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Thank you for electing me to be President. I don't know how I landed in this high office but I assure you that China made no contribution to my election campaign.

However, in view of my age and health, I have questioned whether I should accept the honor. After much soul-searching I felt compelled to ask for advice from Eleanor, Eleanor Roosevelt, that is. At first she declined to talk to me saying she was much too busy advising Hilary Clinton on some Shady Lady business at the White House. But finally she set aside a few minutes for me and asked me what my problem was.

I told her that I questioned whether I should, at 82, be president of a ski club. I told her I was half blind, could hardly breathe and didn't have so much as a semi-colon. "Vorst of all," I said, "I am getting dotty - which, down South, means losing it. Eleanor thought for a moment and then said, "I've been looking over members of your club and what I see are an awful lot of pots where tummies are supposed to be. So, if they call you "dotty", you just call them "potty".

"Furthermore," she said, "I don't see any Snow Bunnies in the group. See a lot of Snow Rabbits, but no Snow Bunnies. Also I've observed that at least 12 of your members are in their 80's and a whole lot more are knocking at the door. So," she concluded,"I think it perfectly appropriate for an oxygenarian to be president of this group." "You mean octogenarian," I said. "No, I mean oxygenarian. You see when you get to be as old as you are, you're in rarified space - very thin air up there - and you need timely doses of oxygen. Warm oxygen, if possible." "Well, I cried, "Am I to carry an oxygen tank wherever I go?" "Not at all," she replied, "Just attend your club's regular monthly meetings and you'll get all the hot air you need." Greatly relieved, I said, "Beam me up, Eleanor. I'm ready to rumba."

So here I am, for better or worse, and the Lord help us all.

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Lu Beale, President

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MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 20, 1997

111NOTE NEW TIME: 7:30 p.m.111

The May meeting will be in the Recreation room 10401 Grosvenor Place, Rockville, home of June Kelsay. Tel: 301-493-5839.

DIRECTIONS: From Virginia, take the Beltway to Exit 36, Old Georgetown Road (Route 187). After leaving the Beltway, turn left on 187 toward Rockville. Go 1.5 miles, turn right on Tuckerman Lane. There will be a sign indicating this is the way to the Metro. Follow Tuckerman Lane for 1 mile and turn right on Grosvenor Place. 10401 is the first building on the left facing Grosvenor Place and is white brick.

From Rockville Pike (Route 355), going south, turn right on Tuckerman Lane. At the first street, which is Grosvenor Place, turn left and proceed as above.

Park in the parking lot and <u>leave your license plate number</u>
at the desk. Take the elevator to the ground floor and follow the signs to the recreation room.

DINING OUT GROUP - May, 1997

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, May 13, 1997. This month, we will meet at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/j.meet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.neet.nlm.nee

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Directions: From Maryland - take the Beltway (Rt. 495) across the American Legion Bridge to Virginia, go South on the George Washington Parkway to the center of Alexandria (You will be on Washington St.) Turn right on Duke St. and go 3.0 miles to the traffic light at Gordon St. The Tempo restaurant is on the right.

From Virginia -- From the Duke St. exit on Rt. 395 (Exit 3A), go East 1.7 miles on Duke St. The Tempo restaurant is on the left.

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Parking is available in front of the restaurant.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday, May 11.

ANNUAL FUN WALK - SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1997.

The brunch is full but call Marilyn Clark (703-978-9435) to be waitlisted. And all are welcome to join the hike.

Meet at 9 a.m., rain or shine. Take Beltway exit 5 (Braddock Road in Virginia). Go west 0.1 miles to light and well-marked sign to Wakefield Park on right. Drive to main parking lot (as far as the road goes) and meet by the small bridge immediately on your left as you enter the lot.

KENSINGTON TEA ROOM - MID-WEEK BIKE RIDE THURSDAY MAY 15th

We will meet at Candy Cane City at 10:30 a.m. for a 15 mile bike ride mostly on bike path. The terrain is flat to rolling. Lunch at tea room in antiques area of historic Kensington.

Interested PVSers should call Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048 or Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737.

