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President's Message

Nature's Awesomeness

We ski in Nature. We travel down, often majestic, beautiful, snow-covered mountains. These mountains have been formed by combinations of intense plate tectonic activity; volcanoes; advancing and receding glaciers; the forces of air and water; and Nature's other awesome forces.

Nature creates conditions that allow us to experience beauty when we are skiing.¹ We find fresh, unskied snow. We pass snow covered fir trees, sometimes with glistening icicles. We ascend mountains allowing us to look outwards, seeing other peaks and valleys below. We see animal footprints. Every once in a while, we see scampering animals themselves. We see Nature.

We need snow to capture this shining beauty. Skiing is dependent upon Nature's child, Weather. Like many children, Weather is prone to go off on her own.

The January 11, 2018, *New York Times* reported that by 2050 many prior Winter Olympic locations may be too warm to again host the Olympics. Many sites in this country can no longer be assured of sufficient snow. At Sochi, Russia had to import snow. Cara led a Bend, Oregon PVS ski trip, which had a week of rain, an event that local residents credibly claimed had not happened before. Far more alarming, a lead August 10, 2018, *New York Times* headline called this "The Year Global Warming Made its Menace a Reality." The *Times* (through Somini Sengupta) said:

This summer of fire and swelter looks a lot like the future that scientists have been warning about in the era of climate change...The disruptions to everyday life have been devastating and far-reaching. In California, firefighters are racing to control...the largest fire in state history...In Europe, nuclear power plants have had to shut down because the river water that cools the reactors was too warm. Heat waves on four continents have brought electricity grids crashing.

Extreme weather has been worldwide. Lakes necessary for fish supply are receding. Glacier meltdowns are occurring.

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Flames from the Carr Fire burn through trees along Highway 299 on July 27, 2018, near Whiskeytown, California. Justin Sullivan / Getty

September General Meeting

Saturday, September 22, 2018, 2:00pm

At the home of Kal & Nur Nossuli

8509 Warde Terrace, Potomac, MD 20854

Knossulil@gmail.com, 301-275-9688

See page 2 for directions:

¹ For further elucidation, please see my subsequent column, "Skiing and Religion."

Continued from page 1: directions to September General Meeting
8509 Warde Terrace, Potomac, MD 20854

Directions from the beltway: Take exit 39, River Road, toward Potomac. From River Road, turn right on Bradley Boulevard. After about ¼ mile, turn left on Kendale. Proceed about 1 mile and turn left on Kentsdale Drive. Proceed about ½ mile and turn right on Warde Terrace. Park in the driveway or on the street.

President's Message, continued from page 1:

Ocean levels are rising. Because of smoke, Yosemite National Park has been closed indefinitely. Florida coastal cities and even New York City subways are flooding.

I was taken by an article by Bianca Bosker, “*What Really Killed the Dinosaurs*,” which is in this September issue of the *Atlantic Monthly*. The article reports on physicist Gerta Keller’s conclusion that the cause of the fifth mass extinction that doomed the dinosaurs was “a series of colossal volcanic eruptions,” not, as most scientists believe, a massive six-mile wide asteroid crashing into Mexico, which “unleashed giant fireballs, crushing tsunamis, continent-shaking earthquakes, and suffocating darkness...” (Of course, volcanoes and a giant meteorite could both have contributed.)

Ms. Keller is reported to fear “that we are filling our environment with the same ingredients – sulfur, carbon dioxide, mercury, and more – that killed the dinosaurs and that, left unchecked, will catalyze another mass extinction, this one of our own devising.” In parallel, the *New Yorker’s* Elizabeth Kolbert’s *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* (2014) won the Pulitzer Prize for her book that argues that we are in the midst of a modern, man-made extinction.

So as winter approaches, let us enjoy skiing to the fullest. As we ski, let us see the awesomeness of Nature, the mountains’ majesty, the snow’s beauty and the manifold visages. Let us also think about Nature’s fierceness and the protective measures that we can take.

