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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Ski Time

At last, it's December and almost time for all of us to enjoy "our" sport again.

Hope many of you will participate in one or more of our variety of PVS trips this season.

Happy holidays and good skiing in '81!

*Marilyn J. Clark*

Marilyn J. Clark, President

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## DECEMBER EVENT

### PVS Merry Christmas Party

When: Tuesday December 16th at 8:00 p.m.

What: Our annual Christmas glühwein party - this year hosted by Bob and Adele Waggaman, at One West Melrose St., Chevy Chase, Md.

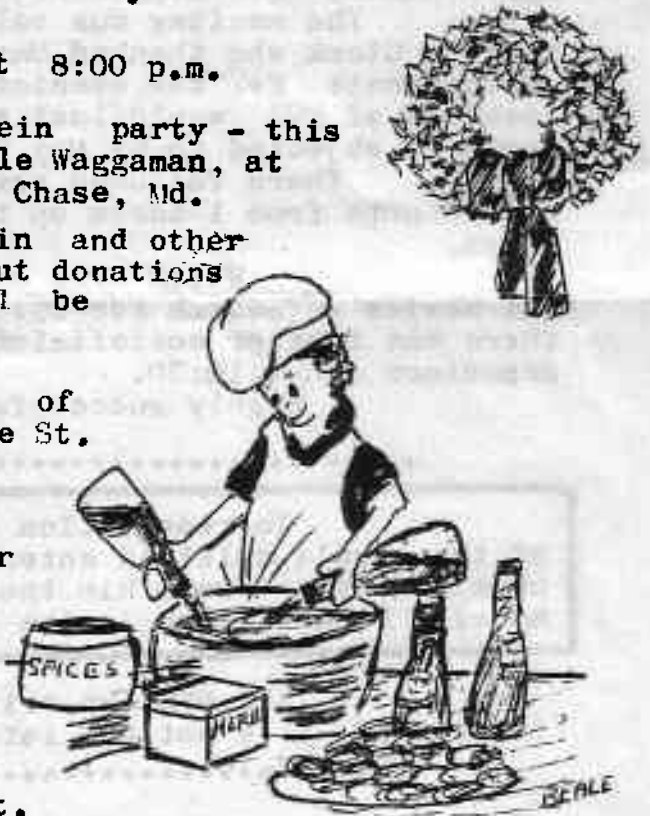
Adele says that the glühwein and other drinks will be provided but donations of appropriate nibbles will be appreciated.

Directions: Adele lives on the corner of Conn. Ave. and West Melrose St. which is 5 blocks north of Chevy Chase Circle. There will be Christmas lights strung across the porch for identification.

If coming by Beltway, take Exit 20 and proceed south on Conn. Ave. about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Melrose St. is just south of the Chevy Chase Club entrances - on the same side of the street.

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ADDED ATTRACTION: CAROLS WILL BE CAROLED!



PAST EVENTS

Kirk Coulda Danced All Night by Susan Lyon

On Saturday, November 8th, thirty some PVSers celebrated the club's 15th Anniversary with a delicious coordinated "Pot Luck" dinner at the Newmark Commons Club House in Rockville, Md.



After dinner, fortified with wine, we swung, swayed, sashayed and polka'd to the non-stop music provided by Matt the DeeJay until approximately 1:00 a.m.

Many thanks to Kirk Burns for setting up this memorable anniversary event and for providing the festive decorations.

Also many thanks to Bette Walker for coordinating the menu and proving once again that PVSers are superb cooks.

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Arabian Feast by Helen Price

More than forty people put in an appearance at the November 18th meeting of PVS at the Middle East Supper Club at Tyson's Corner. The 39 who came for dinner (7 more than the 32 reservations) beginning at 7 o'clock, feasted on Syrian bread with exotic hors d' oeuvres, tossed green salad with feta cheese, roasted chicken stuffed with rice and herbs, and Kifta Kabob. All topped with Balkawa and coffee.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by President Marilyn Clark who thanked Mary Ward and Jim Slack for making the arrangements for the evening. She promised that all future meetings of PVS would last at least 4 minutes rather than the usual 3 objected to by Ray McKinley.

