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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September already! School daze are here and it's a good bet that every kid through third grade is at work on an essay entitled "What I Did This Summer."

If, perchance, a teacher should ask what on earth skiers do during the long, hot No-snow season, here are some of PVS offerings: Besides the BIG ski trip to Chile and the BIG events such as theatre parties, marina picnics, crabfests, etc., there was an amazing array of events organized by Charles Huggins, Chairman of Mid-week activities.

Included were tours of the Davis Paylor Model Pasin and the Dasis Winery; a golf tournament; hikes at Sugar Loaf, Cunningham Falls and the Crescent Trail; and the bike excursions to Mt. Vernon, Leesburg, and the FDR Memorial.

That's a rich and varied menu of "happenings" for a small club and we hope you sampled at least some of it.

So thanks to Charles and his gang for getting us out of the backyard hammock to participate in so many excellent adventures that are sure to get you A+ when you write your essay on what certain lucky skiers did this summer. Ski Heil!

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MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 16, 1997, 7:30 p.m.

HOME OF KATHY AND DON DILLON 8302 Goshen View Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20882 Tel: 301-330-5371

See directions to the Dillon home on the next page.



Directions to the Dillons'

NORTH ON 1-270. TAKE 1-370 EXIT, STAY TO RIGHT. PROCEED TO SHADY GROVE ROAD EAST EXIT. PROCEED STRAIGHT ON SHADY GROVE ROAD THROUGH SEVERAL LIGHTS AND THEN, AT MUNCASTER MILL INTERSECTION, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD THROUGH LIGHT ON AIRPARK ROAD (SHADY GROVE ROAD CHANGES TO AIRPARK WITHOUT A TURN). PROCEED ON AIRPARK TO NEXT LIGHT AND TURN RIGHT IN RIGHT HAND TURN LANE ON ROUTE 124 (ALSO CALLED WOODFIELD ROAD). PROCEED STRAIGHT THROUGH 2 LIGHTS AND AT 3RD LIGHT TURN LEFT ON BRINK ROAD. TAKE NEXT RIGHT ON GOSHEN HUNT LANE AND IMMEDIATE RIGHT ON GOSHEN VIEW DRIVE TO CUL DE SAC. OUR DRIVEWAY IS STRAIGHT AHEAD IN THE CUL DE SAC AT 8302 GOSHEN VIEW DRIVE (NAME AND NUMBER ON MAILBOX), WITH A DOWN HILL PORTION SHARED WITH A NEIGHBOR. WE ARE HOUSE ON RIGHT, VICTORIAN WITH PORCH.

FOR THOSE WHO KNOW GEORGIA AVE TO ROUTE 108 IN OLNEY, TAKE LEFT ON 108 AND PROCEED THROUGH LAYTONSVILLE TO BRINK ROAD, TURN LEFT ON BRINK TO NEXT LIGHT AT ROUTE124, PROCEED STRAIGHT THROUGH LIGHT TO RIGHT ON GOSHEN HUNT LANE AND FOLLOW AS ABOVE.

PLEASE PARK ON CUL DE SAC OR THE STREETS AND IT WILL BE A SHORT WALK USING THE DRIVEWAY AS WALKWAY.





# DINING OUT GROUP - SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, September 9, 1997.
This month, we will meet at DOLCE VITA, 10824 Lee
Highway (Rte. 50) in Fairfax, VA. We will meet
for dinner at 7:00 p.m. DOLCE VITA is a moderately
priced, typical Roman Cafe that serves many fine
Italian seafood and pasta dishes.

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Directions: From Maryland - take the Beltway (Rt. 495) across the American Legion Bridge to Virginia, exit at Route 50 West (LEE Highway). Go about 5½ miles West and <u>DOLCE VITA</u> is on the right side in a small shopping center about ½ mile beyond the intersection of Route 123 and Route 50 and just before the intersection of Route 50 and Route 29 (where Route 50 turns slightly to the right). This area of Fairfax is called Camp Washington.

From Virginia (WEST) -- Take Route 50 (coming from the West) past Fair Oaks Mall. About 1 ½ miles beyond the intersection of Route 66, Route 50 turns slightly to the left and combines with Route 29. DOLCE VITA is on the left about ½ mile after Route 50 turns.

Parking is available in front of the restaurant.

So that we may know how many to expect, please call Pat Tengel or John Smith at (301) 299-8376 by Sunday, September 7.

# Back By Popular Demand

#### DANCING AT THE BETHESDA METRO CENTER

September 5, 1997, 6 to o p.m.

PVSers who attended this event in August enjoyed themselves so much (See the account in the Past Events section) there was a call for a return session, weather permitting.

Dinner may be purchased in the Food Court and you can come by Metro or get three hours of free parking under the Hyatt Regency. Park on P2, P3 or P4 in an unrestricted space and take the yellow-coded elevators to the Plaza level. The Bethesda Metro Center (Red Line) is located at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road, Wisconsin Avenue, and East-West Highway.

If you are interested in attending, call June Kelsay at 301-493-5839.

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BIKE RIDE THURSDAY SEPT. 18, 10:30 A.M. - APP. 15 MILES

Starting Place: Corner of Beach Drive and Gedar Lane in Rock Creek Park just off the Maryland Beltway. We will ride to Nordwood Lake and stop at the Garrett Park Cafe at the railroad station for lunch. Interested bikers should call Shirley Rectig (703) 836-0147 to let her know you are coming.

