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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Are you aware (or do you remember) that PVS has a special service for its members? We do! We run a "dating service" for would-be skiers. If you are going skiing, you call in when you plan to ski, where, and how many you can take; or, if you're looking for someone to go with, you call and tell us when you want to go, etc. We take care of the rest and put you in touch with one another. Actually, this is our "Answering Service" and YOU can take advantage of it by calling Jan or me at 451-9158. We also are keeping the calendars of other local ski clubs so that we can advise you of local trips they have planned.

10/28/80

I felt this was an appropriate message for this TOOT as I watched the first few flakes of that beautiful white stuff drift slowly down into my patio last week. They are skiing at Killington already, Wisp got a foot last week, and PVS has its first official trip on the weekend of January 8-10, 1982, to Wisp. The real point is that you don't need to wait for an official trip - just organize yourself and call the Answering Service.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas Gluwein Party. Until then, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

*Bob*

Bob Marx, President

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### DECEMBER EVENT

### PVS MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Tuesday, December 15th. 8:00 p.m.  
What: Our annual Christmas Gluwein party hosted again this year by Bob and Adele Waggaman at their home at One West Melrose St., Chevy Chase, Md.

Adele says that beverages will be provided but donations of appropriate nibbles will be appreciated. No reservations necessary.

Directions: See next page.



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DIRECTIONS TO THE DECEMBER 15th GLUWEIN PARTY:

The Waggamans live at One West Melrose St., Chevy Chase, Md., at the corner of Connecticut Ave., 5 blocks north of Chevy Chase Circle. If coming by beltway, take Exit 20 and proceed south on Conn. Ave. about 2½ miles. Melrose Street is the next street after Bradley Lane and is just south of the Chevy Chase Club entrances --- on the same side of the street.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA !!!!!

When: December 31st. 8:30 p.m. and on. And on.

Where: Home of Vivian and Bob Barry, 2535 Ogden St. Falls Church, Va.

What: Seeing out the Old, bringing in the New in an appropriate fashion with friends, old and new.

Cost: Approximately \$5.00 plus a food donation.  
Call Bob Barry by December 28th to make reservation and get ideas on what food to bring.  
Bob's telephone: Home - 560-3127. Office - 351-7167



Directions:

Take Beltway Exit # 10 (Rte 7) for Falls Church. Go about a mile to the light at Shreve Road (there is a Gino's on one corner, Giant Food on another). Turn right at this light and continue on Shreve Rd. for about 3/4 mile - past Elementary School on the left - to Ogden Street. Turn right; it is the deadend side of Ogden. 2535 has a picket fence and is the next to last house on right hand side.  
An alternate route from D.C.: Take Lee Highway thru Falls Church Center, turn right on Shreve Rd. (Rte. 703) and left on Ogden Street - about 1/2 mile from Lee Highway.

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL CATACOMBS

When: Saturday, December 12th - 2:00 p.m. SHARP

What: Tour of the catacombs under the Lincoln Memorial. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes (temperature will be only 50 degrees inside). Also, bring flashlights. The National Park Service informs us that this trip is not appropriate for children - or adults - who are afraid of the dark.

Where to meet: To find entrance, turn left into a door just before the long steps up to the Memorial. There is a sign pointing to restrooms. See you at 2:00 SHARP.

This tour is now full but call Malle McKinley at 790-8812 to be put on the wait list.

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ALSO COMING UP: JANUARY 19th MONTHLY MEETING AT GLADE FLAKE'S HOME IN POTOMAC, MD., WITH SPECIAL FEATURE TO BE DESCRIBED IN NEXT TOOT

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PAST EVENTS

AD ASTRA PER ASPERA by the Barrys

A brisk, starry fall night and a full moon welcomed 24 PVSers to the Naval Observatory on October 8th. Our tour began with a brief overview by an attractive staff member who told us that the first observatory was founded in the early 1800's in Foggy Bottom. Needless to say, the location was less than desirable and after the loss of several staff members to malaria, it was moved to its present location "in the country" on Massachusetts Avenue N.W.

Our resident star-gazer - Ray Astro-Knee - could not resist the temptation to occasionally expose himself (that is to say, his astronomical knowledge).

We were treated to a 15 minute film on the nature of the universe and a briefing of the atomic clock -- we are the nation's timekeeper! One PVSer asked "whether we could see the clock" and, much to her surprise, she had been standing in front of it throughout the briefing it had no hands, you see. Another PVSer observed "it would be the perfect gift for the PVSer who had everything."

We were then left on our own to follow the yellow brick road to three observatories -

- one housing the largest telescope where we were treated to several uplifting experiences as the floor was raised and lowered to accomodate individual heights. Here we observed a constellation of stars in our galaxy which were many thousand light years away.

- the second telescope was fixed on a certain star formation and was staffed 24 hours a day.

