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*President's Message*

**Hello Again!**

It's transition time! In April, we will vote in a new slate of officers to lead us for the next two years, and I will step down as your President. It is an occasion to say "thank you" to the many members who keep our activities going: our hosts for the monthly meetings/parties; Rosemary, her ski trip committee, and our trip leaders; Nancy and Ray for organizing our monthly meetings and other events; our TOOT editors (Ellie, Jan, Dave W., Marvin); Mary Ellena, our webmaster, and Dave W., who as Membership Chair maintains our data base; Marianne S. and Inge as PR reps, who developed our great new brochure to advertise our club; Sue Lyon, who coordinates the meeting attendance and collections; Dick Schwartzbard, our Treasurer; Ellie Thayer, Club Secretary; and Jan Marx, Historian.

A special thank you goes to our outgoing ExCom members: Marianne Sophonis (VP), Herb Bennett, Marna Blanchette, and Nancy Pigman. You have served our Club well. Ellie Thayer, John Smith, and Barry Lake will continue for another year's term.

We have had some wonderful times during the past two years, starting with the Golden Jubilee celebration of 50 years of PVS club friendship. A huge thank you goes to Rosemary and all those who helped make this celebration a joyful affair. We have continued traditions and changed some: Steak and Swim at the Hines', Holiday Party at the Hotalings, Eclipse Concerts and other shows, urban hikes, and of course Snowmass and other ski trips. New venues have been found at the Culinaire, party rooms at the McKinley's condo, and Tom & Mary Tycz's church. Now as we greet our new members and our new club officers, we invite all to support the club with more ideas for locales, events, ski trips, and event leadership.

So onward! It has been an honor to serve as your President! Thank you all for your support. Come to the Annual Meeting on April 18 at Reg Heitchue's/Sinclair party room to vote in our new members and elect next year's officers. And, remember to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

*--Carolyn*

***PVS Annual Meeting***

***Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7:30 PM***

***Stratford Clubhouse adjoining 1860 Stratford Park Place***

***Reston, VA 20190***

***Hosts: Reg Heitchue, 703-861-9190; Susan Sinclair, 202-361-6677***

***heitchu@yahoo.com***

Join fellow PVSers at the annual business meeting to **elect new ExCom Officers (page 2)** for 2017-2018, to **vote for full active membership for Applicant Members (page 3)**, and to join in on the perennially favorite **social hour with fellow skiers**.

Please **BRING** a favorite **dessert (A to J surname)** or **appetizer (K to Z surname)** to share. Beverages will be provided. As we are in a party room, please take your platter and leftovers home with you. **\$3.00/PVS member**.

**See next page for directions and parking.**

**Directions to Annual Meeting from the Beltway:**

Take Dulles Toll Road (VA-267) West toward Reston/Herndon.  
Take Exit 12 (Reston Parkway, VA-602), and bear right at the end of the exit ramp.  
In 0.4 mile, turn right onto Stratford Park Place.  
Park in a space that is **NOT** marked **RESERVED**  
Walk to the Clubhouse building located in the center of the complex by the swimming pool (the other side of Building 1860).

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**Nominating Committee Report for PVS Officers & Board Members (2017 – 2018)**

<p>Candidates for PVS <b>Officers</b> &amp; <b>Board Members</b>, for 2017-2018</p> <p><b>President:</b> <a href="#">Bob Jablon</a>                      <b>ExCom:</b> <a href="#">Inge Lesjak</a>  <b>Vice President:</b> <a href="#">Jan Marx</a>                      <b>ExCom:</b> <a href="#">Nancy McKinley</a>  <b>ExCom:</b> <a href="#">Tom Tycz</a></p> <p><i>Click on links to read profiles of candidate officers.</i></p> <p>Additional nominations may be made by the signatures of any five active members in good standing and must be presented at a business meeting at least one month prior to the election, which will be held on April 18, 2017</p>	<p>Submitted by the Nominating Committee:</p> <p>Reg Heitchue (<b>Chair</b>)  Melissa FitzGerald  Jan Marx  Mary Tycz  Tom Tycz  Dave Warthen</p>
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*Since the ExCom terms are for two years, the following members will continue to serve during 2017-2018 along with the newly elected officers.*

**Barry Lake                      John H. Smith                      Ellie Thayer**

Eight (8) **Applicant Members** were approved as candidates, for Full Active Membership by ExCom, on March 21, 2017. PVS Membership will vote upon these candidates at the Annual Meeting on April 18, 2017. Links to the Applicants' profiles are accessible in the Members' Corner on the next page.

