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***President's Message***

Thank you for electing me as your president at the April Annual Meeting. Warm thanks go to Bob Jablon and all the members of the ExCom who served during the last term with him. We all know that Bob, now president ex officio, did an excellent job leading PVS the last two years. I will undoubtedly rely on his advice during my term as president. Bob, we will miss your entertaining, educational, and humorous President's Messages for the TOOT.

Since Bob eloquently mentioned all of those who served on the ExCom and as chairs in the April TOOT, I refer you to it, and stress how instrumental their efforts were to make our last two years terrific. I am very grateful to those who are stepping up or staying on to serve PVS over the coming two years. I look forward to working with all of them. (See the block in this TOOT for the listing of all the ExCom Officers, Board Members and Chairpersons.)

It is May and our ski season is finished unless you travel to someplace where there is still snow, e.g., Whistler or Banff for late spring skiing or South America. I, for one, have put away my skies after sharpening, tuning and waxing them to be ready for December. I will be raring to go!

In the meantime, PVS members have coordinated interesting and fun activities for us during the skiing hiatus. Look for the schedule in this and future TOOTs. Please RSVP as appropriate. I hope to see many of you at the events as well as our monthly meetings.

PVS is a vibrant ski club because of all the work of volunteers. Please join us in the efforts that continue to make it so by contacting us either directly or via our website PVSkiers.org. And, do not forget to encourage friends and acquaintances to join PVS.

***Thomas S. Tycz***



***May General Meeting***  
May 21, 2019, 7:30 PM  
At the home of Philip & Christine Robinson  
3322 23<sup>rd</sup> Street N  
Arlington, VA 22201-4311

[robinsoncf@yahoo.com](mailto:robinsoncf@yahoo.com) or 202-316-1068 c

*Directions: see p 2*



*Directions to the May General Meeting:*

**Directions from Lee Highway US 29:**

Turn **L** on N Monroe ST if traveling east/south and turn **R** on Monroe if traveling west/north,  
Turn **R** on N 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue,  
Take **L** on N Kenmore ST,  
Take 2<sup>nd</sup> **R** on N 23<sup>rd</sup> ST,  
House is on the **R**, green with white shutters.

**Directions from the Beltway:**

Take I-66 East,  
Take exit 72 (Lee Highway/Spout Run),  
Turn **L** onto Lee Highway for ¼ mile,  
Turn **R** on N Lincoln St (or if you miss it R on N Monroe ST),  
Turn **R** on N 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue,  
Take **L** on N Kenmore ST,  
Take 2<sup>nd</sup> **R** on N 23<sup>rd</sup> ST,  
House is on the **R**, green with white shutters.

**If coming across Chain Bridge into VA and continuing onto Glebe Road:**

Turn **L** on Lee Highway/US 29,  
Turn **L** on N Monroe ST.  
Turn **R** on N 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue,  
Take 2<sup>nd</sup> **L** on N Kenmore ST,  
Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> **R** on 23<sup>rd</sup> ST N,  
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Coming Event

**JOIN PVS FOR THE  
ECLIPSE CHAMBER  
ORCHESTRA'S  
CONCERT  
SUNDAY, MAY 5,  
3:00PM**



In its 27th 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 this concert at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. [www.eclipseco.org](http://www.eclipseco.org)

**SUNDAY, May 5 at 3 PM**

- **Britten's Lachrymae for Violin and String Orchestra featuring soloist Mahoko Eguchi**
- **Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn, and Strings featuring conductor Abel Pereira on horn and accomplished Canadian tenor Benjamin Butterfield**
- **Haydn's Symphony #104**

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 (\$30 suggested) are made at the door or you can donate online.

Please RSVP to Ray and Nancy McKinley at 703 595 8375 or at [nancymckin@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckin@gmail.com) by May 3 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



## Enjoy an Urban Hike with PVS in vibrant SE Washington!

Friday, May 17 -- 10 am to 2-3 pm

Been to the new Capitol Riverfront area between Nationals Park and the Navy Yard yet? You'll be amazed by what's going on there! Beautiful waterside park areas, fountains, numerous casual and fine-dining restaurants, coffee shops, the District Winery, luxury apartments overlooking the Anacostia, and a lovely wide boardwalk that extends for miles along the water with gorgeous views as it passes by the historic Navy Yard facility.

