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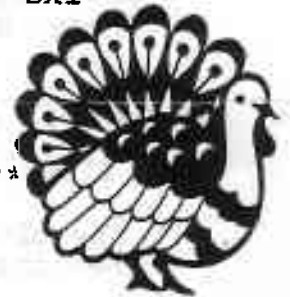
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now everyone should have made final preparations for the Anniversary Party, figured out what to wear, made transportation arrangements and auditioned some "tall-tales" ski stories. Special recognition is due to Lu Beale and the many PVSKERS who contributed to the Special Toot that was published earlier this month. Great job, folks!!!

I understand that Keystone opened October 20th, the full season is just around the corner so we better get all our ski plans finalized.

Dick Comerford, President

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## MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th  
8 P.M.

WHERE: Hosted by June Kelsay  
in the Recreation Room of  
her apartment building at  
10401 Grosvenor Place, Rockville  
Telephone: 301-493-5839

SPECIAL ATTRACTION: The Ski Center's BRIAN EARDLEY  
will present the latest in ski equipment

Directions: From Virginia, take the Beltway (495) to Exit 36, Old Georgetown Road (route 187). After leaving the Beltway, turn left on Route 187 toward Rockville. After 1.5 mile on 187, turn right on Tuckerman Lane. There will be a sign indicating that this is the way to the Metro. Follow Tuckerman Lane for 1.0 mile and turn right on Grosvenor Place. 10401 is the first building on the left facing Grosvenor Place (it is white brick). Park in the parking lot and leave your car tag number at the desk. Take the elevator to the ground floor and follow the signs to the recreation room.

FROM ROCKVILLE PIKE (Route 355): Going South, turn right on Tuckerman Lane. At the first street, which is Grosvenor Place, turn left and proceed as above.

# Coming Events

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

NOVEMBER 23rd .... 6 O'CLOCK P.M.

Don't guess we need to say any more about this one. Just put on your best bib and tucker and come and enjoy.

Once more, the directions: Fort McNair is at 4th and P streets, S.W. off Maine Avenue in D.C. Enter by the main gate and give your name to the officer on guard. He will direct you to the Officers' Club where the festivities will be held.

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## GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA, HIKE AND CHILI WITH RAY MCKINLEY

Saturday, November 17th. 1:30 P.M. Rain or Shine!

Time again for the annual pre-Thanksgiving trek in Great Falls and a dish of Ray's chili.

Limited to 25 for dinner. (No limit on hikers.) Reserve a place by calling Ray at 703-527-7126. Bring dessert or salad. Check with Ray.

Cost: about \$5 if you bring salad or dessert. \$7 if you don't.

Please bring your own chili bowl, plate and utensils.

The club's cancellation policy will prevail and you are responsible for your share of costs if you are a no-show.

If the weather is forbidding and you decide not to hike, come for supper anyway. Or, if you can't get on the dinner list, come and hike anyway.

We will meet at the Visitors' Center at Great Falls for a six mile circuit hike after which we will proceed to Ray's house for an early supper of Mexican dishes orchestrated by the Knee.

Directions to Great Falls: Take Beltway Exit #13 for Great Falls via #193 (Georgetown Pike). Go West 4 miles to Old Dominion Drive where there's a traffic light and sign for Great Falls Park. Turn right, continue through main gate and park in lot near Visitors' Center where we will meet.

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## WINTER STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS' - January 5, 1991

Limited to 25, this is a very special winter event you won't want to miss. Details in December Toot but there are only a few places left, so call now to make your reservation with coordinator Margaret Wyckoff 301-589-5532.

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PAST EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST '90 by Lu Beale

There was hot potato salad. Cold potato salad. Hot slaw. Cold slaw. Green cabbage. White cabbage. Platters of German bread. Platters of five different kinds of charcoal-broiled sausages. Pflaumenkuchen, cheese cake, pineapple upside-down cake, fruit cake, apple dumplings and chocolate-layered cake. Bottomless steins of beer.

Put it all together, add continuous Tyrolean background oompah, and you have what else? - Oktoberfest '90, Evans style.

Among the 45 guests enjoying the annual celebration, Austrian fashions were ubiquitous but not exclusively so. Ginny Larson wore an authentic Tyrolean dirndl. Jan Marx wore an authentic miniature Tyrolean hat from Wien. This writer wore a non-authentic Tyrolean hat from Florida. Charles Huggins and Dick Comerford wore baseball hats. Margaret Wyckoff wore a fine new hair cut. Knox Felker did not wear a hat. Bill Anderson wore authentic cottonhosen. Kirk Burns did not wear his authentic lederhosen.