- the last telescope (and definitely the most interesting) was fixed on our closest celestial neighbor - "the ole man in the moon." We were told that this telescope was found rusting away on the grounds and restored by two young staffers to its present working condition with two magnifications which made you feel as if you were "on the moon."

The group then retired to a party at Vice President Bush's official residence on the Observatory grounds (that is, a tailgate party at the Barry's station wagon parked across from the residence) where we enjoyed mulled cider, cheese, donuts, laughter and music under the stars. (The Veep sent his regrets.)

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CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT! by Norman Engleman

The Potomac Valley Skiers and Eaters (PVS&E) met on November 17th at Charlotte Eddy's beautiful home in Fairfax. The meeting was well attended and the food and drinks outstanding.

After a short business meeting, Brian Eadley of the Washington Ski Center gave a very knowledgeable presentation on the state of the art of skiing covering all types of ski equipment (boots, skis, bindings, etc.). In addition, he gave a detailed explanation and demonstration of ski thotics (orthotic devices for skiers). He felt that these would help 90% of all skiers to improve their skiing by holding the foot properly. They are custom fitted and available at better ski shops. Brian, one of the top local professional skiers, said the device helped him. Incidentally, his father still skis at the age of 77 and was one of the people who introduced me to skiing.

After Brian's presentation, there was a movie on "Learn to Ski Week" at Killington, Vermont and Bob Marx showed slides of some of our eating and drinking activities. Our hostess and Brian Eadley are to be congratulated for providing us a very enjoyable evening.

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PAST EVENT

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES by Alice Swalm

It wasn't exactly clear what was being harvested but it was for sure a splendid "Harvest Dinner" - the name given the latest PVS eating affair which was held November 14th at Skyline House at Bailey's Crossroads.

Those 40 intrepid PVSers who solved the puzzles of the parking at Skyline Plaza and who finally found their way to the party room in the sky were welcomed by starlight, city lights, candle light - and champagne punch. Dinner, which followed the happy hour, consisted of dishes prepared from recipes in the eagerly awaited PVS Cookbook. Such elegant dishes as Crabmeat Quiche, Boeuf Bourguignon, and Zippy Vegetable salad were proof enough that the cookbook will be a valuable addition to any gourmet's kitchen library.

Seen here and there: Aina Thomas counting the take; Dot Mason and Marilyn Clark supervising the kitchen scene; Bob Wyckoff jitterbugging; Bernie Schuchner catching his breath after cooking all that Beef B.; Malle McKinley being the beautiful hostess; Jim Slack beaming over his choice of wines; Hank Thomas looking for beer and Ginny Larson looking for her car and a jump cable.

It was a great party and whoever said our motto should be PVS "The Club for Eaters" instead of "The Club for Skiers" may have hit on a profound truth. As a proud member of the club-for skiers or for eaters, I make a motion the Harvest Dinner become an annual event.

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ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

Because the club has had so many eating events, various hosts and hostesses have accumulated a variety of left behind utensils and dishes.

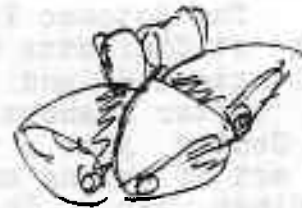
If you're missing anything, call one of the hosts.

- Among other found items are
- 2 large cooking pots from the Rehoboth weekend
- 1 cake server from the Harvest Dinner - call Bob Marx

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**Special Event**



On Saturday, November 28th, Gail Gell and Larry Pease tied the well known knot. The marriage ceremony, held at the home of Mary and Norman Engleman in Potomac, Md., was followed by a joyful celebration attended by 90 friends and relations who feasted on exotic Mexican dishes and toasted the happy couple until the wee hours.

All Potomac Valley Skiers send Gail and Larry very best wishes and hope the forecast for them will always be 10" base, 20" new powder, and snowing.

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# The Knee

by  
Ray McKinley



Kneecember is my favorite month and, in most skiing areas of the country,

wishes for a white Christmas actually resulted in a white Thanksgiving. They are already skiing in California, the Rockies and Vermont. Even local Wisp is open. An kneeway, it seems it's going to be a great winter for skiing. Let's all get out and enjoy it.

At a recent ski event at the Canadian Embassy, the Ski Quebec people assured Bob and Jan Marx and the Knee that all Quebec and Montreal ski areas would be open by December One. (I wasn't there as the Knee. You might say I was incogkneetoe.) The Canadians provided good food and drink (although, surprisingly, no Canadian Club) but a lousy movie. Where is the lamp flick when we need it?

At that event, long time Washington skier, Den Drumwright, informed me that the Pennsylvania Ski Federation is dead. Ergo, delete PSF membership from your PVS membership cards. He also said he can provide a 40% discount on helicopter skiing in the Bugaboos. (I understand, however, that you have to pedal the helicopter!)