# Members' Corner



J. David Warthen, Jr.  
[dwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:dwarthen@verizon.net)

On the approach of the April Annual Meeting, the author of this column (Membership Records Chairperson) expresses appreciation to the 2016-2017 ExCom Officers and Chairpersons for the privilege of working along side such highly qualified individuals, who are devoted to the continuance of PVS. In particular, I thank departing President (Carolyn DeVilbiss); Vice President (Marianne Sponis); and ExCom Board Members: Herb Bennett, Marna Blanchette, and Nancy Pigman for their service and collaboration in making PVS a successful endeavor.

## **Applicant Members:**

At the April 18 Annual Meeting, the PVS Membership will be considering the following eight Applicant Members for Full Active Membership. Profiles of these applicants can be viewed via clicking their individual links for information purposes:

### **Bruce King**

(Mary Ellena Ward, sponsor)

### **Kay Christensen**

(Rosemary Schwartzbard, sponsor)

### **Jorge & Mary Rose Valladares**

(Herb Bennett, sponsor)

### **Martha Cole Glenn**

(Blanca Hotaling, sponsor)

### **Jerry Murphy**

(John Storm, sponsor)

### **Royal Collette**

(Nancy McKinley, sponsor)

### **Sylvia Diss**

(Marianne Jacobs, sponsor)

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This has been an extremely strange arrival of spring, which seemed to start in mid-February with soaring temperatures. It was followed with the reoccurrence of winter by the arrival of a mid-March snowstorm so I could use my relatively new snow blower at least once for this winter season. This reverse arrival of spring seemed to totally confuse the Tidal Basin cherry trees, along with my King Alfred daffodils. I am still not sure if any of my personal Yoshino cherry trees will have their usual spring blooms.

As I sit in my study composing this column, I am reminded that spring is approaching since many plants in this room are responding to longer days of sunlight. I have 11 rooted cuttings of sun-loving coleus eager to be planted outside, 2 phalaenopsis moth orchids, and 7 epiphyllum cactus orchids. The picture below is that of an epiphyllum in full bloom



in mid-June.

Having grown orchids for many years when I had a greenhouse at my former home, I thought I would try the epiphylla since they are easier to overwinter when one does not have a greenhouse anymore.

Cuttings of these interesting cactus orchids were obtained online from a [California Nursery](#). The flowers range in an amazing array of colors: red, white, pink, peach, orchid, etc. I will probably have to wait another year for the 6-10" cuttings to bloom, but I think it will be worth the wait.

So what does this have to do with skiing? Nothing! However, it is a good way to pass the short winter days and joyfully anticipate life springing forth again.

**PVS ON STAGE - April 1 and 2, 2017**

PVS's own Jannes Gibson has been invited to dance with the ReVision dance company at its April 1, 8pm performance and April 2, 7pm performance. Jannes does not know at this time what her role will be, but feels sure that it is not the lead. The performances are at Dance Place, 3225 8<sup>th</sup> ST, SE, Washington, DC 20017. The best way to keep abreast of this exciting development is to check it out at [Dance Place](#).

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**It may be possible to get additional tickets to see the Tony-award-winning musical**

**Ragtime!**



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**On Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**

Based on the novel by E.L. Doctorow about the changes in the country at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, RAGTIME is a luscious musical event. It follows three families who are experiencing change in the country each in its own way. A spectacular show with hauntingly lovely music and winner of four Tony Awards, including Best Original Score and Best Book!

This performance is at the historic Ford's Theatre, whose museum chronicling Abraham Lincoln's death at the theatre is open for our ticket-holders one hour before the show.

