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President's Message

As our summer hiatus comes to an end, it seems that the heat and humidity have set up shop here in DC with a vengeance. Hopefully as we head into September, the dreaded Hs will become a bit more tempered, and we start to get some cooler temps to get us excited about the upcoming ski season.

Which is a good lead-in to this: The annual Snowmass trip @ the SNOWMASS MOUNTAIN CHALET is ON! In fact, we've seen so much interest in skiing on this year's trip, that by the time you read this, the trip will likely be sold out. So, if you've been procrastinating on signing up, you may have to be added to a waitlist. It will be a fun trip for sure, and there is a special event hosted by a club couple to boot! See the flyer in this TOOT.

Given the uncertain nature of COVID in the country, it is HIGHLY recommended that you get trip insurance as a safety backup (but read the coverage carefully please). I'd also recommend taking a picture of your vaccine card to have in case it is needed for indoor dining or other such indoor activities. It may also be a good idea to purchase and bring along N95/KN95 quality masks for the trip (but shop carefully), especially for the airport/airline – now that the mask mandate for air travel has been extended until near the end of our trip.

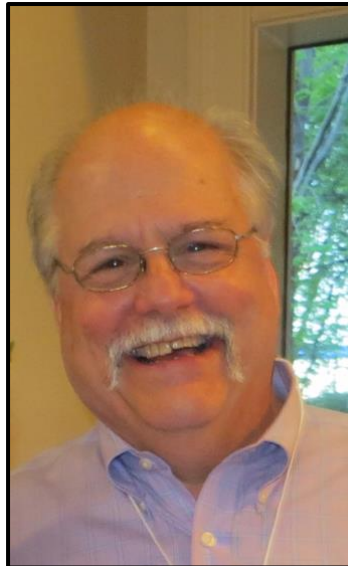
I hope that folks had an enjoyable July 4th holiday, and had the opportunity for in-person gatherings with family and friends this summer.

Once again, we had a fantastic in-person Steak & Swim at the lovely home of Kerry and Marianne Hines out in Delaplane, VA on August 7th. It is always a wonderful event and this year was no exception. We had beautiful weather, especially for August, and an excellent turnout. Look for the event write-up elsewhere in this TOOT.

The Anniversary Luncheon (55+1) & Time Capsule unveil/opening is scheduled for September 29th from 11:30 to 3PM, at the wonderful L'Auberge Chez Francois restaurant in Great Falls, Virginia. So far, it appears to be pretty popular with a large number of folks signed up to attend. The suspense of finding out what is in the Time Capsule is killing me. Look for more details in the TOOT.

July 1 was the beginning of the PVS fiscal year. Dave Warthen sent out a reminder email to all members about the biennial dues for continuing PVS membership, along with the membership renewal form. If you haven't already, please send in your renewals so that we can maintain our membership levels.

It was a nice feeling getting together with old friends and ski buddies during our events this spring and summer, and I think that those that participated felt the same. 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.



Cheers, Barry

Coming Event

PVS Anniversary Luncheon, Coming Soon!



**L'Auberge Chez
Francois**
Great Falls, Virginia



There are close to fifty vaccinated Potomac Valley Skiers and friends who signed up for our anniversary luncheon. We will celebrate 55+1 years of skiing memories on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the rustic L'Auberge Chez Francois in Great Falls, Virginia. In addition to enjoying a delicious lunch in an airy, well-spaced tent, we will have some time to relax, share stories, participate in a short business meeting, and anticipate what items will be included in the time capsule from the year 2000. We will miss those of you unable to attend (reservations are now closed), but will tell you more about it later...

a bientot!



Coming Event

The “Capitol Comedy” Troupe



Nick Zill, a member of Potomac Valley Skiers, is also a political satirist who has written songs for local theaters and cabaret clubs. He is currently in California, rehearsing his cast for a new musical political satire called “Biden My Time.”

In October, at the Arts Club of Washington, they will be giving an abbreviated performance on Saturday, **October 9** in the evening, and Monday, **October 11** (Columbus Day) in the afternoon.