I received an anonkneemous Halloween card (from Aina Thomas). It said "What would you call an irrigation ditch through a graveyard?"

Answer: "An eerie canal."

It's nice to see more old time PVSers are rejoining the club. A heartknee welcome back to Mort and Sue Stimler.

I hear that, while fishing on Assateague Island this summer, Jan Marx caught a seagull. Jonathan Livingstone, perhaps?

My spy from Baltimore, Carol Parmenter, reports that the Baltimore Ski Club now has near 5,000 members. They even do some skiing. A group of "real skiers" has broken off to create their own ski club. Perhaps, we'll soon have the Patapsco Valley Skiers.

Brian Eadley from the Washington Ski Center addressed the Nov. PVS

meeting and came up with some great gossip. Some samples: Earl Allen Ski is out of business. Knessel, Scott, Garmont, Hexcell and K-2 are all out-or almost out-of business. There will be a new ski area near Thurmont next year with a 1,000 foot vertical. And the new knee-high (no pun intended) boots don't work very well because the heel pieces keep coming out.

Brian also told us about the new skithotic, a custom built device which, inserted in the boot, will result in a better fit and improved skiing. Good show, Brian!

At this same meeting, Don McBride reminded us of Wyckoff's first trip to Tigne in France when Art Topping was divested of his beard trimming sissors in an airline check for weapons. Norm Engleman was complaining that his early pair of Lange boots leaked. Dick Clark suggested it might have been because of the holes for the laces.

The Dumknee of the Month Award goes to me. I had taken some great Knee notes at a recent event, left them in my shirt pocket and had the shirt washed. Result: pure pulp.

The Harvest Dinner was a great success. After all the great food, host Bernie Schuchner suggested we change the club's name to Potomac Valley Eaters. I don't know why but new member Knox Felker had his knees on the table for a period of time. Was it a tribute to me?

Dot Mason looked absolutely radiant at the event. When I told her this she suggested it might be the glow left over from her 67th birthday party the previous evening. Right on, Dot!

And finally:

Finkkneish	From Finland
Ray Knee	Not my favorite kind of weather. I prefer snowknee
Saint KneeClaus	A busy fellow at this time of year
Kneecrows	Black Knees
An knee body	Who I'll ski with
Knee-monic	What I use to remember the name of this column

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SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN!!!!

PVS's long-heralded cookbook will be available for sale at the Christmas gluwain party!

This volume of 133 pages is the impressive result of the dedicated labors of Bette Walker, Pat Cope, Marilyn Clark, Malle McKinley, and Alice Swalm and, most notably, Mort Kuff who designed, illustrated and arranged the printing of the opus.

Cost to you: \$6.95.

Buy one. Buy two Buy a bunch. Your Christmas gift problems are solved!

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**SKI TRIPS**

WISP 1982

The PVS annual January Wisp ski trip will be on January 8-10 at our usual lodge, Timberlake. Once again we plan to car pool up on Friday, ski on Saturday and Sunday, returning Sunday evening.

The cost of the weekend, approximately \$30, will include two breakfasts, lunch fixings, Saturday supper and lodging for two nights. Lift tickets and transportation are extra.

The lodge will hold 13 people comfortably with extras on the couches. If interested, call Gail Gell 924-5000 or see her at the December meeting.

SNOWSHOE TRIP PLANNED

Three or four more people are needed to share spacious condominium at Snowshoe, West Virginia, for mid-week period January 18-21. Prompt decision is needed to secure reservation.

Call Helen Price (333-0154) for further information.

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**ACTIVITIES and TRIPS**

- Dec. 12 ... Lincoln Memorial Catacomb Visit. 2 p.m.
- Dec. 15 ... Christmas Party at the Waggaman's. 8 p.m.
- Dec. 22 ... ExCom Meeting at Marilyn Clark's. 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31 ... New Year's Eve Party at the Barry's. 8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Glade Flake's. 8 p.m.
- Jan. 26 ... ExCom Meeting at the Marx home. 7:30 p.m.

SKI TRIPS

- Jan. 8 - 10 ... WISP. Gail Gell leading. (924-5000)
- Jan. 22-Feb 7 .. SKI AUSTRIA. Wyckoffs leading. (589-5532)
- Jan. 23-30 ... SCWDC sponsored trip to Sun Valley, Idaho.  
Call Tom Rollow (703-684-7154)
- Jan 26-Feb 9 ... SPAIN/NORTH AFRICA. Grasleys leading.(460-3167)
- Jan. 29-Feb 7... KITZBUEHL, AUSTRIA. SCWDC trip. Call John Holt  
(703-534-2512)
- Mar. 6 - 20 ... SKI UTAH POWDER. Englemans leading.(299-2635)
- Mar. 13-19 ... SKI SUTTON, CANADA. Beightons leading.(424-5707)

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