



VOLUME XXXIV *Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc.*  
NUMBER 8 WASHINGTON MARYLAND VIRGINIA

AUGUST 1999

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow PVSers:

Never let it be said that PVSers are retiring (or retired)! There's so much going on that deciding what to write about in this month's message was a challenge. Ski trips? London junket? Elegant parties? Membership in PVS so that you can be part of all this? (Your application is really, really in the TOOT this time.)\*

- Ski trips - they're filling fast! Only a couple of spaces left in many cases. If you're already signed up, think about whom you'd like to ski with and ask them to come along too.
- London - PVS' first (at least in a long time) far away nonskiing trip. The tours and shows that Don Dillon has lined up are bound to be spectacular.
- PVS' Millennium Bash - it's shaping up to be the not-to-be-missed event of the PVS Year, or, dare we say, the PVS Century? After you've closed out the old millennium and gotten a good night's sleep, what are you going to do to start off the new millennium right? Don't sit around at home as though it's any other day of the millennium! Put on your finest, and pop on over to the elegant home of Jim and Charlotte Kline for champagne, fine cuisine, excellent company, and entertainment and meet the future head-on! Your personal invitation will be arriving soon at your door.

See you on the slopes...or in  
the pool... or by the food  
table...

*Nancy*

Nancy McKinley

\*Form is on pp. 11 & 12. Please tear out and send to Marilyn Clark before September 30.

# Puccini's TOSCA

Produced by Muriel Hom • Directed by Muriel Von Villas  
Conducted by Edward Roberts



Opera International continues its rich tradition of presenting "World Class," "Dazzling," and "Masterfully Sung" Operas with its Grand Opera production of *TOSCA* in August 1999.

Puccini's thrilling tangle of political and sexual intrigue features the beautiful, "delicate yet powerful voice" of *Hai-bo Bai* as Tosca, with the "expressively dramatic" *Sun Yu* as the sinister Baron Scarpia. Tenor *Drew Slotton* makes his Opera International debut as a "vocally astounding" and "emotionally poignant" revolutionary lover Cavaradossi.

The resounding success of Opera International's launch in 1994, with its richly international and engaging cast, was welcomed by *The Washington Post* as a "World Class Debut." Just one year later, *Opera News* was recognizing the company's productions as "Elegant, perceptive...with a touch of class."

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 - 4:00 PM**

The GWU Liner Auditorium, 21st and H Streets, NW  
Fully staged • Sung in Italian with English Surtitles

**TICKETS \$40**

Call Dot Mills 703-527-5036

## SUMMER SERENADES 1999 AT STRATHMORE HALL

Tuesday, August 10. Enjoy **ETHEL ENNIS** -- a very famous jazz ballad singer. Picnic with PVS at 6:30, concert at 7:30 P.M.

You may purchase dinner from O'Brien's or bring your own goodies.

Concerts are free. On-site parking is \$3.00 or you may take the Metro to the Grosvenor Station nearby.

Please call John Smith or Pat Tengel (301-299-8376) for further information and to let us know who might be coming.

### BIKE RIDE MIDWEEK THURSDAY August 19 C&O Canal



Meet at GREAT FALLS PARK, MD at 10:30 am for an 18 mile round trip bike ride along the C&O Canal to Seneca and return. This is a shady flat ride along the canal towpath with lunch stop midway at Seneca picnic area overlooking Potomac. Bring lunch and beverage. It is pleasant even when the temperature is in the 90's.

Leader: Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048.



### MESSAGE FROM FREDERICK

Dina Taylor, recuperating from recent surgery, thanks all those PVSers whose expressions of good cheer and good fellowship aided her recovery. She says, "I cannot, at this time, thank each one personally, but I am deeply grateful and look forward to being with the group again before too long."

GOLF AT LEISURE WORLDFriday, August 27

Tee times starting at 1 p.m. No contest. No prizes. No handicaps. Cost per person for 18-hole greens fee and cart is \$32.

Call Jeannette Albersheim at 301-598-7525 or Myron Marquardt at 301-460-3269 before August 24, please.

Leisure World is out Georgia Avenue from the Beltway. You will see a giant globe on your right near a shopping center. Tell the guard at the Gate that you are a guest of Jeannette's. Ask for directions to the golf clubhouse. Report there by 12:30 to form foursomes. You may come earlier to have a good lunch at the Stein Room in Clubhouse I. Return there after golf for a beer with your fellow hackers (and experts). At that time a nearby restaurant can be selected and those who want to avoid rush hour traffic and socialize may stay for dinner.

