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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### *Skiing Anyone?*

Did you know that PVS offers a service that can help any member who decides to go skiing and would like one or more other skiers to join in the fun.

It's the PVS answering service in the persons of Jan and Bob Marx (451-9158.)

How it works is you give a call to the Marx home and tell them when and where you are planning to ski. They will tell you who may be interested in joining you.

Of course, this service only works if people call. So far it has been much underused. So give a call and have fun skiing with other PVS'ers.

*Marilyn J. Clark*

Marilyn J. Clark, President

### FEBRUARY MEETING



PROSIT! ! Do we have a meeting for you this month ---- at the home of Reg and Jean Heitchue. PVS is going to be the guests of Fürstenberg Beer for an evening of sampling their fine product (brewed since 1283 - that date is not a typo), viewing a short film on the heritage and tradition behind this "Beer of the German Nobles," and seeing a presentation on Colorado Ski Country USA. We need YOU to make this a great meeting.

When: Tuesday, February 17th. 8:00 p.m.

Where: Reg and Jean Heitchue ----2050 Eakins Ct. Reston, VA. Tele; 860-9190

Directions: Take Beltway to Tysons Corner. FROM THE SOUTH, take exit 10 West onto Rte. 7 toward Reston. FROM THE NORTH, use exit 11 onto Rte. 123; at Rte. 7 (Leesburg Pike) follow signs to Wolftrap and Reston West. Turn left at Rte 606 intersection (Baron Cameron) after the large Reston sign on the right side of the road. Go left at first light (Wiehle Ave.). Go about 2 miles to end passing through 3 lights and over a bridge. Right onto Sunrise Valley Dr. Go left at traffic light onto Soapstone Dr. Second left onto Purple Beech. First right into Eakins Ct. and 2050 is grey house on right corner.

GUEST SPOTS

Let it never be said that this month's editors are knock-knee'd -- but this month's great edition of that zany column has been done by guest writer, FVS's raconteur and man-about-town, Mort Kuff. A special thanks for a job well done! (Something was kneeded, kneedless to say -- eh! Ray?)

And if you have any complaints about the contents or typing in this issue don't blame our regular Super Editor Lu Beale who is probable gracefully swishing down some Alp while the TOOT printing/distribution staff bites off more than it can chew.

Hurry back Lu!  
TOOT kneeds you!

CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Please fix your club roster to show the following changes and additions:

1. Fix Thelma Belloli's home phone number - 966-3383.
2. Fix the apartment number for Aase Berling- # 518 -- and note her new office phone number -- 272-3113.
3. Fix Marilyn Clark's office phone number - 823-9550.
4. Fix Pat Cope's office phone number -- 675-7056 or 675-7060.
5. Fix the spelling for Adele Waggaman and correct her phone number - 986-6285.

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ADVANCE NOTICES

The items noted in this section are for YOU to mark on your calendar!

**MARCH MEETING:** This meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17 at the home of Bob and Vivian Barry (directions in next month's TOOT) and will feature a presentation on cross country skiing by FVS'ers Harold and Helen Wiese. They plan a film on "Cross Contry Skiing at Lone Mountain Ranch" set in Big Sky Montana. This should open up new horizons for FVS.

**APRIL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting for FVS will be on Tuesday, April 21 at the home of Ray and Malle McKinley (Directions in April TOOT). The major event will be the annual election (see notice below).

-----A--LOOK--AT--THE--CANDIDATES-----

Election time is drawing near for FVS. The Annual Meeting will be April 21 at the McKinley's home in McLean. Plan now to come.

Nominating Committee Report:

In Accordance with the FVS Bylaws, President Clark selected a nominating committee chaired by Ray McKinley. The members were Max Bunnell, Reg Heitchue, Jan Marx, Dot Mason, and Helen Price. The entire committee was present at the chairman's home on January 13. They present the following slate of candidates for the offices listed:

President: Robert Marx  
Executive Committee: Dot Mason  
Charlotte Reith  
Robert Barry

Additional nominations may be made by the signature of any five active members and presented at the March meeting.

Respectively Submitted,  
Ray McKinley  
Chairman

GUEST-KNEE

Mort Kuff

During his welcome absence, the regular (nothing of the sort) writer of this column, Ray McKinley, foolishly asked me to fill in for him.

Kneedless to say, I've been waiting for just such an opportunity. Ray has so saturated us with his knee-deep infatuation with this ugly joint that we hardly kneed reminding of the subject.

