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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Year

It's the beginning of a new year for PVS officers. I welcome Jean Heichue, Adele Waggaman and Jim Slack to ExCom and our very own Knee, Ray McKinley, as Social Chairman.

Many thanks to outgoing ExCom members Gail Gell, Mary Ward and Geoff' Wadey.

I'm looking forward to another year as president of PVS. With such a great group of people - (all of you!) - this has to be one of the nicest jobs around.

Marilyn J. Clark

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MAY EVENT: Eleventh International Dinner

Date: Saturday May 31st. 6:30 p.m.

Place: Pat and Don Cope's home in Alexandria, Va.
117 West Monroe Ave. Tel: 836-5436

Coordinator: Marilyn Clark (978-9435 - after 4 p.m., please!) Unfortunately, the reservation list for this gourmet affair is already filled. Call Marilyn if you'd like to be wait-listed.

Directions for the lucky ones: (Please do not park in the Cope's circular drive - use it for drop-off only.)



Take the George Washington Parkway past the sailing marina to the first right turn which is marked Slaters Lane, to the parallel service road. At the first signal, make a right turn onto Slaters Lane. Follow Slaters Lane through a angled left past the warehouses and make the first right turn. Go over the railroad bridge and turn left onto Monroe Ave. (The Monroe Ave bridge is Rt. 1). Go through 2 signals and the Cope home is the big, white house on the right before the 3rd signal.

MAY EVENT: OLD RAG CLIMB

Date: Saturday May 10th. Rain date: May 11th.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Lu Beale (363-3521) Please call so she can coordinate car pooling.

See full description in April TOOT.

Directions: Meet at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13 on Rte 193 East (Georgetown Pike). The school is on the right of #193 on Ball's Hill Road. (Please note that in April TOOT this was mistakenly called Battle Hill!)

JUNE EVENT: THE PLAY'S THE THING ON JUNE 6TH!

Norm Engleman will be appearing in The Montgomery Players' production of the comedy HARVEY. Norm will play the part of Doctor Chumley, the chief psychiatrist.

A PVS group is planning to attend on opening night Friday June 6, 1980. Cost is \$4.75 (perhaps somewhat less if a large group attends).

If you would like to attend please phone Program Chairman Ray McKinley 790-8812.

JUNE EVENT PICNIC AND SWIM AT HADLER'S COTTAGE

Date: Saturday, June 14th. Raindate: June 15th.

Time: 10:00 a.m. 'til dark. Supper served about 5:00 p.m.

Place: Jacques Hadler's cottage on Kent Island.

Coordinator: Gail Gell, 620-4573 (H) or 924-5000 (O). Limited to 40 people so call Gail now.

Bring: Salad or dessert. (Check with Gail.) Bring your own picnic if you come at 10:00. Also, bring swimming gear and extra folding chairs if you have them.

Soft drinks, beer, wine, hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings will be provided. The cost is \$2.50 per person to cover drinks and food.

How To Get There: Go east from Annapolis on Rt. 50 over the Bay Bridge. At the first traffic light after the bridge, turn south on Rt. 8 on Kent Island. The Matapeake Public Recreation Ground entrance is 3 miles south of Rt. 50 (a public boat landing if you wish to launch your own boat). At the Kentmorr Airpark entrance, 5 miles south of Rt. 50, turn right-back toward the bay. Take that road to Hadler's cottage. It's the only road - you can't go wrong. It's the blue (4th) cottage after the 90 left turn.

JULY EVENT STEAK AND SWIM AT THE ELRODS

July 19th will bring the annual PVS "Steak and Swim at Malda and Roy Elrods."

Also, this will be our first chance to see their new house and pool.

The day will consist of beer, wine, and swimming, followed by a delicious poolside dinner of prime ribeye steaks, baked potatoes, salad, and dessert. Cost will be based on expenses and likely will be somewhat more than last year's \$5.75.

It's not too early to sign up!

Phone coordinators Malle and Ray MaKinley 790-8812.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

- May 10 8 a.m. Old Rag Climb. Call Lu Beale 363 3521
- May 27 8 p.m. ExCom meeting at home of Mary Ward and Jim Slack.
- May 31 6:30 p.m. International Dinner at the Copes.
Coordinator: Marilyn Clark 978-9435.
- June 6 Opening night of Harvey featuring Norm Engleman with Montgomery Players. Call Ray McKinley 790-8812
- June 14 Picnic-Swim at the Hadler's. Coordinator: Gail Gell 620-4573
- June 24 ExCom meeting at the McKinley's.
- July 19 Steak and Swim at the Elrods. Coordinator: Ray McKinley 790-8812.
- July 22 ExCom meeting at the Wingroves
- Aug. ? Swim party at the Wingroves.
- Sept 20 Hike to Signal Knob in the Massanutts with dinner afterwards at the Masons.