May Nature’s forces be benign during our trips to Snowmass, Sun Valley, Steamboat and elsewhere where we travel. And may the force be with us.



OUR NEWEST FUTURE PVS MEMBER



Bjorn Theodore S.
born in July
Proud Parents:
Martha Nelson and Aaron S.
Proud grandparents:
Rosemary and Dick S.
Jill and Bob Nelson.
Great Uncle:
Jon Wechsler
First Cousins once removed:
Sheryl and Dave Ulepik
All relatives are members of PVS



Proud Grandpa Dick and Bjorn



*First mountain at Timberline for Bjorn;
Aaron, give him a few seasons to ski.*

SKI TALK

Let's get ready for winter. Enough of this hot muggy, wet weather. Bring on the snow. It is time to start thinking about ski trips. If you have not already done so, please sign up for one of our 2019 ski trips: January, SNOWMASS; February, SUN VALLEY; March, STEAMBOAT! We are offering trips to three very different mountains. See the fliers in another section of the TOOT. Our ski trip leaders put enormous time and energy into setting up these trips and making them special events for you. You're missing out on great opportunities if you don't participate.

I am happy to report that we continue to have an alliance with **Sun and Ski in Falls Church** (previously Ski Chalet). Their annual **Ski Blowout** will be the last weekend of September.

On Friday, September 28, they are open from noon to midnight;

Saturday, September 29, 10am to 10pm;

Sunday, September 30, 10am to 6pm.

If anyone would like to volunteer to hand out PVS fliers at the store during that weekend let me know.

To prepare for the upcoming ski season you may want to check your ski gear and take advantage of this sale to upgrade your equipment. Sun and Ski has knowledgeable personnel who can help you choose the right skis and boots and can recommend the latest technical improvements in accessories and clothing. Also, mark your calendars for the second annual meeting at the Sun and Ski store in Falls Church. This event will be on Sunday, November 11, from 6pm to 8pm. The store will remain open exclusively for PVS and one of their experts will tell us about the latest equipment. Discounts will be available for PVS members. Plus, of course, we will enjoy wine and snacks and discuss skiing with our fellow PVSers.

Speaking of skiing, Vail has been making more acquisitions. They have recently acquired Okemo in Vermont and Crested Butte in Colorado! So here is at least a partial list of Vail's holdings: Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Crested Butte, Arapahoe, Park City, Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood at Tahoe, Stowe, Okemo, Whistler/Blackcomb. Vail also has a connection with some resorts in the Canadian Rockies, Quebec and Europe (Trois Vallees and Val D'Isere). You can do some serious skiing with your Epic Pass.

Be sure to sign up early for a PVS ski trip. I hope to see you at Sun and Ski at the sale the last weekend in September and at the November meeting.

See the announcement in this TOOT of our newest PVS member.

Rosemary S.

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The flyer is for the "35th Annual Dilly Sale Ski & Snowboard Warehouse Blowout". It features a red background with white and black text. At the top, it says "35th ANNUAL DILLY SALE" in large, bold letters, flanked by two evergreen trees. Below that, it says "SKI & SNOWBOARD WAREHOUSE BLOWOUT" in even larger, bold letters. The sale dates and times are listed: "3 DAYS ONLY", "FRIDAY 9/28 Noon - Midnight", "SATURDAY 9/29 10 am - 10 pm", and "SUNDAY 9/30 10 am - 6 pm". The location is "FALLS CHURCH (703) 521-1700". A map shows the location at "6280 Seven Corners Cir, Falls Church, VA 22044". At the bottom, there is a "100% Price & Performance Guarantee" and "Expert Advice Expert Care" logo. A small note at the bottom left says "Note: Our Chantilly and Gettysburg stores will be closed during the sale, and all DC metro locations will reopen Wed, Oct 30th." A copyright notice at the bottom right reads "© 2018 Sun & Ski. All rights reserved. Sun & Ski, the Sun & Ski logo, the mountain and sun design, and sunandski.com are trademarks of Pined Concepts, Inc. 1807800002".