However, since I did submit to his kneeding and accepted the chore, I ask your indulgence. I kneedit!

Now, I like Ray. I truly do. He has given much to the PVS Club. As past-President he has demonstrated remarkable grace while suffering thru the protracted 4-minute meetings of our more shapely President Marilyn Clark.

But, having given the Drivel his due, I feel free-at-last to voice my inner feelings about Ray's humor.

"It is Knee-anderthal".

Let's face it, the guy's jokes are older than Milton Berle. Who kneeds it? After all, the knee is no joke. It only bends one way...unless you are an unlucky skier (like most of us).

And once injured, the knee takes forever to heal. What do you expect from the joint or region of the human leg that is the articulation for the tibia, fibula, and patella?

Oh, there are other knees. There is the root of all knee-evil, the Cypress knee. There is of course the action of an auto's front-wheel suspension that is known as knee-action.

Then, there is the knee-hole desk, the knee-cap, also called the "kneepan". And to cover all this, knee-britches.

Not knee-deep enough or knee-high, you say? You ask how much more of this knee-jerkiness will we be subjected to? Come over to my knee-pad and I'll tell you.

This is knee-column to end all knee-columns.

It'll knock your kneekers off. Ray didn't reckon on dealing with old Mort, known in some circles as Father Kneekerbocker.

We might even start a whole series of Kneek-kneek jokes. Should go well around the old Kneets of Columbus Hall.

I'm so hungry that I could eat a Kneesh

When I'm finished, they'll be able to carry Ray away in a kneepsack. I don't mean to knock-knee jokes, but there must be a limit. We deserve better.

I look forward to the time when we can all hob-kneeb with a better class of humor in these columns. As badly as Ray must knead the dough, he can't keep up this kind of kneepolution.

After my potato kneesh I think I'll have some Kneepolitan ice cream.

I sometimes feel that Ray should have been called Kneel McKinley. And he should work for the NEA. And, he ought to live in N.E. And, he should decorate his home with "Ne" (kneon)

I realize that I'm just a kneephite at this kind of stuff. But, I'm kneerly going mad from it, already. It is causing my shoes to hurt. Maybe I can rub them with some kneetsfoot oil.

This knee-bulous humor is making me kneer-sighted and I kneering my end. I bow to you, Ray. You've won. (while I'm bowing, I face the Kneer East)

Please come back home, Ray. We don't actually kneed you, but underkneeth it all, we love you.

I'm MORTified. (kneecrotic)



JANUARY MEETING: January 20, 1981

The January meeting of PVS was held at Aase Berling's spacious place at The Grosvenor on Wisconsin Avenue.

Among those who signed-in: John Johnson, Steve Grenleski, Aase Berling, Ginny Larson, Gail Gell, Larry Pease, Jim Wingrove & Barbara, Charles McGrath, Bob & Vivian Barry, Angela & Mort Kuff. Seems to me that we counted at least 16 people in attendance. Guess that some of them failed to sign-in. Poor bookkeeping, that's what it is.

Aase set a lovely spread of goodies plus all the drinkables that have become the benchmark of your basic PVS meeting. Thanks, Aase.

We knew that this would be a different kind of meeting when our resident film-provider-projectionist, KEITH LYON showed up as usual, well-hung with his projecting equipment and film... (that doesn't sound right, somehow) but announcing that President CLARK was ill and would not be there.

In her stead, KEITH presided at the doins. Conducting a somewhat more protracted meeting than MARILYN customarily does, he nevertheless kept things moving with several announcements.

- . The WISP trip by the Heitchues has some space left.
- . The FEB meeting will be held at the Heitchue's in Reston, VA (some folks are still looking for their last house)
- . The nominating committee has met and has a slate of officers; we'll be informed thru the normal channel (TOOT).
- . Barbara & Jim Wingrove happily announced that they have some 38 skiers signed-up for BROMLEY..the snow is good..some rooms still available. This ought to be a great trip.
- . Gail Gell reported on the last WISP trip..plenty snow, big moguls on "The Face", very cold up thar, but not crowded.
- . On the European trip - lack of snow makes the outlook bleak, reports Larry Pease.
- . Keith reiterated the many values of Trip-Cancellation Insurance

After additional imbibing and noshing (ethnic term for ingesting of munchies) by all, Keith showed his film offering for the evening. "To Ride the ICE" is a flick with Sam Posey, race-car driver and Paul Lamey, bobsled champion..about what else? ...bobsledding! Thanks once more to Keith Lyon. He takes a lot of kidding about some of these films but let's remember, Keith doesn't produce these films. But, he sure manages to come up with different ones of related interest to skiing for our meetings.

