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President's Message

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

When PVS members and friends receive this message, it will be January, the time for New Year's Resolutions. I do not present resolutions for myself. Publicizing them would make them difficult to cancel. Also, it would be misleading to imply that I would do the good things that may be in them. I do submit resolutions for others.

NEW YORK TIMES: Much of the current news is unfit to print. Yet, we need a paper of record. The *New York Times* should therefore resolve to change its slogan to "All the News in the Hopes that Some of it May Be Fit to Print."

SKI RESORTS: Ski trail markers face uphill in skiers' line of sight. However, skiers cannot read the signs from chair lifts without risking falling off the lifts. From chair lifts, skiers see both trails that they want to take and trails that they want to avoid. But when they download, they cannot find the trails that they saw going uphill. Ski resort resolutions should be to have signs with trail names and difficulty markers that can be read by chair lift riders going uphill as well as skiers going down.

JEFF BEZOS: Jeff Bezos should make a resolution not to purchase stock in or enter some major business. If he insists on entering all businesses, he should compete in one without leveraging Amazon Prime. By not only making, but also carrying out such a resolution, Jeff Bezos would avoid antitrust economists having to opine on what percentage of everything one can own without violating the antitrust laws.

SKI RESORT CAFETERIAS: Ski mountain food sellers should resolve to sell edible food at prices that do not reflect their local monopoly status. The quality of food should be at least good enough so that food banks will accept leftovers.

AIRLINES: All airlines should make resolutions to serve food of the quality and price applicable to Ski Resort Cafeterias. For these purposes, while welcome, a bag of peanuts or pretzels is inadequate. (Compare the United States Department of Agriculture proposal under President Ronald Reagan to classify ketchup as a vegetable for school lunches.)

WEATHER SATELLITES: The Bureau of the Budget should resolve not to cut funds for weather satellites. They allow us to learn ski mountain and ski access weather conditions.

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January Monthly Meeting



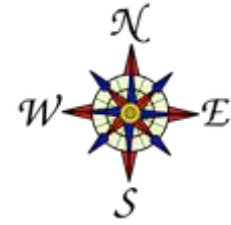
Saturday, January 19

2:00 PM

At the home of John Holt
1424 Highwood Drive
McLean, VA 22101

Directions

John Holt
1424 Highwood Drive
McLean, VA 22101
(703) 915-6258 (cell) (703) 534-2512 (home)



From Washington, DC via Chain Bridge

Take Chain Bridge onto N. Glebe Rd., crossing into Virginia. Go straight (not turning right on Chain Bridge Road). As you go up the hill to Glebe Road, do not take the turnoff to Military Rd. At the top of the hill after a big curve, the first right is River Street – there is a sign there that says Chain Bridge Forest. **Turn right onto River St. ***** Go 3 blocks on River. You go down a hill and up the next. At the top of that hill (the third left) **turn left on Highwood**. Go to the very end, about 4 or 5 blocks, ending in a cul-de-sac. I’m at the back of the cul-de-sac.

From the Beltway (I-495)

Take the Georgetown Pike exit (exit 44) east. Turn left onto Route 123, Chain Bridge Road. Turn right onto N. Glebe Road. As you go up the hill to Glebe Road, do not take the turnoff to Military Rd. At the top of the hill after a big curve, the first right is River Street – there is a sign there that says Chain Bridge Forest. **Turn right onto River St. ***** Go 3 blocks on River. You go down a hill and up the next. At the top of that hill (the third left) **turn left on Highwood**. Go to the very end, about 4 or 5 blocks, ending in a cul-de-sac. I’m at the back of the cul-de-sac.

From Virginia via the Dulles Toll Road

Merge onto Route 123 N via exit 19B toward McLean. Turn right onto N. Glebe Road. As you go up the hill to Glebe Road, do not take the turnoff to Military Rd. At the top of the hill after a big curve, the first right is River Street – there is a sign there that says Chain Bridge Forest. **Turn right onto River St. ***** Go 3 blocks on River. You go down a hill and up the next. At the top of that hill (the third left) **turn left on Highwood**. Go to the very end, about 4 or 5 blocks, ending in a cul-de-sac. I’m at the back of the cul-de-sac.

