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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteers. They are what makes PVS function. Did you ever notice that the first 3 letters of the word "function" are what make PVS great? FUN! Every month we see our volunteers in action when we attend a meeting--hosted by a volunteer; when we go on a trip--led by a volunteer; when we read the TOOT--edited and assembled by volunteers with contributions from many volunteers; and when we read about the work of our Nominating Committee and their slate of officers--volunteers all. This system really works!

As we look toward the end of the 1982-1983 ski season in our planning, we find that we need a new set of volunteers to organize the "off season" events which keep PVS "fun" year round. (See separate article inside.) We also have heard that many TOOT readers found the recent "tech" articles by Geoff Wadey a nice addition to the regular repertoire. More such articles are possible if one of you will take the time to write it and send it in to our Editor.

Think about these needs of PVS as you read the rest of this issue and look for a task that YOU can do well; then call me, or the person listed, to say, "I'll help."

See you at the Flake's.

BOB MARX, President

FEBRUARY MEETING

Movies From Canada -- Talk With Our European Skiers
Good Company -- Refreshments

When: February 15. Tuesday. 8:00 p.m.

Where: The beautiful home of Glade and Joan Flake
11804 Beekman Place
Potomac, MD Tel: 762-6890

Directions: From the Beltway, go northwest (out) on River Road to the traffic light in "downtown" Potomac. Proceed on River Road to the third street on the right (Norton Road). Take Norton Road as it descends to a "T" with South Glen Road. Go to the left on South Glen Road and go to the first street on the right (Glen Road). Take Glen Road to the first street on the left (Beekman Place). Take Beekman Place to 11804 on the left. Y'all come!

REPORTS OF RECENT EVENTS / MEETINGS

NEW YEARS EVE GALA by Marilyn Clark

Some 35 people, FVSers and others, greeted 1983 at Vivian and Bob Barry's festively decorated home. Fires blazed in the many fireplaces as spirits were dispensed by an elegantly attired Bob Barry at the bar. There was a seemingly endless array of tempting food. One comment I heard more than once was, "Where are the other 50 people to eat all of this food?"

At midnight, champagne glasses were raised amid much hugging and kissing as friends wished each other a happy new year!

FIFTH ANNUAL ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-AT-SHAKEY'S MEETING by Bob Marx

This year FVS assembled the largest January group ever at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Rockville for their all-you-can-eat pizza/chicken/salad dinner. Not only were there over 40 FVSers, but 6 new guests joined us for the evening. Some of the guests must have thought we always eat like that because they have already sent in their membership dues. Besides all the guests, it was especially nice to see some of our seldom seen members, including the Stecher Family, the Flakes, and Aase Berling. This just goes to prove the point that even when you have a meeting way out in the boonies of Maryland, you can draw a crowd to FVS if food is offered!

Following one of the normally brief business meetings, (ask Irene Farrell about it if you missed it) there were two new movies (to FVS) courtesy of the Canadian Embassy--no lamps but a lot of good skiing. Steve Grenleski was busy before and after selling FVS sweatshirts; sales have been brisk with some sizes already in short supply. Do you have yours?

JANUARY EX COM MEETING

Due to the Nyckoffs luring so many FVSers to the slopes of La Plagne, a quorum could not be mustered at the home of the Marxes who hosted the January Ex Com meeting. Nevertheless, the assembled masses managed to discuss some business (and a lot of monkey business) for over 2½ hours while munching the goodies Bob Marx had provided. (This is notable because normally Jan Marx provides the goodies, but Bob let her go skiing in Utah for 12 days with the Heitchues while he stayed home with the boys. As an aside, Jan reports that lift tickets at Alta are up in price--to \$10-- this year.)

Items discussed included:

The new "New Members Application" which explains a little about FVS while the prospective member makes out his/her check.

The possible need for some formal guidelines to help our local trip leaders in planning and organizing their trips. A committee will be formed to prepare a draft for discussion at a future Ex Com meeting.

The report of the Nominating Committee (see report on the following pages.)

The need for people to coordinate our spring and summer events (see article on the following pages.)

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As required in the PVS By Laws, President Bob Marx appointed a Nominating Committee to select candidates for the office of President and the 3 departing Ex Com positions. The appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee, Don Gope, convened the Committee (Marilyn Clark, Roy Elrod, Karen Feiker, Art Topping, and Bette Walker) at his home on the evening of January 13th. Despite the fact that Don plied them with the best from his extensive wine cellar, the Committee managed to perform its duty and present the following slate for consideration at the April Annual Meeting:

For President: Gail Pease

For Ex Com: Steve Grenleski
Reg Heitchue
Jim Wingrove

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

FROM THE NIEDERHOLDS - Penny reports that Mike was stricken with two heart attacks this past fall and has undergone a triple bypass operation. He is doing well now and travelled to Florida in January to present a professional paper. PVS wishes Mike a continued speedy recovery!

