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President's Message

It is autumn; temperatures are cooler; the air is brisk. The leaves are turning beautiful yellow, orange, and red. The wind is causing them to fall and sometimes orchestrates small wind devils of leaves. Walking outdoors in the woods or a park is invigorating at this time of year. Biking in the cooler air is not as taxing as in the hot summer months. The season is refreshing. Autumn is my next favorite season to winter. It is time to enjoy the cool air, bright sunshine, and glorious foliage after the long hot summer. It is also a time of the year for me to put away the outdoor furniture and to work in our garden, planting bulbs for spring blooms; bringing plants indoors before the first frost; fertilizing trees; cutting back (AKA doing battle with) the wild and crazy rose bush on the fence; and trimming back the perennials.



Blowing and raking leaves is also a very big task for me this time of the year since our yard has many large mature oak, hickory and dogwood trees. The county specifies days on which to put leaves out to the curb. Trucks with huge intakes that vacuum up the leaves appear to swallow up the pile. So, I work to the county's schedule for leaf removal and place them on the curb accordingly. I live at the end of a cul de sac on a pie-slice shaped lot limiting street frontage. Consequently, my leaf pile is usually the highest on the street. When our sons were small, they thought the mountain of leaves was a great place to play, taking flying leaps into the pile and hiding (watched over by Mary in case of a car). Ahhh to be young again!! Now our

MONTHLY MEETING

At the home of Jannes Gibson
Sunday, November 10, 2019 at

2:00pm

9412 Garden Court

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Directions

At the home of Jannes Gibson
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From Washington, DC: Take River Road (MD-190) to Falls Road in Potomac. Turn left onto Falls Road (MD-189), proceed ¾ of mile, and turn left onto Garden Way. Take the 2nd left onto Garden Court; house is the 4th on the left.

From Gaithersburg: Take I-270 toward Washington and merge onto Falls Road (MD-189 S) via exit 5. Stay on Falls Road for about 5.6 miles. (You will go past River Road at Potomac Village.) Turn left onto Garden Way. Take the 2nd left onto Garden Court; house is the 4th on the left.

From Virginia: After crossing the American Legion Bridge into MD on the beltway, take exit 41 towards Carderock. Stay to the left and merge onto the Clara Barton Parkway. After 1.7 miles, turn left on MacArthur Blvd. After 2.2 miles, turn right on Falls Road (MD-189). Proceed 1.3 miles and turn right onto Garden Way. Take the 2nd left onto Garden Court; house is 4th on the left.

President's Message continued

(local) son helps me rake and drag the leaves in old tarps to the street. Alas, now he does not think it the great fun activity as he did when he was a child and occasionally got to ride on the leaves in the tarp as it was dragged away to the street. Needless to say, I am very grateful that he helps me in the leaf assembling and dragging chore.

Of course, it is a time when I prepare for the winter ski season, making sure our ski equipment is tuned up and functioning correctly; changing from summer tires to snow tires; and planning our ski trips to Snowmass, Salt Lake, Vermont, and possibly others depending upon the snow conditions. This year I hope to ski locally as it has been many years since I have been to Ski Liberty or Round Top. I am curious to ski Whitetail since I have never skied there. Furthermore, I wonder how these areas have changed or improved and what changes the Vail purchases of these ski resorts will bring to the skiing experience this year.

One change that has already been announced, as you may know, is the change in the available ticket products at these ski resorts. Skiing appears to be a more expensive proposition than in previous years at these resorts. This may affect the older skier who was able to ski four hours a day midweek at a very reasonable cost. Now, the single day ticket products are for the entire day and evening and the senior ticket cost is about twice the cost of the previous four-hour ticket. Also, it is not clear whether groups will receive any additional discount. It may depend on the size of the group. Nevertheless, it seems that individual tickets will be less expensive if you buy them online instead of at the window. So, if you plan to ski these areas, buy them online as early as you can and at least the night before. The ticket appears to be cheaper than at the ticket window.

