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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow PVSers:

Well, I must admit that the prospect of having a regular column in TOOT gives one pause. Imagine having the power to communicate to every PVSer at once. It's awesome!

And speaking of every PVSer, now is the time to renew your membership for 2 more years of PVS *joie de vivre*. We have a number of folks chomping at the bit on the waiting list so grab the application in this TOOT, fill it out, and send it along with your check to Marilyn Clark right away.

Have you noticed that there are a whole host of new PVSers and applicants who've thrown themselves into our events and who are flocking to PVS ski trips? Like all good PVSers, they recognize that ski trips are PVS' life's blood (even more than eating!) and will be schussing down the slopes with you and me on one or more of this year's truly fabulous trips.

So sign up now to ski and eat to your heart's content in Steamboat, Snowmass, Tahoe, Kitzbuhel, and Big Sky and make new friends at the same time! If you already know where you'd like to go with PVS this year, pop a check in the mail to the trip leader to hold your place. And peruse the flyers attached to this TOOT and call Reg and Jean Heitchue to sign up to come to the annual Pre-Trip Party on the lake on July 10. Ski videos, boat rides, good food and plenty of ski talk. What more could you ask for?

*Nancy*

Nancy McKinley

ANNUAL PRE-SKI-TRIP PARTY

Saturday, July 10, 1999, 5 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, July 11)  
Home of Jean and Reg Heitchue, 2146 Owl's Cove Lane, Reston, VA.

Call the Heitchues by July 5th to sign up to bring appetizer, salad or dessert.  
A small fee will be charged. Directions are on next page.

**Directions to the Heitchues': From Beltway (I-495), exit onto Route 273 (Dulles Toll Road). Exit at Hunter Mill Road (Exit 14), turning left. Turn right onto Sunrise Valley Drive. At first traffic light, turn left onto South Lakes Drive. After passing the shopping center, take first left onto Ridge Heights Road. Take first right onto Owl's Cove Lane. Go to the end and park in the cul-de-sac. 2146 is at the bottom of steep driveway.**



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**SUMMER SERENADES 1999 AT STRATHMORE HALL**

1. Tuesday, July 6. Picnic with PVS at 6:30, enjoy the **BOILERMAKER JAZZ BAND** (New Orleans Jazz) at 7:30.

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

2. Thursday, July 22. Picnic with PVS at 6:30, enjoy the **NATIONAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** (Music by Mozart, Elgar, and Tchaikowsky) at 7:30.

You may purchase dinner from La Madeleine 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. Call John Pat Tengel (301-299-8376) for further information or just show up and look for them and other PVSers on the lawn.

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**OLNEY THEATER & DINNER, SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2 P. M.**

**You all come! See Moss Hart's "Light up the Sky." A satirical salute to the show business world, chronicling the first night in Boston of a pre-Broadway try-out. Very witty. If we get as many as 15 signups, the bargain price will be \$20.**

**To reserve, call Jeannette Albersheim (301-598-7525). By July 3 deadline she must receive your check made out to her for \$20 each. Her address is 3574 Fiske Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20906-1729. Indicate whether you plan to join other PVSers for dinner at the Gazebo Restaurant in Rock Creek Shopping Center.**

**Directions to Olney Theater which is located on Md Rte 108 in Olney, MD: Take Connecticut Avenue exit off 495. Go approximately 8 miles north to the intersection of Connecticut and Georgia Avenues. Turn left onto Georgia and follow it north 5 miles to the intersection of Georgia and Rte 108. Turn right onto Rte 108 and follow it 1 1/2 miles to Olney Theater on the left..**



**MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH**  
**W&OD Trail— Vienna/Herndon/Reston/Vienna**  
**Thursday, July 22, 1999 10:30 AM**

**Starting Point:** Vienna Community Center. **Total distance:** 18 miles.

Ride will proceed west on the flat W&OD Trail to Herndon RR Station and reverse course. On return will stop for lunch at Reston Town Center -- Fountain Square (under the trees). Bring lunch or buy takeout at adjacent establishments.



**Directions to starting point:** From Beltway exit 9, take I-66 west 2.4 miles to Exit 62 (Nutley St) North to VA 123 (Maple Ave.). Turn right and proceed 0.9 miles to Park St and turn right 0.2 mile to the Community Center.

Restrooms and water available. Latecomers: Ride will start promptly.

Latecomers can proceed west on trail to encounter group or else meet them for lunch at Reston Town Center (look for hi-rise Hyatt Hotel on north side of

W&OD Trail). The Information Center on the Plaza can point you toward the nearby Fountain Square (or just look for the fountain).

