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Greetings PVSers,

Congratulations to Dottie Villers, David Callaway, Kerry Hines, and Sue Lyon on their election to ExCom. Welcome! Last month I recognized the "retiring" ExCom members. This month it is my privilege to recognize other members of the PVS Board.

Without Mary Beale's recording of ExCom's discussions and decisions we'd be endlessly scratching our heads trying to remember what we did and when. Dick Laeser keeps us financially straight with the most current bank statements and his assessment of our financial condition. Dave Warthen successfully brought us through last year's membership dues payments and is very responsive in providing information and guidance to prospective members. Dave Lerner continues to serve as our Webmaster assuring our Internet connections and information is working and current.

Dave DeVilbiss and Carolyn Maurer-DeVilbiss very expertly attend to the public relations aspects of member relations by responding to inquiries from prospective members and following-up with current members. Additionally, Carolyn has very successfully established a system and procedures that assures continuity of the meeting records function.

Ray McKinley has the critical task of finding locations for our monthly meetings through his persuasive skills and cajoling manner. Plus Ray comes up with ski and non-ski events on a regular basis and is an avid supporter of all things PVS.

Bob & Jan Marx have taken on so many important tasks: Ski Trip Committee leadership; Toot editorship; Toot art work; Toot proof reading; Toot mailing; Historian; Membership Communication (call them PVS's Vice Presidents for Communication). And they do all this with extraordinary competence and great joy.

All this to remind you that we have a tremendous team of officers and elected representatives who serve you: the PVS membership. Please join me in thanking them for their dedicated services to PVS.

Best Wishes,

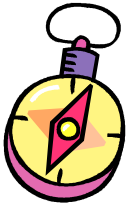
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**Pete & Alice Crites'
home in Bethesda, MD
Tuesday, May 20, 2008
7:30 PM**





Directions

Alice and Pete Crites - Edith Rabinovitz's daughter

10308 Rossmore Court Bethesda, MD 20814 301 530-7675

From Virginia

Take the Beltway (495 North) toward Maryland.

Take exit 36 (Old Georgetown Road) and turn **left** on Old Georgetown Road (North toward Rockville.)

At the third set of traffic lights turn **right** onto Cheshire Drive

Go straight at the stop sign and then make your first **left** onto Berkshire Drive.

Take the second **right** onto Rossmore Drive.

Continue on Rossmore Drive for 0.6 miles until you get to Rossmore Court on the **right**.

House is on the corner of Rossmore Dr and Rossmore Court. **10308 Rossmore Court**

From DC

Take Wisconsin Avenue to Bethesda.

Near the Hyatt Hotel, veer **left** onto Old Georgetown Road and continue for approximately 3.2 miles.

Turn **right** onto Cheshire Drive (just before the Wildwood shopping Center)

Go straight at the stop sign and then make your first **left** onto Berkshire Drive

Take the second **right** onto Rossmore Drive

Continue on Rossmore Drive for 0.6 miles until you get to Rossmore Court on the right.

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Changes

Dick and Sandy Laeser's new **home** phone number is: **571-490-3402**

David Phillips: new **home** phone number is: **301-388-3954**

new **work** phone number is: **240-879-3313**



New Applicant Member

Louann Eadie

2054 Eakins Court

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703-860-0318

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Welcome!

Coming Event



AN EXCEPTIONAL CULTURAL OPPORTUNITY BERNSTEIN'S MASS Live at the Kennedy Center

Leonard Bernstein wrote

Mass: A Theatre Piece for Singers, Players and Dancers for the 1971 opening of the Kennedy Center. Since the two inaugural performances, only a single live performance at the Center has taken place.

In honor of **Bernstein's 90th birthday**, the **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**, under its now highly acclaimed 2nd year maestra, Marin Alsop, will reprise this spectacular work at a single performance on **October 26, 2008**.

Mass features some 200 performers. The BSO will divide itself into two different orchestras, with two organs, nine percussionists, three choirs, and more. Far more than a concert work, it will be staged by the renowned director James Robinson. Maestra Alsop has called this a once in a lifetime experience.

Tickets for this guaranteed sell-out have not gone on sale yet, and will be mostly reserved for BSO season subscribers. We are very fortunate to have secured a small block for a few of our fast-acting, fortunate music lovers. Our seats will be in the center orchestra section (it doesn't get any better than that), at a discounted price of only \$55 per. (Regular price will be \$59) We will allocate these tickets at our usual first-come-first-serve basis. However, if we have a deluge of requests, to be fair to everyone, we will conduct a lottery at an upcoming monthly meeting.

