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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

They have done it again! Our event coordinator/planners for October provided you with a superb collection of activities from which to choose and all were excellent - helped in all cases by the usual magnificent fall weather. I know you will enjoy reading the details inside this TOOT. A special thanks to all leaders and helpers.

In last month's message I referred to "our most favorite of all activities" with the idea that all of you would think of skiing. Our activities of the past six months and the comments made by many of you leave me wondering (a little) if this is altogether true. If skiing is our favorite, then eating finished second only by a spoonful. In carrying on the fine tradition, November's events will leave you chock full also.

Ski time is nearly here for most of us, however. When Jan was in a ski shop last week looking for boots she overheard the staff discussing a weekend trip to Killington (October 24-25) and the fact that the "K" staff had been making snow since mid-September with Mother Nature contributing a few inches also. The Ski Patrol swaps have come and gone (and were a great success according to the accounts I heard), the shops are having pre-season sales, and we will have a speaker on the subject at our regular monthly meeting. If you're like me, the anticipation is almost too much to stand. Are YOU ready?

Bob

Bob Marx, President

MONTHLY MEETING

- When: Tuesday, November 17th. 8:00 p.m.
What: Our regular third Tuesday monthly meeting featuring a demonstration of the latest ski equipment by the Ski Center's Adam Kahane (or qualified surrogate) plus a movie, refreshments and the usual bonhomie.

Where: At Charlotte Eddy's, 3413 White Oak Court, Fairfax, Va.
Tel: 273-0653

Directions: From Beltway #495, go West on Rte. 50 to Fairfax Circle - (approximately 3 miles). Go three quarters of way around circle and go West on Rte 237 pass shopping center to first street - ("Great Oaks" sign) - where you go right and continue one block to a right on Great Oaks Way. Continue one block to right on White Oaks Court to No 3413 - Charlotte's abode!

Special NOVEMBER Event

HARVEST DINNER - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

Don't miss it! The PVS Harvest Dinner at Skyline House, Bailey's Crossroads, Va. offers a second chance this year to feast in the best PVS gourmet style.

Bette Walker has chosen a tempting menu from our soon to be published PVS Cookbook and suitable libations will be provided.

So, mark your calendar for Saturday, November 14 and call coordinator Dot Mason (652-4313) to make your dinner reservations and find out what you should bring. Estimated cost: \$7.50 per person.

Come at 7 p.m.
for punch.
Dinner at
8 p.m.
Bring your own
plates and
eating utensils.



Limited to
50 participants.
CALL NOW!!

PVS: THE CLUB FOR EATERS!!

Directions to Skyline House EAST Party Room:

From I-395 (Shirley Highway) take the Route 7 Exit WEST to left on George Mason Drive (just before Bailey's Crossroads). Take second left from there into Skyline House parking area to unload. Do NOT park here as parking is very restricted. Instead, park on (1) George Mason Drive or (2) in front of the model apartments which are the first right after turning off George Mason Drive or (3) the Skyline Shopping Center parking lot.

In Skyline House EAST building take elevator to Penthouse floor and the party room.

If totally lost call Skyline House switchboard 578-4855

DECEMBER EVENTS

LINCOLN MEMORIAL CATACOMBS December 12th 2 p.m.

This interesting excursion led by the McKinleys is limited to 20 participants. There is a wait list but sure to be dropouts so call Ray McKinley now 790-8812.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GLUWEIN PARTY Tuesday December 15th 8 p.m.

Bob and Adele Waggaman will host this grand event at their home: One West Melrose St. Chevy Chase, Md.

No reservations required but donations of appropriate nibbles will be welcomed.

Put this one on your calendar now!

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION Date: Guess!

This party (tentatively scheduled to be held at the Wyckoffs) is still in the planning stage.

Watch this space in next month's TOOT for details.

PAST EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST '81 by Marilyn Clark

The day was brisk and sunny, the beer flowing and German music playing when some 55 PVSers gathered at Margaret and Bob Wyckoff's home for the annual Oktoberfest.

Comradery was the order of the day and included a happy welcome back to former members Nancy Monacelli and Marlene and Pete Long. An authentic touch was added to the festivities by the dirndls worn by Ginny Larson and Helen Wiese and a handsome Bavarian jacket by Don McBride.

After a delicious dinner of hot German potato salad, homemade sauerkraut, rye bread, red and white fat German sausages, plum strudel and coffee, President Bob Marx managed to quiet the din long enough to hold a brief meeting. In the absence of Ray "Knee" McKinley, Mort Kuff did the honors of interrupting the meeting.

