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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow PVSers:

As we head toward the end of this millennium and the start of the new, not only is PVS skiing, (and, as always, partaking of gustatory pleasures) but we're taking on new activities, too! What a forward-thinking group! Look at what's going on this year:

- **Our Millennium Bash.** An exceptional way to ring in the New Year and the New Millennium. (Millennium purists may wait for 2001 but I'm celebrating THIS NEW YEAR!) Talk to Sue Walsh or her committee members about the exciting plans.
- **I ask you, how many other clubs have a Millennium Consultant?** Lu Beale is taking on her new role with gusto!
- **The world of Electronic Communications – PVS has email!** What's next – – – a PVS Web Page??? Karen Felker is coordinating our email correspondence. Thoughts on the future direction of this medium for PVS are welcome.
- **Ski Trips!** We're working on six great trips for the Year 2000. Get ready to sign up for all six!
- **And now a new kind of travel for PVS.** We've had "Ski" trips and we've had "See and Ski" Trips. Now we're throwing caution to the winds, abandoning all pretense of skiing altogether, and going to London – where the skiing is notoriously bad but the theatre is notoriously great. Look for more information from Don Dillon.

Here's looking at a great year!

Nancy McKinley



JUNE MEETING, JUNE 15, 1999 - - SEE NEXT PAGE



JUNE 15, 1999 - 7:30 p.m.

Home of Betty Lawrence, 525 Haven Lane, Great Falls, VA. Tel: 703-759-0471.

Directions: Take Beltway Exit 13 onto Route 193 (Georgetown Pike) toward Great Falls. Drive 6.3 miles to Great Falls where you turn right on Walker Road. Go 1.1 miles to left on Squires Trail. At the end of the road, turn left onto Haven Lane and proceed to 525 on the left.

Tour Woodlawn Plantation And Lunch Wed. June 9th 10:30a.m.

We will start our tour at the old plantation house at 10:30 a.m., and then tour the the Pope-Leighey house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. We will have a guided tour of both houses for \$7. After the tour, PVSers will have lunch at the Cedar Knolls Inn at the intersection of Lucia Ln. with the the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Interested PVSers should contact Charles & Sara Huggins (301) 424-5725.

Directions: Exit 1A from the beltway to George Washington Memorial Parkway. Follow the parkway around circle at Mt Vernon and continue on VA 235 south three miles to the intersection route 1 with 235 south. Woodlawn Plantation is directly across route 1 at the intersection. Map below shows location. Cedar Knolls Inn, on our return, is just a short distance past Mt. Vernon on left side of George Washington Memorial Parkway at Lucia Ln.

WOODLAW PLANTATION

9000 Richmond Highway • Alexandria, Virginia 22309
(703) 780-4000



Hike - Jog - Walk Lake Accotink Park

When: Saturday, June 12, 1999

Where: 5256 Lonsdale Drive, Springfield, Va. 22151 - we'll start from this location

Time: 9:30 A.M.

RSVP: Marty Rine 703-978-0179 - call too, if the weather seems questionable

Let's get together for a nice trip around the lake, followed by light refreshments.
Directions: I-495 (Va. Beltway) - exit 5 West onto Braddock Road, go through light at
Queensberry (across from Wakefield Park), get into the left lane, go thru 2nd light at
Wakefield Chapel Road, take immediate NEXT left (no light) onto Danbury Forest
Drive. Take first left turn onto Lonsdale Drive. 5256 is end unit in 3rd section of
townhouses. Plenty of parallel parking available.
Standard PVS policy applies: \$2 per person.....good company, and good fun ☺

Looking forward to seeing you ...

June 16 (Wednesday) RETIREES BIKE ROMP - 10:30 AM: Meet at Candy Cane City for the start of a ride north on the Rock Creek Bike Path as far as Dewey Park. On the return, we will stop at the Garrett Park Cafe for lunch. Directions: "Candy Cane City" (officially Rock Creek Recreation Center) is on Beach Drive about 1/4 mile south of East-West Highway (MD Rt. 410) in the MD part of Rock Creek Park. We ride on a separate mostly level bike path; the round trip is about 17 miles. We will leave on schedule: plan to arrive at Candy Cane City at least 15 minutes early to get your bike set-up. Call John Matthews (301-589-7612) if you plan to come along.

