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PRESIDENT'S SITZMARK I read in the newspapers that world-wide preparations are being finalized for millenium celebrations. Cruise ships are booked solid and hotel rooms already are in short supply. Probably baby-sitters are being booked at inflated fees that will enable them to go to college or perhaps go on a toot of their own at a later date.

With all these frantic goings-on you will be glad to know that PVS does not intend to be found asleep at the switch of its computers--which we are told probably will not be working anyway.

A committee of 8, chaired by Sue Walsh, is already hard at work making plans for the BIG DAY. I say "Day" because after much deliberation and polling of our most active members, it has been decided that PVS will celebrate not on the eve of the millenium but on the first day of the new century--January 1, 2000.

It promises to be a grand party--worthy of the occasion, so put it on your calendar and prepare to celebrate with your skiing friends.


Lu Beale, President

COMING EVENTS

SUMMER SERENADES AT STRATHMORE HALL.

Thursday, August 13

Enjoy Paul Hawkins and LaJazz - horns and percussion generating Latin jazz.

Picnic with PVS at 6:30, enjoy the free concert on the lawn at 7:30. You may purchase dinner from La Madeleine there or bring you own goodies.

On-site parking is \$3.00 or you may take the Metro to the Grosvenor Station nearby. Call John Smith or Pat Tengel (301-299-8376) for further information or just show up and look for PVSers on the lawn.

WITH THE FLAKES IN ANNAPOLIS - AUGUST 8

Boating time will be around 1:30, with a second outing around 3. Everyone should bring his/her own entree (can be grilled) plus an assigned dish to share. Also bring your own eating utensils. Drinks, coffee and dessert will be provided.

August 1 is the cancellation deadline. Please call Sue Walsh (301-589-7159) for cancellations. (There is a long waiting list.) **THERE IS NO RAIN DATE. IF IT RAINS, THE EVENT IS CANCELLED.** Please car pool if possible and park on our property.

Directions: Take the Beltway to Route 50 toward Annapolis. Go to Aris T. Allen Boulevard (exit after Rte. 97.) Stay straight for about 5 miles. The name changes from Aris T. Allen to Forest Dr. to Bay Ridge to Farragut Avenue. Enter the community of Bay Ridge (between 2 pillars). Turn first left onto East Lake Drive. Stay on right fork and follow to No. 40 East Lake Drive on the left side.

Olney Theater and dinner, August 9

PVSers will see Noel Coward's delightful comedy, "Present Laughter" at 2 p.m. Those wishing to will then go on to dinner at the Bella Notte Restaurant.

Call Jeannette Albersheim (301-598-7525) for information on the outing.

For directions to the theater, see July TOOT. The restaurant is one block north of the intersection of Georgia Ave. and Rte 128, just beyond Good Earth at Hillcrest Center.



MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH

**Rock Creek BikePath with Lunch at Garrett Park
Thursday, August 20 at 10:30 am; Lunch at 12:15 pm**

Starting Point: Candy Cane City (Beach Drive just south of East-West Highway); 17 mile ride on Rock Creek BikePath with lunch stop at the Garrett Park Cafe.

Non-cyclists welcome to join us for the **Luncheon** portion of this activity at 12:15 pm. The Garrett Park Cafe is located in the Garrett Park Historic District right at the MARC commuter rail stop. This establishment is a hidden gem with a turn-of-the-century atmosphere less than a mile from busy Wisconsin Ave and White Flint Mall.



Luncheon will take place at time indicated (12:15pm) even if bike ride canceled because of rain.

Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048.

FREE DANCE CONCERT

Friday, August 21, 6 to 9 P.m.

Featuring The Starlite Octette
(Big Band Sounds and Contemporary Stylings)
and The Washington Area Square Dancers performance

At Bethesda Metro Center

Located at the crossroads of Old Georgetown Road, Wisconsin Avenue
and East-West Highway

With any purchase at the Food Court you receive three hours of
FREE PARKING under the Hyatt Regency at Monument Parking.
Park on P2, P3 or P4 in an unrestricted space and take the
yellow-coded elevators to the Plaza level.

Pinky O'Neal, line dance instructor, will be at the Metro Center
on August 7 and September 4. You might want to plan to attend on
those nights also.

If you have questions, please call June Kelsay (301-493-5839).



