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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I must start my message by extending wholehearted congratulations to the committee that so generously contributed their many and various talents to the recent "LU BEALE EVENING."

It was a glittering affair, held at the Cosmos Club and attended by 84 members, punctuated with speeches, wit, some of it dimwit, but most of all an aura of caring and delight that Lu was able to attend.

Our love and thanks go out to her.

Mary Jane McCarthy  
President

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## SEASON OPENER MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

8 p.m. at the home of Marijane and Don Harper,  
11835 Clara Way, Fairfax Station.  
Telephone: 703-323-6356.



Join in a jolly farewell to the dog days of summer and hello to autumn (and can ski season be far behind?).

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Beltway, take Route 66 west to 123 south. On 123, cross Braddock Road (approx 3.5 miles) and continue south to light at Fairfax Station Rd. (approx. 1.8 miles). Turn right on Fairfax Station Road and proceed 1.7 miles to Innisvale Drive where take a right into Oakbrook Community., Go approx. 1/2 mile to Clara Way where take a left and proceed to 11835 - the second house on the left. OR take Braddock Road west from the Beltway and follow directions above from Braddock Road south on 123.

# COMING EVENTS

## ANNUAL CRAB FEST - September 3, 1994

Reservations should be in for this rain-or-shine feast at Betty Lawrence's, but she says to call her even so to ask about space. (Tel. 703-759-0471). Directions were in August TOOT. Come after 2:30 - dinner about 5 p.m.



## DINING OUT GROUP - September 13, 1994

Join your PVS friends for dinner on September 13 1994. Dinner will be at 7:00 P.M. This month dinner is planned at the Paolo's, 1801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Paolo's is a fine Italian Restaurant with many interesting entrees and homemade desserts.

Directions: From the Capitol Beltway (Rt. 495) in Maryland, take the Rockville Pike North exit (Rt. 355). Cross Montrose Road and continue to Paolo's which is in an office building on your left between Twinbrook Parkway and Halpine Road. There is a left hand turn lane without a traffic light just after Twinbrook Parkway (Shell station on NW corner). If you miss the turn lane make a U-turn at Halpine and come back. Parking is in the garage which is entered from the left-hand side of the building. Take the elevator to the first floor, go through the lobby and out the front door. The restaurant will be on your right.

From points North, take the Rockville Pike South. Look for the restaurant after you pass Halpine Road.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Margaret Wycoff at (301) 589-5532 by Sunday Sept. 11, 1994. Pat and John will be thinking of you as they dine in the real Italy that evening!



## MID-WEEK BIKE TRIP September 15, 1994

The September mid-week bike trip will be along the Mt. Vernon Bike Trail from the Sailboat Marina to Roosevelt Island for a distance of 12-15 miles. Meet at 10AM in the restaurant parking lot at the Washington Sailing Marina just south of National Airport on the GW Parkway. For further info or just to let us know you're coming, call Shirley Rettig at (703) 836-0147.

MORE COMING EVENTS

FALL WEEKEND AT BEAUTIFUL REHOBOTH: There are a few places left for this limited event, but please call as soon as possible. \$75 per person includes lodging, welcome cocktail party on Friday (Bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre if you would like), breakfast and lobster dinner on Saturday, brunch on Sunday. Send check to the Barrys, 442 Spring Lake, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971-1725. Call them at 1-302-227-7000 if you need directions.



- NOTE! TOOT confused one and all by printing two sets of dates in the August issue. (Cries of "Bring back the former editor!") The real dates are September 30, October 1 & 2.
- NOTE! Please make note of same.

**Oktoberfest**

- When: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> 1993 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
- What: 16<sup>th</sup> annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.
- Call: Coordinators Margaret & Bob Wyckoff at 301-589-5532 by Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September to reserve your place (limited to 60) and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.
- Cost: Approximately \$14.00 per person.
- Bring: Your own eating utensils and plate. Your favorite beer mug is, of course, always welcome.
- Optional: Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.
- Where: Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm & Nosh Bar, 4580 Sudley Road, Catharpin, Va.
- Directions: Take I-66 west from the Beltway. Exit at 47B (Manassas Battlefield) onto Route 234 North (Sudley road). Go 5 miles to Catharpin (Alvey's Community Store, Exxon Station, & Post Office and White Oak Nursery). At the guard rail 0.5 miles later, turn left onto the gravel driveway. (If you get to Old Field Drive on the left, you just went by our driveway. If all else fails, call 754-8814 from the payphone at Alvey's and we'll come get you.) We are the brick house at the end of the driveway.