This PVS Urban Hike starts at the Eastern Market Metro Station, briefly checks out the iconic Eastern Market delectable-filled building, wanders through beautiful neighborhoods of Capitol Hill down to the new Capitol Riverfront and Yards Park area. (Those interested in prowling the aisles of vendors at Eastern Market will want to pop in at the end of the day's hike.)

Our walk will take us by Christ Church of the Navy Yard frequented by John Philip Sousa and several US Presidents including Thomas Jefferson, along the tree-lined streets of elegant townhouses and gardens, down to the phenomenon known as Yards Park on the Capitol Riverfront. We'll stop for a light casual lunch at one of the restaurants along the water, likely Mexican Agua 301. Weather permitting, we'll enjoy tables set outside for lunch.

This walk is flexible. It can be a minimum of about 3 miles if you return home via the Navy Yard Metro Station instead of walking back to the Eastern Market Metro Station. If you do the whole hike, including a stroll around the Eastern Market building for shopping at the end of the day, you are likely to walk about 5 miles.

Please contact Nancy McKinley at 703 595 8375 or [nancymckin@gmail.com](mailto:nancymckin@gmail.com) with questions or to sign-up to join us. Please sign up by Tuesday, May 14.

**Urgent – Note Sign-Up Date below!!**

***Behind the Scenes at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 1-3:30 pm***

Did you know that many NASA satellites are being built and tested at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD? PVS member [Dorian Janney](#) is the Outreach Coordinator for the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) mission. She will lead a “*behind the scenes*” tour for PVS focusing on the GPM mission.



We will have a presentation on this mission from a GPM scientist, hear from the GPM Applications Coordinator about how the data are being used to improve life in a variety of ways, visit the satellite Ground Control Room, and learn from the GPM Communications Engineer about how the data from GPM and the supporting satellites in the constellation are collected and stored at GSFC.



We will also visit the “*shake and bake*” (Spacecraft Systems Development and Integration) facility and see the vacuum chambers, high capacity centrifuge, and one of the largest cleanrooms in the world!

We will meet at the GSFC Visitor’s Center in Greenbelt, MD **at 12:45 PM on June 11<sup>th</sup>**. There is plenty of parking there, as well as a nice free museum to explore and a gift shop to visit, if you so desire. Feel free to arrive early if you want time to visit the gift shop and museum. If we have 15 or more people, NASA/GSFC will provide a van to take us on our tour. If not, we will caravan in as few cars as possible to assist in being able to park close to the buildings we will visit. There will be some walking, but there are elevators in all buildings that we will visit.

This is a rare opportunity to be able to come on the GSFC campus and visit these facilities, and even rarer to have scientists and engineers give us their time and energy! So, come on out and find out how and why NASA is measuring global precipitation and be awed by the incredible science and technology being developed right here in the greater Washington metropolitan area.

**As we will be going on the secure campus, there was a cut-off date of April 16<sup>th</sup> (the date of the PVS Annual Meeting)**

to sign up for this tour. **However, there is a ‘*waiting list*’ for reservations.** We will need to send in your credentials (name, driver’s license number, etc.) six weeks before the tour to get your on-campus badging. This tour will be open only to U.S. citizens due to security restrictions.

To sign up for this tour, please email Dorian Janney ASAP at [dorian.w.janney@nasa.gov](mailto:dorian.w.janney@nasa.gov). She will reply and let you know what personal information she needs and get you on the list. Feel free to reach out to Dorian at this email address if you have questions!

## SKI TALK May 2019

Ski season is over for this year and we are busy making plans for next season. Please see information elsewhere in the Toot about our 2020 ski trips: Snowmass the end of January and Park City the end of February. We hope to have great participation in both trips.

Once ski season ends, it helps to have other activities to keep you in shape and get you outside. I have been an avid cyclist for many years. I own a sleek, red, very lightweight road bike. It has taken me through triathlons, century bike rides and many miles on the trails. However, as I age I seem to be spending less and less time on it and going out for shorter distances.



A few years ago, we went on a cycling trip to Latvia, Estonia and Finland. There, I was introduced to e-bikes. These are not fully motorized bicycles; they are motor assist bicycles. You have to pedal. The pedal stroke then activates the motor that gives you some assistance to get up the nasty hills or whenever you get tired. I did not want to use an e-bike, but a friend talked me into it. He assured me that it was not wimpy, but would really help make the trip more enjoyable. Well, it really was fun. By the end of the trip, I was bonded to my e-bike. In September, we are going on a boat and bike trip to explore the islands of Croatia. I have already signed up for an e-bike.