Since there have been heavy snowfalls out west already; hopefully, this year's winter will provide sufficient snow to all the ski areas: locally, out west and in New England. I intend to ski in all three regions this year and look forward to another great season. I hope your ski season will be great, too!!

Tom Tycz

IN MEMORIAM

George Birnbaum, age 88, died on September 20, 2019. He transferred to PVS from Capital Golden Skiers on September 20, 2013 and was a member of PVS until 2017. He was married to the late Celia Chen, who was also a PVS member. A PVS friend, Paul Levy, described George as a graceful skier, but one who stayed away from moguls. George sometimes skied with PVS at Snowmass/Aspen, while staying with family at Aspen. Following is his obituary, which appeared in the *Ithaca Journal* on Oct. 17.



George (Ignatz) Birnbaum - 1931-2019



George (Ignatz) Birnbaum, 88, passed away September 12, 2019 in Vienna, Austria, while travelling with family.

Born in Krakow, Poland on July 14, 1931 to Heinrich and Helena (Schönberg) Birnbaum, George was an only child. A Polish Jew, he survived the Nazis in WWII, settling with his family in Vienna. As a young man, George emigrated to New York City in 1952 to study chemistry at Columbia University. After earning his PhD in Organic Chemistry, he moved to Ottawa where he enjoyed a long career at the National Research Council of Canada as a crystallographer, using X-rays to determine three-dimensional structures of crystallized chemical compounds. He published numerous, scientific papers, and was proud and honored to have experiments included on Space Shuttle missions as well as solving the crystal structure for the anti-viral AIDS drug AZT.

George married Karin (Bjåmer) Birnbaum in 1967, and together they settled in Ottawa, Ontario where they welcomed their daughter, Ellen, and son Eric. After divorcing in 1991, George later married long-time friend and colleague, Celia Chen. Together they relocated from Ottawa to Gaithersburg, Maryland.

George was a lover of classical music, avid skier, proud scientist and crystallographer, and lecturer. Noted curmudgeon, George wasn't happy unless he had something to complain about.

George was predeceased by his parents and his second wife, Celia. George is survived by his children, Ellen Birnbaum and Eric (Corrina) Birnbaum, his grandchildren, Rowan and Adina, and his stepchildren, Tien-Yee Chiu (Michael Magan) and Tien-Seng (Tara) Chiu. He will be deeply missed by his cousin Mary Salton and her extended family. Memorial to be held in Ithaca NY on Oct 27th at the Country Club of Ithaca, 189 Pleasant Grove Rd, Ithaca, NY at 11:00am, followed by a reception. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to a Jewish charity of your choice.

Coming Event

JOIN PVS FOR THE ECLIPSE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S CONCERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 3:00 PM



In its 28th season of world-class performances, Eclipse Chamber Orchestra, one of the nation's premier chamber ensembles, presents exceptional performances of diverse repertoire. Please join PVS once again to enjoy this concert at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. www.eclipseco.org.

SUNDAY, November 3 at 3 PM

- Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture
- Elgar's Serenade for Strings
- Schubert's Symphony #1

Optional: gather for dinner in Alexandria

Eclipse Chamber Orchestra is committed to bringing quality music at a reasonable price. New pricing: Seniors - \$35. Please RSVP to Nancy McKinley at 703 595 8375 or at nancymckin@gmail.com by November 2 to let her know you're coming, and she will keep a lookout for you. Let her know if you plan to join the group for dinner and she will include you in the reservation.

See you there!



Coming Event

Join PVS at The National Portrait Gallery
Then Have Lunch in CityCenterDC



Friday, November 22 – 11:30 am

Have you been to the National Portrait Gallery lately? They hold the nation's only complete collection of presidential portraits outside of the White House. Also on display is the famous new portrait of Michelle Obama.