Directions: From the beltway take MD-185 (Connecticut Avenue) south (toward Chevy Chase) for 1 mile. Turn left at traffic light (country club will be on your right) onto MD-410 (East West Highway). Go 1 mile and turn right just before the bridge over Rock Creek at the traffic light onto Beach Drive. Park on left shoulder approximately 0.5 mile after right turn. Candy Cane City is across footbridge over Rock Creek.



CHAMBER MUSIC LOVERS - violinist Ramona Matthews performs with several local chamber music groups. Two performances are coming up in May. They are free and no reservations are required. For details, call Ramona at 301-589-7612.

- May 13th (Tuesday) 7:00 PM: Kensington Park Library on Knowles Avenue, a short block west of Connecticut Avenue in Kennsington MD. On-site parking available.
- May 18th (Friday) 12:00 noon: Friday Morning Music Club concert in the Sumner

- May 18th (Friday) 12:00 noon: Friday Morning Music Club concert in the Sumner School at 17th and M Streets NW in Washington DC. The Sumner School is one block east and two blocks north of the Farragut North Metro station on the Red Line.

THE CATOCTIN MOUNTAINS!

***** HIKE, BREWERY TOUR AND DINNER COMBO

***** SATURDAY, MAY 24, 11:00 A.M. - RAIN OR SHINE

***** SIGN UP - CALL BILL ANDERSON - 301 654 4711



We will meet at the Visitor's Center in Catoctin Mountain Park at 11:00 a.m. To get there, from Beltway take 270 to Frederick, left lanes lead to 15 North, continue to Thurmont, exit at Rt. 77, go west to Visitor's Center. Lu Beale will lead a 5 miler (total) to Cunningham Falls and Huntington Lake. Bring lunch to eat at lake.

After hiking we will proceed to the new location of the Frederick Brewery (notorious for their hempel ale) for a tour at 4 o'clock. To get there, return on 15 to exit 31B, Route 85, go south 2 miles to English Muffin Way, turn right go to first steet on right, turn into Wedgewood, brewery is big yellow building on left.

Dinner is at 5:30 at Tauraso's, a **** restaurant featuring pasta, pizza, salads, sandwiches and full course dinners. Weather permitting, we will eat in the garden. To drive to restaurant, return on 85 (becomes Market St.), 4.7 miles to Church St., turn right, go to East St., turn right, then one half block, turn left into parking lot.

You may sign up for any or all events. If interested in carpooling from Fair Lanes Bowing Alley on Shady Grove Road at 10:00 am, let Bill know. See you there!

Theater and Dinner Saturday, June 28, 2:00 p.m.

The Importance of Being Earnest at Olney Theatre, Maryland's very first, and still one of the finest theaters around. The play is considered to be Oscar Wilde's masterpiece and the wittiest comedy in the English language. Bargain price of \$16 - if we get as many as 15 signups.

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Optional early dinner following the performance will be at Sylvia's highly rated Italian neighborhood restaurant - a well kept secret except to nearby diners-out. Tables for four will be reserved. You will order and pay individually. Last minute reservations or cancellations for dinner might be possible, but please make a reservation if feasible when you call to sign up..

Telephone Jeannette Albersheim, 301-598-7525 to sign up. By June 10, she must receive your check, made out to her for \$16. Her address is 3574 Fiske Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20906-1739. If unable to reach Jeannette, call June Kelsay for details: 301-493-5839.



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EXCOM:

First Term: Suzanne Boisclair Ron Ewing

Second Term: Genee Boykin Nancy McKinley Nat Seeman

The April ExCom unanimously endorsed Nancy McKinley as Club Vice President. Additional appointments to the Board were Jan Marx and Aina Thomas as club historians and Serge Triau, Nat Seeman and Dina Taylor as PVS representratives to the Blue Ridge Ski Council.

The ByLaws revision printed in the March TOOT was approved at the April meeting. If you would like a copy of the ByLaws, call Nancy McKinley.

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EXCOM VOTED TO SET THE TIME FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS HALF AN HOUR EARLIER. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS CHANGE AND APPEAR AT 7:30.

POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, INC.