Please send your check for \$ 55 per ticket to David Abraham at: **6201 Hollins Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817-0348**. From personal experience I can promise you, you wouldn't regret it. See you at Bernstein's epic Mass.
David G. Abraham



Recovering



Rachel Abraham had a total hip replacement on April 28th. David reports that all went very well and that this octogenarian was going on fifty. Her bones are strong and solid, and the surgeon had no problem whatever in placing the prosthesis where it needed to go. The staff told him that before the day was over Rachel will be seated in a chair and helped to walk a few steps.

Past Event

Annual Business Meeting

April 15, 2008

(by happenstance, it also was Federal income tax day)

Jean and Reg Heitchue provided the outstanding venue of the Party Room at their condo in Reston Center to house this largest (normally) of PVS monthly meetings. (Even valet parking at the door was included!) David and Rachel Abraham provided an excellent assortment of beverages to whet the whistles of those in attendance. And, Dottie Villers, Sally Finan, Melissa FitzGerald, and their friend Angie Hale provided sumptuous nibbles and desserts to satisfy the culinary cravings of PVSers. What a great team effort this was - and greatly appreciated by all in attendance!



Jean and Reg



Jack, Ellie, Dick



Eloise calling the meeting to order with cooking pot lid and spoon

The members present voted on a wide array of items that evening (see the April 2008 Toot for details):

1. The proposed changes to the PVS Bylaws were passed.
2. All candidates for Full and Associate membership were voted in.
3. Our President was re-elected for another term.
4. A new Vice President was elected.
5. Three new ExCom members were elected.



Rosemary, Bruno, Liz

Welcome, All !!

And special thanks to Jean and Reg!!!



Ray, Dick, Kerry



Mike, Bob, Dave

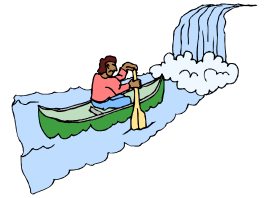


Needed



Ideas for Summer Outings – indoors or out.

Anyone with ideas. We have a number of newer members who may have fresh ideas and new knowledge of places to go and things to do during June, July and August. This is a good change for anyone to become involved with the club and get to know each other better. Talk it up. Call **Ray McKinley (703-527-7126)**, or anyone on ExCom, so we can get it organized and in Toot, or on the Hotline.



2009 Ski Trips

SNOWMASS

SNOWMASS 2009
January 15 through 22



We have another year to enjoy the convenience and the ambiance of our favorite Snowmass Mountain Chalet. Recent purchase by a large developer includes plans for making major changes with new construction and a new concept in Snowmass Village.

- Join us for this perennial favorite while it still is available -- slopeside skiing at Snowmass, with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas, offer more than 5,000 acres of skiing. Direct access to 3,100 acres of Snowmass slopes is just outside the door.
- We will again stay at the charming and friendly Snowmass Mountain Chalet to enjoy the convenience of slopeside lodging served by the welcoming Mountain Chalet staff. Lodging includes a daily family-style breakfast and daily soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year.
- The trip will include group dinners, après-ski parties, and other activities available in the Aspen environs.
- Approximate trip cost is \$1,960, details to be announced when air transport is arranged.

For more information:

Contact trip leaders Carolyn and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865

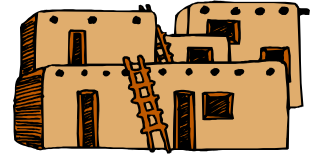
or by e-mail at Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net.

To reserve:

- Send deposit of \$250 per person to:
Carolyn DeVilbiss at 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304
- Note "PVS-Snowmass 2009" on the memo line.

Taos, New Mexico

March 13 to 21, 2009



Join us for a great week in Taos Ski Valley. Lots of uncrowded trails for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skiers - often with radiant sunshine as well as fresh snow.

- The first day we fly to Albuquerque and spend the night on Santa Fe's downtown plaza at the La Fonda hotel, known for its architecture, décor, and artwork.
www.lafondasantafe.com
- A 1.5-hour bus transfer on Saturday afternoon will bring us to the Inn at Snakedance www.snakedancecondos.com in Taos Ski Valley for seven nights lodging - just ten yards from the lift. Package includes 5 of 6 day ski pass, welcome reception, breakfast, one group dinner, après ski parties, fleece vest with club logo, and more.
- Enjoy six great ski days with optional morning ski lessons with the best ski instructors in the country. Special senior rates. Snowboarders welcome.
www.skitaos.org
- There are several fine dining opportunities including the legendary St. Bernard Hotel.
- Optional group visit one afternoon/evening for shopping and dinner in the town of Taos - a unique blend of natural beauty, American Indian culture, and Old West history.

Price per person, approximately \$1,650 (including airfare)

To reserve, send \$250 deposit per person made out to **Elizabeth Warren-Boulton**. Send to Liz at **3049 Porter St, NW, Washington, DC 20008**. For more information, contact trip leaders **Liz Warren-Boulton** and **Joe Jevcak** at elizawb@starpower.net or 202-244-5717.



