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FELLOW PVSers:

The mixed feelings of humility and pride provoke excitement assuming the presidency of the Potomac Valley Skiers. Because of the stellar board of ExCom with all their professional and charming behaviors and insightful ideas, my job promises to be a joyful challenge. Our new Vice President, Glade Flake, will enhance our leadership. He has great legal talents, is an excellent skier and is a charter member with 35 1/2 years of service to the club.

Please let us hear from you with any suggestions or vetoes or just encouraging words via Ma Bell (301-929-9664) anytime after 10 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Surely you, as did we, appreciate that the Klines began our new era in their graciously comfortable home and garden setting. Thanks for the new beginning, Charlotte and Jim. I look forward to seeing you all on the other side of the Potomac River in May at the home of the affable Leonhardts.

ANDIAMO!!! TRACK!!! SKI DOO!!!

Ned Flaherty, President XXIV



MAY MEETING

Tuesday . May 15, 2001, 7:30 p.m.

Home of Barbara and Fred Leonhardt
606 Firehouse Lane
Gaithersburg, MD
Tel: 301-963-8111



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

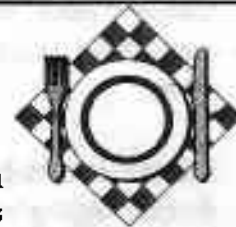
Directions to the Leonhardts': Take Interstate 270 North to Exit 6B (West to Darnestown). Follow Route 28 West making no turns for 5.2 miles (as measured from the bottom of 270 exit ramp). At signal at Tscheffely Square Road, turn right into the main Kentlands entrance,. At 3rd stop sign, turn right on Leekes Lot Way and then an immediate right on Firehouse Lane to #606 (7th house on right). Carpooling is recommended.



BICYCLING GOURMET

Calvert County Riviera

Thursday, May 17, 2001 11:00 AM



Starting Point: Chesapeake Beach, MD — only 30 miles from Beltway. Take Beltway exit 11A (Upper Marlboro), which places you on Rte. 4 south. Stay on Rte. 4 for 20 miles (past Upper Marlboro) and you will see signs for Chesapeake Beach which will direct you to turn left on Rte. 260. Follow Rte. 260 to the end (about 10 miles). When you reach the end, take a right turn on Rte. 261 south (sign to Railway Museum). Proceed south only one half mile on Rte. 261 and turn left at the first traffic light (sign to Railway Museum) and park in the big lot for the Rod 'N Reel restaurant on the left. Leaders will arrive by 10:30 AM; coffee and rest room available in adjacent tackle shop. **Route:** Route is on road (primarily one road-- Rte. 261), but traffic is light and drivers are polite. Ride will proceed north on Rte. 261 with short detour to use ½ mile of the North Beach boardwalk bike path. Remainder of route passes by a number of marinas with water views.. Lunch at 1:30 PM at the Rod 'N Reel restaurant (with waterfront view) on return. **Weather:** Lunch will still take place at 1:30 p.m. even if weather not suitable for bicycling.. **Historic Note:** At the turn of the century, a short line railroad from the DC area to Chesapeake Beach initiated operation and lasted until 1935. Photos and memorabilia from the days of the railroad and beach resort are on display at the museum, which is the restored railway station (adjacent to the Rod 'N Reel), from 1-4 PM.

Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4738 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048.

Note: starting time listed is for when we depart. Please arrive earlier to set up your bicycle, visit rest room, etc. If you arrive late, just head north on Route 261 and turn around in order to arrive back in time for lunch.

Noncyclists: This is a good outing for noncyclists. The ½ mile boardwalk at North Beach starts only one mile away (walk or drive). Stop in at the *Coffee, Tea, and Whimsy gift shop* at north end of boardwalk for a cup of java and chat with the owners. Join the bicyclists for lunch at 1:30 PM. Visit the Railway Museum either before or after lunch.

SPRING DINNER

June 23, 2001
The Colonnade
2801 New Mexico Avenue

This event is full. To get your name on the waiting list, call Marilyn Clark at 703-978-9435
Attendees will receive their food assignments later.

