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Greetings PVS Members,

Hello PVSers! I am writing this month about a change of club policy regarding the distribution of the TOOT. At the outset, I acknowledge that change is sometimes hard and sometimes creates a hardship. Nonetheless, please let me make the case for why change is needed.

ExCom has voted to cease mailing paper copies of the TOOT to those members who have email starting with next month's (October's) distribution of the TOOT. Why? The most important reason is not the cost; although the cost is considerable. The club treasurer estimates that the money spent for "snail mail" distribution of the TOOT usually constitutes one-third of the club's annual expenditures. Presently, 35 members receive a mailed paper copy of the TOOT each month. The monthly cost varies. However, it is estimated that snail mail costs the club \$70.00 per person every year.

However, that is not the underlying impetus for the change. The reason is the cost in person hours, the hassle, the burden, the trips to Staples and the like, the trips to the post office, and the preparation of the mailing packets. In short, it is all the extra work that someone has to do each month. Further, this policy is in line with the policies of an ever-growing number of organizations, including other ski clubs in the area.

Twenty-four members who presently receive a mailed version of the TOOT have email addresses and receive electronic versions of the club roster four times a year. Next month those members will receive the TOOT via electronic version only. If a member has a problem opening the attachment, please contact Dave Warthen, one of the club's computer geniuses, for help.

Eleven PVSers have not provided the club with email addresses. For those who do have email service, please provide an address to me or to Dave Warthen. There are a few members who do not have email. For the time being, we will continue to mail a paper copy of the TOOT to those few.

I ask those affected to be receptive to the change. As always, give me a call, (301) 330-2953, if you want to discuss this or any other PVS issues.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the September General Meeting at the Leonhardts and hearing about all your wonderful summer vacations.

Fondly,

Sharon

Monthly PVS Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

at the residence of

Barbara and Fred

Leonhardt

606 Firehouse Lane

Gaithersburg, MD 29878

Telephone: (301-963-8111)



Come and join your fellow PVSers at this monthly meeting in the Kentlands area. We will be celebrating the end of summer, anticipating the upcoming ski season, and enjoying the Leonhardts' hospitality.

Directions:

- 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 the 270 ramp).
- At the signal, turn right onto Tscheffely Square Rd. (the main Kentlands entrance)
- At the 3rd stop sign, turn right onto Leekes Lot Way, and then an immediate right onto Firehouse Lane (7th house on the right).
- Carpooling is advised.

Past Events:

Segway Tour of National Harbor, Wilson Bridge, Alexandria – June 28

--Ruth Powers

Twelve enthusiastic PVSers met at the Segway Store at National Harbor for a real adventure, organized by Barbara Leonhardt. The group included Carolyn and Dave DeVilbiss, Louann Eadie, Dick and Sandy Laeser, Leona Mahallati, Ruth Powers, Liz and Serge Triau, Dave Warthen, and Barbara and Fred Leonhardt. Most of the group had some previous Segway experience, but a few were trying them for the first time, and others of us needed refresher instructions before starting out. We divided into 2 groups of 6, each led by a guide. The guides had microphones that fed into the receiver and ear phones that we each wore, enabling us to receive instructions, warnings, and commentary on the sights we were seeing.



We started out touring National Harbor, which gave our bodies a chance to learn (or to remember) how to control the Segways in a benign environment (little auto or pedestrian traffic and smooth, flat terrain). We saw the Awakening statue, restaurants, hotels, and the dock for the water taxi. We then followed the crushed stone trail along Smoot Cove and the bicycle overpass over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to the bike trail that runs along the northern side of the bridge. We stopped on the overpass and on the bridge to enjoy the views, before continuing on to Alexandria. The guide pointed out many historical sights in Old Town, including Jones Point Lighthouse (1856), the John Carlyle House (founder of Alexandria) (1753), and the 7 foot-wide blue “Spite” house (1830).

We retraced the bike trail over the Wilson Bridge and headed back to National Harbor. Our guide said that we covered about 18 miles. At the end, we were all quite tired, especially our feet, but still excited about our experience. We were ready for a great lunch at McCormick and Schmick’s,

where we were joined by Marsha Warthen. Many thanks to Barbara for organizing this fun event.

