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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am continuing my campaign to promote all the PVS sanctioned ski trips, and the next one in line is the Snowmass trip run by Dina Taylor and scheduled for January 11-18, 1997. Snowmass is my favorite (and probably everyone else's) in the Aspen area; it is such a vast mountain with a great variety of slopes to fit everyone's ability and skiing desires. My favorite runs there are at Elk Camp with the glades and overall beautiful terrain in that area. Another great attraction at Snowmass is the quality of restaurants in the ski lodges on the mountain, truly gourmet. I always try to end up at Cafe Suzanne for lunch as it is one of the best. Of course if you get tired of Snowmass there are three other enjoyable mountains; Aspen, Tiehack (or whatever it is being called this year), and Aspen Highlands; and the shuttle buses provide excellent free service to all the mountains. Dina still has room for about twelve more people and I recommend you sign up for it now.

Also, don't forget to sign up for some of the great PVS activities scheduled for the next two months, especially the Arts Club Dinner which is always an outstanding event.

See you at the next PVS event.

Serge Triaou, President



OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

October 15, 1996, 8 p.m.
Home of Carol Bridgers
11924 Oden Court, N. Bethesda, MD.
301-881-4898

DIRECTIONS: From Wisconsin Ave. (Rte. 355) going North, turn left on Montrose Road (going West) at traffic light. Go 1.1 miles. Turn left at 3rd traffic light onto Tildenwood Drive (entrance to Tildenwoods). Then take 2nd right onto Sulky Lane, turn at 1st right onto Oden Court (a cul de sac) to 11924.

From Beltway (495) take 270 North, go 2 miles. Exit Montrose Road at 4A East. Take 2nd right turn into Old Farm Subdivision onto Old Bridge Road; take 2nd left onto Oden Court to 11924.



TREK THROUGH WOODS AND MOUNTAIN TO BEAUTIFUL LAKE FOR LUNCH - Saturday, October 5, 1996

Moderate-level 6-mile hike, beginning at Catoclin Mountain Park Visitors' Center. See September TOOT for directions.

Call Lu Beale (202-363-3521) to tell her you will be at the Park at 11:30 or to join in car pools from Shady Lane Bowling Alley on Shady Grove Road. If the weather seems threatening, call Lu to see if the trek is go.

MIDWEEK BIKE RIDE - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1996



Join the PVS midweek bikers for a ride through Rock Creek Park to Georgetown for lunch and then returning to our starting point with a possible stop at the Zoo to see the new baby rhinoceros. Meet at 10:30AM at the Pierce Mill parking lot at the intersection of Beach Drive and Tilden St. For further info or to check if the weather is uncertain, call Shirley Rettig at (703) 836-0147.

FOLIAGE HIKE THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS

WHEN: October 12 and ^{or} 13, 1996

WHERE: Betty Lawrence's Ski Chalet at Blue Knob, Pennsylvania.

See September Toot. Two rooms available. 40 mile views across the mountaintops. Relax in Jacuzzi after trekking in the mountains.

Call Betty Lawrence to reserve a place: 703 759-0471

MID-WEEK HIKE - APPALACHIAN TRAIL - Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 10 A.M.



Jackie Wilson and Mary Riley will lead an 8 mile hike along the ridge of the AT near Myersville, Frederick County, Md. Wear sturdy boots as parts of the trail are rocky. Bring lunch and we'll eat along the trail. A shuttle will be provided from Rt. 40 to the trailhead in Wolfsville. For further information and to let us know you are coming, call Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725.

Directions: Exit Beltway on I-270 north to I-70 west toward Hagerstown; exit at Myersville (Exit 42) turn right on Rt. 17. Follow Rt. 17 through Myersville (Rt. 17 turns right in the middle of town) and turn left on Rt. 40 west. Proceed to the South Mountain AT parking lot on left. (Approx. 3 miles).

Frederick hikers: Follow Rt. 40 west to the South Mountain AT parking lot.