WHITEWATER RAFTING ON THE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER, PA JULY 9 AND 10, 1997

COST: Est. \$90. COVERS RAFTING/GUIDE & LODGING D/O AT HOLIDAY INN COORDINATOR: DINA TAYLOR (301-663-6089)

NEW AND IMPROVED FOR OUR PLEASURE TO ENJOY WITH CONFIDENCE AND LESS STRESS!! You are invited to raft the enchanting Youghiogheny River. It runs through a spectacular canyon of the beautiful Ohiopyle State Park in Pennsylvania. A trained and experienced guide will captain each raft. We may still paddle. Our lunch will be part of the tour. Rafters must be 12 years of age. The duration of thetrip is about six hours. SUGGESTED WEAR: Bathing suit (not bikini), shorts and T-shirt, (old) tennis shoes, the canvas/shoestring type work best for me. Don't forget sun-screen. Leave jewelry and nonessential items at home or in the car. The car keys, tagged with your name may be left with the clerk at the counter for safekeeping. Also, a change of clothes and a towel kept in the car will do wonders for you at the trip's end. DIRECTIONS: Lodging has been reserved at the Holiday Inn, Grantsville, MD. It is located on I-68 W, exit 22 (approx. 3 hrs drive from Frederick. First take I-70 W, then 1-68 W). You can see the hotel perched upon a hillside to your left when approaching Grantsville. If you are uncertain about the directions, please call me.

For July 9th several options are available while the plan for the 10th is for rafting, also flexible, if your preference is for a different activity. The options for the 9th are:

- 1. Walk alongside Swallow Falls to Muddy Creek Falls.
- 2. Visit FALLINGWATER, PA., Frank Lloyd Wright began building it 1936.
- 3. Biking alongside the MIDDLE YOUG. Bikes can be rented.
- 4. Visiting the LAUREL CAVERNS, Rt 40 East of Uniontown, PA.

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OPTION # 1, Other of			ed
FOR JULY 9th: 12:30	Opm- Meet in lobby o	f Holiday Inn	. Please bring pienic lunch,

chair or blanket. We'll drive to the park, eat lunch and then walk along the falls.

5 pm - High Tea/Wine/etc. in Dina's room.

7 pm - Dinner at the famous PENN ALPS RESTAURANT to absorb some of the local flavor.

FOR JULY 10th: 7 am - Load bags in car. Breakfast in hotel dining room.

7:50am - Leave hotel for raft-group meeting place, Ohiopyle, PA.

9 am - Board bus to raft launching site.

For info call Dina (301)663-6089. To sign up, complete application and send with full payment (if option #1), checks payable to DINA TAYLOR, 8403 Stonehouse Road, Frederick, MD 21702. Please do not delay.

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There's still time to Ski the World! Join us in

Chile!!!

August 14-25,1997

Ski Valle Nevado in Chile for 6 days and then tour Chile's coast and the lovely city of Santiago for 4 more days. This is truly a Ski-and See Vacation! Valle Nevado sits atop an Andean mesa at 9,600 feet with towering Andes on all sides. Valle Nevado offers 26,000 acres (10 times the size of Steamboat) and it's lift-linked to La Parva and El Colorado, providing the largest ski circuit in the southern Hemisphere and a 4,000 foot vertical. Most of the skiing is intermediate; however, there is more beginner and expert skiing than in any three US resorts. And they have their own helipads for heliskiing. We stay at the 4 star Puerto del Sol hotel. Breakfast is included every day and all dinners at Valle Nevado at 4 excellent international restaurants of your choice. In Santiago two more dinners, a lunch, and all breakfasts are included. We stay at the 5-star Hotel Carrera across from the President's Palace right downtown. We'll tour Santiago, Valparaiso, Vina del Mar, and the Concha y Toro vineyards.

We can arrange longer or shorter stays and can facilitate optional tours to suit your schedule and interests. Just

ask us. Spanish language is not necessary for this trip.

The cost is \$2,668 per person double occupancy. Land only: \$1,777. (Another local ski club is offering this trip at \$1000 more per person for less time in Chile!) See our flyer or call us for more information: Nancy and Ray McKinley (703) 527-7126. Or send your first payment of \$875 to Nancy McKinley, 2326 N. Upton St. Arlington, VA 22207.

CHARLES FARWELL, M.D.