ALL TRIPS PARTY

BY Guest Columnists Dante Dog and Monsieur Hoppi Dog

We attended the All Trips Party at Betty Lawrence’s house on Saturday, July 17. The party was a great success. In addition to we two dogs, 38 people, plus any who crashed, attended.

Taking first things first, the food was fabulous. The people drank this liquid which came in bottles. This loosens their inhibitions. Therefore, the people allowed us to sample the ample and very good hors d’oeuvres and main course. However, we were not given any of the multiple cakes or scrumptious-looking cherry pie. Dogs are unfairly discriminated against.

We found Betty’s back lawn and terrace spacious and inviting. There we learned about Liz Warren-Boulton and Reg Heitchue’s great Mt. Everest trip.



We were informed that Reg reached 21,300 feet. Liz encountered rocks, snow and ice, reminiscent of her favorite off piste ski trails.

Although we think it generally inappropriate to pay attention to what people wear, we could not help but notice Rosemary Schwartzbard's striking red necklace. We understand that it was a Cara's Creation.

After Ellie Thayer's announcements of events, which are reported elsewhere in this edition, and the welcoming of member applicants, Cara, Dick, and Sharon and Carolyn reported on next year's ski trips. Cara Jablon is leading a trip to Steamboat February 17-23rd. We are staying at the Steamboat Grand Hotel, just across from the slopes. Cara stressed the great variety of Steamboat ski terrain. Both the ski area and the Town of Steamboat have exceptional restaurants and non-skiing events. Cara and Bob reported on planned group cohesion activities, as well.



Dick Comerford reported on the December 11th through 18th Keystone trip. The Group will be staying 100 yards from the town Gondola. Participants also can ski at Copper and Breckenridge. Dick assures us that snow should be good and partying should be great. His emphasis seemed to be on the latter. Because airfare is not included (although there should be great deals), people can arrive and return at different dates as their schedules and desires allow.

Sharon Mulholland and Carolyn DeVilbiss reported on the January 19th through 26th Snowmass trip. Lift tickets are good at all Aspen mountains. (This comes as a result of a famous Supreme Court antitrust case.) Because the Snowmass terrain is so well suited to so many of our members and the success of the trip over many years, space is selling out. Ski-in/ski-out arrangements allow for group breakfasts and lunches. Sharon and Carolyn are planning for possible multiple non-skiing activities, including group dinners, potential wildlife and rich and famous tours, which we understand to be separate.

The trips are so good that Rosemary hopes to make all of them.

Not only us, but the people, thanked Betty for making her beautiful house available.

Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse Tour – August 23

--Louann Eadie

Eighteen PVSers met at the docks of Annapolis on Monday the 23rd of August to embark on a lovely lighthouse tour under the Bay Bridge. Barb and Fred Leonhardt graciously planned this fabulous tour for us. Everyone arrived early, with Dick Laeser and the Boykins having enough time to have breakfast at Chick and Ruth's Deli by the parking garage. Barb appreciated our punctuality. It was a 3-hour tour in absolutely perfect weather! Lots of sun and beautiful clouds acted as a backdrop for all of our pictures of these now privately-owned lighthouses.



The Lady Sarah was a very comfortable catamaran with 2 decks for gazing at the shoreline. The upper deck was perfect for viewing the Sandy Point Lighthouse, the Baltimore Lighthouse, and the Thomas Point Lighthouse. The lower deck was enclosed and air conditioned for those who wanted the comfort of cushioned seats and tables for dining!



Going under the Bay Bridge was quite exciting and many observers went to the bow or stern for a firsthand look at this magnificent structure. People could move about as they pleased to get a different take on the wonderful coastline.

We were pleased to see Sue Walsh on this excursion; Sue was visiting Rehoboth from her home in Arizona. She was joined by her sister, Pat, also visiting from Phoenix. It was wonderful to see the Mahallatis who now reside in Herndon, VA.

Everyone remarked how relaxed and smooth the trip was (even the traffic getting there).