Ford's Theatre is located at 511 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW, near 2 METRO stops and with nearby parking. Tickets are \$47 (over-60 rate), but the time to sign up is very limited. After the show, those interested will have an early supper at a nearby restaurant. We can check for additional tickets - we already have 23 PVSers attending. If you're interested, please contact Nancy McKinley at 703 595 8375 or by email at [nancymckin@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckin@gmail.com) ASAP.

## Coming Event

**JOIN PVS FOR THE  
ECLIPSE CHAMBER  
ORCHESTRA'S  
CONCERT  
SUNDAY, MAY 7  
3:00 PM**



In its 25th season of world-class performances, Eclipse Chamber Orchestra, one of the nation's premier chamber ensembles, presents exceptional performances of diverse repertoire. Featured regularly on WETA-FM, ECO takes great pride in spotlighting its members as soloists in every concert where one can enjoy hearing up close the artists one sees only from afar at venues like the Kennedy Center. Please join PVS once again to enjoy the final concert of the year at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria.

[Eclipse Chamber Orchestra](#)

**SUNDAY, May 7 at 3 PM**

**Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for Winds**

**Beethoven: Symphony #1**

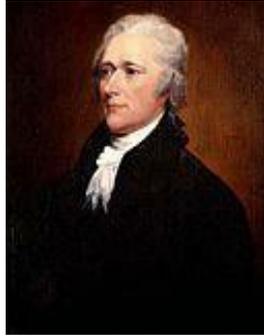
**Optional: gather for dinner in Alexandria**

Eclipse Chamber Orchestra is committed to bringing quality music at a price that everyone can afford. Therefore it's "pay as you can." Donations (\$35 suggested) are made at the door, or you can donate online.

Please RSVP to Ray and Nancy McKinley at 703 527 7126 or at [nancymckin@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckin@gmail.com) by May 1 to let us know you're coming, and we'll keep a lookout for you. Let us know if you plan to join us for dinner and we will include you in the reservation.

We'll see you there!

## Coming Event



### **Tour the National Archives with PVS led by Bing Van Nuys – Monday, May 22 at 9:45 am**

Have you ever laid eyes on the documents that started it all? Among its other fascinating exhibits, the National Archives in downtown Washington DC, offers the chance to see “up close and personal” in the magnificent rotunda the original documents that are the foundation of our democracy – the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights, collectively known as the Charters of Freedom.

Join PVS for a 90-minute guided tour of the treasures of the National Archives presented by our very own Bing Van Nuys, who is a docent at the National Archives. You’ll be thrilled to see these documents along with the Magna Carta and other fascinating treasures, as well as lots of background information that will make history come alive.

Bing has reserved 15 places for this tour at \$1.50 per person. Please reserve your place for this tour by **contacting Bing Van Nuys at [bvannuys@verizon.net](mailto:bvannuys@verizon.net) or by calling him at 703 323 9322. Deadline is April 30** to hold the spot for you. There is the possibility of getting additional reserved places if your interest is shown before they are sold out.

The building is easily accessible by Metro at the Archives/Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter Station on the Yellow or Green lines or by parking on the street or a nearby garage. **We enter at 9:45 am sharp at the Special Events entrance near the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue.**

## SKI TALK, April 2017

Well, happy April Fools' Day. The story I will tell you next is not a joke. We arrived in Val d'Isere, France, during blizzard-like conditions. The bus trip up the mountain on the switch back road was hazardous at best. Cars were all over the road. What should have taken a half hour took more like an hour and a half. But, we made it safely and were happy in our hotel on the slopes in this beautiful area of the Alps. The next morning we got up to continued snowy weather and poor visibility. Some of us ventured out for a few runs. Dick and I opted to quit early because the conditions were dangerous. After going back to the hotel to change, we went to lunch. Walking back to the hotel after lunch, Dick slipped and fell on the ice in front of the hotel! His feet went out from under him. He knew instantly something was wrong. People helped him into the hotel and an ambulance was called. He was taken to the local clinic for an x-ray. They determined that he fractured the neck of his femur and he needed surgery. He was immediately put back in the ambulance and taken down the mountain to the Hospital at Bourg St. Maurice. Surgery was done early the next morning. Meanwhile, I was still in Val d'Isere and could not get down the mountain until the next day. I packed our bags, checked out of our beautiful spa hotel and moved to a hotel near the hospital.