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

**NEW ADVENTURE - GOLF AT BLUE KNOB**

**July 25 - 27**

A great chance to cool off and play golf at the same time. Golf costs - Weekdays 9holes \$10, 18 holes \$15. Weekends 9 holes \$12, 18 holes \$18. Golf carts weekdays \$10, Weekends \$16. Other amenities include pool, tennis, spa, antiquing etc. Cost for lodging - \$10 per night. PP, 2 Nights minimum. Continental breakfast served. For more info call Myron (301) 460-3269 or Betty Lawrence at (703) 759-0471

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Look for the renewal form in this issue of "TOOT". Fill it out, sign it, and send it, **no later than September 30, 1999**, along with the appropriate check to insure your continued membership in PVS.

Note: no renewals will be accepted without a completed form.



TOSCA

Opera as Melodrama

Sunday, August 8 - 3 P.M. - Lisner Auditorium

Presented by Opera International -- Fully staged with English  
surtitles - translations of dialogue projected above the stage --

Price - \$40 Call Dot Mills - 703-527-5036

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**GOLF AT LEISURE WORLD**

**Friday, August 27**



Tee times starting at 1 p.m. No contest. No prizes. No handicaps - and even fewer  
Canada geese than last year. 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.

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**Concert Under the Stars at Lake Accotink Park**

Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Kings Park Concert Band plays light classics,  
traditional American and folk music and marches. Bring a picnic dinner join  
PVS by the lake for an evening of enjoyment. Concerts are free. Picnic at  
6:30, concert at 7:30.

Directions from the capital beltway: Braddock road east (exit 5E) for .6  
miles. Right turn on Heming avenue. Follow Heming for 1.3 miles to the  
entrance to Lake Accotink park on the right. Park in this upper lot, follow  
foot path to the right. Picnic tables are on the right near the lake.

Call Marty Rine for further information 703-978-0179.

# LONDON

## A TOURING AND THEATER TRIP

We need at least 20 paid to make this trip work. Because we are on a short fuse, we need to compress some actions to show interest and commitment. Air and hotel cannot be confirmed without deposits. This is no different than organizing a ski trip. Therefore, I am requesting interested parties not only to call me but to send a deposit of \$200 per person by July 12. The checks will not be cashed until we equal or exceed a group of 20. Your checks will be held in reserve and you will be notified by phone that the trip is a 'GO', and only then will your checks be cashed. Otherwise, checks will be returned. After check cashing, deposits will be non-refundable. Cancellation insurance is available, not included.

Final payments would be due 60 days prior to travel. For singles a supplement will be necessary. Prices are subject to change until booked. Full itinerary and inclusions available upon showing definite interest.

This trip has the sanction of the ExCom. It is organized by Goshen Travel. Phone 301-990-3792, (800) 8AK -Sun or 800-875-4786.

....Don Dillon

**WHY:** Many PVS'ers have mentioned non-ski trips. Where can you ski here? This may be the first!

**WHEN:** November 7-14, 1999

**WHERE:** A 4-star London hotel.

**WHAT:** Your 8-day, 7-night trip will include roundtrip air from Washington, hotel, continental breakfast, London tour, full day tour to Stratford including one theater performance, one London theater night, backstage theater tour, Thames River cruise with lunch, and tour of Bath and Stonehenge. Other optional tours and theater available at additional cost and ample private time.

**A VALUE AT: \$1575 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**



# Oktoberfest

- 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.
- Where:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm & Nosh Bar, Catharpin, Va.
- Details:** In the August TOOT.

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## DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED ON JAN. 1, 1000? No? Who cares?

**But we do know something really big is happening on Jan. 1, 2000—the big PVS Millennium party. Please give Sue Walsh a call (301-589-7159) to let her know you are planning to come.**

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## PAST EVENTS

### TOUR OF WOODLAWN PLANTATION and the POPE-LEIGHEY HOUSE

On June 9, a beautiful blue sky and sunny day, 22 PVS's and friends journeyed to the historic Woodlawn Plantation, located three miles South of Mount Vernon. This impressive brick mansion on a hill overlooking the Potomac River was the home of George Washington's granddaughter, Nelly Curtis Lewis and her family from 1800 to about 1840. The mansion, now a property of the National Trust contains many of the original furnishings. The guided tour was most interesting, with time to browse the well stocked Gift Shop.

Stepping out of the door of this nineteenth century mansion and strolling the formal gardens for several hundred feet, we approached the 1939 Pope-Leighey House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright called this architecture "usonian" meaning truly United States modern (or something like that) The house features many built-ins and unusual designs to stress simplicity in every day, modern living.