E-bikes have been popular in Europe for many years, but they are just beginning to reach the U. S. cycling community. I was reading an article in the Senior Ski blog, that in the past couple of years there has been a 95% jump in the sales of e-bikes in the U.S. Sales are booming, especially among the senior set. In the past year, at least four of my friends have purchased one.

Well, since I have to keep up with the trends and my friends, I purchased my very own e-bike this past week. It's a Trek Verve+.

Its weight is more than twice that of my road bike, but it is a bright orange, and it very gently helps me get up the steepest of hills in Arlington. Keep cycling!! Maybe there is an e-bike in your future.

### PRW SKI TRAVEL SHOW

The Ski Travel Show is scheduled from 6:30PM to 9:30PM Friday evening, May 3, at the Marriott Hotel, 8020 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner, Va. This is not an equipment show; it is a resort show. Vendors from many ski resorts attend with brochures, maps and other information about their resorts. This is an opportunity to talk to tour operators and resort personnel. It is a fun evening with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres served all evening. If you stick around to the end, you may even win a ski trip or at least a cap or a t-shirt. You must be present at the end-of-evening drawing to win something.

You can attend without pre-registering.

Rosemary Schwartzbard  
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# PARK CITY \_\_\_\_\_ DEER VALLEY

## Park City-Deer Valley PVS Ski Trip, 2020

Bob and Cara Jablon will lead a ski trip to Park City and Deer Valley next year from February 22 through February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Park City is one of the most varied ski mountains in the United States and has merged with the Canyons, another major ski area. Park City and the Canyons are now accessible to each other by Gondola. Deer Valley, a large, nearby ski area, has both gourmet skiing and gourmet food. The combined ski areas should meet every PVS member's skiing desires.

Bob and Cara have secured rooms at the Park City Peaks hotel, a first class, full service hotel. Non-stop flights are available between Washington and Salt Lake City. The trip will include transportation from the Salt Lake City Airport to the Peaks Hotel.

The town of Park City is replete with art galleries, shopping and, yes, most interesting and satisfying restaurants.

Trip details are under negotiation through Doug Horstman (Encompasse Tours). Good skiing, food and drink and camaraderie at reasonable prices are planned. Additional trip details will be available shortly.

*Save the date.*

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*Deer Valley Slopes*



*Park City Slopes*

*Feb 22 – 29, 2020*

# Members' Corner



J. David Warthen, Jr.  
[dwarthen409@gmail.com](mailto:dwarthen409@gmail.com)

## Applicant Members Reclassified as Active Members:

At the April 16 Annual Meeting, seven Applicant Members were approved by the PVS Membership as Fully Active Members.:

Kathi **Daylor** (sponsor, Carolyn **DeVilbiss**)  
Slaveika **Diakova** & Nick **Young**  
(sponsor, Rosemary **Schwartzbard**)  
Dave & Sheryl **Ulep**  
(sponsor, Rosemary **Schwartzbard**)  
Philip & Christine **Robinson**  
(sponsor, Kathy **Lake**)

Congratulations to these Active members!

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**Roster Changes:** (contact [dwarthen409@gmail.com](mailto:dwarthen409@gmail.com))

-Philip & Christine **Robinson** (new members)

[robinsoncf@yahoo.com](mailto:robinsoncf@yahoo.com)

See Quarterly Update PVS Roster, May 1, 2019



## **\*\*CYPRUS – Ellie Thayer\*\*S**

March 12 – 24, 2019

Where to start? I traveled with my sister-in-law on a trip to Cyprus organized by a retired art and architecture professor. Cyprus is an island in a strategic spot in the eastern Mediterranean south of Turkey. As such, almost every western and some eastern civilizations have passed by its shores; some staying longer than others and many leaving their mark. Quite impressively, we saw the stone circle remnants of a permanent Neolithic settlement dating back to 7000 BC. Helpfully, archeologists had built a few replicas of the buildings giving the visitor a clearer picture of what the settlement looked like in its day.