It's Time for Our PYSSP

Plan Your Ski Season Party

Saturday, August 29 at 5 pm

Home of Jean and Reg Heitchue, 2146 Owl's Cove Lane, Reston, VA

Join our ski trip leaders and get ready now for ski season 98/99! This annual event is your chance to get the scoop on upcoming PVS trips while partying and of course eating with your PVS friends. We'll have trail maps, posters, videos, and lots of great food and lively PVS conversation. Maybe even an electric boat ride with the Heitchues. If you've already made your ski-trip plans, just come and party—at PYSSP!

Call Jean at 703-860-9190 by August 24th to sign up to bring appetizer, salad, or dessert. A small fee will be charged.

Directions: From the Beltway, exit onto Route 273 (Dulles Toll Road). Exit at Hunter Mill Road (Exit 14), turning left. Turn right onto Sunrise Valley Drive. At the first traffic light, turn left onto South Lakes Drive. After passing the shopping center, take the first left onto Ridge Heights Road. Take the first right onto Owl's Cove Lane. Go to the end and park in the cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of a steep driveway.



ANNUAL CRAB FEAST - SEPTEMBER 5, 1998

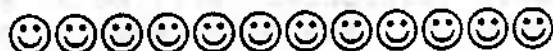
At Betty Lawrence's home, 525 Haven Lane, Great Falls, VA

Come after 2 if you would like to swim--dinner will be about 5 p.m.



Betty will be taking reservations. Call her at 703-759-0471 to say whether you want to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert (Betty will get back to you if any change needs to be made) and whether you will be having crabs or bringing your own entree to cook.

Directions: Take Beltway Exit 13 onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike) toward Great Falls. Drive 6.3 miles to Great Falls and turn right on Walker Road. Go 1.1 miles and take a left on Squires Trail. At the end of the road, turn left onto Haven Lane and proceed to \$525 on the left..



Oktoberfest

- When:** SATURDAY, September 26th, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 20th annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.
- Call:** Coordinator Aina Thomas at 301-309-8933 by Monday the 21st of September to reserve your place (limited to 60), to choose low-fat or high-test wurst, and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.
- Cost:** Approximately \$10.00 per person.
- Bring:** Your own eating utensils and plate. Your favorite beer mug is, of course, always welcome.
- Optional:** Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.
- Where:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm & Nosh Bar, Catharpin, Va.
- Directions:** In the September TOOT.



BLOB'S PARK - OCTOBER 3

Have a second Oktoberfest at Blob's Park in Maryland., Polkas and more beginning at 9 p.m. Those wanting to eat there can arrange to meet earlier. Suzanne Boisclair is making arrangements. For info, call her at 703-532-0511 (or sboiscl@crosslink net). Send her a check for the admission price of \$6.00. Food and drink are extra..

CORRECTION: The July Toot erroneously reported that Betty Lawrence joined PVS in 1991. In fact, she joined in 1990 and has hosted both the June meeting and the Crab Feast annually for 9 straight years. This plus the fall foliage weekends at her mountain house and summer outings at her beach home.

Surely this earns Betty a listing in our Guinness book of club records.
Thanks, Betty!

SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR THE 1999-2000 SEASONS

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>TRIP LEADERS</u>
Dec. 9 to 16, 1998	Steamboat, CO.	Ned & Jaclyn Flaherty
Jan. 9 to 16, 1999	Telluride, CO.	Don & Kathy Dillon
Jan. 30 to Feb. 6, 1999	Sun Valley, ID.	Dina Taylor & Nat Seeman
Feb. 19 to Mar. 2, 1999	Cortina, Italy	John Smith & Pat Tengal
Feb. 27 to Mar. 6, 1999 BRSC Trip	Mt. Tremblant, Canada	John Matthews
Mar. 27 to Apr. 3, 1999	Vail, CO	Ray & Nancy McKinley
Dec. 26, 99 to Jan. 2, 0 BRSC Trip	Steamboat, CO.	Betty Lawrence & Betty Byrne
Jan. 29 to Feb. 5, 2000 BRSC Trip	Park City, UT.	Trip Leader not designated at present time
Feb 26 to Mar 4, 2000 BRSC Trip	Loon, NH or Killington, VT	Exact location not decided by BRSC

If a member is interested in a particular trip, please indicate to the Trip Leader at this time to put your name on the list and make the deposit requested by the Trip Leader. Remember the trips fill-up quickly and there is a limit to the number of people on each trip.

steamboat springs, december 9 to 16, 1998

Information has gone out to all those signed up. Questions? Call the Flahertys at 301-929-9664.