Help came from everywhere. The hotel personnel were terrific. Sara, who was in charge of groups at the hotel, went with me to the clinic to translate, and then she found a hotel for me near the hospital and helped me with calls and arrangements; Inge immediately contacted Sean at Holiday Tours, and he emailed a copy of our insurance policy; others took me under their wings and made sure I had dinner. I called the insurance company (**Travel Insured International**) that evening to report the injury and was shocked at their compassion and help. When I told them what the injury was, they connected me with a nurse and she told me the usual protocol for that was five days in the hospital and then they would send a nurse to accompany us home! The relief I felt was palpable. Could that be? Would we be taken care of in that way? Door to door service with a nurse; that was hard to comprehend.

The next day, I moved to Bourg St. Maurice five minutes from the hospital. I spent the week in this lovely town in the Alps visiting Dick in the hospital, communicating with the insurance company, exploring the town and sampling the local foods. I even took a funicular to Les Arcs ski area, which we could see from Dick's hospital window. Meanwhile, he received excellent care at the hospital. Later we found out that this hospital was one of the best in the area for orthopedic surgery. The hospital services a number of resorts in a huge ski area and helicopters were frequently landing on the roof with injured skiers. It was a very busy place.

Six days later a nurse arrived. She was British, but lived in the U. S. She visited Dick in the hospital to be sure he was fit to travel. The next morning at 6am she arrived with a car and driver and we were taken to Geneva Airport for a non-stop business class flight to Dulles. She took care of getting us through airports with no hassle. She sat beside Dick on the flight, monitored his condition to make sure he was okay and administered his required medication. A driver met us at Dulles and we were taken to our condo. The nurse came to the condo and did not leave until she was convinced Dick was comfortable!

Wow, the moral of the story is – **buy insurance**. I'm not sure how we would have handled this without the help of the insurance company. For years, we struggled with the question of insurance. Should we or shouldn't we? Yes it can be expensive, but at least make sure you are covered for medical and evacuation insurance whenever you leave home. Prognosis: Full Recovery.

### PRW SKI TRAVEL SHOW

The **Ski Travel Show** is scheduled from 6:30PM to 9:30PM on Friday evening, **May 5, at the Marriott Hotel, 8020 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner**. Vendors from many ski resorts attend with brochures, maps and other information about their resorts. This is an opportunity to talk to tour operators and resort personnel. It is a fun evening with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres served all evening. If you stick around to the end you may even win a ski trip or at least a cap or a t-shirt. You must be pre-registered to attend. **Let me know if you want to attend and I will register you.**

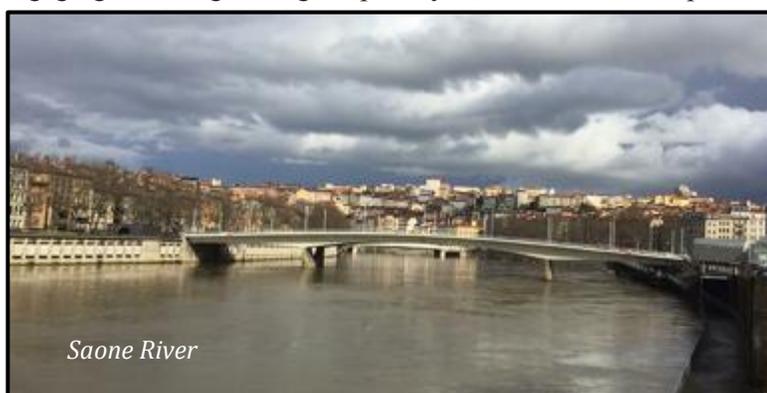
*Rosemary Schwartzbard, rosemaryschw@gmail.com*



