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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sat down to compose the annual "Well here it is July so it must be time to harangue about membership" message, I sought inspiration from back issues of TOOT. I tried to see what some of our former exalted leaders had put forth as a means to entice you into completing the application attached and returning it with your check. It turns out that about a third of the time, the subject never came up! About a third of the time, the messages were brief and to the point. And then there was Ray's tenure when we had whole page exhortations about the virtues of PVS (all true, by the way).

After sneezing from the dust on all those old TOOTs, I decided that probably there was no real need to beat you over the head. You already know what a great bargain PVS membership is; what a fantastic itinerary of trips, events and meetings we offer each year; and comraderie with the finest people in the world.

So I'm not going to tell you to "put the application with your bills to be paid" - that is the last place in the world you would want to put such an opportunity because, if you're like me, that's the last pile you look in for important things.

Just tear the application off right now, enclose your check and mail it directly to Gail. 'Nuff said.

See you at the Elrod's.

Bob Marx, President

JULY SPECIAL EVENT Steak and Swim at the Elrod's

What: Annual cookout and swimming pool party at Roy and Malda Elrod's spacious home in Triangle, Va. Remember to bring your own plate, eating utensils, swim suit and salad or dessert (check with Malle McKinley).

When: 2:00 p.m., 'til dark, Sat. July 18th. (Rain date: Sun. July 19th)

Cost: Roughly \$6.50 per person will get you prime ribeye steaks, potatoes, potables, plus salads and desserts contributed by guests.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. No limit but head count necessary. Call Malle or Ray McKinley (by July 10th, if possible) 790-8812.

Directions: See next page



Directions to the Steak and Swim: Take Route I-95 south towards Richmond. Take the Dumfries/Manassas Exit for Route 234. Go left on Rte 234, then right on old Route 1 to left on Virginia Route 1107 at the Triangle Plaza sign. Follow 1107 to a T type deadend and bear right on Cabin Road and continue about 1/4 mile to No. 18510 on the right. (It's the on'y all stone house.) Come in and enjoy a truly fun day outdoors with PVS friends, old and new.

Those Were the Days :

Those enjoying the cookout at the Elrods this month might be surprised to learn that the Elrods have been PVS hosts with the most for a long, long time. For proof, read this announcement from the June 1969 TOOT:

"Malda and Roy Elrod are hosting an outdoor charcoal-grill party at their Triangle, Va. home. Delmonico steaks will be awaiting those who care to order them. Also available on order will be baked potatoes and salad. If you have other food you wish to grill, bring it with you. Either way, bring your plates, utensils, etc."

With all these years of practice it's no wonder Malda and Ray are such expert chefs!

Other long time club hosts are the Copes at whose home the 11th International Dinner was celebrated last month. The June 1972 TOOT reports:

A round of special thanks go to Don and Pat Cope for coordinating and hosting a memorable evening of food, wine, and good time. Thirty-nine people participated in the tasting of imported cheeses, escargot, borscht, lasagna, enchilladas, creamed chicken, quiche lorraine, greek meat balls, cooked calery, coleslaw, home-made ice cream, hawaiian pie to mention a few. Requests for recipes were numerous.

MORE RECENT PAST EVENT

Hadler Picnic by Gail Gell

On Saturday, June 13th, 48 PVSers enjoyed a picnic and sailing at Jacques Hadler's cottage on Kent Island. The weatherman cooperated by giving us a warm day with a breeze - the rain held off until late evening.

To take advantage of the breeze there was a variety of boats available: Jacques has a Force 5 to replace the lost catamaran, the Heitchues brought their Hobie Cat catamaran, the Clarks brought their canoe, and Greg Gell brought his Phantom sailboat. No one lacked a boat if he wished to sail and to supplement the boats were a number of rubber mats to float on. Confirmed landlubbers sat on the grass munching potato chips and drinking beer.

Casualties of the day included several nettle stings, some sunburn and a set of car keys locked in a trunk - it's a long walk back to Springfield, Va.!

Our grateful thanks once again to Jacques for making his place available to us for such a fine gathering.

Special AUGUST Event



PVS. WINERY TOUR by Bob Grasley

"A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread - and thou."

- Omar of the Ruby Hat

Many moons ago our Program Chairman suggested that we arrange a winery tour. This idea has finally borne fruit and the "First PVS Winery Tour" is scheduled for Saturday 22 August.

This will be an all day affair with visits to three Maryland wineries - Montbray, Byrd, and Provenza. Lunch (optional) will be at Mealey's, a traveller's inn at New Market, Maryland since 1800. The trip price does not include lunch.

The management at Mealey's suggests regular or country ham, fried chicken or chicken salad. Other items are available. This luncheon arrangement does not preclude anyone's taking a picnic lunch to eat en route.