---

**TOUR HORSEHEAD WETLANDS CENTER WITH LUNCH AT MAHALLATI'S, THURSDAY SEPT. 2ND.**

This event will be limited to 25 PVSers. The Bay Bridge toll is \$2.50, admission to Wetlands Center \$2.00, and lunch \$6. We will start our guided tour at 10:30 a.m. Driving time from Bethesda, Md. is one hour and fifteen minutes, and car pools are encouraged. Good walking shoes and long pants are recommended as the walking tour will cover approximately 3.5 miles and take about 2 hours. Lunch will follow the tour at Mahallati's.

The Horseheads Wetlands Center is surrounded by the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, over 310 acres are available to explore. All kinds of wildlife (song birds, ducks, geese, migratory birds, deer, red fox, muskrat, and bald eagles) can be seen walking the trails and boardwalks. Interested PVSers should contact Charles & Sara Huggins (301) 424-5725 to reserve a place on this event.

**Biking:** Anybody who wants a little more exercise after the tour can take their bike to the Horsehead Wetlands Center and bike over to the Mahallati's with Marvin Hass. The distance is just 5 miles and should take but 30 minutes. PVSers interested in biking to Mahallati's should give Marvin a call (703) 751-4737.

**Directions:** Take the Washington Beltway 95 to Route 50 towards Annapolis. Go over the Bay Bridge follow Route 50 until you pass over the second bridge (Kent Narrows Bridge). Drive 1.3 miles and take Exit 43B. Go to the stop sign and make a right. Make a left turn at the next stop sign onto Route 18. Pass the fire department on your right and make a right turn onto Perry Corner Road. Go 0.5 mile and turn right at the Horsehead Wetlands Center sign. Follow the dirt road to the parking lot. After the tour, return to Perry Corner Road and turn right. Go 1.7 miles and make a right onto Prospect Bay Road. Go 1 mile and make a right into the community's entrance (white lighthouse). Go to the stop sign, make a right onto Prospect Bay Drive West. You will be driving perpendicular to the Bay. Follow the road around to the left until you are driving parallel to the Bay. The Mahallati House is the fifth house from the curve on your right. It is a two story, cedar, contemporary. The house number is 37. Park on the dirt shoulder just off the paved road.

*crabs, crabs, crabs... or whatever*



The annual crab feast will be held at Betty Lawrence's on Saturday, September 4th. Call her soon (703-759-0471) to get your name on the list and to say whether you want crabs and whether you will bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. (If you don't like crabs, you may bring your own entree.)

## TOUR NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE

Wednesday September 15, 1999

We will meet in the lobby of the Aquarium in Baltimore's Inner Harbor at 10 AM and tour the Aquarium with Carol Parmenter. Lunch will be at the famous Haussner's Restaurant. Aquarium entrance fee is \$14, senior citizen \$10.50, and children \$7.50.

**Directions:** From MD Beltway (I-495) to I-95 N to route 395 to Pratt St. following signs to Inner Harbor. To park closest to Aquarium from Pratt Street turn left on Gay Street. Garage parking is immediately on left (cheaper) or open air on the right, but there is parking on any street off Pratt Street.

Please call Sara or Charles Huggins (301-424-5725) if you can join us.

## TOUR OF GETTYSBURG: September 25th

Gary Delphey, who led us on the Antietam tour, has offered to do the same at Gettysburg. It will be a combination walking/auto caravan tour beginning at 10:30 a.m. See the September TOOT for details. In the meantime put it on your calendar. Call Lu Beale (202-363-3521) to sign-on.

O  
K  
T  
O  
B  
E  
R  
F  
E  
S  
T

- When:** SATURDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What:** 21st 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 Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Retirees Bike Romp

PAST EVENT

Wednesday, June 16, was an ideal day for a ride. Perfect temperature, no wind, nor rain, and plenty of shade along a beautiful winding trail. Eleven of us PVSers, PPTC, and Over the Hill Gang members started at "Candy Cane City". Led by John Mathews, we cruised to Dewey Park, with several stops for water and socializing. On the return we struggled up the steep incline to reach the famous Garrett Park Cafe. It was worth the extra effort to dine on their bill of fare. Three PVSers joined us for lunch.