Hosts Myra and Ken worked tirelessly laying out dishes, serving dinner and drinks, broiling sausages, and, of course, cleaning up. All the while greeting guests and making everyone feel at home in truly idyllic surroundings.

The result - another perfect PVS day to remember. Thanks, Myra and Ken. It will be a hard act to follow.

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OCTOBER MEETING by Elbee

Bob and Marty McNeill hosted a highly successful monthly meeting on October 16th when up to 60 guests, including 13 applicants, converged on the McNeills' Rockville home for business and feasting and friendships, new and renewed.

Marty kept the dining table loaded with delights (notably, salmon mousse and mini pizzas) while Bob circulated among the milling crowd making sure all were happy. They were.

A special attraction of the meeting was a Ski Safety Talk by Den Drumwright, Safety Director of SCWDC Ski School and Ski Safety Advisor for Natl. Ski Patrol System.

In an effort to raise the consciousness of all skiers with regard to safety on the slopes, Den listed many dos and don'ts for safe skiing. Illustrating his message with appropriate slides, he emphasized such sometimes forgotten, or, perhaps, never known, points as the importance of proper sun goggles, stretching exercises, proper nutrition (avoiding caffeine drinks, for instance, during the ski day), and keeping careful watch for signs of frost bite. Den also warned against skiing out of bounds (for which heavy penalties can be charged at some areas) and reminded everyone to ski "with the flow" and not to zig when everyone ahead of you is zagging.

It was a most instructive evening and great fun all around. Many thanks Marty, Bob and Den!

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# COOK'S CORNER



by

Nancy Garrett

November - the month that lets us know that winter is really coming - cool rainy days, leaves beginning to change colors and talk of skiing and eating. The cook was unable to attend the PVS Octoberfest this year since Hubby and Cook were enjoying a visit to Germany. However, I know that the food was delicious as the menu is usually the same. The first recipe will allow you to try a simplified version of sauerkraut and sausage for a small group.

## SAUERKRAUT AND SAUSAGE

Nancy Garrett

Using a crock pot set on low heat, combine:

- 1 (12-oz.) can beer
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 2 Tablespoons caraway seeds

Rinse, drain well and add to liquid:  
- 2 (16 oz.) cans sauerkraut

Cut in 2-inch pieces and add to mixture:  
- 2 large Polish sausages  
(approximately 1 lb.)

Simmer on low heat all day.

Before serving, remove sausage pieces from crock pot.

Remove 1 cup of liquid from pot. Into hot liquid, add:  
- 1/2 cup instant mashed potatoes

Stir until potatoes are soft and add to sauerkraut mixture. This helps to bind it all together. With green beans and potato salad, makes a wonderful dinner. In an effort to reduce calories and cholesterol, I use light beer and smoked turkey sausage in place of Polish sausage. Serves 4.

At the September EXCOM meeting, Dina Taylor served a beautiful, scrumptious dessert. Several asked for the recipe. Dina very graciously agreed to share.

## PARTY DELIGHT

Dina Taylor

Grease and flour one 17 1/2-inch cookie sheet with rim or two 9-inch round cake pans.

Prepare, following directions on box:  
- 1 yellow cake mix

Pour batter into cookie sheet or round pans and bake at 350\* for 17-20 minutes. Cool completely.

Beat well:  
- 1 box instant vanilla pudding mix  
- 1 cup + 3 oz. evaporated milk

Add, continuing to beat well:  
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese  
(at room temperature)

Spread mixture on cake.

Place on top of pudding mixture:  
- 2 (13 oz.) cans crushed pineapple  
(drained very dry)

Following package directions, prepare:  
- 3 envelopes Dream Whip

Spread over fruit. Decorate with shredded coconut or chopped nuts. Chill for several hours prior to serving to allow flavors to blend.

Crushed pineapple may be substituted with fresh strawberries, peaches, blueberries, plums, bananas, etc.

Dina placed the cake in a truffle dish for serving to the EXCOM. Layered in the dish, it was beautiful to serve and wonderful to eat. Dina recommends serving with a spoon rather than trying to cut as you would a cake.

Chilling the evaporated milk prior to beating will greatly increase the volume.



# THE KNEE

by  
Ray McKinley

I was really impressed with our special Silver Ankneeverary issue of TOOT. The Knee especially liked Mike Rura's predictions for the state of skiing in 1984. I thought I'd give it a try. Herewith are the highlights of the Knee's assessments of skiing in 1984. Wooden skis and bear trap bindings are out. Ski brakes and quad chairs are in. Postdicting is fun! By the way, I also liked Mike's prediction that by 1984 "many PVSers will be past 40." Uh huh.