Ski Trip



Potomac Valley Skiers

2019 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday - Wednesday

January 9 – 16, 2019

Trip Details

Once again we will be staying at the [Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](#), which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. Check the web site at www.mountainchalet.com. The “**Land Only**” package includes: transportation to and from Aspen airport (7am -11pm); 5-day senior lift pass ([good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus](#)) with option for extra days; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); daily breakfasts; daily soup lunch; luggage handling; a welcome reception, an “all guest” hotel sponsored party, a pizza party and a farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Additional nights at Snowmass are an option **based on availability**. Trip insurance is available through Encompasse Tours and is [highly recommended](#). For trail information check www.aspensnowmass.com.

The basic package at \$1,650 includes a 5-day lift pass for skiers 65 and over. Skiers under 65 will have to add \$104.00.

Costs:

Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)

Under 65

add

Single Supplement

add

Extra hotel night (pending availability)

add

Non-skiers

deduct

Extra ski days (65 and older)

add

Under 65

add

Silver Pass (70+ skiing 8 or more days)

add

Price

\$1,650

\$ 104

\$1,044

\$ 310 per room per night

\$ 248

\$ 70 for a **6-day senior pass**

\$ 120 for a **7-day senior pass**

\$ 188 for a **6-day pass**

\$ 184

Payment Schedule

\$300 deposit is due with application.

Second payment of \$750 is due **August 15th**.

Final payment is due **September 15th**.

To sign up please send:

(1) the [Application form](#) -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address

(2) a [Deposit of \\$300 per person](#) and/or your [payment due](#), and

(3) the [signed Waiver of Liability Agreement](#) by each party taking the trip

Checks should be made out to **Kathy Lake** and mailed to 11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton VA 22124 (put [PVS Snowmass 2019](#) on the check memo line).

Kathy and Barry Lake are the trip leaders. For more information, feel free to contact us at 703-625-2715 or kathylakehomes@yahoo.com

Application and waiver - http://pvskiers.org/ski_trips/Snowmass2019+Waiver.pdf#page=3

[The Mountain Chalet](#)

The **Snowmass Mountain Chalet** is an independent lodge, managed on-site, with easy access to the slopes. Each of the 64 rooms has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, **depending on availability**. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with chairs, game tables, fireplace, and large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, a hot tub and laundry facilities. A full breakfast is served family style each morning. A complimentary soup lunch is served from Noon to 1:30 PM. The lodge has no restaurant for dinner. However, the Snowmass Mall, on the level above, and hotel area below (via the small gondolas) has diverse restaurants at all price levels. Bus service stops are nearby for trips to a nearby grocery store, into the town of Aspen, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is recommended. Travel Guard is available through our travel agent, Encompasse Tours, at [Encompasse.com](#). (The insurance link will connect you to Travel Guard.) The insurance provides coverage for accident, illness, injury, or death to attendee or immediate family member. There are several plans available, depending on your situation. You will have more reimbursement options by purchasing shortly after sending in your trip deposit. Please read carefully before choosing. And, be sure to save all receipts concerning your trip!

Cancellation Policy and Fees

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses, although some fees are mandated by the hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. [We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance](#) (see above).

Please take the time to ensure the information you provide is correct, and take note of deadline dates!

Cancellation fees are as follows: *Dates and costs are consistent with requirements and penalties imposed by vendors per contracted agreements.* LAND Only Package: \$300 after September 28th until December 1st; after December 1st, cost is entirely non-refundable.

If you are a “single” participant requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip and need a roommate, we recommend each of you purchase insurance to cover both of you if one of the roommates cancels. Otherwise, you will be offered the choice of one of the following three options:

- 1) Helping the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; or
- 2) Staying on the ski trip by paying the “single supplement” or
- 3) Canceling from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.

Ski Trip

Come ski with PVS at Sun Valley, Idaho

Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) Western Carnival

February 2 - 9, 2019

Bald Mountain – Top Elevation: 9,150 feet, 100+ Trails, 10 Lifts + Gondola, Mountain Dining



We now offer a lower package price INCLUDING United Airline Flights in and out of Sun Valley.