Our third stop was at the Cedar Knoll Inn, a restaurant dating back to 1752, where we enjoyed a good lunch and a view of the Potomac River.

Many thanks to Charles and Sara Huggins who arranged this "eclectic" architectural tour, and a special thanks to Marvin Hass for suggesting it to Charles.

Bill Anderson

**Report: Middleburg Bike Ride, Thursday, May 27, 1999**

The hunt country around Middleburg attracts many visitors both on four wheels and two wheels for its scenic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and country roads bordering the well-maintained horse farms of the affluent. This area, within 35 miles of the Beltway, has remained a very special place in spite of the relentless growth of Virginia suburbia.. The PVS Bike-Ride-of-the-Month in May cycled around this region, although the terrain is hillier than is usually undertaken. It started at the aptly-named Upper Crust Bakery in Middleburg, located in an old wood frame building which looked as it did decades ago. The town of Middleburg is the center of the hunt country and contains many shops meeting the needs of country gentlemen. From there the ride proceeded south via scenic Zulla Road to The Plains with views of the Blue Ridge in the west clearly visible on a day of perfect weather. The Plains is a modest village undergoing renewal (antique and gift shops). After lunch at the gourmet Farm Market store, the group then proceeded north on Route 626 to Middleburg on this scenic byway of Virginia, stopping at Piedmont Vineyards, which was the first one established in the area on an existing dairy farm by a noted horsewoman at the age of 75 (she didn't think age should prevent one from trying new ventures). At the vineyard, the participants were invited to toast co-leader Betty Byrne on her birthday with the local Chardonnay and share in a birthday cake decorated with a ski theme (those with e-mail should receive a photo). From the vineyard, the group then happily cycled the three miles back to Middleburg. The pack of twelve participants included members PVS John Matthews, Shirley Rettig, Don Dillon, Penny Hanshaw, and co-leaders Betty Byrne and Marvin Hass.

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**Lake Accotink Park  
Hike - Jog - Walk- Bike!**

Saturday, June 12, was the perfect day for an outing. A dozen or so PVSers met at the home of Marty Rine, which was a block off the trail, to begin our trek around the lake. Marvin Hass, our official photographer, used his trail bike to get shots of us from all angles coming and going. (Expect photos of this excursion to be floating around the internet.) The reward for our efforts on the trail was delicious refreshments at Marty's.

This was the first of what should be a periodic event!

...Jean Chybinski

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**JUNE MEETING**

For the umpteenth time Betty Lawrence hosted a PVS event at her beautiful Great Falls home. Over 50 PVSers and guests gathered on a beautiful June night for the excellent food and convivial and gregarious conversations. Guests had the run of the veranda, pool area as well as the spacious house.

President Nancy then conducted the business meeting on the veranda during which the usual suspects put on their usual performance. Noteworthy regarding the ski trips is that the Flahertys will again lead the trip to Steamboat and that the European trip will go to Kitzbuhel.

The evening ended with cake and coffee. Many thanks to Betty for hosting another of her fantastic PVS events. ....Sheldon Drews

## PVS SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR 1999-2000 SKI SEASON

(Revised 7/99)

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

Please contact trip leaders for questions or to sign up.

Note: Any BRSC trips will be added at a later date.

**TRIP LEADERS MUST MAKE EARLY PAYMENTS SO PLEASE  
SEND YOUR DEPOSITS ASAP!!**

**SKI TAHOE/VISIT SAN FRANCISCO**

**FEBRUARY 5TH TO THE 15TH**

The trip has not yet been finalized. Three companies have been solicited for price quotes and they will not be submitted to me before July 1, 1999. The particulars listed below are to be included in the trip package. Price HAS NOT been agreed upon but one company has given me a "ball park" estimate.

Here are the particulars I requested to be included in the trip package. Six nights lodging at hotel in Lake Tahoe, two per room and NO Murphy beds. Skiing at five locations in the Tahoe area...Squaw Valley, Kirkwood, North Star, Heavenly, and Sierra Tahoe. Welcome party, porter charges, no-host special Planet Hollywood Party, R.T. airport transfers Tahoe and San Francisco airports. Two-night stay at hotel at Fishermen's Wharf, with a wine country tour, Berlingers??, and full lunch at inn in wine country. Also requested to be included in the package is a morning trip to a ski area, and return, on the Tahoe Queen boat. A full breakfast is included. One dinner in San Francisco, and apres skis in Tahoe are included in the package.