In VA,

Depending on where you’re coming from, **go to N. Glebe Road**, heading toward the Potomac River and Chain Bridge. A few blocks past the light on Glebe and Chesterbrook, is **River Street – turn left** - there is a sign there that says Chain Bridge Forest. ******* Go 3 blocks on River. You go down a hill and up the next. At the top of that hill (the third left) **turn left on Highwood**. Go to the very end, about 4 or 5 blocks, ending in a cul-de-sac. I’m at the back of the cul-de-sac.

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**Attention Sun Valley Trip Participants!**

It’s almost time to get ready for the trip. If you live locally please come to the January 19 PVS meeting (see announcement for January meeting at John Holt’s home) for a “welcome” and to pick up your luggage tags, airline tickets and trip information.



See you then, Inge ([Lesjak.inge@gmail.com](mailto:Lesjak.inge@gmail.com))

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Also: Attention Theater Goers. The Fantasticks ticket deadline is January 6. See page 4.
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**PVS MEMBERS:** PVS members lead healthy lives. In Austria, a group of us were introduced to Jaeger Tea, which the Austrian Government describes as "One of the popular après-ski drinks...[which] will not fail to warm you on the slopes or at home." Jägertee includes:

- 250 ml red wine
- 250 ml tea
- 250 ml spiced rum
- 250 ml plum brandy, schnapps or any other liqueur to hand
- 250 ml orange juice
- 2 to 3 whole cloves
- 1/4 of cinnamon stick
- 2 lemon slices
- Sugar (substitutes should work).

How to make Jägertee: heat the **tea, wine, rum, brandy, orange juice, spices, and lemons** in a pot; let it come to a gentle simmer for around five minutes; remove from heat; add a little sugar [sucralose? Aspartame?] to taste.

Austria says drink responsibly.

Because Jägertee, a learned ski trip experience, adds immeasurably to well-being, PVS members should resolve to drink it more and to drink more of it.

**SANTA CLAUS:** In line with the President's energy policies, Santa should resolve to increase his purchases of coal. He should distribute it as appropriate.

**MICHAEL BLOOMBERG:** Before running for President, Michael Bloomberg, former New York and therefore former Brooklyn Mayor, should resolve to invest in the Los Angeles Dodgers in order to right a grievous wrong. He can afford doing so. He should resolve to play half the Dodger's home games in Brooklyn. To avoid repeating former owner Walter O'Malley's great sin when he moved the Dodgers from Brooklyn to L.A., he can play the other half in L.A. Walter O'Malley diminished the future of three million souls and deprived Brooklyn of its *raison d'être*. This wrong should be rectified. (Question from Peter Golenbock: Who were the three worst people in history? Answer: "Hitler, Stalin and Walter O'Malley?")

**MIKAELA PAULINE SHIFFRIN:** Except when skiing the super-G, Mikaela Shiffrin should resolve never to ski a straight line. May she continue her winning slaloms.

**NANCY PELOSI:** She should resolve not to aggravate anyone without good cause.

**DONALD TRUMP:** People will not accept resolutions contrary to their beliefs. Therefore, I do not write that Donald Trump should resolve to welcome anyone who would walk 1,000 miles to get here whom we would want as part of us. However, he might consider those who want to come as coming from Norway, Slovakia or Slovenia, maybe to escape global cooling.

**THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF:** Drinking is perilous when one serves in sensitive White House positions. Therefore, White House staff members should resolve to stay away from bars. I understand that Michael Cohen and Michael Flynn have been Muelling this over for a long time.

**OPRAH WINFREY:** Considering how well she is doing, Oprah Winfrey does not need my advice.

**LARRY J. MERLO:** Saving paper is an important environmental goal. As President of CVS, Larry Merlo should resolve that when customers check out, CVS will no longer give them rolls of paper that they will inevitably crumble, lose or find expired. Instead of offering future cash reward entitlements and discounts that are valid if they shop at CVS *soon* for items that they might not otherwise buy, CVS can reduce prices. If this would be too disruptive to its business model, CVS can cease making customers carry rolls of discounts by automatically reducing their prices for future eligible purchases at check out as appropriate. (It has computerized records of everything we buy.) This will reduce check-out lines caused by customers who struggle to find the right discount record from past bills.

