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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The ski season has long ended although the ski weather continues. Have you heard that Vail reopened, there is so much snow? PVS, however, is well launched into its eating and partying season. Our thanks to Pat and Don Cope for putting on yet another superb International Dinner - the scallop mousse was absolutely delectable!

If you missed this great event, be sure to sign up for other eating events in the summer: the Steak and Swim, the Crabfeast, the picnics. Then we have hikes in the fall to work all the extras off.

The message is - come out to club events and enjoy!

Gail Peese, President

DUE TO YARD RENOVATION (NECESSITATED BY SPRING STORM DAMAGE), THE JUNE PICNIC AT JACQUES HADLER'S COTTAGE HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. SEE BELOW FOR THE REPLACEMENT JUNE EVENT.

DESSERT PARTY AT THE KUFFS

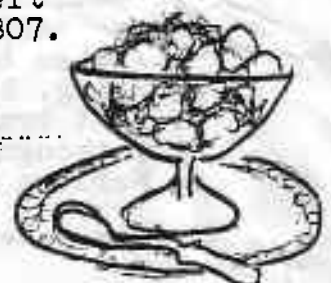
WHEN: June 24th. 8 P.M. (Rain date: June 25th)

WHERE: Home of Angela and Mort Kuff
2807 38th St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007
Telephone - 333-6039

WHAT: Instead of the usual wine and munchies, desserts will be featured. Please bring a sample of your favorite if you're in the mood for sweets. Appropriate beverages will be served, of course, as well as the usual entertainment fare. NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

Directions: 2807 38th St N.W. (between Fulton and Garfield Sts.) is in the vicinity of the Washington Cathedral at Mass. and Wisconsin Avenue. If travelling north on Wisconsin, turn left on Fulton, go one block and turn right on 38th and on to 2807. If travelling south on Wisconsin, it's a right turn onto Fulton, of course.

News flash: Jenckes Mason is home from the hospital and doing well.



COMING UP SOON:

JULY STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS - July 16th. (Rain day: July 17th)
It's not too early to sign up. Thirty six have already done so! Call coordinator Ray McKinley (759-4432) and watch for details in next TOOT.

AUGUST PICNIC/SWIM/SAIL IN ANNAPOLIS - August 13th. (Rain day: Aug. 14)
If you're stuck in Washington in August, break up the doldrums at an outing at the Glade Flakes' home in Annapolis. Bring the kids. Bring your own hamburgers and weiners for charcoaling plus a salad or dessert for sharing. Watch TOOT for further details. Call Charlotte Reith at (765-1810) - after June 12th--for reservations.

TRIP LEADER GUIDELINES:

Because there has been some confusion concerning PVS trip leaders' financial responsibilities, a committee consisting of Dot Mills (Chairman), Sheldon Drews, Jean Heitchue and Dot Mason, drew up the following guidelines which the ExCom, at their May meeting, voted to accept as PVS policy:

The general PVS responsibility is that members making reservations for events are responsible for the cost unless cancelling prior to the announced deadline date.

The approximate cost and the cancellation date should be stated for all events.

For events for which the club treasury makes a deposit:

- * The payment required for a reservation should cover all fixed expenses and part of variable expenses (food, transportation, etc.).
- * After the cancellation date a refund should be granted only if the member cancelling finds a replacement; if the event is filled, or if the ExCom authorizes the refund.
- * Normally, there should be only one free trip for a leader.
- * Details of rules for specific events should be worked out between the trip leader and the club president.

For events where no deposit is necessary the trip leader should make rules at his own discretion.

PAST EVENT

FUN RUN/JOG/HIKE by Dorothy Mills

The second annual Fun Run (jog, walk, - according to individual preference) was a smashing success! The locale this year was Lake Accotink and Wakefield Park - with a grand finale at the Clarks' deck overlooking the woods. The handsome deck was created by trip leader Dick and the delicious brunch by Marilyn.