SAVE THIS DATE!!!

July 14, 2001

Annual Summer Frolic, Lake Adventure and Pre-Ski Trip Party at the Heitchues' in Reston. Call 703-860-9190

AND SAVE THIS DATE!!!

August 5, 2001

To see "Holiday" at the Olney Theater
Call Jeannette Albersheim, 301-598-7525

PVS BOARD -- 2001-2002

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The Executive Committee approved the following PVS Ski trips for the 2002 season:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SKI AREA</u>	<u>TRIP LEADERS</u>
Jan. 18-25, 2002	Snowmass	Barbara /Fred Leonhardt
Feb. 2-9, 2002	Banff, Canada (BRSC Trip)	John Smith/Jack Peoples
Mar. 8-16, 2002	Chamonix, France (BRSC trip)	Jim Slack/Mary Ward
Mar. 8 ¹⁵ -30, 2002	Meribel, France (1st week) Athens/Greek Islands (2nd week)	Nancy/Ray McKinley

Ski Snowmass, CO Fri. Jan. 18 - Fri. Jan. 25, 2002

PVS will be going to Snowmass, CO which is part of the Aspen complex and is one of the very best ski areas in the world for "cruising". Lodging will be at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC) which is right ON the slopes at the level just below the Snowmass Mall; it is a small lodge has just 64 rooms, a super reputation, and its ski room next to the front door where one just picks up his/her skis, walks about 25 ft where you put your skis on, and ski to one of four lifts! Lots of information on the SMC is on their web site at: www.mountainchalet.com. The trip includes: pre-trip dinner party; air from Dulles to Denver and Denver to Eagle Vail and return; motor coach to/from hotel; 7 nights double occupancy in the SMC; 7 breakfasts and complimentary soup lunch each day; wine and cheese welcome; 3 apres ski; 3 group dinners; baggage handling; and 5-day lift ticket good at any of the 4 Aspen mountains. We expect this trip to fill up quickly and 21 PVS'ers have already registered early interest. The final price is not yet set (United Airlines is being "slow") but the full package is expected to be about \$1550 for non-seniors. A deposit of \$200 (made payable to Barbara or Fred Leonhardt with "PVS Snowmass 2002" written on the memo line) will reserve a place on the trip and is fully refundable until August 15. Please call Barbara or Fred at 301-963-8111 for more information.



March 15-30, 2002. MERIBEL, ATHENS & THE GREEK ISLES plus Istanbul Option

- March 15, 16 2002, Depart Washington, Transfer from Geneva to Meribel. Meribel is the center valley in the Three Valley region of France—the largest ski complex in the world. Over 70,000 acres of skiing served by some 250 interconnected lifts. Superb!
- March 16-23, 2002: In Meribel, our accommodations are at the Four Star, *Le Grand Coeur Hotel*, Saturday-Saturday. Lodging package includes full daily breakfasts with evening dinners. *Le Grand Coeur Hotel* is part of the *Relais & Chateau* group which includes the Inn at Little Washington! *Le Grand Coeur's* Restaurant is amongst the highest rated in Mirabel.
- March 23-24, 2002: Transfer to Athens Two nights lodging at the Hotel Stanley downtown, Saturday and Sunday with Breakfasts and Day tour from Athens to Delphi with lunch included.
- March 25, 2002: Depart Piraeus (Athens) on Royal Olympic Cruise Lines in upgraded cabins. Visit Mykonos, Kusadasi and Ephessos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini,
- March 29, 2002: Arrive Piraeus (Athens), Day tour of Athens, lodging at Hotel Stanley
- March 30, 2002: Return to the United States, one-stop from Athens to Washington.
- **OPTIONAL PACKAGE TURKEY** A two night stay in Istanbul with Roundtrip air from Athens to Istanbul, lodging in the four star deluxe Taxim Plaza Hotel, dual occupancy; with a day tour of Istanbul, the Haggia Sophia and lunch at Hotel Yashaleve. Return April 1.

