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Fellow PVSers:

Well, the results of our membership "re-enlistment" are in and we have a few openings for new PVS members. Several terrific applicants have come forward and we're in the process of getting to know them over the coming months.

You know, PVS is a club with a very distinct flavor. We're a hale and hearty group that attacks the slopes and the dining table with equal gusto - a group that never seems to tire of skiing and getting together for ski-talk. My fervent wish is that PVS be around forever and keep doing exactly the same things. Now is the time to think about recruiting a few new members to get us to our full complement of 200 over the coming two years.

One way to find potential new members is to think about where you were in your life 10 or 20 years ago and what you wanted in a ski club then. Then think of the fun, friendly skiers we know who are at that stage of their lives where we were back then and introduce them to PVS. Now is the time to bolster our active members with new folks who are looking for a place to get involved in skiing and ski-related activities (and to partake of all the other events that PVS gets involved in).

So what are the primary criteria for PVS membership? Of course, you must ski and ski with the group, and you need to attend meetings. We all know those things. But I'd venture to say that the other criteria are an active mind, a cheerful disposition, a love of life and an interest in sharing all that with like-minded friends. Guests are always welcome at PVS meetings and sometimes guests become applicants. Think about it.

See you at the next meeting,

*Manny*



MONTHLY MEETING, NOVEMBER 16, 1999, 7:30 p.m.

Home of Ruth Powers, 7580 Potomac Fall Road,  
McLean, Va 22102. Tel: 703-821-2431.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Annual appearance of Brian Eardley of the Washington Ski Center to tell us about the latest ski gear.

Directions to Ruth Powers' home: From Beltway, take Exit I3 (Georgetown Pike, Rte. 193). Go west on Georgetown Pike for one mile and turn right on Potomac River Road (brick wall says Potomac Overlook Subdivision). Go to end of Potomac River Road (about 1/2 mile) and turn right on Potomac Fall Road. No. 7580 is first house on the left after turn. Driveway goes down hill to the house.

**ANNUAL CHILI HIKE** is scheduled for November 6, 1999. There is a wait list for the dinner-- but all are welcome to hike. Gather at the Great Falls Visitors Center at 1:30 p.m. Cost for supper will be about \$8 per person. Call the McKinleys at 703-527-7126.



#### WALK AROUND SENECA LAKE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Join your friends for a walk around Seneca Lake in Montgomery county on Tuesday, November 9 at 10:30 AM. The trees should be in color and the walk is about 4.3 miles long. Following the walk, lunch will be at a restaurant in the vicinity. Directions: Route 270 to the Clopper Road exit-10A, also called 117 WEST, at Gaithersburg. Continue straight on Clopper road, past NIST, for about 2 to 3 miles. Do not make any turns off of Clopper until you come to Seneca State Park and its entrance on the left. Please park at the first parking lot on the left. Your walk leader, George Hicho, will be there waiting for you. My phone number, so that I could inform the restaurant of the number coming, is 301-963-1836 and my e mail is:GEHSW@erols.com. If rain is forecast, the walk will be canceled. Hope to see you there.



#### MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH

**Candy Cane City to Glen Echo & return**  
Thursday, November 18, 1999 10:30 AM



**Starting Point: Candy Cane City** (Rock Creek Park/Beach Drive just south of East-West Highway).

**Route:** 16 mile round trip ride on Rock Creek, Crescent and MacArthur Blvd. bike paths to and from Glen Echo. Lunch on return segment at the Thyme Square Cafe in Bethesda, a bistro featuring healthy gourmet cuisine. Noncyclists welcome to join group at about 12.45 pm. The Thyme Square Cafe is located at 4735 Bethesda Ave. on the bike path and visible from the nearby Barnes & Noble bookstore.