If you have any interest in attending, please let Marianne Soponis know at:

Marianne.soponis@gmail.com or 202-363-5250). Once discounted prices have been determined, Marianne will write to the interested individuals with this information so attendance can be confirmed and tickets purchased.

The Arts Club is located just off Pennsylvania Avenue in the Foggy Bottom area of Washington, DC.

SKI TALK **September 2021**

Last September, I wrote about how we were living in unprecedented times. I truly thought by this year we would be back to “normal.” Now I don’t even know what normal would be. Currently we are not quarantined but Covid cases are on the rise with the new Delta variant. We still have to be careful and masks are part of our lives.

We took our first airplane trip abroad this summer to Bermuda. It was not a pleasure trip. It was an unavoidable memorial for a family member. While it went smoothly, we had to comply with all of the mandates of the Bermuda Government. We had to be tested 3-4 days before traveling; fill out a multi-page form including results of a PCR Covid test; have a vaccination certificate; supply information on how long and where we were staying, etc. Once we arrived in Bermuda, we were tested again before we could leave the airport.

Then we were quarantined in our hotel until we had the results of the Covid test from the airport (which came the next day). We had to be tested again on the 4th day of our trip, which meant taking a bus to the testing site and waiting in another long line. This result was sent the following day. Since we were leaving two days later, we were able to use that result to allow us to fly back to the United States.



Bermuda has strict Covid regulations. Masks are required everywhere; public transportation has every other seat blocked off. Restaurants have spaced seating. When at a restaurant you have to give contact information for Contact Tracing. I must say we did feel safe until we flew home via JFK airport in New York. The airport was crowded; few were wearing masks; and airport shuttles were packed to capacity! What a difference from the orderliness of Bermuda. Traveling is not easy.

We are happy to be planning a ski trip to Snowmass this January. We are going back to the Mountain Chalet. See the flyer in this TOOT. Aspen-Snowmass says they are following CDC guidelines and strongly encourage vaccinations for all guests. They say, “Future actions could include a reservations system, mandatory vaccinations. . .” It all worked last year so I am assuming it will be even smoother this year even if there is some social distancing required. Mask wearing is not a problem when we ski. We all wear them.



Our annual trip to Snowmass has always been popular. This year is no exception. As you know, the Mountain Chalet has new ownership. While we have been able to contract for a block of rooms, getting additional rooms is a slow process. The rooms we contracted for are filled. We have put in a request for additional rooms. We may have to start a waitlist for those of you who want to go and have not signed up yet.

John Smith has alerted me about an Epic Pass for skiers at least 80 years old. It is called 80+ Northeast Value Pass and costs \$39. It will give you unlimited skiing at Liberty and Whitetail and ten days at other Northeast resorts. It is not advertised. The only way to get it is to call the following number at Vail: 970-754-0086. There is an Epic 65+ pass for \$271 for local skiing. The best deals on the Epic Pass are the Military passes. Retired military can get a pass for \$135. Prices for the Epic passes may be going up soon. Snowmass uses the Ikon Pass. If you are 70+ and are planning on skiing eight or more days at Snowmass, the Silver Pass is your best option.

As I have said before, it is an unprecedented and unique time. Let’s do our best to stay healthy, get vaccinated and enjoy what we can.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 55+1 Anniversary Luncheon at L’Auberge Chez Francois on Wednesday, September 29.



Rosemary Schwartzbard
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Potomac Valley Skiers

2022 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday - Wednesday

January 12 – 19, 2022

Trip Details

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

The basic package at \$1,925 includes a 5 day lift pass for skiers 65 and over. Skiers under 65 will have to add \$93.00.

