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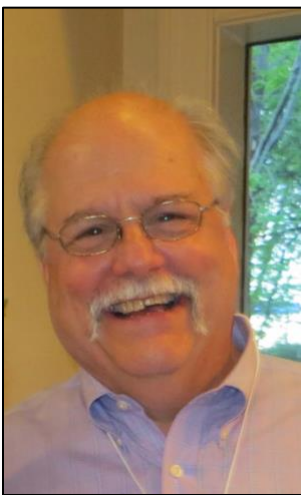
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President's Message



As I write this month's column, it seems that Spring has flown by and we are getting the Summer temps early – although without the humidity for now. All the sounds of Summer are back – the lawn mowers, the leaf blowers, and wait what's that other sound? Ahhhh, the din of the Brood X Cicadas! Hopefully they will be gone by the time the outdoor activities start to pick back up.

Speaking of outdoor activities, our entertainment committee is busily researching and planning a face-to-face SummerFest get-together for our club – the first such in more than one year! As of the writing of this column, it is a lunch time event tentatively planned for June 23rd or 24th, 1–3 PM at the Windridge Vineyard in Darnestown, MD. Look for more details elsewhere in this TOOT.

Also planned and coming up this summer is the face-to-face Steak & Swim at the home of Kerry and Marianne Hines on August 7th. This is yet another sign that everyday life is starting to get back to normal – although a different normal for a while I suspect.

The Anniversary Luncheon (50+1) & Time Capsule unveil/opening is scheduled for early Fall, either September or October, at a location to be determined. Look for more details in this or upcoming TOOTs.

If you need something to occupy a bit of your free time this summer and into the rest of the year, the Bring Your Own Book (BYOB) club can always welcome new and additional participants.

July 1 is the beginning of the PVS fiscal year. Dave Warthen will be sending a reminder email to all members about the biennial dues for continuing PVS membership. Look for the membership renewal form in a subsequent email and please be responsive so that we can maintain our membership.

As we start venturing out of the Covid cocoon, more so now that things are starting to open up, we are hoping to be able to transition back to the face-to-face membership meetings that we experienced prior to the lost year of 2020. So, if you feel comfortable in hosting a monthly membership meeting at your house, please reach out and let us know so we can start building up the calendar for the fall and winter meetings.

In the meantime, PVS members are continuing to meet up together via Zoom until such time as it is felt that we can once again begin face-to-face meetings. Hats off to our Entertainment Committee and Zoom meeting extraordinaire – Marianne Sponis – for continuing to come up with fun activities for the club to attend and enjoy virtually. Look for the schedule in this and future TOOTs, and RSVP as appropriate.

And last but certainly not least (for a lot of us), I for one am very excited about, and looking forward to, our planned ski trip to Snowmass in January. While there are many details to be worked out at the moment – you can be assured that it is ON and will happen. Read more about things in the Ski Talk column

Cheers, **Barry**

Coming Event

Summerfest at Windridge Vineyards

Join other wine and scenic view lovers for our Potomac Valley Skiers SummerFest on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the lovely, family run Windridge Vineyards, 15700 Darnestown Road, Darnestown, Maryland 20874. Easily accessible from the Beltway and Route 28, the vineyard is close to Seneca State Park and has outdoor tables reserved for us on the ridge overlooking the Blue Ridge and Sugarloaf Mountains.



Wine is available, of course, and picnickers are welcome. A menu of charcuterie, snacks and beverages is available for purchase as well. You may bring your own picnic basket and beverages (but no alcohol, please), wear your summer beach hat, and prepare to share stories with fellow members about vacation plans or “hoped for” ski trips. Kathy and Barry Lake are prepared to tell you all they know about Snowmass.

The web site is <https://windridge.wine> for more information. We hope you will join us for an in-person, outdoor get-together!

Please let Sharon Mulholland (spmulhol@gmail.com) know if you plan to come, no later than June 18, so we can confirm our attendance at the vineyard.



Sharon Mulholland

Coming Event

Special Event !!!

Join us at PVS' 30th (*not* annual)

STEAK AND SWIM



At the HINES'
Saturday August 7, 2021 -- 3pm
Rain or Shine



This is PVS' oldest annual club event, except that it's not quite annual!
Celebrate summer in the Blue Ridge foothills in Delaplane, VA.
Enjoy good food, camaraderie, open space, and maybe even a dip in the pool!

Limited to 25. Reserve Now!
Deadline to sign up or cancel is August 1st.

BRING: Your own bathing suit and towel and either an **appetizer or dessert**.

INCLUDED: steaks, baked potatoes, salads, fixings, beverages and (hopefully) sunshine!!

Cost: \$20 per person (unfortunately, inflation has overtaken us).

NOTE: All participants will be asked to follow the then in-place State of Virginia COVID guidelines, if any.

To sign up or for directions phone Kerry or Marianne at 540 364-4810, or email mchines@erols.com and tell them what you'll bring.

SKI TALK - June 2021

Kerry Hines, Barry Lake, and I attended the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) spring meeting by Zoom on May 1. Representatives from twenty clubs in the Metropolitan area, Baltimore, and Richmond attended. The pandemic certainly impacted everyone. The BRSC 2021 trips to Telluride, Davos and Jay Peak were all cancelled. Although some clubs did send members to Telluride, it was difficult finding lodging.

