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Fellow PVSers:

Looks like the new Millennium (my apologies to the Millennium purists who think we haven't gotten there yet) is just like the old Millennium - nobody has time at this time of year for anything besides skiing! It's doubtful that any PVSer will be home long enough to read this message - everybody I know is either just on their way to a ski resort, just back from a ski resort or already there relishing the powder and reveling in the apres ski.

Meeting up with PVS friends at meetings at this time of year is like the proverbial ships passing in the night. "When did you get back?" "Where are you going next?" "Why are you wearing that (pick one from the list) snow-eating grin? sling? rosy glow?"

Undaunted, I'm sending out my message to all PVSers as you pop open the TOOT on your way to the airport. Happy skiing to all and to all a great trip down the mountain!

See you on the slopes,



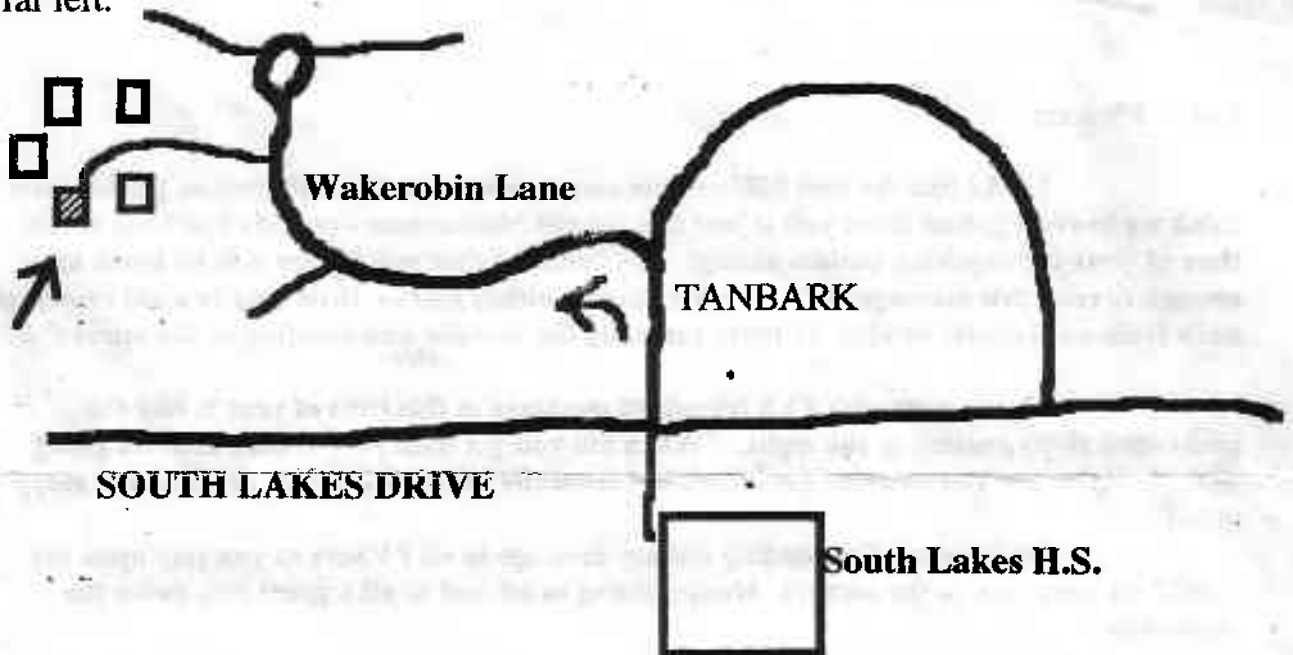
MONTHLY MEETING
March 21, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.
Home of Pat and Ken Egan
2221 Wakerobin Lane
Reston, VA 20191
703-476-9080

Directions on the next page.

From Arlington: Take the Dulles toll road to **Hunter Mill** exit. Go through the toll and turn **LEFT**. Follow **Hunter Mill** to the "T" and turn **RIGHT**.

Follow **Sunrise Valley** and turn **LEFT** at the **FIRST** light. Take **South Lakes Drive** about 1 mile. Look for **South Lakes High School** on your **RIGHT** and turn **LEFT** on to **Tanbark** directly across from the high school. Take a quick **LEFT** on to **Wakerobin Lane**.

Continue towards the end of **Wakerobin** past the first private drive. Turn **LEFT** into the second private drive. **2221 Wakerobin** is the light blue house on the far left.