## Ski Report

### **PVS Pre-trip to Lyon, March 2-5, 2017**

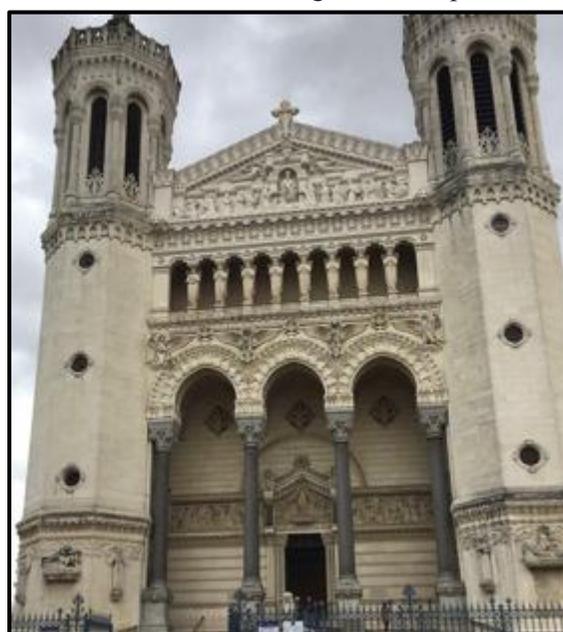
Before heading to the pistes of Val d'Isere, 19 members of PVS and other fellow ski clubs enjoyed a brief, but very engaging and enlightening, stop in Lyon, France. I had expected fabulous food and wine in this “gastronomique center of



*Saone River*

France,” – and was not disappointed -- but the city’s important history and impressive architecture were a pleasant surprise. We stayed at the lovely Lyon Carlton Hotel, well located on a peninsula between the Rhone and Saone rivers that define the city, and close to the main squares, museums, historic buildings and fine restaurants.

Despite rainy weather, many took the funicular up the hill across the river to ancient Roman ruins and the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourviere, with its gilded mosaics and multiple shrines to the Virgin



*Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourviere*

Mary. The site provided great views of the area and the “old town” below, with its secret passageways, early churches and many cafes and creperies.



For those interested in more recent history, a real find was the Center of History of the Resistance and Deportation, housed in a former military school that was taken over during World War II as Gestapo headquarters for the Vichy region, thus making it a site of imprisonment, torture and deportation of Jews and others. The city’s location and many hidden neighborhoods also suited it to be the organizational center for the French resistance. These activities and their consequences were chronicled in an informative audio guide and impressive visual displays.

Our time in Lyon was much too short, but this pre-trip has whetted my appetite for a longer return visit.

*--Jill Nelson*

### Val D’Isère Ski Report, March 6-12, 2017

On Sunday, 5 March, PVSers collected from the four winds in Lyon, France. Several had spent a few days touring Lyon. Others arrived that morning from Connecticut (**Alice McNulty**) and Vermont (**Dick & Sarah Sugarman**) as well as VA, MD & DC. Our bus left in the pouring rain and headed for the mountains. As we traveled up, up, up, the rain turned to snow and the roads became treacherous. Not as treacherous as our fellow drivers, however, many of whom stopped haphazardly in the road to put on chains! Our intrepid driver was able to weave around the obstacles until arriving at one spot where BOTH lanes were almost blocked. Concerned that the bus would lose traction on the steep and slippery road, he leaned on his horn and slithered between stopped cars to much applause! We were relieved to arrive safely at our destination.

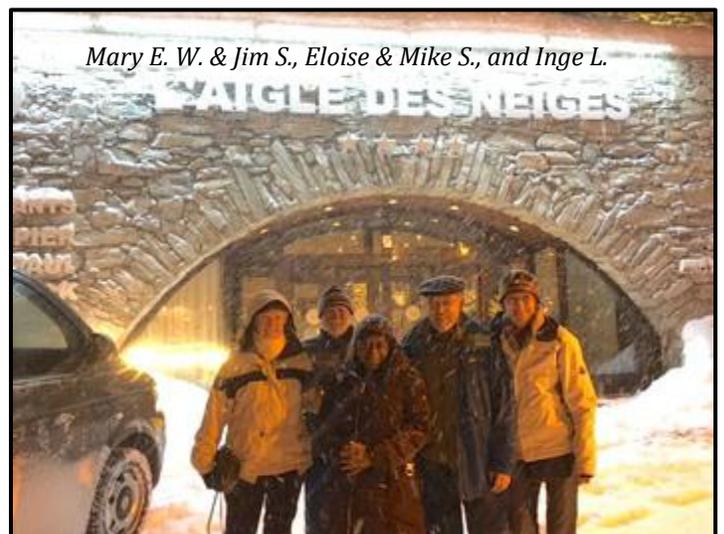


*Inge L., John & Blanca H., Liz S., Gwen de R., Sarah & Richard S., and Royce K.*