Sun Valley Lodge Apartments

Two Bed/Two Bath, One King/2 Twins **\$1,700 per pers.***
Single Supplement add \$648

Sun Valley LODGE Rooms

Single Supplement add \$890 **\$1,940 per pers.***

Sun Valley INN Rooms

Single Supplement add \$682 **\$1,725 per pers.***

* Deduct \$400.00 for the package without airfare

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Seven nights lodging as presented
- Baggage handling
- BRSC Welcome Reception
- BRSC Après Ski Western Barbecue
- PVS happy hours and dinner
- BRSC Final Farewell Dinner and Dance
- BRSC NASTAR Race
- Mountain tours
- Five of six-day Sun Valley lift tickets

Guests have access to all resort amenities including outdoor pools and the new Sun Valley Resort SPA.

All properties are a shuttle ride to the slopes.

WiFi is available throughout the resort.

Seniors 65+: Deduct \$5.00 from package price above for package with a 5-day lift pass. Add \$30.00 to package price for a 6-day pass.

Application and Waiver - <http://pvskiers.org/ski_trips/SunValley2019+Waiver.pdf#page=3>

TRIP DEPOSITS:

\$300.00 deposit per person due with sign-up----->\$500.00 per person due August 15, 2018

\$500.00 per person due September 31, 2018----->Final payment due October 31, 2018

Deposits and final payments should be made to Inge Lesjak;
please mail to: Inge Lesjak 8123 Kingsview Ct., Springfield, VA 22152

LOOKING FOR A SINGLE MALE SKIER TO SHARE ROOM

AIR: United Airlines (Subject to change)

IAD/DEN/SUN 2/2 # 1950 8:30am - 10:37am #5697 11:35am-----1:40pm
SUN/SFO/IAD 2/9 #5962 2:00pm ---3:11pm # 517 - 4:20pm -- 12:24pm

Download Winter Trail Map & Guest Guide

<http://d26zlhfpkdbmm.cloudfront.net/files/pdf/SV Winter Trail/Map 2017 18.pdf>

Mountain Base Amenities: Lockers/ Ski Storage, boot dryers, lounge, bathrooms, affordable tuning and repair service

Sun Valley LODGE Apartments provide privacy and comfort while being close to all amenities at the Lodge: heated pool and sauna, bowling alley, dancing. These apartments come in two-bedroom units; each has a large bath, gas fireplace, living room, kitchen, refrigerator and a dining table.

Sun Valley LODGE 2 Queen Suite or LODGE King Suite have been newly decorated and include a fold-out sofa in the sitting area, spacious bathroom with soaking tub, walk-in shower and double sink vanity; built-in dressers and a convenient ski closet. 2 TVs, a safe, refrigerator, and free wi-fi.

Sun Valley INN Deluxe Rooms are available with either one King Bed or two Queen Beds. The bathroom features a marble tub, vanity with sink plus bathrobes. There is a TV with a DVD player and pay-per-view, plus a refrigerator and high-speed internet access.

BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL EVENTS – be sure to bring your neck wallet to each event.

WELCOME RECEPTION, **Monday** 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Sun Valley Conference Center

BRSC NASTAR RACE, **Tuesday** Warm Springs 10:00am – 1:00pm

APRÈS-SKI PARTY, **Tuesday** 3:00pm – 5:pm at the River Run Lodge.