Costs:

		<u>Price</u>
Basic Land Only Snowmass Package (65 and older)		\$1,925
Under 65	add	\$ 93
Single Supplement	add	\$1,305
Extra hotel night (pending availability)	add	\$ 358 per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 308
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 92 for a 6 day Senior pass
	add	\$ 165 for a 7 day Senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 208 for a 6 day pass
Silver Pass (70+ skiing 8 or more days)	add	\$ 271

Payment Schedule

Deposit of \$1,000 is due **ASAP**
Final payment is due **October 1st**

Social Events

Wed - Welcome Reception
Sat – Jim & Mary Ellena’s 45th Celebration
Sun – Pizza Party
Tues – Farewell Dinner

To sign up please send:

- (1) the Application form -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address
- (2) a Deposit of \$1,000 per person, and
- (3) the signed Waiver of Liability Agreement by each party taking the trip

Checks should be made out to **Kathy Lake** and mailed to 11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton VA 22124 (put PVS Snowmass 2022 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

The Mountain Chalet

The **Snowmass Mountain Chalet** is an independent lodge, managed on-site, with easy access to the slopes. Each of the 64 rooms has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, **depending on availability**. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with chairs, game tables, fireplace, and large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, a hot tub and laundry facilities. A full breakfast is served family style each morning. The Snowmass Mall, on the level above, and the hotel area below (via the small gondolas) have diverse restaurants at all price levels. Bus service stops are nearby for trips to a nearby grocery store, into the town of Aspen, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is highly recommended and should be purchased shortly after sending in your deposit. Travel Guard is available through our travel agent, Encompasse Tours, at **Encompasse.com**. Click the “TRAVEL INSURANCE” link on the grey bar at the top of the page, and register online with AIG/Travel Guard. Be sure to identify Encompasse as the booking agency at the appropriate spot on the registration form so that AIG/Travel Guard can certify the policy and interact with our vendor in the event of a claim. Please read your policy for details of coverage. If you have questions pertaining to your policy contact AIG/Travel Guard at 1.877.249.5376 (U.S. Toll Free).

Cancellation Policy and Fees

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

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

Cancellation fees are as follows: *Dates and costs are consistent with requirements and penalties imposed by vendors per contracted agreements.* LAND Only Package: The entire cost of the trip is non-refundable after October 15th.

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

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

APPLICATION FORM - Potomac Valley Skiers Trip to Snowmass, Colorado

January 12-19, 2022

Name (List both names if a couple) as on your Official ID:

_____ **Age 65 or older** **Y** **N**
_____ **Age 65 or older** **Y** **N**

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact and

Phone: _____

NOTE: Please let trip leader know of any special medical issues which may affect your trip.

Roommate (if a separate person) - Official name as on ID: _____

Bedding Preference (Pending Availability): _____ **1 king** or _____ **2 queens**

Price per person

Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)		\$1,925
Under 65	add	\$ 93
Single Supplement	add	\$1,305
Extra hotel night (Pending Availability)	add	\$ 358 per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 308
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 92 for a 6 day Senior pass
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Please check all appropriate spaces:

Cost (will be filled in by trip leader):

_____ **Basic package** _____

_____ **Single supplement** _____

_____ **Extra hotel nights** _____

_____ **Non-skier** _____

_____ **Extra day(s) of skiing** _____ **days** _____

_____ **Silver pass** _____

Total price of trip \$ _____

Additional nights at SMC: yes _____ no _____ **if yes, what dates?** _____

Additional comments _____

WAIVER

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE JANUARY 12-19, 2022 SKI TRIP to SNOWMASS, COLORADO (Potomac Valley Skiers)

(1) I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in the sport of skiing and other sports or activities in which I might participate during this trip, and in the process of traveling. There may be bodily injury, illness, accident, death, property loss or damage, and unanticipated additional costs or other economic losses. I fully and willingly accept the responsibility and liability for all such risks, dangers, costs, and losses.

(2) I agree not to sue or hold responsible the trip leader, Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (hereafter PVS), its officers and members of the Executive Committee, or its members for: (1) any accident, personal injury, illness, or death occurring to me or to any other trip participant, arising directly or indirectly from this trip; (2) any loss of deposit of payment, any other property or economic loss, or unanticipated additional costs, delay, or change of itinerary arising out of any action or inaction of any hotel, airline, tour operator, land transportation operator, or other entity or person providing services on this trip; and (3) any trip cancellation, delay, early termination or extension due to acts of God, forces of nature, or other force majeure events or situations. I willingly and with full knowledge assume these risks.

