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President's Message:



I thank you again for electing me PVS President. I shall try not to disappoint. Thank you very much.

Being newly installed, I consider club directions. PVS has been a ski club continuously for over fifty years. It has great strengths that ought to be continued. We are very fortunate to have substantial member diversity, but skiing and skiing connections are at our core. This recognizes the value that we place on being active.

We have truly decent members. We desire to afford them a club environment so that they want to continue to be connected with the club.

At the risk of repeating myself from our annual meeting, we should want to maintain fully our skiing activities. The club needs to continue to have varied ski trip opportunities, including through our connection with the Blue Ridge Ski Council, and through our local day (and short) trips, to give all skiing opportunities that allow each of us to participate in meaningful ways. Having ski trip opportunities and encouragement, of course, creates ski committee and trip leader challenges. We need trips that are appealing to a range of people and that allow for skiing and non-skiing activities. To make trips successful, trip leaders need to devote much work, including organizational efforts: to coordinate integrating trip participants with each other and to provide skiing, dinner and social opportunities. For performing these functions, they deserve our gratitude.

Some (many) of us are doing less skiing than we did formerly. We have the goal to maintain club cohesion and interest so that it will continue to attract and hold its broader membership.

It is important to recognize the many functions that dedicated, hard-working people are performing, often behind the scenes. In addition to club officers and Executive Committee members, the TOOT lists the activities of many ranging from ski trip activities, activity coordination, arranging and organizing meetings, secretarial functions, treasury, TOOT editing, coordination and distribution, meeting write-ups, history preservation, webmaster functions, records, membership activities and many more.

I would appreciate if all who have ideas how to make the club and its activities better would forward them to ExCom members or to me.

I hope to help us make the club work.

Again, thank you,

Bob

Monthly Meeting Tuesday, May 16, 2017 @ 7:30 PM

Margaret Wyckoff/Barbara Leonhardt
11925 Ledgerock Court, Potomac, MD 20854
301-332-4387, mswyckoff@comcast.net

See directions next page:

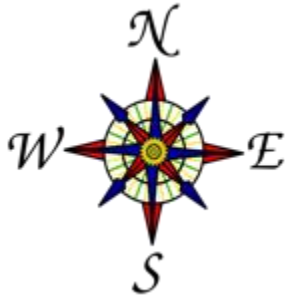
May 16, 2016 -- 7:30pm

Margaret Wyckoff

Food Provided by Barbara Leonhardt

11925 Ledgerrock Court, Potomac, MD 20854

301-332-4387, [mswyckoff@comcast.net](mailto:mwyckoff@comcast.net)



Directions from I-270N:

Take Montrose Road W, exit 4B;
After 1½ miles, turn LEFT onto Falls Road;
After 1 mile, turn RIGHT onto Glen Road;
After ¾ mile, turn RIGHT onto Gregerscroft Road;
Take the 3rd RIGHT onto Ledgerrock Court;
11925 is near the end of the court on the RIGHT.

From I-270S:

Take Falls Road exit towards Potomac;
After 2.3 miles, turn RIGHT on Glen Road;
After ¾ mile, turn RIGHT on Gregorscroft Road;
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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PAT COLLETTE

Wednesday, May 17, 2017



Pat, the wife of new PVS member Royal Collette died on November 20, 2016 from acute leukemia. Memorial services for Pat will take place promptly at 2:45 p.m. at the Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia and will last ½ hour. Interment will follow in Arlington National Cemetery and will conclude at 4:00 PM. A reception will follow at the Fort Myer Community Center. Attendees will re-enter Fort Myer via the cemetery gate (a re-entry pass will be given to you in the procession).

Guests are advised to plan entering the base at the Washington Blvd gate to be processed through security to access base property. For security reasons, we understand that access to Fort Myer requires a compliant state driver's license or passport and for those without a military or government I.D., a car search. ***Defense Department installations will no longer accept driver's licenses from Illinois, Missouri and New Mexico as proof of identity for access control purposes. Non-enhanced licenses from Minnesota or Washington also are no longer accepted.** Please plan to arrive at Fort Myer's Hatfield Gate (2nd Street South) between 2:00 and 2:15 p.m. The military is very efficient and the chapel service will start precisely at 2:45 p.m., concluding in 30 minutes.

Out of town attendees needing hotel reservations should call Nicole Dauray at (703) 447-8193 for special rates.