On April 7, while scuba diving in Cozumel, Mexico, Charlie Farwell died of a heart attack. Scuba diving was only one of his many and varied activities. He was an avid skier, sailor, hiker, trekker, wind surfer, rafter, fisherman, choral singer, bridge and chess player, biker, horseback rider, dancer, tennis player and active supporter of the arts - all of this while carrying on an active medical practice.

For some PVSers, he was their personal physician and for others he was their "trip doctor". He travelled with a supply of medications and, on his many PVS trips over the years, was always willing to use his medical knowledge and expertise to help out an ill or injured PVSer. Who can forget Charlie and his luggage which always included innumerable plastic bags filled with all the necessities of a travelling MD's office.

He was truly a good samaritan - a very caring and gentle gentleman. He made friends wherever he went in the world and all of us, scattered far and wide, will miss him greatly. ... Kirk Burns

Annabelle Blum, wife of Joe Blum, died on April 17. She had been a professor of sociology at both the University of Maryland and American University, She was widely published as a researcher on such topics as marriage and the family, roles of men and women, and women in the workplace.

Dr. Blum was formerly a member of PVS. We send our love and sympathy to Joe at this sad time.



AS ANNOUNCED:

PVS AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS DEC. 6 - 12, 1997

All major aspects and quality level of this always enjoyed trip are planned to match what's been before: air, lodging, lifts, a.m. and p.m. meals, and more!!!

Price target is at or below last year's. Pending negotiations, a \$100 deposit from first 40 PVSers will guarantee you are included. Thirty-nine have eagerly indicated interest, and 4 have made deposits already! Don't delay! Send your deposit to the Flahertys, 15305 Narcissus Way, Rockville, MD 20853. Tel: 301-929-9664.

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SKI BIG SKY MONTANA

FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 1 (on MARCH 4) 1998

Here's the trip everyone's been asking for! Big Sky, Montana is massive--two mountains and a 4,180 foot vertical--the most total vertical in the United States. And there's great skiing for all levels, from beginners to newly opened double diamond slopes for experts. Big Sky's base elevation is at 7,500 feet and rises to 11,166 feet at the top of great new Lone Peak Tram. 3,500 acres (half again the size of Streamboat) are blanketed with gorgeous powder--over 400 inches of snowfall per year. We'll stay slopeside at the majestic ski-in/ski-out Huntley Lodge (Chet Huntley's place) with full breakfast daily to fortify you for each spectacular day of skiing.

OUR GREAT PRICES: SEVEN DAYS - \$1996* \$1934* IF OVER 70
TEN DAYS - \$1675* \$1579. IF OVER 70

This price includes all the goodies you expect on a McKinley-run trip: airfare, transfers, lifts, 3 dinners (4 dinners on 10-day package), apres ski every night, pre and post trip parties, baggage handling, \$300 of cancellation insurance, and gratuities. There will also be an optional tour to Yellowstone Park, less than I hour away--and spectacular in winter!

This is going to be a popular trip so reserve a space today by sending your check for \$200 payable to Ray McKinley (refundable through June) and send it to McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Call us for more information at (703) 527-7126.

*Dates and prices may change slightly when we finalize the details; see our flyer in June.

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An added ski note from last season from Dot Mills: The Val d'Isere trippers all skied with a tiger in their tanks! The ski pole I.D. from the trip leaders was an 8" plush tiger tail.

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ANNUAL MEETING AT THE LEONHARDTS - Irene

Fifty five members and Eleanor Roosevelt attended the annual meeting at the beautiful lakeside home of Fred and Barbara Leonhardt. After everyone had admired the spacious rooms and sampled the many scrumptious goodies, the meeting got down to business. Serge Triau called on Marilyn Clark to proceed with the election. For election results, see page . Lu's Presidential acceptance speech was so hilarious that she was besieged for copies, therefore, by popular demand, it is in the President's message on page 1. It set the mood for the evening.

Nancy Garrett stated she was presenting a very comprehensive financial report in order to clear her name. Unsubstantiated rumor had it that when missing from Ex Com meetings she was away on subsidized trips.....the report survived our audit, but Nancy did you have to leave your motor running outside ready to head for Dulles for the late flight to the Riviera?