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Thanks to Peggy Burns and Lu Beale who found copies of several back issues of TOOT which help complete our club archives. We still need the issues listed below; please look through YOUR archives and send copies to Bob if you find the following:

1972 - July, August, September, November, December

1973 - January, March

FROM THE SUBSTITUTE EDITOR - Regular TOOT Editor, Lu Beale, has taken her annual winter sojourn with the Wyckoffs. There is nothing like this which makes one more appreciative of having Lu here. Anyone with complaints about this issue of TOOT is invited to follow the advice of that wise old sage, Archie Bunker--"Stifle thyself!" Hurry back Lu!

NEW MEMBERS / ADDRESS LIST UPDATES - Please update your address lists with the following:

Thelma Belloli, 59 Daw Street, Framingham, MA 01701	
W.D.E. (Ted) Cardwell, 1405 Greenmont Court, Reston, VA 22090	473-3783
Wayland Coe, 10201 Grosvenor Pl. #1113, Rockville, MD 20852	493-6572
Nancy Laymon, 2259 Double Eagle Court, Reston, VA 22091	476-4262
Philip Ufholz, 1229 J Greenleaf Court, Potomac, MD 20854	340-0683

MID-WEEK SKIING - Our list of potential mid-week ski companions is growing. If you want to be listed, call Jan Marx (451-9158). So far we have:

Lu Beale	363-3521	Jan Marx	451-9158
Peggy Burns	256-4443	Helen Price	333-0154
Irene Farrell	963-2075	Charlotte Reith	765-1810
Nancy Laymon	476-4262	Dean Worcester	(301) 987-6017

SKI WINTERGREEN - One bedroom condo for rent weekends or weekdays. Sleeps 4, fully equipped kitchen, fireplace, TV, washer/dryer. Off the slopes, but shuttle bus runs 9 times daily between 8:15 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Call Charles McGrath at 455-9713 after 7:00 p.m.

EVENTS COORDINATOR NEEDED - Events Chair Vivian Barry has been busy thinking up lots of neat things for PVS to do this spring and summer when the skiing gets too rocky. What she needs now is people to coordinate each event. If YOU have a particular interest in one of the following and are willing to help make the fun available to the rest of PVS, call Vivian at 560-3127. These events can happen only if we get coordinators!

EVENT 1: Sugaring Off at Catoctin Mountain Park - This annual festival takes place on the weekends of March 5-6 and 12-13. It provides an opportunity to see this traditional activity and enjoy the company of PVS friends.

EVENT 2: Tour of the State Department or Special Exhibits at the Smithsonian - Reports have it that the State Department has available, on a very limited basis, one of the better tours in the Washington, DC area. We also hear that the Smithsonian will make arrangements for private tours of some of its special exhibits.

EVENT 3: Gold Cup Tailgate Party--Warrenton Steeplechase - This annual event takes place on the first Saturday in May - the 7th this year. To really get a good spot where we could all be together requires reservations. These tailgate parties are often adorned with gourmet delicacies and crystal. (An alternative for the same weekend would be a Kentucky Derby Party--had a mint julep lately?)

EVENT 4: Wine Festival--Middleburg, VA - This annual festival takes place on the weekend of August 27-28. PVS has had winery tours in the past (and certainly consumes its share of this delightful beverage) but we have not attended a festival.

EVENT 5: Your Choice - If you have an idea for an event that you think PVS would like to share, and you are willing to organize it, let someone know so we can get it on the calendar.

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Bob Marx	
Vice President	Gail Pease	
Secretary	Irene Farrell	EXCOM
Treasurer	Margaret Wyckoff	<u>Second Term</u>
Membership	Marilyn Clark	Bob Barry
Meetings Chairperson ..	Ray McKinley	Dorothy Mason
Events Chairperson	Vivian Barry	Charlotte Reich
TOOT Editor	Lu Beale	
TOOT Production	Jan & Bob Marx	<u>First Term</u>
USSA Eastern Rep.	Art Topping	Sheldon Drews
BRSC Reps.	Bob Grasley	Bob Grasley
	Geoff' Wadey	Dorothy Mills
	Bob Wyckoff	
Answering Service	Jan & Bob Marx	
	(451-9158)	
Kevin Nogal	Keith Lyon	

The Knee

by

Ray McKinley



A special Knee Sock this month goes to all stupid people. In particular, to the incredibly dumb person (I refuse to use

the word skier in this case) who creamed me from behind on the slopes at Wisp a week ago. This turknee (an euphemism) was going about two million miles per hour and was completely out of control when we crashed. As a result, I have some new scars on the tops of my skis and a magnificent black, blue, and yellow mark on my hips. Luckily (!) I protected my Knees.