As November 22 is the 56th anniversary of the assassination of JFK, a visit to his likeness is perhaps appropriate. Other fascinating exhibits in this gorgeous building include "In Mid-Sentence" a set of iconic historic photos.

We'll meet at 11:30 am when the Gallery opens and attend a public docent tour of the Highlights of the Gallery from 12 to 1. Or wander on your own and join up with us at 1 pm as we head out to lunch a short walk away at the new and sparkling CityCenterDC. Our choices of restaurants are many but all highly rated; depending on the size of our group, we may lunch at DGBB (from chef Daniel Bouloud) or Fig and Olive or Amy Brandwein's Controlina. All are sit-down and upscale – a fun way to try someplace new!

The National Portrait Gallery is conveniently located by two Metro stops – Metro Center and Gallery Place. The Gallery is free. Lunch could be \$15 - \$40 or so. RSVP's are required for lunch reservations. Contact Nancy McKinley by Friday, November 15 at 703 595 8375 or by email at nancymekin@gmail.com.



Coming Event

LITTLE THEATER OF ALEXANDRIA
600 Wolfe St.
Sunday January 19, 2020, 3 PM

Are you among the growing ranks of PVS retired skiers? Why not brighten the dark days of January when you used to be out on the ski slopes by joining fellow PVSers for an afternoon at the LTA? We will see "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder", a musical comedy described as "a murderous romp filled with music and non-stop laughs". An added advantage is that parking is free and easy to find on Sunday afternoon. Send a check for \$34 to Shirley Rettig, 604 Princess St., Alexandria, VA 22314 to reserve your ticket. Please indicate if you would like to join the group afterward for an early dinner at one of Old Town's many restaurants.

P.S. Still-active skiers are welcome too! This date was chosen so as not to conflict with our ski trips.



A distant heir to a family fortune sets out to speed up the line of succession by using a great deal of charm...and a dash of murder. This Tony Award winning musical comedy is a murderous romp filled with unforgettable music, non-stop laughs and show-stopping performances. Not to be missed!

A Day on the River with PVS

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Maybe you remember the days when the Anacostia was a river to avoid at all costs. Well, those days are gone! There's a renaissance happening on this urban river and 20 PVSers and friends went to see it first-hand on a perfectly cool day in October.

Arranged by Marianne Sponis, the President and CEO of the Anacostia Watershed Society Jim Foster took us on a tour of this wild and scenic river by bimini-covered pontoon boat all the while providing a wealth of information and entertaining repartee along the two-hour roundtrip from Bladensburg Waterfront Park. The river has the feel of far-flung places – Costa Rica comes to mind – yet is easily accessible to us here in the DC area.

On our tour we noted Dueling Creek where people in past centuries came to settle their differences in a way that was, unsurprisingly, prohibited in DC proper! A beautiful bike path along the river is reputed to be the longest municipal bike trail in the country and scenic walkways are planned to cross the river further downstream next to DC. We saw numerous birds (kingfishers, cormorants, red-tail hawks, egrets and an eagle) and at least one human kayaker making his way along the peaceful waterway.



The goal of the Anacostia Watershed Society is for the river to be “fishable and swimmable by 2025” and they’re making significant progress on that goal. Efforts to trap trash before it reaches the river have been set up and a multi-year and multi-jurisdictional process to divert sewage away from the river has successfully left the Anacostia sewage free. There remains a higher-than-desired concentration of algae-encouraging nitrogen which is being tackled in several ways including introducing river mussels (75,000 so far this year!) to help clean that and other pollutants naturally. Wetland restoration is underway to rehabilitate these “kidneys” of the river which serve as an additional kind of water purifier. Geese are routinely rounded up and removed to keep them from devouring the new marshland growth.

Yet PCBs and microplastics are still present and drugs that have been improperly disposed of create other more difficult problems for the growth of fish along this and other rivers in the country. Especially interested in progress along the river was PVSer Shirley Rettig, as she had been involved in water analysis at the United States Geological Survey in her working life.