That Neolithic site and many other sites are designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. At times, it



*Remains*



*Replica*

seemed like the entire island was one big UNESCO site, and that is hardly an exaggeration. Mycenaean/Phoenician settlers followed starting in 1100 BC and gave the island its Greek character. In those early days, the Assyrians, Egyptians, and



Persians passed through, followed by Alexander the Great and the Romans. In about 400 AD, Cyprus became part of the eastern Byzantium Empire. Most of the art we saw was Byzantine. I learned a lot about icons and iconography in churches. Of course, “a lot” is all relative when one starts with scarcely any knowledge.

The large, intact mosaic floors in the House of Dionysus were my favorite sight on the trip. There was room after room of mosaics, which were uncovered in what had been a large home from the Roman era. They are considered one of the finest collections of floor mosaics in the world. UNESCO designation, of course.

I am skipping many sites in and around Larnaca and Pafos on the southern coast and heading to the Troödos Mountains in the center of Cyprus. This Dramamine-necessary travel day was worth it. There are ten Byzantine painted frescoed churches on the way. We stopped at five. All are UNESCO World Heritage Sites built between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries AD. No photos were allowed, which was unfortunate for me. At the end of the day, we arrived in Nicosia, the capital.

Cyprus is divided into a southern Greek-speaking part (two-thirds of the island) and a northern Turkish-speaking part. The “Green Line” divides the two and goes through the center of Nicosia. We crossed the Green Line through checkpoints, with passports in hand, into the Turkish speaking area. It was fun and a bit reminiscent of the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul. I love the rugs in mosques and this one did not disappoint. We visited a fabulous Archeological Museum in the Greek-speaking part and much more. All in all, it was a fabulous trip. Cyprus could be placed on anyone’s bucket list.



Mosque rug



Mosaic floors

Past Event

**PVS GOES DANCING AT THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Saturday, April 13, 2019



John Holt of the PVS regulars organized a dancing meeting at the American Legion Post in College park on April 13. PVS members Bob and Cara Jablon, John Holt, and John & Blanca Hotaling, with guests Trevor Wharton, Shell Blankenship and two others attended and had a wonderful time. The music was by Mike Surratt and the Continentals, who were regular performers at Blob's Park...a well-known German dance hall fondly remembered. The dancing was fantastic with a mixture of rumba, tango, fox trots, waltzes, two-step and swing among others.

John Holt won the 50/50 door prize raffle (50% to the host American Legion and 50% to the winning ticket holder) and made a profit on the entire evening - CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!

*Submitted by John Hotaling*





**PVS Annual Meeting  
April 16, 2019**



Reg Heitchue and Susan Sinclair graciously hosted the annual meeting in the party room of their condo building in Reston. It was a great turnout, 40 plus people! Mary Ellena Ward and Jim Slack came all the way from Lexington to attend this year's special event. There was a lot of great food and drink enjoyed by all. We had shrimp, salmon, turkey roll ups, cheese and salami, veggies and dip, guacamole, hummus and walnuts, to mention just a few of the dishes. The dessert table was plentiful as well, with an assortment of brownies, cookies, rum cake, cream puffs, crème brûlée and other goodies. The room was abuzz with conversations of recent ski trips and plans for next year. Many were looking forward to summer vacations. All seemed happy that spring is here with warmer temperatures.

When the consumption of food seemed to slow down, Bob Jablon called the meeting to order. Nancy McKinley talked about the club's upcoming social events. Rosemary talked about next year's planned ski trips and the possibility of others to follow.

We had seven applicant members eligible for full active membership: Sheryl and Dave Ulepik, Salli Diakova and Nick Young,



Chris and Phil Robinson, and Kathi Daylor. They were all unanimously accepted as members. Welcome to all those new skiers!

Next on the agenda was a vote for new officers: Tom Tycz for President, Kal Nossuli for Vice President, Jan Marx, Jannes Gibson and Mary Rose Valladares for ExCom members. All were unanimously voted in. Congratulations!