FINAL FAREWELL DINNER and DANCE, **Thursday** evening 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Upscale buffet and Sun Valley's top-rated service. Dance the night away at Sun Valley's Conference Center

PVS DINNER downtown, restaurant/time TBD

If you have any questions, please contact Inge, PVS Trip Leader at Lesjak.inge@gmail.com

Ski Trip

Return to Steamboat Springs, Colorado March 9-16, 2019

We are conducting a Steamboat Springs ski trip that we hope will excite PVS Skiers. PVS frequented Steamboat Springs for many years. We now return. Steamboat Springs has varied terrain for all skiing levels; a large, well-kept mountain; long runs; 18 lifts, 165 trails, 2,965 acres; a historic town; unique restaurants; art, Western stores, antiques, museums; free ski area/town bus service. Included trip highlights are:



- **ROUNDTRIP NONSTOP AIR: Dulles to Hayden, March 9, 9:15 am – 11:34 am; Return: Hayden to Dulles, March 16, 1:00 pm – 6:31 pm.**
- **AIRPORT TRANSFERS TO GRAND HOTEL.**
- **STEAMBOAT GRAND HOTEL – 7 NIGHTS, 2 PER ROOM – HIGH END - POOL, SPA AND SAUNA; FULL SERVICES, STORES AND AMENITIES - WALKING DISTANCE TO GONDOLA, LIFTS AND PLAZA FOOD, DRINK, SHOPS, ACTIVITIES.**
- **SKI TRANSFERS FROM GRAND TO SKI STORAGE NEAR GONDOLA.**
- **LIFT TICKETS – 5 DAYS.**
- **PRE-TRIP PARTY; WELCOMING PIZZA-TYPE INITIAL GET-TOGETHER; GROUP FAREWELL DINNER; HAPPY HOURS.**
- **ESTIMATED COST - \$2,700 per person. MINIMUM PARTICIPATION NECESSARY TO GUARANTY AIR AND LIFT TICKET GROUP ARRANGEMENTS.**
- Trip details and changes in trip coverage and pricing to meet individual needs, such as non-participation in air or different lift ticket arrangements and scheduling are available.

We seek trip cohesion, including coordinated group skiing and activities opportunities, as desired, in what should be a peak ski weather week. Steamboat offers daily no-charge skiing opportunities with volunteer guides, skiing possibilities with Billy the Kid and discounted lessons. It has a renowned children's program for any with younger family members. We shall advise group participants of non-skiing recommendations, including special Steamboat restaurants like Café Diva, Bistro CV, the 8th Street Steakhouse (grill your own steaks) and the Laundry. The trip is being actively coordinated by Doug Horstman of Encompasse Tours. Please contact us for more details.

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Bob and Cara



Waiver <http://pvsikers.org/ski_trips/Steamboat2019+Waiver.pdf#page=3>

Steamboat Springs PVS March 9-16, 2019 SKI TRIP Addendum

PVS' Steamboat Springs ski trip will be between March 9 – 16, 2019. The trip's timing should allow for both good weather and good skiing conditions. As we state in the Steamboat Springs ski trip flier, with the help of Doug Horstman of Encompasse Tours, trip participants will have lodging in the Steamboat Grand, a superior hotel within walking distance of the ski slopes and plaza; non-stop air fare at a group rate; Hayden airport shuttle service; discounted ski tickets; and, most important, PVS member participation. Currently, nine people are committed.

The Grand Hotel has a near monopoly of what it calls "beautifully appointed" hotel rooms proximate to gondola square and the ski lifts. We have guaranteed two additional rooms to the five that are now committed. If the Grand has any vacant additional rooms available, it is **obligated** to make them available to PVS so that we can further increase our room reservations, but this additional vacant room availability is not guaranteed.

We have 26 reserved air reservations. We can cancel space through November 30, 2019. We need ten reservations by people who will fly on the group fare to guaranty the group rate (including those with upgrades, but not including those who pay with frequent flyer tickets). If we are short, participants may have to book air transportation on their own or may have to pay a higher price. Airport shuttle service to and from the Grand will be provided in any event.

We need 20 participants to hold the group lift ticket pricing, but we need not specify final arrangements until February 1, 2019. Obtaining individual lift tickets, if necessary, should not be a problem.

Initial payments for new participants are \$600, which covers Grand Hotel deposits and is credited against Grand room rates. Additional payments will not be due until November 20, 2018.