**Leaders:** Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048

BECOME PART OF THE TRADITION BY  
ATTENDING THE NINTH ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER  
AT THE ARTS CLUB OF WASHINGTON  
2017 Eye Street, N.W.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1999  
SEVEN O'CLOCK  
MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO W. L. ANDERSON  
4711 DE RUSSEY PARKWAY  
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND 20815

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Optional Black Tie

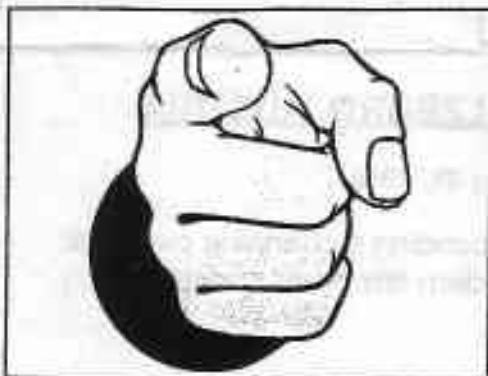
NATIONAL SKI & SNOWBOARD EXPO

- \*\*Tickets \$10 - Free Ski Liberty/ Roundtop pass with each
- \*\*Over 100 exhibitors plus demos and door prizes
- \*\*Latest Warren Miller movie shown every two hours
- \*\*Hottest new ski equipment and fashions

NOVEMBER 5, 6, & 7. 1999

Ballston Common Mall in Arlington, VA at Glebe Rd and Wilson Blvd

Friday 4 to 9 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. To 9 p.m.; Sunday noon to 6 p.m.



# It's Not Too Late!!! PVS Millennium Party

*January 1, 2000 1:30 pm to ???*

*Join the 60 PVSers who are already signed up  
Good Times, Libations, Complete Catered Dinner,  
Champagne, Fun, Entertainment. Sign up now.*

*RSVP: Marty McNeill (301) 881-6558\**

*Send your check for only \$45 per person (payable to Martha McNeill)  
to the McNeills, 2 Hitching Post Place, Rockville, MD 20852*

*\* This really is the correct number!!*

PVS TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 1 - Snowmass, final  
JANUARY 3 - Big Sky, final

**STEAMBOAT** - Dec. 9 thru Dec. 16. If you're interested, call the Flahertys to see whether spaces are available. 30L-9219-9664.

**SNOWMASS 2000** - Jan. 22 thru Jan 29. This trip is full, but call to check on the wait list. Barbara Leonhardt at 30l-963-8111 or Nat Seeman 703-46l-0859.

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STILL TIME TO SIGN UP

**PVS - AUSTRIA 2000**

SKIING IN KITZBUHEL AND TOURING IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Friday, February 18, 2000 to Tuesday, February 29, 2000

**KITZBUHEL (IN TIROL)** -- An internationally famous ski area surrounding a charming medieval walled village. More than 100 miles of ski runs of all levels/ 60 modern lifts/cross country skiing. The best apre-ski activities in Austria

**SALZBURG** -- The city of Mozart and the "Sound of Music". A baroque city on the banks of the Salbach River that is filled with music, museums, castles and palaces.

FRI., FEB. 18 -- FLY FROM DULLES AIRPORT TO MUNICH, GERMANY

SAT., FEB. 19 -- TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE HOTEL TIEFENBRUNNER IN KITZBUHEL.

SAT., FEB. 26 -- TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE HOTEL ALSTADT-RADISSON IN SALZBURG.

TUES., FEB. 29 -- TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE MUNICH AIRPORT FOR THE RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE:     \$ 1520 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)     \$ 1705 (SINGLE OCCUPANCY)

CONTACT IMMEDIATELY:

JOHN H. SMITH, PHONE: 301 - 299 - 8376

March 5 - 12, 2000, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to

## *SKI* **BIG SKY MONTANA** *SKI*

The trip is full with a small waiting list. In the past the waiting list has almost always cleared. Please call us for more information and to get on the list at (703) 527-7126.

**BIG SKY Participants: The final payment is due by January 5, 2000.**

Pre trip party Saturday, January 15, 2000. We will send you a letter in early December with more information and the total you owe.

**SKI FAMOUS SUN VALLEY!** Jan. 22-29. The PVS Snowmass trip is full, so here is an alternative; not one of the sanctioned trips but led by PVS members. There are openings so call Jack Peoples (301-881-6220) or Don Dillon (301-330-5371) if you are interested. Full payment is due at registration. Age 59 and below is \$1350, age 60 and above is \$1275.