Finger Lakes Wine Country Trip – August 26-28

--Rosemary Schwartzbard

A beautiful full moon and daytime temperatures in the 70s added to the perfection of this unique weekend. Our hosts, Susan and David Payne, live in a charming farmhouse that overlooks their picture-perfect vineyard on Lake Keuka in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Twenty PVSers joined this second Finger Lakes weekend extravaganza that began late Thursday afternoon with a tasting at a distillery. About half of our group arrived in time to taste the gin, vodka, whiskeys, and liquors. The favorite was the cherry liquor. The owner of the distillery gave us a tour and discussed the process of making whiskey. From there we went to a Brew Pub in Watkins Glen to meet the rest of the group and indulge in good food and an array of beers and wine.

Friday morning was free for optional activities. Some in the group walked “The Gorge,” some 800 steps and three miles, to view the fantastic falls and geological formations; one biked; others went to the Corning Museum; and a few drove their cars on the Watkins Glen International Race Track. We all met for lunch to trade stories. Bonnie and Bill Sweeney, our Indiana members, met us for lunch with their 20-month old grandchild. They drove three hours from Ft. Drum, New York, to meet us. Jan Marx drove in from Minneapolis for the weekend and Mark Schwartzbard came from Brooklyn to spend a day with the group.

Our next stop was the Payne Vineyard, which was a highlight of the trip. David took us on a tour of the vineyard and discussed the various grapes as we sampled them. They grow grapes used for Merlot, Cabernet, and unique Black Russian wines in addition to growing a dwindling supply of Concord grapes. It was fascinating to taste the grapes and try to guess which grapes were used in which wines. Also, we learned about the BRIX scale, a graduated scale used on a hydrometer that measures the weight of sugar per volume of solution. The grapes are at their peak when the BRIX number is about 21. Those we tasted, between 15 and 20, were almost mature enough to harvest. Because of the warm summer, the grapes are maturing early this year and harvesting has begun.

After sampling the grapes, we went to Ravine’s Winery to sample more wine. We ended the day at Pleasant Valley Wine Company, which used to be Taylor Wines. A first for most of us was a taste of Chocolate Lab wine (think wine, chocolate, and caramel), which is popular with the young crowd and found a few converts among some of us. We were met by the owner of the Pleasant Valley Wine Company, who gave us a personal tour of the old buildings which were built for Taylor Winery from 1860 to the 1890s. Because Susan works with the owner, we got a VIP tour through parts of the buildings that are not open to the public. We were taken down to the Caves and saw gigantic wine casks and rooms with thousands of bottles. We were then invited into the private library filled with antiques and served champagne and canapés. From there, we were escorted to the lovely dining room in the Pleasant Valley wine cellar. In the depths of the building we were served an elegant four-course gourmet dinner paired with wines. Some of the wines were from McGregor Winery made from the grapes grown at the Payne Vineyard. As if that were not enough, music was played by Shepherd Pie a talented duo on guitar and percussion. Members of PVS accompanied on tambourines, cymbals, and other such instruments. Entertainment was provided by many of our members including Dick Comerford, Bob Jablon, Eloise, Sharon Mulholland, and others. Certainly a night to remember!

The following morning we boarded the schooner True Love, which was featured in the movie High Society. We sailed around Lake Seneca on a picture-perfect morning as we sipped coffee, ate pastries, and told stories to our fellow crewmates. Then we were off to a winery, lunch, another winery, a shopping spot, and a brewery culminating the day with a dinner at Seneca Harbor Station with more wine and more good food. Several members were seen carrying cases of wine to the bus. A fantastic time was had by all. Susan and David planned a very special weekend. We thank them for all of the work in putting it together and the graciousness of their hospitality.

Coming Events:



A Culinary Experience at Culinaire

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at High Noon

Join your 15 fellow diners who have already signed up to have a delightful lunch at Culinaire Restaurant, the restaurant at the Art Institute (ai) of Washington's culinary school in Rosslyn. The culinary students, supervised by a chef instructor, cook and serve and the guests dine and enjoy. The light and airy setting is on the 12th floor at 1820 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia, with large picture windows looking outward as well as large picture windows looking into the kitchen. If our party is large enough (25 - 35), then we can reserve the entire restaurant. Otherwise, we will reserve a set number of tables. Expect prices to be around \$15.00 for three courses.