We shall work to make the trip successful. The Steamboat Springs ski mountain has interesting, varied terrain, is well serviced and is in a unique Western town. Additional attendees are invited.

Bob and Cara



Members' Corner



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BEAUTIFUL SUNNY NORWAY – Ellie Thayer

(May 31 – June 14, 2018)

Sheila (my sister-in-law) and I embarked on a trip to Norway led by Roz, a retired art and architecture professor, and 17 fellow travelers expecting the usual June rain and cool temperatures. Our expectations exploded like the northern lights before our very eyes and warm bodies. Not one drop of rain fell on us and the temperatures reached highs in the 80s every day for 10 days. The only downside to warm, blue-sky, cloudless, low-humidity days was the lack of air conditioning in all our hotels. After visiting Bergen, Balestrand, a fjord or two, and Oslo, Sheila and I left the group at the end of their 10-day tour and flew to Trondheim to visit Joe and Anna, my nephew and his wife. Trondheim was cloudy with highs in the 50s, but still no rain on us (there were some near misses as some rain fell during the night).

I'll try not to overuse the word "charming" in this report, but it will be difficult. Our first stop was Bergen, Norway's second largest city. Charming. Bergen is a World Heritage City with a compact old town centered around the wharf. Bryggen is the Hanseatic District of Old Town filled with wooden houses and warehouses. In the Hanseatic Museum, we encountered the pungent smell of dried cod. Really pungent. Cod and dried cod were staple products for centuries.



Wooden buildings



Cod sculpture



Bergen Cathedral

We visited an open-air museum of 18th and 19th century life with costumed guides explaining a bit about life in the old times. Later, we witnessed a modified flash mob doing some dance steps in a Bergen street. Fun.



House in Gamle Bergen



Organ Grinder



Flash mob

Ole Bull – I must admit that I had not heard of him before the trip. He was a world-famous violinist in the 19th century. We ferried to his beautiful summer home on the island of Lysøen. In our free hour after the tour, Sheila and I decided to follow a short hiking path on the island. Well, to make a long story short, we got hopelessly lost and ended up running to catch the ferry, which was ready to leave. Even scarier than being lost with no cell coverage, was the discovery that our guide had miscounted the group sitting on the ferry and thought the entire group was onboard. We gratefully toured Edvard Grieg’s summer home at Troidhaugen following this near disaster. Our last stop was to a stave church at Fantoft. Unfortunately, it had been reconstructed after a fire in 1992. Soulless.



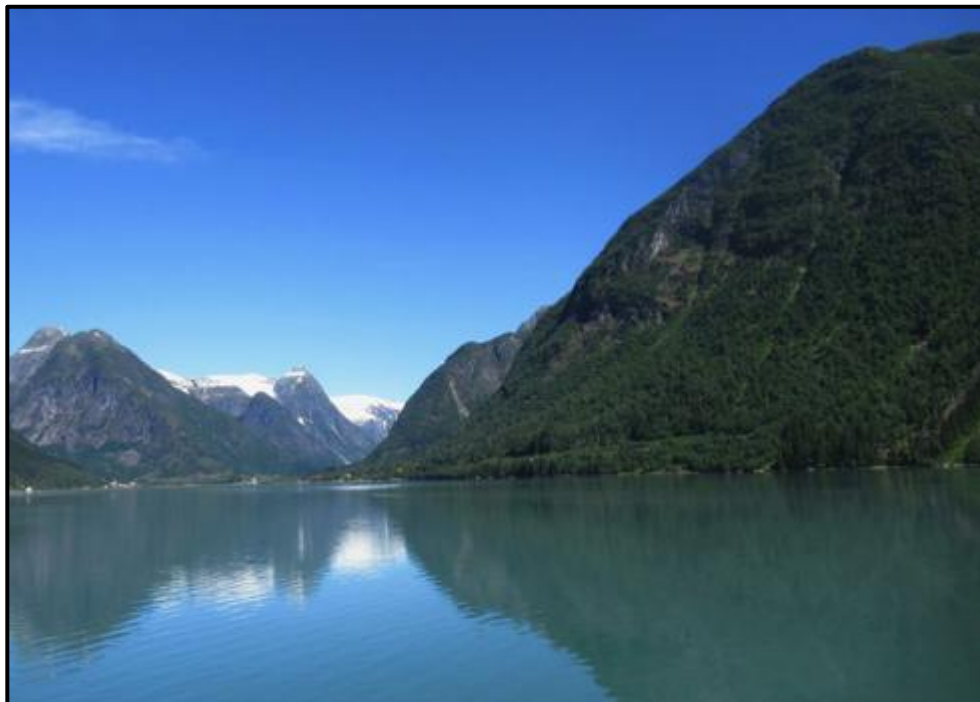
Sheila and I lost on the trail on Lysøen