We will meet at Montgomery Mall at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, August 22. The exact meeting place is between the Texaco Station and the Hecht Co. (the same point where SCWDC Friday night ski trips originate). Lots of free parking. We will board a bus there. Due to schedule and time constraints, the use of private vehicles is not feasible. Return to Montgomery Mall will be at about 5:30 p.m.

We will have wine tastings, discussion and demonstration of wine making. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Our visit is timed to be just prior to the wine harvest and the grapes should be in great shape.

To sign on please send your check for \$18.00 as noted below. Guests are welcome.

PVS WINERY TOUR APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Desire lunch at Mealey's

Enclose check for \$ 18.00 madeout to PVS Inc. and send to
Bob and Mary Lee Grasley
1608 Woodwell Rd. PO Box 6365
Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Phone: (301) 460-3167

Special Event

October 8th: A trip to the National Observatory.
Limit: 20-25 people. Contact Vivian Barry (560-3127)

PVS ICESKATERS!!

Congratulations to Bette Walker and son Bob who this spring won the annual award presented by the Ice Club of Washington for progress in ice dancing.



the knee

by
Ray McKinley

Now it's time for some sincere statements of scintillating significance (and some silly sayings) from your staunch supporter of snow, skiing and Sebastani. Actually, I'm not sure I'll provide anything scintillating because I'm high while writing this. No I'm not inkneebriated, but at thirtknee nine thousand feet flying back from California on Brankneef Airlines. (Do you realize, members of Coneknee, that there are no good knee puns in airline names? Kneestern? Pkneedmont? Air Phlorkneeda?)

The data are pouring in on my "Who skied the most and the latest last season?" Still no one can beat Bill Stecher's April 5 for the latest. And Norm Engleman skied 42 days last season. Can you top those? I also have no evidence of who skied the fewest days.

I don't normally do ethnic jokes but at a recent PVS event I heard an appropriate one. Do you know what they call an elevator filled with Polish people? A ski lift.

As a result of my hard-hitting comment about whatever happened to the PVS cookbook I received a brief note from the cookbook committee leader, Bette Walker. It was addressed to Ray McKneeley; (I liked that!) The note said I ought to ask BW Malle what's happening. Bette, I can only quote reliable sources! Now that should get me knee deep in trouble. I understand they are getting back into gear and met on June 29.

This is not terribly relevant, but I'm concerned about earthquakes. I think there's something sinkneester going on. Have you noticed that wherever in the entire globe one occurs, this guy RICHTER is always there with his scale to measure it? I am

investigating; if I discover anything er - earth shaking I'll let you know. (Please don't blame me for all this bad material (ejecta). Blame it on my patron saint, Saint Andreas. It's all Saint Andreas Fault).

I was really pleased to see so many guests at Jacques Hadler's beach party. I hope they all join PVS so they can read my great ejecta in my column.

Notable at the party was Charlotte Reith doing her imitation of the Little Engine That Could. The knee detected Charlotte pulling around 5 raftloads of various sized children.

Jacques' new Force 5 sailboat seems a perfect replacement for his dead cat (that's short for catamaran).

The Kneedle of the Month goes to a couple (who shall remain nameless) who had a little trouble leaving Hadler's. After putting all their gear into their car trunk and closing it, they realized that their ignition keys were now also locked in the trunk. After a futile half hour of trying to remove the rear seat or anything else, it was necessary for their daughter to drive over from Virginia with spare keys.

Now, in closing, I'd like to leave you with the following defikneeshuns:

acknee: a blemish on the face. In my case, the mouth

wee-knee: a hot dog

Kneeman-Marcus: the store where I buy all my knee socks

cocknee: my English counterpart

horknee: I'll let your fertile minds figure that one out

kneeolithic: having stone knees

bekneeth: one class below akneeth

A WORD FROM THE KITCHEN:

The cookbook committee reports that the delay in the appearance of its long awaited opus is due to widely scattered sea and ski vacations. It is expected that publication will be well in advance of Christmas and there will be no cost overrun.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: I apologize. At the InFL Dinner, it was Charlotte Reith who has a brother in Wash State. Error may have been due to the excellent spirits present in the house.....or it may not!

UPCOMING EVENTS by Program Chairman Ray McKinley

The subtitle to this story should read "Or why you've got to stay in PVS." The reason is really quite simple: we've got great skiing events coming up next year and great non-skiing events coming this year and next.

First, let me tell you about the great ski trips. You have your choice of skiing in 4 different countries on 3 different continents! Chronologically it looks like this: First, there're two weeks in Austria where we'll ski two new areas plus have time to roam in Munich and Innsbruck (contact the Wyckoffs: 589-5532). Then, there are two weeks in Spain and Morocco with skiing at Spain's Sierra Nevada and Morocco's Atlas Mountains with ample time for touring in both countries (contact the Grasleys: 460-3167). And, in March, we'll ski in Utah for two weeks. Based in Salt Lake City, we will be able to ski Alta, Park City, Snowbird and six other areas (call the Englemans: 299-2635).