OCTOBER HIKE: Mid-week Fall Foliage hike at Catoctin Mountain followed by lunch at Mt. Gate Restaurant in Thurmont. Date will be announced in October TOOT.



**THAT BEAUTIFUL PARTY!** After too many days of rain and sizzling temperatures, Saturday, August 6 arrived with blazing sunlight and thermometers at the seventies--more proof that Lu Beale is leading a charmed life. That evening, 85 of her closest friends gathered in the garden of the Cosmos Club to celebrate her 80th birthday and express their gratitude for the fifteen years she has edited TOOT. Escorted by Bill Anderson, our esteemed X-Pres, the honoree arrived in a limo which, she later explained, she had checked carefully to be certain it wasn't a hearse.



Several of Lu's friends had travelled great distances to be with her for that evening: Jan Marx from Minnesota; Adele Waggaman from Martha's Vineyard; Jacques Hadler from New York; John Newdorp and his fiancée Audrey Connor from North Carolina; and Lu's son David and his friend Sandy Glass from New Jersey. David was impressed that the subject of skiing seldom came up - unlike at gatherings of his running companions where there is talk of nothing else. Should he join us at a ski resort, he might become unimpressed.

After an hour of conversation, cocktails and tasty hors d'oeuvres, the party moved indoors to enjoy a delicious dinner, a beautifully decorated birthday cake, champagne toasts and the wit of the celebrant and Bill and Ray's opening, middle and closing remarks, limited to two words - as requested? At each place was a copy of a special edition of TOOT, compiled by Nancy Sexton, dedicated to Lu, all about Lu, and including the LuKnee; a biography by Ron Fett, a charter member of PVS; and a crossword puzzle appropriate to the occasion by Karen Felker. A melodious rendition of Lulu Marleen, also by Karen, to the tune of Lili Marlene, followed, as well as readings from Lu's newspaper columns by Marilyn Clark and Joan Flake and presentations by Jan Marx (T-shirt designed by Jan), Jamie Miller (photo of a mad-hatted Lu) and Bette Walker (scrap book of letters, cards, pictures). For those who couldn't get near the scrap book, Lu intends to bring it to the next meetings. After Lu's delightful riposte, Ray presented her with a giant punctuation colon - to atone for the loss of her anatomical part.

With that last laugh the party concluded; the guests slowly departed, and Lu was left with two more days to celebrate becoming Eighty. Her birthday is actually August 8!!

#### TUBING ON THE SHENANDOAH — by Myron Marquardt

August 13 was a great day to be on the Shenandoah River. The air and water temperatures could not have been better. Due to rains that had fallen up river the day before, we were taken to a different location on the river. It was good to see a section different from the last two years.

In addition to the regular ski club members, Fumiko's grand nephew Ryota from Japan was with us. It was a great chance for Nancy S. and Myron to practice their Nihongo (Japanese language). This was Ryota's first experience with such an activity.

(Tubing continued)

There were plenty rocks in the river to test our steering ability. No one admitted to derriere bruises from hitting rocks. After a few rides on the river, one learns to raise the keel when rocks are sighted.

We were cautioned not to stop on private property. With that in mind, a small grassy island was discovered where we had our lunch. Noticing that the island was unoccupied, we claimed it for PVS and was duly named "PVS Island". Next year we plan to carry our club flag so we can properly declare the island for PVS. It worked for Columbus, so it ought to work for us.

Our tubes we did launch,  
Anchors we did weigh.  
We thank you, Shirley,  
For such a great day.

