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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Now that Thanksgiving is past along with the movie "The Day After" and the 20th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination, let us focus on the Christmas season of good will toward men and thankfulness for what we have.

Our club continues to be strong, over 150 again this year. Our trip list continues to be long and varied. Our friendships strong and true. Thanks to each and every one of you, the ExCom officers and "hangers on", the gracious hosts and trip leaders, everyone who makes this the best skiing and eating club there is!

Here's to a happy and safe holiday season with lots of good snow!

Gail Pease, President

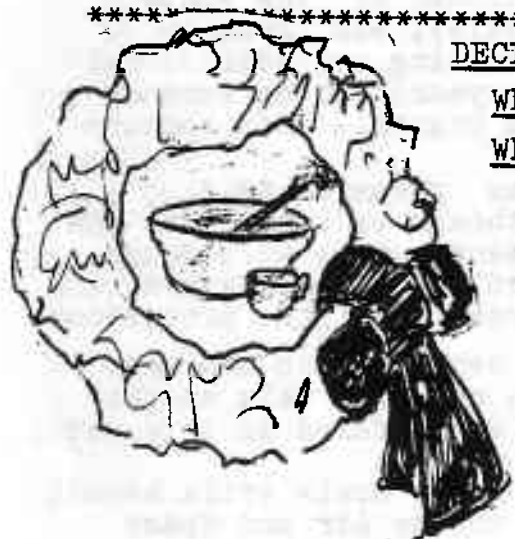
DECEMBER EVENT: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GLUWEIN PARTY

When: Tuesday, December 20th. 8:00 P.M.

What: The annual Merry Christmas party this year hosted and hostessed (the Knee suggests hopersoned) by Reg and Jean Heitchue at their Reston home.

Beverages will be provided but donations of various goodies will be welcomed.

NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.



DIRECTIONS to the HEITCHUES' at 2050 Eakins Court in Reston, Va.

Take Beltway to Tysons Corner. From the south, take Exit 10 West onto Rte 7 towards Reston. From the north, use Exit 11S onto Rte 123 and in about 1/2 mile turn off onto Rte 7 West (Leesburg Pike). Go about 6 miles and, after the large Reston sign on the right, turn left onto Rte 606. (Baron Cameron). At first traffic light turn left onto Wiehle Avenue. Go all the way to the end and turn right onto Sunrise Valley Dr. At first light turn left onto Soapstone Dr. and turn left at second street, Purple Beech Dr, and then first right onto Eakins Court to 2050-a grey house on right corner..(Tel: 860-9190)

PAST EVENTS

HARVEST DINNER by Alice Swalm

PVS's winter social season began with the club's third annual Harvest Dinner, held at the elegant Skyline Plaza Penthouse where the view of the city lights enhanced the guests' enjoyment of the fine food, delicate wines, and their talk of snow and skiing soon to come.

Seen and Heard:

Barbara and Jim Wingrove describing the merits of IBM's new PCs...

The new glamorous hairstyles of Jean Heitchue and Mary Ward...

Sheldon Drews and Charlotte Eddy preparing the punch...

Pleased as punch about his choice of wines for the occasion but drinking beer himself was Jim Slack...

Charlotte Reith circulating the room and talking with absolutely everyone...

Gail Pease happily discussing two of her favorite subjects, son Greg and daughter Angie...

Trudy Santoro's amazing story about cleaning 2 pounds of spinach...

Dot and Jenckeš Mason sharing memories of early ski club happenings and of some of their trips to the Orient...

Karen and Knox Felker telling of their plans for skiing in Norway this winter and accepting kudos and thanks for sharing the Penthouse with us and thus providing the setting for another great Harvest Dinner.

STATE DEPARTMENT TOUR AND LUNCHEON by Jeanne Strickland

The November 10th tour of the Diplomatic Rooms of the State Department, arranged by Mary Lee and Bob Grasley, was taken by 32 PVSers who unanimously called it an interesting and educational experience. Redecorated over the last twenty years at no expense to the taxpayers, these rooms are filled with original 18th century furniture and paintings.

Mort Kuff, wearing his Geo. Smiley hat, was prepared to find all the "state" secrets he could ferret out but, although we inspected the seats in the John Jay chairs for lost documents, none were found. Perhaps all the papers had been sent to Lorton??? The clockface with eyes that moved from side to side kept its eyes on all the proceedings.

Lunch, after the tour, was at the Foreign Service Club and was followed by a talk by David Chavchavadze. The one hour talk on the development of the USSR was most informative and offered an interesting insight into the communist mind.

After all that culture and education some hardy souls still hadn't had enough and, despite the rain, ventured on to the Air and Space Museum for a movie or two to complete the day.