The Ski Trip Leaders promotion on their ski trips focused on transportation and accommodations. Glade Flake arrived straight from the slopes of Mt. Tremblant rosy cheeked and exuberant.... though I must say, brushing the snowflakes from his jacket was a tad theatrical..... raving about the new slopeside prestigious Canadian Pacific Hotel there.

Nancy McKinley gave a glowing testimonial of the 4 and 5 star hotels and 5 star planes they are using on their fabulous Odyssey to Chili in August.... John Smith followed up with enticement of an intriguing ride on the 5 star glacier express on the planned trip to Switzerland.... Ray McKinley, not to be outdone, said we would be hosted by Chet Huntley at the Chet Huntley Lodge at Big Sky. He described his telephone conversation with his ski buddy, Chet. I believe it went like this..... "Hello, Chet, this is Ray". "Hello! Ray who???".....Ray and John had a 6 star animated discussion on the merits of their trips.

Barbara presented Lu with an honorary cake with the inscription "Congratulations, President Lu" mm-mm-looked good and tasted even better.

It was such a lively meeting no one wanted to leave. We thank Barbara and Fred. As always, an evening at the Leonhardts is an occasion to remember.

CHERRY BLOSSOM WALK - April 3,1997

- John Matthews

Two days after the April Fool's Day snowstorm and high winds there was a surprising amount of blossoms still on the Tidal Basin cherry trees. A cheerful band of PVSer's met at the Smithsonian Metro station to begin our stroll. Marianne Cook learned the hard way that the Smithsonian station is <u>not</u> on the Red Line. The sun was shining but we still had a bit of a breeze as we made our way to the Jefferson Memorial for a short break before continuing around the Tidal Basin and past the construction site for the F. D. Roosevelt Memorial. It was after noon by the time we arrived back at the 15th Street side of the Basin. After buying take-out lunches at a Park Service kiosk, we had a picnic under one of the blossom-ladened cherry trees. The band dispersed after lunch, some back to the Metro station and a few staying to visit a museum or two.

BILLY GOAT TRAIL HIKE OOOOOOO

On an April-showery Sunday (the 6th), a group of eight big people --Frank Shelburne, Shirley Rettig, Nat Seeman, Penny Hanshaw, Mom and Dad (Jenny and Paul Yessler) amd my aunt and uncle (Jenny's sister Tracy and husband Mark) -- plus one little person (me, Nicole Yessler, age 7 months) enjoyed the beautiful wild flowers --blue phlox, blue bluebells, may apples, dogtooth violets, bloodroot (?), death carnas (?) daffodils, etc. We also saw the wonderful vistas of cliffs and Potomac River near Maryland Great Falls, complete with lunch-spot overview of hardy kayakers in the river below.

My dad pointed out turkey buzzards having their lunch of drowned deer on a rocky little island. This was my very first hike and fortunately I was riding in a pack seat on Mom's or Dad's back; otherwise I couldn't have kept up with our intrepid leader Frank--even the big people had trouble. I closed my eyes on the steep slippery spots--they thought I was napping. My favorite thing was a skink (little lizard) which waddled away when Mom tickled its tail. It was on all fours and put a hind foot and a front foot forward at the same time...I wonder if I could do that? I think I'll try it soon. Does PVS have a minimum age for new members?

... Nicole Yessler (as told to Penny Hanshaw)

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DINING AT THE COLONNADE

A perfect evening of champagne punch, glittering candle light, gastronomical delights as well as exhilarating joviality was enjoyed by 38 PVSers at Bette Walker's condo party facility. The first hour-plus was spent around the silver punch bowl, which was refilled at least four times while we savored crab spread, party straws and cheese squares.

The entree consisted of "Elegant Chicken" cooked in champagne with orange slices, accompanied by steamed rice, asparagus, and a vegetable salad. The dessert was from a recipe of Marilyn Clark's called Maui Pine Pie. I am certain this will appear in Nancy's Cook's Corner soon. Once again, Dot Mills did a super job of arranging the table flowers.