As an extra-added attraction, Dave Christmas (that's not his real name of course. His real name is Chanukah) from the SKI CENTER on Mass Ave. brought along some boots and skis. This very knowledgeable, easy-going guy was easy to listen to and gave us quite an insight into design and manufacture of equipment using the state-of-the-art technology.

Dave told us that in general, boots are getting softer and taller. He showed us some Nordica Polaris boots that appeared very tall. They're for "intermediates" who have \$240 to spend on their ankles.

Also, a Saloman buckle-closure model with an innovative design to the inside to eliminate some of the traditional "fit" problems. There is

a lever on the rear of the boot that tightens a cable across the instep and assures a snugger fit around the heel...the claim is that this arrangement distributes the pressure better, internally. Sounds good. All for only \$235 the pair. Ever-helpful Mort Kuff pointed out that this works out to roughly \$23.50 per toe. Ray McKinley being absent, it fell to Mort to make the corny remarks.

Another innovative boot this year is a Caber Bio-system boot with a cam under the fore part of the foot. Touted to have an advantage. \$225 pair.

Dave showed us his Lange XLR. Sells for \$260. not including the custom surgery performed by Dave. He has cut down the outside of his boots to provide relief for his ankles when he leans into a turn. Says that it really works for him. He cautioned that when buying boots, as with any ski equipment, that we buy what suits us. As each one of us has a different build, ski-style, ability, etc., we must buy what seems right for us. He got that point across several times. Makes sense.

Our visiting expert also informed us that ski themselves, are getting softer in today's world. He gave two examples: a new, softer Rossignol STS that is supposed to ski faster, with more control (\$230.) We've all heard that before, but this new ski actually flexes to a degree that appeared to surprise Larry Pease.

The most unusual item shown was the other ski that Dave brought with him. A new Hexcel with metal honeycomb core and the unique "swallow tail". Advertised to hold much better in the turns. Only \$260. the pair but not recommended for skiing backwards. Tough on the Ski Patrol.

Our thanks to SKI CENTER for providing the equipment and expert. Once again PVS demonstrated its corporate talent for putting on interesting and informative meetings. These regularly scheduled get-togethers are basic to your enjoyment of our club. Make the effort to attend every single meeting. You'll benefit as will the other members.

The only legitimate reason for missing a PVS meeting is, "I wuz skiing".

See you at the FEBRUARY meeting at the Heitchue's.

Mort Kuff

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1. WANTED -- YOU 2.

Ex-Com is looking for a volunteer to undertake a research project. The project ----- compile a list, by year, of past officers in PVS. The sources --- President Clark has a file of back issues of TOOT. The reasons--- as a fitting tribute to 15 years of PVS history, Ex-Com thinks that such a list will be of interest to many members, old and new. Furthermore, it should prove to be a valuable reference to future nominating committees. Any scholars out there please call Marilyn (978-9435) or Bob Marx (451-9158).

The club is looking for a trip leader who wants to put together a summer beach weekend. Where - your choice if you lead. When - also your choice. It has been several years since PVS went to the ocean - volunteers please call Marilyn or program chairman Ray --rah! -- McKinley (351-5536).

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WISP I -- JANUARY 9 - 11, 1981

Colorado snow in the East !! Fresh snow at night - perfect ski conditions during the day. That was the situation at WISP this year for PVS's first weekend trip. Jim Slack and Mary Ward had driven up Friday morning to enjoy a day of skiing without lift lines and to open up Timberlake for the rest of the group.

Saturday morning Larry Pease was off early to sign on for Ski Patrol while the rest of the gang had breakfast prepared by Herb and Rich Neumann and Steve Grenleski.

All the trails were open as was the 2nd chair lift to give the full variety of trails available. Angela and Gail Gell kept Road-runner and Possum trails open while Greg Gell worked on Squirrel Cage and the Face.

Late that evening, Sharon Egan was sharing all the latest gossip she heard through the bedroom wall from Norb Kulpa, Steve Gorey and Kevin Laurent. Some of what she heard was not repeatable! Most of the evening was spent around the fireplace swapping ski stories and trying to drink up all the wine.