Package Price: Estimated \$2900 pp, two per Hotel Room/Cabin Includes all gratuities for baggage handling & port taxes. Dependent on air prices. Turkey add-on price about \$375.

We have only 30 spaces available. To reserve a space, send your check for \$250 payable to Ray McKinley (refundable through July when prices will be firm) and send it to us 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for more information at (703) 527-7126.



NOTE: For information on BRSC sanctioned trips (open to BRSC affiliated clubs like PVS)) as well as info on unsanctioned trips sponsored by other ski clubs in the area can be found by “surfing” this Web site: www.skicouncil.com. This includes summer non-ski trips.

NOTE: Bill Anderson’s new address is Westwood Tower Apartments, 5401 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816.

ANNUAL MEETING, 2001

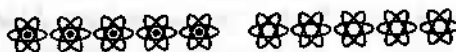
On April 17, Charlotte and Jim Kline opened their spacious Vienna home to more than 68 members and guests. The abundance of food and drink encouraged the socializing well into the 9 o'clock hour, until Nancy called the meeting to order. The crowd gathered in the grand foyer, with the curved staircase being the most sought after seats in the house.

Nancy gave a moving State of the Club address, thanking all those members who supported her during her two-year term as President. Before turning the meeting over to Marilyn Clark, Chair of the Nominating Committee, a vote was taken on the By-Law changes which passed unanimously.

Marilyn efficiently conducted the elections with Joan Flake, Gene Sharer and Margaret Wyckoff being elected to the Executive Committee for two-year terms, and Ned Flaherty to the Presidency. As the torch was passed from Nancy to Ned, one could detect a smile on Nancy's face but with tears in her eyes.

A nostalgic moment...but hey! look at all those desserts...Let's EAT!

...Bill Anderson



The 17th Annual Wine Tasting

By Nancy McKinley

What! You don't know a Cab Sauv from a Cab Franc -- or even a Yellow Cab? Well, you're not alone. If the truth be told, more than a few of the participants in the Year 2001 Wine Tasting at the gorgeous lakeside home of Pat and Don Cope didn't know all there is to know about wine. Even so, most of us figured out very quickly that the Leapfrögmilch from Leap Frog Vineyards was not a joke but a fun way to start the evening accompanied by Pat's delicious spicy pork wontons.

Wine expertise is certainly not a prerequisite to having a fabulously elegant time courtesy of the bounteous hospitality of the Copes. They really know how to throw a party! And they educate your palate at the same time. Pat and Don thought of everything: from superb wines and vintage port to mouthwatering goodies that perfectly set off the wines Don carefully selected for the evening. They even provided tiny metal tags for each wine glass that identified the "owner" so you could stroll on the deck or settle into a comfy chair and chat with PVSers without fear of (horrors!) another wine taster making off with your ½ glass of Chardonnay. I could easily find my glass - with a chair lift dangling from the stem! A snowflake, a bear, a deck chair, and many more whimsies guarded our glasses.

The lovely waterside setting at Lake of the Woods, south of Washington, means an overnight stay works very well and gave the group the opportunity to relax and enjoy the drives down and back. The Copes arranged for accommodations

nearby and provided transportation to the Wine Tasting itself that allowed all partakers to throw caution to the winds – no designated drivers needed.

White wines, including Chardonnay and Ch?teauneuf-du-Pape, followed our fun wine along with delectable edibles by both Pat and Don such as scallop sausage and chicken cumin. We progressed to the reds including a 1988 Rosso Di Montalcino which was a real treat, followed by a fine Virginia Cabernet Franc (we now all know what that is!) and then a rare boutique Cabernet Sauvignon from Colgin, a 1993. Bacon canapés and grilled beef tenderloin were spectacular. Don capped off his selections with a 1983 Port from (where else?) Portugal and the always perfect Stilton and pears.