**ROBERT MILLER:** Mr. Miller is Executive Chairman of Safeway. He should resolve simply to have an adequate number of checkout people at Safeway stores, eliminating the need for self-check-out machines.

**SKI STORES:** Ski stores should resolve to have ski, boot and clothing sales in the fall (not necessarily a pun) to induce customers to buy at times when their merchandise is needed, not in the spring when their merchandise is not.

**AIRLINES REDUX:** Airlines should resolve to mutually accept passenger tickets of other airlines. If one has a ticket on United and there is an earlier American or Delta flight, customers would be able to use their tickets on the earlier

(or later) flight as was common before deregulation. Airlines might even make a ten dollar, but only a ten dollar, per ticket change fee. It does not cost airline computers more than ten dollars to reprocess tickets.

**GEORGE CLOONEY:** It is reported that George Clooney and his wife, Amal, have a wonderful rescue dog, Millie. Millie needs company. Following Rosemary (Clooney, not Schwartzbard), George should resolve to continue his dog-friendliness. He should inquire, "How Much is that Doggie in the Window? The one with the waggily tail." If the dog costs too much, he should go to "a pawnshop on a corner in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania," where he can "get five or ten" (dollars, not dogs).

**MICHELLE OBAMA:** Consistent with her nature, Hillary Clinton will undoubtedly decide to run for the Presidency in 2020. As an act of kindness, Michelle Obama should forestall her. Because Hillary will not follow Michelle Obama's advice and Bill Clinton will encourage her to run, Michelle Obama should resolve to persuade Barak Obama to persuade Hillary to forbear.

**RUTH BADER GINSBURG:** Ruth Bader Ginsburg should make resolutions for 2019 and 2020 and beyond, as well, to rule wisely and well.

**PVS' NEXT PRESIDENT:** PVS' next president should also make resolutions for 2019 (after the Annual Meeting) and 2020 and beyond to welcome new and younger skiers to PVS invigorating us; to maintain PVS members' skiing connections; to continue PVS decency and openness; and to maintain our skiing-related community.

We should resolve to be nicer (at least as much as we can).

And to all: A Happy New Year.



**Coming Event**

**Last call for The Fantasticks at Little Theatre of Alexandria Sunday Jan. 20 at 3 PM**

If anyone else is interested, I can still get tickets. Send a check made out to Shirley Rettig for \$34, 604 Princess St., Alexandria, VA 22314, by **January 6**.



**The Fantasticks** at Little Theatre of Alexandria

[<http://www.thelittletheatre.com>](http://www.thelittletheatre.com)

Join PVS on Sunday, January 20, at 3PM for a performance of "The Fantasticks" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. LTA is one of the oldest community theaters in the region, founded in 1934, and has a long record of excellent productions. The theater on Wolfe Street in Old Town is three blocks from busy King Street, so there is ample street parking available.

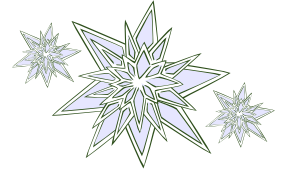
The Fantasticks is a long-running musical, which has stood the test of time. Come and hear "Try to remember"!

To join the group, send a check for \$34 to Shirley Rettig, 604 Princess St., Alexandria, VA 22314 by December 22, and also let her know if you would like to join the group for dinner afterward at one of Old Town's many restaurants (to be determined).

***Shirley Rettig,  
703-836-0147***

# SKI TALK

January 2019



The Limelight Hotel has just opened in the base village at Snowmass. I have always liked the Limelight in Aspen for their very generous happy hours. Hopefully we will find the same friendly atmosphere in Snowmass. What is unique about this hotel is that it has a climbing wall that you can see from the Elk Camp Gondola. The hotel is next to the base of the Gondola.

