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Happy New Year!

I'm making my New Year's resolutions; how about you?

First, I resolve to exercise more so that I can come closer to keeping up with other PVSers who outski me on the slopes – regardless of age!

Second, I resolve to work harder to find energetic, like-minded skiing souls who would be assets to PVS. We usually have a few openings and we've added a number of new members who enjoy our camaraderie. January and February are perfect times to bring potential PVSers to a meeting where we talk skiing, skiing, skiing.

Third, I resolve to donate my old used skis to someone who can use them. There are many organizations like the Special Olympics, United Homes for Children and others which are providing a new experience on the slopes for underprivileged children and handicapped persons of all ages. They can use the skis and you get a tax deduction. You can check out the website at www.snowlink.com. They'll point you to participating retail stores in your area where you can drop off your skis and get a receipt for your taxes. One among them is Ski Chalet but there are many others. (Call first to see if your retailer is still in the program.) Think about it and spread the word about the joy of skiing!

Last, this year I resolve to keep my resolutions...

See you on the slopes!

Nancy
Nancy McKinley
President

**MONTHLY
MEETING**

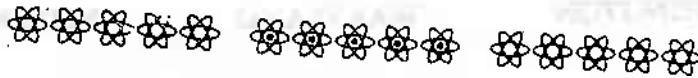
Tuesday, January 16, 2001 - 7:30 p.m.

Home of Philip and Eugenia Ufholtz
8613 Long Acre Court
Bethesda, MD 20817
Tel: 301-469-6135

See directions to their home on the next page.



DIRECTIONS: Take the Beltway Exit for River Road going towards Washington. Move left immediately and take first left onto Burdette Road (at nursery now called American Plant). Continue on Burdette to Bradley Blvd. Turn right. Go approximately 1 mile (pass light at Fernwood and Bradley Presbyterian Church) and turn left onto Valley Road. Then take first right on Ridge Road. 8613 Long Acre Court is at the top of the hill. If lost, call 301-469-6135.



MIDWEEK ZOO WALK 'N LUNCH — Pandamonium

Thursday, January 18, 2001 10:30 AM

Starting Point: Education Building, National Zoo, which is the first building on entering from Conn Ave. N.W.

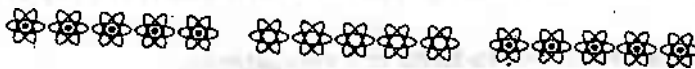
Route: Be the first kid on your block to welcome the newest area residents

. Will explore exhibits both inside and outside. Generally there are few people at this time so that both the animals and docents will be glad to see you. After viewing the exhibits, we will adjourn for lunch at 1:30 PM at Yanni's Greek Taverna in Cleveland Park (1/2 block north of the Uptown Theater on northwest corner of Conn. Ave. & Ordway St.) — a neighborhood bistro appreciated by those who came last year.

Logistics: Parking available at Zoo, though it might set you back \$6 (hey, that's life in the big city). The Zoo entrance is midway between the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park stations of Metro (red line).

Weather cancellation: This event is apt to take place regardless of weather conditions.

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



Wine Tasting 7 April 01

Last year after moving to Lake of the Woods, an hour south of Springfield, we realized if people were to be able to enjoy an evening of wine, a long drive afterward would be a problem. So, last year's tasting inaugurated overnight accommodations with expanded food accompaniments amounting to a full meal. This format was so successful we are repeating it this year with accommodations in rented houses, hopefully on the water.

We have already started testing food and wine pairings, which so far include a white Châteauneuf-du-Pape and an excellent Virginia red (believe it.) The total cost is \$75 per person. Space is limited to the first 20 people so call the Copes at 540 972 9838 or the McKinleys at 703 527 7126 to reserve.



Cold Beer Anyone?

PVS would like to have a beer tasting and is looking for someone to host it this summer – perhaps June. You could help by hosting. A large house is not needed as the event draws typically 20 people. We can help you with the format. Call Ray McKinley at 703 527 7126 if you're interested.



WISP-----MID-WEEK-----JANUARY 2001

January 10 - 12

CALL WISP NOW TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM

ASK FOR THE SKI CHALET DEMO DAY RATE

COST

ROOM PER NIGHT (SINGLE OR DOUBLE) -----\$59.