But to get back to the excuse for feasting: We met at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in May, about 15 strong, and took off - at various speeds- through the woods and around the lake. Some hardy ones, led and inspired by Dick, really jogged or ran, but most took more leisurely paces. Some took advantage of the exercise stations - balance beams, etc. - located along the path. The joys of spring were all around us - spring flowers, budding trees, canoers and fishermen on the lake. A perfect day!

And so back to the parking lot to be convoyed to the Clarks' home for feasting. Relaxing amidst the azalias and spring woods, we enjoyed an elegant brunch. The only problem was no one wanted to leave! We finally did, though, and Marilyn did not have to serve us dinner. Many thanks to Marilyn and Dick for an idyllic day.

PAST EVENT

(TOOT EDITOR GOOFED AND, DURING AN ACUTE ATTACK OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, ASSIGNED TWO REPORTERS TO COVER THE INTERNATIONAL DINNER. BUT PERHAPS THIS WASN'T SO SERIOUS A GOOF, AFTER ALL, BECAUSE IF THAT DINNER IS ALL IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE IT'S SURELY WORTH READING ABOUT TWICE. BON APPETIT!)

INTERNATIONAL DINNER by Bill Hager

Thirty-four PVSers once again enjoyed the legendary hospitality of Don and Pat Cope at the annual International Dinner on 21 May. True to PVS tradition, sunny skies appeared an hour before guests arrived and thus were able to enjoy a refreshing strawberry and rum punch in the garden while holding off hunger pangs with such delicacies as Dot Mills' stuffed smoked salmon. All three PVS lady presidents were in attendance; did you know that Doris Mair until a couple of years ago had the distinction of being our only distaff leader?

The dinner is no longer entirely pot luck and, although more work for the hosts, the idea of serving a single entree is very successful (and a lot less work for the rest of us!). Don stirred up a tasty brown sauce to complement the excellent beef roast from Pat's oven. Guests contributed side dishes according to the menu selected by Pat. The scallop mousse was new to me; suffice to say that the Kuffs and Mairs should add this to our cookbook.

Don's wine selections, as always, were appropriate to the occasion. Three each of red and white satisfied everyone's preferences. I liked them all, finding the Chardonnay and the Burgundy especially pleasing. The delicate crystal stemware added just the right complement to the wines!

As at most PVS dinners, desserts almost overwhelmed the meal; maybe that's why they are saved for last. With so many tempting selections - two kinds of cheesecake, rum cake, banana/pineapple cake, and a German fruit tart - most guests made two and even three trips to the dessert table to sample each one. Well and deliciously fed, members lingered until midnight, chuckling over remembered good times and planning next year's ski trips. Don didn't have to worry about returning any unused bottles of wine!

INTERNATIONAL DINNER by Celinda McKinley

The month of May hasn't been blessed with much blue sky but somehow all PVS events seem to have the magic of sunlight. The Copes arranged just such a break in the rain clouds for the International Dinner on Saturday, May 21. The crisp rain-scented air enhanced appetites as the guests were served a wicked strawberry punch out on the patio. A bit more sobering were the crabmeat spread, stuffed tomatoes, smoked salmon and cream cheese, and fried wontons accompanying the punch.

Forty fortunate dinner guests were next ushered past tables laden with banana-pineapple cake, cheese cake, rum cake and kahlua pie, to be seated at cozy gingham covered tables, each with a dewey fresh rose for centerpiece.

The setting was an appropriate background for the mousse of scallop served on a bed of bibb lettuce and covered with rich watercress-mayonese sauce. Next came plates of tenderloin of beef. "Plates" is inadequate. It was, more accurately, a beautiful presentation of delicately cooked tenderloin with brown sauce, chilled asparagus spears in a raspberry vinaigrette, and elegant twice-baked potatoes. Fresh bread and a wonderful selection of wines, ranging from a chilled crisp white for the scallops and imported reds to complement the entree, all served to make one feel that this was dinner at a charming French country inn.