We knew that the bus would not be able to take us directly to our hotel, L’Aigle des Neiges (Eagle of the Snow), so we were prepared to lug our baggage through the snowy streets. Imagine how thankful we were to see the hotel staff snatch our bags from the bus into waiting vans. They even gave some a lift the couple of blocks to the hotel. The hotel was excellent and conveniently located near the lifts and shops. For a few days it was even possible to ski directly back to the hotel at the end of the day, even though we did have to walk a bit to reach the slopes in the morning.

The first evening we enjoyed a welcome cocktail party attended by representatives from the Val d’Isère ski school and tourist office. This was followed by a delicious group meal in the hotel restaurant.

The next morning dawned socked in and snowy with several inches of fresh powder. There was much consternation at breakfast. Do we? Or don’t we? **Cara Jablon** opted for a lesson so that she would have someone to follow through the flat light. **Rosemary & Dick Schwartzbard**, accompanied by **Kay Christensen, Mary Ellena Ward &** co-trip-leader Jerry Poley and Kim Valaer of the Columbia Ski Club also braved the weather. After riding lifts up and riding lifts down, the group made it to the La Daille area where there were enough trees to prevent complete white-out conditions. There were also a lot of people who had the same idea and a lot of bumps carved in the fresh snow.



*Mary E. W. & Jim S., Eloise & Mike S., and Inge L.*

Dick grumbled that he didn't do moguls, but he may have been safer there. Returning to the hotel after lunch he slipped on the icy steps, fell, and broke his femur. The hotel staff quickly got him inside and arranged for an ambulance. He had surgery in Bourg-Saint-Maurice the next day to pin the fracture. (The hospital there is said to be one of the top ten in France for breaks of this type.) Rosemary was able to relocate down the mountain to stay with him. We missed them both and were glad to hear that the surgery was successful.

The following day was, if possible, even more challenging with continuing snow and poor visibility. A few intrepid skiers ventured out. Non-skiers **Mike & Eloise Strand** and **Jim Slack** discovered slip-on crampons at the ski shop to prevent further injuries like Dick's. They worked well! That evening many of us attended a "Classicaval" Music Festival at the nearby Baroque church. It was a spectacular event featuring a string quartet, flute, piano, and soprano performing works ranging from Mozart to Puccini. Afterwards, there was a reception where we could greet the artists. Several of our group had not been able to obtain tickets for the sold-out performance, but they were able to attend later in the week. [On the Town](#) photos by M. E. Ward.

Glorious skiing had been promised for the rest of the week and the weather gods delivered. On Wednesday, **John & Blanca Hotaling**, **Royce Kneece** (partner of **Marsha Patrick**), **Inge Lesjak**, **Jill Nelson**, **Liz Stutz** and **Mary Ellena Ward** hired a guide and spent the day enjoying the freshly groomed slopes. **Bob Jablon** signed up for a lesson. **Kay Christensen** fell in with **Gwen De Rupo** of the Best of Times club and others from the Columbia Ski Club who were interested in being more adventurous. [On the Slopes](#) photos by M. E. Ward.

The sunny weather held for the rest of the week and PVSers explored this huge area far and wide: from L'Anguille Percee in Tignes to Glacier de Pissallas high above Le Fornet and everywhere in between, including La Grande Motte, which finally opened all the way to the top on the last day.

All good things must come to an end, though, and well before dawn on Sunday morning we stumbled onto the bus for our ride back to Lyon and the airport. Most were headed home, but some continued to Nice for additional sightseeing. We bade farewell to our new friends from the other clubs – some of whom traveled home with us, and others who fanned out for further adventures in Europe. Our thanks to co-leaders Jerry and Inge for putting together a fabulous trip that not only included skiing and sightseeing, but convivial dinners and other gatherings.