(3) I understand and agree that the trip leaders, and the tour operators or agents with whom the trip leaders have contracted, have the right to substitute accommodations of similar or better quality, to change transportation arrangements and providers, and to modify other services. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if the accommodations, transportation, or services are of comparable or better quality and cover the same approximate time period.

(4) I agree that I am not entitled to a credit or refund for any included trip service that is not used by me.

I have read and I fully understand this "Release, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver of Liability Agreement," the final trip flyer, and the trip application, and I agree to all of the specified terms and conditions.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Members' Corner



J. David Warthen Jr
dwarthen409@gmail.com

September has arrived, and the hot days of summer have hopefully left us. Labor Day will soon arrive and remind those of us still working that you are appreciated. I for one do not miss the daily days of labor. These days, I keep busy when I choose to be busy, and by what I choose to keep me busy – publish or perish is a very stressful lifestyle. Even after having been retired for 23 years, I still enjoy the great sense of freedom I still have. It gives me time to do things that I have wanted to do for a long time. I finally have the time to read books that have been on my list forever. Lately, I have become interested in many political books. Of all things, these are books that I never thought I would have any interest in whatsoever. However, wonders never cease for this scientist.

Another big date on the horizon is **September 20**. That is the date when Booster Shots for the Coronavirus will be available for all who have received their second shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines eight months prior. **Be sure to obtain your Booster shot** to increase your immunity to the Coronavirus, particularly the Delta variant which is more virulent than the original Alpha variant. For any who have not been vaccinated, you and people around you are in extreme danger – **get vaccinated!**

2021-2023 Biennial Dues Cycle

PVS is in the middle of another biennial dues cycle. **Thanks** to the prompt response of many PVS members, we have 81 members (8/19) renewed for 2021-2023. After 60 days into the cycle, unfortunately, 30 PVS members have not yet responded to the renewal request. The new cycle began on July 1. It would be appreciated if you would respond yea or nay to your renewal request, so I don't have to chase you down for a response. I thank you for your **forthcoming response**.



Skiing

It is not too early to be thinking about skiing in 2022. For those of you who are still able to ski, check out that ski equipment, get in shape at the fitness center, get those joints in shape (cortisone anyone?), and get those reservations in. With Booster shots in the works, this coming ski season should be much better and safer than the pandemic year. It would not be a bad idea to have an official record of your Covid vaccination shots in your wallet. I would not be surprised to see this requirement in restaurants, planes, etc. Be safe rather than sorry.



*Asters in
September*

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Past Event



PVS - BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) group

The PVS readers are so diligent in our reading that we met in August, too, so this little recap encompasses the books we discussed in both July and August. **See the info at the bottom for how to join us on September 9th at 4 pm!**

Here are the books we shared in July and August:

- Ellie Thayer - has been reading "Vacationland: True Stories from Painful Beaches" by John Hodgman, a memoir about the author's life with his father which Ellie describes as "laugh out loud funny."
- Mary Ellena Ward has been reading about history in "Work - A Deep History from the Stone Age to the Age of Robots" by James Suzman. The author explores the dramatic evolution of society especially with the advent of agriculture.
- Marianne Soponis explored the life of Coco Chanel through "The Queen of Paris" by Pamela Binnings Ewen. Though fictionalized, Ewen relates the true story of Chanel's difficult upbringing and her time during WWII.
- Bonnie Sweeney discussed the concepts in Isabel Wilkerson's latest book, "Caste: the Origins of Our Discontents" which finds disturbing parallels between the caste systems in India and Nazi Germany and systemic racism in the United States.
- Jan Marx read Willa Cather's "Death Comes to the Archbishop" and hardships in the 1850s American southwest. Jan also brought us "Please Don't Feed the Mayor" by Sue Pethick about the real small Oregon town with an elected dog for mayor.
- Karen Zill has been reading "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance in which the author survived a difficult family life in poverty-stricken Appalachia.
- Nancy McKinley brought "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson on efforts to free those wrongly convicted. "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride tells of the efforts of the charismatic (and probably mad) John Brown to emancipate enslaved people.