On behalf of all your guests, thank you Pat and Don!

PAST EVENTS

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE by Wayland Coe

Led by the indomitable Lu Beale, a couple of dozen PVSers tackled an eight mile hike in the Shenadoah National Park on Sat. May 14th.

We parked our cars on Skyline Drive and pitched down Cedar Run Canyon. The sun was shining, the foliage was beautiful, and the conversation and pace were brisk. We felt especially good as we shared the knowledge that "walking downhill is harder than walking up."

After fording a few streams (you could walk through the water, on the water or on logs over the water), we stopped for lunch. While we ate, some people cooled their feet in the cold, fresh mountain stream, some took pictures and others concentrated on fueling themselves for the climb out. As usual, Jamie Miller's group laid out a table cloth (lace this time) and picnicked on caviar, fine wines and cheeses, and assorted entrees and desserts. Style, that's what that group has!

Finally, it was up and at 'em via the whiteoak Canyon trail. We passed some truly spectacular waterfalls as we clambered up the steep trail. Mother Nature threw in a quick little shower at no extra cost which cooled us off but also made the climb a little tougher because the rocks became slippery. Now, about that myth that "walking downhill is harder than walking up" .. it ain't so.

Soon after 4:00 P.M. everyone (with Ray McKinley first) was out of the canyon and back at Skyline Drive where we awarded ourselves some beer, wine and other goodies. It was a great day.

MAY MEETING by Helen Price

It was a beautiful cool evening Monday May 17th when PVSers gathered at the lovely home of Vivian and Bob Barry for the regular monthly meeting. The azalias had passed their peak but were still very lovely, remarkable for their size and varied colors.

The welcome mat of the Barrys was very much in evidence with a bar set up with white wine, woodruff wine, and fruit punch. On the buffet table were fine cheeses, crackers, fruit, etc. offered by "The Hostess - caterer for all occasions, Vivian Barry."

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Pease who reported on recent club activities and those functions coming up in the near future. Announcement was made that long-time member Don McBride and his wife had sold their home and would be moving to Sun City, Arizona soon. Although they will be sorely missed, they leave with the good wishes of all their PVS friends.

Various trip leaders reported on their upcoming trips. These include one being led by Gorman Young to Zermatt and Verbier, Switzerland, Jan. 20 - Feb. 4, 1984; Norman Engleman's September safari to Kenya; and the Wyckoffs' September trip to Greece and January trip to Austria. Also, Engleman's February trip to Utah.

A heliski film was shown by Bob Marx, courtesy the Canadian Embassy. The film was shot in the Canadian Rockies and was very exciting and beautiful. It could well bear a second showing.

So concluded another successful PVS meeting - this time thanks to the hospitality of the Barrys'.



The Knee

by
Ray McKinley

Oh, my goodknees, summer is almost upon us. Time for all our neat summer events like skiing and on snow no less. I've heard that California's Monmouth Mountain has delayed its closing until mid-July and Utah's Snowbird reopened May 29 with a 220" base so hopefully you haven't already put your skis in-er-cold storage (did I kneed to say that?)

The information on Snowbird came, sadly, from Pat Cope. She had a business trip to Utah in mid-May and brought along an extra suitcase containing all her ski gear (except skis). On arrival, she discovered that every ski lift in Utah was closed for three weeks for the required annual lift inspection-in spite of all that gorgeous new snow. Other ways up the mountain were considered - walk up, ski down, or, rent a snow cat. But, even these options weren't open to Pat because she had left her skis in D.C. and since the lifts were closed, so, needless to say, were all the ski rental shops!

At several recent ExCom meetings the group has attempted to fully and unknееquely delineate our local trip policy. Said policy turned out to be so complex that, effective immediately, the club decided to cancel all local events.