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### A DAY AT THE FLAKES

By Charles and Genee Boykin

On a beautiful Saturday, not a cloud in the sky, 40+ PVSers joined the Flakes at their Bay Ridge house for a day of sailing, power boating, feasting, and celebrating. The afternoon began with a sail on Glade's Snowflake, a Hunter 34-foot sloop. Captain Doug, a friend and neighbor of the Flakes, first-mate Joan, and a crew of 10 PVSers set sail on the Chesapeake Bay just outside Annapolis. Joan showed that sailing is hard work when she cranked up the mainsail, and Liz Triau discovered the importance of strong arms and back when she and Charlie Huggins worked the jib winch. We had perfect conditions and wonderful sailing.

Glade and son Robert took other PVS members power boating. Glade drove his speed boat while Robert took another group on his recently acquired sport fisherman. June Read was courageous enough to try the inner tube which Glade pulled behind his speedboat.

After boating, we returned to the patio where Ruel, another Bay Ridge neighbor and friend, provided music on his synthesizer, and occasionally sang. He was joined by renowned PVS singers--Joan Flake, Liz Triau, and Bill Anderson--who gave a heartwarming rendition of "I Only Have Eyes for You." Later, George Hicho thought Glade had hired singer Diana Washington to perform, but the solo singer was our own Liz Triau who crooned "Call Me Irresponsible."

After dinner, Margaret Wyckoff on behalf of the group surprised host, Glade, with a birthday cake. When it was first brought out, Glade looked around to see who the cake was for, not suspecting it was for him. It was creatively decorated with miniature spruce trees and skiers in honor of Glade's role as one of the founding members of PVS. He will be 70 years young on August 31.

As a glowing sun set slowly over the lake, some remaining PVSers formed the PVS Off-Key Singers and regaled the group with their very own rendition of "Baby Face." Thank you, Joan and Glade, for another wonderful day at Bay Ridge.



# !! SKI TRIPS !!

## DECEMBER SKIING

*The Winter Park ski trip was cancelled, but a few PVSers still plan to ski at Winter Park Dec. 5-15th. Anybody wanting to do some early December skiing at Winter Park can book airfare, lodging at the Vintage, and ground transportation through Ski Ventures in Rockville, Md. Tel. Number (301) 990-0013.*

ASPEN, CO, JANUARY 13 - 24, 1995. Dina Taylor, leading. The information regarding airline travel as stated in the August TOOT has been rescinded. Flight arrangements are now arranged separately and individually by Dina according to everyone's needs.

The plan now is to fly to Denver International Airport and also return from there. On January 13, a deluxe coach has been reserved for us to leave at 2:30 p.m. for travel from Denver to Aspen Manor Lodge, as well as for the return trip on January 24 to meet our return flights from Denver after 1 p.m. The cost for the round trip bus fare is \$85 per person. Please add this to the originally quoted land package price.

Also please remember that half of the outstanding balance for the trip is due September 1, with check made out to Dina Taylor. In case you have any questions, call Dina at (o) 301-427-3240 (If she doesn't answer herself, just leave only your name and number for a return call.) or (h) 301-663-6089.

## February 18 - 26, 1995, the PVS trip to **SKI WHISTLER AND BLACKCOMB, CANADA**

*The trip is now full. For more information call Nancy or Ray McKinley at (703) 527-7126.*

**TRIP PARTICIPANTS:** Be sure to mark your calender for our Pre Trip Party--January 28, 1995

WATERVILLE VALLEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, Sunday to Sunday, March 19 to 26, 1995. Jack Peoples and Myron Marquardt, leading. Please refer to August TOOT for details. NOTE that the deadline for reserving a place on this trip is September 12.



# THE KNEE

by  
Ray McKinley

When I was seventeen, it was a very good year. Actually, it wasn't. I was eight years away from my first time on skis. And the Dodgers had a very bad year.

Notwithstanding, it does provide an excellent lead-in. For PVS, August was a very good month. Lu Beale's big-time birthday bash, tubing on the Shenandoah with Shirley Rettig, and the fabulous Flakes' summer picnic. It was a great month. And no one even skied.

I've been travelling and there is good airport news. Both Sun Valley and Aspen Airports have added new GPS augmented landing systems, providing much safer landings.