The next BYOB Zoom call will be held on Thursday, September 9th 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.

Past Event

Glenstone Visit – August 5, 2021

Five happy adventurers took up the offer of free tickets to Glenstone on a sunny August 5 day. Cara **Jablon**, Royce and Marsha **Kneece**, and Karen and Bob **Knopes** enjoyed the two museums, outdoor sculptures and fascinating walkways through the woods. Royce was intrigued with the flower-covered animal, always a fascinating subject, whatever the season.

Marianne Sponis was lucky to have been offered these tickets and looks forward to being able to get some in the future. However, you can also go on the [Glenstone website](#) for tickets and/or call on a daily basis to see if there are any cancellations. –

Marianne Sponis



Past Event

Steak & Swim - August 7, 2021

What's not to like about this picture?



The view of “Little Cobbler” and “Big Cobbler” from the screened porch and the pool deck is warm and welcoming, just like Kerry and Marianne Hines’ hospitality. As always, their Delaplane estate (homestead is too modest a description) was the perfect setting for the PVS Steak & Swim event.

After the long pandemic pause, 18 happy PVSers came together – from Virginia, D.C., and in my case, Maryland -- to renew a cherished summer tradition. On the way, I noted that there has been lots of progress on metro since last I saw I-66. However, the cranes, trucks and construction equipment were still very much in evidence and a prime opportunity for slow motion gawking.

Once at our destination, the conversation was animated. There was a lot of buzz about the upcoming Snowmass trip (remember skiing? Shout out to trip leaders President Barry and Kathy Lake) and lots of catching up to do. The wine and hors d’oeuvres were delicious and at least three members (Cara, Ellen, and Joe) also enjoyed a refreshing swim before dinner.

The dinner repast included not just tenderloin steak and generously sized baked potatoes but also the bounty of the garden -- home grown Hines' tomatoes, a cucumber salad, and scrumptious sides. Dessert and coffee topped it off.

It was a pleasant drive home for PVSers who are once more able to dream and plan for ski adventures in the coming season only months way. Our sincere thanks to Kerry and Marianne for another picture-perfect event!

Mary Rose de Valladares





Steak & Swim - August 7, 2021



In Memoriam

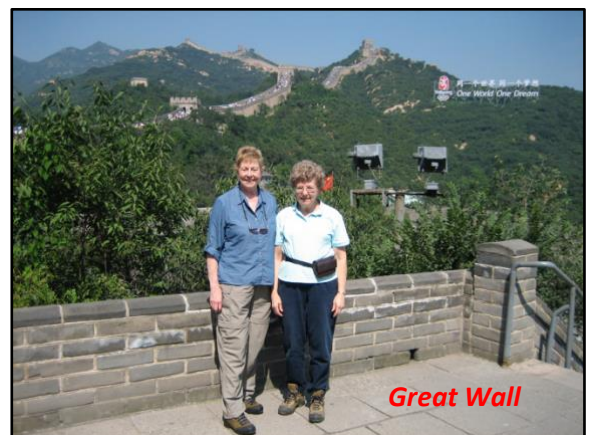
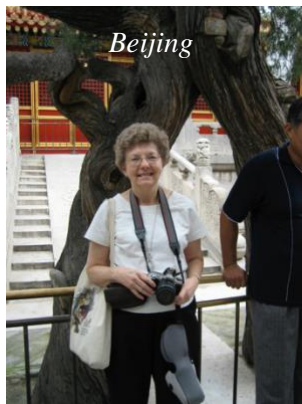


POWERS, Ms. Ruth V., 85, 1936 – DIED 2021, a resident at Lakewood Retirement Community, passed away on May 10, 2021. She was raised in Colonial Heights and previously lived in McLean, Va. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenna and Omer Tipton. She is survived by her brother, Robert Tipton (Patricia); niece, Lisa Miller (James), their children, Clayton, Abigail and Camille; a nephew, Paul Tipton and his daughter, Peyton. She was an active member of River Road Presbyterian Church, where she participated in the choir. She took top honors in her graduating class at Petersburg High School and was a Mortar Board member of her graduating class at the University of Richmond. She earned a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania. She was employed in the field of computer sciences at the University of Topeka, Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania before spending most of her working life with TRW as a computer analyst and project manager. Ruth was a world traveler for many years. She was an avid skier and enjoyed scuba diving and hiking. She was an ardent bridge player and enjoyed playing many games with her friends. A memorial service was held at Lakewood Retirement Community in Henrico on May 27 at 1 p.m.