The efforts of the Anacostia Watershed Society, and local and national entities are astonishing and are transforming this lovely river into the treasure that it should be for all of us. Yet there are more things we can all do. Mr. Foster suggests several ways we can help:

- Consider ways to reduce the amount of trash you generate. Paper takes a year to break down and plastic about 100 years!
- Pick up roadside trash when you can and encourage others as well – especially Styrofoam
- Don't use or buy plastic straws
- Dispose of unused drugs responsibly and not into the water system
- Don't plant English Ivy which is a notoriously invasive plant
- Tell others about the lovely Anacostia River and consider a trip down the river yourself

Many thanks to Marianne for arranging this fascinating tour (much too much information to include it all here) and for Jim Foster of the Anacostia Watershed Society for opening our eyes to the beauty of this river and the work being done to preserve it for future generations.

Submitted by Nancy McKinley



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Past Event

October Monthly Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the home of Kal & Nur Nossuli



Perfect weather greeted us for a special day with PVS friends. Kal and Nur Nossuli welcomed 33 of us into their lovely home in Potomac, MD. A number of seldom-seen friends were there including Liz and Serge Triau, June Read, and Charlie Huggins. Peter Russell's son and daughter-in-law and eight former Capital Golden Skiers also joined us to recognize a SIGNIFICANT milestone. Peter Russell turned **100 years** old this month!

A beautiful refreshment table awaited us with assorted cheeses, empanadas, spanakopita, shrimp, hummus, vegetables and fruit. An assortment of wine and other beverages was

available on a side table. The meeting took place downstairs where President Tom Tycz made announcements. Nancy McKinley told us of upcoming events including a trip to the Portrait Gallery followed by lunch in November. Rosemary and trip leaders updated us on their ski trips: Snowmass is filled with 38 people and 15 people have signed up for Park City. John Smith talked about local skiing - the big news is that there will no longer be four-hour ski passes available since Vail Resorts bought Liberty and Whitetail.



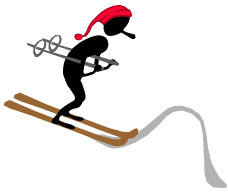
Our guest of honor, Peter, looking as dapper as usual, sat in the front row. Marianne Sponis read a poem she wrote about Peter and presented him with a spoof gift. Don Vierimaa presented him with a framed collage of the Washington Post, with all of the articles written about Peter throughout the years. Don read an impressive piece about the years that Peter accomplished his goals. He was born in 1919! Peter's son said a few words and long-time skiing friends told other tales. Peter did not start skiing until his 40s and did not stop until a year ago. Then Peter thanked us all. He said that he is frequently asked, what is the most important secret to longevity. He said choosing the right genes was most important. He also added that he has never been very interested in food and consequently does not eat too much and perhaps that helps.

Everyone returned upstairs for a champagne toast to Peter. For dessert there was an array of cakes and fruit including a delicious tiramisu and decadent chocolate cake. Everyone was in a festive mood as the champagne was poured and all applauded Peter and his impressive life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PETER!

Submitted by Jan Marx and Rosemary Schwartzbard





SKI TALK
November 2019



Tom Tycz, Inge Lesjak, and Kerry Hines represented PVS at the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) meeting on October 5, held at Liberty Ski Resort. The news this year about local ski resorts is that Vail Resorts has purchased Peak Resorts, which includes Liberty, Whitetail, and Roundtop. The immediate effect is that local skiing will cost more. These resorts will no longer offer the four-hour ski ticket, and the daily rate for seniors will be \$59.00. The Peak Pass will still be good at these properties for the 2019-20 season. Now that they are Vail properties, the Epic Pass can also be used.

The following 2021 BRSC trips were selected:

The Western Carnival will be held at **Telluride, Colorado from January 23 to January 30, 2021**. Effie Rubinstein from Sportours was selected as the tour operator.