A highlight of the annual meeting was the presentation of an award to Ray and Nancy McKinley for their service to PVS. The award consists of an album of photographs and TOOT articles that capture the essence of their leadership and the many contributions they made as leaders of PVS. The award was presented by Bob Jablon (his last official act as President), who proclaimed:

*Phil & Christine, Kathi, & Dave*

*In commemoration of their long service to Potomac Valley Skiers, this album is presented to **Ray and Nancy McKinley**. Their contributions have been legion, encompassing all aspects of Potomac Valley Skiers' activities. Ray and Nancy's exceptional vibrancy and energy have added to PVS immeasurably. They gave themselves with hard work, dedication, an unwavering sense of humor and, might I add, not inconsiderable showmanship. Their leadership has helped foster PVS in becoming and remaining a strong and vibrant organization. This is the story of forty-plus years of PVS as told through the contributions of Ray and Nancy.*

*Bob Jablon, President, Potomac Valley Skiers.  
April 16, 2019*



Those who attended the annual meeting were able to see the album. It can be viewed online by going to the Shutterfly.com website. Insert Reg Heitchue's email address (heitchu@yahoo.com) and the password tartvert when

**prompted at the "my account" tab. Once into the account, look at the top right buttons and use the dropdown under the "hi reg" button and click on Projects. The album will appear with an option to preview. Additionally, a second album is in the custody of the club's historian, Jan Marx, and will be brought to meetings now and then for those who wish to peruse.**

The McKinley award was spearheaded by Reg Heitchue with contributions from Susan Sinclair, Bob Jablon, Kerry Hines, Rosemary Schwartzbard, Mary Ellena Ward, David Warthen, Jan Marx, and Ellie Thayer who did the design and layout of the album.



Then another presentation... on behalf of the club, Jan Marx presented a certificate and a gift to Bob for our appreciation of his time and tenure as President and to Cara for her moral support. The gift was a framed photo of Bob and Cara on the slopes during their recent trip to Steamboat, which they led.

Bob congratulated Tom on being elected President and then passed the "gavel" on to him. Tom took over his inaugural meeting by thanking everyone for their support. He's looking forward to the upcoming social events and to more skiing!

The meeting was adjourned. Everyone went home happy.

by **Kathy Lake**  
with contributions by Reg Heitchue



*Many, many thanks to Reg Heitchue & Susan Sinclair and the Project Team for putting together the overwhelming tribute given to us at the Annual Meeting! We don't have to tell you that PVS is the best club ever - we all know that! However, our contributions are only a few of the many that so many members of our club put in over the years and continue to put in to make PVS what it is. Go PVS!*

**Ray & Nancy**



[More pics](#)  
&  
[Video pic](#)



**PVS Calendar 2019**



- May 03 Fri Ski Travel Show, 6:30-9:30 PM, Tysons Corner, VA
- May 04 Sat Semiannual BRSC meeting to choose 2021 trips
- May 05 Sun Eclipse Concert, 3:00 PM, McKinley, Alexandria, VA
- May 17 Fri Urban Hike, McKinley, 10:00 AM, Eastern Market, Washington DC
- May 21 Tue May General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Robinsons, Arlington, VA
- May 28 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:00 PM, Telephonic
- June 09 Sun Summerfest, time TBD, Jablons, Washington DC
- June 11 Tue NASA Space Center Tour, 1:00-3:30 PM, Janney (reservations required), Greenbelt, MD

**PVS Ski Trip 2020**



March 7-14, 2020  
Park City-Deer Valley, UT (Bob & Cara Jablon)

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

**ExCom**

<p><b><u>Officers:</u></b>                  President – <i>Tom Tycz</i>                  V. President – <i>Kal Nossuli</i>                  Secretary – <i>Ellie Thayer</i>                  Treasurer – <i>Dick Schwartzbard</i>                  Ex Officio - <i>Bob Jablon</i></p> <p><b><u>Board Members:</u></b>  <u>First Term:</u>  <i>Jannes Gibson</i>  <i>Jan Marx</i>  <i>Mary Rose Valladares</i>  <u>Second Term:</u>  <i>Melissa FitzGerald</i>  <i>John Holt</i>  <i>Barry Lake</i></p>	<p><b><u>Chairpersons:</u></b>                  Ski Trip Committee – <i>Rosemary Schwartzbard</i>                  Events – <i>Ray and Nancy McKinley</i>                  Membership Records – <i>Dave Warthen</i>                  Membership PR Reps – <i>Inge Lesjak &amp; Marianne Sophonis</i>                  TOOT Coordinator – <i>Ellie Thayer</i>                  TOOT Layout Editors – <i>Jan Marx, Kerry Hines &amp; Dave Warthen</i>                  TOOT (E-Distribution) – <i>Dave Warthen</i>                  TOOT (USPS Distribution) – <i>June Read</i>                  Webmaster – <i>Mary Ellena Ward</i>                  Meeting Records – <i>Sue Lyon</i>                  Historian – <i>Jan Marx</i></p>
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