Richmond Times-Dispatch on May 18, 2021.

Memories

I first met Ruth during ski trips with SCWDC. She introduced me to Potomac Valley Skiers, so we defected—a good thing, because I then met my husband David during a Snowmass trip. Ruth was our ski buddy for many years, and never missed a game night! She hosted Snowmass pre-trip parties and PVS meetings in her McLean home, as well as serving on ExCom. Ruth loved the outdoors, and she hiked with Wanderbirds (where she was treasurer for several years) and PATC. She introduced me to a group of her adventurous friends who lured us into whitewater canoeing locally and in Ontario, hiking with the British Ramblers in the Canadian Rockies, camping and biking in Vancouver and Victoria, and ecotourism in the Gobi desert and the Khan Khentii highlands of Mongolia, with a stopover in Beijing. Ruth coined the name “Senior Moments” for the group’s more modest activities during our senior years, which were organized around museum visits and lunches out. We even did some opera together. During the Covid pandemic she continued to stay in touch with us via zoom from her Lakewood residence in Richmond until shortly before her passing. I will so miss her enduring friendship over all these years. - *Carolyn DeVilbiss*



In Memoriam



June Read, age 91, passed away on August 5, 2021 at the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital with her daughter by her side. She is survived by her daughter, Joslyn Read (married to Michel Bonard) of Potomac, Maryland; son, Russ Read (married to Beatrice McKenzie) of Springfield, Oregon; and her grandchildren, Marguerite Read and McKenzie Read. She is predeceased by her parents, Marguerite and Clarence Faber, her brothers, Cecil and Billy Faber, and by her ex-husband, Merrill “Steve” Read.

Born June Faber in Westchester, Ohio in 1929, she graduated from Ohio State in 1951 and moved to teach school at the Wasatch Academy outside of Salt Lake City until 1953. She married Steve Read in 1953, then taught in the Denver Public Schools until 1958. She developed a love of creating and surrounding herself with contemporary visual art. June began a 40-year career in real estate after moving to the Washington, DC area in 1965.

An open-hearted friend and fierce defender of those close to her, June spent her life mentoring, counseling, sheltering, and serving her family, her friends, her students, her clients, and her community. June was always ready to provide a safe refuge when things in life had just gone sideways. Her passionate creativity appeared everywhere from her early artwork to her hosting an impromptu meal for

whomever showed up in her kitchen.

June discovered skiing while living out West. Skiing and her skiing friends became the backbone of her life, giving her strength when nothing else would. After hanging up her skis at age 79, she began swimming at Asbury Center. Her generous spirit shone through when she joined the volunteers at Strathmore Center for the Arts and the Asbury Clowns, bringing vivacious laughter and joy to area nursing homes. Known as “Sparky” to her clown friends, nothing was ever brighter than the mischievous twinkle in June’s eye when she would get a new idea or made someone’s day.

Memorial services will be held later this year for friends, neighbors, and family. In lieu of flowers, June has requested donations in her honor be directed to Feed the Children (<https://www.feedthechildren.org/>).

PVS Remembrances:

June was a longtime friend of mine and I shall miss her forever. She was a lively fun loving lady and longtime member of PVS who loved going to meetings, events and ski trips. Some years back June was having a rough patch in her life and I convinced her to join Strathmore as a volunteer with me and that was a beginning of a long love affair for her with Strathmore as she so enjoyed her work there and all the great people we worked with. Then, June became involved with volunteering at Asbury with their Clown group visiting Nursing Homes, etc. and as a funny, lively Clown named “Sparky,” June spread her fun and joy among many people. With other friends we had many happy lunches and gatherings and everyone enjoyed good times with June. She will be missed by the many people who called her a friend and will be remembered forever.