There was discussion about the upcoming BRSC trips:

- **2022 Western Carnival Jackson Hole** – While PVS is not going as a club, our members can sign up for the trip with another club. Seven clubs (Baltimore, Columbia, Frederick, Fredericksburg, Mogul, SCWDC, and Snow Searchers) are signed up. Most are staying at the 49er, with two clubs booked at the Elk Country. The Snow King is still available. BRSC events will be at the Snow King. There will be an optional Tuesday trip to Grand Targhee. Jackson Hole is an IKON resort and passes may be purchased through Winter Ski and Sport (WSS). January 29-February 5, 2022.
- **2022 Eurofest Sölden, Austria** - Only two clubs (SCWDC and Fredericksburg) have signed up for this trip. BRSC is concerned over the lack of club participation. Unless there is more interest, the trip may have to be cancelled. Understanding that some clubs were hesitant to book Europe, BRSC developed the idea of the BRSC Club Mix as a way to stimulate participant interest. So, while PVS is not participating in this trip, our members can book directly with Winter Ski and Sport. See flier below.



BRSC CLUB MIX
February 18-26, 2022
Open to BRSC Members!

Get Your "Bond" On & Ski Sölden!




Choose your trip package option with our online registration:
www.winterskiandsport.com/brsc-solden-club-mix-trip
Call Sheri @ 630-969-5739 for more info!

7 Nights in Sölden & Includes:

- Hotel Tyrolerhof (4Star) \$2,981.00
- Or Hotel Riders In (3Star) \$2,735.00
- R/T Air from IAD to MUC
- Transfers from MUC to Sölden
- Located in the Center of Sölden
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Wellness Center
- Welcome Reception
- Apres Ski
- Farwell Dinner
- Short walks to Lifts & Gondolas

Runs: Beginner 36%; Intermediate 44%;
Advanced 20% / Lifts Separate
Glacier Skiing
Additional:

Site Tours to Innsbruck, 007 Element
Museum & The Aqua Dome Spa
Great Night Life!

Walking Trails & plenty of Non Ski Activities!

<https://www.tyrolerhof-soelden.com/en.html>
<https://www.ridersin-soelden.at/en/>
<https://www.soelden.com/winter/ski-area.html>




**Pre or Post
Extension Options:
Amsterdam
Salzburg**








- **2022 Winterfest Jay Peak** - The 2022 trip will take place March 6-11, a Sunday through Friday trip with a 4-day lift pass included. The trip includes 5 nights lodging at the Stateside Lodge and, if needed, there are also 2-bedroom cottages available. The venue is ski in/ski out with a Monday night Welcome Party, a Wednesday Après Ski Party and a Thursday Farewell Party. There will be 2 buses, a northern bus and a southern bus. Presently pick-up locations are the Columbia Fire House, The Baltimore White Marsh Mall and the Ashland area. The Tysons area is another possibility. The 56 Passenger bus will be limited to 40 people. There is also a U-drive option. Baltimore, Peninsula, and Columbia are signed up.

- **Western Carnival Venue Selection 2023**

Crested Butte was chosen as the venue for Western Carnival 2023.

- **Eurofest Venue Selection 2023**

Val d'Isere, France or another Club Med option in France was chosen as the venue for Eurofest 2023.

PVS 2022 trip to Snowmass.

PVS is going to Snowmass next January but will not have the final details for a few more weeks. The Mountain Chalet has been sold back to the original owners who also run the Mountain Chalet in Aspen. The sale has just been finalized and the new owners are not yet taking reservations for next season. In the meantime, we have a back-up hotel just in case they decide not to open as usual. More information to come. If you have not done so already, please let Kathy Lake know if you would like to be included in the trip:

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SAVE THE DATE

**SNOWMASS
JANUARY 12-19, 2022
LED BY KATHY
& BARRY LAKE**





Members' Corner

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June 2021

In 2020 during this month, we were several months into a disastrous pandemic with no effective plan to deal with the disaster. Now, thanks to scientific research based on truth and hard work, we are witnessing light at the end of the tunnel. Tragically, over 600,000 Americans lost their lives in the U.S., whose memory was finally honored shortly after the 46th Commander in Chief was inaugurated. The development of multiple vaccines in such a short time was miraculous and a blessing. Democracy reigns again, but always with a terrible price.



2022 Sking

Plans continue for the Snowmass 2022 ski trip. Hopefully, COVID-19 restrictions will lessen and allow for travel, lodging, and safety. For those of



you who are able to still ski, don't give up hope for the slopes.

June Is Busting Out All Over

A famous song from Carousel by Rodgers & Hammerstein reminds me of Spring. It is a song I also thought about for a Quilt & Garden showing to be held here a Riderwood. We have resident garden plots, which are beautiful this time of the year.

PVS Membership Dues

June 30 will be the end of the present dues cycle, with the new biannual cycle beginning July 1, 2021. You will receive notification via e-mail on July 1.



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PVS - still reading and zooming!