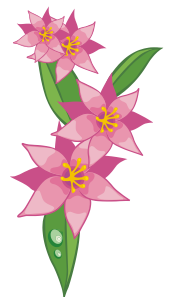
In lieu of flowers, donors may select a charity of their own choosing or donate to a perpetual student scholarship fund established in Pat's memory through the Navy Supply Corps Foundation in Athens GA.

https://www.usnscf.com/Foundation/Ships_Store/MakeDonation

Navy Supply Corps Foundation

3651 Mars Hill Road Suite 200B

Watkinsville, GA 30677



Coming Event

**JOIN PVS FOR THE
ECLIPSE CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA'S
CONCERT
SUNDAY, MAY 7
3:00 PM**



In its 25th season of world-class performances, Eclipse Chamber Orchestra, one of the nation's premier chamber ensembles, presents exceptional performances of diverse repertoire. Featured regularly on WETA-FM, ECO takes great pride in spotlighting its members as soloists in every concert where one can enjoy hearing up close the artists one sees only from afar at venues like the Kennedy Center. Please join PVS once again to enjoy the final concert of the year at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria.

[Eclipse Chamber Orchestra](#)

SUNDAY, May 7 at 3 PM

**Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for Winds
Beethoven: Symphony #1**

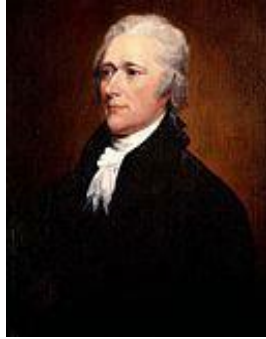
Optional: gather for dinner in Alexandria

Eclipse Chamber Orchestra is committed to bringing quality music at a price that everyone can afford. Therefore it's "pay as you can." Donations (\$35 suggested) are made at the door, or you can donate online.

Please RSVP to Ray and Nancy McKinley at 703 527 7126 or at nancymckin@gmail.com by May 1 to let us know you're coming, and we'll keep a lookout for you. Let us know if you plan to join us for dinner and we will include you in the reservation.

We'll see you there!

Coming Event



Tour the National Archives with PVS led by Bing Van Nuys – Monday, May 22 at 9:45 am

Have you ever laid eyes on the documents that started it all? Among its other fascinating exhibits, the National Archives in downtown Washington DC, offers the chance to see “up close and personal” in the magnificent rotunda the original documents that are the foundation of our democracy – the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights, collectively known as the Charters of Freedom.

Join PVS for a 90-minute guided tour of the treasures of the National Archives presented by our very own Bing Van Nuys, who is a docent at the National Archives. You’ll be thrilled to see these documents along with the Magna Carta and other fascinating treasures, as well as lots of background information that will make history come alive.

Bing has reserved 15 places for this tour at \$1.50 per person. Please reserve your place for this tour by **contacting Bing Van Nuys at bvannuys@verizon.net or by calling him at 703 323 9322. Deadline is April 30** to hold the spot for you. There is the possibility of getting additional reserved places if your interest is shown before they are sold out.

The building is easily accessible by Metro at the Archives/Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter Station on the Yellow or Green lines or by parking on the street or a nearby garage. **We enter at 9:45 am sharp at the Special Events entrance near the corner of 7th Street and Constitution Avenue.**

Coming Event

HIKE TO THE MGM NATIONAL HARBOR CASINO

Friday, June 2, 2017
Leave from Jones Point Park at 10:30am

The new **MGM CASINO** at National Harbor is a sight to behold. As you walk over Wilson Bridge, it looks like a cruise ship in the distance! It opened in the fall of 2016 and brings a little bit of Las Vegas to the area. This is a 23-acre resort on the banks of the Potomac, including a 24 story adjacent hotel in case you want to spend the night. The Casino has 3300 slot machines in addition to the usual gaming tables. There are crystal chandeliers and private spaces for the high rollers. But, the casino is only part of the experience. There are several restaurants plus a food court where you can get anything from crab cakes to tacos, and even a French Patisserie with an array of elegant pastries made in-house. Of course, you can also shop for sparkling shoes and dresses. The outdoor space is spectacular with fountains, tables and beautiful views.



Join us for this exciting urban hike from Alexandria to MGM at National Harbor. We will park our cars at Jones Point Park, under the Wilson Bridge, and leave from there at 10:30am; so come a little earlier to have time to park. From there, we will proceed to the entrance of the bridge. There is a 12-foot wide pedestrian/bike path on the north span of the Wilson Bridge. The path is wider than the typical bike path and there are three rest areas equipped with telescopes where you can stop and enjoy fantastic views of Washington and Alexandria. It is approximately 3.3 miles from Jones Point to the casino. We will stop and look at the views from the bridge. Plan on a couple blocks of uphill walking to get to the entrance of the main building.