*--Mary Ellena Ward*

## Post-trip to Nice, March 12-16, 2017



*Royce K. & Marsha P., Mike & Eloise S., Gerald S. & Charise K., Kay C., and Jerry & Pam P.*

Everyone had a wonderful time on the post-trip to Nice, France. Our entry on March 12 into this jewel of a city on the French Riviera was fraught by the ending of a bike race from Paris to Nice. The police heavily blocked off all streets near our hotel. We ended up having to trek about a mile to the hotel, pushing, pulling and dragging luggage and skis. What a sight!

Once at the hotel, we ordered pizza and wine. We sat around eating, drinking, getting to know each other, and actually bonding as a group. We had been through much together, helping each other and looking out for each other. By the end of the trip, we were calling ourselves the **Magnificent Nine**. We drank toasts to Dick and Rosemary, who could not be with us.

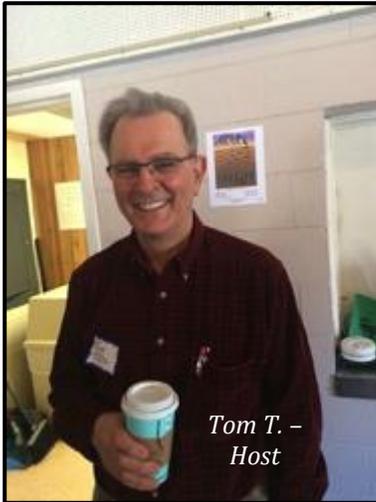
We stayed at Hotel Suisse. Each room had a view of the Mediterranean Sea, the beach, and the Promenade des Anglais. Every evening Pam and Jerry Poley, our trip leaders for Nice, found wonderful dining places in little neighborhood restaurants. We had a tour of the city of Nice, and then trips to the Medieval Village of Eze and to Monte Carlo.

Pam and Jerry did a great job planning this trip and making it work! We owe them many thanks.

*--Mike & Eloise Strand*

## Past Event

### March General Meeting, Saturday, March 18, 2017



*Tom T. -  
Host*

The March 2017 PVS meeting was held in the Frizzell Parish Hall at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA, a new location for our group. Frizzell Parish Hall was a spacious location with free and easy parking that accommodated us talkative "PVSers" well. Our thanks to Tom Tycz who made

to chat with food in mouths) for about an hour, Carolyn DeVilbiss called the meeting to order. During introductions, one recently new member stated something like "...I used to ski, but since PVS is noted for good parties, here I am..." Now, that's a tribute! Carolyn thanked Tom, the meeting volunteers, and the ski trips leaders for all their efforts. She noted



*Carolyn D.*

arrangements for us and organized an event for the church the next day!

As we drove up the entrance road to the church and parked, we were greeted by a group of future "PVSers" playing in the remaining snow left the previous Monday night. When covered with a few inches of dry snow (not the heavy wet kind deposited on Monday night), and before being plowed, the entrance drive could easily be a nice ski slope for practice runs.



that we will vote on new members for the ExCom team at our April meeting. Profiles of candidates are listed in the March TOOT.

After a short debate between the McKinleys as to whether Nancy or Ray would discuss the coming events, booming Ray reluctantly accepted. Coming Events were discussed and are listed on the last page of this TOOT.

After adjournment, and cookies and coffee, a

Just as armies require logistics and food before getting down to business, so do "PVSers." We benefited from provisions provided by members of the ExCom, and thereby enjoyed wine, soft drinks, water, shrimp, cheese, fruits, chips and dip, pepperoni sandwiches, and other assorted carbohydrates.

