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PRESIDENT'S  
SITZMARK

The Club's December trip to Steamboat Springs was an outstanding success due to (1) the unflappable Flahertys; (2) the gallantry of the stricken; and (3) the ability of PVSers to roll with the punches.

For punches there were, including vertigo, concussion, heart attack, contusions, stroke, and altitude problems.

Stay-at-home friends roll their eyes at this account of events. "You're crazy," I'm told. "It's too dangerous a sport for seniors."

Dangerous? Maybe. Crazy? I think not.

Last month, my 73-year-old brother fell in his kitchen and broke 5 ribs which punctured a lung. This month my 84-year-old brother misstepped off a curb and broke his hip. Last year, my husband fell on the stairs and broke his hip.

Living is dangerous. Stuff happens.

What skiers (particularly senior skiers) have is a willingness to accept the risks in return for the freedom and exhilaration of controlled downhill skiing in awesome alpine surroundings.

Trade that for the rocking chair by the fire? No way, Hosea!

*Lu*  
Lu Beale, President

! FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR !

7:30 P.M., JANUARY 20, 1998

Home of Jan and Bob Marx  
8312 Oakford Drive  
Springfield, VA 22152

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DIRECTIONS: Take Beltway Exit #5 onto Braddock Road. Go about 6 lights to left on Rolling Road (at King's Park Shopping Center). Continue (crossing railroad overpass) to left on Forrester (which has a light). Go two short blocks to a right on Oakford. No 8312 is near the end of the road on the left. Call 703-451-9158.

COMING EVENTS:

**KLEZMER**

Still room for Klezmer Band dinner and dance at the Chevy Chase Holiday Inn on January 11.

**DANCING**

Call Jeannette Albersheim ( 301-598-7525) for information or send a check for \$17 to hold a place. See December TOOT for full details.

**WISP-----MID-WEEK-----98**

**January 14-16**

To reserve a room, call Wisp Hotel directly (1-800-462-9477) and pay a deposit of \$42.12 for one night with a credit card or mail them a check. Then be sure to let Jan and Bob Marx know you are planning to be there. (703-451-9158) Also send the Marxes a check for Apres Ski (\$3) and/or vouchers (\$2).

ZOO WALK AND LUNCH      Tuesday January 27



Zoo Walk Tuesday January 27 10:30 AM

Lunch at 1:00 PM (Yanni's Greek Taverna -- Cleveland Park)

Zoo Walk: Meet inside Education Building at Zoo (about 200 feet from Conn. Ave. entrance). Stroll through the Zoo visiting some of newer exhibits (maybe Amazonia exhibit a good choice for a cold January day). Then group will walk over to Yanni's

Greek Taverna in Cleveland Park for lunch at 1:00 pm. [Logistics: Zoo and Restaurant easily accessible by Metrorail (red line). Parking available at Zoo though will cost \$6-8 for 5 hours. Lunch only participants should be able to find 2-hour limit parking on side streets near restaurant] Participants invited for Zoo, Lunch, or both. Yanni's Greek Taverna is located at 3500 Connecticut Ave. NW at Ordway St. ( 1/2 block south of Cleveland Park Metro Station and 1/2 block north of Uptown Cinema). Weather: event will be held even in case of inclement weather and will only be canceled in unlikely situation that Metrorail is not operating.

Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048

**MUSIC BY MARIANNE** -- Everyone who has enjoyed the concerts that we have had by Marianne Cook may now have a copy of the recently released cassette tape of her songs. The cost is \$15. Call Marianne at 301-718-1814 for details on ordering.

February 22 to March 1, 1998 join Nancy and Ray McKinley

## **SKI BIG SKY MONTANA**

The Sky Really is Bigger

Trip participants: Remember Our Pre-Trip Party is ~~Saturday~~ Jan 24 at 4:30 pm

**SPACE NOW AVAILABLE!** Illness has caused a cancellation, so we now have room for a **SINGLE FEMALE.** For more information call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126 immediately.

Message from Irene Farrell: "Anyone would think I had a self-interest in a get-well-card factory, the way I do things to generate sympathy. Your outpouring of encouraging words means a lot to me. I'm doing fine and expect to be operating on all cylinders shortly."