Speaking of Wisp, the Marxes, the Peases, and the Slack/Wards have rented a 3 bedroom condo there for the season. Its lovely and used by them mostly on the weekends, but all 3 clans are seldom there together; that is, there are slack periods. It even has a fireplace and a chimknee.

I mentioned last month that I thought I was suffering from kneemonia. I'm over it now, except for a runknee nose. Ronald Reagan must love it - its a perfect example of the trickle down effect.

At last months meeting, Bill Stecher mentioned that Dick King had suffered a mild heart attack in early January. I recently talked to Dick and he says the doctors say there is no permanent heart damage; he was out of the hospital in record time. As a result of a doctor recommended diet, he and Julie have already lost 15 pounds each. He says he will be back to work shortly, but can't ski for a while because he isn't supposed to go over 10,000 feet. On behalf of the club, I reminded Dick that this probably wouldn't interfere with him joining us on FVS's upcoming Wisp trip.

Let me say one thing. Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas, some late news has just arrived. Marilyn and Dick Clark's eldest son, Vince, had a bad auto accident (are there good ones?) while home for the holidays. He is OK but his car was totalled. He used his stocking money to buy a new car and will be entering the Navy as a nuclear submarine officer following college graduation this spring.

The Heitchues are back from Christmas in New England without skiing at all--no place had any snow. They are now off in Utah; after talking about it so glowingly, they convinced the President's wife to join them (no, not Nancy, Jan.) It's the first time Jan has been out west for skiing in a decade.

Did you know that up until last month the Volume numbers on your TCOFs had been incorrect since last April? Did you care? Well, some of us did.

If he isn't already, the Knee is certain that Steve Grenleski will soon be the strongest person in the club. He has the job of lugging in the 2 big boxes of FVS sweatshirts to each meeting. You can keep him weak by buying one from him as soon as possible. They are lovely, (designed by Mort Kuff) and a super buy since they are being sold at cost. Speaking of Mort, I hope you liked our beautiful new membership cards which also bear his design.

Skithotics (they are like orthotics except for ski boots) seem to be working. I've gotten separate, glowing reports from Bob Wyckoff, Dot Mills, Irene Farrell, and Bob Barry.

Do you know who my favorite ancient Egyptian was? (No, pray tell us Mr. Knee). Kneefertiti.

After literally years of trying, FVS now has a tax exempt number. So now we can get interest on our checking account without Margaret having to charge it to her taxable income. (And Bonknee didn't like that ankneeway). But you and the Knee still CAN'T deduct FVS dues as a charitable contribution!

From our "once a FVSer..." department. I met prospective new member Wayland Coe at the January meeting at Shaknees Pizza. He heard about us from his lift partner at Vail last year; a man no longer from D.C. The lift partners name? Jack Iams. Lots of other potential new members at that meeting too. I had a pleasant conversation with Jake and Arlene Jacobs who are now on their way to Snowmass. I missed Jane Dixon and the Simonis, George and Toni.

There was one teknee sour note. We may be banned from Shakey's in the future. Seems that when we started showing ski movies, most of the Shakey's employees were over watching, to the detriment of other customers. The manager was not pleased, in kneefact he was ~~out~~ outraged. Maybe next time we should show the lamp movie--no one wants to see that!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 15 Monthly meeting at Glade and Joan Flake's. 8:00 p.m.
- February 22 Ex Com meeting at the McKinley's. 7:30 p.m.
- March 5-6 or 12-12 Sugaring off at Catoctin Mountain Park. Coordinator needed!
- March 15 Monthly meeting at Aase Berling's. 8:00 p.m.
- March 22 Ex Com meeting at the Wyckoff's. 7:30 p.m.
- April 19 Annual meeting/elections. Site to be announced. 8:00 p.m.
- April 26 Ex Com meeting at Dorothy Mill's. 7:30 p.m.
- May 7 Gold Cup Tailgate Party. Coordinator needed!

SKI TRIP SCHEDULE

- February 18-21 Wisp II. Barrys leading (560-3127). This trip needs people!
Unless at least 3 more sign up, we will have to
cancel (for the first time ever).
- February 26-March 12 Banff / Whistler. Englemans leading (299-2635).
- March 4-11 Mt. Washington Valley, NH - Cancelled.

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