Eurofest in 2021 will be held in **Davos, Switzerland from February 26 to March 6, 2021**. Holidaze was selected as the tour operator

The Winterfest will be held at **Jay Peak, Vermont from March 7 to March 12, 2021**. The tour operator is Bianchi Outdoor Adventure.

PVS will decide at a later date if we will join the above trips. While our club does not always join the BRSC trips, as a member of PVS you can go on any of the council trips by accompanying one of the other council clubs. Check out the BRSC website at: skicouncil.com.

Other news from the meeting is that an Airport Overnight Lodging and Parking Program has been organized for 2020 at all three regional airports. For \$89 per room plus local taxes, you will also get 8-day free parking and free airport shuttle. The airport hotels are: Marriott at Dulles; Springhill Suites at BWI; and Courtyard Marriott at Reagan. If you are interested in using this program, let your trip leader know.

The BRSC Western Carnival at Snowmass this coming January has over 300 people from eight ski clubs participating. Our club will be staying at Mountain Chalet. Other clubs will be at different hotels in Snowmass. The BRSC events will be in the Viceroy Center in the Snowmass Base Village. As part of the BRSC activities, there will be a NASTAR race. We are encouraging all of our members who are going on the trip to participate. It is a fun event, and it is age-graded. A gold medal may be waiting for you.

Local Ski Shops: For years, PVS members have gone to Brian Eardley at Ski Center for boot fitting and any question related to skiing. When the Ski Center closed a couple years ago, Brian went to a ski shop near Baltimore. You will be glad to know that Brian is now at Alpine Ski Shop in Fairfax. It is best to call for an appointment if you want to see him. Ryan Susse is no longer at Sun and Ski. I was not able to find out where he currently is.

PVS SKI TRIPS: If you are interested in going on one of the 2020 ski trips, Snowmass or Park City, then contact the trip leader as soon as possible. Please see the fliers in this TOOT for more information.

Rosemary Schwartzbard and Kerry Hines



Potomac Valley Skiers

BRSC Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip 2020

Saturday, January 25 – Saturday, February 1, 2020

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](#), 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 breakfast & soup lunch; luggage handling; a welcome reception; BRSC sponsored après ski events & a dinner**, plus the **NASTAR ski race**. Additional nights at Snowmass are an option **based on availability**. Trip insurance is available through [Encompasse Tours](#) and is [highly recommended](#). ([Trail information](#).)

The basic package at \$1,820 includes a 5 day Senior lift pass for skiers 65 and over. Skiers under 65 will have to add \$81.00.

Costs:		Price
Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)		\$1,820
Under 65	add	\$ 81
Single Supplement (1 person only in a room)	add	\$1,218
Extra hotel night (pending availability)	add	\$ 328 per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 250
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 82 for a 6 day Senior pass
	add	\$ 150 for a 7 day Senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 196 for a 6 day Adult pass
Optional roundtrip air to Denver available		\$ 481 plus shuttle \$121

Payment Schedule

\$300 deposit is due June 15th.
Second payment of \$750 is due **August 15th**.
Final payment is due **September 15th**.

Planned Events

- PVS Welcome Reception
- BRSC Welcome Party
- NASTAR Race
- BRSC Après Ski Party
- BRSC Farewell Dinner & Dance

To sign up please send:

- (1) [Application form](#) -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address
 - (2) [Deposit of \\$300 per person](#) and/or your [payment due](#), and
 - (3) [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 (Write [PVS Snowmass 2020](#) 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](#))



Asiafest with the Blue Ridge Ski Council and Pentagon Ski Club Base Trip - Feb 21-29, 2020 - \$3500.00

Inge Lesjak has signed up for this trip with Pentagon Ski Club and would like to encourage other members of PVS to join her in this adventure to Japan. As a current member of PVS you may sign up for trips with other BRSC clubs. This is an opportunity to experience the Japanese culture while enjoying some fantastic skiing. While you have to sign up with Pentagon on your own, Inge can coordinate activities with PVS members.