*August 12 - 26, 2000, join Nancy & Ray McKinley*

# See and Ski in Argentina

*The grandeur of Argentina's Patagonia, the Old World beauty and tango passion of Buenos Aires, and to top it all off -- great skiing! We're planning this fabulous trip for August 12th to 23rd, 2000. Seven days, six nights in Argentina's world-class 25,000 acre, ski resort, Bariloche, and 4 days, 3 nights in South America's most cosmopolitan, spectacular city, the Paris of the Western Hemisphere, Buenos Aires. We'll include all lodging in 5 Star hotels, daily breakfasts in Bariloche and Buenos Aires, 3 dinners in Bariloche, 2 dinners and a multicourse lunch in Buenos Aires, airfare from Washington DC, all transfers, happy hours most evenings, pre and post trip parties, and three eye-opening tours in Buenos Aires. Not included are the remaining meals and ski lift tickets. (Lift tickets cannot be purchased in advance and typically cost \$20-25 per day.) Our current estimate of costs is \$2635 (subject to some change dependent on finalization of hotels and airfare costs). This is some \$60 less than the similar trip we ran to Chile 3 years ago—and Argentina is much better!!*

*We will also offer a spectacular 3-day add-on beginning on August 23. This will include a day trip to Uruguay, an additional night in exciting Buenos Aires, round trip air to one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Iguazu Falls (on full-size jet aircraft—about 2 hours each way), two nights at the 5 Star Sheraton Internacional with falls-view rooms, all transfers, all breakfasts, one dinner and one lunch. This will result in our final return on August 26. Our current estimate of this chance-of-a-lifetime, three-day add-on is \$575. We highly recommend this additional stay.*

*Our see and ski trip is for everyone. While we ski, non-skiers will be touring Bariloche City, taking in the sights of Patagonia or one of the world's foremost parks. Truly something for everyone.*

*Space is limited for this trip of a lifetime. To hold a space, send us a check for \$200 per person, made out to Ray McKinley. Mail it to us at 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. This deposit can be totally refundable until January, 2000 when our flyer comes out with final details. We have a 4-page informational letter; call us at 703-527-7126 if you'd like a copy.*

## PAST EVENTS

## 'FOUR ' THOSE WHO LOVE GOLF .....Burr L. Schuler

Ten PVSers and one guest assembled at the lovely Leisure World complex on August 27th for 18 holes of golf. Some ate lunch, some practiced, and some showed just in time to play. The course was in wonderful condition and not a goose in sight. There was one lawn mower that followed the Dillon group for six holes.

After five hours of golf and sunshine, we gathered at the STEIN Room for drinks, buy your own because no one had a Hole-in-One. At 1830 hours talk turned from golf to food, so Jeannette Albersheim made a reservation at Gazebo under an assumed name and we received the best table in the house. Our enjoyable group talked of having several golf outings a year.

Thanks to Jeannette for hosting a wonderful event in her backyard. I don't know how she can afford the upkeep on her personal 18 holes.

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## HORSEHEAD WETLANDS CENTER

.....by Helen Price

On September 2nd, 28 PVSers gathered at the Horsehead Wetlands Center for a guided tour of their grounds. They cover 310 acres of pristine marshlands, with 9 ponds representing different wetland habitats in North America, and over 20 species of waterfowl. There we saw trumpeter swans, , Canada geese, duskies (a smaller version of the Canada goose) , snow geese, various species of ducks, owls, hawks, an American eagle, etc.

On a 3-mile walk through the marshlands, there was a 15-foot platform from which to get an overall view of the area, including the bay. There one might be lucky enough to see herons, egrets, rails, plovers, and other shore birds.

Following our tour of the wetlands, we all found our way to the BEAUTIFUL home of Lee and Sai Mahalatti on Prospect Bay in Grasonville, Maryland. There we spent much time admiring the beauty of this home, its furnishings and grounds, including their boat. Then came the lunch, with Persian and all kinds of sumptuous dishes. A great time was had by all, and we want to thank Lee. Sai and Lee's mother for a lovely visit.

We also want to thank Betty Byrne and Marvin Hass for "discovering" Horsehead Wetlands and to Charlie Huggins for putting together such a pleasant day.