Fantoft Stave Church

I am quite fond of art museums, but the Bergen CODA did not offer much to me. Wonderful art would have to wait until Oslo.

Unlike most of Roz’s trips, this one had days without human art and architecture and instead featured Mother Nature’s unparalleled beauty of the fjords.



We took a four-hour ferry ride from Bergen to tiny Balestrand staying in the historic 1877 Kviknes Hotel, which hosted a historic buffet each evening. There were Norwegian salmon five ways and everything else one could want. This was not the Golden Corral. We could see the Sognefjord, Norway's largest fjord, from our hotel window. The tiny town also boasted St. Olaf's Church completed in 1897 in the neo-stave style. The coronation church in *Frozen* was patterned on this church. My 3½ -year old granddaughter was impressed. On the second day, we took a ferry on the Fjaerlandsfjord to see a glacier and attendant museum. Scarily, the glacier has shrunk dramatically in the last ten years.



Balcony at hotel



St. Olaf's Church



Glacier

The next day proved long and picturesque. We took a ferry to Flåm, a Unesco World Heritage Site, where we caught the Flåmsbana (train) for a 12-mile journey through 20 tunnels and unbelievable scenery, and finally climbed aboard a modern train to continue to Oslo, a five-hour journey.

Oslo, the smallest of the Scandinavian capitals, proved charming. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo's City Hall (the other Nobel prizes are awarded in Stockholm). The Opera House, completed in 2007, is made of Italian marble and invites all to walk up the long ramp and stroll around the roof. The famous outdoor Vigelandsparken was designed by Gustav Vigeland. A fellow traveler commented that she had never been to a city with so many statues of nude figures. The statues show babies, toddlers, teens, and adults of all ages.



Vigeland statues

The surprise of the trip – I loved the anguished art of Edvard Munch (of *Scream* fame). We visited the Munch Museum as well as the National Art Museum. Both museums had rooms of Munch's works. The much parodied *Scream* was among my least favorite of his paintings. I asked why the West knew so few Norwegian artists and the response was that the artists did not sell their works internationally.



All Munch paintings

We witnessed a rather pathetic Changing of the Guard, but were happy that we chose to visit the Museum of Norwegian Resistance on our day off.

Sheila and I said our farewells to the lovely and lively group and flew to Trondheim, Norway's third largest city, where we stayed with Joe and Anna for the last four days of our trip. Joe is my nephew and my brother John (he met us in Trondheim) and sister-in-law Sheila's son. Trondheim is charming with painted wooden houses on the river and an old, magnificent cathedral. We visited another open-air museum with old buildings moved to the site and traveled to Røros, another Unesco World Heritage site. It was a fun and relaxing end to our Norway trip.



Trondheim



Family group photo



Roadside reststop bathroom

This ends my travelogue. I'll add a few observations. The women did not appear particularly stylish to me; the general public did not appear to be as glued to their cell phones as we Americans are; lots of beer and wine on every lunch table; bread everywhere was in-house baked, grainy and delicious; dairy was rich; cheese was scrumptious; cod was very good; complementary water pitchers of tap water with glass glasses EVERYWHERE no matter the casual level of the restaurant, café, cafeteria, or bar; grass roofs on old houses and in the country (see photo above); universally English speaking; expensive – my one glass of wine each day cost between \$12 and \$16; nearly a cashless economy (one of our hotels advertised as cashless); usual European lack of unpacking space in hotels; not one hotel room had a safe; friendly and helpful people; and, all told, a recipe for a great time.