Liz Triau

I met June Read when I went to work at Long and Foster in 1984. She was a top-producing agent, and I respected and learned from her, as I happened to sit right next to her in the office. We hit it off right away, especially when we found out we both had a love for skiing. June shared stories of her skiing out West when she lived and taught school in Denver. I was fascinated since I had only ever skied in the East.

Then a golden opportunity came about—one of June’s real estate clients had promised her a week’s stay in his condo at the Wilderrest in Silverthorne near Breckinridge—the caveat was she had to sell his house in 30 days, which she promptly did in a tough market. And I was one of the lucky four women she invited to go with her to Summit County, CO.

I will never forget that ski trip in 1985, my first out West. It was one of the most adventuresome and fun ski trips ever, with June, the social director of our group. Breckinridge and Keystone were the two closest ski areas. It snowed every day, and our condo was at the top of a steep hill. We had to decide where we were skiing each day based on the driving conditions and what pass was open. We had rented a huge van at the airport, and June was our selected driver to get us down that windy, steep road to the main drive to get to the ski areas—she had the experience from living in Denver all those years. She and Sheila gave me powder lessons every day, because those were our ski conditions for the whole week.

I’ll never forget the time we went shopping at a ski shop in Breckenridge, all five of us. There was a sale—if you bought one item full price, every thing else was half price. June asked the sales lady with a smile on her face, if she and all her “sisters” could buy as a family and get that same deal. You guessed it; we bought out the shop under the terms June had sweetly negotiated.

June had talked about her ski club many times. Eventually she introduced me to Barbara Leonhardt, who became a good friend as we both lived in Kentlands. When Barbara lead the first ski trip to Snowmass, in 2003, I joined PVS and signed up for the trip. I owe a big thanks to June and Barbara.

June was also a family person—over the years I heard many stories about her children, Joslyn and Russell, and then the grandchildren. She would do anything for them.

Not only was June Read a good friend over the years, but she was a role model for me in the years to come. I told her that many times. May she RIP.

Sharon Mulholland



June's Smile



Calendar:

- Thu Sep 09 ZOOM BYOB, 4-5:00 PM, N McKinley
- Wed Sep 29 PVS Anniversary Luncheon , 11:30-3:00. L'Auberge Chez Francois, Great Falls, VA
- Sat Oct 09 "Biden My Time," Evening Performance, Arts Club of Washington, DC, M. Sponis
- Mon Oct 11 "Biden My Time," Evening Performance, Arts Club of Washington, DC. M. Sponis

Ski Trips:

Jan 12-19 - 2022, Save the date.

Snowmass, Colorado. Led by Kathy & Barry Lake

**ExCom Officers, Board
Members, and Chairpersons**

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Officers:</u> President – <i>Barry Lake</i> Vice Pres. – <i>Cara Jablon</i> Secretary – <i>Ellie Thayer</i> Treasurer – <i>Dick Schwartzbard</i> Ex Officio - <i>Tom Tycz</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Board Members:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Term:</u> <i>Jannes Gibson</i> <i>Manfred Boehringer</i> <i>Mary Rose de Valladares</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Term:</u> <i>Kathy Lake</i> <i>Sharon Mulholland</i> <i>Don Vierimaa</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chairpersons:</u></p> <p>Ski Trip Committee – <i>Rosemary Schwartzbard</i> Events – <i>Marianne Sponis</i> Membership Records – <i>Dave Warthen</i></p> <p>TOOT Coordinator – <i>Ellie Thayer</i> TOOT Layout Editors – <i>Jan Marx, Kerry Hines</i> & <i>Dave Warthen</i> TOOT (E-Distribution) – <i>Dave Warthen</i></p> <p>Webmaster – <i>Mary Ellena Ward</i></p> <p>Meeting Records – <i>Sue Lyon</i></p> <p>Historian – <i>Jan Marx</i></p>
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[DC Ski Online News](#)

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