Pat and Don noted that this was the 17th Annual Wine Tasting they had hosted. This is truly a record and an accomplishment of organization and appreciation for the finest in food and wine. We hope they will go on and on. Thank you, Pat and Don, for giving us a perfectly lovely weekend.



DOROTHY MARTIN MASON: 1914-2001

Long-time PVSer Dorothy Mason died April 6 at the Washington Home in the District. She had Alzheimer's disease. Dot was born in New Hampshire where she taught school and worked as a U.S. Forest Service fire lookout until 1948 when she moved to Washington to work full time in the Forest Service. In 1956 she married Ira "Jenckes" Mason and the two enjoyed 25 years of a shared passion for hiking, skiing, gardening and the U.S. Forest Service where Jenckes was a highly regarded officer and Dot a member of the Association of Foresters' Wives

The two were especially active in the Appalachian Trail Club where Dot served as president in 1960 and the SCWDC where Dot was awarded a Lifetime Membership in appreciation of her years as club historian and newsletter editor.

In the mid-sixties the Masons joined PVS and became popular hike leaders as well as enthusiastic ski trip participants. For years they entertained fellow PVS hikers at memorable post-hike dinners at their "cabin" near the Shenadoah River. There was only one bathroom in the cabin but Dot cheerfully supplied a rented open air Johnny in the backyard for the anxious and well-watered 35 or so guests.

After Jenckes died in 1991 Dot hung up skies and hiking boots and traveled extensively until her final illness put an end to a rich and joyous life.

LONG TIME NO COOK'S CORNER. HERE ARE SOME RECIPES FROM PAST PVS EVENTS;

First two are from Barbara Leonhardt:

Copper Carrot Pennies

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| 2 # carrots | 1 cup sugar |
| 1 sm green pepper | 3/4 cup vinegar (brn cider) |
| 1 med. onion | 1 tsp prepared mustard |
| 1 can tomato soup | 1 tsp worcestershire sauce |
| 1/2 cup salad oil | salt and pepper |

Slice carrots in 3/16-1/4 inch slices and boil in salted water until just fork tender (don't overcook). Drain. slice green pepper and onion into very thin slices. Alternate layers of cooked carrots with green pepper and onion. Make a marinade of remaining ingredients (use a blender to get it completely mixed). Pour marinade over carrots and refrigerate. It's better if the carrots are prepared several days before serving. They also keep in the refrig. for at least a month in an airtight container.

Jello Salad

- 2 small packages (or 1 double, of course) of cherry jello
- 2 cups water - 1 hot and 1 cold
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1 lg can crushed pineapple incl. juice

Dissolve jello in the cup of hot water; add the rest of the stuff and chill.

Brown Rice and Pine Nut Casserole

- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- 1/4 cup butter, divided
- 1 cup uncooked brown rice
- 1/2 cup bulgar
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 cup minced fresh parsley, divided
- 6 tablespoons finely minced chives or scallions
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 14 ounce cans beef or chicken broth

Preheat oven to 375

Sauté pine nuts in 2 tablespoons of butter over moderate heat for 5 minutes until brown, stirring occasionally. Add remaining butter, rice, bulgar and onion. Sauté 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Transfer to a buttered 2 quart casserole. Combine 1/4 cup of parsley with chives(or scallions), salt and pepper and stir into casserole. Bring broth to a boil and stir into rice mixture.

Bake uncovered 1 hour and 15 minutes or until done. Before serving, sprinkle with remaining parsley.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

I was flying through St. Louis the day American completed buying TWA.

It was a major news event featuring famous planes and aviators. As we were awaiting take-off, the Captain told us we could observe a rare event. A 1950's Lockheed Constellation, lovingly kept up by a dedicated group of volunteers, was about to take off. (You remember the Constellation, four propellers, and a huge raised horizontal tail with three vertical fins.) There it was on the runway, older, frailer and dwarfed by the jumbo jets surrounding it, but wanting to fly once more. The Constellation started its roll, four props churning the damp air. It lumbered off, excruciatingly slowly at first and required most of the long runway before it threw itself into the air. Then the Constellation was off--soaring, once again, into the blue, morning sky. Perhaps a bit like PVS...