◆ PVS Goes to the Theatre ◆

Your Chance to See Broadway's Biggest, Tony Award Winning, Musical Hit

RAGTIME

*USA Today* called it "The Best Musical of the Year!" *The London Times* raved "The Next International Hyper-Hit!" And PVS has special, group rate tickets at the National Theater for the smash hit. We're going to the matinee (2:00 pm) performance of RAGTIME on Saturday July 18. Tickets are \$68.00 each, that's 10% off the \$75.00 price (and includes \$0.50 per ticket handling). Just 24 seats available, and they must be paid for in full by February.

It's first come first served. Call the McKinleys at (703) 527-7126 now. And mail your check for \$68.00 for each ticket (payable to Nancy McKinley) to the McKinleys. We are at 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. We are also planning an optional post theater dinner at *Les Halles* French Restaurant around the corner. Also let us know if you'll join us for dinner.

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P A S T E V E N T S

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE HEITCHUES' by Betty Lawrence

Our holiday host and hostess did it again! It was a gala affair for some 40+ PVS party go'ers dressed in their best preparing for Santa Claus and his reindeer. The event brought out some of our seldom seen members, like the Comerfords, Pcase's, Santori's and Bing Poon - Did I miss anyone? Others that did not

make it missed a fun night. Mention must be made of hand-crafted candle holders lining up and down driveway entrance to 2146 Owls Cove Lane. Well done, Reg & Jean.

There was a short Christmas carols sing-a-long with Kirk Burns and Marilyn Clark leading. I'm afraid PVS's were too busy catching up and story telling that the attention span did not last very long. Thanks for your effort, Kirk and Marilyn. Not to mention the numerous dishes brought by guests - salmon bake, dozens of cheeses, cookies, nuts, dips and much, much more.

A short business meeting was held, presided over by our beloved Pres Lu Beale. The agenda consisted only of final plans for upcoming 1997 ski trips.

"The Party's Over" (put your rugs back in place, Reg & Jean). Now that you have us in the holiday spirit we will all go home and put the rest of the ingredients together to make it a feastive holiday season.

Reg and Jean, have a healthy and prosperous New Year and another good year with PVS friends. Thanks again for a wonderful evening..

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#### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, 1997

We arrived at last at Steamboat, loaded with ski gear and expectations of a great week ahead. The first evening at the Sheraton was graced by a charming and copious feast of wines, cheeses, and pleasant conversation. Ned Flaherty insisted the ski facility provide us with ski passes at the party--a much appreciated courtesy.

The first few days of skiing presented conditions calling for cheerful coping--cloudy skies, snow showers, poor visibility, and a deficiency of snow at the higher elevations. We hardy PVSers hung in there and enjoyed what was available. The latter part of the week cleared up--with sunny skies and better snow --a great way to end the week.

The Flahertys arranged outstanding club dinners at Mattie Silk, La Montagna, and the Remington. Marianne gave us her usual wonderful performance at the piano--our perpetual rose from Vienna!

As noted elsewhere in the TOOT, there were assorted physical challenges. We extend best wishes for complete recovery to our injured buddies.

The last night saw the second annual champagne party, with the bubbly provided by the Sheraton in recognition of the annual appearance of PVS. Many thanks to the Flahertys for conducting another memorable trip to one of our favorite ski areas.

....Joe Blum



## THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Once again, let me be the first, and perhaps only, one to wish you a Happy Knee

Year. Welcome to nineteen ninetknee eight. It's only two years to the millen-knee-um.

Of those who went out for the Knee Year, Pat and Don Cope did it most exotically. They went to Vienna--the one in Austria--attended the Vienna Opera and danced at the most traditional of the Eve's formal fetes, the Kaiser's Ball. Cheers!

So far, PVS's first skier of the season (not counting those who skied in August, in Chile) was Jim Arnold. He skied in Knee Hampshire a week before Thanksgiving. He's now off to Spain for some *el skiing*. (The Knee is clearly multilingual.)