BICYCLING GOURMET

Glen Echo to Georgetown (and return)

Thursday, March 23, 2000 10:30 AM



Starting Point: Glen Echo/Clara Barton Parking Lot
[West side of Glen Echo; on MacArthur Blvd. near

Goldsboro Road]. Ride will proceed along MacArthur Blvd Bike Path; C&O Canal Towpath, and Capital Crescent Trails to Georgetown. Those wishing to proceed further to monument area and Haines Point can do so with group reassembling at Washington Harbour at 12:30 PM (upper level at bike rack) for group return to Glen Echo. Lunch at the Inn at Glen Echo at around 1:30 PM (Inn at Glen Echo was once a neighborhood pub, which got "gentrified" a few years ago.) Total distance: 15-22 miles. [Short Towpath segment will not be used if muddy; any type of bike OK.] This ride is structured to accommodate all levels.

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

PVS Wine Tasting & Dinner, April 1



This annual affair this year includes dinner and over night accommodations. The response has been great and it is already over subscribed and has a waiting list. It will be held at the Cope's lakefront home at Lake of the Woods, 1 Apr 2000, at 6:30 PM.

The cost has been determined to be \$70 per person including wine, dinner, lodging, and simple breakfast supplies. Since most costs are prepaid, those who are signed up should mail a check made out to Don Cope and mail it to HC 75 Box 1780, 216 Mt Pleasant Dr, Locust Grove, VA 22508. The following morning, Sunday, there is an extensive brunch buffet at the club house. The cost is \$12 per person including tip (doesn't need to be paid in advance). All who are interested in the buffet (at 11:30) should let Don and Pat know so reservations can be made for PVS table(s).

PVS'ers may arrive at the Cope's any time after 3 PM to be directed to their lodging. It is recommended that folks check in before 5:30 PM so as not to clash with dinner preparations.

Directions to the Copes: From the Springfield interchange on Interstate 95 head south about 40 miles. Very shortly after crossing the Rappahanock River, turn west on US Route 3. Go west for about 14 miles. Your will need to turn left from route 3 at the traffic light to enter the gate at Lake of the Woods. Your name will be on a list at the gate house to get you though the gate. At the stop sign at the end of the gate house turn left onto Lakeview Parkway. Go about a mile until you see a house on the right like a Swiss chalet, that will be Mt Pleasant Dr, turn right. Go several hundred yards on Mt Pleasant to 216 on the left. The phone number if needed is 540 972 9838.



ICE SKATING AT CABIN JOHN ICE RINK TUES. APRIL 11th

Join Helen Price and others at the new Cabin John Ice Rink for Tuesday morning ice skating 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at Montgomery Mall. Those not wishing to skate are welcome to tour the new facility and join the group for lunch. Seniors 60+ skate for \$4.50. Anybody needing skates, add 50 cents. \$5 includes rental skates and ice skating. Skaters as well as those just touring the new facility should contact Helen Price (202) 333-0154 so she can get a head count for lunch.

Directions: Virginia and D.C. PVSers should take the 270 Frederick branch north from the beltway, and take Democracy Blvd. exit 1B west. About two blocks, turn right at Exxon Station on Westlake Drive. After passing Jim Coleman Auto Group on right, take the next left street into Cabin John Park, 10610 Westlake Drive marked on sign.

Maryand PVSers take 270 Virginia toward beltway and exit west on Democracy Blvd. Proceed as mentioned above turning at the Exxon Station on Westlake Drive.

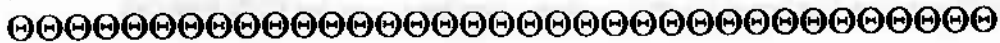




SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Dissabled Sports USA's 18th Annual Spring Fling--auction and banquet will be on Saturday, May 6, 2000. Silent Auction and "Stations" Dinner will be from 5:30 to 8: p.m., with the live aucction following at 8:15 p.m.

NEW LOCATION: Bethesda Naval Club, Bethesda, MD.



This past week, everyone should have received two documents, Guidelines/Responsibilities for PVS Ski Trips and the PVS Bylaws, in the mail. The ExCom and the Trip Committee urge you to read them and become better acquainted with the procedures and practices of YOUR club.

(Please note: If you did not receive these documents, please let Janet Marx know; her phone number is 703-451-9158.)



THESE NAMES SHOULD BE ADDED TO YOUR ROSTER;

Sylvia and Walter Lukens
323 North Pitt Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-836-8561

Elizabeth Santucci
115 Lucas Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-654-4336

Nalci and Ray Sotoudeh
10918 Brent Road
Potomac, MD 20854
301-983-2366

David Lerner
1809 Midlothian Court
Vienna, VA 22182
703-281-6923



NOW HEAR THIS.....