If you prefer to drive to MGM National Harbor and just do sightseeing and lunch, that will work too. There is a huge underground parking lot, which is currently free, but at some point they are going to charge. Check before you go.

Lunch will be determined when we know how many people are going. We will meet in the main lobby of the casino in front of the enormous flowered tree at around noon. You might want to consider walking over and taking a cab or Uber back to Jones Point if you want to stay to shop or to play the slots.

Contact me if you want to sign up or have any questions.

Rosemary Schwartzbard
rosemaryschw@gmail.com



RAGTIME



Thanks to Ray and Nancy McKinley, an enthusiastic group of PVSers enjoyed an afternoon of wonderful musical theater and good food on Saturday, April 15. A group of twenty-three gathered at Ford's Theater to see the matinee of "Ragtime," a musical based on a novel by E. L. Doctorow. Set in 1906 in New Rochelle, N.Y., this story of race relations, immigration, success, and failure is as relevant today as when the book came out in 1975. This production, with lively music, wonderful singing, imaginative staging, and excellent acting, was great fun. The cast and orchestra earned the well-deserved standing ovation they received from the sold-out house.

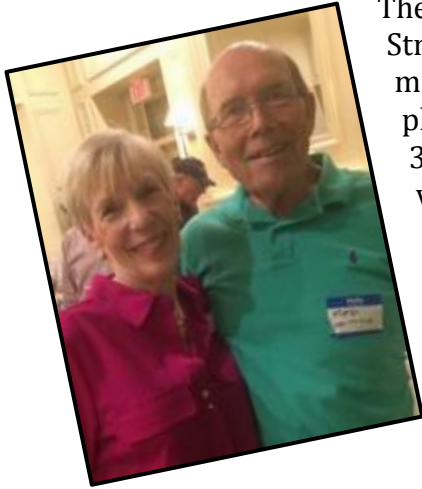


After the show, 17 of us made our way to the Gordon Biersch brewery and restaurant in the nearby Marriott Hotel to review the show, savor the food, and sample some of the beers.

submitted by Bob and Karen Knopes



P V S Annual Meeting, 2017



The first thing members saw when turning into the Stratford Park Place development for the PVS annual meeting was David DeVilbiss directing traffic to parking places and the meeting venue by the clubhouse. Since 39 members attended, we need to thank him for his valuable service in getting everyone there! Our thanks, also, go to Reg Heitchue and Susan Sinclair for hosting our meeting at the Stratford Park Place clubhouse. It was a lively and talkative group for our annual get-together where we vote on new ExCom members and applicant members, and thank those whose terms have been fulfilled.



After enjoying a variety of appetizers and beverages, the group was welcomed by Carolyn DeVilbiss in her final role as president. Following the agenda, she introduced Ray and Nancy McKinley for an update on social activities, introduced Rosemary Schwartzbard on upcoming ski trips, introduced applicant members and their sponsors, and thanked incoming and outgoing members of the club leadership, especially Reg Heitchue and his nominating committee.



Voting by the members was initiated by motion and seconding, and concluded on voice vote: Bob Jablon, president; Jan Marx, vice president; Inge Lesjak, Nancy McKinley and Tom Tycz new board members. Applicant members (those attending received a treasured PVS wine glass from the PVS Jubilee!) were similarly voted in for full membership: Bruce King, Kay Christensen, Jorge and Mary Rose Valladares, Martha Cole Glenn, Jerry Murphy, Royal Collette, and Sylvia Diss. Welcome to all!



Bob Jablon thanked Carolyn DeVilbiss for her service and presented her with a certificate of appreciation from the club. While the dessert tables were being set up, Marianne Sponis read a “poetic tribute” to Carolyn and presented her with a “I can do anything I want” hat as she continued on her life’s adventures. (See a copy of the poem on the next page of this TOOT.)

Thanks to everyone for attending, bringing good things to eat, and for being such valued members of Potomac Valley Skiers!

submitted by *Marianne Sponis*



A Salute to Carolyn DeVilbiss

The unsung heroine Carolyn, too nice to say no
Led 8 years of ski trips to Snow Mass,
Followed by 2 more years as our "head honcho."

Perhaps her Masters in social work
And raising three kids as a single mom,
Gave her the strong inner character to
Take a deep breath and always carry on...

Organized, caring and smart
She did well even when there wasn't much money
And when volunteers were few
She just turned to Dave, her "ready to step in and help" honey!

She led member and "Ex-com" meetings
She wrote monthly greetings in the TOOT
She may on occasion have been challenged
But she always looked serene and astute.

Of course there were perks as President,
Lots of goodies to eat, wine tastings and such
Museum visits and theater trips
Carolyn didn't miss very much!