Ellie Thayer

ROOSEVELT ISLAND HIKE - July 27, 2018



On July 27th, nine hardy souls (eight PVSers and one guest) took a leisurely, but hot, hike around Roosevelt Island. The park is located in the Potomac River (technically VA) but can only be accessed off the GW Parkway North. After meeting in the parking lot, we all walked across the bridge to the 88.5-acre national memorial park. It had finally dried up enough with bright sunshine so we could enjoy the outdoors. As we meandered the Swamp Trail (longest on the island), we observed various birds, turtles, fauna and greenery of the forested island. The trails are also frequented by runners and walkers of all ages, all of whom were out that day.

According to Rosemary, the island has a long

history. There was an American Indian presence in early times. In 1717, George Mason purchased the island, and the Mason family had an estate on the island for over 40 years. In 1748 a ferry service to Georgetown began, and in 1807 a causeway was built to Rosslyn. In 1931, the island was bought for a memorial to Theodore Roosevelt. The Memorial was dedicated in 1967. It is one of the largest memorials in the area with a 17-foot statue of Theodore Roosevelt and four large stone monoliths



of Roosevelt's famous quotations and two large fountains. There were some very thoughtful quotations from "Teddy" on why natural areas of exceptional beauty must be preserved in the national interest.

All in all it was a wonderful morning hike and, for most of us, a new and interesting adventure. After the hike, most of the group went to lunch at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn. The restaurant is on the top floor overlooking Roosevelt Island, Georgetown, and the Potomac. We ended the event with good food and beautiful views. Thank you, Rosemary, for organizing the hike.



Submitted by Sharon Mulholland and Rosemary S.

STEAK AND SWIM - August 11, 2018



The Hines

On Saturday, August 11, some 20 members of PVS gathered at the lovely home of Marianne and Kerry Hines for the not-to-be-missed annual Steak and Swim party.

We all mingled for lots of warm conversations and libations out by the pool, but the swimming had to wait for several light showers to pass through. But once they did, several very stunning ladies took advantage of the clearing skies and warm water for a refreshing swim. (Oh yeah, there were a couple of guys who swam too!)

Conversations were lively and included discussions about upcoming ski trips and reminiscing about past trips. It was great to see that several members including Marianne Soponis, Tom Tycz, Dave Warthen, and Cara Jablon will all be ready to get out there to ski with us once again after recovering from their recent injuries.

It was wonderful to see one of the club's long time members, Margaret Wycoff, who livened things up with enthusiastic tales of her life-long love

affair with skiing. She may have put her skis away for a while, but her passion for the slopes is still very evident.

The party culminated with a delicious dinner of steak, baked potatoes, and wonderful salads and desserts brought by guests. Our President Bob took uncontested first place in the steak-eating contest. Enough said.

A heartfelt thanks to Marianne and Kerry for once again hosting our group for such a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and evening.

-Submitted by Bruce King



Nancy M. & Mary Rose V.



*Catching flies –
Marsha & Dave W. & Claire S.*



*Bruce K., Tom T.,
& John H.*

PVS Calendar 2018

- Sep 19 Wed ExCom Meeting, telephonic, 7:00 pm,
- Sep 22 Sat September General Meeting, home of Kal & Nur Nossuli, Potomac, MD, 2:00 pm
- Nov 11 Sun November General Meeting, Sun & Ski, Falls Church, VA, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

PVS Ski Trips 2019:



January 9-16, 2019

Snowmass, CO (Kathy & Barry Lake)

February 2-9, 2019

Sun Valley, ID (Inge Lesjak)

March 9-16, 2019

Steamboat Springs, CO (Cara & Bob Jablon)

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