There followed several presidential announcements and reports from leaders on the status of their upcoming ski trips.

Keith Lyon again obliged with a showing of 2 ski movies - "Search for Speed" and "Thin Line" - after which there was further socializing by all members with a general departure about 10:30.

A highly successful meeting!

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In recognition of Keith Lyon's efforts as provider of the club's celuloid entertainment, ExCom, last month, voted unanimously to award him the title of Movie Mogul. Henceforth he will be so listed in the list of club officers.

All PVS ski trips still have openings so, if you're interested, it's not too late. Call now!

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THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley



Shucks! (I would have started with gol-ly, but this is a class column. Besides, there are youngsters - those under 30 - reading this column and we can't expose them to such archaic words. Also, I thought that by using the longer term, you would think I was more eruditer.) Anyway, where was I .. ah, yes .. Shucks! Here I am, just a humble (well, somewhat humble) gossip columnist. I'm trying to enrich your skiing experience by pointing out facts, flirtations, foibles, and fictions about your fellow (or should that be fellow persons?) PVS ski persons and what does it get me?

Gol-ly - er - shucks! - here's what it gets me: It seems that half the club is mad at the Knee. Dear, sweet, innocent (well, somewhat innocent) me! President Marilyn Clark is mad at me because of my short meeting comments (more on this later). Aina Thomas is mad at me because of my comments about her upcoming divorce (more on this later, too). You can take my word for it, it's bad to have your dentist mad at you! And Ex-President Geoff Wadey hasn't talked to me in six months. What can I do? Well, let's see if the Knee can alienate the other half of the club.

First, let me take care of the obvious. Marilyn: it was only a Knee Kneedle last month about short meetings not a Knee Knock or, worse, a Knee Sock. While the Knee certainly believes that everyone benefits from being aware of upcoming events, I would never, considering your height, make any snide comments about anything short! I'll have more to say on this - er - shortly.

Hank and Aina Thomas came halfway around the beltway (again) to the meeting at the Middle East Supper Club to refute (again) last

month's Knee report that their marriage was on the rocks. Aina accused me of yellow journalism - (and, worse yet, yellow teeth). Hank didn't say anything but had a high necked sweater on - apparently to cover up (again) the black and blue marks reported last month. That Aina can be tough.

Aina ( I believe) sent me a Halloween card signed merely "the Witch of the East." It read: "What would you get if you crossed a washing machine with a Halloween monster? " Answer: "A wash n' werewolf. I loved it! I also enjoyed figuring out who sent it.

The Thomases (I seem to know a lot about them) will be skiing in Alta again in early February. My sources tell me they'll be joined for part of the trip by Dick and Julie King and the Stechers By the way, Bill Stecher showed up at the November meeting for the first time in memory without Elke. Could this have sinister connotations ala the notorious Hank Thomas episode?)

A booster told me the Knee was moving up in quality. I replied that if the Knee was moving up I'd have to call it the Thigh.

And now a brief message from the Knee's new Plan Ahead Department: I no sooner reported here that Bob Grasley was in the travel business than he and gorgeous wife Mary Lee showed up at an ExCom meeting and requested approval for a ski trip to Africa! In January of 1982! Now that's planning. And I understand he's also planning a ski trip to Fiji in 1993.

Bob also sent me some bad jokes, all of which I had heard before and none of which relate to SCWDC. The best of the three I also heard from Bob Hope: Do you know the difference between Billy and Jimmy Carter? Billy has a foreign policy. P.S. There is no truth to the rumor I started that Bob Hope will be going on that Grasley trip to Fiji in 1993.

Sign on a fire alarm call box in SCWDC headquarters: Out of Order. In case of fire, yell FIRE!

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The Knee (Continued)

You shoulda been at the 15th Anniversary party (I should have been there, too). Six days before, only 5 PVSers had signed up. Then Pres Marilyn got the telephone tree working and we ended up with some 35 people. At the party I understand the ball didn't really get rolling (the mirrored ball on the ceiling) until Keith Lyon was able to give it a push.

Event Chairman Kirk Burns danced with every woman present. Now that's sexual discrimination. Ask Ray McKinley (who's that?) about the time he was dancing with Kirk, doing a fancy dip step, and dropped him. Then you'll know why Kirk dances only with women.