Of course, we'll also have our family week at Mt. Sutton in Canada. And this year, PVS's first ever cross country ski trip to Montana where diehard downhillers can also ski Big Sky. (Contact the Weises: 320-3155). As old timers know, in the past we've run a local trip and, more recently, two trips to Wisp. This year's weekends are already blocked out but we may cancel because we've almost completed arrangements for a lodge at Wisp for the entire season! Finally, we're looking into a trip to Snowshoe and into BRSC's Ski-o-Ree. That should take care of your entire winter!

PVS also has more non-skiing events planned than ever before starting this month with our most popular event: the annual steak and swim at the Elrods featuring prime rib eye steaks and all the beer and wine you can drink. A super way to spend a July afternoon!

Following that, we have three new events we're sure you will enjoy. First, we have a winery tour and tasting run by the Grasleys. Later, on Labor Day weekend, a swim and crabfeast at the Wingrove's is planned. In mid September a weekend at Rehoboth is scheduled which will include a lobster or steak cookout on the beach on Saturday night.

In September, we'll also have a wine tasting at the Englemans with Don Cope providing the wine. Later in the fall, in early October, we'll have our now annual Oktoberfest at the Wyckoffs with all those great German wursts washed down by a keg of beer. A tour of the Naval Observatory and another of those fine hikes followed by dinner at the Mason's Front Royal house are two other fall events.

In November we'll have a ski clinic and, perhaps, an exhibit of some new ski equipment. In December we've been invited back to the Waggaman's for our Christmas party. We are also exploring the feasibility of a second international dinner and the possibility of a tour of the catacombs under the Lincoln Memorial.

It sure seems that PVS can not only provide enough skiing to meet all your needs but can also fill up your 1981-82 social calendar. But we can only do this if you remember to send in your membership renewal.

We've made it exceptionally easy for you to remember this year. The last page of this TOOT is your renewal form. Rip it off (or remove it gently) now while you're thinking of it and put it with your bills to be paid. That way you know you won't forget.

(Editor's Note: This memory gimmick is contrary to the advice of the President on page one. No matter. However you do it, do it and do it NOW.)

Trips

PVS TYROLEAN ADVENTURE January 22-February 7, 1982

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION: If you receive this before July 7, and if you are interested in this trip, contact the Wyckoffs immediately (589-5532). Air fares are going up 5% (\$27) on July 7th. If we buy your ticket July 6 or earlier, the low fare of \$539 holds.

Second important item: the Wyckoffs eat crow! In the flyer enclosed with the June TOOT we quoted a price of \$1145 firm in dollars. This must be changed to \$1185 firm in dollars (plus any air fare increases). It turns out that our contact in Neustift made an \$80 error in his verbal quote to us. We've compromised, each covering \$40 of it.

Third important item: we're already half full, so don't procrastinate if you're interested. See enclosed flyer.

SPECIAL SKI BUM OFFER

If you have any family member or friend who is a high-school senior or college aged, the Wyckoffs stumbled across a great offer for someone who wants to spend one semester in Naustift in the Austrian Tyrol to ski and/or brush up on German. The owners of the Hotel Pension Bellevue, Hans and Pat Hofer, will provide free room and board in exchange for 3 hours work a day. This is usually evening kitchen help and the hours can be somewhat flexible. Innsbruck is 30 minutes away. Hans was an Austrian ski instructor at Sun Valley for 3 years and his wife is from Los Angeles and was a Pan-Am stewardess. The hotel is charming. Contact the Wyckoffs for more information. (589-5532)

what & when

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

- July 18 ... Steak and Swim at the Elrod's. 2 p.m.
- July 28 ... ExCom at the Wingrove's. 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 22 ... Winery Tour. Grasleys leading. All day affair.
- Aug. 25 ... ExCom at the Masons. 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 5 ... Labor Day Weekend Crabfeast & Swim at the Wingroves.
- Sept. 18 ... Rehoboth Weekend. Barrys leading.
- Sept. 22 ... ExCom at the Beales. 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. ? ... Wine Tasting Party at the Engleman's.
- Oct. 3 ... Oktoberfest at the Wyckoff's.
- Oct. 8 ... Natl. Observatory Trip. Vivian Barry leading.
- Oct. 24 ... Hike and dinner with the Masons at Front Royal.
- Oct. 27 ... ExCom at Charlotte Reith's. 7:30 p.m.

SKI TRIPS

- Jan. 22 - Feb. 7 .. Tyrolean Adventure with the Wyckoffs.
- Jan. 27 - Feb. 10 .. Spain/North Africa with the Grasleys.
- Mar. 6 - Mar. 20... Ski Utah Powder with the Enalemans
- Early 1982 .. Cross Country Ski in Montana with the Weises.