EXCOM NOTES by Alice Swalm

Fourteen PVSers attended the April ExCom meeting at the Wyckoff's where an abundance of non-ski events was planned for the summer doldrums and plans for a winter dance were hatched.

(Special to Kirk Burns: ExCom can think of no one so highly qualified as you to serve as chairman of a dance committee. We'll polish up our steps if you'll polish up the arrangements!)

Other items of business:

Eloise Newdorp appointed to represent PVS at May ESA conference; President Clark reported on recent BRSC meeting which she attended in Annapolis; Gail Gell reported there are now 132 PVS members; Ray McKinley reported 20 liters of wine were consumed at the annual meeting.

Appointments: Geoff' Wadey to replace Bob Wyckoff as BRSC rep; Ray McKinley to replace Jim Slack as Program Chairman.

PAST EVENTS

SIXTEEN BILLY GOATS

by Lu Beale

Fifteen PVSers and two guests leaped, climbed and lurched after leader Jacques Hadler who, on April 12th, once again led a group over the nefarious Billy Goat Trail overlooking the Potomac River where the only billy goats ever seen are the 2-legged kind. (The 4-legged kind wouldn't dare!)

Though the way was often arduous it was a wonderfully relaxed day - a good workout with good comrades. The forecast rain was a no-show and hikers were out in force - we even passed 36 SCWDCers going in the opposite direction! The river was high, often inundating the trail and forcing us to bushwack around the overflowing inlets. It added to the adventure.

Strung out (on the trail, that is) though the PVSers often were, we managed to keep contact with Jacques who explained some of the geological formations and 14-year old Cam Clark who accurately identified the many wild flowers along the way. Marx pater and mater were led by Brian (6) and Eric (9) who covered twice the distance as they skittered back and forth, up and down the rocky way.

Near trail's end we stopped for lunch in a lovely spot overlooking the river where we were entertained by rock climbers on the opposite shore and kayakers shooting the rapids below.

(Malle McKinley had an apple for lunch and now you know the secret to her perfect figure.)

When we returned to our cars we adjourned to the Old Angler's Inn for well deserved refreshments. Thanks, Jacques, for another good hike. Hope it will be an annual event!

RAISING THE ROOF AT THE MCKINLEY'S by Dorothy Mason

The annual meeting at the McKinley's on April 15th was attended by over 50 PVSers and guests. We greeted friends, old and new, sipped wine, munched cheese, and inspected the new "raised roof" upstairs bedroom, complete with fireplace and lounging area. Beyond the fireplace was a balcony from which we had a magnificent view of people milling below. Wonderful idea! If guests stay too long, the McKinleys can retire and peek over the balcony every so often just to check on things.

Marilyn Clark, however, reminded us that annual meetings were for business and shooed us downstairs while she took over at the balcony like some Greek goddess. Business was conducted with dispatch.

We reelected Clark president; endorsed the slate of three new ExCom board members: Jean Heichue, Jim Slack and Adele Waggaman; and voted to membership Dorothy Mills, Helen and Harold Wiese.

Larry Pease made an appeal for all to contact their congressmen regarding a Federal Charter for the NSP. His rallying cry: Help NSP if you want it to help you.

After business was concluded, the entertainment began with a movie on hypothermia. We were relieved that none of the hikers died. It was nip and tuck for a while. The evening ended appropriately with a great slide show on this year's trip to the French Alps by ace photographer Art Topping.

THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley



The Knee has never made a mistake - er- mistake.

However, occasionally

there are items which, for all intents and purposes, appear to be mistakes. Last month was just one of those months. Seems that PVS may not have sent the most people to Europe in 1980 as Knee reported. SCWDC (which, as far as I have been able to figure out, stands for Some Club in Wilmington, Delaware, C - never did understand that last C) sent some 60 over in January. I didn't count that because only 50 came back. The remainder defected to Luxembourg.

The info on the SCWDC trip came in a very nice letter (it was an "N") from Nancy Anderson who apparently is paid to write such letters. Anyway, I am deeply in love with Nancy who, just incidentally, thinks the Knee is "clever and witty."

