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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

At the January Ski Trip Leaders meeting, three trips for the 1990-91 season were proposed.

In early December, a western "Find the Snow" trip; in February/ March a Vail/Steamboat trip and a European trip to Courchevel and Meribel. Exact dates still uncertain.

We are still hoping to schedule additional trips and welcome any proposals you may offer.

Anyone interested please contact me.

*Dick* Dick Comerford, President

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## MONTHLY MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, February 20, 1990  
8:00 P.M.

Where: Jack People's home  
8907 Edgewood Dr.  
Gaithersburg, Md.

Besides the usual business meeting, there will be special fun and frolicking 'cause we're meeting at Big Daddy's house for the first time!



DIRECTIONS: Take Beltway to I-270 North towards Frederick.

About 2 miles past Montrose Road Exit, look on right hand side for sign to Exit 8 Shady Grove, Md., Gaithersburg. Take this exit and go approximately 1.9 miles - bear to right then bear left and then right onto Shady Grove Rd. (Do not take Redland Rd.)

Go to fourth traffic light, Shady Grove Road and Route 355. Turn left. Go .2 miles to next light and turn left onto South Westland Dr.; cross Alden Avenue, turn right into school parking lot. Jack's house is across the street - 8907 Edgewood Drive.

If lost call 840-2213.

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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY MARCH 24th GOURMET WINE TASTING AT THE COPEs

Limited attendance. Call Don Cope to reserve your space. Telephone: 836-5436.

Reserve Now. Directions later.

PVS 25th ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN by Mary Jane McCarthy  
Chairperson, Anniversary Committee

Mark your calendars for 6 P.M., Saturday, November 3, 1990 --- a night to remember, celebrating the club's founding 25 years ago --- Dinner, etcetera at Fort McNair's Officers' Club.

The committee is working like beavers behind the scenes but we need YOU for more ideas and input. Don't be bashful, all you clowns out there!

Anyone interested in choral participation, please call Marilyn Clark (978-9435).

Those who can lend old or new ski scene slides, contact Jan Marx (451-9158).

If you can afford to donate a half or a whole of your wit, please call Mary Jane McCarthy (949-3703).

CALENDAR

- Feb. 20 ... Monthly Meeting at Jack People's. 8:00 P.M.
- Feb. 27 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's. 7:30 P.M. (Check with Lu.)
- Mar. 20 ... Monthly Meeting at Helen McMahon's. (Note. change of venue)
- Mar. 24 ... Winetasting at the Copes. (See above)
- Mar. 27 ... ExCom Meeting at Barbara Leonhardt's. 7:30 P.M.
- Apr. 17 ... Annual Meeting at the Marquardts. 8:00 P.M.
- Apr. 21 ... Annual Billy Goat Trail Hike
- Apr. 24 ... ExCom at Bette Walker's.
- May 5 ... Annual Derby Day Party at the Garretts. Call Nancy (323-6535)
- May 12 ... Fun Run with the Clarks. Call Marilyn (978-9435).
- May 15 ... Monthly Meeting at the Hensleys. 8:00 P.M.
- May 19 ... Twentieth and Final International Dinner at the Copes. Limited to 34. Call Coordinator Marilyn Clark (978-9435)  
This event will fill up fast!
- May 22 ... ExCom at the Marxes. 7:30 P.M.
- May 26 ... Annual Spring Hike
- May 27 ... Annual Theatre Party at the Montgomery Playhouse  
Sara Huggins coordinating (424-5725).
- June 19 ... Monthly Meeting at June Read's Potomac home. 8:00 P.M.

March 4, 1990 - Ski Extravaganza at Wintergreen Resort  
Eat, Party, Ski all day and benefit victims of Multiple Sclerosis  
while having fun with your buddies. Win Prizes. Earn free lift tickets.  
For more information, call Janet Marx (451-9158).

PAST EVENTS

WINTER STEAK AND SWIM FEST AT THE ELRODS by Dina Taylor

JANUARY 6 TH WAS A MILD DAY, JUST PERFECT FOR A WINTER SWIM AND GOOD EATING. 24 PVS'ERS GATHERED AT MALDA AND ROY ELROD'S BEAUTIFUL AND STATELY HOME TO CHECK OUT THE NEWLY INSTALLED BUBBLE ON THE SWIMMING POOL, AND OF COURSE, TO ENJOY ROY'S FAMOUS STEAKS.