BRSC is running two ski trips in 2009.

They are: Western Carnival at Keystone from February 7-14, 2009.

EuroFest trip to Davos, Switzerland from March 6-14, 2009.

This year, there was no one from PVS who stepped forward to lead a group from our club. However, Dottie Villers plans to go with the Pentagon Ski Club to the Western Carnival at Keystone. If anyone is interested, you can call her 703-476-9259.

There are other Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) sanctioned ski trips available, if anyone is interested. These are run by other clubs and, as members of BRSC, any PVSer can sign up with another club, if the club has space. The website: <http://www.skicouncil.com/>

ATTENTION: Because this trip is open to anyone, and is first-come, first-served, YOU should send Rosemary an e-mail if you are interested in the trip. Elderhostel will let Rosemary know as soon as this trip is open, probably mid-June. She can then contact everyone she knows who is interested. If you wish to participate, you also can call Elderhostel and register directly. That is the easiest way. They will confirm but will not give detailed info until two months before when they bill. When going on the web from the Elderhostel home page, click "By Interest" on left, then another page will come up and click "Outdoor Adventures": "Winter Sports" and the ski trips will come up.



FEBRUARY 22-28, 2009
PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT
ELDERHOSTEL SKI PROGRAM #7573

Ski in/Ski out at the Lodge at Mountain Village, Park City, Utah



Program: Includes the following

- Lodging:** Six nights lodging in a studio with queen drop-down Murphy bed. Some studios also have a queen sofa sleeper.
- All Meals:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the conference room just steps away from the slopes. All meals are included.
- Lift Pass:** Five-out-of-seven day pass, which covers the trip's Monday through Friday skiing schedule.
- Ski Lessons:** Two three-hour ski lessons.
- Stretch Class:** Easy yoga-based exercise every morning.
- Lectures:** Two evenings are devoted to academic lectures, such as avalanche control and mountain geology. One evening consists of the "Off Hill" ski clinic, which includes watching videos of those who took ski lessons on their final run.

One evening (Thursday) is a free evening with optional activities offered, such as attending a play at the Egyptian Theater in Park City or taking a bus trip to Salt Lake City to attend a Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsal.

All classes and meals are at the Lodge at Mountain Village. The standard rooms are in adjacent buildings, which are about a 50-yard walk from the Lodge. There may be some rooms available in the Main Lodge. If so, Elderhostel notifies participants and the upgrade fee is paid directly to the Lodge.

Price: Approximately \$1,300.00 for above

Airfare is **not** included. We are working on an air package flying out of Dulles on Delta to Salt Lake City. Vans to the resort are \$25 each way.

Trip Leaders: Rosemary Schwartzbard and Ellie Thayer

Both leaders have attended this program and they will work with Gary and Sandy Nielson, who run the Elderhostel Utah Program, to coordinate the PVS trip.

Registration: With Elderhostel

All participants must sign up with Elderhostel on their own. Early registration is scheduled to begin **June 17, 2008**. The trip is first-come, first-served. There will be other people besides PVSers on the trip. Last year there were 55 attendees and a waiting list.

If you are interested in the trip, please call **Elderhostel 1-800-454-5768** or visit their web site: <http://elderhostel.org>. The program number is **7573**, which is listed under "winter sports" and "Outdoor Adventures." It may not be listed on the web site in June. You may have to call. You will be required to send a \$100 deposit to reserve you space and then they will bill you in December. Once you are signed up for the trip, please contact Rosemary Schwartzbard, rosemaryphd@verizon.net or **703-598-6150**.

PVSS Board - 2007-2008

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TOOT Mailers – <i>Jan & Bob Marx</i>	<i>Dave Warthen</i>

Just for Fun

Dave Warthen, our database expert gave us some interesting information.

In his database, there are 6 Charter members listed for 2007-2009, (that is, 6 who are still members after 43 years!) and 22 ex-Charter members.

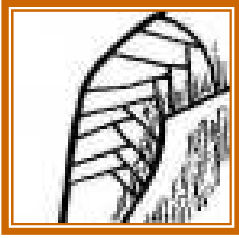
There are 429 records in the database = 175 members in the dues years of 2007-2009.

At present, there are 254 ex-members listed (since PVSS' founding in 1965).