TELLURIDE JAN. 9-16, 1999. 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS. \$1195

More than a mountain resort, Telluride is a town, an Old West friendly place that invites you to linger after you ski, kick up your boots and stay awhile. Deluxe ski-in, ski-out hotel accommodations are awaiting you at Mountain Village, a new multimillion dollar town along lines of Beaver Creek. You experience the old and the new in the same week of great snow and skiing.

Hands down, in a boxed canyon of snow-capped peaks, **TELLURIDE** is the most beautiful place you'll ever ski. Oh, what a mountain! From invitingly easy (21%), and intermediate slopes (47%), you will discover more than 1,000 skiable acres, 64 trails, split grooming, and not a lift line in sight. Concerned about altitude? All the "greens" and 75% of the "blues" are 10,880-foot altitude and below.

A free gondola transport system between Mountain Village and Telluride proper is at your service from 8 AM to 11 PM. Restaurants, cafes and pubs galore are available between the two. It's so easy to get around. And we have made it an easy destination with all-jet service and an enjoyable and short transfer from Montrose to Telluride, only 65 miles, all of scenic beauty.

SIGN UP NOW. See the June TOOT for the application form or call Don or Kathy Dillon at 301 330 5371 or 800 8 SKI-SUN (754-786) and we will reserve your place and send a form. \$100 Deposit per person due now. Complete details of optional package prices and payments schedule also in the June TOOT.



SKI SUN VALLEY, IDAHO

January 30 thru February 6, 1999

Coordinated by Dina Taylor (301-663-6089) & Nat Seeman (713-461-0859)

Amid the splendor of Idaho's majestic mountains, this VALUE-PACKED ski package offers great skiing on UNCROWDED slopes with state-of-the-art lifts. The motto is "ROUGHING IT IN LUXURY" in glamorous guest facilities with alpine charm and amenities to numerous to list. All of us will be lodging in the famous SUN VALLEY LODGE, frequented by many Hollywood celebrities. All this for the individualized, unbelievably low price of

Room w. 2 double beds, double occupancy - per person only \$1,270
Room w. 1 Queen bed, double occupancy - per person only \$1,194
(Land only: subtract \$300 from total prices.)



For more information call coordinators. To sign up, send deposit to Dina Taylor, 8403 Stonehouse Road, Frederick, MD 21702. It is imperative to make a decision soon as trip planning confines us to certain time frames. We have space for you now! Let us hear from you. — Your friendly tripleaders Dina and Nat.

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March 27 to April 3, 1999 join Nancy and Ray McKinley and

♡♡♡♡ SKI VAIL ♡♡♡♡

The Premier VS Ski Destination!

Experience the thrill of skiing the largest, highest rated ski area in the US--and doing it with your PVS friends. The Vail mega-resort was built from scratch to encompass the best ski terrain in Colorado. Vail's skiing and unrivaled natural beauty make it a place to go back to again and again. Vail is massive with 4,644 skiable acres and the largest network of high-speed quads in North America. At the top, VAIL is 7 miles wide!! And March and April are Vail's snowiest months, so we are guaranteed great powder skiing! Vail has added practice parks for slow to moderately paced skiing so you can relax and enjoy. Special signs are posted at the top of each recently-groomed slope to eliminate guess work. Snow conditions and grooming information are always available on our in-room cable TV. Vail is truly for everyone! Join us and ski Vail! And we fly from close-in Reagan National Airport to Eagle Vail on a great schedule on United Airlines.

♡♡♡♡ We'll stay slopeside at the newly appointed, Lift House. Each spacious unit has a fireplace, queen size bed, queen size sleep sofa, full kitchen, and private balcony. Prices are per person and based on only two people per unit. Single supplement is \$550. And best of all our units are a measured "39 feet 3 and 7/8 inches" from the new high-speed, leather upholstered, heated Lionshead Gondola. The Lift House has two restaurants, a Jacuzzi, bank, two ski shops and is in the heart of Lionshead Village. VAIL. You'll love it!

♡♡♡♡ All the goodies you expect on a McKinley-run trip: 5 of 6 day lift passes good at Vail, Beaver Creek, Arrowhead, Keystone & Breckenridge--almost 11,000 acres!! Airfare, transfers baggage handling and gratuities. We've included three special multi course group dinners at prime Vail dining establishments, apres ski every night, and gala pre and post trip parties.