VOUCHER FOR THURSDAY LIFT TICKET ----- \$2.

APRES SKI SUPPLIES (APPROXIMATELY)----- \$3. PER PERSON

ARRANGEMENTS

- ** Let Myron Marquardt know if you are going so he can plan Apres Ski on Thursday night and buy your vouchers from Ski Chalet. Also he will try and match you with a roommate if you need one. Tel. (301) 460-3269**
- ** Rooms paid individually. For each room call Wisp Hotel to reserve a room and pay deposit for one night with credit card or mail check. 1-800-462-9477
With a roommate, individual cost drops to \$29.50 per night Wed. & Thurs.**
- ** Lift tickets are obtained individually at area with your voucher. 70+ year old skiers do not need a voucher as they ski free.**
- ** Meals paid individually. You may bring breakfast or lunch stuff if desired as refrigerators are in rooms.**





PVS - Steamboat - 2001

**Mon. Jan. 22 - Mon. Jan. 29,
2001**

Steamboat has lots of snow and at least 99% of its terrain is open. The pre-trip party/dinner is at the Leonhardt's on Saturday, January 13, 2001 at 4:00 pm. Please RSVP to Barbara or Fred at 301-963-8111. Driving instructions and important trip information will be forthcoming in a mailing.

February 10-17, 2001, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski

 the Canyons, Utah 

Ski at the West's newest mega-ski resort, the Canyons, in Park City Utah. The Canyons now covers **eight different mountains**. The Canyons has the **most intermediate runs in Utah!** If you skied the Canyons before it's now a totally new resort—twice as large. The Canyons is the largest ski area in Utah--**3,400 acres!** 7 high speed quads mean no lift lines. With a base at 6700ft. and 9900ft. max, there are no altitude problems.

One Space Left. Call Us Today

Grand Summit Resort Hotel Amenities include: **luxuriously furnished rooms, health club, swim in/swim out pool, 3 whirlpools, steamroom, sauna, massage, fine dining, lounges, concierge, room service, and only 60 feet the gondola!** Price - \$1584, 65+ - \$1552, no air - \$1295. **Call us at (703) 527-7126 for info.**

Pre-Trip Party Sunday Jan 14th NEW TIME 4:30pm

Time changed to accommodate those attending John Newdorp's Memorial Service

Wednesday, February 14, 2001: Spend Valentine's Day with something you could learn to love: skiing at White Tail. Join John Matthews for a midday session on the slopes at White Tail. Meet at the south parking lot of the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn at 9:00 am and we'll carpool for the hour and a quarter ride to the ski area. Directions to meeting place: take

I-270 north to Montgomery Village Avenue, then north to the intersection with Route 355 (Frederick Avenue). The Holiday Inn is on the left. We'll meet in the parking lot next to the entrance off Route 355. Those who wish to drive directly should follow Route I-270 to Frederick, then turn west onto I-70. Exit north to Clear Spring (Exit 18) and follow the signs. Questions: Call John (301-589-7612)

Please note: Marvin Hass will be doing the February TOOT. Please send all items, announcements, reports, etc. to him by the date of ExCom, February 27th. Questions: call him at 703-751-4737.

Items can be submitted in the following ways:

U.S. Mail: Marvin Hass, 309 Yoakum Pkwy, Apt. 605, Alexandria, VA 22304-3923.

Fax: 1(209)844-9783 (a long distance call) -- can be sent anytime/24 hours.

e-mail: marvin.hass@erols.com. Items can be submitted in plain text, rich text (HTML), as an attachment created by any popular word processor such as Microsoft Word, WordPad, Works, WordPerfect. If sent from a Macintosh, send as an RTF (rich text) file.

TELLURIDE. February 28-March 7, 2001. Pre-Trip Party is

Saturday, February 3, 2001.