PVS' BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) group met on May 13 to share their latest captivating reads and to talk about books on our ever-expanding reading wish lists. **See the info at the bottom for how to join us on June 10th at 4 pm!**

Here are the books we shared in May:

- Dorian **Janney** brought us "Black Death at the Golden Gate" by David Randall which tells of the efforts to save the US from an outbreak of the black plague in 1899. This non-fiction account details the public health challenges that continue today.
- Lexie **Armao** has been reading "Secrets of a Charmed Life" by Susan Meissner, a fictional tale of 2 sisters separated during WWII in England. Lexie also noted Anita Shreve's "The Stars are Fire" and "Sea Glass."
- Louann **Eadie** noted her fondness for the character of Inspector Gamache in the murder mysteries by Louise Penny set in Quebec, in this case "The Cruellest Month." She also mentioned mysteries set in Venice by Donna Leon.
- Mary Ellena **Ward** has been engrossed in a trilogy set in the environs around her home in Lexington, VA. "To the Valley" by Kenneth Jewett (whom Mary Ellena has met) uses his family and actual figures to pull together works of historical fiction.
- Marianne **Soponis** has been reading "Moonflower Murders" by Anthony Horowitz which focuses on events in England and the complicated story of not one but two murders to be solved.
- Jan **Marx** told us about another of Louise Penny's stories taking place in Three Pines, Quebec, this one titled "All the Devils are Here." Inspector Gamache is at it yet again!
- Nancy **McKinley** brought her interest in her family history to her reading of "Chesapeake" another of James Michener's tomes linking generations over hundreds of years, this time primarily on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia.

The next BYOB Zoom call will be held on Thursday, June 10 from 4 to 5 pm. Let Marianne Soponis know at marianne.soponis@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us and she'll put you on the list to get the link to the Zoom call. Questions or comments? Get in touch with Nancy McKinley at nancymckin@gmail.com or 703 595 8375.

IN THE ZOOM ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENED



On a beautiful May day in the year 2021, PVS held its last monthly meeting by Zoom. At least that is the plan. On **May 18**, more than 20 members zoomed in and out of the meeting. Our Zoom host, Marianne Soponis, asked the members about their future plans. On the whole, the answers were cicada-like, i.e., cautiously testing the environment after a too-long hiatus from the social world.

Many spoke of travel plans: Peter **Russell** to family in New Mexico where 5,000 head of Black Angus roam; Mary Rose de Valladares also to New Mexico where wild horses roam; Dick Parlow to Hilton Head for a week's respite; Cara and Bob **Jablon** to family in Oregon; Rosemary **Schwartzbard** to Bermuda to attend a memorial service; Melissa **FitzGerald** to a family home in New York State; Don **Vierimaa** to Kansas City to celebrate a 101st birthday (not his); and Jan **Marx** for her annual summer trek to Minnesota. Others were traveling closer to home: Barry and Kathy **Lake** to Ocean City; Dave **Warthen** and Marsha to see their grandchildren; Nancy and Ray **McKinley** joyously noting that Nancy's granddaughter is being vaccinated; and Ellie **Thayer** to her beloved Deep Creek Lake house, as often as possible, and to the Outer Banks for a week. Others were sticking closer to home: Inge **Lesjak** keeping Sam company; Mary Ellena **Ward** and Jim **Slack** (Mary Ellena sticking close to her horses); Kerry and Marianne **Hines** celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary; and Tom **Tycz** tending to his home and environs and planning on swimming everyday. Marianne **Soponis** did not reveal her grand plans as she was busy coordinating the meeting and Sharon **Mulholland** has been busy gathering information for SummerFest, our next monthly meeting.

Barry called the meeting to order and asked Marianne S. for an update on upcoming events. The possibility of having SummerFest, the June/July monthly meeting, at Windridge Vineyards in Darnestown, MD is being explored by Sharon Mulholland. More information will be forthcoming as plans are solidified. Marianne and Kerry Hines are hosting Steak & Swim at their lovely home in Delaplane, VA on August 7, 2021. The PVS 55th Plus One Anniversary planning committee is exploring three venues for an outdoor lunch at the end of September.



Peter touted the possibility of having three family members join PVS. Dave, the Membership chair, will coordinate with Peter on the application process. Rosemary, the Ski Committee chair, reported that the accommodation issue at Snowmass 2022 is still in flux.

The meeting ended like all PVS meetings with goodhearted chatter and, for this meeting, with thoughts of seeing our PVS friends in person very, very soon.

Submitted by Ellie Thayer



Calendar

Thu Jun 10 BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Zoom at 4:00-5:00 PM, N. McKinley
Wed Jun 23 SummerFest June/July Meeting , 1:00-3:00. Windridge Vineyards,
Darnestown, MD
Tue Jun 29 ExCom Meeting via Zoom. 7:00 pm
Sat Aug 07 Steak & Swim, 3:00 pm at the home of Kerry & Marianne Hines, Delaplane,
VA

Ski Trips:

Jan 12-19 - 2022, Save the date.

Snowmass, Colorado. Led by Kathy & Barry Lake

ExCom Officers, Board
Members, and Chairpersons

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[DC Ski Online News](#)

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