## Oktoberfest

**Eins, zwei, g'suffa.....we didn't actually sing that but it was the mood of this wonderful annual event held on a fall day with brilliant blue skies and bright sunshine. And there were a few in proper attire to accent the occasion--Annemarie Black, Mary Ward, and the McKinleys.**

**Jim and Mary led a small hiking party of one down to the beautiful bubbling stream at the foot of their property. Imagine having your own bubbling stream! Knox Felker startled a cat and then tried to woo her trust to little effect. Apparently the critter preferred the horses!**

**The wurst were the best, both fat and low fat, and came with all attendant goodies. The array of desserts was staggerings, but PVSers were up to the challenge. As usual, some forgot to bring dishes and cutlery, but friends were prepared to come to the rescue .**

**Oktoberfest is a wonderful gift to the club, and we give many thanks to Mary and Jim for giving it to us.**



## OCTOBER MEETING

PVSers descended with their usual timeliness on the home of June and Jack Martin for the October meeting. June had their lovely deck open and lighted, but most people as usual chose to spend their time close to the laden table. Delicious stuffed pinwheels, other sandwich makings, meatballs, cheeses--it was a wonder the table didn't creak under the burden!

The meeting reported all good news about the ski trips. Under Trip Committee chair Serge Triau, a group will be looking into setting up guidelines for ski trip leaders. Ideas on this may be shared with Serge, Ruth Powers, Myron Marquardt, and Jan Marx before the next meeting . There was also discussion about the time of the monthly meetings and the ExCom: Should it be moved to 8 p.m.? An informal poll showed the majority preferred to keep the time at 7:30.

Dessert and coffee topped off a great evening, and a rousing declaration of thanks was given to June and Jack for their generous hospitality.

**NORMAN ENGELMAN Nov. 20, 1918 - Sept 30, 1999**

Norman was born in Philadelphia, and as a boy worked in his father's grocery store. He went to West Chester State College on a football scholarship. A broken collar bone quickly ended his football career, and he transferred to Temple University in Philadelphia to continue his college education. At Temple, he turned from football to theatre, and worked as a waiter to support his way thru college.

Between (1939 - 1942), Norman was a member of the Berkley Players in Philadelphia. He performed in many roles and directed numerous plays including Little Foxes, Margin For Error, Three Men On A Horse, Primrose Path, and many others.

Norman did acting and directing for USO American Theatre Wing, directing and acting for war bonds, security drives, etc. Other acting rolls included Geo. Washington Univ. Community Theatre, Goshen Players, Arena Stage, KG Players, and Montgomery Players. Norman is probably best remembered by PVS for the 21 major rolls at Montgomery Playhouse.

Norman worked for the Federal Government for 27 years. He started his career in Baltimore, and drifted into the D.C. area where he retired at the young age of 52 from the Army Department. This gave him more time to devote to travel, acting, skiing, and a little tennis. He joined Club Americana Travel Group, and lead tours to Kenya, China, Mexico, Italy, S. America, and U.S.

Norman was active in Fagowees, SCWDC, and PVS. He lead many two week ski trips. He is probably best remembered for his Utah trips which he ran every other year with the group staying at the Salt Palace Travel Lodge in Salt Lake City. He also lead trips to western Canada, Idaho, Wyoming, Vermont, and Colorado. In later years, Norman liked to start his skiing in Winter Park, Colorado, and finish the season late in March in Salt Lake City, Utah. The pre and post trip parties at the Engelman home in Potomac set a high standard for other trip leaders to try and follow.

Norman leaves behind his wife, Mary, after 48 years of marriage, two brothers, and a sister. He will be missed by many.



Mary Engelman would like to express her appreciation for all the wonderful cards she received from PVS members.





# THE KNEE

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by  
**Ray McKinley**

It's as if some ancient, vengeful god is gnawing away at our daylight, chomping away additional minutes with each passing day. Every morning the sun rises minutes later, and then sets earlier. To use a technical term, *yucky*. But there is an up side. Snow in October. On October 19, Colorado's Loveland opened up one lift and three runs. Perennial early birds Keystone and Killington are both open as of October 22, and Breckenridge is only a week behind. This also has a technical term, *Whoopie!*

With all that winter weather about, can the opening of Ski Liberty be far behind? Well...yes.