Many thanks to the Grasleys for producing an event which, we were not surprised to find, was up to their usual high standards.

P.S. Bob Grasley reports that somewhere along the line, not necessarily on the tour of the State Department, someone left a pair of expensive looking bi-focals in the glove compartment of his car. If you're having trouble seeing lately, call Bob.

PAST EVENTS

NOVEMBER MEETING AT THE MARXES by Jane Dixon

In spite of the deluge of rain, approximately 30 - 35 PVSers braved the elements to attend the monthly meeting held at Jan and Bob Marx's Springfield home.

Along with an array of heady wines and delicious cheeses and the inevitable good company, participants enjoyed an excellent movie on heli-skiing in the Bugaboos. In addition, a guest representing the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's Ski Touring section, gave an informative talk with slides on cross country skiing in the Canadian Rockies.

Following the program, enthused by an evening of pleasant ski conversation we thanked the Marxes for a lovely evening and left ready to hit the slopes with the first snow.

TRIP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 13 - 29: Austria. There are still a few spots open. Call the Wyckoffs (589-5532).

JANUARY 20 - FEB. 4: Switzerland. Gorman Young reports that, because of cancellations, there is room for two more on trip as of December 1st. Call Gorman (244-2319).

FEB. 11 - FEB 25: Utah. Space available. Call Norm Engleman (299-2635).

WISP 1 JANUARY 6 - 8 The club is trying a new lodge at Norwegian Wood, Deep Creek Lake, MD., about 1 mile from Wisp on Marsh Hill Road. Will sleep 15 comfortably. We'll provide our own linens (sheets, towels, pillowcases) and food as we did at Timberlake.

The lodging cost per person for two nights will be \$30 plus food, lift tickets and transportation. We will share food cost/preparation and car pool where necessary.

For more information and to reserve a bed, call Gail Pease at work (924-5000) or at home (620-4573). \$30 per person deposit required.

WISP 11 FEBRUARY 10 - 12 - Coordinator Dina Taylor

This is another new lodge for PVS - this one Kirby's Austrian House, Deep Creek, Md., located at beautiful "Ridge at Paradise Point" with a spectacular panoramic view about 6 miles from the ski area. It has 5 bedrooms and a sleep sofa and is limited to 12 people. We will bring our own linen and food as at Timberlake.

The lodging cost per person for 2 nights will be \$30.00 plus food, lift tickets and transportation. We will share food costs/preparation and car pool where feasible.

For more information and to reserve a bed, call Gail Pease at work (924-5000) or Dina Taylor 301-363-0300. Ext. 550. A \$30 per person deposit is required.



The Knee

by

Ray McKinley

My goodknees, December is upon us and it's almost the holiday season. Once again, it's time to wish everyone a Merknee Christmas, Happy Chankneekah and, of course, a Happy New Year.

After months of going without, the club finally has a vice president. It's Sheldon Drews. He now presides over all club vice. Sounds like fun. Between being vice president and a member of ExCom how does Sheldon ever find time to breathe!

Shortly after being confirmed, Sheldon got to preside over his first meeting at the Marxes and he kept the total meeting time below five minutes. Shades of Marilyn Clark. Prior to that, at an ExCom meeting at the Wingroves, Sheldon continued his precedent of offering the motion to adjourn. Or should that now be continuing his vice precedent?

Speaking of the Marx meeting, it was truly a group effort. It seems that Bob (also known as B.M.) was to be out of town and Jan was extremely busy. Cancel the meeting? Never. Jan asked several local PVSers to contribute snacks (I'd put hors d'oeuvres but I can't spell it). Among others, Marilyn Clark and applicant Nancy Barrett provided goodies. Then, good ol' B.M. returned early from his trip and once again a splendid time was had by all.

Max Bunnell has departed. Now he's left the area. I wonder what will happen to his 8 miles of the Appalachian Trail and who will pick grapes at the Naked Lady Vineyard. We'll all miss our ex-president and his dry sense of humor. Max is retiring to his home town (who said you can't go home again?) in Pennsylvania.

Watch for a change in our regularly scheduled Get-Lost-Going-To-Shakeys February meeting. Because of Shakey reservations our meeting may be a month late.

Pity Dick Clark. His new VW was exactly three days old when he drove it up the rutted, rocky dirt road at the start of the Mason hike. His car's finish is now the pitty.

There was some comment on Dick's license plate, SKI RAC. We wondered if it stood for ski race or ski rack. Neither. It's for Richard A. Clark.

On the way to leave our cars, we saw a bow hunter. Don't know if he ever found his bow.

The hike was held on a gorgeous clear day. Towards the end, veep Sheldon Drews was able to point out to the Felkers their home in Skyline Towers some 50 miles away.