Base Trip to Hakuba Ski Area - Japanese Alps

includes:

- Round-trip air transportation between Washington Dulles and Tokyo via ANA non-stop flights
- Meet & Greet at Tokyo Airport with local representative
- Transfer between Tokyo Airport and Hakuba via private coach with English speaking assistant
- Luggage transfer between Tokyo Airport and Hakuba Hotel
- 6 nights accommodation at [Mominoki Hotel](#)
- Late dinner at hotel on the evening of arrival
- Welcome reception at the hotel
- Daily full hot and cold breakfast buffet
- Dinner for 3 evenings during the week at the hotel
- Special Ezura Goryu Drumming and Dinner Show, including transportation
- Mid-week Apres-Ski Party
- Farewell Party, including a buffet dinner and DJ entertainment
- Complimentary mountain escort for 3 hours on the first day of skiing
- Complimentary local guide at the hotel each evening to assist with day tours
- Optional day tours from Hakuba include Matsumoto Castle, Nagano Temple and Olympic Village, Saki Brewery, Snow Monkeys, and much more
- Transfer between Nagano and Tokyo via bullet train
- 1 night accommodation and breakfast at the [Grand Takanawa Hotel Tokyo](#)
- Transfer between hotel and Tokyo airport via private coach with English speaking assistant

There is also a pre trip to Niseko and a post trip to Tokyo and Kyoto.

You can download the [Pentagon trip flier](#):



Let Inge know if you sign up for this trip. She will be the PVS Coordinator.

Inge Lesjak cell: 703-869-7248. Email: lesjak.inge@gmail.com

To sign up for this trip with Pentagon Ski Club, you must be a current member of PVS.

Ski Trip

PARK CITY – DEER VALLEY, March 7-14, 2020

Park City and Deer Valley are premier ski destinations. We invite PVS skiers and their friends to a unique PVS Park City – Deer Valley trip.



PARK CITY has varied terrain for all skiers. It has 348 trails, close to half of which are suited for intermediate skiers, 13 bowls and a 3,200-foot vertical drop with advanced and expert terrain. It now incorporates the Canyons ski area. *Park City has broad skiing opportunities for everybody.* Known for its upscale amenities, including fine mountain dining and shopping,

DEER VALLEY claims to be the nation's premier ski resort. It has an uphill lift capacity of 50,470 skiers per hour. Notably, *Deer Valley does not allow snowboards* and limits ticket sales to prevent overcrowding.

PARK CITY's Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to dozens of fine restaurants, bars, unique shopping experiences and art galleries.

TRIP INCLUSIONS:

- Seven nights at the Peaks Hotel Park City (two to a room), including lodging taxes and baggage handling. *The Peaks is a full-service hotel with pools, a sauna, fitness center and ski storage.*
- Daily breakfasts.
- Welcoming dinner – Saturday, March 7th.
- Departing dinner – Friday, March 13th.
- At least 3 Après Ski events.

SLOPES TRANSPORTATION: A City ski bus stops 21 steps from the hotel entrance. Busses come every 20 minutes. Also, the Peaks has a private Park City shuttle every hour on the hour and a Deer Valley shuttle every hour on the half hour.

AIR: Because of different travel and payment preferences, we do not include air transportation and airport shuttles. Doug Horstman of [Encompasse Tours](#) recommends [Canyon Transportation](#), which can be booked online, for transportation between the airport and hotel.

LIFT TICKETS: Trip participants may want to ski four days at Park City and two at Deer Valley, but they can vary lift ticket purchases to meet preferences. Lift ticket prices vary with skier ages, the number of ski days purchased areas, ski pass arrangements and the like. There are ski area discounts for 20 tickets, which need not necessarily be for the same day or person. Doug Horstman will package participants' lift tickets for convenience and to obtain the best available prices. We shall charge separately for ski lift tickets when they are purchased closer to the trip.