FALL STROLL AND DINNER

**Sat. Oct. 19 at 3:00 pm (rain date: Oct. 20) at
the Leonhardt's, Gaithersburg, MD**

If you have not as yet signed up to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert, please call Barbara at 301-963-8111. Please try to arrive on time so group can leave on stroll. If you cannot come, please call since there is a wait list.

Directions

Beltway to Rt 270 to Exit 6B, Rt 28 Darnestown Rd. West. Follow Rt 28 for 4.6 mi to signal at Kentlands entrance, Tschiffley Sq. Rd. Turn right. At 3rd stop sign, turn right at Leeks Lot Way. Almost immediately, turn right at Firehouse Lane to #606.



HALLOWEEN BIKE RIDE - October 31, 10:30 a.m.

Starting point: W&OD Trail at Rte. 28. Ride will go to and from Leesburg via W&OD Bike Trail. 21 miles round trip over flat terrain.

Directions to starting point: From Beltway, Exit 12, take Dulles toll road (VA Rte 267. Toll is 85 cents each way.) to Rte. 28 (Sully Road). Go right (North) on VA-28 for 3 miles and turn left immediately past bike trail overpass (traffic light with left turn signal) into parking lot. There is no restroom at starting point. Water, beverage vending machines, and Porta-Potty at rest stop 1.75 miles on trail.

Starting point can also be reached without toll but more traffic by using Rte. 7 and turning south on Rte. 28. Call leaders: Marvin Hass (703-751-4737) or Betty Byrne (202-483-4048).

LINGANORE WINE TOUR/TASTING AND MOUNTAIN GATE BUFFET SUPER NOV. 2nd

A few spaces are still available for this Saturday afternoon fall event. The cost will be approximately \$11.00 per person. Interested people should contact Charles Huggins (301) 424-5725. Those wishing to carpool should plan to meet at 1:30 P.M. at the Shady Grove Bowling Alley. Others with full cars should plan to be at the winery by 2:30 P.M.

Directions from Frederick and Baltimore:

I-70 to exit 62 New Market. MD 75 N (4.5 miles). Right just before the concrete bridge onto Glissans Mill Rd. (3.7 miles to winery on right side of road).

Directions from Washington:

I-270 N to Hyattstown exit Rt. 109. Left on 109. Left on 355 and right on 75 for 13 miles. (4.5 miles N of I-70) turn right just before the concrete bridge onto Glissans Mill Road. (3.7 miles to winery on right side of road).

Road maps will be passed out to our drivers at the Linganore Winery for stops at the Catoctin Orchard Store and the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont.

National Ski Expo & Winter Sports Festival.

PRESENTS 9th Year

"Super" Sale



PATHFINDER
Presents

Hottest Ski Movie

"Snowriders." Movie shown every two hours.

Tickets: \$6.00 (FREE Ski Liberty/
Roundtop lift pass with each ticket)
(some restrictions apply)

• Over 100 Exhibitors + demos, clinics, &
door prizes

• "Mega" Ski Swap (consignment starts Friday,
3 pm, 3rd floor Ballston Common)

November 1, 2 & 3, 1996

Ballston Common Mall in Arlington, VA
Glebe Road & Wilson Blvd.

Sponsored by The Blue Ridge Ski Council &

USAir

Hours: Friday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Sunday Noon - 6:00 pm

INTERESTED in meeting other
PVSers On Friday, November 1,
to visit the Ski Expo and have
dinner together? Call Jessma
Blockwick, 703-356-0717, to
join the happy throng.

BEER TASTING EXTRAVANZA - November 9., 7:30 p.m.

Still spaces for this. For reservations, call Sue Walsh, 301-589-7159 or George Hicho, 301-963-1836.



DINNER AT THE ARTS CLUB

Saturday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.

This elegant event is filling fast, so call Bill Anderson, (301-654-4711) soon. Cost is \$55 per person, which includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a seven-course dinner, and after-dinner cordials and coffee.