At the market outside the cafe, Shirley Rettig purchased flowering plants (impatiens?) and carried them safely back on her bike. We all enjoyed the ride totaling 16.56 miles according to my odometer. For those members that had a higher number they were probably reading kilometers not miles. Jean Chybinski

---

 PVS SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR 1999-2000 SKI SEASON
 

---

PLACE	DATE	TRIP LEADERS
Steamboat	12/9/99 thru 12/16/99	Ned & Jaclyn Flaherty (Ray Mckinley trip accountant)
Snowmass	1/22/00 thru 1/29/00	Barbara Leonhardt & Nat Seeman
Tahoe & SF	2/5/00 thru 2/15/00	George Hicho & Sue Walsh
Kitzbuhel, Austria (& Salzburg)	2/18/00 thru 2/29/00	John Smith & Pat Tengel
Big Sky	3/5/00 thru 3/12/00	Nancy & Ray McKinley
Argentina/ Buenos Aires	8/15/00 thru 8/30/00	Nancy & Ray McKinley

Note: Any BRSC trips will be added at a later date.  
Trips are opened to non PVSers after 8/1/99

PVS TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

AUGUST	15	- Snowmass - second
SEPTEMBER	1	- Austria 2000 - second
	5	- Steamboat - final
	8	- London - final
	15	- Lake Tahoe - second
	16	- Big Sky - second
OCTOBER	15	- Austria 2000 - final
NOVEMBER	1	- Snowmass - final
DECEMBER	1	- Lake Tahoe - final
JANUARY	3	- Big Sky - final

A Committee has been set up to formulate guidelines for the Ski Trip Committee, trip leaders and trip participants. Members are Serge Triau, Ruth Powers, Myron Marquardt, and Janet Marx. Please give any of them your ideas on this project.

# PVS SKI STEAMBOAT 1999

Thursday, December 9 - Thursday, December 16, 1999

For the 8th straight year, we are headed back to the Sheraton - Steamboat. Ski In /Ski Out and only 60 feet to the Silver Bullet Gondola. Everyone loves Steamboat! Free ski storage. Over 2900 acres of ski terrain, 22 lifts, 140 trails, and 3670 feet of vertical. Top to bottom snowmaking.

Total package includes:

- 12/9: United Airlines Flight 1135, leaves Dulles at 9:10 am and arrives Denver at 10:44 am
- 12/16 United Airlines Flight 661 leaves Denver at 3:40 pm and arrives Dulles 8:44 pm
- Motor coach to Steamboat. (For those not arriving/leaving Denver at the same time as the group, transportation to Steamboat and return is **NOT** included)
- 5 of 6-day lift ticket
- 6 breakfast buffets
- New this year --- no-host happy hours will be scheduled daily at nearby restaurants. No crowding into small hotel rooms. Plus farewell champagne party
- 7 nights lodging in hotel rooms (dbl occupancy)
- 4 dinners
- Pre-trip party

Total Package Price: \$1187 for those under 70  
\$1041 for those 70 or over or non-skier

Land Only Price: \$ 936 for those under 70  
\$ 790 for those 70 and over or non-skiers

Single Supplement: \$400 Trip Insurance: \$49

Make check payable to Ray McKinley and put PVS-Steamboat 1999 on the memo line. Send to Ray at 2326 N. Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207.

For more information, call your trip leaders, Ned or Jackie Flaherty at 301-929-9664.



**PVS - SNOWMASS - 2000**

**Sat. Jan. 22 - Sat. Jan. 29, 2000**

**Just 2 places remain. However, cancellations are inevitable so we will keep a waiting list. REMINDER: those signed up, your 2nd payment is due Aug. 15.**

Stay less than 100 yds from the slopes at the luxurious Wildwood Lodge, Snowmass Village. Ski Snowmass' best cruising slopes in the West. 62% of the terrain is blue or green. Lift tickets also good at Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk. Total package includes: United Airlines flights from Dulles to Eagle/Vail via Denver and return plus land package which includes: motor coach to Snowmass (about 75 min.); 5 of 6-day lift ticket; 7 nights lodging; 7 hot breakfast buffets; 3 dinners; 3 or 4 apres ski; 1 lunch on the mountain; and pre- and post-trip parties (dinners at the Leonhardts). Flights: 1/22: lv. Dulles @ 7:00am; arr. Denver @ 8:36am; lv. Denver @ 10:10 am; arr. Eagle/Vail @ 10:50am. Return 1/29: lv. Eagle/Vail @ 11:10am; arr. Denver @ 11:50am; lv. Denver @ 12:35pm; arr. Dulles @ 5:40pm. (For those not arriving/leaving Eagle/Vail at the same time as the group, transportation from Eagle/Vail to Snowmass and return is **NOT** included).