SIGN-UPS: The trip should be during a good ski weather week. We shall try to maximize trip cohesion and provide for coordinated group-member skiing, good restaurants and other desired, joint activities. Prices for included items - \$1,260 per person (single hotel room use supplement additional \$930), \$550 due now.

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS OR POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE HOTEL SPACE AND PRICING. We currently have an extra room reserved effectively through November 26, 2019.

For answers to questions, additional payment information and trip details, please contact us (rcjablon@aol.com; robert.jablon@spiegelmc.com) and see [Application Form](#) and [Waiver](#).

BOB AND CARA

Members' Corner



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

PVS Biennial Dues Cycle – July 1, 2019-June 30, 2021
The 120-day grace period for remitting dues for the new 2019-2021 biennial membership cycle has ended as of today. Therefore, PVS Members who have not paid their dues have had their membership terminated.

I regret to report that 28 members have chosen not to renew their membership to PVS for the 2019-2021 biennial dues cycle, for varying reasons. May you all take fond memories of your skiing days with you. Unfortunately, 10 of our members died during the 2017-2019 dues cycle. However, I am very happy to report that we now have 2 centenarians among us as active members.

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November is Thanksgiving and family. It is a happy, national holiday with cider, turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, garlic-cheese grits, and pumpkin pie. It is a holiday celebrated on various dates in Canada, the U.S., some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest. Similar festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan.



Yummy!!!

Nothing can beat a home cooked Thanksgiving Dinner with all the delicious aromas of dressing, cider, and pumpkin pie. It seems as though the baking takes forever, but the eating occurs very quickly.

Here's hoping that your Thanksgiving with family is the best ever. Savor the food, the relatives and friends, and enjoy the leftovers. Save the diet for Monday.



United States Ski Resort Status

- [Keystone, Colorado, CO](#) (open)
- [Arapahoe Basin Ski Area, CO](#) (open)
- [Mt. Rose, NV](#) (projected opening 10/25)
- [Loveland Ski Area, CO](#) (projected opening 10/26)
- [Killington Resort, VT](#) (projected opening 10/26)
- [Wolf Creek, CO](#) (projected opening 11/01)
- [Mount Snow, VT](#) (projected opening 11/02)
- [Breckenridge, CO](#) (projected opening 11/08)
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- [Mammoth Mountain, CA](#) (projected opening 11/09)
- [Winter Park, CO](#) (projected opening 11/13)
- [Vail, CO](#) (projected opening 11/15)
- [Grand Targhee, WY](#) (projected opening 11/15)
- [Squaw / Alpine, CA](#) (projected opening 11/15)
- [Stowe, VT](#) (projected opening 11/15)
- [Sunday River, ME](#) (projected opening 11/16)
- [Northstar, CA](#) (projected opening 11/22)
- [Heavenly, CA](#) (projected opening 11/22)
- [Purgatory, CO](#) (projected opening 11/23)

PVS 2019-2020 Calendar

- Sunday, November 3, 2019 - Eclipse Concert, McKinley, Alexandria at 3:00pm,
- Sunday, November 10, 2019 - Monthly Meeting, Gibson, Potomac, MD at 2:00pm
- Friday, November 22, 2019 - Portrait Gallery and lunch, McKinley, Washington, DC at 11:30am
- Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - EXCOM, telephonic at 7:00pm
- Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party, Hotalings, Arlington VA at 7:30pm.
- Sunday, January 19, 2020 - Little Theater of Alexandria, Rettig, at 3:00pm



PVS Ski Trips 2020:



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Snowmass, CO (Kathy & Barry Lake)
 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](#)

February 21-29, 2020 (base trip)
 with BRSC & Pentagon Ski Club
[AsiaFest](#), Japan (Inge Lesjak)

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