Mail checks made out to Bill Anderson and sent to him at 4711 De Russey Parkway, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

ANNUAL CHILI HIKE, Nov. 23, 1996. Limited to 30, so call Nancy or Ray McKinley soon, 703-527-7126.

!! SKI TRIPS !!

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Dec. 5-12, 1996. A few places left. Call Ned Flaherty and Jaclyn Flaherty, 301-929-9664. Final payment is now due. Trip insurance available through Ned for \$32.

SNOWMASS, Jan. 11-18, 1997. Final payment is due October 1. A few places left - you must sign up by October 9. Trip insurance available for \$32. Pre-trip party is November 10, 4 p.m., at Dina Taylor's. Regrets only need call, 301-663-6089.

February 6-13, 1997, You're Invited to Join Nancy & Ray McKinley To

Ski Utah's Best

We'll Have a Ball at Park City and Deer Valley, the Two Best Ski Resorts in Utah and Perhaps the West. Share 8 Days and 7 Nights (10 Nights to Feb 16) with us, a Superb, Slopeside Resort with Splendid Meals, Great PVS Friends and an Unbelievable Perfect Powder and Grooming Make a Memorable PVS Ski, Ski, Ski Vacation.



- > Situated in Park City, Host of the 2002 Winter Olympics--No Bus to go Skiing! Utah's Largest Ski Area, 3,100 Foot Vertical, 2,300 Acres--Comparable to Steamboat, 15 Lifts--3 Gondolas--Largest Gondola in US, 23,000 Skiers/hour Uphill. Great for All Skiers, Outrageous Skiing in Jupiter Bowl & a 3.5 Mile Beginner Run.
- > Ski at Deer Valley the Best in America. Only 1.5 Miles Away, Impeccably Groomed Slopes, 15 Lifts Including 3 Mountains. "Ski Country" Rated Best Food in US and Best Grooming. A Ne... Diamond-Only Trail Map Includes 3 Bowls.

- > 7 Nights 4-Star Lodging at Shadow Ridge Resort at the Ski Area Base (10 Nights with Sauna, Hot Tub, Pool, Room Service, Concierge. Your Choice of King, 2 Queen Single Bedded Rooms or Studio with cozy Fireplace and Kitchen.
- > 5 of 6 Day All Area Lift Pass (plus 2 of 3 Day Option). Fly Close-in National To Salt Lake.
- > Air only \$289! Breakfast & Apres Ski Daily, 3 Memorable Dinners, Pre & Post Trip Parties.

All Inclusive Price, Including Transfers, Gratuities, Baggage Handling.

Only \$1,297 (10 Days \$1,658) Seniors \$1,087* Land Only \$1,008 (pp double)

Our Flyer was in the July TOOT. Call us for a copy. Limited Space Remaining--To Assure a Spot, Send \$200 now (pay to Ray McKinley), to the McKinleys, 2326 N. Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207. Please note room choice and 7 or 10 night option

*Final Price Depends on Age and Areas Skied. Call us at (703) 527-7126

ACT TODAY! TRIP MUST CLOSE OCTOBER 28--8 SPACES LEFT!



SKI LAKE TAHOE

BRSC WESTERN WINTER CARNIVAL FEB 22 - March 1, 1997

There's still lots of space on the BRSC trip to beautiful Lake Tahoe. The package includes roundtrip airfare from Washington to Reno, transfer to the resort, 7 nights lodging at the Horizon Casino, 5 of 6 days lift tickets interchangeable at Heavenly, Squaw Valley, Northstar, Alpine Meadows, and Kirkwood, parties and a dinner dance, NASTAR race, and shuttle service to the ski areas.

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE: \$1110
LAND PACKAGE ONLY: \$550

For more info or to receive a flyer, contact Shirley Rettig
(703) 836-0147.