WASTING NO TIME TO ENTER THE COZY BUBBLE, I THOUGHT I WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE. BUT NO, MARILYN AND DICK CLARK AS WELL AS PRES. DICK COMERFORD HAD BEEN FASTER. WHILE DUTIFULLY SWIMMING LAPS WAS NICE, THE REWARD WAS STEPPING INTO THE WARM JACUZZI. MARILYN, DID YOU SWIM ANY LAPS? THE JACUZZI WAS INDEED NICE AND WARM AND IT FILLED UP QUICKLY. I COUNTED THIRTEEN AT ONE TIME (NOT 26 BODIES AS REPORTED ONCE BEFORE). ROY SET UP A WET (OF COURSE) BAR AND CHIPS AND DIPS WERE PLENTIFUL. BARBARA LEONHARDT BROUGHT SOME OF HER FAMOUS HORS D'OEUVRES AND SERVED THEM TO THE ONES IN THE JACUZZI.

FOLLOWING THE SWIMMING, A ROARING FIRE AWAITED THE SWIMMERS WHERE THEY RELAXED AND ENJOYED GOOD COMPANY AND CONVERSATION UNTIL DINNER TIME. KAREN FELKER AND DOT MILLS MANAGED THE HIGH FINANCES OF THIS DUTING. KAREN ALSO CELEBRATED HER SEMI-ANNUAL BIRTHDAY, SOLO, WHILE HUBBY KNOX WAS OUT PRACTICING THE SNOW PLOW AND TO BECOME A SKI PATROLER.

DINNER WAS DELICIOUS. ROY GRILLED THE STEAKS TO PERFECTION AND TO ORDER. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE CAN REMEMBER WHO GETS WHICH, BUT HE DOES. MALDA'S TASTY POTATOES AND OTHER GOOD DISHES PROVIDED BY THE PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED THE MAIN COURSE. DESSERTS AGAIN WERE VERY POPULAR. CHEESE CAKES IN ABUNDANCE WITH FRUITS AND SCHLAG. A PERFECT DINNER IN PVS TRADITION.

FOR THOSE WHO HAD NOT SEEN THE INSIDE OF THE HOUSE, OR WANTED TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK - THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING NICE TO SEE WHICH WAS MISSED BEFORE - ROY LED A GROUP THROUGH THEIR HOME AND POINTED OUT SOME OF THE MAGNIFICENT VIEWS ONTO THE POTOMAC RIVER AND OTHER VISTAS.

THUS ENDED A PERFECT DAY!! THANK YOU MALDA AND ROY FOR GRACIOUSLY HOSTING ANOTHER PVS PARTY. ALSO THANKS TO DOT MILLS FOR HANDLING THE ARRANGEMENTS SO EFFICIENTLY, AND KAREN FELKER FOR ASSISTING WITH HIGH FINANCIAL MATTERS, AND THANKS TO ALL THE OTHER HELPING HANDS.

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POLKA TIME AT BLOB'S PARK by Myron Marquardt

It was a warm Saturday evening on January 27 when 24 PVSers showed up at Blob's Park in Jessup, Maryland. For the uninformed, Blob is the name, not a description, of the man who established a German style dance hall. Some of the PVSers showed up with a coat or sweater, but two polkas and a waltz and all participants were down to their shirt sleeves. One dancer at the next table had a small battery operated fan he used to cool off with between dances.

A visit to a country dance hall, commonly referred to as the Saturday Night Happy Hunting Ground, brought back many memories to the more mature country folk. The girls would show up in one car, and the boys in individual cars or pickups. The term was probably derived from what the driver had on his mind.

PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED)

POLKA TIME AT BLOB'S PARK--CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

A variety of German foods were available to the hungry. Some dancers opted to eat prior to arriving at the park. It seems as though the word had been spread that German food has a tendency to seek out and attach itself to undesirable areas. That shouldn't have deterred a good skier. Two trips over a mogul field should eliminate that problem. Plenty of good German "bier" was available to wash down the food and to replace the large amounts of perspiration.

One participant expressed the opinion that skiing a mogul field was easier than doing a fast polka. There may be some validity to that observation, but bumping into another dancer doesn't incapacitate one to the extent that bumping into a tree does. It was not immediately obvious to what extent the polka lessons changed that opinion. We hope to find out the next time there is a visit to Blob's Park.