Wednesday, October 13 is the date; noon is the time; and credit card is the only allowable form of payment. The building is across the street from the back exit of the Rosslyn metro. There is metered and garage parking available in Rosslyn also. Contact Ellie Thayer at 703 534-3061 or at ellie.thayer@comcast.net. The deadline for signing up is September 15, 2010.



Frank Shelburne Memorial Hike

Thursday, October 28 at 10:30 am



LET'S HIKE. We're going hiking on the Lake Shore Trail at Great Seneca Park. Sharon Mulholland and Ingrid Dallaire will lead this 3.7 mile moderate hike around the lake. Weather should be crisp and cool and the birds, deer, and other wild life readily visible. Hiking boots or good trail shoes are recommended.

After the hike we'll do lunch at Vasilis Mediterranean Grill in Kentlands (approximately 12:30 to 2:00PM) for those that want. Call Sharon 301 330-2953 or email her at shank@mris.com to sign up. Google Seneca Creek State Park Trail Guide for directions and more information.





THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, INC

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
To Attend the Gala Dinner and Evening
In Celebration of the

FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
Of the Founding of
POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

Saturday, the Sixth of November
Two Thousand Ten
At Six O'Clock PM

BOLGER CENTER
9600 Newbridge Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

Featuring
Camaraderie, Dinner, Entertainment

Reception – 6:00 to 7:00 o'clock with Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
Dinner and Program – 7:00 – 9:00 o'clock
Choice of Entrée

Center cut filet mignon with rosemary wine demi glace, or
Spinach and baby portabella stuffed breast of chicken with
chardonnay sauce, or

Black sesame crusted pan seared sea bass with a sake lemon sauce

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

RSVP \$65 Per Person
Early reservations are imperative (please indicate choice of entrée)

Checks payable to PVS

Mail to: Betty Lawrence, 10000 Woodrow St. Vienna, VA 22181

If you need a ride we will be sure someone will pick you up.

**For those who would like to continue the celebration, The
Bolger Center PUB will be open until 1:00AM. If you would like
to stay the night, you can make a room reservation by calling
the Bolger Center Hotel at 800-777-7803**

PVS FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND GALA EVENING
Saturday, November 6, 2010

Although it hardly seems possible, another five years have rolled by and it's time to once again celebrate the founding of PVS. For those of you who have joined PVS in the past five years, this is an event not to be missed. In fact, for everyone in PVS this is an event not to be missed. Your invitation with all the details is included in this issue of the TOOT, so please save the date and the invitation. I urge everyone to please RSVP to Betty Lawrence as soon as possible by sending in the form below along with your check.

This year's event will be held at the same place as last time – The Bolger Center in Potomac, MD. Everyone enjoyed the ambience at this conference center, so we are returning once more. The dinner will be preceded by a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres in the cozy lounge next to the Overland dining room. The full dinner will include salad and dessert as well as your choice of three delicious entrees. The program following the dinner will include a memorable slide show of the past 45 years, music (OK, songs sung by PVSers), door prizes and much more. For those of you who plan to come from out of town, the Bolger Center has relatively inexpensive hotel facilities available on site so you can relax and stay overnight. ***{See Anniversary Flyer previous page}***

Please detach and send the form below to:
Betty Lawrence, 10000 Woodrow Street, Vienna, VA 22181-3138.

Name(s) _____

Number in party _____

Choices of entrée:	No.	
_____	_____	Filet Mignon (please indicate rare, medium, or well done)
_____	_____	Stuffed Chicken Breast
_____	_____	Sea Bass

Please enclose a check payable to PVS for \$65 per person.

Check here if you will need to have transportation provided _____

Ski Trips:



Keystone

December 11 - 18, 2010

Wedel Week - A good relaxing way to start the new ski season



At Keystone, Colorado you'll find everything that makes a perfect vacation all in one place. From lodging, dining and activities, Keystone offers great skiing on 3 mountains, along with unique activities like night skiing, KAT snow cat skiing, dog sledding, and dinner sleigh rides.