August 14-25, 1997 join Nancy and Ray McKinley in Valle Nevado when we

Ski in Chile

We are just back from skiing in Valle Nevado and touring around Santiago, the very European capital of Chile. It was our best ski vacation ever. The huge resort, built solely for skiing by the French in 1991, is gorgeous. Dark wood structures topped with starkly pointed roofs, contrast with the vast snowfields and the towering Andes. And skiing is great. Valle Nevado offers some 26,000 acres (40 square miles!) of mostly intermediate skiing amongst the majestic Andes Mountains. Further, Valle Nevado is now lift linked to two other valleys, La Parva and El Colorado, providing the largest ski circuit in the Southern Hemisphere (40,000 acres) and a 5,000 foot vertical.

But skiing isn't the only reason to go to Chile. There is much else to see. Thus, we are planning an 11 day trip (shorter and longer stays are possible), skiing for a week and then spending three or four additional days in beautiful, Santiago. We'll do a city tour including St. Cristobal the downtown, 1,500 foot massif providing incomparable views. We will visit Valparaiso, Chile's largest seaport, and lunch and tour at Vina del Mar, the year-round beach playground of South America's rich and famous. We plan a half day visit to wine country and a tour of the picturesque *Concha y Toro* vineyard. We are also looking into optional visits to lake country and to Easter Island. Further, we are exploring the possibility of getting tickets to Chile's *Opera Nacional* which we visited. All told, our trip should provide a spectacular introduction to a dramatic new Hemisphere.

Despite this being a 1997 trip, there are only three hotels at Valle Nevado (and thus no liftlines), so early reservations are essential. Final land and air prices will not be available until January. We expect the 1997 trip will cost \$2,300 to \$2,400--with a \$70 to \$100 discount for seniors. This includes full breakfasts daily, all dinners at Valle Nevado, some in Santiago and lift tickets. Please call us at (703) 527-7126 we have lots more information. If you want to assure a spot, please send your check for \$100 (totally refundable through February, 1997) to the McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22207-4045, and payable to Nancy McKinley.

SKI-O-REE
BRSC

January 25 - February 1
Sat. Sat.
SUGARBUSH VT

Total package price:

- \$515 using Amtrack
- \$615..using Amtrack; lodging at Sugarbush Inn.
- \$435 using charter bus from Annapolis to Sugarbush
- \$565 flying up to Boston & charter bus for the 3.5 hour ride to Sugarbush
- \$27 upgrade to two bedroom/2 bath Snowcreek condo (ski-in/ski-out)
- \$56 for 5 days lessons (2 hours a day)
- \$385..at sight in condos; no transportation.
- \$485 at sight at the Sugarbush Inn; not transportation

Anticipated train schedule:

Private train with party car, rest car, baggage car, limited stops.

January 25

Train 60 **Leaves** Union Station @ 7:30 p.m.
Stops at New Carrollton, Baltimore.
Arrives Waterbury, VT @ 7:30 am (next morning) Jan. 26.

January 31

Train 61 **Leaves** Waterbury, VT @ 9:45 p.m.
Arrives Union Station @ 9:50 a.m. Feb 1.

Accommodations: The Sugarbush Club Condos - 3 bedrooms/3 baths

Included:

- Δ Round trip transportation.
- Δ 5 nights lodging based on minimum occupancy, all taxes included.
Cooking facilities.
- Δ 5 1/2 day lift tickets. Ticket begins at 12:30 p.m. January 26.
- Δ Welcome party-Two hours with two drink coupons, soft drinks & snacks.
- Δ Awards/Banquet Dinner - Buffet style with DJ for dancing. Cash bar.
- Δ Interclub race

Deposit Schedule:

Now	\$15
November 10	\$175
December 2	final payment

Inquiries or deposit to: Bob or Jan Marx / 8312 Oakford Dr. / Springfield, VA 22152 (703) 451-9158.

Application : Sugarbush Ski-O-Ree January 25-February 1.

Name:	Date:	R/Mate:	65+	70+
Address:		Home Tel.		
		Bus Tel.		