ANNUAL PRE-SKI-TRIP PARTY

Saturday, July 10, 1999, 5 p.m.

Home of Jean and Reg Heitchue, 2146 Owl's Cove Lane, Reston, VA

Call the Heitchues by July 5th to sign up to bring appetizer, salad or dessert. A small fee will be charged.



A TOURING AND THEATER TRIP

We need at least 20 paid to make this trip work. Because we are on a short fuse, we need to compress some actions to show interest and commitment. Air and hotel cannot be confirmed without deposits. This is no different than organizing a ski trip. Therefore, I am requesting interested parties not only to call me but to send a deposit of \$200 per person by JUNE 15th. The checks will not be cashed until we equal or exceed a group of 20. Your checks will be held in reserve and you will be notified by phone that the trip is a 'GO', and only then will your checks be cashed. Otherwise, checks will be returned. After check cashing, deposits will be non-refundable. Cancellation insurance is available, not included.

Final payments would be due 60 days prior to travel. For singles a supplement will be necessary. Prices are subject to change until booked. Full itinerary and inclusions available upon showing definite interest.

This trip has the sanction of the ExCom. It is organized by Goshen Travel. Phone 301-990-3792, (800) 8AK -Sun or 800-875-4786.

....Don Dillon

WHY: Many PVS'ers have mentioned non-ski trips. Where can you ski here? This may be the first!

WHEN: November 7-14, 1999.

WHERE: A 4-star London hotel.

WHAT: Your 8-day, 7-night trip will include roundtrip air from Washington, hotel, continental breakfast, London tour, full day tour to Stratford including one theater performance, one London theater night, backstage-theater tour, Thames River cruise with lunch, and tour of Bath and Stonehenge. Other optional tours and theater available at additional cost and ample private time.

**A VALUE AT: \$1575 PER PERSON,
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**





SUMMER SERENADES 1999 AT STRATHMORE HALL

1. Tuesday, July 6. Picnic with PVS at 6:30, enjoy the **BOILERMAKER JAZZ BAND** (New Orleans Jazz) at 7:30.

You may purchase dinner from O'Brien's or bring your own goodies.

2. Thursday, July 22. Picnic with PVS at 6:30, enjoy the **NATIONAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** (Music by Mozart, Elgar, and Tchaikowsky) at 7:30.

You may purchase dinner from La Madeleine or bring your own goodies

Concerts are free. On-site parking is \$3.00 or you may take the Metro to the Grosvenor Station nearby. Call John Pat Tengel (301-299-8376) for further information or just show up and look for them and other PVSers on the lawn.



OLNEY THEATER & DINNER, SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2 P. M.

You all come! See Moss Hart's "Light up the Sky." A satirical salute to the show business world, chronicling the first night in Boston of a pre-Broadway try-out. Very witty. If we get as many as 15 signups, the bargain price will be \$20.

To reserve, call Jeannette Albersheim (301-598-7525). By July 3 deadline she must receive your check made out to her for \$20 each. Her address is 3574 Fiske Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20906-1729. Indicate whether you plan to join other PVSers for dinner at the Gazebo Restaurant in Rock Creek Shopping Center.



AN AFTERNOON AT THE OPERA

Enjoy beautiful music (Puccini), an intriguing, melodramatic plot - with enticing heroine, hero, and villain -- in a historic setting! What more can you ask?

TOSCA

Sunday, August 8, 3 P. M. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Sts. N.W.
Call Dot Mills to reserve - 703-527-5036, and send check for \$40

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GOLF AT LEISURE WORLD

Friday, August 27



Tee times starting at 1 p.m. No contest. No prizes. No handicaps - even fewer Canada geese than last year. Cost per person for 18 hole greens fee and cart is \$32.

Call Jeannette Albersheim 301-598-7525 or Myron Marquardt 301-462-3269 before August 24, please.



A REQUESTED RECIPE.....

SPINACH LASAGNE

- 1 lb. ricotta
- 1 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1 egg
- 1 (10=oz) pkg frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
- salt, pepper to taste
- 3/4 tsp. oregano
- 2 jars (15 1/2 oz each) spaghetti sauce
- 8 oz pkg lasagne noodles (see note below)
- 1 cup water

In large bowl, mix ricotta, 1 cup mozzarella, egg, spinach, seasonings.
In greased 13x9x2 baking pan, layer 1/2 cup sauce, 1/3 of noodles and half of cheese mixture. Repeat. Top with remaining noodles, then remaining sauce. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella. Pour water around edges. Cover lightly with foil. Bake 350 degree oven for 1 hour, 15 minutes or until bubbly.