She's also a world traveler, adventurer, ready for fun
That's fine, but please remember, Carolyn
You have new knees now
Be careful about taking that "just one last run!"

Thanks, Carolyn for setting a high leadership bar
Your professionalism, vision and work ethic
Are traits that have carried our ski club far.

And, as you pass the baton to Bob, we wish you the very best
You can travel and do more with Dave now,
But we doubt that you'll get very much rest!

So, as you move on, here's a small token
Since you've already got lots of "this and that"
It's something to take along with you,
It's an "I can do anything I want to" hat!"

-----*Marianne Soponis* -- April 18, 2017





Ski Talk

May 2017

It is May, and we are well into our planning of ski trips for next season. We are happy to announce that we will offer a mid January trip to the Mountain Chalet in Snowmass. This is always a popular trip, so please sign up early. See the flier in this TOOT. We are just in the beginning stages of planning a mid-February trip to Big Sky, Montana. This will include air to Bozeman and staying at the beautiful, ski-in ski-out Huntley Lodge. Inge Lesjak has agreed to lead the trip and we are looking forward to visiting the new expanded Big Sky. More to come.

Speaking of next ski season, you may want to figure out where you are going and look into the multi-mountain ski pass. I was surprised when my friend Kay Christensen from Colorado was able to use her **Epic Ski Pass** for two days of skiing in Val d'Isere. For \$859 you can get the Epic pass for next year and get two free days each in places like Vail, Park City and Whistler in addition to Val d'Isere, St. Anton and Verbier. Or perhaps you want to go to Sun Valley, Jackson Hole, Alta, Snowbird or Sugarbush. Then you want the **Mountain Collective** pass. But there is more. The **Max Pass** blankets the country. It covers places like Whiteface, Alyeska, Steamboat, Big Sky and Mount Bachelor. You get five free days at each destination. **The Peak Pass** covers New England and the **Rocky Mountain Superpass** includes Crested Butte, Steamboat plus places in Iceland, Japan and New Zealand! Good luck figuring it all out. Let me know if you get a pass and if it works.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

Urban Hike

We all need to keep in shape for ski season, so I am proposing some activities. See the flier in this TOOT about the hike over the Wilson Bridge to the MGM Casino.



Kayaking

I try to kayak once a week at either Key Bridge Boathouse or Fletchers. I go on Wednesdays and welcome company. I usually go around 11 am for an hour or so. The cost is \$15 per hour, but you can get a season senior pass for \$99, if you are 62+. This entitles you to unlimited kayaking; half price lessons and tours; and four buddy passes. It is a great deal. Let me know if you would like to be on my kayak list. I will check the weather each week and let you know if I am going. I will probably start late May or early June. Check out the website: <<http://boatingindc.com>>.

In the meantime, I strongly encourage you to support our Snowmass trip and send in your deposit as soon as possible. See information elsewhere in this TOOT.

Rosemary Schwartzbard
rosemaryschw@gmail.com



Ski Trip

Snowmass, Colorado 2018

Wednesday to Wednesday

January 10-17, 2018

Greetings to all Skiers!

It's hard to believe that it's already time to start planning our ski trips for next year! We will be going back to Snowmass January 10 -17, 2018.

Once again, we will be staying at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet, which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. The "Land Only" package will include lodging and a 5-day "Senior" lift pass. Prices are in discussion. We anticipate the cost being similar to last year's package, about \$1,630.

We need to make deposits soon to reserve rooms. Those interested can register now by sending a check in the amount of \$300, payable to Kathy Lake, with PVS Snowmass 2018 written on the memo line. Please send your deposit to us at 11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton, VA 22124. Reserve your space now!

- *Snowmass offers direct access to 3,100 acres of skiing, just outside the door.*
- *The skiing terrain totals more than 5,000 acres, with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands & Buttermilk ski areas.*
- *Lodging at the Chalet includes a daily buffet breakfast and soup lunch, greatly appreciated and served by a friendly, welcoming staff.*
- *The trip includes lodging, transportation to and from Aspen airport, ski prices at a discounted rate, a pre-trip meeting, and social events during the week.*

For further information, please contact us at KathyLakehomes@yahoo.com or 703-625-2715.

Hope to see you there!