PAST EVENTS

SECOND ANNUAL PVS GOLF TOURNAMENT -- by Bob Harmon

On August 26 the second annual PVS golf tournament was held at the Gauntlet Golf Course in Curtis Park near Fredericksburg. The nine participants were Burr and Byoung Schuler, Jack Peoples and friend, Howard Hensley, Myron Marquardt, Bill Anderson, Jamie Miller, and I. We had a beautiful day for the event, quite warm but not uncomfortable. The course was a very attractive one, though work was being done on the first nine holes so we had to play the back nine twice.

We split into three threesomes, and I ended up with Myron and Howard. Later we were joined by Byoung -- the only woman in the group and a great golfer -- who somehow split off from her threesome. After about three holes, Myron asked me if I would write up the event for the Toot -- I suspect because he felt that this would be a fitting penalty for the person who was obviously going to come in dead last. I have no idea what my score was (and I don't think I want to know), but I can't imagine that anyone else had a higher one.

When we finished playing and returned to the clubhouse, everyone else had either left or was on the point of leaving, so we didn't have an opportunity to socialize or compare notes (or scores, fortunately), but the four of us had a good time, and I think it's safe to generalize from the particular and assume that everyone else enjoyed it too. I'm looking forward to doing it again, but first I'd like to take some lessons in hopes of figuring out how the game is played. Many thanks to Burr and Myron for organizing this event.



SEPTEMBER MEETING by Betty Lawrence

On September 17, 1996 the first meeting for the season was hosted by Ron and Nancy Ewing at their lovely home in Fairfax (2.3 mi from Lake Braddock & 123 intersection - any challenges). This super fall-like evening brought out 35 PVSers to relax and socialize on their two spacious decks. Nancy's dining room table with flowers and refreshments was the temptation of the most ardent dieter. PVSers were doing a good job on what they do best at meetings but couldn't quite empty all the platters. Everyone wandered from the dining room to the deck to savor their appetites.

When Pres Serge called the meeting to order it was difficult to get everyone to break away from socializing on the deck and the dining area. We missed having our regular Program, Membership and Treasurer but we survived with the help of our faithful Lu Beale and Janet Marx. Ski trip leaders announced there are a few spaces for different trips available. After the meeting was adjourned, it was back to the buffet table with an assortment of desserts and coffee.

Thank you Ron and Nancy for your generous hospitality and a lovely evening.

September

OCTOBERFEST, 1996

by Jan Marx

It was the perfect last day of summer, with perfect hosts Jim and Mary, for a perfectly enjoyable German eat. Roy Eirod even sported a shirt saying, "After all these years, I'm still perfect."

Despite an accident near the Manassas Battlefield visitor's entrance, all 37 people who were slated to come, made it, plus two who were not--Ray and Nancy McKinley arrived with tired arms due to their long flight from Chile (SA)! They were full of enthusiasm for what they found for their summer '97 trip. Long-time-no-sees were Lois Rose, and Dot Mason. Also present were three Jacks; one of them bit Don Dillon on the calf. Not to worry, Roy and Malda's dog Jack is up to date on his shots. (I guess the perfect PVS event typically includes a few misadventures.) It was a pleasure to meet and visit with Karen Felker's brother Knud and his wife, Annelise.

Gleaned from Jim and Mary's research comes the fact that Octoberfests are usually held in September. This must be true because pflaumenkuchen bakers know that the Italian prunes are available in September but not in October. Also learned is that large white radishes with a spiral cut are part of the tradition. Low and behold, our magic hosts found them! Dina's red cabbage was another special treat. Beyond the pflaumenkuchen, dessert treats included apple crisp and Black Forest cake.

T'was perfect. -----Thanks Jim and Mary!

A WALK DOWN THE GARDEN PATH
by: Bill Anderson

CHARLIE DOES IT AGAIN!

