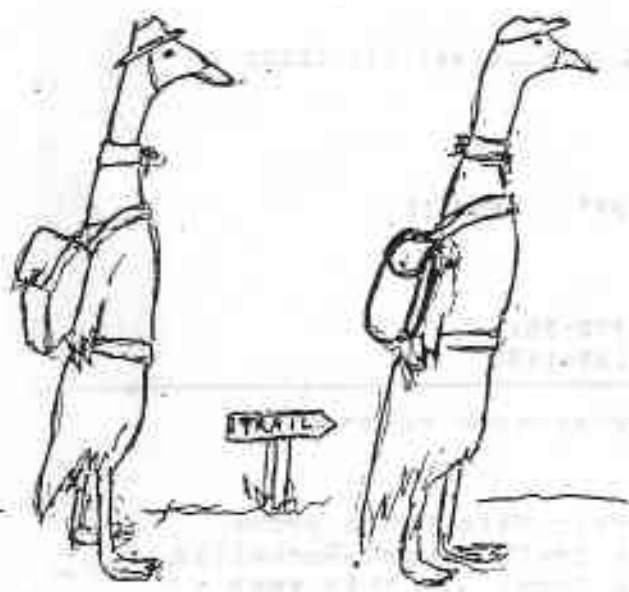
### Fun Walk and Brunch with the Clarks

The sun was shining brightly on Saturday, May 17 when 19 PVSers started out for Wakefield Park in Virginia, but by the time everyone had gathered at the meeting spot, the sky had clouded over. After checking us all in, Marilyn Clark opted not to hike and went back home to prepare the bountiful brunch. Undaunted by the threatening skies, the rest of us, led by Dick Clark, headed off down the easy, pleasant trail around Lake Accotink, for the air was cool and fresh, perfect for hiking and we hoped the sun would reappear. Jackie Flaherty, ever the optimist, was dressed in shorts! By the time we reached the beach and boating area, the sun was shining. However, our good fortune did not last for long and on the last part of our trek, the raindrops began and continued until we reached the end of our hike.

Unfortunately, the wet weather prevented us from enjoying brunch on the Clarks' beautiful deck, but of course did not dampen the spirits of hungry hikers who devoured the delicious egg strata, sausage casserole, tasty breads, fantastic fresh fruit and liquid refreshments that Marilyn had prepared. Yummy as always!

Many thanks to the Clarks for again hosting this fun event and here's to many more!.....by Liz Triau

### CATOCTIN HIKE



We climbed high, we climbed low.  
 Some worked hard and breaths came slow.  
 We saw cascades, but climbed them not  
 For twas our well-earned lunch we sought.  
 By glistening lake we had our spread.  
 And thought of miles that lay ahead.  
 Irene was glum--her lunch with Jack.  
 She borrowed meat and cheese to snack.  
 When he appeared, her face was red,  
 In her own pack rested her bread.  
 Then 25 brave, hardy souls  
 Returned intact to cars, no Rolls  
 Off then to the beer rushed we  
 And gulped it down for it was free.  
 And listened to the nice man speak  
 Quite at our ease tho somewhat weak.  
 More food ahead! Italian now.  
 And 26 stuffed down the chow.  
 Our thanks to Irene warmly go  
 For this event left us aglow.

**BACK QUACKERS**

## HILLWOOD MUSEUM AND GARDEN TOUR

Rosemary Soler

Ascending the hill to Hillwood, flanked on either side by the variegated colors of azaleas in all their blooming glory, 25 PVSers met on a gorgeous Saturday for the initial orientation film, prior to the tour of Marjorie Merriweather Post's mansion and museum collection of art objects.

The sheer volume of the collection was impressive enough, not to mention the great beauty and quality of the artifacts on display. She was particularly fascinated by Russian art and culture, due to an extended stay in the Soviet Union as the wife of Ambassador Joseph Davies in 1935. Her massive Russian collection includes grand palace services of porcelain, commissioned by Catherine the Great, exquisitely jeweled pieces by Carl Fabergé of Easter eggs and music boxes, church icons, chalices, vestments and state portraits of tsars and tsarinas. The French collection boasts Sevres porcelain, Beauvais tapestries and outstanding pieces of 18th century furniture. Some of her personal jewels and gowns were on display too, as she entertained lavishly at this residence, which was purchased in 1955.