**SKI AREA SURVEY RESULTS FROM PVS GENERAL MEETING IN NOV.
(46 PVS'ers Took Survey)**

SKI AREA	NUMBER OF 1ST CHOICES	NUMBER OF 2ND CHOICES	NUMBER OF 3RD CHOICES	TOTAL OF ALL 3 CHOICES***
Steamboat	10	1	5	16
Aspen/ Snowmass	9	3	3	15
BRSC-Banff	1	4	4	9
Whis/Blkcmb	3	3	3	9
Jackson Hole	2	3	3	8
Big Sky	1	5	2	8
BRSC- Chomonix	2	4	1	7
Vail	2	2	3	7
Teluride	1	3	2	6

*** Only included top 9 ski areas

GEN'L QUESTIONS:

- What type of lodging do you prefer:

Hotel Room	28
Shared Condo	11
- Which do you prefer:

Upscale ski in/out Lodging	33
Econo lodging (not ski in/out)	8
- How many would you prefer for one week stay:

Apres ski parties (included in price)	3 (ave)
Group dinners (included in price)	2.5 (ave)

The PVS Ski Trip Committee (STC) Appreciates Everyones Input 12/9/00



SUMNER SCHOOL CONCERT...AND MORE

What a very special day! Eight (sadly--you don't know what you missed) PVSers met with Bill Anderson at Sumner School Museum and Archives.

Prime event--a marvelous concert with PVS violinist Ramona Mathews playing in a Brahms trio. It was really super special. Also we heard a very fine singer and a pianist.

Before this special treat, we had a tour of Sumner School, built in 1872--a real part of Washington history,. A black school named for an abolitionist senator--Charles Sumner. There's too much history to go into here, but it's fabulous. The school was beautifully restored and is now a museum archive in the DC school system, with memory exhibitions from Central High School and other area schools. You must visit!

After the concert we had an elegant lunch at the Mayflower Hotel--another Washington tradition--a perfect end to a perfect day.

We're sorry you weren't with us. Many, many thanks, Bill.
...Dot Mills

OATLANDS PLANTATION

On a brisk, sunny day, its great house splendidly sitting on a hill amid centenarian trees, Oatlands at once captures the imagination. There is harmony in its proportions of Greek revival style, and excitement from the joyous yellow color of its walls contrasting with the brown, barren winter fields below. From the house, a manicured garden of ancient boxwoods lengthily descends to the flatlands.

You enter, and the sense of another era is reinforced by the display of elegant antique furniture arranged as if the owners have just stepped out...their portraits on the walls still so vivid. From that vantage point, it is easy to conjure up the life, long past, of a working plantation: 3,000 acres, 128 slaves...

Twelve appreciative PVSers showed up, enjoying the sights, as well as Charlie and Sara Huggins' perfect management of that outing. Following the visit, the group reconvened for lunch at the Laurel Brigade Restaurant in Leesburg. This ancient inn is located in the historic part of town. All in all we had a most interesting day plunged back in American history. Many thanks to the Huggins for having made this tour a real pleasure trip.

....Suzanne Boisclair

A SNOWY CHRISTMAS MEETING.....Liz Triau

On the evening of December 19, 2000, about 30 PVSers braved the snowy roads to attend the PVS Holiday meeting held for the first time at the home of Don and Kathy Dillon in Gaithersburg, Maryland. In spite of the weather, a few Virginians, Reg and Jean Heitchue, Mary Ward and Jim Slack were able to make the trip up into Maryland. With the twinkling holiday lights beckoning us through the soft snow, we all entered the house to behold a wonderland of Christmas cheer. A large decorated tree in the living room was surrounded by a village of tiny houses and the many holiday trimmings created a festive spirit throughout the house.

In the dining room the table was laden with a large turkey and many delectable foods brought by members. We ate well, drank well, and enjoyed lively conversations as always before convening downstairs. There, another decorated tree, topped by a twinkling lighthouse, set the stage for our meeting which was conducted by VP Ned Flaherty since Pres. Nancy McKinley and Ray were unable to make it through the snow.

After delicious desserts and coffee, everyone wished each other Happy Holidays and thanked our hosts Kathy and Don for their splendid hospitality and joyful holiday meeting.

Fosse Event

Thanks to expert organization and coordination by Margaret Wyckoff, over two-dozen PVSers enjoyed a marvelous afternoon on December 17th at the National Theatre for "Fosse," the Broadway musical of Bob Fosse's choreography. Twenty-six musical and dance numbers highlighted Fosse's broad repertoire from *Dancin'*, *Kiss Me, Kate*, *Redhead*, *The Pajama Game*, *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *All That Jazz* and *Sweet Charity* (sorry Ray, couldn't resist). Remarkably one PVSer: "In most musicals, you hope two or three songs are great...here they all were wonderful."