Many thanks to Bette for again making it possible to use the Colonnade. As the KNEE would say "Another boring PVS Event!"
....Bill Anderson



April Dining Out Group by Pat Tengel

On a fine spring evening, the PVS Dining Out Group met again for the first time after an extended rest. We met at the very nice Greek restaurant called the Athenian Plaka in Bethesda. Joining Pat and John around the table were many of the people from the recent trip to Val d'Isere and included Bill Anderson, Marianne Cook, Dina Taylor, Joan and Glade Flake, and Serge and Liz Triau. Edith Rabinovitz, had just returned from a world cruise to the Far East on the QE II. After sharing the highly recommended selections of hot and cold appetizers, we enjoyed fine Greek salads and a variety of delicious seafood and lamb main courses. This restaurant is decorated with very beautiful wall paintings of the Greek coast and seascapes. We were seated in a very private corner of the lovely dining room and enjoyed lovely Greek music throughout the evening.

Apres Ski Season Wine Happening A PVS Tradition

The twentieth annual wine tasing event taking place at the end of the ski season was held at the beautifully restored hundred year old farmhouse of Don and Pat Cope on Saturday evening March 29. It was attended by by twenty fortunate PVS'ers who could regale each other with tales from the slopes while negotiating a complex course of wines specially selected by the host from his huge cellar, accompanied by matching appetizers created by the hostess (a graduate of the CIA — Qulinary Institute of America).

The theme of this event was devoted to wine from California to mark the twentieth anniversary of the recognition of the quality of the New World product by French connoisseurs. Those sufficiently knowledgeable about the fruit of the vine were duly impressed by the choices. Even novices could appreciate the joy of these quality wines.

Many thanks to the Copes for this grand cru evening!

...Bettv Byrne

MT. VERNON BIKE RIDE

- by John Matthews

So you thought the weather was too wet for the Fifth Annual Mt. Vernon Mid-Week Bike Ride? Moron Marquardt and I didn't think so. The rain had not yet started when we each set out from Silver Spring, but it was beginning to drizzle a bit when we arrived at the Belle Vernon picnic area. No one else showed but, having geared up for this annual event, we decided to ignore the "heavy dew" and set off. The thrill of upholding a tradition and the lack of hiker/biker traffic on the trail offset the minor inconvenience of damp clothes and soggy shoes. After a quick outdoor lunch in a slight sprinkle at Mt. Vernon we wasted no time in wheeling back to the starting point, with another PVS "war story" to tell.

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Nancy Garrett

Spring Dinner got lots of raves. We also heard from a few how hard they had to work. Recipes are a bit long and will be presented one at a time.

SAVORY PASTRY STRAWS OR PINWHEELS

Preheat oven to 375*:

1 pound (1 package) puff pastry (Pepperidge Farms) Thaw pastry. Use one sheet at a time. Unfold on floured surface. Roll lightly until each section is approximately 4-5 inches and about 10-12 inches long.

Filling for 1 package of pastry: Mix together: 1/2 pound grated sharp Cheddar cheese 1 teaspoon garlic salt 1/2-1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Spray pastry with Pam. Place 1/4 of cheese mixture on middle third of pastry. Fold one-third over the middle third. Spray with Pam. Place another 1/4 of the cheese over this section and fold the last over the cheese mixture. You will have 3 layers of pastry enclosing 2 layers of filling. Roll lightly to remove air from the layered pastry.

Cut crosswise to make approximately 20 strips. Twist the dough strips gently 2-3 turns and place on cookie sheet sprayed with Pam. Place the straws about 2 inches apart (pinch both ends of the twist down on the cookie sheet). Refrigerate until ready to bake. Repeat with second sheet.

Bake in preheated oven for 15-20 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from cookie sheets immediately to cooling rack. Serve at room temperature or reheat briefly just before serving.

Alternate filling for 1 package of pastry:

1 recipe Pesto Sauce (I used Super Giant - 7 oz. in Cheese section of grocery store) Can used package to mix with olive oil or make from herbs 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese Garlic Salt

Place one fourth of pesto sauce in middle section of pastry. Sprinkle lightly with garlic salt. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Fold right section of pastry over middle. Place one-fourth of pesto sauce on this section. Sprinkle with Garlic salt and Parmesan Cheese. Fold remaining section over the top. Roll lightly to remove air bubbles. Cut crosswise into approximately 20 strips. Twist the pastry strips two or three turns and place on ungreased cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. Pinch both ends of the twist onto the cookie sheet. Refrigerate until ready to bake. Repeat with second sheet of pastry.