Last month's Knee was long (more on this below) but I still didn't get everything in. So here's a bit of more-than-month-old news: a postcard from ex-TOOT editors Dick and Julie King describes the neat places they go on weekends. They discuss Vail, Aspen and Copner like we talk of Roundtop and Liberty. I think there's something basically immoral about a skier living in Denver.

Special to the Stechers: you thought I was wrong about not hearing from you in a while. Did you notice that in two separate writeups your names were spelled wrong? Remember what I say: "Out of sight, out of sight."

Now if we could hear from Pete and Eleanor Peterson or Aase Berling or

If I start writing some really hard-hitting stories, I think I'll call them "Knee Socks." Kneat.

I even forgot some notes from the Utah trip. First I left out the "Tea Bag Story." Having heard it, I have no idea why the "Tea Bag Story" is funny. But, for those of you who thought it was, at least I mentioned it. So there.

One night, while at dinner in Park City, trip leader Norm Engleman unbuttoned his shirt and revealed a PVS Tee Shirt. Within half a second, with a quick "Gotchya!" Malle McKinley pulled up her fisherman knit sweater revealing her PVS Tee Shirt. Charlotte Reith pointed out that Malle's tee shirt looked better because it had moguls under the skiers.

Last month's column was my longest ever and it took an extensive amount of time to write. I also took more pleasure in that column than most. There is a simple reason. Your ace-bandaged, crusading Knee was fighting one of the wurst crimes against (German) writers. That's right! I mean CENSORSHIP. It seems that with malice and forethought (with inflation, it's now probably five-thought) our editor was removing any mention of herself in this column.

Two months ago, I wrote a paragraph to this effect and the entire paragraph was removed! Well, you may remember that last month's column started out by saying the Knee had a hidden message. Seems that if you read down the first letters of each paragraph it spells out - in caps, no less - "LU BEALE GOTCHYA!" (Special thanks to Jan Marx who penciled in the word "The" on the proofs; otherwise it would have read GOLCHYA.)

And now it's time for my first ever Knee Sock: I don't know if you have thought about it, but skiing is a terrible energy-wasting sport. We spend beaucoup (that means more than seven gallons) gasoline each year driving to ski areas. And it takes even more energy to make snow.

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THE KNEE (Continued)

In this era of conservation, I believe we must all make sacrifices. Even when it involves a favorite sport. Thus, I pledge to give up skiing beginning May 1, 1980, for a period of six full months.

Knee inside note: I figured out who sent me the anonymous note about Penny Wiederhold and her reversed ski boots. It was Jan Marx. I used Kneefarious means - (eat your heart out, Bob Grasley) - the oldest trick in the book. I figured it was someone on the Canadian trip so I called a few people and said "I know you wrote that note." When I got to Jan, she replied, "How did you figure it out?" Voila! (TOOT editor also figured it out by noting similar, unusual type font in the Sutton trip writeup.)

I am being whelmed by entries to my contests. (These got started, by the way, because in last month's column I needed a paragraph that began with the letter "U".) I left Charlotte Reith off the list of 25-day skiers. But Jim Wingrove eclipsed that with 30 days, mostly as a local ski patroller.

Latest skiers, to date, are Jim Slack and Mary Ward who called in the middle of the April PVS meeting from Squaw Valley, Calif. They skied through April 19.

And I have a sure tie for first place in my Ski Bunny Contest for fewest days skied. Roy and Malda Elrod, who skied 6 weeks in the winter of '78-'79, skied 0 days (that's a big ZERO) this past winter. They have excuses - a new house and swimming pool - but none are acceptable. Can anyone best or tie that?

ADDRESS CHANGE
Michael and Trudy Santoro
1537 Kimbell Ct.
Falls Church, Va. 22041
Tel: 820-6835

ANY NO-CAL?

PVS cooks and gourmets are invited to share and immortalize favorite recipes by inclusion in PVS's First Edition Cookbook.

Bette Walker, chairperson of the cookbook committee, says, "Send as many entries in as many categories as you wish. All are welcome and definitely need not have been previously offered at PVS Events.

Please type or hand print all recipes (to avoid transmission errors) and send to:

Bette Walker
468 M St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

C'mon now! Share the wealth!



WELL DONE! by Larry Pease

During the season recently finished, PVSer Jim Wingrove successfully completed all requirements to qualify as a Senior Ski Patroller.

He demonstrated his proficiency in First Aid, skiing, toboggan handling and leadership before a team of critical examiners.