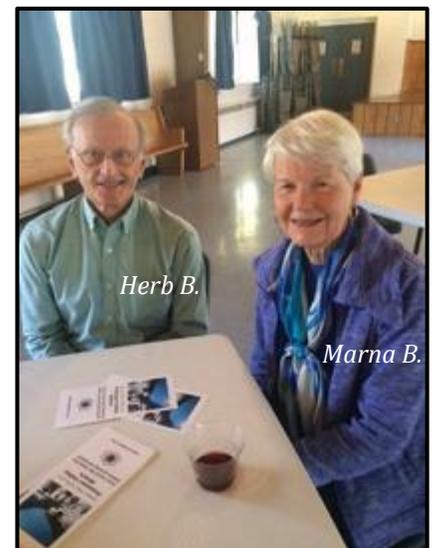
number of members (Dave DeVilbiss, Nancy Pigman, John Smith, Melissa Fitzgerald, Nancy McKinley, Marianne Soponis, Blanca Hotaling, among others that were noticed) cleaned up under the tutelage of Tom Tycz. A nice way to end a wonderful day!

**-- Herb Bennett**



*Ray M.*

After alternating between eating and chatting (we are not supposed



*Herb B.*

*Marna B.*

### *Jack A. Chapman (Age 78)*

Jack Albert Chapman of Arlington, VA died on March 9, 2017. He had Alzheimer's disease. Jack was born on December 1, 1938 in Amarillo, TX, but grew up from age three in Joplin, MO. He attended the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago on a Naval ROTC scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics in 1960. A 20-year career in the Marine Corps followed. The part of Jack's career that had the most lasting impact on him was his assignment to organize and manage a Vietnamese refugee camp at Camp Pendleton, CA, during the first wave of refugees that arrived in the United States after the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. A musical refugee family wrote, and recorded on a cassette tape, "Major Chapman Song." The sheet music hung in Jack's study for the rest of his life. Jack was also a competition shooter for the Marine Corps and competed and placed in the Nationals in 1963. After retiring from the Marine Corps, Jack had a second 20-year career, this one as a computer systems engineer with Lockheed Martin. Along the way, Jack earned two masters degrees in the computer field, one from The Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA and the other from Marymount University in Arlington, VA. Jack loved distance running, skiing, mountain climbing,



fishing, geology, paleontology, and chess, and eagerly traveled the world over with his wife. He shared these loves with his extended family and left memories of a life well lived.

Jack is survived by his wife of 32 years, Eleanor M. Thayer; three children and two step-children, Christine Chapman Rossomondo (Tom), John Chapman, Monica Chapman Carter (Mark Owens), Michael Roll (Maura), and Tricia Duncan (Gary); three sisters, Carolin Wilson (Tom), Sarah Prince (Steve), and MaryAnn Chapman; 12 grandchildren, Justin Otley, Jordyn Otley, Austin Fairbanks, Kelli Fairbanks, Laura Fairbanks, Rachel Chapman, Tristan Chapman, Perry Roll, Elena Roll, Rebecca Roll, Christopher Duncan, and Spencer Duncan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering was held at Murphy's Funeral Home at 4510 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on Thursday, March 16. A service was held on Friday, March 17, at 11:00am in the chapel at Murphy's Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [The Alzheimer's Association](#).

**PVS Calendar 2017:**

Apr	15	Sat	Ragtime at Ford's Theatre, 2:00 PM, McKinleys, Washington, DC
Apr	18	Tue	Annual Meeting, 7:30 PM, Heitchue/Sinclair Party Room, Reston, VA
Apr	25	Tue	ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, Schwartzbards, Arlington, VA
May	05	Fri	Paul Weber Spring Ski Show, 6:30-9:30 PM, Marriott Tysons Corner, VA
May	07	Sun	Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Concert, 3:00 PM, GW Masonic National Memorial, McKinleys, Alexandria, VA
May	16	Tue	Monthly General Meeting, 7:30 PM, home of M. Wyckoff/B Leonhardt, Potomac, MD
May	22	Mon	Tour of The National Archives, 9:45 AM, B. Van Nuys, Washington, DC
Jun	17	Sat	Summerfest (June General Meeting), 2:00 PM, Jablons, Washington, DC
Aug	05	Sat	Steak & Swim, 3:00 PM, Hines, Delaplane, VA

**PVS Ski Trips 2018:**



January 10-17, 2018:  
**Aspen/Snowmass 2018**, Colorado (Barry & Kathy Lake)



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- [Potomac Valley Skiers](#)
- [BRSC Sanctioned Trips](#)
- [DC Ski Online News](#)
- [Best of Times Ski Club](#)

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