Several PVSers asked how the Knee ever conceived PVS's histoknee. It's simple. It's the truth. Would the Knee ever stoop to creating news? For further proof, note that, in general, charter members have much tanner skins than the rest of us.

I can also now reveal the true histoknee of the name "TOOT". On second thought, I guess I can't because this is a family publication. Suffice to say that our newsletter was originally to be called "HORN"...which would have made for great word-play by this columnist.

Pres Dick Comerford is now presiding over ExCom meetings with more force. Ex-pres Jan Marx recently presented him with a gavel.

The new National Ski Club has a newsletter for which they are asking for contributions of "interesting" items. I suggested a national Knee. "They said 'interesting'" jibed Myra Evans. It's not nice to pick on the Knee, he'll turn you upside down, Myra.

Speaking of Evans, Ken and Myra have hosted three PVS occasions in the past two months - the September monthly meeting, the Oktoberfest and the October ExCom meeting. It saves the Evans travelling time but sure confuses Bill Anderson who became so accustomed to going to the Evans that he automatically showed up there for the September ExCom meeting which was actually at Dina Taylor's home in Frederick - 60 miles away. Bill never got there.

A similar tragedy was narrowly averted when the Bill Hager discovered in the nick of time that the Anniversaryknee Dinner was to be at Ft. McNair. Not Ft. Myer.

Did you notice a difference in the sauerkraut at the Oktoberfest? This year it was made by Margaret Wyckoff and Marilyn Clark rather than Aina Thomas.

If you join the Comerfords skiing in Steamboat next month, be sure to avoid sleigh rides. They aren't so much fun on rubber wheels.

You've heard of fire sales? Bill and Susan Brown recently attended a fire party. It seems that they and others helped a neighbor after a fire. The neighbor later wined and dined all of the friendly helpers.

Bob and Marty McNeill were resplendent in Ski Liberty ski patrol T-shirts at the October meeting at their Rockville home. The almost-matching shirts depicted snow-covered mountains (surely not Liberty!). I say "almost matching" because Marty's mountain had more moguls.

Knee note: watch for special PVS tickets for "Phantom of the Opera" when it comes to the Kennedy Center next year. Steve Grenleski is working on it.

Also, watch for an outstanding PVS gift idea to be announced in time for your Christmas shopping.

After years of waiting, a tip of the ol' Knee Cap to the Blue Ridge Ski Council which, after a couple of decades, has finally put together a good group of ski trips. See the list in last month's TOOT. 'Bout time!

Speaking (or, in this case, writing) of ski trips, Charles Farwell and Sally Finan joined a group skiing in New Zealand. They had a ball both skiing at Mt Hoot (while a World Cup event was ongoing) and touring.

Going the other direction, June Read will spend Christmas at a game preserve in Uganda. Ski Kilimanjaro, anyone?

Special bulletin: Bob Marx this week received the Gold Medal Award from the Commerce Department for his exceptional work in the 1990 Census taking. The award is "the highest form of honorary recognition the department bestows and is granted only for exceptional contribution." Right on, Bob!

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SKI TRIPS

- STEAMBOAT SPRINGS - December 8 -15,1990. Dick Comerford says there is already snow on the mountain at Steamboat. If you are interested in going with him on the trip fully described in the October TOOT call him now (703-777-9374) so your interest may be included in the final arrangements.
- MONT SUTTON (Jan 13 -20,1991),-COLORADO (Feb. 17 - Mar 3) and-STOWE (Mar 17 - 22). Leader Jack Peoples says please check your calendars and make payments on time.  
Jack's address: 8907 Edgewood Drive,Gaithersburg,Md.20877. (301-840-2213)
- BRSC SKI-O-REE in Canaan Valley, Feb 1 - 3. Deadline for this 2-night, 3-buffet meal trip for \$124(DO) is now NOVEMBER 15. Call Jan Marx (703-451-9158).  
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**CALENDAR**

NOVEMBER 3 - ANNIVERSARY DINNER !!!

Nov.17 ... Chili Hike. See page 2

Nov.20 ... November Meeting at June Kelsay's. 8 P.M.

Nov.27 ... ExCom at Bill Anderson's. 7:30 P.M.

Dec.18 ... Glühwein Meeting at the Heitchues'.

Jan. 5 ... Winter Steak & Swim at the Elrods'. Limited to 25.  
Call Coordinator Margaret Wyckoff (301-589-5532).

Jan. 22 ... Monthly Meeting at the Walns'. Note that this is the ~~four~~ fourth Tuesday, not the the third, because about 55 of us will be in Sutton skiing on the third Tuesday!!!  
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