Bake in preheated oven for 15-20 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to cooling rack. Serve at room temperature or pop in oven for quick reheating just prior to serving.



THE KNEE

by . Ray McKinley

PVS has always been ukneeque—and we have just become ukneeque.

For the first time we have a female President and Veep. Congrats to <u>Lu Beale</u> and <u>Nancy McKinley</u>. Goodness, I live with the Veep! Kneet.

Lu is also our first octogenarian president. (Serge wasn't that old; but his jokes were.) Her first inaugural address was really funny. However I didn't hear it. Whilst Lu was communing with Eleanor, I was vibrating in the ether with Chet Huntley about using his lodge for our Big Sky trip. About the only one not there was Elvis.

Incidentally, prior to her first Excom meeting, Pres Lu phoned soon to be Veep, Nancy, about their carpooling. Nancy replied "No, I'm carpooling with Eleanor."

Incidentally (number 2), I've referred to the Presidents name so often, I'll call this a Luknee.

Incidentally (number 3), our southern Colorado contingent, Gladie Youngblood, became the first person ever to be voted directly into Absentee Membership without first being a member. Gladie "only" skis with us. She also has not seen the missing Air Force jet.

Don and Pat Cope have just finished building their retirement home on Lake of the Woods near Frederick. Reg and Jean Heitchue have just finished building their retirement home on the Chesapeake near Annapolis. Both couples will rent out their new homes for a few years prior to moving in. And in both cases the leases start this month. Rent on. Rent on.

Our latest skier thus far is <u>Kirk Burns</u>. He skied Vail April 17, with lots of snow and no sign of the missing Air Force jet. Runner-up is <u>Glade Flake</u> who skied *Mont Tremblant* in Quebec on April 15. <u>Kirk</u> reports that in Vail, the home of \$53 lift tickets, by mid-April you could ski two days for a total of \$10! Unfortunately, they have closed. But Whistler still has snow all the way to the base. They're open through July.

Yes, that was <u>Charlotte Eddy</u> in a full leg cast. She suffered a bad tear of her knee ligament getting out of her car. The street was rated black.

The Flakes recently had an "interesting" weekend. On Friday, Joan's twenty year old cat died. On Saturday their son announced his engagement. And on Sunday they became, courtesy of their daughter Jennifer, first time grandparents. Congrats on at least some of that.

Let's face it, club treasurer Nancy Garrett has missed a few meetings lately. Serge's favorite joke was to tell where Nancy Garrett was traveling "on PVS's money." At the April meeting, Nancy was there. She started the treasurers report with "I'll keep this short..." In chimed Ned Flaherty "Do you have a plane to catch?"

Also at the meeting, we were explaining that there was no jet lag in flying to Chile as Chile was in the Eastern time zone. Bing Poon said "Yes there is. It's 0 hours and 6 months."

At recent meetings there has been much discussion of comets. It makes me cometose.

Utth skiers have a ukneeque way of referring to superb skiing weather. They say "It's a bluebird day." Right on.

Apparently new member John Brunelli is quite an art lover. He knows all of Vincent Van Gogh's relatives. These include his dizzy aunt-Verti Gogh, the brother who ate prunes--Gotta Gogh, his fruity cousin--Mang Gogh and his discoloving sister--Go Gogh. Blame John.

Congratulations to <u>Dick and Marilyn Clark</u> on being parents again. Yup, it's true, to two Tonkaknees kittens, Mocha and Muffie.

I didn't know Charlie Farwell all that well but I admired his style. I skied with him twice, ten years apart. First he snowplowed. But he loved it, skiing 60 days a year and learning. Ten years later, in his late sixties, he was definitely an expert. He was also enamored with trekking in the Himalayas; he went three times. And he loved scuba diving. Charlie recently died, at least 20 years too soon, at age 70. He died engaged in an activity he loved—a scuba trip. I hope when the time comes, I can go that way. With my skis on.

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