At the start of the evening, the dance floor was rather crowded. That was no particular problem for a skier who has learned to continually dodge other skiers as well as trees, rocks, towers, etc. Skiers seem to be as fashion conscious on the dance floor as they are on the slopes. Many comments were overheard concerning feminine attire. The comments from the men were somewhat different from those of the women.

Eventually the weary dancers began to take leave of the evening's activity. Six robust dancers stuck it out to the end. At one o'clock the band quit playing. A definite indication that the hall would soon be closing.

A special thanks is in order for Mary Jane for arranging such a delightful and fun evening. It was great the way she scheduled such pleasant weather. We hope she will do it again next time prior to the first season's ski trip, or sufficiently after for everyone to heal up from sprained joints and muscles.

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JANUARY MEETING by Lu Beale

Aase Berling hosted the January 30th monthly meeting in the spacious party room at the Grosvenor Park Apartments. As usual, Aase provided a bountiful array of salads, meat balls, cheeses, sweets and snacks to sate the appetites of the 60 or so attendees.

In the absence of both President Dick Comerford and Veep Nancy Garrett, ex-prez Janet Marx conducted the business side of the meeting. Irene Farrell hawked the sales of club shirts, pins, hats and cookbooks - all at fire sale prices. The Nominating Committee's recommendations for new members of the executive board were introduced. Ray McKinley sketched the club's spring calendar which, thanks to his industry, is chock full of exciting events.

Aina Thomas entertained the group with slides from the recent Mont Sutton trip and Janet Marx provided a full bill-board of black & white pictures from the same grand trip.

Among the too seldom seen members attending the meeting were Eleanor Peterson, David Abraham, John Newdorp, Charlotte Reith and Charlotte Eddy.

It was an altogether very successful meeting and we are indebted to Aase for providing so fine a setting and for her special brand of hospitality - the Danish way.

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## THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

We are barely a month into the new decade and as of now it does not appear to be the decade of the Knee. Among those suffering wounded knees already this year include Dean Worcester, Carol Parmenter, Joan Herrity (formerly Joan Bonacker). The Knee's previously wounded knee, as well as Bette Comerford's, have also caused minor annoyances.

On Christmas day, the Knee and the Hagers suffered (the correct word) broken water pipes. Neither of us had been dreaming of a wet Christmas.

Gadzooks, the wine has been late arriving at two consecutive PVS events - the Winterfest Dinner and the Winter Steak & Swim. (The Knee takes responsibility for only one of them.) The attendees at both events were whining.

Huey Roberts was recently seen in a sweat shirt emblazoned with "Skiing is a tough job but someone has to do it." It was propitious. The next day Huey severely bruised his hip skiing into a tree. His explanation: "I thought I had the right of way."

From the Knee's Cover - year-Aspen file: In mid-February the famed ski resort will hold the nation's first referendum on banning the sale of furs. If it passes, what will I do about my fur knee cap?

Myron and Fumiko Marquardt are redoing their recreation room prior to hosting an upcoming PVS meeting. While removing some paneling, Myron discovered a terrible infestation. He is now taking up computer programming so he can debug his home.

Bill Hager's recent ski week at Mont Sutton was his first since 1977. He noted that skiing was limited in the Philippines and in Egypt. But what about "Ski the Great Pyramid?" I can see it now - by Warren Miller, of course.

1990 is the Year of the Census. Bob Marx, who works for the Census Bureau, has been interviewed by the

NY Times and CBS. He is the subject of a feature article in the February 1990 National Geographic. He was also quoted in the January 15 issue of Insight Magazine.

Jack Peoples and Bob Grasley will both be working as census enumerators. The way to get the proper count, guys, is to count all the knees and divide by two.

As you may have noticed, this month's TOOT is a bit late. That's because the ExCom meeting and, with it, TOOT, was delayed a week due to the illness of the majority of the board. About half of those on the Mont Sutton trip came down with an intestinal bug and spent a somewhat uncomfortable day or two in the bathroom. Paul Yessler, the worst hit, was taken to the emergency room in a hospital in Burlington, Vt. and missed the return flight. He and son Wayne returned to DC later the same day. Paul is fine, but a day later, Wayne came down with the bug. From personal experience: Yuck.

People are still worried about snow conditions in Europe. Alan Mills cancelled his yearly two weeks in St Anton. And Doris and Othmar Mair are skiing in Vail rather than Europe this winter for the first time in over a decade. It is not getting better.

New member June Read is eagerly awaiting her son's visit from Uganda in early April. I asked if he would be on time. She replied, "Safari so goody."