Let stand 15 minutes before serving. Yield: 8 servings

Notes: Do not cook the noodles. Just layer in the pan; the water and sauce will cook the noodles during baking time. Also, fyi, for the lasagne served at ExCom, Five Brothers brand Alfredo & mushroom sauce was used.

HUMAN PERFECTION!!!

That's what the Millennium is forecast to bring. So come to the PVS

Millennium Party on January 1, 2000 and see if we have all been transformed!!

Please give Sue Walsh a call to let her know if you think you can come.

(Telephone 301-589-7159)

**It's That
Time Again !!**



PVS SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR 1999-2000 SKI SEASON

PLACE	DATE	TRIP LEADERS
Steamboat	12/4/99 thru 12/11/99	No Trip Leader Designated at this time.
Snowmass	1/22/00 thru 1/29/00	Barbara Leonhardt & Nat Seeman
Tahoe & SF	2/5/00 thru 2/15/00	George Hicho & Sue Walsh
Europe (location open at this time)	2/18/00 thru 2/29/00	John Smith & Pat Tengel
Big Sky	3/4/00 thru 3/11/00	Nancy & Ray McKinley
Argentina/ Buenos Aires	8/15/00 thru 8/30/00	Nancy & Ray McKinley

Please contact trip leaders for questions or to sign up.

Note: Any BRSC trips will be added at a later date.

Ski Snowmass / Aspen, Colorado

January 22 - 29, 2000

Fly Dulles to/from Eagle/Vail. Motor coach (1 1/4 hr) to/from Snowmass, synchronized with PVS flights (alternate ground transportation at traveler's expense). Hotel accommodations at Wildwood Lodge in heart of Snowmass Village & less than 100 yds from slopes; ski access to 4 lifts. Elevator access to Snowmass Mall. Ski storage slopeside. Five-day lift ticket for all four Aspen mountains. Hot breakfast buffet daily. Apres ski, 3 dinners, 1 lunch on the mountain and club race. Approx. \$1365 for under 70 & \$1190 for 70 & over. Call: Barbara Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 or Nat Seeman at 703-461-0859 for more information.

Back by popular demand--March 4 - 11, 2000, join Nancy and Ray McKinley to

SKI **BIG SKY** MONTANA

We went there two years ago and **everyone wants to go back**. Big Sky, Montana is massive--two mountains and a **4,180 foot vertical**--the most total vertical in the United States. And there's oodles of great skiing for all levels, from beginners to true double diamond skiing. **3,500 acres** blanketed with gorgeous powder--over **400 inches of snowfall** per year. Big Sky boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in the US, the shortest lift lines, and the most genuinely friendly staff. You will truly enjoy skiing there. We'll stay slopeside at the majestic ski-in/ski-out Huntley Lodge (Chet Huntley's place). It's four stars, the top rated hotel at the mountain, and it includes **full breakfast daily**. We'll also have an **optional Sleigh Ride Dinner and a Yellowstone Tour**.

This will be an extremely popular trip, and **space is limited**. To reserve a space, send your check for \$100 payable to Ray McKinley (refundable through July when prices will be firm) and send it to us 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for more information at (703) 527-7126.

***** PAST EVENTS *****

BATTLEFIELD REVISITED.....by Lu Beale

On a radiant spring day 17 PVSers (and one small dog) visited the Antietam Battlefield where on an odious fall day in 1862 the bloodiest battle of the Civil War took place and 23,000 Americans were killed or wounded by fellow Americans.

Gary Delphey, a volunteer guide at Antietam and a born teacher/story teller, led our enthralled group on a 4-mile tour of the scene. He described the three phases of the 15-hour battle in such rich detail that we could almost hear the roar of the cannon and feel the agony of the dying.

Midway through the tour we refreshed ourselves with a picnic and enjoyed the good company which included, among other Civil War buffs, the Triaus, the Burgesses and the too-seldom seen Browns and Ron Fett.