Yes, Charles Huggins led a most enjoyable mid-week excursion to the Ladew Topiary Gardens on September 18. This was a new experience for most of us, as I personally did not know that the "most outstanding Topiary Gardens in America" as designated by the Garden Club of America, was just a short distance North of Washington, D. C. Seven PVS's toured the 15 gardens covering over 22 acres as well as the mansion house and various out buildings. Dot Mills and Sara Huggins were most helpful in identifying the exotic plants and flowers. Our editor, Jessma and Bette Walker were both intrigued with the Oval Library with its secret door leading to the garden. This library is included in the book "100 Most Beautiful Rooms in America" Our First Lady, Liz liked it all. I personally enjoyed the Garden of Eden with the falling apples (real apples). I also liked the Temple of Venus. Venus was not only missing her arms, but her entire body was gone. We all decided that Henry Ladew would have been a good candidate for PVS, as he was funny, loved to entertain, had lots of money and had never held a job. Our tour ended in true PVS fashion, eating a grand lunch in the walled garden of the estate.
Thanks Charles for a great day.

COOK'S CORNER



by

Nancy Garrett

With October come shorter days, leaves turning to their magnificent colors, and more time to spend in the kitchen.

Recipes to try are from several of our good cooks. The Pepperoni Bread from Nancy McKinley should have been presented along with her recipe for Tomato and Olivada Crostini. The cook forgot to include it. The wonderful salads from Liz Triau were made for the July EXCOM. Carol Bridger's Cheese Spread was quite a hit at the Flake's Annapolis Party. So try them all and enjoy.

PEPPERONI BREAD

Nancy McKinley

Let thaw for at least 2 hours:

- 1 pkg. Rich's Frozen Bread Dough (2)

While bread is thawing, slice and quarter:

- 1 lb. pepperoni

When bread is thawed, rub with a little Crisco, and roll into a 13 X 9 inch rectangle. Sprinkle half of the chopped pepperoni onto bread, add half of:

- 1 lb. mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 Tablespoon oregano (may use more)
- 1 Tablespoon basil (may use more)

Roll dough up like a jelly roll. Close the ends. Let rise for 1/2 hour before cooking. Repeat for second loaf. Bake at 375° for 25-30 minutes. Let cool for at least ten minutes before serving.

ISLANDIC SALMON SALAD

Liz Triau

Mix together:

- 1 box Orzo pasta, drained and cooled
- 1/4 cup wild rice, cooked, drained and cooled
- 1/4 cup of chopped onions
- 1/4 cup peas, cooked, drained and cooled
- Some (1/2 - 1 lb.) salmon (Liz used smoked)

Mix all with a vinaigrette dressing - Liz used Kraft Zesty Italian- and add garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste. Chill for an hour or two to blend flavors.

PENNE PASTA SALAD

Liz Triau

Mix together:

- 1 box Penne Pasta, cooked, drained and cooled
- Handful of fresh snow peas
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- Handful of chopped red pepper
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Mix all with Kraft Zesty Italian Dressing. Add garlic powder, salt and pepper. Liz says she sometimes adds shrimp or pieces of cooked chicken.

SINFUL SALAD

Liz Triau

Combine:

- 1 large box strawberry jello
- 1 cup boiling water

Stir until dissolved. Cool. Add:

- 3 medium bananas, mashed
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 2 pkg. frozen strawberries (10 oz. each)
- 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained

Stir mixture until well combined. Divide in half. Pour half the mixture into a 12 X 8 inch pan and refrigerate until set (about one hour). Keep remaining gelatin at room temperature. Spread onto set gelatin

- 1 pint sour cream (2 cups)

Pour on remaining gelatin. Cover and refrigerate.

GREAT CHEESE SPREAD

Carol Bridgers

Combine and mix well:

- 1 8 oz. Cracker Barrel Brand Sharp Cheddar (grated)
- 1 8 oz. Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 2 Tablespoons melted Parkay margarine

Add:

- 2 teaspoons chopped pimento
- 2 teaspoons chopped green pepper
- 2 teaspoons chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Mix all ingredients together until well blended. Chill. Serve with crackers. Enjoy!!!