The new Denver International Airport should open this winter--a year late. It's 25 miles farther from the ski areas, looks like a giant tic tac toe board, and is twice the size of Manhattan. DIA doesn't stand for Denver International Airport but for Design It Again, or Doesn't Include Airplanes, or Dumbest Idea Anknewhere.

PVSers continue to travel throughout the world. Suzanne Boisclair will soon be off on a trip to Tahiti, Fiji, and other islands in one of my favorite places in the world, Poli-kneesia. Jeanne Strickland and Bette Walker will tour Eastern Europe next month. Jim Arnold is in Spain for a month. Ole! And, finalknee, June Kelsay is back from Oklahoma. OK!

My Kneedle of the Month goes to Bing Poon. At Lu Beale's birthday party, der Bingle initially showed up at the Cosmos Club Friday night. By Saturday, Bing had the trip down pat. Right on.

The Cosmos Club party write-up by Bette Walker is the first use of her new typewriter. According to Bette, she'd been thinking of buying one for "5 or 6 years." The chance to report on Lu's party did it. Write on.

The Cosmos Club was PVS' most elegant event. Many women wore long dresses (although I missed seeing their knees; the Knee isn't a kneeophyte kneeophile). Blue was certainly an "in" colour. (Note British spelling--this column is Kneeclassical!)

Particularly notable was Peggy Burns in a turquoise dress and matching turquoise Baccarat glass earrings. Yup. Baccarat earrings. A matched set. Right on. And left on.

Bill Anderson recently quit his retirement job. It would soon interfere with his skiing. Political correctness is now in. Thus Bill Anderson believes that all black ski trails should become African American ski trails. Far right on.

Frequent foreign traveler John Smith says Vienna is the most expensive city. Wrong, John, it's Oakton.

From our moldy Atlanta bureau: Ken and Myra Evans recently reported 19 straight days of rain and a record breaking 18 inches in a month. Yuck.

Last month Jim Wingrove had his first ever trip to Eastern Europe. He awoke shortly after arriving in Warsaw with no vision in one eye. The following day, in Budapest, he visited a dank, 1920-vintage socialized medicine clinic. Jim was correctly diagnosed with a detached retina. He flew home, had the outpatient surgery, and is doing great. Eye see.

We were all eager to meet Fumiko Marquardt's nephew, Ryota, on our tubing trip. Since he spoke scant English, we all spoke louder.

As if Flakes' party isn't normally enough fun, this time their next-door neighbor Ruel Baker charmed PVS with his keyboard tunes. Liz Triau and Marty McNeill now both want keyboards.

The highlight (ahem) was when Ruel was joined by our own Lovely Little Lemon Sisters, Joan Flake, Liz Triau, and, of course, Bill Anderson.

Meanwhile, on the Bay, as the Flakes' sailboat and the powerboat approached each other, George Hicho leaned out and yelled across, "Pardon me, do you have any Grey Poupon?"

CALENDAR

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- Sept. 13 ... DOGS at Paolo's. Page 2.
- Sept. 15 ... Mid-week Bike Trip. Page 2.
- Sept. 20 ... PVS Monthly Meeting at the Harper's. Page 1.
- Sept. 27 ... ExCom at home of Betty Lawrence.
- Sept. 30 ... to Oct. 2. Weekend at the Barry's in Rehoboth. Page 3.
- Oct. 8 ... Oktoberfest at the Harper's. Page 3.
- Oct. ? ... Catoctin Mountain Hike. TBA.
- Oct. 18 ... PVS Monthly Meeting and Variety Show. Leisure World Clubhouse No. 1.
- Oct. 25 ... ExCom. Volunteer needed to host.
- Nov. 12 ... Annual Chili Hike. Limited to 30 for supper. Call Nancy and Ray McKinley at 703-527-7126.
- Nov. 15 ... PVS Monthly Meeting at Jaclyn and Ned Flaherty's.
- Nov. 19 ... Annual Arts Club Dinner.
- Nov. 22 ... ExCom, with volunteer needed to host.
- Dec. 20 ... Christmas Party at the Heitchue's.
- Dec. 27 ... ExCom. Again, host is needed.



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