The Knee does not do political material (except for liking Ken-kneedy, Kneexon and Ronknee. Nonetheless I was amazed by the rumor that Marion Barry had escaped from his Florida rehab center and gone to Alta - attracted by all the white stuff.

George Devorshak, as well as Knox Felker is trying to become a ski patroller at Front Royal's new Cherokee Ski area. Both agree that Cherokeene will not make any of its planned opening dates. Don't hold your breath for this year.

Dick Clark skied on four different pairs of skis during his week at Sutton. Using all four raised him considerably above the ground.

Quote from Huey Roberts after following Bette Walker down a slope: "Boy, it's tough making slow turns!"  
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

In accordance with PVS bylaws, a nominating committee appointed by President Dick Comerford met in January to select candidates for president and three executive committee positions for the 1990 -91 year

Irene Farrell chaired the committee which offers the following slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting in April:

President ... Dick Comerford  
Executive Committee ... William Brown  
Howard Hensley  
June Kelsay

Additional nominations may be made by the signatures of any five active members in good standing and must be presented at a business meeting at least one month prior to the election.

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SKI SCHLEP

Charlotte Reith is trying out the new Federal Express service - Ski Schlep. They will pick up your skis and deliver them (1 or 2 day service) to your ski lodge anywhere in the states or in Europe.

Price is according to weight. Charlotte paid \$29.50 one way to Aspen for 18 pounds (11 pounds of skis, 7 pounds of junk).

Charlotte will report back on whether her skis arrived in the prescribed 2 days.

Meanwhile, for info, call 1-800-238-5355.

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PVS OFFICERS

President ..... Dick Comerford  
Vice President.. Nancy Garrett  
Secretary ..... Irene Farrell  
Treasurer ..... Margaret Wyckoff  
Membership..... Marilyn Clark  
Program Chairman .. Ray McKinley  
TOOT Editor .. Lu Beale  
TOOT Production .. Jan & Bob Marx  
Movie Mogul ... Rosemary Soler  
Answering Service. The Marxes (451-9158)

EXCOM

SECOND TERM

Knox Felker  
Nancy Garrett  
Barbara Leonhardt

FIRST TERM

Bill Anderson  
Myra Evans  
Dina Taylor

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# COOK'S CORNER



by

Nancy Garrett

February is the month in which most of us spend as much time as possible on the slopes doing what PVS'ers do best - SKI!!!!

Since we will be burning lots and lots of calories, it just seems to be a good time to present two wonderful rich desserts. Fumiko Marquard's cheesecake has been requested by many.

## RICH CHEESE CAKE

Fumiko Marquard

### Crumb crust:

Combine:

- 2 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup sugar

Blend in:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter or oleo

Press firmly over bottom and about 2 1/2 inches up the sides of a heavily buttered 9-inch spring-form pan. Chill while making filling. Will serve 12-16.

### Filling:

In large bowl, soften and whip:

- 3 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese

Blend in:

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Adding one at a time, beat in:

- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring

Pour into crumb crust. Bake at 350\* for 50 minutes or until firm in center. Remove from oven; let stand for 15 minutes. Reset oven to very hot - 450\*.

### Topping:

Combine:

- 2 cups dairy sour cream
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla flavoring

Spread mixture over top of cake. Return to 450\* oven. Bake 10 minutes or just until topping is set. Cook cake on wire rack. Chill completely.

For party touch, top with various fruit combinations. Fumiko has used kiwi fruit, strawberries, blueberries, etc.

## FESTIVE CAKE

Nancy Garrett

Mix and sift together:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Stir in:

- 1 cup chopped almonds

Beat slightly:

- 3 eggs

Combine eggs with:

- 1 1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups chopped firm, ripe bananas
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple  
(DO NOT DRAIN PINEAPPLE.)

Combine with dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly, but do not beat. Spoon mixture into well-oiled 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 325\* for 1 hour and 20-25 minutes. Remove from oven. Let stand 10-15 minutes. Invert on wire rack. Remove pan. Cool thoroughly before frosting. Serves 12-16.

## Cream Cheese Frosting

Bring to room temperature to soften:

- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or oleo

Cream above mixture together with:

- 1 pound confectioner's sugar
- 1 Tablespoon cocoa powder

Place cake on cake plate. Frost top and sides. Store in refrigerator until ready to serve.

### EAT AND ENJOY!!!! ###



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