The stage was stark, suggesting a behind-the-curtain setting for most numbers. The primarily black costumes functioned well in highlighting the skills of the performers and the joy of the music. This director let a masterful use of lighting create subtle moods that complimented the productions. Of the many singers of note, Reva Rice lead the troop. (Rice hails from Mike Strand's hometown Toledo, Ohio...but he's not biased.) *Mr. Bojangles* was a definite crowd-pleaser using the familiar lyrics to describe the dance expressions of the old dancer with his younger spirit...or, perhaps, it was the dancers that "explained" the story.

PVSers, no doubt, appreciated a song from *Chicago* where the lyrics reveal that *Razzle Dazzle* can camouflage one's lack of talent (on the slopes?). Throughout the numbers were "Fosse-isms" such as the black derby hat, cigarette smoking (so un-PC nowadays), and the extended open hand, sometimes white gloved (created long before Michael Jackson made it a cliché). One couldn't help but think of Fosse's craft during the clarinet solo in the finale *Sing, Sing, Sing*: sometimes bawdy, always cool and serene, a compliment to the story and the music.

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(Fosse continued.)

Although he died in 1987, it is apparent that Fosse's imprint on Broadway dance lives on. Fifteen of us retired to nearby Les Halles to savor fine French food and the afternoon's delight. Thank you Margaret...and Bob Fosse too.

By Mike & Eloise Strand

REMEMBERING JAMIE

Jamie Miller died on December 10th. He had Lou Gehrig's disease. For more than a year he had endured the ravages of this dread disease. It had been an heroic battle until, as his family kept vigil at his bedside, the fierce struggle ended and Jamie, at last, was at peace. He was 73.

Jamie was the leader of a SCWDC Learn-to-Ski week in Canada in 1964 on which I was a participant. He was the first skier I ever knew. We were friends for 36 years.

Jamie was a graduate of Randolph-Macon College with a master's degree in business from William and Mary. He was a senior vice president of the Weaver Brothers real estate company until, after 30 years service, he retired in the late eighties. But, Jamie's true love was farming, and, until his final illness, he worked (hands-on) the family farms in Strasburg where he was born and raised.

He loved farming as he loved all things out of doors. Like skiing. Like hiking. He was a long time member of both SCWDC and PVS. In both clubs he had ample opportunity to indulge his passion for the outdoor life. And it was in the hiking that PVSers knew Jamie best.

Remember the hikes? The very names conjure memories we cherish: Sugar Loaf (where Jamie's car broke down and had to be left over night at the top of the mountain). Massanutten Ridge (where Jamie and Shahrzad always had beer on ice waiting for us at trail's end and a 3-course dinner awaiting us at the farmhouse in Strasburg. Magic!) Old Rag (where small son Ray got sick on too much junk food and came down the mountain on Shahrzad's back). The Billy Goat Trail (when lunch break came, the Millers spread a red-checkered table cloth on the jagged rocks and set out wine and brie and croissants. Class!) Signal Knob (where Jamie slipped on the scree and bloodied his cheek. ("I finally get a Purple Heart," he bragged.) The list goes on and on: Little Devil's Stairs... White Oak Canyon... Mary's Rock... Cedar Run... Elisabeth Furnace... Big Devil Stairs....

To remember the hikes is to remember PVS when we were all younger and no mountain was too tough to climb. And to remember those halcyon days is to remember Jamie and I think that's the way he would want it to be.

In Memory of John Newdorf: TOOT will remember John next month. For now, we want you to know there will be a memorial service to be held January 14 at 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Arlington. An obituary will be in the Washington Post on January 7.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

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2001 is upon us. Full of bright promise and fluffy white powder. Once again,

we are starting, dependent on your beliefs, the new mil-len-knee-um. I want to wish you all a Happy Knee Year. It will be difficult to top last year's brilliance, but I'll try. It's just diffkneecult kneevoking puns both zanknee and witknee (in California, the tallest mountain in the United States except for Mt McKin-knee!!)