Jim joins a select group of eminently qualified patrollers who provide their excellent service to all skiers.

PVS takes pride in congratulating Jim for his notable accomplishment.

EACH VOICE COUNTS

At the annual meeting, 38 PVSers signed a petition urging the House Judiciary Committee to approve a federal charter for the NSPS.

Let's back this up with personal letters or calls to our own representatives urging support of H.R. 2279, "National Ski Patrol System Recognition Act of 1979."

PVS PROFILE: NORM ENGELMAN

by Mort Kuff

When Lu Beale asked me if I would do a profile of Norm Engelman, I immediately said, "Sure".

However, when face-to-face with the blank page in my typewriter, I quickly came to the conclusion that this was quite a challenge.

Where does one begin to describe a man with such an unusual character and with so many diverse activities?

Usually, when a word puzzles me or I want to know more about it, I look to my old friend, Webster. Here is what Webster says:

norm (nôrm) n. 1. A standard model, or a pattern regarded as typical for a specific group. A mode, an average.

I ask you fellow PVS'ers, does that describe our Norm? Of course not. Our Norm is anything but average. Webster you fink, you let me down this time.

Next, I thought..."Well, we'll just have to start at the beginning". Ha! Just try it. Engelman is nearly four years older than Methuselah. Records don't go back that far.

The best that I could do was locate a faded document from New York, dated November 20, 1918 and made out to Baby Boy Engelman. If that isn't our Norm, it'll have to do. It is close enough for me. You won't believe this but Norm hasn't changed a bit since that time. The certificate states that he was 5'-11" and weighed 195 lbs then, just as he does today.

Further research thru musty records in Philadelphia indicates that our boy did matriculate thru the lower, middle and upper echelons of the education process until he was drummed out of Temple University. (Incidentally, it was only the first of several temples from which he has been given the old heave-ho) But, back to our story.....

While picking up on the academics, Norm found his way into the dramatics. He played major roles throughout high school and college. At Temple, he was voted into Theta Alpha Phi (National honorary drama society).

As a member of the Berkley Players (Phila.) Norm performed in many major roles and directed numerous plays, including, Little Foxes, Three Men on a Horse, Primrose Path and a dozen others.

In addition to acting and directing for the U.S.O. American Theatre Wing, Goshen Players, the GWU Community Theatre, Arena Stage, K-G Players and the American Light Opera Co., Norm has had major acting roles in some twenty-one plays staged by The Montgomery Players.

Off to a notably shakey start for the first 75 or 80 years of his life, Norm finally made a "right" move. He married Mary. Immediately, his fortunes began to ascend.

We are not certain of the order of the events, but soon thereafter, these things transpired...

Norm quit his job (he uses the word, "retired"). Legend has it that he was a Computer Systems Bungler for the Dept. of the Air Force. There is some speculation on this "truth".

Then, after assuring that Mary would continue to slave away at her job, he took up tennis and skiing. Then, to keep some degree of peace in the home, he insisted that the two of them visit every corner of the globe, periodically. Joining Club Americana travel group, Norm soon directed tours to Kenya, China, Mexico, Italy, S.A. and the immediate world.

Sandwiched in between the globe-trotting, daily tennis sessions, reading everything on every best-seller list, not to mention skiing at least ten weeks every year...Norm makes time to tend the beautifully landscaped land

surrounding their home in Potomac. The guy has a green thumb.

But, his favorite time of the year is when that snow is falling.

NORM ENGELMAN IS A SKIER.

Norm Engelman is a skiing enthusiast; practically a skiing evangelist. A pied-piper of skiers, he hypnotizes old people into taking awful risks with life and limb.

He is a Svengali of the slopes. He is the first one on the lifts, the last one off the mountain. He doesn't simply ski a hill, he climbs to the top of a mountain and then attacks it...much as Genghis Khan must have charged ahead of the Mongol hordes. Norm is the world's oldest teen-ager.

He's magnificent. He is a skier's skier.

Just for the record, here are his favorite ski areas: 1) Sun Valley, Idaho 2) Auron-Isola, FR 3) Vail 4) Aspen 5) Zurs

NORM and MARY are super-special hosts. They have the setting at their home and they have the style that makes such events as the PVS Wine & Cheese Party, most memorable affairs.

As we PVS'ers know, our Club is comprised of individuals, some of whom are genuine "characters".

One member of PVS is a dozen genuine characters, all rolled into one.

He's our friend, NORM ENGELMAN.