While the group was still assembled, Helen Wiese showed beautiful slides and gave an interesting commentary on a Norwegian cross country ski trip she and Harold had taken.

Another marvelous party - PVS style. Thank you, Margaret and Bob.

FALL HIKE by Lu Beale

Believe it or not, the Mason's October 24th hike/dinner was bigger, better, longer, and "funner" even than its record-smashing predecessors. On a splendid fall day (that just happened to be sandwiched between days of unrelenting rain) 46 PVSers and friends, masterfully directed by Dot and Jenckes (and aided by Frank Shelburne on the trail), caravanned to the SNP where they traversed 2 to 12 miles of the Appalachian Trail and Dickey Ridge Trail - the distance depending on individual stamina. After a fine lunch stop at a sunny shelter, Alice Swalm, Irene Farrell, and Gail Gell dropped off early because of muscle injuries. Others continued (some staggering) for another 5 or so miles while Malle McKinley outdistanced the "long hikers" to the finish line.

By a miracle of Mason logistic planning, all hikers were picked up at various drop off points and proceeded to the Mason's country retreat for a feast of Swedish meatballs (Dottie cooked more than 300!), beans, a salad composed of ingredients contributed by the hikers, and peach cobbler made entirely by Dottie. Wine and beer accompanied the fabulous meal. How the Masons do it is a mystery and to them we say, "Please don't ever stop amazing us."

OBSERVATORY TOUR

Comprehensive report by the Barry's
in next TOOT.





The Knee

by

Ray McKinley

It's creeping up on us again - that wonderful white time of year when the small white flakes

appear to be everywhere - on the ground, glistening in your hair, on the shoulders of your parka. Yes, it's definitely time to bring out the dandruff shampoo.

Seriously, or, at least semi-seriously (semi-seriously would be serio), it's ski season again. Cold diggety! On October 3, the Knee, with his own Knee high eyes saw snow on the ground at a local ski area outside Santa Fe, New Mexico. As you are reading this (and assuming, of course, that we haven't just finished an early November of 80 plus degrees) they are skiing at Killington, Vt. On the other coast, after getting 18 inches in mid-October, Mammoth Mountain will be opening November 13. And in the Rockies, Aspen Mtn., attempting to use its several million dollars worth of new snow making equipment, is opening the week before Thanksgiving.

The earliest PVS skier that I am aware of will be Jack Lilly who will be in Vail at Christmas. You can save considerable money by skiing before the New Year (about 25% on the average). And after their miserable season last year, many ski operators are giving snow guarantees. At Aspen, for instance, many major lodges, including Gant and the Continental Inn, will provide free lodging if less than half the lifts are operating. Also, lift tickets will be free if there's less than one foot base at mid-station.

If you do get out skiing before the holidays please let me know. I kneed your help to make this column work.

A Knee Thought not Worthy of Knot: This must be a particularly sad time of year for the striking

air traffic controllers. Even the leaves are making successful landings without their help.

Good Golf: Helen Price won her division of a recent Sligo Creek golf tournament. She almost didn't make it to the tee on time. Finally, the club pro came up to her and said, "Helen be gone."

More wonderful information for "Stat" Marx: Did you know that Jenckes Mason and Jan Marx, who were seen hiking together, both have the initials JM? Jamie Miller and Judy Macaluso also have the same initials but they weren't there. Sooo what!

I asked Bing Poon if he was going on the hike. He said he gave up hiking after World War II.

Before I forget, here's a tremendous tip of the Old Knee Cap to Dot and Jenckes Mason for the whale of a job they did organizing their hike. Besides providing excellent logistics and a great meal, they produced the best weather of the fall for hiking. The foliage show was at its peak. Together with great PVS companionship what more could you ask? Right on!

I understand the ExCom meeting at Lu Beale's home last month was really a social event. While the "business meeting" (if you've ever been to one you'll understand the use of the quote marks) was over by 9 p.m., the "meeting" finally ended about 11:30 - after they emptied out Lu's wine cellar.

Good item on the lift ticket wars at Aspen in the November Ski magazine. Bottom line is good knees and bad knees. The good - we'll be able to buy a 4-area pass this year. The bad - a single day's ticket is up from \$18 to \$22. Ouch! (Yet - a day ticket at Snowshoe, West Va. is \$22.60!)