After years of reading and summarizing trip evaluation forms for the club, I have learned that the camaraderie of group activities, good leadership and communication are very important aspects of a ski trip. This is what our PVS trip leaders do so well. They spend months organizing and promoting our ski trips; they usually know the ski areas well and they get to know the members on their trips. Remember that our PVS trip leaders are volunteers who spend considerable time and effort organizing the trip. Sometimes they may get a free “comp” for their work but often they do not.

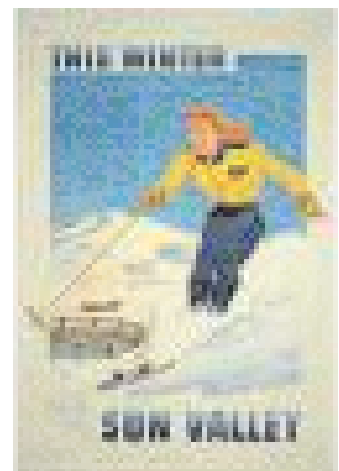
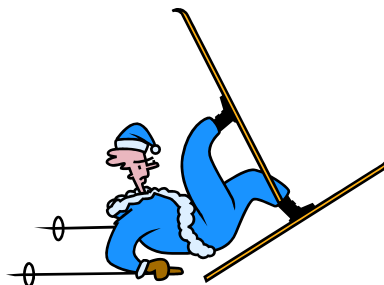
When on a PVS ski trip, get to know your fellow skiers; invite others to ski with you; ask the trip leader how you can help; if you find an interesting restaurant or excursion, invite others to go with you. Always be aware of where you are and stop if anyone needs help on the slopes. These are just a few things you can do to help make the trip run smoothly.

You may also want to think about what you can do to tweak your skiing ability. Taking an early season lesson can expedite the process. I usually take a lesson at Snowmass after skiing a day or two. Having an instructor watch you ski and help you start the season with better technique can make skiing much more enjoyable.

Remember in the dark ages when you were young and you envied those “seniors ” who got to ski free at most resorts by age 70? So now you have reached your golden years and where are the great deals? They are increasingly hard to find. Forget about deals in Vail and Aspen and Snowmass. Even senior rates are well over \$100 per day. However, if you are 70+ and are skiing seven plus days, the Premier Pass will give you the lowest rate at Snowmass. The few resorts that have free skiing have mostly raised the age to 80. Here is where you can ski free at 80+: Telluride, Alta, Taos and Seven Springs. There are still some local areas where you can ski free at 70+: WISP, Bryce Massanutten and Canaan/Timberline. At Snowshoe you can ski for \$30 per day at 75+. At Liberty and Whitetail you can ski for half price at 65+. No great deals at either Sun Valley or Steamboat.

Enjoy the rest of the ski season!

Rosemary Schwartzbard  
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Ski Trip

# Come ski with PVS at Sun Valley, Idaho

Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) Western Carnival

February 2 - 9, 2019

**ROOMS STILL AVAILABLE      ROOMS STILL AVAILABLE**

Bald Mountain - Top Elevation: 9,150 feet, 100+ Trails, 10 Lifts + Gondola, Mountain Dining  
*LOOKING FOR A SINGLE MALE SKIER TO SHARE ROOM*



**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 /pers\***  
Single Supplement add \$648

**Sun Valley LODGE Rooms**

Single Supplement add \$890

**\$1,940 /pers.\***

**Sun Valley INN Rooms**

Single Supplement add \$682

**\$1,725 /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](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**

## **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://d26zlhfpekbdmm.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](mailto: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 HOTEL - POOL, SPA AND SAUNA, FULL SERVICES, STORES AND AMENITIES - WALKING DISTANCE TO GONDOLA, LIFTS AND PLAZA FOOD, DRINK, SHOPS AND 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 are available, such as non-participation in air or different lift ticket arrangements and scheduling.

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 8<sup>th</sup> Street Steakhouse (grill your own steaks) and the Laundry. The trip is being actively coordinated by Doug Horstman of Encompasse Tours. For details please contact us ([rcjablon@aol.com](mailto:rcjablon@aol.com); [robert.jablon@spiegelmc.com](mailto:robert.jablon@spiegelmc.com)) and see Trip Addendum below.