Scandinavian Musings: Did you know that Ginny Larson is from Sweden and that she ran away from home there at the age of 9? And Aase Berling is recently back from a month in Norway. Norm and Mary Engleman are just back from 3 weeks in Israel (that's in southern Scandinavia).

Whoever said "en vino veritas" was obviously wrong. The more I drink the harder it is to separate truth from fiction.

It's been a pleasure to see Keith and Susie Lyon at the last few meetings. After they missed most of the summer events some of us believed we would see them only in the winter. Did you know that Keith's kids lyonize him? And his favorite food is lyonaise potatoes? I'm not Lyon.

It was really nice to see Keith's ski movies again and again and again.... I love the lamp scene.

Bob Wyckoff reports a delightful visit to the Wiederhold's old new house in San Antonio. It's a 100 year old Victorian with 12 foot ceilings and literally can be called a mansion. We are all invited for their gluhwein Party. There will be a carpool to San Antonio for the evening. Contact Penny directly. They have plenty of room for PVS visitors.

We just missed having the 50 people necessary to have a Belly Dancer at the Middle East Club

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The Knee (Continued)

November meeting. I tried to make up for it by being bellycose. And, despite President Clark's excessively long meeting, it was abelly handled. Everyone had a belly nice time.

Until next year, I wish you all the happiest of holidays, a happy New Year and a very merry (hopefully white) Christmas.

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ExCom Notes by Lu Beale

Twelve PVS officers met at Alice Swalm's lovely home for the November 25th ExCom meeting.

Some of the items discussed:

- The desirability of having more members volunteer their homes for club meetings.
- The feasibility of inviting members who are expert in various fields speak at meetings on their specialities.

• Possible reasons why the Anniversary dance was sparsely attended (35 versus 50 to 70 at other events). Does the word dance scare people off? Is the music too loud? Is it the pot-luck aspect?

• Gail Gell reported 123 have signed up for new year.

• Ray McKinley sold \$61 worth of PVS items at the Nov. meeting. All hats are now gone. Six shirts and about 30 pins remain.

• Current Skiing magazine, according to Gail Gell, has good pieces on purchasing children's ski equipment and clothing.

Skiing also lists 6 new ski movies. (Keith Lyon: take note!)

• President Clark thanked Mary Ward and Jim Slack for arranging the super November supper meeting and announced that the December ExCom Meeting will be at her home on the 30th and that the next club meeting will be at Aase berlings's home on January 20th.

• Marilyn also reminds all that, as president, she receives ski brochures from many resorts. If you are interested in a particular place call her (978-9435) and she may be able to give you information.

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SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

- Dec 16 .... Christmas Gluhwein Party at the Waggaman's  
8:00 p.m.
- Dec 30 .... ExCom Meeting at Marilyn Clark's.7:30 p.m.
- Jan 20 .... Monthly Meeting at Aase Berling's.8:00 p.m.

And Ski-Wise

- Jan 9-11 ..... Wisp I -Gail Gell, leader
- Jan 16-18 ..... Snowshoe,W.Va., Fruchts leading
- Jan 22-Feb 7 .... Ski the French Alps,Wyckoffs leading
- Jan 25-30 ..... Ski Bromley/Stratton, Wingroves leading
- Feb 6-8 ..... Wisp II,Heitchues leading
- Feb 28-Mar 14 ... Sun Valley/Jackson Hole, Engleman and  
Geiger leading
- Mar 14-21 ..... Ski Sutton, Marx leading
- January 1982 ..... Spain/North Africa, Grasleys leading.

CLUB OFFICERS

- President ..... Marilyn Clark
- Vice President ..... Bob Marx
- Secretary ..... Alice Swalm
- Treasurer ..... Margaret Wyckoff
- Membership ..... Gail Gell
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- BRSC Rep. .... Geoff' Wadey
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451-9158
- Movie Mogul ..... Keith Lyon

- EXCOM
- Second Term
- Keith Lyon
- Bing Poon
- Barbara Wingrove
- First Term
- Jean Heitchue
- Jim Slack
- Adele Waggaman

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