Total Package Price: \$1365 for those under 70; \$1193 for those 70 or over  
Land Only Price: \$1078 for those under 70; \$ 906 for those 70 and over

Deposit of \$100 is due with application and is refundable until August 15. A payment of \$500 + the cost of trip insurance (if taken) is **due by August 15. The final payment is due by November 1.** Payments must be received by these deadlines or a late fee of \$10 will be charged.

For more information and a flyer, call Barbara Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 eve. or Nat Seeman at 703-461-0859. Make check payable to Barbara A. Leonhardt and put PVS-Snowmass 2000 on the memo line. Send to Barbara at 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.



# SKI LAKE TAHOE / THEN THREE NIGHTS IN BEAUTIFUL SAN FRANCISCO

FEB. 5 TO FEB. 15, Y2K

Ski the beautiful slopes of Squaw Valley, Heavenly, Kirkwood, Sierra Tahoe, and Northstar. You've all skied these areas, so why tell you once again about the majestic beauty that awaits us. For those that have not skied these areas, long wide..... runs, fluffy powder, firs reaching from the snow upward to a big, clear, blue beautiful sky, and the breath taking and inspiring views from the peaks over looking Lake Tahoe await us. Following our skiing we'll fly down to San Francisco and enjoy three nights and two days in the beautiful city on the Pacific coast.

The package price includes RT air fare, United Air Lines, from Dulles to San Francisco and then to Reno. Transportation and tips from Reno to the Horizon Inn in Lake Tahoe, where we will be staying that week, are included. Because of the excellent buffet restaurants available in the Tahoe area, lunch or supper are not included in the package price, but four Apre skis will be provided during ski week. Included in the package is an interchangeable, five out of six day lift ticket. Transportation to and from the ski areas is served by local companies, however, if a sufficient number of people go on the trip, our travel agent informs me that ski area will send a bus for us. Tips, baggage transfers, and pre-and post trip parties are included in the package price.

Following our skiing, we will be transported to Reno airport for our flight to San Francisco. Included in the package is a dinner at a restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf, and a trip to the wine region. After two nights stay at the Hotel Vintage Court in San Francisco, we will go back to Reno for a nights stay at John Ascuaga's NUGGET. That night, a complimentary show is available. The next day, February 15, we are taken to Reno airport and board United for our flight back to Dulles.

**PACKAGE PRICE: Less Than 70: \$1460      Over 70: \$1260**  
**The land package is: \$1050, Over 70: \$850**  
**Single Supplement:    Less than 70: \$1840      Over 70: \$1640**

-----

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nonsmoker \_\_\_\_\_ Smoker \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (O) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Suitemate (s) Pref: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Applicable: Air: \_\_\_\_\_ Land: \_\_\_\_\_ 70+ \_\_\_\_\_ I (We) have read the Fine Print.

Signature/Signatures (Both must sign) \_\_\_\_\_

e Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Now:	\$200.00			
9/15/99:	\$500.00			
	Full Package		Land Only	
	Less than 70	70+	Less than 70	70+
12/1/99:	\$760	\$560	\$350	\$150

Payments not received by trip leaders by due dates will be charged a late fee of \$10.00. Please make the checks payable to George E. Hicho and note Tahoe/SF '99 in the memo location. Space is limited, so please make your application check out and mail it to George E. Hicho and send it to this address:

George E. Hicho  
7404 Cliffbourne Ct.,  
Derwood, MD 20855-1101  
301-963-1836  
e mail: gehsw@erols.com

Or For More Info: Call Co-Leader  
Sue Walsh  
@ 301-589-7159.