Accommodations:

River Run Village is the most popular place to stay at Keystone. With great shopping, dining, nightlife, swimming pools and even a Starbucks close by, these units are in a perfect location for those who want to be close to the slopes and in the middle of the action. From River Run, it is a short walk to the River Run Gondola and the Summit Express lift. The accommodations in River Run are all newly designed, mountain-theme suites. The 2 bedroom condominiums have a living room, kitchen and bedrooms that have either a king size bed or twin beds (configuration can be decided later-there is sufficient inventory).

Included in cost:

- Lodging at the River Run Deluxe Condominiums
- Daily Breakfast
- Three Dinners – Wolf Rock Steak House, Summit Seafood Company, and Der Fondue Chessel at Keystone Mountain at the top of North Peak (with Bavarian Dancing)
- Private Après Ski Parties in Trip
- Transportation to Keystone via Colorado Mountain Express

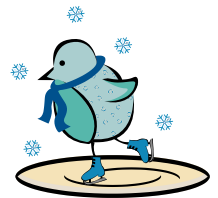
NOT included in the cost:

- Ski tickets – Ski 4 Packs (4 days) for Keystone were sold last year for \$139. Ski 4 Packs at Copper Mountain were \$129.
- Airfare – Note: Southwest now flies from Dulles to Denver non-stop

Cost: \$825.

Contact Dick Comerford if interested: (H) 703-777-9374 (C) 571-426-3098 dick.comerford@verizon.net

Send \$220 deposit to me – 307 Lounsbury Ct, Leesburg, VA 20176, indicate “Keystone 2011” on check Memo





SNOWMASS 2011

Wednesday, January 19-26, 2011



FILLING QUICKLY! PVS returns to our “Old Faithful” Colorado ski resort with reduced pricing in 2011. We will again stay at Snowmass Mountain Chalet with its ski-in ski-out convenience, the welcoming staff, and the many amenities of the Aspen environ. Join us for this PVS favorite! www.mountainchalet.com www.aspensnowmass.com
Check out the lower rates this year!

Full package, including air: \$1938 Land only: \$1494 Single Supplement: +\$886

+ Snowmass offers the creme de la creme of ski-in ski-out experience with direct access to 3,100 acres of slope-side skiing just outside the door. The skiing terrain covers more than 5,000 acres with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas.

+ Slope-side lodging at Snowmass Mountain Chalet includes a daily family-style hot breakfast and soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year. The reunions in the hot tub quickly refresh the memories. The spacious, welcoming lobby with oversized stone fireplace, flat screen TV and card table for “Dave’s” games also provides the setting for the weekly apres-ski party given by the hotel.

+ The trip will include group dinners, our own apres-ski parties, games, and other activities available in the Aspen environs. Many participants take a day off to “do” the town of Aspen. Historical restaurants and hotels, shops with the Western flair including consignments (just ask Rosemary and Eloise about the deals), nightly live music, opera house theater, and other cultural activities can be included in your city tour.

+ SINGLE MALE NEEDED

Carolyn at 703-370-4865 (Carolyn.maurer@verizon.net) or Sharon at 301-330-2953 (shank@mris.com)

To reserve, send deposit of \$1000 per person (NOTE “PVS 2011” on the memo line) to:

Carolyn DeVilbiss, 4508 Peacock Ave., Alexandria VA 2230





Steamboat Springs

February 17 - 23, 2011

The [Potomac Valley Skiers](#) invites you to attend a week of skiing in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. [Steamboat Springs, Ski Town USA](#), has a base elevation of 6,900 feet, ideal for anyone who has difficulty adapting to high altitude (sleeping below 7,500 feet keeps the headaches away). Besides offering 2,965 acres of trails and glades with a large variety for all levels of downhill skiers, Steamboat has a wealth of other activities. These activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoe tours, snowmobile tours, ice skating, soaking in the natural mineral hot springs, winter fly fishing, the winter driving school center, hot balloon rides, winter horseback riding, dinner sleigh rides, day spas, and shopping in Steamboat Springs.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The **STEAMBOAT GRAND** is a premier hotel a short 100-yard walk from the high-speed gondola, with complimentary ski storage slope side. It has an outdoor heated pool and two hot tubs, sauna, full service spa and fitness center, in-room coffee makers and flat screen TVs, and wireless internet. Restaurants/cafes in the hotel: The Cabin Restaurant specializes in organic, natural and local fare; Chops is a Western-theme mountain bar; Grand Café is a coffee shop; and Bistro Bar is open pool side.