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Election of new officers:

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in April:

President: Nancy McKinley (second term)

ExCom (2-year terms):

- Sally Finan**
- Penny Hanshaw**
- Jim Slack**

Additional nominations may be made by the signed proposal of any five active members presented to the membership at a business meeting at least one month prior to the April meeting.



Applicant members to be voted on for full membership:

- Walter Brenner**
- David Lerner**
- Martha Rine**
- Eugene and Wilma Sharer**



A REMINDER to applicant members and their sponsors: You must attend three PVS meetings or events in addition to skiing with a PVS member(s) in order to be eligible for full membership.

PVS PRESENTS



10 DAY CROWN OF EUROPE

October 5 -- 14, 2000

\$2898

Per Person, DBL.

LEADERS: DON AND KATHY DILLON



PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- ◆ Flights Washington-Budapest/Prague-Washington
- ◆ 8 nights accommodations in 4-star, central-city hotels.
- ◆ 3 nights Budapest
- ◆ 2 nights Vienna
- ◆ 3 nights Prague
- ◆ Round-trip transfers airport-hotel
- ◆ 12 meals: 8 buffet breakfasts, 4 dinners
- ◆ Sightseeing per itinerary in deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- ◆ Services of English-speaking guide/tour director throughout
- ◆ Entrance fees per itinerary
- ◆ Hotel and air taxes.
- ◆ Trip Insurance (Defined elsewhere in this flyer)

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- ⇒ Heurigen dinner, Vienna
- ⇒ Visegrad Castle, Budapest
- ⇒ Karstejn Castle, Prague
- ⇒ Mozart Concert evening
- ⇒ USTOA Consumer Protection Plan

Thurs, Oct 5:

Depart Washington

Fri, Oct. 6:

Arrive and transfer to Hotel Kempinski. Balance of day at leisure: Budapest.

Sat, Oct 7:

Tour Buda and Pest. See the Parliament, Royal Palace, Castle Hill, Coronation Church, Heroes Square, and Gellert Hill. Visit Fisherman's Bastion, Afternoon at leisure(B,D): Budapest.

Sun, Oct 8:

Morning excursion to the Danube Bend, including the artists' colony of Szentendre and guided visit to Visegrad Castle: Balance of day at leisure(B): Budapest.

Mon, Oct 9:

Travel to Vienna and to the Ana Grand Hotel. This evening, enjoy a traditional Heurigen dinner with entertainment in the suburb of Neus tift (B,D): Vienna.

Tues, Oct 10:

Morning tour of imperial Vienna. Visit the Hofburg Palace, which once held the heart of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. View the magnificent Belvedere Palace, Prater Park, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Afternoon at leisure(B):Vienna. (Cont'd other side.)

TO REGISTER DETACH AND COMPLETE THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO

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DATE _____ SIGNATURE(If couple, both sign) _____

(NOTE: READ AND INITIAL OTHER SIDE)

ITINERARY (CONTINUED)

- Wed, Oct 11:
Travel via Durnstein and Telc to Prague.
Balance of the day at leisure(B,D): Prague.
- Thurs, Oct 12:
Morning sightseeing of Prague includes visits to the Royal Castle at Hradcany, St. Vitus's Cathedral, the Jewish section, and the Old Royal Palace. Afternoon at leisure (B): Prague.
- Fri, Oct 13:
Today, enjoy an excursion to visit the bohemian Castle of Karlstejn. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant followed by a Mozart concert(B,D): Prague.
- Sat, Oct 14:
Transfer to airport for your departure flight(B).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE PER PERSON:	
Deposit with Registration Form:	\$315
Second Payment by April 1:	\$500
Third payment by July 1:	\$700
Final Payment by August 15:	\$1383

NOT INCLUDED: Tips to tour director, driver, and local guides and tips for meals.