Speaking of ExCom, there were 18 people at the first meeting with new excomers. There were old excomers, new excomers, non-excomers and one Knee. (That's more people than used to come to meetings!) About the only one missing was Steve Grenleski who gets a small kneedle of the month. It seems he had a golf engagement. I can't imagine someone missing a ski meeting for golf. Especially when his very name ends in ski.

At a recent event Bob Wyckoff wore a heart shaped pin which said "Skiers are better lovers." Asked who gave it to him, Bob replied, "No one gave it to me. I had to earn it!"

I ran into Mort and Angela Kuff in Georgetown recently. Angela was sporting a glittering smile - from her newly installed braces. She must be following the example of dentist Aina Thomas who was also sporting braces some months back.

At a recent meeting, Aina had on a beautiful gold necklace. When I commented on it, she said she pulled it out of a patient's mouth. Come on, Aina, even you don't have that much pull.

The following was given to me by Gail Pease's son Greg. I take no credit: "Knock, knock." "Who's there?" "Disney." "Disney who?" "Disney is bothering me but dat knee feels fine."

Lots of goings on at Don and Pat Copes' typically wonderful, superb, delicious International Dinner. (You can see I didn't like it.) It was the first time we've had PVS's three female presidents together - Gail Pease, Marilyn Clark and Doris Mair. (You realize we've only had 3 female presidents for a couple of months now.)

Doris told me she skied out of Innsbrook 5 weeks last winter while staying with Othmar's family. Othmar got a total of 7 weeks. It must be tough having relatives in Austria.

Roy Elrod, sporting a new beard and looking like Pernel Roberts, was almost unrecognizable. He told me the letter I got some months ago suggesting the Knee be dropped must be a "kneefarious, kneedless plot by a previously kneedled person."

Both Roy and Malda Elrod now have awards for skiing 1 million vertical feet at Jackson Hole. A recent piece in Ski magazine said only 5 people have attained that level-and PVS has two of them. And, unofficially, more: ExPVSers Pater and Marlene Lang have just returned to D.C. and PVS after 13 years in Idaho Falls. They skied Jackson Hole every winter for 13 years. Starting to keep track only last winter, each already has a 300,000 vertical foot award.

At the International Dinner I loaded Celinda's dessert plate. She managed most of it except for a piece of cherry cheesecake which remained untouched. When Margaret Wyckoff rose to get dessert Celinda asked if she would like her piece of cheesecake. Replied Margaret "You mean you didn't like the cheesecake I made?" Celinda finished the cheesecake.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 11 ... Raft Trip on the "Yough". Leader: Dina Taylor(301-663-6089).
- June 24 ... (Rain date: June 25) Dessert Party at the Kuffs. 8:00 P.M.
- June 28 ... ExCom at Sheldon Drew's. 7:30 P.M.
- July 16 ... (Rain date: July 17) Steak & Swim at Elrods. Coordinator: Ray McKinley (759-4432).
- July 19 ... ExCom at Gail Pease's home. 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 13 ... (Rain date: Aug. 14). Boat/Swim/Picnic at Glade Flake's Annapolis home. See Page 2.
- Aug. 20 ... Antique Car/Crabfeast at La Plata. Call John Gable(979-3646).
- Aug. 23 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's home. 7:30 P.M.
- Sept. 4 ... (Rain date: Sept. 5) Crabfeast at the Wingroves.
- Sept. 23 ... Wine & Cheese at the Englemans.
- Oct. 8 ... Oktoberfest at the Wyckoffs.

TRIPS

- Sept. 2 - Sept 18: Greece. Call Bob Wyckoff (589-5532).
- Sept. 15 - Oct. 1: Kenya. Call Norm Engleman (299-2635).
- Jan. 13 - Jan. 29: Austria. Call Bob Wyckoff. (589-5532).
- Jan. 20 - Feb. 4: Switzerland. Call Gorman Young. (244-2319).
- Feb. 11 - Feb. 25: Utah. Call Norm Engleman (299-2635).

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