The tour concluded at 2 p.m. All participants counted the day a great success and gave hearty thanks to leader Jackie Wilson and guide Gary for making it so.

Still the event wasn't quite over. On the drive home, 13 of us stopped in Boonsboro for triple-dip ice cream cones--a proper ending to a PVS adventure.

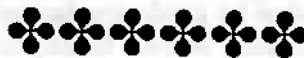
MAY MEETING.....by Rosemary Soler

May set the stage for one of the most popular events in the PVS agenda, namely the meeting at the beautiful home of Barbara and Fred Leonhardt at Kentlands. It backs up to a lake and the scene from their deck, with the expanse of lush greenery, belied the fact that there is a bit of a drought in Montgomery County. Not only was the scenery lush, there was the added attraction of a mother goose with her three goslings in tow traipsing around on the deep green turf.

The enthusiastic 49 who showed up were undoubtedly drawn by the redoubtable Barbara's reputation in the kitchen--she tackles the production of really great food like she tackles the ski slopes--with fearless vigor! The goodies are too numerous to describe here, but I will say those cream puffs were to die for.

Our new president, Nancy, held forth at the business meeting with her usual aplomb, while Ray and Serge reported on their assignments with a few hecklers chiming in. It seems there are many social functions planned and five or six ski trips in the making for the coming season. Watch your TOOT.

Kudos to Barbara and Fred for another fabulous evening. And Fred, don't chase the geese away with your water gun. They are so cute.



SEVENTH ANNUAL MT. VERNON BIKE RIDE by John Matthews

The sun was bright but the air was a mite chilly as 13 PVS cyclists and Potomac Pedalers left the Belle Haven picnic area headed south on the bike path with our leader, Shirley Rettig. A fourteenth rider caught up with us after about a mile: Don Dillon had arrived on time but started from the wrong parking lot! The Mt. Vernon bike path is one of the area's oldest and is becoming increasingly hazardous due to numerous ridges raised in the pavement by tree roots. Therefore, accidents do happen: unfortunately it happened to Melvyn Greenen, a fit and experienced Potomac Pedaler who was nevertheless victimized by one of those nasty bumps in the pavement. His helmet saved Melvyn from serious injury but he did sustain several bloody facial cuts.

A passing motorist on the adjacent G.W. Memorial Drive kindly stopped and lent the use of her cell phone to dial 911. The Fairfax County response was overwhelming: first a police patrol, then the rescue squad and finally (would you believe) a fire truck. Melvyn was recovering by this time and claimed to be in shape to move on, but the Rescue Squad took command. They checked him out, cleaned him up and bandaged a nasty cut over one eye. Our group then continued on to Mt. Vernon. After lunch, we returned without further incident to our starting point. As if to demonstrate his complete recovery, Melvyn joined a group of several others and cycled several more miles to Alexandria for an ice cream gorge.

IN LAKE NEEDWOOD'S WOODLAND

This May 19, over twenty PVSers in full hiking regalia went on the great adventure of the week around Lake Needwood. At the meeting place you could sense in your fellow-hikers an undertone of joy, of sheer happiness at just being there for the sky was kind of blue with big billowing clouds, and the air sweet, and the beautiful, shimmering lake reflected the lush vegetation on its shore.

Soon we started. George Hicho and Sue Walsh, the promoters of this ramble, guided us smoothly. Among others, we had the pleasure of having the company of Margaret Wyckoff this time, and of Lou Beale, who is always game for an adventure. Marilyn Clark had made a point of freeing herself for this day ... all of us eager to go. As the hike unfolded we climbed and descended the path, jumped over or passed under fallen trees, although, in general, the way was fairly level, and all the while we were serenaded by the quack quack of ducks and the honking of those ubiquitous canadian geese; and too, suddenly, there were deers, close, seemingly unconcerned, lovely. The woods were strewn with wild flowers causing learned debates as to their names. We walked the extra mile in a sort of primeval forest (a little bit of imagination is required here) just to see a most extraordinary sycamore tree of a girth never seen before, it was sooo big around. And to get there, we had to ford a stream and climb its steep bank requiring a display of one's prowess. Ah, such fun!