Next morning Jim and Mary did a great job on breakfast while Sharon and Matt Egan told us how short the sheets had been on their bed when they retired for the night. No comments from the fellows, although Kevin had trouble remembering it was a ski vacation -- he had his shorts on all morning.

The majority of the group met and skied together on Squirrel Cage. Larry makes a great ski instructor --

Bend zee knees,  
Watch zee trees,  
Please don't follow me!

Gail Gell

MASSANUTTEN - JANUARY 7, 1981

"Use-or-lose"ers Ray McKinley and Adele Waggaman (note corrected spelling, Adele) had a delightful day of skiing at Massanutten today. This trip resulted from the small talk following the January Ex-Com meeting and was known to the PVS Answering Service (see President's Message). The biggest surprise of the trip was to Adele - because she thought they were going to Roundtop! ! !

SKI LIBERTY- JANUARY 9, 1981

"Use-or-lose"er Bob Marx, Jan Marx, Dot and Jencks Mason, Lu Beale and Adele Waggaman (note corrected spelling two times in a row) met at Adele's house in Chevy Chase and carpooled to Ski Liberty for a fun day of skiing. Jan reported that the snow was much better and the lines were much shorter than the previous Friday when she and sons, Brian and Eric, were there last. This trip was also on the Answering Service list; see, that's two you have already missed.

SNOWSHOE - JANUARY 16 - 18, 1981

While only 4 PVS'ers comprised the Frucht's half of the bus load that took off for Snowshoe from the Hollin Hills parking lot on Friday, Jan 16 at 6:20 p.m. The rest of you missed a great weekend! The snow was near perfect...the hard crunch of mostly natural snow felt great under our skies swishing down the many and varied trails! The lift lines moved quickly...we never had to wait more than 7 or 8 minutes. With a 1500 vertical, you really feel the sensation of "mountain skiing!" Our comfortable rooms at Spruce Lodge, situated in the middle of all the action, let several of our gung-ho early birds ski off into virgin powder Saturday morning. The excellent French onion soup and Great Funkyburgers at "Good Time Bobby's" made lunch memorable. There are two restaurants where the food is good and the decor delightful...the huge cafeteria.. also chummy for brown baggers...moves mountains of people quickly.

East of the Rockies, it's only SNOWSHOE for the Fruchts!! We'll try it again in '82! (If you want any input on the dates for '82 call me now -- for Snowshoe attracts skiers from everywhere and you have to be willing to "put your money where your mouth is" early !)

Shirley Frucht

EUROPE AND VERMONT

Hope all the PVS'ers on these two trips are having a fan-ta-ski-tic time.

WISP AND CANAAN VALLEY - JANUARY 17-20, 1981

How do you avoid those Inagural crowds?? Easy, just leave town and head for the slopes. That's what the Marx family did to take advantage of work and school holidays. (For you non-Virginians, Monday the 19th was Robert E. Lee-Andrew Jackson-Martin Luther King Day.)

WISP was WISP - fun and cold. Bob and son Eric spent Saturday afternoon on the cross country trails at Herrington Manor State Park a few miles south of WISP and had a great uncrowded day. (See notice of the upcoming March meeting if you want to know more about cross country and join other PVS X-C skiers including Lu Beale, Adele Waggaman, Thelma Belloli, and Harold and Helen Wiese.)

For those of you not familiar with Canaan Valley, it is a West Virginia State Park Ski Area that has about 50% more vertical drop than WISP and a price that is really right -- Adults \$8 and Kids \$6 on weekdays; and only \$11 and \$8 on weekends -- thake that Massanutten and Bryce!!! There is also a

State Resort Park lodge with 250 rooms, a bar, dining room, game room, etc. and it's only \$35/night for a family of four! Skiing terrain was good and varied but some runs were closed due to lack of snow; snowmaking only on the main and bunny slopes. This was another "Answering Service Available" trip. A possible weekend problem is that only one double chair services the main slopes. The area is about a 4 hour drive from the Springfield area.

UPCOMING TRIPS FOR YOU

- Feb. 6-8 -- WISP II - Heitchues leading
- Feb. 28- Mar. 14 -- Sun Valley/Jackson Hole Engleman & Geiger Leading
- Mar. 14-21 -- Ski Sutton - Marxes leading
- Jan. '82 -- Spain/N. Africa - Grasleys

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- First Term
- Jean Heitchue
- Jim Slack
- Adele Waggaman

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