THE COST IS \$1,775 PER PERSON. Based on double occupancy (seniors 65 and older deduct \$45), which includes:

Lodging at the Steamboat Grand for Six Nights

Daily Breakfast

Welcome Pizza Dinner the First Night

One Group Dinner

Private Après Ski Parties

Pre-Trip Party

Five-Day Lift Ticket

Round Trip Air from Dulles to Hayden, Colorado

Round Trip Ground Transfer on AlpineTaxi Van Service from Hayden to Steamboat

To reserve a place, please send a deposit of \$250 per person to:

Cara Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20007 (202-333-5332 or rcjablon@aol.com)



JOIN THE CAPITAL GOLDEN SKIERS ON A RIVER CRUISE

May 5 – 16, 2011

Cruise the Dnieper River from Kiew (also known as Kiev) to Odessa with the CGS.

See how the Vikings, Tartars, and Cossacks influenced today's Ukraine. Visit Yalta's famed White Palace and Odessa's Potemkin Steps.

Learn about maritime history in Sevastopol and tour the Monastery of the Caves in Kiew.

<http://capitalgoldenskiers.com/SiteResources/Data/Templates/Template1.asp?DocID=232>

Signup **deadline is September 30, 2010**; cost is \$2,328; airfare is \$1,097.

For more info contact Inge Lesjak at skislovenia@aol.com

Members Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
dwarthen@verizon.net

Climbing Mt. Quandary by Ellie Thayer:

Mt. Quandary - 14,250 feet – is one of Colorado’s fifty-four mountains exceeding 14,000 feet. These peaks are affectionately known as 14ers. I was convinced by my son and daughter-in-law to scale this 14er after our initial successful 14er climb last summer. Jack, who tore his ACL skiing at Jackson Hole in February, decided at the last minute that he would not be left



behind. We began climbing at 6:45am on Wednesday, June 30, 2010, and ended our descent eight hours later. The climb was 6.7 miles round trip. The trail, when discernable, was rugged. Nearly half was scree, i.e., loose piles of rocks. In a few places, semi-steps fashioned from big rocks had been set in place. However, they were slanted instead of flat and of varying heights. The trail was very steep, especially the last fifth of the hike to the summit. We could not have done it without our trekking poles.

The views were spectacular. From the dry top of Mt. Quandary we could see Mt. Democrat, which we climbed last year, where the rain was pouring down in buckets. In the far distance we glimpsed Pike’s Peak. There was some snow on top, but not enough to obscure the trail. Jack plunged thigh deep in soft snow and was helped out by a couple of young hikers passing by. There were a lot of “young” hikers. Jack and I were the oldest duo on the mountain. Perhaps we were the slowest too, but we did not mind.

Despite the challenges or perhaps because of them, it was an exhilarating experience. The scenery and vistas were beautiful. The PB&J sandwiches on the top were fine dining. Most of all, just doing it produced a satisfying communal sense of accomplishment.

Warthens’ New England/Canada Cruise:

Eliminating air travel and TSA packing, we embarked upon the RC Enchantment of the Seas in Baltimore on 12 August for a 9-day cruise. Although our ship (989’ L) was larger than the Titanic (882’ L), it was one of the smaller RC cruise ships with only 1,125 staterooms. How nice to unpack once for the entire trip!



After one day at sea, we disembarked in Portland, ME for a tour of the city, which included the famous Head Light lighthouse and Kennebunkport. We quickly discovered lobster rolls and clam chowder for lunch.

The next morning, we disembarked via tender to Bar Harbor, ME, for a tour of the Lobster Oceanarium and Acadia National Park. A drive to Cadillac Mt. in Acadia gave us a breathtaking view of Bar Harbor and our cruise ship.

The next morning, we disembarked in St. Johns, New Brunswick for a double decker, pink bus tour of the city, which included the public King’s Square gardens, the Bay of Fundy (with average tides of 28’ – max at 52’), Fort Howe, the Main St. marigolds (planted in the median strip by school children for the last 12 years), the reversing falls of the St. Johns River (due to tide changes), and the famous City Market.