TIP OF THE MONTH: As the temperatures falls, cut bunches of herbs from your garden. Chop and freeze. Use as fresh in recipes.



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

The Knee and Nancy
just flew in from Chile.

And, boy, are our arms tired! In mid-September, we had three days of unbelievable skiing at Valle Nevado, Chile, a huge, pristine, French-developed new resort. After suffering the vast snowfields, superb cuisine from four countries, and designer accommodations, we believe we can make the claim of being PVS' first skiers of the season. Or is it the last skiers of last season? Such a philosophical quandary.

Some good news. Steamboat Springs is opening a new, intermediate ski area just behind Storm Peak. They expect it to be open in time for Jackie and Ned Flaherty's trip. Right on.

John and Ellen Burgess recently spent a month in Tuscany. They leased part of a restored villa, and were forced to eat rich food and drink lots of Chianti. Tough. They are just back from Long Island and their son's wedding. Congrats.

Just at the end of the Olympics, Alice Swalm journeyed to Atlanta. No, she didn't have her dates wrong. Alice was attending a bridge tournament--and she won some Master Points.

When Bob McNeill retired earlier this year, after some 35 years in the international trade arena, "The Journal of Commerce" ran a lengthy, glowing article on his career. Bob started out with a trade policy post in the Kennedy White House. He ended up as a disgustingly rich, but well thought of, member of the lobbying corps, pushing hard for freer international trade. Bob is so rich that he owns 9 pair of skis (i.e. 18 skis), and he carries every one with him when he skis--except at Liberty where he rents!

The Knee could not possibly have screwed it up the first time. However, just so everyone gets it straight, The Old Post Office restoration is the same age as PVS--thirty. PVS's own Terry Morton was instrumental in saving the building from being torn down. Ankneeway, kneetoe!

Back from a trip to see the midnight sun in

Alaska is Dina Taylor. Dina helicoptered to see my namesake mountain --Mt. Knee.

It was a real pleasure to see Lois Rose at Jim Slack and Mary Ward's third *sehr gemulich* Oktoberfest. It was Lois' first PVS event in three years, and first as a single person. After not skiing for several years, she managed to get to both Stowe and Steamboat last year. Right on!

Also at Oktoberfest were Roy and Malda Elrod and their dog, Jack. Don Dillon went over to pet Jack. Jack, however, thought Don was the best of the Oktoberfest wurst and bit him. Ouch!

Injury report: Irene Farrell looked chipper whilst eating wursts. She's back playing tennis and expects a 100% recovery from her doctor's near deadly mistake. Right on.

In mid-September Charlotte Eddy was in an automobile accident. She apparently has no major injuries but a bit of residual soreness.

We all loved Betty Lawrence's great new kitchen which had its grand opening at Crabfest. Since Betty keeps expanding and improving her house, Marilyn Clark wondered if Betty has an edifice complex. I have data that rex that theory.

Serge and Liz Triau are recently back from a 50-person family reunion in Pennsylvania. Some of the 50 were actually from the same family.

Soon to be off on another "business trip" to Hawaii is Barbara Leonhardt. This time she returns the day before her PVS dinner. And that's without a lei over. Ouch again.

Joan Flake, Jean Heitchue, Lu Beale and Marilyn Clark traveled to Richmond together to visit the exhibit of Faberge eggs. When I first heard this I thought it a yoke.

Speaking of yokes, Bill Anderson claims his foot went to sleep one afternoon and then it kept him awake all night.

Making the *Guinness Book of Records* for the earliest ever pre-trip party are Jackie and Ned Flaherty. Their Steamboat pre-trip was a full three months before the trip. Nancy and the Knee can play that game. We will have our Ski Utah post-trip party *before* the trip, and our pre-trip party *after* the trip and thus two records.