While some of us were finishing the 10 mile limit, the less foolhardy were engaged in conversation. I understand that Bob and Vivian Barry had a lengthy discussion with Jenckes Mason about fairys. No comment.

Also, no comment on Dot Mason's remark that she knew Jamie Miller long before Shafirsad.

Anykneeway, the hike was lovely... except for not being quite all downhill as promised.

I kneeglected to report last month that Dean Worcester was in Greece about the same time as the Wyckoff trippers. He, however, was with a group of boatists (shipknees?) who chartered a sailboat (Dean captained) and sailed through the Greek Isles. I wonder if he saw any Phonkneecians.

But you didn't know that both of the houses where we had Christmas parties were almost immediately vacated by their owners, Adele Waggaman and the Heitchues. Did you care?

Not to get political but the econoknee is obviously picking up. Club builder Mike Rysavy is currently working on four different houses in the Silver Spring area.

Speaking of houses, Adele Waggaman's exhouse was the Washington D.C. Designers Show Case house this fall. Consensus: it looked better before the designers took over.

The State Department tour arranged by the Grasleys was splendid except it was pouring on our arrival. Among those present was Bette Walker in the rain. After reaching far out for that pun I retire. (But only for a month.)

Following is Geoff' Wadey's extended and final listing of upcoming Blue Ridge Ski Council sponsored ski trips available to PVS members:

TWO-WEEK TRIPS

Austria			
01-13	Montafon Vy	PVS	301-589-5532
03-01	St Anton	CTN	301-269-1606
Europe			
01-28	---	SCW	684-7154
Switzerland			
01-28	Zermatt/Verb	PVS	292-244-2319
USA			
02-11	Salt Lake Co	PVS	391-299-2635

ONE-WEEK TRIPS

Canada			
12-26	Mt Tremblant	SCW	---
01-07	Gray Rocks	SCW	---
01-14	Gray Rocks	AHL	703-960-6655
01-22	Mt Sutton	GSC	301-344-6100
02-18	Banff	SCW	237-1074
03-03	Mt Tremblant	RSC	804-748-6260
Switzerland			
01-20	St Moritz	BAL	301-667-4239
USA			
12-10	Stowe (LTS)	SCW	---
12-10	Vail	RSC	804-359-5555
12-16	Sugarloaf ME	CTN	301-259-8110
12-24	S Lake Tahoe	SCW	379-2097
12-26	Salt Lake Co	RSC	804-747-7906
12-26	Vail Colo	SCW	681-7914
01-02	Pico Vt	RSC	804-741-2066
01-14	Steamboat	SCW	338-5091
01-14	Stratton Mt	SCW	---
01-21	Aspen	BAL	301-647-4901
01-21	Aspen	SCW	820-9720
01-21	Stowe	SCW	---
01-21	Taos NM	RSC	804-266-1986
01-22	Sugarloaf ME	AHL	301-352-1748
01-29	Killington	SCW	---
01-29	Stowe	RSC	804-794-6999
02-03	Lake Tahoe	AHL	703-569-5507
02-04	Heavenly Vy	BAL	301-484-7009
02-05	Killington	COL	301-871-6691
02-05	Killington	CTN	301-263-8495
02-11	Lake Tahoe	RSC	804-744-2911
02-11	Vail	SCW	671-6129
02-12	Smugglers N	GSC	301-344-8502
02-18	Salt Lake Co	WHS	---
02-18	Sun Valley	BAL	301-592-2019
02-24	Waterville Vy	GSC	301-853-3606
02-25	N Lake Tahoe	SCW	765-4841
03-03	Stowe	SCW	---
03-03	Telluride	SCW	363-4476
03-10	Steamboat	SCW	681-7014
03-10	Sun Valley	AHL	703-560-5507
03-11	Killington	GSC	301-344-7576
03-17	Breckenridge	WHS	---
03-17	Snowbird	SCW	892-1225
03-17	Vail Colo	COL	301-596-0019
03-24	Aspen	SCW	556-9650
03-31	Lake Tahoe	CTN	301-768-2412