PVS lost a shining light in April when Dot Mason passed away. Dot, a long time Forest Service employee, created the concept of PVS hikes followed by dinner--often at her cabin. She could readily provide dinner for 25! We'll miss her.

Our latest skier thus far is Dave Lerner. He skied a week at Whistler, ending April 7, with lots of snow and no sign of spring.

At the other end of the vacation spectrum, brand new members Ray and Judy Jones are just back from water skiing in the Dominican Republic.

Bad news: Charlotte and Jim Kline have purchased a lot near Jamestown. They hope to build their retirement home there, and eventually leave Northern Virginia. If that happens, who will host our Annual Meetings, and some years away, the next Millen-knee-um Party?

Do you remember the largest crash in Virginia history--117 cars on I-95 last winter? PVS was there. Emmi Plowman was driving to Richmond to visit her daughter. When it started snowing Emmi, and traffic, fortuitously slowed down--and then came to a crashing halt. Emmi

spun and hit the car in front and was then hit from behind and on the side. She was thankfully uninjured and hours later returned to find her car. Despite \$4,600 damage, her car was, unlike most, still drivable. Emmi laboriously drove home, called her daughter, met with insurance agents, and then watched the extrication of undrivable cars on TV 'til after midnight. A week later Emmi took her car in, and went to Europe skiing. When she returned, the car was like new. Wow! There is a moral: Skiing in Europe can get your car fixed.

Don and Kathy Dillion have just moved into their new Betha-knee abode. So they now have two homes. Perhaps a new PVS event?

According to "liberal" Sheldon Drews, his neighborhood has gone downhill (a skiing term) since Al Gore moved a mile away.

And according to a "conservative," anon-knee-mous member, George W. was tested for IQ--the test came back negative.

According to AARP, if god wanted us to touch our toes, he'd have put them on our Knees.

As you read this Liz and Serge Triau are on an extended trip to Asia and China. I asked Serge what he thought of Red China. His reply, "It goes fine with a yellow tablecloth." Ouch!

From the Knee's tiptoe through the tulips Dept: Carolyn Maurer is on a bicycle trip through Holland's tulip country. Carolyn, did you know, due to inflation, that tulips are now threelips.

And Marvin Haas and Betty Byrne will be biking in Sweden this summer (how Swede it is). They will return via Iceland. Cool!

Jack Peoples was recently written up in the Montgomery Journal. Not for skiing. He is part of a renters committee.

Marilyn and Dick Clark are in New York visiting their son, Cam. He has just taken a new job and will soon be off to Montana. Right off.

After missing last year, ex PVS President Doris, and Othmar Mair were back with fellow oenophiles Don and Pat Cope for their superb wine tasting. Mairs had a reasonable excuse for missing last year's tasting. Doris and Othmar were in the Napa Valley on a wine tasting!!

CALENDAR

- May 15 ... Monthly meeting at the Leonhardts', pp. 1 & 2
May 17 ... Midweek bike ride, p. 2
* May 19 ... PVS goes to the National Theater. Call Margaret Wyckoff;
301-589-5532
May 20 ... Canyons Non-Party at the McKinleys'
* May 22 ... ExCom at Sally Finan's and George Welti's
* June 19 ... Monthly meeting at Betty Lawrence's
June 21 ... Bike ride in Middleburg horse country
* June 23 ... Spring Dinner at The Colonnade, p. 3
June 26 ... ExCom at the Flakes' in Potomac
* July 14 ... Annual Pre-Trip Party at the Heitchues', p. 3
(rain date, July 15)
July 24 ... ExCom in Annapolis with Pat Tengel and John Smith
July 26 ... Bike Ride on C&O Canal - Great Falls to Seneca
Aug. 5 ... PVS to the Olney Theater, p. 3
Aug 10 ... Beer Tasting Party at the Sharers'. Call 301-975-9411.
Sept. 15 ... BRSC picnic with other ski clubs

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