After the tour we repaired to the Hillwood Cafe for a delicious lunch arranged by our leader, Genee Boykin, who did an absolutely superb job of planning all this. Thanks Genee!



### DINING OUT GROUP

The Dining Out Group met on Tuesday, May 13 at the Tempo Restaurant in Alexandria, Virginia. We drank too much, ate too much, and talked too much. A thank-you goes to Pat and John for organizing a delightful evening of delectable cuisine.

### LATE BUT STILL WORTHY OF MENTION

On April 24, a group of 7 PVSers and 1 guest gathered at the park on Little Falls Parkway to hike -yes, hike- the Capital Crescent bike trail. The 3 ladies of the group set a blistering pace and left the men behind until everyone rendezvoused at Fletcher's Boathouse. On the home stretch along the Towpath we encountered Charlie Huggins, who drove down to Georgetown and walked back to meet us. After a lunch at Harbor Place at the Georgetown waterfront, we all fitted ourselves into Charlie's car and drove back in real togetherness to our cars. Thanks to Norm Engleman for serving as our leader even though he had never been on the trail before, and to Charlie for organizing the event and providing transportation.

Shirley Rettie

SPRING FLING, April 26th

- by John Matthews

We had a small but respectable turnout of PVS'ers this year at the Spring Fling Auction and Banquet to benefit Disabled Sports USA. The event was sponsored by the Blue Ridge Ski Council and was held in the University of Maryland Student Union. The silent auction was the first event and lasted for two hours. A large room was set up with a number of tables containing ski clothing and equipment, offers of short trips to nearby resorts and artwork, all donated for the benefit of disabled athletes by merchants and resort owners. Attendees wrote their bids on slips placed by each item; bids could then be upped by others willing to pay higher prices until the cut-off time. The Triau's got some good clothing bargains and I ended up with three days at Canaan Valley.

After the banquet, the live auctioneers got to the main event, the auction of the week-long ski trips. Charlie Huggins got a good deal on five days of skiing for two at Mt. Sutton, staying at La Paimpolaise. Later on, we learned that the Spring Fling raised a total of about \$50,000 for Disabled Sports USA

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The May PVS monthly meeting was held in June Kelsay's spacious party room overlooking the Grosvenor Place six-lane swimming pool and diving area. At 25° warmer the skiers present would have been dining and wining and line dancing on the attractive terrace under the hanging baskets.

Continuing her great rhumba beat, President Lu kept members in tempo. Three former presidents of PVS - Bill Anderson, Serge Triau, and Mary Jane McCarthy - all acclaimed Lu's effective and impressive leadership.

Glade's trip leaders - Ned, Nancy, John, and Tony (in absentia) and Ray informed the group about the upcoming season's snow pleasures. Steamboat has 35 deposits for the December 6 take-off. Dina reported on the summer's whitewater rafting event and its various side trips of added interest. Jeannette Albersheim told of a potentially enjoyable matinee at Olney Theater, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. Cherlie detailed various planned activities for bikers and hikers.

Jack Ragen (only new member present) and 43 oldies agreed by an obvious majority the revised 7:30 pm meeting time was more suitable than the previously usual time of 8:00 pm.

There was an appreciative vote of thanks to June for providing generously four tables of fine food and beverages in such a pleasant setting.

Submitted by Jaclyn Flaherty



## THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

In just a few weeks, the summer solstice will be upon us. That's June 22, the day when the sun is as high in the sky as it gets--it's the longest day of the year. From there, it's all down hill (to coin a phrase) to winter--only six months hence. Or less than two months if you are joining us for some unbelievable skiing at Valle Nevado, Chile. We're almost over the hump.