Incredible VAIL Value: 8 Days, 7 Nights Only \$1,348. \$1,188 70+
Land Only package: \$1,009. \$849 70+

A truly great deal. Hurry, only 13 spaces are left. For more information call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126. To sign up fill out the form in our lavender flyer in last month's FOOT (or call us) and send it with your check for \$200 (pay to Ray McKinley) to McKinleys, 2326 North Upton St., Arlington, VA 22207-4045. You'll absolutely ♡ VAIL

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MONTREMBLANT

Potomac Valley Skiers are part of the Blue Ridge Ski Council's "Winterfest 1999"

February 21 to 26 (five day) or February 20 to 27 (seven day option)

John and Ramona Matthews are your coordinators; phone: 301-589-7612

Ski Magazine rates Tremblant as the #1 ski resort in Eastern North America (1997 & 1998). Snow Country Magazine (1997) rates Tremblant as the #1 Value in Eastern North America. These low mountains (3,000 feet) present no altitude adjustment problem yet have great verticals (2131 feet). High-speed lifts and the expansive trail system make this resort hard to beat. The new French-Canadian Village may vie with the slopes for your enjoyment. Here is the flavor of a continental ski resort at a price that is kind to your budget.

Lodging in the Plaza Condominiums is located at the foot of the mountain in the heart of the Village. Deluxe condo units include two bedrooms for two persons each, two bathrooms and full kitchens. The studio units accommodate two at a small price increment. Convenient walk-to-the-slopes for all lodging. You have a choice of a five or seven-day package. Included with both are:

- Pre-trip party.
- Round-trip from Dulles to Montreal via Toronto.
- Round trip charter bus Montreal to Tremblant.
- 7 nights lodging (5 optional).
- 6 days lift tickets (4 optional).
- BRSC welcome party.
- Group race - inter club challenge.
- BRSC farewell dinner/dance: DJ music.
- Optional sight-seeing trip to Quebec City.
- Post-trip party.

	Accommodation	Five nights	Seven nights
Costs of	Two bedroom/two bath condo (four persons)	\$596	\$720
Packages:	Studio unit w/kitchen alcove (two persons)	\$675	\$800

Land only - deduct \$200; Cost adjustment for seniors, single supplement and non-skiers to be determined.

Payment Schedule: A deposit of \$50 is payable with your application. A second payment of \$50 is due by November 5. A third payment of \$75 is due on December 5 and the final payment falls due on January 5, 1999. Trip agreement, emergency information form and travel schedules to be provided.

TRIP APPLICATION -

(Mail with deposit to: John Matthews, 9214 Midwood Road, Silver Spring MD 20910)

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____ Address _____

City, State & ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Check the following options: Seven Day _____ Five Day _____ Condo _____ Studio _____
Land only _____ Non-Skier (or only X-Country) _____ 65+ _____ 70+ _____

Preferred roommate _____

Signature(s) _____

PAST EVENTS

Ragtime with PVS by Liz Triau

We met at the national Theater on the afternoon of Saturday, July 18 as Nancy and Ray McKinley greeted us with our tickets to the play, "Ragtime". With a little history, a lot of music, song and dance and stunning performances by the actors, our group of 23 (PVSers and several of the McKinleys' friends) were spellbound. The play was significantly deeper than many of us had expected and a few tears were shed among the crowd during some of the more touching scenes. As Ragtime concluded, the audience rose to a standing ovation for this outstanding musical.

After the play, about 17 of us enjoyed a delicious dinner at the French restaurant, Les Halles, just around the corner from the theater. As we were beginning the meal, Dina Taylor was heard asking one of the waiters, "Where are the bread plates?" The waiter promptly whipped out his pen and drew a circle next to Dina's plate, saying "This is your bread plate." Good bread (even without a plate), good food, good conversation and a good time was had by all. As Ray would say, "Just another boring PVS event".

Thanks so much to Ray and Nancy for organizing another wonderful event for us!

SAILS IN THE SUNSET...

...and schooners with masts swaying in the summer breezes at the marina-edge home of Roland and Lorraine Brockmeyer were the sights PVSers enjoyed on a recent evening in Annapolis. Relaxed and cool, we lolled, strolled, and talked about the evitable--ski trips--with the magnificent sunset view hovering in the background.

Lorraine and Roland prepared a scrumptious feast of baked ham and braised beef supplemented by more treats prepared by our other PVS gourmet cooks.

The Brockmeyer's daughter, Adele, regaled the group with tales of her travel abroad with and without companion, Lorraine. As the sun went down, we reveled in our ability to enjoy the water (even when it isn't frozen!) and thanked the Brockmeyers for their ever-delightful hospitality.