**TOURISTS OTHER THAN PVS MEMBERS
MAY BE ON THIS TOUR**

TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUDED COVERS:		FORFEITURES FOR CANCELLATION (Per Person):	
◆ Trip Cancellation and Interruption-Total cost of tour		From Deposit Date up to	
◆ Trip Delay	\$500(\$100/Day)	90 days prior to departure:	\$15
◆ Accidental Medical Expense	\$10,000	89-45 days prior to departure:	\$115
◆ Sickness Medical Expense	\$10,000	45-15 days prior to departure:	\$215
◆ Baggage/Personal Effects	\$1000	14 days or less prior to departure:	50% of total land costs per person
◆ Emergency Evacuation	\$25,000	Air Services (after ticketing)	At the discretion of airline
◆ Return of Remains	\$25,000		
◆ Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$30,000 (Air Only)		
◆ Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$10,000 (Except Air)		

This trip supplier is GATE 1 of Glenside, PA. Gate 1 is a member of USTOA (United States Tour Operators Association). This membership requires GATE 1 to post \$1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse the advance payments of GATE 1 customers in the unlikely event of GATE 1 insolvency. Only a few of the 1000's of tour operators are USTOA members and this is an added protection for your travel dollars.

PLEASE JOIN US. WE ARE SURE TO HAVE A ROUSING GOOD TIME!

PVS FINE PRINT:

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this CROWN OF EUROPE trip shall constitute consent to all provisions stated herein. PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members shall not be responsible for personal injuries, property damage, or loss, delay, or the change of itinerary to any person or trip participant which arises out of the action of any carrier, hotel, or other persons rendering any services, accommodations, and transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstance.

PVS designated Trip Leaders, should circumstances demand, have the right to substitute hotels of similar or better category and to change transportation schedules. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if accommodations, services, and transportation arrangements are of comparable or better quality or standards to those which were to be provided and are during the same approximate period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions of the Trip Agreement. No credit will be allowed or refund given for any service included as part of the trip and not used by individual participants unless agreed to by the Trip Leaders in advance. If the trip is cancelled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents or its members. Trip participants on the PVS sanctioned trip shall (ski) attend at their own risk and therefore PVS, its officers, its Board of Directors or its members shall not be responsible for any personal injury, property damage or injuries to others by participant on a PVS sanctioned trip.

One or Both Initial Here _____



SKI **BIG SKY** MONTANA

It's Time to Ski. See you at Reagan Airport 7:40 am Sunday March 5.

Nancy and Ray



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

Ski and See in Argentina

Only 5 Spaces Left. Act Now!

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 5,000 acre, ski resort, Bariloche. In addition to the superb skiing, you can take lake trips, tour and shop in Bariloche, and feast on the sights of Patagonia and one of the world's foremost parks. Truly something for everyone. It also includes 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, 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 remaining meals and ski lift tickets. (\$20-25 per day)

We also offer a spectacular 3-day add-on. This will include a day trip to picturesque Uruguay, and an additional night in exciting Buenos Aires. We then add round trip air (on full-size jet aircraft), to one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Iguazu Falls a mile around with 10 times the flow of Niagara and 1.5 times its drop into foaming rainbows, two nights at the 5 Star *Internacional* with falls-view rooms, all transfers, all breakfasts, one dinner and one lunch. Our return is on August 26. We highly recommend the add-on.

We have lots more information. Call us at 703-527-7126 for more, or for a copy of our flyer.

What is "The Canyons?"

Several asked us that question at the February Meeting. The Canyons is the largest ski area in Utah. By 2002 it will be the largest ski area in the United States, and by 2004 it will surpass Whistler/Blackcomb and be the largest ski area in North America. Several years ago, Les Otten's American Ski Corp bought Park City West resort. After putting some \$200M into expanding and developing the property, The Canyons is now 3,300 acres (Park City is 2,200) it has a 3,190' vertical, and it will be larger next year. The new Summit Lodge (Opened Feb 1 this year), where we plan to stay in February, 2001 if our trip is approved, is on the slopes and second to Stein Erickson's Lodge in Utah luxury.

Ray & Nancy McKinley

PAST EVENTS

FEBRUARY MEETING AT THE MATTHEWS'

With only the remains of the big storm along the streets--and no new hazards threatening, fifty-two PVSers came out to the fascinating home of Ramona and John Matthews for the February meeting--and the accompanying goodies. And goodies there were! Many ethnic tidbits accompanied with intriguing sauces were spread out and the air was full of cries of "Ooh, what is that" and "Oh, you must try this."

After the meeting, delectable desserts were quickly consumed, and Nat Seeman had to scrape up the last bite to taste a fantastic chocolate/raspberry concoction.

We weren't treated to hearing musician Ramona play (incidentally, there was a fascinating biography of her appended to a photograph in one of the rooms) but Marianne Cook regaled us with several numbers, concluding with a singing of the PVS song she composed.

Business included the prospect of another PVS non-ski trip, and more word on the by-laws and trip guidelines.

A rousingly good time was enjoyed by all--and for that we salute with thanks Ramona and John!