Since this is a gossip column, not a medical column, I'll skip listing the wounded as a result of the Steamboat Springs trip. Suffice it to say a) all are recovering and expect to ski again and b) next year Jackie and Ned Flaherty plan to have their lodging at the Steamboat Hospital.

Ned's ski boots have TGIF on them. It stands for Toes Go In First. Jackie is extremely worried that it might be applied to their sex life. Don't get mad at the Knee, I didn't say it, Jackie Flaherty did. (The Knee only toed it.)

On the flight to Steamboat Springs, Frank Shelburne was on the Airphone a long while. He was trying to save money by cancelling the newspaper. Unfortunately the phone call will cost him about \$2.95 per minute.

PVS's own nuclear weapon designer, computer wizard, and AU mathematics professor, Joe Blum, did some reading on the plane. "Physics Today?" Nope. It was a Joan Collins sizzler, described on the cover as "Wild...Sexy...Spicy." Steam was observed emanating from Joe's ears.

From my "Why They Call it Northworst" Department: It was a typical ten mile hike to the departure gate on arrival in Min-knee-apolis (love that name). Once at the gate the restroom was closed, necessitating a ten mile hike back. Shiiiiit.

Have you noticed that Lu Beale's presidential message is now called "President's Corner." That's clearly incorrect. If it was a corner, it would have to start way up here. It should be "Presidents Middle." I selected that title because I never correctly use apostrophys'

Ubiquitous PVS. For a club of 190, with 544 US ski areas, some over 10 sq. mi., and a ski season approaching 6 months, the chances of meeting another PVSer while skiing are zero. Yet there are always seemingly unplanned meetings.

At Steamboat, during the first week of December Dick Comerford, Tom Aguilar and Huey Roberts were there to ski with the gang. It's now happened for several years. Do you think that, just perhaps, they knew we were coming?

PVS's newest (and only?) recording star is Marianne Cook. Call her for your great cassette of her greatest songs. The cover has a John Smith photo of Marianne skiing on a keyboard. Really.

The Knee finds a bit of early season skiing really useful. Before putting on skis, I can never remember to ski-left-right left or the opposite.

Shahrsad Miller is just completing two days a week at the Parsons School in New York. She will get a credential from the country's most prestigious school of design, and be officially designated as a "Designing Woman."

In order to ski for free, our resident Lake Tahoeers, Kathy Quinden and Bill Hager, took jobs at Northstar-at-Tahoe. Unfortunately, their "part time" jobs take so much time they can't ski. Bill serves as a ski boot technician. He gets to give people the boot. Sounds like a real kick!

It's with a bit of sadness I report that Kirk and Peggy Burns have sold their Mount Sutton Chalet. A home which many of us visited--and brought kids to, to learn to ski. (Wow 3 to's--or 6.) Sometimes you can't go home again...

I received a nice note from Sal Mahallati. Being a retired pediatrician, Sal is the only one I know who can write the words "I am" and have it appear as "you." And he knows it. My note had a P S which read "If you cannot read this, take it to any pharmacist..." I couldn't read the rest.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 11 ... Klezmer dining and dancing, p. 2
- Jan. 14 ... to 16, skiing at WISP, p. 2
- Jan. 20 ... Monthly meeting at the Marxes'. NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF PLACE. P. 1.
- Jan. 24 ... Pre-Big-Sky party at the McKinleys. 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 27 ... Zoo Walk and Lunch, p. 2.
- Jan. 27 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's.
- Feb. 17 ... Monthly meeting at Ruth Schrider's.
- Feb. 22 ... to March 1 or 4, Ski Trip to Big Sky.
- Feb. 26 ... ExCom at Big Sky (Note this is Thursday)
- Mar. 17 ... Monthly meeting at the Ufholzes'.
- Mar. 28 ... Wine Tasting at the Copes'.
- Apr. 21 ... Monthly meeting at the Klines'.
- May 19 ... Monthly meeting at the Leonhardts'.
- July 18 ... Theatre outing to see "Ragtime"

*May 2 Dinner*  
*April 25*  
*Millennium*

*May 16 LLMC*

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