## CANCELLATION FEES

In the event that it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip to Lake Tahoe/SF, your trip leaders will make every effort to try to minimize your losses. However, certain fees are mandated by the airline, the hotel, and the tour operator. There is a cancellation fee of \$20 up to 11/1/99. From 11/1/99 to 12/20/99, a fee of \$ 60.00 will be required. After 12/20/99 there is a cancellation fee of \$175.00; and after 1/5/2000, a fee of \$625.00 will be required. A charge of \$25.00 will be needed for each substitution or a change within 45 days of travel. We strongly urge trip insurance, at \$43.00, and we will supply information on the insurance when it becomes available. If the entire trip is canceled, there is \$500 cancellation fee which will be divided among those that have signed up for the trip. Ticket name change charge is \$100.00.

## FINE PRINT

Partial or full payment for a reservation on this PVS sponsored Lake Tahoe/SF ski trip shall constitute consent to all provisions stated herein. PVS, its officers, its representatives, the agents or its members shall not be responsible for personal injuries, property damage, or loss, delay, or the change of itinerary to any person or trip participant which arises out of any air carrier, hotel, ski area, or other persons rendering any services, accommodations and transportation arrangements being offered, or by reason of any circumstances beyond the control of PVS, or due to force majeure.

PVS designated Trip Leaders, should the circumstances demand, have the right to substitute hotels of similar or better category and to change transportation schedules. In the event of such changes no refund or credit will be provided if accommodations, services and transportation arrangements are of comparable or better quality or standards to those which were to be provided and are during the same time period. Any such change shall not modify the cancellation provisions. No credit will be allowed or refund given for any service included as part of the trip and not used by individual participants unless agreed to by the Trip Leaders in advance. If the trip is canceled for any reason whatsoever, PVS shall only be responsible to make a maximum effort to obtain the refund of all payments previously made for the trip from the person to whom the payment was made, and there shall not be any further obligation on the part of PVS, its officers, its representatives, its agents, or its members.



# LONDON IS STILL OPEN. WE NEED YOU!

November 7-14, 1999

We had to make a price adjustment due to the expense of London hotels in general and the one we wanted in particular. Also an adjustment because we have 15 going, not the 20 or more needed. You can still sign up. Call 800 875 4786. Deposit \$200 per person due now.

## THIS IS STILL VALUE PRICED AT \$1675 PER PERSON, DOUBLE

Imagine London's world famous attractions and culture at your finger tips. You can immerse yourself in history and culture with exciting and interesting theater and tours and much free time built in. Staying at The Plaza on Hyde Park, central to London's parks and major attractions, start each day with your included breakfast. This is not a luxury hotel but it will be comfortable and convenient. Buckingham Palace, the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, and Trafalgar Square are all within a short distance. For shopping, Oxford Street, Selfridges, Mayfair, Harrods, and Kensington are all accessible by foot. On two separate days you will leave the city for included day trips to Stratford-on-Avon, Bath and Stonehenge. You will attend two theater performances, one in London and one in Shakespeare land and, a back stage theater tour. Want to enjoy the "Starlight Express", "The Twelfth Night", or "Candide"? One of these or one other of majority choosing we will enjoy together. Early on you will be guests on an introductory tour of the city and a day or so later a scenic Thames River cruise with lunch included. One of the best ways to see London is from the Thames. And one of the best ways to get around is the Underground and The Plaza has entrances nearby. Besides all that we will get you there by British Airways, non-stop from Dulles, roundtrip, and we will transfer you back and forth from Heathrow to The Plaza. Now, is not that considerate of us? And all for \$1675!

Come and join us. Send deposits and checks made out to Coshen Travel, 8302 Coshen View Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20882. Thanks, Don Dillon. 301 990 3792/800 875 4786. Final payment due 60 days before. No credit cards.

## PVS - AUSTRIA 2000

### SKIING IN KITZBUHEL AND TOURING IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Friday, February 18, 2000 to Tuesday, February 29, 2000

**KITZBUHEL (IN TIROL)** – An internationally famous ski area surrounding a charming medieval walled village. More than 100 miles of ski runs of all levels/ 60 modern lifts/cross country skiing. The best apre-ski activities in Austria

**SALZBURG** – The city of Mozart and the "Sound of Music". A baroque city on the banks of the Salbach River that is filled with music, museums, castles and palaces.

FRI., FEB. 18 – FLY FROM DULLES AIRPORT TO MUNICH, GERMANY

SAT., FEB. 19 – TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE HOTEL TIEFENBRUNNER IN KITZBUHEL

SAT., FEB. 26 – TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE HOTEL ALSTADT-RADISSON IN SALZBURG.