A Knee rumor: a PVS marriage is about to occur. The Knee has been sworn to secrecy so you didn't hear from me that it's Gail Gell and Larry Pease.

The Wieses returned from Norway in time to show their magnificent slides at the Wyckoff's great Oktoberfest. I'm sorry I missed it.

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THE KNEE (Continued)

The Wieses were also on the Naval Observatory tour led by the Barrys (where, incidentally, I didn't see any navels).

The real fun at the Observatory began when we got to see the atomic clock. Mary Lee Grasley noted that the clock had no hands. BW Malle started singing "Time on my hands" and Pres Bob Marx suggested we give the clock a hand. We did. I loved it. A great event. Thanks to the Barrys.

And now our monthly crop of Knee Puns:

Anykneething -- what I'll ski on
Finkneeish -- The end of my ski race

Cogkneetes -- funny little protrusions on your knee that give off a clicking sound which sounds the same in several languages.

Finally, my Kneedle of the Month which this month goes to the anonymous member who sent me the following message regarding our September meeting: "Bob Wyckoff (after wine and cheese and wine) was given a list of all the wines and cheeses served by Don Cope. After more wine, Bob proceeded to lose the list and Margaret had to call Don for a repeat. Ho Ho Ho on Bob, right? Wrong. Several days later Margaret found the list at the bottom of her purse." Could this same Margaret be my anonymous informer?

Postscript: Second rerun message to Bette Walker: What ever happened to the PVS cookbook?

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairwoman Gail Gell reports that 130 people have now enrolled in the club. This includes 21 new applicants and 5 old applicants.

Twenty members have not yet renewed membership. If you are one, better get to it or you'll miss out on a lot of fun.

SNOWSHOE, ANYONE?

If you are interested in skiing Snowshoe, West Va. this year, SCWDC's Rick McCormick has a supply of individual lift tickets at \$15.75 each - a 25% discount of the regular price of \$22.68.

Call Rick at 379-0419

PVS President Bob Marx has lots of information on the availability of accomodations at Snowshoe.

Call Bob at 451-9158

Those Were the Days

"An account of the Mason's October 24th hike in Shenadoah National Park reported in this issue brings to mind an account of PVS's first such hike as recorded in the November 1968 TOOT:

"The first PVS hike was an unqualified success. Despite uncertain weather conditions and competing Sunday sports, seven courageous hikers set off, under Jim Key's superlative direction, for an eleven mile jaunt over Buck Hollow Trail. The sun shone, the sky was an unsmogged blue and oxygen proved a pleasant alternative to carbon monoxide.

"Nominated 'hiker in the best condition' was Aina Hertelis (now Thomas). 'Hiker in the worst condition' shall be unnamed.

"The adventure was a great success. Your peripatetic reporter recommends that everyone come next time."

(Editor's note: thirteen years later, 46 PVSers did just that.)

what & when

- Nov. 14 ... Harvest Dinner. Skyline House, Bailey's Crossroads. 7 p.m.
- Nov. 17 ... Monthly Meeting. Charlotte Eddy's home. 8 p.m.
- Nov. 24 ... ExCom Meeting. Ward/Slack home. 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 ... Lincoln Memorial Catacomb visit. 2 p.m.
- Dec. 15 ... Christmas Gluwein Party at the Waggaman home. 8 p.m.
- Dec. 22 ... ExCom Meeting at Marilyn Clark's. 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31 ... New Year's Eve Party at the Wyckoffs. Details later.
- Jan. 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Glade Flake's home. 8 p.m.

SKI TRIPS

- Jan. 9 - 10 ... Wisp. Gail Gell leading. More info in December TOOF.
- Jan. 22 - Feb. 7 ... Ski Austria with the Wyckoffs. (589-5532)
- Jan. 23 - Jan. 30 ... SCWDC sponsored trip to Sun Valley Idaho.
Call Tom Rollow (703/ 684-7154)
- Jan. 26 - Feb. 9 ... Spain/North Africa with the Grasleys. (460-3167)
- Jan. 29 - Feb. 7 ... SCWDC sponsored trip to Kitzbuehl, Austria.
Call John Holt (703-534-2512)
- Mar. 6 - Mar. 20 ... Ski Utah Powder with the Englemans. (299-2635)
- Mar. 13 - Mar. 19 ... Ski Sutton, Canada with the Deightons. (424-5707)
- Early 1982 ... Cross country ski in Montana with the Wieses. (320-3155)

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