With the knee year, it's appropriate to philosophize about our favorite pastime. Skiing is far more than merely a sport. Surveying the mountain vista on a crisp morning chairlift ride is truly consciousness raising. One overlooks trees so laden with snow that even the conifers are soft, marshmallow white. One majestic, snow engulfed peak after another rises up against the cobalt blue sky strewn with just a few wispy cirrus clouds.

As you descend, the snow caresses your skis, and that unmistakable soft crunch underneath is the only sound whilst floating over the newly fallen powder. Random hexagonal flakes sparkle prism-like in the warm sunshine. Wonderment. Joy. Goose bumps on the back on your neck.

It's truly like no other feeling. So exhilarating you want to yell at the top of your voice. It's completely understandable that the Swiss yodel. No, skiing is not merely a sport. Our sport is a communion with beauty and the outdoors. A chance to observe and partake in nature's art. Go out, and enjoy.

It's almost the same on a Saturday afternoon at Ski Liberty...

Former PVSer Thelma Belloli was in the DC area recently. While here, she visited with golfing buddy Helen Price, and Gorman Young.

Gene and Wilma Sharer are raving about the super, early season skiing at Snowshoe.

Lorraine and Roland Brockmeyer have returned from Africa where they visited Egypt and safaried in Kenya. They saw "lots" of animals. I

don't think they are lion about it, either.

You can ski DC!! Yup. DC's MeriStar Hotels is merging with Les Otten's debt-laden American Ski Corp., to form the new, DC-based Doral Inc. This will improve Les Otten's finances, so much he is changing his name to More Otten.

Dot Mills won ski bindings at the 35th Ankneeversary party. As she was leaving, the bag they were in broke. Tuxedoed Bob Marx pulled out a roll of duct tape for repairs. Asked why carry duct tape to a formal event Bob quickly replied, "Because I'm from Min-ne-so-ta."

From the Knee's Small World Department: I neglected to mention that the most unrecognized person at the 35th was former president Keith Lyon. There were two reasons for this. Keith had not been to a meeting in a decade or two, and he had a long (i.e. a foot long), white beard. He explained that the beard was because he played Santa during the Holiday season. Last month, Lu Beale attended the annual tree lighting ceremony at the Chevy Chase Club. Santa was there, and it turned out to be Keith Lyon—even more unrecognizable in his red, furry suit!

Don and Pat Cope report that daughter Karen has moved to Lake of the Woods—only a mile from them. And they note the lake is frozen!

The hardest thing to do in this column is to say goodbye to a PVSer. Particularly so during December when we lost 3 dear friends. Joe Lewis who, along with wife Nancy had moved to Colorado some years back, died December 3 from the complications of Alzheimers disease. Nancy reported that Joe went peacefully. Long-time PVSer Jamie Miller died a week later, on December 10, after a lengthy fight with the debilitating Lou Gehrig's disease. John Newdorp, one of PVS's most ardent supporters, passed away quietly on December 19. He was under the care of a local hospice after having been plagued with pneumonia, infections and respiratory problems.

Condolences to their survivors, Nancy Lewis, Shahrsad Miller, and Audrey Conner. What can one possibly say. All of PVS shares your grief. Our club will never again be whole.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 10 ... thru 12, skiing at WISP, p.3
- Jan. 13 ... Steamboat Pre-ski Trip Party at the Leonhardts, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 14 ... Canyons Pre-Ski Trip Party at the McKinleys, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16 ... Monthly meeting at the Ufholz home, p. 1 & 2
- Jan. 18 ... Zoo Walk, p. 2
- Jan. 23 ... ExCom at the Huggins'
- Feb. 3 ... Telluride Pre-Ski Party at the Dillons', 4 p.m.
- Feb. 14 ... Day Skiing at Whitetail, p. 4
- Feb. 20 ... Monthly meeting at the Sharer's
- Feb. 27 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's
- Mar. 20 ... Monthly meeting at the Matthews'
- Mar. 27 ... ExCom at Sheldon Drews'
- Apr. 7 ... Wine Tasting at the Copes, p. 2
- Apr. 17 ... Annual meeting at the Klines'
- May 15 ... Monthly meeting at the Leonhardts'
- June 19 ... Monthly meeting at Betty Lawrence's

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