TUES., FEB. 29 – TRANSFER BY MOTOR COACH TO THE MUNICH AIRPORT FOR THE RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:** PRE TRIP PARTY, ROUND TRIP AIR FARE WASHINGTON / MUNICH, 7 NIGHTS IN KITZBUHEL AT THE HOTEL TIEFENBRUNNER WITH BREAKFAST AND DINNER, APRES SKI PARTIES, 3 NIGHTS IN SALZBURG AT THE HOTEL ALSTADT-RADISSON ( BREAKFAST INCLUDED), ALL TRANSFERS, PORTAGE OF ALL BAGGAGE, POST TRIP PARTY, MEDICAL INSURANCE AND TRIP CANCELLATION / INTERRUPTION INSURANCE.

**NOT INCLUDED** – LUNCHESES, DINNERS IN SALZBURG, LIFT TICKETS (APPROX. \$120 FOR A SIX DAY TICKET).

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE:     **\$ 1520 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)**     **\$ 1705 (SINGLE OCCUPANCY)**

SEND A DEPOSIT OF \$200 TO: JOHN H. SMITH, AT 8174 INVERNESS RIDGE ROAD, POTOMAC, MD. 20854.

Back by popular demand--March 5 - 12, 2000 join Nancy & Ray McKinley

# SKI? BIG SKY MONTANA

We went there two years ago and everyone wants to go back. Big Sky is massive—3,500 acres on two complete mountains, one designed solely for beginners and intermediates. And for experts, Big Sky rises to 11,166 feet at the Lone Peak Tram. Ride up for the panoramic 4-state views, including Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons or ski down on black diamonds. We'll stay slopeside at the majestic Chet Huntley Lodge: shops, sauna—and poker. Big Sky has US' shortest lift lines and friendliest staff.

Lone Peak at the Big Sky Resort



## Here's what our Luxury Package offers:

- 8 days 7 nights in 4 Star Splendor; Pools, Spa, Bars
- Ski-in/Ski-out lodging with Fridge, Bar & Coffee
- 5 of 6 day lifts with spectacular Big Sky skiing
- Full breakfast daily in a panoramic 3-story restaurant
- 3,500 acres & a 4,180 ft vertical--most in the US
- Pre and Post Trip Parties and Apres-ski every night
- 2 Dinners plus an optional sleigh ride dinner
- Gorgeous powder--over 400 inches of snowfall
- Airfare, Transfers, Bag Handling, Tips
- Yellowstone Snowcat Tour (optional)

**GREAT PRICES: 7 DAYS - \$1369; \$1334 FOR 70+. Hurry, Only 4 Spaces Left!**

For more information see our flyer in the July TOOT or call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126. To sign up send your check for \$200.00 (pay to Ray McKinley) to 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207.

MATINEE AT THE OLNEY THEATER.....Liz Triau

Thanks to Jeannette Albersheim, a group of thirteen PVSers and two of Jeannette's friends enjoyed a matinee performance of Moss Hart's play, "Light Up The Sky", on Sunday, July 18. The play was funny and fun with an outstanding cast of talented performers, a marvelous set design and wonderful costumes ranging from the casual in the first act, to elegant formal attire for the first night play opening in the second act and ending with the pajamas and other night clothes in the final act. We laughed at the antics of the play characters involved in the opening night of a new play in Boston and caught the underlying message of the intricacies of personal relationships.

After the play, we all had dinner at the Gazebo restaurant in Rockville where we enjoyed excellent food and great conversation. Much of the talk was about past and upcoming trips as PVSers are certainly among the most well traveled of any group one could find. So the stories were all interesting and lively as we talked about wonderful adventures around the world.

Let us hope that we can do this again! Thank you so much, Jeannette.

**Please note! Irene Farrell will be doing the September TOOT**

so all articles and information for that issue should be sent directly to her.

Best Event





# THE KNEE

Page 13

by

Ray McKinley

It's August and it's more than a little hot. To refresh your hot mind, here's an

exciting(?) fact. August is named for Augustus Caesar. He was the Emperor of Rome some time ago—I believe during World War I. Augie was a small, ugly person, with no way with women. When he wanted one, he directed his guards, "Seize her! Seize her!" Hence his last name.