THE KNEE

PAGE II

by

Ray McKinley

We finally got our winter! After a disgustingly warm December and early January,

whomp! Much below normal temperatures, 2 major snow storms and snow on the ground for over three weeks. And now a recent article predicts a possible new ice age. Whatever happened to global warming?

Steve Grenleski at his first PVS meeting since the last ice age, has been taking advantage of our local white stuff (no, not dandruff, snow.) Steve has been cross country skiing a half dozen times.

Of course the snow has affected "Ski Liberty," where it was really heavy. How heavy was it? It was so heavy, that Liberty had to close the glacier because of the avalanche danger. It's true, the Knee would never fib about Liberty.

Special note for Ski Liberty patrollers Jim Wingrove and Bob McNeill: A search of the Knee archives reveals the first reference to Ski Liberty. It was over twenty years ago, in December, 1979 the Knee described ski conditions, "very good to excellent skiing with some grassy patches."

Colorado's Front Range also had less than normal snow early this season, reports Nancy Lewis. But it is now much improved. Nancy frequently skis with Huey Roberts at Copper Mt. Huey guides the Over the Hill Gang weekly tours, and occasionally joins Nancy for a brewski at the Dam Brewery (Can I say that in a family publication? Yes, I just did.)

Bob McNeill also was at Copper for a week after the Snowmass trip. He skied a bit with both Huey and Nancy. But Bob has, for the most part, abandoned his skis and is now, almost exclusively a snowboarder. Indeed, he now owns 17 snowboards!

On the Snowmass trip, Jan Marx met a friend who now lives in Aspen. They had not seen each other in some 45 years. Wow!

Here's a truly classical story. Earlier in his life, Excom nominee Jim Slack played Beethoven's entire Emperor's Concerto on the piano from memorcknee.

It is simply not true that the Knee suffers from Attention Deficit Disord...

It was a pleasure to see Margaret Wyckoff at the February meeting at John and Ramona Matthews' wonderful home with a great new addition. We met in Ramona's music room with a great 4' by 6' drawing on the wall of that great 18th century composer Ludwig von Elton John.

Margaret has been exploring the idea of a return ski trip to Zurs to stay at the Alpen Rose hotel. Unfortunately she discovered that the former hotel is now a private lodge and no longer available. Come up with someplace else, Margaret. PVS will follow you ankneewhere. (Except, perhaps, to the Alpen Dandelion at Ski Liberty!)

More ubiquitous PVS. Whilst skiing at Sun Valley, Ron and Nancy Ewing met up with a gaggle of PVSers including Polly and John Brunelli and Jack Peoples. (FYI: a gaggle is 3 or more PVSers.)

Our Ski Trip Committee Chair, Serge Triaui was not at the February PVS meeting or Excom meeting. He and Liz were in the Rockies, skiing. What a really lame excuse!

Speaking of really lame, pity our TOOT editor, Jessma Blockwick. She had to cancel out of the Big Sky trip due to an ankle injury. It was an injury she received when she slipped leaving the Big Sky Pre-Trip Party. Ouch, and a personal apology!

Didn't that last paragraph have a great segue? Several have recently asked the Knee, what's a segue? About a pound and a half.

Congrats to Marilyn Clark. She has recently retired from her job at an interior decorating firm. But she still plans to do some consulting. After hubby Dick retired, he began taking music lessons--on the euphonkneem. Is Marilyn really about to do the same, and take up the flugelhorn?

Last month, the Knee mentioned that Mt Bachelor's Timberline Lodge was a CCC project. Jim Slack and Mary Ward love it and stayed there on a Thanksgiving ski trip. Jim says it was done under President Roosevelt's WPA program for artisans, not the CCC. *kneea culpa*.

During the same conversation, applicant member Dave Lerner responded that all of Mt Mansfield's original ski trails were cut by the CCC--which, of course, in Spanish is YesYesYes. Yes...

CALENDAR

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- Apr. 1 ... Wine tasting at the Copes', p. 3
- Apr. 11... Ice Skating at Cabin John, p. 3
- Apr. 18 ... Monthly meeting at the Klines'
- Apr. 20 ... Annual bike ride to Mount Vernon
- Apr. 25 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's
- May 16 ... Monthly meeting at the Leonhardts' *May 14 Eclipse*
- May 27 ... Annual Spring dinner at the Colonnade. Sign up with Marilyn Clark
- July 28 ... Golf date at Leisure World
- Nov. 4 ... 35th Anniversary Dinner



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