The next morning, we disembarked in Halifax, Nova Scotia for a double decker red bus tour of the city, which included the beautiful public gardens, the Citadel – changing of the guard (in kilts), and Town Clock.



After another day at sea, we disembarked in Boston, MA, for a tour of Old Town and Cambridge (MIT), which included the Old State House, Cheers, the skyline, and lunch at the Black Rose (lobster roll & clam chowder).

**T H E
K N E E**

*The KNEE is away
On this hot summer day,
But you knee-d not despair
(Or you knee-d not exult),
For the KNEE will be back
In the October TOOT.*



COL. JOSEPH KNOX FELKER, JR.

Long time PVS member, Knox Felker, was born on September 19, 1919 and died just short of his 91st birthday on August 7, 2010.

Knox was a perfect southern gentleman with an impish sense of humor. He was an army colonel, a skier, a runner, and a hiker, and he loved cats although I don't think he ever owned one. Knox had an array of hats for any occasion including a pith helmet, a Tyrolean hat, and many ski hats.

Knox and Karen were avid European skiers and often went to Europe with an English group, which was, according to Knox, "a much better deal." Two decades ago Knox and Karen ran a PVS ski trip to Val d'Isere, France. It was set up by the English tour group, which had rented an entire hotel for the winter. It was a unique experience for the 25 PVSers who went on the trip. Knox and Karen also hosted many special PVS dinners in the party room at their Falls Church condominium.

When you saw Knox and asked him how he was, he always replied: "Instantly better." Skiing one time, I remarked that I made much better turns in one direction than the other, and Knox quipped: "It's political." He also said that he tried never to eat on an empty stomach and referred to a class of snow boarders as "Boarding School." Such was his sense of humor.

Knox and Karen moved to South Carolina five years ago but kept up their membership in PVS.

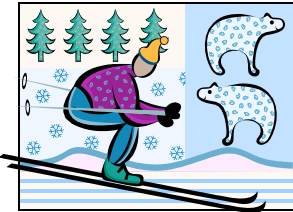
Knox will be missed by all who knew him.

Submitted by Marilyn Clark



2010 Calendar

Sep 21	PVS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM (Leonhardts)
Sep 28	ExCom, 7:30 PM (Ellie Thayer)
Oct 13	Lunch at Culinaire Restaurant, High Noon (Rosslyn, VA)
Oct 19	PVS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM (Jablons)
Oct 26	ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM TBA
Oct 28	Frank Shelburne Hike at Great Seneca Park (Mulholland)
Nov 06	PVS 45 th Anniversary Gala, 6:00-9:00 PM (Bolger Center, Potomac, MD)



Ski Trips

December 11-18, 2010	Keystone (Comerford)
January 19-26, 2011	Snowmass (DeVilbiss & Mulholland)
February 17-23, 2011	Steamboat (Jablon)

Useful "Links"

Potomac Valley Skiers	http://www.potomacvalleyski.org
Capital Golden Skiers	http://www.capitalgoldenski.org
BRSCSanctioned Trips	http://www.skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
DC Ski Online News	http://www.dcski.com

Roster Changes:

- Cara **Jablon** 202-669-5322 (Cell phone)
- Bob **Jablon** 202-669-4820 (Cell phone)
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3904 Ridgelea Drive
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703-323-9322
bvannuys@verizon.net
- Salaheddin **Mahallati** (Reinstated Active Couple)
- Susan Payne 607-727-1190 (Cell phone)
- Barbara **Leonhardt** 301-996-2338 (Cell phone)
- Fred **Leonhardt** 301-996-2337 (Cell phone)
- Russell W. **Billen** & Andra M. **Duskie** (New Applicant Couple)
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PVS Database Analysis:

156 members:
111 households (45 couples & 66 individuals),
64 males & 92 females
Active Members = 119
Applicant Members = 9
Associate Members = 6
Absentee Members = 20
Honorary Members = 2
(Present membership includes 8 Charter Members)
131 members reside in the DC Metro Area:
9 in DC, 53 in MD, 69 in VA
25 members reside in 15 other states:
AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, IN, NC, NH, NJ, NM,
NV, NY, OH, SC, & TX
144 members (92.3%) have e-mail addresses
310 ex-members

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