Turning around, on the circuit back, our thoughts, in true PVS fashion, started to wander around the idea of food we knew was awaiting us at the end of this trek. At George's house nearby, Sue had prepared for us an abundance of the most exquisite chicken, salads, goodies imaginable. George himself unveiled his talent as a chef by producing his unique, famous brand of deviled eggs. We gorged ourselves. It was a glorious, relaxed lunch, full of cheers and conversation, there on George's porch and on his lawn.

Thank you Sue and George for having gone to such length to make your fellow-PVSers happy.

Suzanne

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THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Have you noticed that skiing is now a year-round sport? In town for a visit, our Kneevada resident, Bill Hager, effused on the "oodles" of snow still at the Sierra ski areas. At the same time we are already discussing next season's ski trips. The Knee is ready! From here, it's all down hill (to coin a phrase) to winter.

Betty Lawrence decided to purchase a new refrigerator and move her current one to Blue Knob. The fridge arrived and Betty transferred all her food. Two days later the temperature had never gone below 60 degrees. Betty had several hundred dollars worth of destroyed food. But finally she received a new, functional fridge. Cool.

Here's a Knee Amazing Fact. You had better enjoy 1999. After it's over there won't be another year that begins with a "1" for 8,001 years—until the year 10,000! (And we will all, likely, be gone.) Isn't that a onederful thought?

Two updates of earlier Knee items—both courtesy of Charles Huggins. Neither David Abraham, Reg Heitchue, Dick Harsh nor Jack Peoples was PVS's first heliskier. Our first heliskier was Norm Engelman, some 15 years ago. However, when his guide erred in crossing a snow bridge, and disappeared into a crevasse, Norm quickly lost interest in the sport. Right on.

At the Ski Group 99 event at Crystal City, some 13 potential PVS trip leaders were present. Eight of us won prizes, mostly ski passes and lodging at western ski areas. However, Barbara Leonhardt was not the only one to leave before collecting her door prize, Pres. Nancy, Rachel Abraham, Glade Flake, and Nat Seeman also left too early to collect their booty. Right off

Ex President Lu Beale visited the doctor who did her colon surgery five years ago. He told Lu that, "When you missed an appointment in June '95, I thought you died." It provides a completely new perspective on the term "Ex President."

Some funny things the Knee doesn't kneed

to make up. For instance, at a recent meeting Sheldon Drews said, "I'm not playing with a full deck." And TOOT Editor Jessma Blockwick claimed she "Always checks TOOT items for correctness [but not the Knee]. Indeed, in case of illness or death I check directly with those involved." Kneedless to say, "No comment."

My spell check just decided that "Jessma" isn't an English word. It should be "Jetsam."

Emergency surgery was necessary to remove Glade Flake's ruptured gall bladder. He spent 3 days in the hospital, was released on Monday and on Tuesday he attended the Leonhardt's May PVS meeting. I'm impressed. In France, the surgery is called out with *de Gaulle*.

Nat Seeman took Mary Jane McCarthy to her grandson's Baptism. Mary Jane had a ball.

Marilyn Clark welcomed new Excomer Don Dillon to his first meeting. "Welcome to another PVS place to eat."

Congrats to Sara Huggins. Her flower arrangement won first prize in a local flower show. Now she is feeling quite rosy about it. Ahem.

As summer approaches, many PVSers are travelling to the Four Corners of the world—wherever they are. Carol Bridgers is checking out the Montana big sky scene. Rachel Abraham is going to Germany to visit a cousin—her only living relative (of course, other than David).

Roland and Lorraine Bröckmeyer are headed for Spain. Later they expect to spend the Millennium in Tahiti. (A tough choice over the PVS Millennium Bash!) And Suzanne Boisclair will be spending 25 days in Bali. When she arrives, Suzanne has promised that she will sing "Hello Bali. Well, hello Bali..." She did promise.

New member Dave DeVilbiss gets an Iron Man Award. In one day, he drove to Knee York City, helped his son move to a new, Upper East Side apartment, and drove home. Dave assures me he never broke the speed limit (in Montana).

And finalknee, the Kneedle of the month goes to Bing Poon. Bing arrived at Dulles 2 hours prior to flight time. Unfortunately, his flight was from Reagan National.

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- Nov. 18 ... Bike ride, Capital Crescent Trail
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- Jan. 1 ... 2000, Millennium Party
- Nov. ... 2000, PVS 35th Anniversary Party

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