You think you had a busy last few weeks? Check with Dot Mills. Barely a week before hosting the May ExCom meeting, she also held her 55th college reunion at her Arlington digs. 21 of the 75 graduates of the Class of '42 showed up. Some came from half-way across the country. Dot's garden was in peak shape for both events.

PVS's oldest member, 87-year-old John Newdorp is fully recovered from the pneumonia that hospitalized him for 6 days. He's back home on North Carolina's Outer Banks and planning to visit a French Elderhostel in August. *Tres bien*.

Our newest trip leader, Tony Drago, is taking a series of computer courses. It's essential to keep track of finances. Tony will soon Excel and get all of his Words Perfect.

Recently in town for a visit, new Kneevada resident, Bill Hager managed to attend two PVS events. Bill and his fellow Kneevada-person, (the Knee is always PC) Kathy Quinden, are now our latest skiers. They skied at Tahoe on May 2. And Kathy managed 48 days of skiing since moving to Reno in February--quite a gamble.

It's true, Nat Seeman is always quite, ahem, nattily attired.

Several of us were surprised that last month's TOOT reported Ramona Mathews giving violin concerts. Since she played the piano at our thirtieth ankleeversary, we assumed that was her instrument. But violin is Ramona's first love. Also she has just taken up the viola. *Voila!*

Knox and Karen Felker's European Trip post trip party set a new standard. A complete, sit

down filet mignon dinner was served in the penthouse of Felker's Skyline Towers abode. And all participants received a \$15 refund. Right on.

Whilst in Europe, John Smith took so many photos, he was able to give several skiers complete albums of themselves. None for me, though. I like flesh, and there were no bare Knees.

At a church auction, Jackie Flaherty blind sided none other than Gus Ferrotte. Noted Jackie, I thought he was making a pass.

With the end of ski season, PVSers are off to the ends of the earth. Charlie Gordon cruised to Singapore and Hong Kong. Frank Shelburne cruising down the Amazon. (Frank do they sing Amazon Grace?) The Felker's will soon make their annual visit to Denmark. Doris and Othmar Mair have completed their Austrian wine tasting and visit. Jeannette Albersheim is back from three weeks in Sicily. And Edith Rabinowitz is back after a month in the far east including Bombay. On Tuesday the Knee leaves for Falls Church.

Malda and Roy Elrod are back from a week of golf at their condo at Shawknee, on the Delaware. Malda golfs daily, and Roy says he enjoys riding around in the cart. Aft! I mean Fore!

At the Cope's wine tasting, John Waddick was again in a cast. This time they operated on his other foot. John believes that the best wine is like PVS--well aged. Wine not.

A tip of the ol' Knee Cap goes to June Read who married a fellow member from her college swim team. June married 6 days too early to be a June bride. But she was ankleeeyway.

PVS' architect Terry Morton will soon complete the reconstruction of a 16th century castle in Croatia. Due to the war, she is now ten years into a twelve year project. Right up.

Before heading to a recent event, Marty McNeill asked hubby Bob, "Do you have your hearing aid?" Bob repeated back "Do I have to urinate?" Both answers were no.

And finalknee: Betty Byrne was describing what it meant to be a docent at the Opera. Asked Bill Anderson, You mean like in Nashville at the Grand Ole Opera? No Bill. That docent work.

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July 22 ... ExCom  
July 23 ... Bike at Sailing Marina and swim  
July 23 ... Second summer concert at Strathmore Hall  
July 25 ... Annual golfing day at Leisure World  
Aug. 9 ... Party at the Brockmeyers' in Annapolis.  
Event is full but call Joan Flake to be  
waitlisted. 301-762-6890.  
Aug. 12 ... Midweek Bike ride  
Aug. 31 ... Annual Crab Fest at Betty Lawrence's  
Sept. 20 ... Oktoberfest at Mary Ward and Jim Slack's.  
Aina Thomas will be taking reservations.  
301-309-8933  
Oct. 10 ... thru 12. Fall Foliage Hike at Betty Lawrence's  
in Blue Knob. Two-night minimum.  
Oct. 25 ... "Rent" party and dinner, p. 5  
Nov. 15 ... Arts Club Dinner

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