Initial ESTIMATED package price: around \$1500. If you are interested, please send a check for \$100, payable to George E. Hicho at 7404 Cliffbourne Ct., Derwood, MD 20855-1101.





# THE KNEE

by  
Ray McKinley

It's true, skiing can save your life. Consider this. You are walking through

deep snow on the side of a steep mountain. An avalanche starts. Can you outrun it? Highly unlikely. However, had you been on skis, you would have been able to ski out of the way. My case is proven.

During a normal year July is the pits for ski discussions. But not this year. After a record winter season of snowfall, Heavenly Valley will be open on the Fourth of July for skiing. Right on.

Despite the possibility of skiing, many of us have already been going on other types of vacations. Roland and Lorraine Brockmeyer are back from a cruise down the Mississippi River. Alice Swalm has been visiting the Benelux countries—for the first time, since one cannot ski there (Ski Luxembourg?). New members Jean and Nick Chybinski have returned from a family reunion in Michigan. Ruth Powers has been hiking and camping near Lake Superior. And Bette Walker is recovering from two weeks of excessive eating in Provence, France.

Ubiquitous PVS, again. Adele Waggaman was in Richmond for a one-week duplicate bridge tournament. She ran into Alice Swalm and Ruth Schrider. Good thing they were playing bridge. In June the skiing in Richmond is wretched.

The newest destination resort may well be BC's Sun Peaks. It's near Kamloops. Formerly Tod Mountain (Tod, meaning death in German, was a bad name!), it was bought and renamed by a Japakeese company, Kneepon Cable. They have already put \$100 million into upgrading, and hired Olympic Gold Medallist Nancy Green as Director of Skiing.

Two updates of last month's Knee items. I was wrong again on heliskiing. Neither David Abraham, Reg Heitchue, Dick Harsh, Jack Peoples nor Norm Engelman was PVS's first heliskier. Our first heliskier was Barbara Leonhardt some 25 years ago at Snowbird on a SCWDC (which, as regular readers know stands for Some Club in Wilmington

Delaware, C) trip. The snow was heavy, it wasn't fun, and they ended up in Alta!

A follow up on Glade Flake's gall bladder surgery. He spent 3 days in the hospital and then attended the Leonhardt's May PVS meeting. The following day he was returned to the hospital because of a recurring infection. With new antibiotics to the rescue, Glade is now out and great.

Spell check is for those making congenital spelling mistakes. The Knee's decided that "Jessma" Blockwick should be "Jetsam," and that "Myron" Marquardt should be "Moron." Marked "Sauce Unknown," Irene Farrell provided the following:

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.  
Eye have run this poem threw  
I am shore your pleased two no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew!

Carol Parmenter is in town in-between summer visits to Cape Cod. She reports that ex PVSer Franklin Fiske, despite back problems, managed to ski two days last season. Right on.

They're looking for a retirement retirement home (home). Charlotte and Jim Kline are in North Carolina checking out potential abodes. So far nothing compares with DC. They also enjoy the Knee (sic). Charlotte said they wait at the mailbox for the Knee. They must lead adventurous lives!

Others are also travelling: Jack Ragen and Irene Farrell to Arizona for a month, the Marx's to Spain, and June Read and Jack Martin will be in one of my favorite places, Scandakneevia.

News--Sheldon Drews updates us on daughter Dena. She has degrees in architecture and computer science and is moving to Oregon to become a vintner. Wine not??

At EXCOM, host Bob McNeill reported that the barbecue chicken was really "road kill."

And Finalknee, PVSers say the darndest things (cont.). Reg Heitchue noted "I have a memory problem, but only about things in the past."

CALENDAR

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- Aug. 24 ... ExCom at the Dillons'
- Aug. 27 ... Golf at Leisure World, p. 4
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- Sept. 2 ... Tour Horsehead Wetlands and lunch at the Mahallatis'
- Sept. 4 ... Crab Feast at Betty Lawrence's
- Sept. 15 ... Tour National Aquarium in Baltimore, lunch at Hausner's
- Sept. 21 ... ExCom at the Ewings'
- Sept. 23 ... Bike Ride, Strathmore to Needwood and return
- Oct. 2 ... Oktoberfest at Mary Ward's and Jim Slack's
- Oct. 19 ... Meeting at June Read's
- Oct. 21 ... Bike Ride W&OD Trail to Leesburg and return
- Nov. 16 ... Meeting at Ruth Powers'
- Nov. 18 ... Bike Ride, Capital Crescent Trail
- Nov. 20 ... Annual Arts Club Dinner
- Jan. 1 ... 2000, Millennium Party
- Nov. ... 2000, PVS 35th Anniversary Party