*Bob and Cara*





## *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. Additional attendees are invited and welcome.

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 ARE LOOKING FOR A SINGLE MALE SKIER TO SHARE A HOTEL ROOM.**

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, 2018. 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.

The Steamboat Springs ski mountain has interesting, varied, well-serviced terrain in a unique Western town. We are working to achieve a successful trip.

*Bob and Cara*

  
THE STEAMBOAT  
GRAND



## Seeking Billy Elliot!

Wow! What energy! What singing! What dancing!

Plus, Nancy secured seating in the first two rows for us 12 PVSers. I'd never been in the first row. Special!



Billy Elliot is a warm story of a close-knit family and mining community in hard times in Northern England and their eventual support of and sacrifice for the special boy who could dance.

Signature Theatre put together a talented troop of performers as well as a group of behind-the-scenes musicians, props crew, and backstage people. The scenery changes were cleverly done via a "brick" wall of the mining town setting. Sliding doors in the wall were opened to receive one set while another opened to bring out the props for the next scene. The live orchestra was concealed above the wall.

Following the play, seven of us snuggled into our coats against the misty cold to Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub in the next block, in search of libation and something warm and tasty.

Thanks Nancy and Ray.

*Submitted by Jan Marx*



For many years, when the Toot was duplicated at a print shop, this special cover was placed on the January issue. It was drawn by our own Nancy Monacelli.

Nancy also drew a Merry Christmas/Happy New Year cover in the shape of a tree for the December issue. And there was a cover designed with the PVS shield and the words "Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year."

Past Event

*PVS Holiday Party*

by Marianne Sponis



The brisk air made the walk up the brightly lit road to our holiday party a quick one, our PVS members eager to enter the inviting home of John and Blanca Hotaling, our hosts for the evening. A new addition prior to entering was a waving Santa, looking out the door of an outdoor privy and welcoming all to the event!



As has become tradition, members brought favorite recipe items, adding to an appealing array of appetizers and a dazzling display of deserts! A special and delicious addition by the hosts was venison over rice with a tasty dish of purple and orange sweet potatoes. John explained how the venison arrived at the table:



My son, Bob, always cooks the front shoulder roasts right away, seasons them, and takes all the bones out. We then vacuum pack them and freeze. This keeps the freezer space optimized and they are ready to heat and serve easily for parties. Everyone seemed to enjoy as they licked the pot clean. A great time...thanks to everyone contributing.

There were 28 members, six guests and four applicant members who fit seamlessly into the kitchen, dining room and living room, enjoying conversation, a crackling fire place, beautiful decorations or an extra helping of food or drink (Blanca's sangria with assorted fruit helped us feel less guilty about imbibing). Colorful, sometimes sparkling, sometimes unusual, sometimes cuddly outfits added to the festive, celebratory atmosphere.



Bob Jablon, our president, welcomed everyone, started introductions and thanked the Hotalings for their warm and gracious hospitality. He introduced Kerry Hines who is leading the nominating committee for soon-to-be vacant positions in the club.

Rosemary Schwartzbard, Inge Lesjak, Kathy Lake and John Smith spoke briefly about upcoming ski trips. Then, everyone went back to sharing stories and extending holiday wishes before reluctantly heading to the door and back down the road along the bright lights, which this time seemed to say goodnight, happy holidays and good wishes until next year!



## Award

Larry Pease, a Charter Member of PVS, was inducted into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame during WISP's annual first aid refresher course and banquet at Deep Creek Lake, MD in 2018. Larry spent 53 years as a volunteer patroller at five different ski areas. In 2000, he became a paid member of the WISP patrol. Gail Pease and son, Greg, also patrolled there.

Larry's first introduction to skiing was during a winter campout with Boy Scouts at Willamette Pass near his home in Eugene, OR when he was 16 years old. Interest in the ski patrol started with a friend's broken leg during a ski trip. While at Oregon State University, he became interested in mountain rescue.



At Hoodoo Bowl, OR, Larry joined the ski patrol. As time went on, he trained patrollers in first aid, safety, and mountain rescue and helped increase members in the patrol. In 1960, he became a Senior Patroller and National SP #2341. He joined the Stevens Pass, WA Patrol for the 1960-61 season and gained experience in avalanche control.