Speaking of Liberty, Bing Poon reports from Mercersburg, PA that Ski Liberty's owners have purchased White Tail out of Bankruptcy Court. Although payment is late, White Tail should open this season. Look for Bing Poon to become a Mercersburg resident next year.

More ski area news. Blacktail Mountain, Montana opens soon. It's the nation's first new ski resort in National Forest since Beaver Creek opened in 1980. But Blacktail isn't a destination resort; it's for locals. It has 3 (used) chairlifts, no snowmaking and a mere \$24 lift ticket. Right on!

It was easy to spot Jackie and Ned Flaherty's home prior to the Steamboat pre trip party. The concrete statue of a dog on their front porch had ski goggles on! Less pleasantly Jackie and Ned report that their termites have returned. Obviously too much good food to gnaw on.

Congrats to Adele Waggaman. She flew to Germany to celebrate her 80th birthday. She will return to the states via England.

Condolences from all of us to Bob Marx whose mother died recently in Florida.

If you were on the PVS e-mail list, you would have known that Bob and Marty McNeill held a going away party for Jack and Irene Ragen just before the latter two left for Arizona. As of now, Irene's home has sold, Jack's has not.

Whilst visiting Spain with Betty Byrne, Marvin Hass managed to send the group e-mail. Marvin notes that during their visit to Spain, the rain never came to the plain.

Rosalie Ciccotelli is back home after an extended trip to Maine. And Margaret Wyckoff is back attending meetings after an extremely extended absence. Glad to have you.

It's NOT TRUE that PVS's Millenkneum (*sic*) party is closed. Some 60 PVSers are going. But there's still room. Call Marty McNeill now!

Old News: Marilyn Clark found a late 1970's letter from a pair of PVS's founding fatherpersons (the Knee is always politically correct!), Packard and Meg Anderson. Newly moved to Colorado, they were complaining about the high cost of Vail lift tickets. They had skyrocketed to \$10 for Adults and \$5 for kids. So a ski weekend in Vail cost them "nearly \$80."

Some words of Poetknee to ponder, a bit.

*Fruit flies like a banana,*

*Time flies like an arrow.*

No more AAA for Joan Flake. She cancelled their membership after having to wait at the side of the road over two hours for assistance.

And no more A for Penny Hanshaw--as in Alaska. Penny had planned a trip to visit her children this winter. Instead, they are going to Hawaii! So Penny is looking for a ski trip.

Police protection? Aase Berling does volunteer work at the Hilton Head police station. If you plan to break the law there, do it on Monday and Aase guarantees to get you off.

This summer, applicant Marty Rine climbed all the way up Yosemite's Half Dome. Or was it half way up Dome?

Got your goat in Monterey, Mexico? Hold on to it. Jim Arnold is visiting there and will sample the local delicacy, roast goat. I say naaay.

Charles and Sara Huggins have a second lot with a separate address. The census bureau recently visited to ask about "the other house." The Knee's answer: "You mean the stealth house?"

Note to Bob Marx: here's the easy way to do the census. Count the knees and divide by two.

**CALENDAR**

- Nov. 6 ... Annual Chili Hike, p. 2
- Nov. 5 ... 6. 7, National Ski and Snowboard Expo, p.3
- Nov. 7 ... thru 14, Trip to London
- Nov. 9 ... Hike around Seneca Lake, p. 2
- Nov. 16 ... Monthly meeting at Ruth Powers', pp. 1 & 2
- Nov. 18 ... Bike Ride, Candy Cane City to Glen Echo, p. 2
- Nov. 20 ... Arts Club Dinner, p. 3
- Nov. 23 ... ExCom at Bill Anderson's
- Dec. 21 ... Christmas meeting at the Heit'chues'
- Dec. 29 ... ExCom
- Jan. 1 ... Millennium Party at the Klines'
- Jan. 18 ... Monthly meeting at Carol Bridgers'
- Jan. 25 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's
- Nov. ... 35th Anniversary Party *April 1 wine fest*

**TIME CAPSULE !!!** PVS members are asked to find small items illustrating the history of the club and to bring them to the Millennium Party. There they will be placed in a box to be carried into the future until the time is ripe to reveal this history. Start looking now.  
 And remember **SMALL!**

Bette Walker  
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