Kathy & Barry Lake



Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
dwarthen@verizon.net

2017 Annual Meeting

At the recent Annual Meeting in Reston, VA, at the Heitchue/ Sinclair condo, the following ExCom Officers were officially elected (congratulations!):

Bob Jablon – President

Jan Marx – Vice President

In addition, ExCom Board Members were elected

Inge Lesjak

Nancy McKinley

Tom Tycz

Eight Applicant Members were also confirmed, by the PVS membership, as Fully Active Members:

Kay Christensen – **Associate Individual**

Royal Collette – **Active Individual**

Sylvia Diss – **Active Individual**

Martha Cole Glenn – **Active Individual**

Bruce King – **Associate Individual**

Jerry Murphy – **Active Individual**

Jorge & Mary Rose Valladares – **Active Couple**

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Roster Changes: (contact dwarthen@verizon.net)

See the May 1, 2017 quarterly, updated PVS Roster.



*To all of
our PVS
mothers –*

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

The Month of May:

May is a wonderful month of Spring, following Easter and Passover, with flowers and leaves many bizarre and unique holidays are in May to celebrate, beside Mother's Day?

- 01 – May Day, Loyalty Day, Mother Goose Day, Save the Rhino Day
- 02 – Baby Day, Brothers and Sisters Day
- 03 - Lumpy Rug Day, World Press Freedom Day
- 04 – Bird Day, National Candied Orange Peel Day, Renewal Day, Star Wars Day
- 05 – Cinco de Mayo, International Tube Day, National Hoagie Day, Oyster Day, Space Day
- 06 – Beverage Day, National Tourist Appreciation Day, National Nurse Day, No Diet Day
- 07 – National Tourism Day
- 08 – Iris Day, No Socks Day, V-E Day, World Red Cross Day/World Red Crescent Day
- 09 – Lost Sock Memorial Day, National Teacher Day
- 10 – Clean up Your Room Day, National Receptionist Day, School Nurses Day
- 11 – Eat What You Want Day, Twilight Zone Day
- 12 – Child Care Provider Day or Daycare Provider Day, Fatigue Syndrome Day, International Nurses Day, Limerick Day, Military Spouses Day
- 13 – Birth Mother's Day, Blame Someone Else Day, Frog Jumping Day, International Migratory Bird Day, Leprechaun Day, National Train Day
- 14 – Dance Like a Chicken Day, Mother's Day**
- 15 – National Chocolate Chip Day, Police Officer's Memorial Day
- 16 – Love a Tree Day, National Sea Monkey Day, Wear Purple for Peace Day
- 17 – Pack Rat Day
- 18 – International Museum Day, No Dirty Dishes Day, Visit Your Relatives Day
- 19 - Boy's Club Day, National Bike to Work Day
- 20 – Armed Forces Day, Be a Millionaire Day, Pick Strawberries Day
- 21 – National Memo Day, National Waiters and Waitresses Day
- 22 – Buy a Musical Instrument Day, World Goth Day
- 23 – Lucky Penny Day
- 24 – National Escargot Day, Victoria Day (Canada)
- 25 – National Missing Children's Day, National Brown Bag It Day, National Wine Day, Tap Dance Day
- 26 – Don't Fry Friday, Sally Ride Day
- 27 – International Jazz Day, Ramadan, Sun Screen Day
- 28 – Amnesty International Day
- 29 – Learn About Composting Day, Memorial Day
- 30 – Water a Flower Day
- 31 – National Macaroon Day, Save Your Hearing Day, World No Tobacco Day

Well, take your pick and celebrate, along with getting that ski equipment out and planning that 2018 PVS ski trip.

Happy May!!!!!!!

PVS Calendar 2017:

May	05	Fri	Paul Weber Spring Ski Show, 6:30-9:30 PM, Marriott Tysons Corner, VA
May	07	Sun	Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Concert, 3:00 PM, GW Masonic National Memorial, McKinleys, Alexandria, VA
May	16	Tue	Monthly General Meeting, 7:30 PM, home of M. Wyckoff/B Leonhardt, Potomac, MD
May	22	Mon	Tour of The National Archives, 9:45 AM, B. Van Nuys, Washington, DC
May	23	Tue	ExCom Meeting, 7:00; Telephonic
Jun	02	Fri	Wilson Bridge Hike to MGM Casino; 10:30 AM, R. Schwartzbard
Jun	17	Sat	Summerfest (June General Meeting), 2:00 PM, Jablons, Washington, DC
Aug	05	Sat	Steak & Swim, 3:00 PM, Hines, Delaplane, VA

PVS Ski Trips 2018:



January 10-17, 2018
Aspen/Snowmass 2018, Colorado (Barry & Kathy Lake)

February 14-21, 2018
Big Sky, Montana, (Inge Lesjak)



Useful Ski "Links"
[Potomac Valley Skiers](#)
[BRSC Sanctioned Trips](#)
[DC Ski Online News](#)
[Best of Times Ski Club](#)

ExCom

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Spring is here!