SHORT TRIPS

Canada			
02-16	Mt Sutton	RSC	804-648-3352
02-16	Mt Sutton	RSC	804-648-3352
02-16	Mt Sutton	SCW	---
USA			
11-23	Stowe	SCW	684-7154
12-10	Snow Locat'n	AHL	---
12-11	Hunter Mt	COL	301-992-7140
12-15	Killington	SCW	---
12-22	Lake Placid	SCW	---
12-26	Jack Frost	WHS	---
12-27	Blue Knob	CTN	301-269-5724
12-28	Mt Snow	COL	301-463-1927
12-30	Hunter Mt	SCW	---
12-30	Snowshoe	RSC	804-740-0702
01-05	Sugarbush	SCW	---
01-06	Oregon Ridge	CTN	301-268-2494
01-06	Snowshoe	SCW	---
01-06	Wisp	WHS	---
01-12	Killington	SCW	---
01-12	Loon Mt	CTN	301-776-7063
01-12	Seven Sprs	WHS	---
01-12	Stowe	SCW	---
01-13	Wisp	RSC	804-526-0219
01-13	Wisp	SCW	---
01-14	Elk Mt	AHL	703-425-7743
01-14	Jack Frost	COL	301-730-7444
01-18	Camelback	SCW	---
01-19	Mt Snow	SCW	---
01-20	Elk Mt	SCW	---
01-20	Elk Mt	WHS	---
01-20	Greek Peak	CTN	301-969-8224
01-20	Seven Sprs	COL	301-992-0243
01-20	Snowshoe	RSC	804-285-0089
01-22	Seven Sprs	COL	301-997-1980
01-26	Jay Peak	SCW	---
01-26	Mt Snow	WHS	---
01-26	Stowe (LTS)	SCW	---
01-27	Elk Mt/Jk Fr	COL	301-927-1767
01-27	Greek Peak	SCW	---
01-27	Homestead	RSC	804-744-1601
01-27	Wisp	CTN	301-255-0203
01-29	Seven Sprs	RSC	804-740-2422
02-02	Cannon/Loon	SCW	---
02-03	Camelback	WHS	---
02-03	Canaan Vy	RSC	804-740-4126
02-03	Canaan Vy	SCW	---
02-03	Greek Peak	GSC	301-441-3644
02-03	SKI-O-REE	COL	301-596-0019
02-04	Canaan Vy	AHL	703-451-1336
02-05	Berkshire E	SCW	---
02-05	Greek Peak	WHS	---
02-10	Blue Knob	RSC	804-272-2299
02-10	Canaan Vy	SCW	---
02-10	Homestead	RSC	804-740-2054
02-16	Stratton Mt	SCW	---
02-17	Blue Knob	COL	301-730-5955
02-17	Greek Peak	SCW	---
02-18	Greek Peak	AHL	703-549-3743
02-23	Greek Peak	RSC	804-230-0924
02-23	Stowe	SCW	---
02-24	Hunter Mt	SCW	---
02-24	Snowshoe	WHS	---
03-01	Mt Placid	SCW	---
03-01	Stratton Mt	WHS	---
03-01	Sugarbush	CTN	301-798-6341
03-04	Snowshoe	RSC	804-272-4300
03-05	Lake Placid	COL	301-995-0121
03-06	Sugarbush	SCW	---
03-09	Snowshoe	COL	301-730-1099
03-09	Snowshoe	SCW	---
03-15	Killington	SCW	---
03-15	Stowe	CTN	301-747-3945
03-15	Stratton Mt	SCW	---
03-16	Snowshoe	RSC	804-526-4176
03-29	Stowe	SCW	---
03-30	Sugarbush	COL	301-796-2064

CLUB CODES

AFN	Air Force Headquarters Ski Club
AHL	Arlington Hall Ski Club
BAL	Baltimore Ski Club
COL	Columbia Ski Club
CTN	Craibtowne Ski Club
GSC	Goddard Ski Club
PVS	Potomac Valley Skiers
RSC	Richmond Ski Club
SCW	Ski Club of Washington DC
WHS	Westinhouse Ski Club

SHORT TRIPS ARE UNDER 5 DAYS.

LET'S BE SERIOUS

Last month, the Knee suggested we make "PVS, the Club with a Knee" our club slogan.

Toot Editor dissents. She feels that a club with so erudite a membership deserves a more dignified motto, preferable Latin, and offers the following:

UBI ESSURI SUMUS?

Translation:

(When are we going to eat?)

XMAS!!!XMAS!!!XMAS!!!

Perfect gifts for self and friends:

- 1. PVS Cookbook. \$6.95.
Call Bob Marx 451-9158.
- 2. PVS Sweatshirt. Pullover \$9.50;
Zipper \$13.00. Call Steve Grenleski 384-9013.

WANT TO SHARE A PIECE OF WISP?

The Peases remind you that they have rented a small cottage about 2 miles from the slopes at Wisp which they will be happy to rent to midweek skiers or share with weekend skiers. Call Gail at home(620-4573) or at work (924-5000).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 20 .. Xmas Gluwein Party at the Heitchues. 8:00 P.M.
- Dec. 27 .. ExCom at the Clarks. 7:30.
- Jan. 17 .. Monthly Meeting at the Garretts. 8:00 P.M.
- Jan. 24 .. ExCom at the Peases. 7:30.

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