Working for the US Geological Survey, he moved to Silver Spring in 1961. He joined the SCWDC Ski Patrol. He helped several ski areas in the area gain and train patrollers, including Blue Knob, Bryce, Shawnee Land, Braddock Heights, Charnita (Liberty Mt), Massanutten, and others. Among this group were future PVSers Dick Clark, Bill Stecker, Glade Flake and Kirk Burns. PVS was founded in 1965. Larry and another PVSer were instrumental in developing ski swaps at the area's shops.

As Ski Patrols developed, Larry has held the positions of the Regional Director, Southern Assistant Division Director, and Representative for the BRSC to the US Ski Association. He has led refresher training sessions yearly.

Many times in the past, Larry has talked at PVS meetings about how to wax and sharpen one's skies (a long time ago!), how to dress warmly, and ski safety. He used to test our applicant members on the Basic Ski Test. He is a longtime member of PVS, devoted to the sport of skiing, and always promoted the education and safety of skiers.

***Submitted by Jan Marx***

# Members' Corner

J. David Warthen Jr.  
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## Another Year Has Begun Again

Yet another year has begun! They keep passing by faster and faster. Here's wishing you a very healthy and Happy New Year. Our ski season is about to get into full swing, starting off with the Snowmass 2019 trip. Kathy & Barry will again lead the trip in their expert fashion.



We always hope for blue skies and lots of powder to satisfy our cravings for the slopes. We also enjoy the camaraderie, fun games around the fireside in the lodge, and fine dining every night. What a wonderful way to start another year.

**TOOT** begins its 54<sup>th</sup> year of publication this month with the help of a dedicated staff, led by Ellie Thayer and three rotating layout editors. The staff appreciates you also, the authors of numerous articles, which make for fun reading each month. Thank you, folks!

How about the Holiday Party at the Hotalings last month! Every year, this couple opens their home and gives a fantastic celebration for the season. We thank you!

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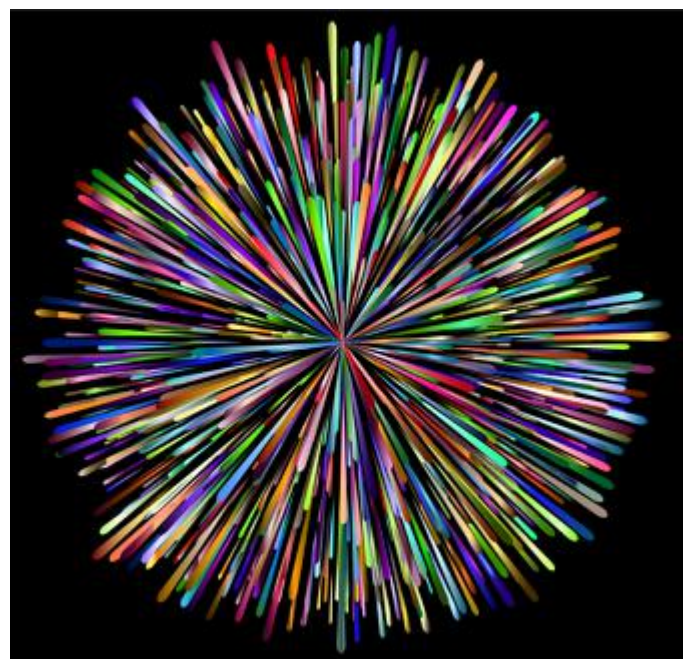
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- TOOT USPS – J. Read & L. Triau
- TOOT Electronic Distribution – D. Warthen

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- Burr Schuler (**membership reinstatement**)  
Active Individual
- John Holt (**new e-mail address**)  
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**PVS Calendar 2018**

Jan 05 Sat Snowmass 2019 PreTrip Luncheon, RSVP to Lakes, Oakton, VA, 1:00 PM  
 Jan 19 Sat Monthly Meeting, John Holt, McLean, VA, 2:00 PM  
 Jan 19 Sat (Sun Valley tickets, etc. available for pick up)  
 Jan 20 Sun Fantasticks at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, VA, Rettig, 3:00 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)

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

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