Potomac Valley Skiers Charter Members

E. Packard Anderson *	Richard W. Harsh	Doris Hege Mair
C. Brooke Armat *	Georgenne Harsh	Billie J. Manring
Max E. Bunnell	Bruce Harstad	Nancy Monacelli
Patricia Calef Cope	William M. Johnson	Jean Old
Ronald R. Fett	Ann M. Jones	Larry Pease
Glade Flake	Russell W. Kinaman	Michael Rura *
Dr. Bruce Gilmore	Lilo Kinaman	Trudy Lemke Santoro
Ingeborg Gilmore	Richard H. King	William A. Stecher
Byron Gutheil	Jack Lilley *	Hank Thomas *
		Penny Sayre Wiederhold

* Deceased



THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley

Wow, after quite a few April showers at the end of the month (over three inches at Chateau **Knee**), it's time for May's vibrant flowers. And, sadly, it's also the end of the ski season. **A few of us got in some late April runs.** Notable is Dick Comerford who took them in Summit County. Earlier Dave Lerner was at Taos. Larry Pease reported that there was still "a bit" of end-of-April snow on Wisp's Squirrel Cage. **Please be certain to let the Knee know if you skied any later.**

Sometimes you need to read every word of the **Knee** to get it. Last month's **Knee** was a rerun from 20 years ago, May 1988. Many of you, dear readers, including my great friend Aina Hertelis-Thomas, skipped over the beginning and thought it new **Knee** news. *Que sera, sera.*

Some of us are participating in non-ski travel. Marlene and Ivan Bekey are just returning from Paris in the spring (if you remember that old eye teaser.) And Edith Rabinovitz will take her grandchildren to visit her adopted home, Prague, this summer. Talking Turkey is Sally Finan. In June, Sally will spend 18 days in Turkey, culminating in a three-day cruise on a 14-passenger yacht. She will cruise Turkey's unparalleled Mediterranean coast. **Kneet!**

This was a seminal season for Sue Lyon. Early this year she sold her home and moved into a nearby adult community. (Sue is now an adult!) And she was just elected to the PVS ExCom. So Sue was truly a Lyon in winter.

New Veep Dottie Villers was elected and immediately pressed into service. Pres Mike Strand had to teach the following week. So Dottie was pressed into immediate duty running the April ExCom. She did a commendable job—even though her attempted nonviolent coup of Pres Mike failed.

We occasionally mention the demise of non-PVSers. Please join me in remembering a great icon of everyone's community.

The Pillsbury Doughboy died at the end of April of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. The grave site was piled high with flours. Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Despite being a little flaky at times he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had a bun in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

Tiptoeing through the Tulips? No. Betty Byrne and Marvin Hass are having a great time bicycling through the Netherlands during Tulip blooming season. They are on a Bike and Barge tour. Marvin says that it's much too flat for any downhill skiing. The Dutch, due to inflation, are thinking of changing the name Tulips to Threelips. It's true. Would the **Knee** ever tell you a fib?

Also, according to Marvin Hass an Aspen skier, Steve Benson was not prosecuted for hitting a snowboarder near Gentleman's Ridge. A witness told police that she saw Benson and the boarder collide after the boarder stood up and started snowboarding without even looking uphill. "He ran directly into the skier — they both went down. There was some shouting, the skier was very upset and he came at the snowboarder — punched him in the face and kicked him."

At a recent event, Eloise Strand showed up in a vest with *cannabis* all over the design. The **Knee** wonders what Eloise has been smoking.

Over the last winter, Ellie Thayer, Jack Chapman, Shirley Rettig and the Schwartzbards all ended up at a Park City Elderhostel. It's not your mother's dorm-based trip. Slope side lodging, great meals lessons and lots more. Ellie and Rosemary plan to run a PVS trip there next winter. Right on!

Return of the lava lamp! No, it's not a horror flick. At the March meeting, Phil and Eugenia Ufholz had one of the '60's icons in their bathroom. At the April ExCom, Marsha and Dave Warthen had another in their "retro" Rec Room. The **Knee's** simply bubbly.

A new gay blade? Suzanne Boisclair took to the ice for the first time in decades in Sun Valley this winter. Suzanne loved it and is now taking up the sport in earnest--or rather in Virginia.

A tip of the ol' **Knee** cap to PVS birthday children. Just after tax day, Nat Seeman turned 85. The same day Marianne Cook turned 95. Marianne has a broken wrist, but still played birthday piano. Right on, and on, and on.

Finally, here's a quote from PVS philosopher Larry Pease. Growing old is mandatory for everyone. Growing up is optional.

Calendar 2008

May	17	Sat	BRSC Meeting
May	20	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Pete & Alice Crites' - 7:30
May	27	Tue	ExCom Meeting at Marxes - 7:30
June	17	Tue	Monthly Meeting at Callaway's - 7:30
June	24	Tue	ExCom Meeting at Powers - 7:30
Oct	26	Sun	Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" at Kennedy Center



Ski Trips 2009

Snowmass - January 15 - 22
Park City - February 22 - 28
Taos - March 13 - 21



Jan and Bob Marx
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