Sal Mahallati is back from a 2-month trip to London and his homeland, Iran. The Knee considered a visit. But after thought, Iran home. If you are not on the e-mail list, you didn't see a great photo of Marvin Hass with American *Tour de France tour de force* Lance Armstrong. There's a great story associated with the photo, taken on the W&OD. Ask Marvin about it.

We are all pleased that Dina Taylor is doing splendidly after her cancer surgery.

Two of you asked if I could explain a fairly weird pun in last month's Knee. Of course I can.

Myron and Fumiko Marquardt were in Nebraska for Myron's 55<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. He sent out postcards of pigs. They said "With Hogs and Kisses." Don't blame me; blame Myron. Sally Finan and George Welti toured Colorado and had a kneet visit with Nancy Lewis. Cool.

The Garretts have spent the summer on their replacement boat. They replaced their 32 foot with a 40 foot Searay. Very cool!

The Abrahams are back from an opera trip to Russia. It was hot, often over 100, and no AC in hotels or packed sweaty concert halls. Not cool!

Next month, Marianne Cook will travel to Vienna, and out into the Austrian countryside. She will meet a friend of 60 years and visit a spa. Hot!

A large tip of the ol' Knee Cap to John Brunelli. He just received his second star, and is now a Navy O-8. That's one of the Cheery O's. I don't understand Navy ranks, so I chatted with retired Naval Officer Sheldon Drews. (I had thought that Sheldon had made rank of Navy major, but I know he made at least one rank

higher—he was President!) The Navy doesn't have Generals, (perhaps they're too general) they have Admirals. With 2 Stars, John is a Full *Derrière* Admiral (with 1 Star he was a Half *Derrière*). Or, formally it is FDA Brunelli.

FDA Brunelli also reports that the Dark Ages were caused by an unresolved Y1K problem. It's for these ideas that John is no mere HDA.

Perhaps you hadn't noticed, but the new exciting membership application, which was mentioned twice as being prominent in last month's TOOT, wasn't. Now we are behind the eight ball—membership is slack. Ten years ago, the Knee composed some poetknee to spur on membership—and soon we reached our 200 person limit. To again save PVS, here's the newest version of that classic piece:

*Your monthly Knee  
isn't free.  
You must pay for me  
by rejoining PV  
S.*

*The Knee tells all,  
in Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall.  
He's got up-to-the-minute gossip,  
including some he makes up.*

*Now you can join a big ski club  
or you can join a slight one.  
Or you can join a black ski club  
or you can join a white one.  
But it's best for you to be  
In our PVS, "the Club with a Knee."*

*The Club with a Knee,  
the Club with a Knee.  
PVS --the club to be  
in.*

Now be honest, doesn't that leave you just a bit teary? It has an epic flavor—a light opening, a strong central theme and a lyrical, airy coda. And I'm certain you noted the splendid change of cadence in verse 3. It also shows my consummate understanding of those major poetic terms like illiteration and automated poea. Simply wow.

**CALENDAR**

- Aug. 8 ... Opera at Lisner, p. 2
- Aug. 10 ... Summer Serenade at Strathmore, p. 2
- Aug. 19 ... Midweek Bike Ride, p. 2
- Aug. 24 ... ExCom at the Dillons'
- Aug. 27 ... Golf at Leisure World, p. 3
- Sept. 2 ... Tour Horsehead Wetlands, lunch at Mahallatis', p. 3
- Sept. 4 ... Crab Feast at Betty Lawrence's, p. 4
- Sept. 15 ... Tour National Aquarium in Baltimore, p. 4
- Sept. 21 ... Monthly meeting at the Ewings'
- Sept. 23 ... Bike Ride, Strathmore to Needwood and return
- Sept. 28 ... ExCom at the Marxes' *Sept 25 at Husk*
- Oct. 2 ... Oktoberfest, p. 4
- Oct. 19 ... Meeting at June Read's
- Oct. 21 ... Bike Ride W&OD Trail to Leesburg and return
- Nov. 7 ... thru 14, trip to London, p. 9
- Nov. 16 ... Monthly meeting at Ruth Powers
- Nov. 18 ... Bike Ride, Capital Crescent Trail
- Nov. 20 ... Annual Arts Club Dinner
- Nov. 23 ... ExCom at Bill Anderson's
- Jan. 1 ... 2000, Millennium Party
- Nov. ... 2000, PVS 35th Anniversary Party

Bette Walker  
#806  
2801 New Mexico Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20007