...Nancy McKinley

IN MEMORIAM

PVS extends sincere sympathy to Penny Hanshaw whose husband, Bruce, was killed July 18 near his home in Telluride when the four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle he was riding struck a log and overturned. Bruce had often skied with PVSers both in Europe and Colorado and he often welcomed club members to the Hanshaw home in Telluride.

He was a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Geological Survey where he was involved with numerous environmental projects and where he received the Department of Interior's Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service Awards.

A memorial service will be held in Telluride August 18 and in McLean on October 18.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

One of the Knee's current peeves is toilet paper. You know the stuff. It seems that unscrupulous manufacturers have been shaving the size of the roll, bit by bit, without making the rolls look smaller. They save a ton of paper and hence money. We all lose. Indeed, the old 600 sheet rolls are now "a full 280 sheets." And they have created new "double rolls" of 560 sheets--of course at double the price. Sheet!

I bet you are saying to yourself, "Self, that's the kind of superb muckraking reporting that made America great." But, has the Knee gone to pot-ty? What is toilet paper doing in a ski column? Well, um...um...toilet paper is white, like snow.

Perhaps toilet paper should have been at this column's "other end." Another problem with starting with TP, there are no segues whatsoever.

Oops. Our PVS group really enjoyed *Ragtime*, but not Bill and Susan Brown. They had the play on their calendar for the following week. According to Bill, all was not lost--the Browns saw the play *gratis* two nights later. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the theater had a ticket replacement program for the "Mentally Challenged." To qualify, one had to ski at Liberty 8 times the previous season! Right in!

After the play, we went to *Les Halles* for dinner. The restaurant had a framed poster for Porto Ramos-Pinto. Don and Pat Cope had visited the Ramos-Pinto Port Lodge several years earlier. Any port in a storm--or better in a glass.

Just back from a month of travel is Aina Thomas. She was co-leader of a group of 35 who visited Latvia and Lithuania. It was rainy and brisk. The temperature never got above 58 deg. and it got down to 34 deg. with no heat at all. Just like a typical July in the Nation's Capital.

This hasn't been a good summer for Marianne Cook. She badly skinned her shin (I guess it would be difficult to goodly skin a shin), which became infected and ultimately required hospitalization. She had cataract surgery on both

eyes and had a crown break which resulted in 3 hours of oral surgery. Most recently, Marianne had rectal prolapse surgery done by what she calls her BS--behind surgeon. (Please don't even think about a segue to TP!) Ankneeway, Marianne is recovering and is planning several ski trips. Kneat.

Speaking of cataracts, June Kelsay and Charles Boykin also are recovering after surgery. It isn't PC, but as the Asian said about cataracts, "I prefer to drive a Rincoln Continentar."

Now that PVS is regularly running trips to Europe, the following for your consideration:

Heaven is where

- the police are British
- the chefs are French
- the mechanics are German
- the lovers are Italian
- and it's all organized by the Swiss

Hell is where

- the police are German
- the chefs are British
- the mechanics are French
- the lovers are Swiss
- and it's all organized by the Italians.

Roland Brockmeyer was on Baltimore TV discussing the Ravens' new, state-paid-for football stadium. "It's built, why discuss it now?" Right on.

Last October, John Smith and Pat Tengel took their vintage 1965 boat in for an overhaul. "It will be done in March," they were told. Later it was "by Memorial Day," later "July 4." John and Pat finalknee got their boat 2 days before their July, boating ExCom. Starboard on!

Several of us are going to Vail this winter. Marvin Hass and Betty Byrne beat the rush. They just were bicycling from Aspen across to Vail to Keystone--including over Vail Pass. I'm breathless!

Suzanne Boisclair is going the other way. After cleaning out her gutters (I mean her house's gutters) she is traveling to Norway and Russia.

For his 65th birthday Lu Beale got Bill Anderson a compass and a book "How to Find Everything." But Bill still got lost. For his 70th birthday Lu got Bill a cupcake, apparently for sustenance when lost. But the cupcake fell upside down. So Bill got a poem and he still gets lost.

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- Oct. 17 ... Bike/Hike at the Leonhardts'. Call Barbara at 301-963-8111.
- Oct. 20 ... Monthly at Marijane and Don Harpers'
- Nov. 7 ... Arts Club Dinner
- Jan. 1 ... 2000, Millenium Party
- Nov. 2000, 35th Anniversary

Correction for Triaus on your E-Mail list: MNNJ27B@prodigy.com

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