Directions: Take beltway to Connecticut Ave. exit. Go one block north of beltway toward Kensington and turn left on Beach Drive. At corner of Beach Drive and Cedar Lane, park on left side in gravel and dirt area in front of trash containers.



FALL FOLIAGE WEEKEND AT BLUE KNOB, Oct. 10-12, 1997.

PVSers are invited to come for the weekend at the lovely onthe-slopes house of Betty Lawrence. Cost is \$10 a night per person, plus sharing the buying and preparing of food. There is a two-night minimum. Call Betty at 703-759-0471 if interested. Call soon since space is limited.



# FALL STROLL/BIKE and DINNER

Saturday October 18, 1997, 3:00 PM at the Leonhardt's home in Gaithersburg. (Rain date is Sunday Oct. 19.) Barbara will lead a walk (45-60 min.) through the Kentlands & nature/lakeside trails. Fred will lead a bike tour for bikers. Then dinner. Nothing to bring. Cost: \$5-7. Tours leave at 3:30 PM. Limited to 26. Call Barb or Fred at 301-963-8111 to make a reservation.

## Oktoberfest

When: SATURDAY, September 20th, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

What: 19th 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: Coordinator Aina Thomas at 301-309-8933 by Monday the 15th 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 \$10.00 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.

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TOUR BROOKSIDE GARDENS OCT. 9, 10:30 A.M.

Brookside Gardens is a 50-acre garden. Tropical plants such as bananas and orchids are seen in the Conservatories. Outside gardens include Rose, Formal, Gude, Fragrance, Japanese and Trial.

We will meet in front of the Conservatories, and then tour the Gardens. Participants should bring their lunch for eating with the group at the Nature Center picnic area adjacent to Brookside Gardens. Food or drink is not permitted in the gardens. Interested PVSers should call Rachel Abraham (301) 530-7612 to let her know you've coming.

Directions: Take the beltway to Georgia Avenue exit (Rt. 97). Go north on Georgia Avenue passing thru Wheaton to Randolph Road. Turn right on Randolph Road. Go two blocks and turn right at the second traffic light on Glenallen Ave. Follow Glenallen Ave. to Brookside Gardens at the bottom of the hill on the right side. Park in the paved lot in front of the Conservatories.

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# Arts Club of Washington

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2017 I Street, Northwest Washington, D.C. 20006 Phone: (202) 331-7282 Fax: (202) 857-3678

DINING AT THE ARTS CLUB SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1997

It's that time again when Potomac Valley Skiers shed their Blue Genes and long Johns and dig deep into their closets to dress in their finest party clothes to attend our most elegant affair on our social calendar. Yes, this is one event you DO NOT BRING A COVERED DISH and require some poor Volunteer to collect money and make change.

Once again, we will be dining in the historic home of President James Monroe, with the evening starting at Seven O'Clock. We begin with cocktails in the restored double drawing rooms, followed by a seven-course dinner, with wine, and returning to the drawing rooms for after-dinner coffee and cordials.

The cost for this great evening remains at \$55.00 per person. Please mail checks payable to Bill Anderson to 4711 De Russey Parkway, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

This event is limited to 50 people and a final count to the Arts Club must be made by Friday, November 7.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT, MAIL YOUR CHECKS AS A P.



#### **PVS E MAIL ADDRESSES**

Albersheim Jeannette Boisclair, Suzanne Boykin, Charles Drago, Tony Felker, Karen and Knox Hager, Bill Hass, Marvin King, Dick and Julie Lewis, Nancy Marx. Bob and Jan Matthews, John and Ramona McKinley, Nancy Philbrook, Sally Quinden, Kathy Ragen, Jack Slack, Jim Tengel Pat Triau, Serge and Liz Ward, Mary

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# !! SKI TRIPS !!

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS - December 6 to 13, 1997. Final payment is due on September 30. Call the Flahertys (301-929-9664) with any questions.

# MONT TREMBLANT

THIS TRIP IS GO!! Nat Seeman will lead the group, March 15 to March 21, 1998. PVSers will be staying at the Chateau Mont Tremblant with true ski in and ski out, with restaurants, lounge, cafe, indoor/outdoor pools, dry/wet saunas, outdoor jacuzzi and exercise room. The last evening will be in Montreal.

Final cost will be around \$800. For more details, see the flyer in the July TOOT.

PLEASE, PLEASE, IF YOU'S INTERESTED, CALL NAT ASAP AT 703-4671-0859.

February 22 to March 1 [or March 4], 1998 join Nancy and Ray McKinley

# SKI BIG SKY MONTANA

The Sky Really is Bigger

The trip is full with a small wait list for the 7 day package. There is no wait list for the 10 day trip. For more information or to put your name on the wait list, call Nancy or Ray at (703) 527-7126.

<u>Trip participants</u>: Please don't forget that your payment of \$750.00 (\$500.00 if you have the land package only) is due to us not later than September 15. Please make your check to Ray McKinley and mail to us at 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.

MON PASSETS!

#### PVS SWITZERLAND 1998

## ZERMATT - GLACIER EXPRESS - ST. MORITZ

JANUARY 30, 1998 TO FEBRUARY 15, 1998

#### THE TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Round-trip Airfare: Dulles to/from Zurich on Swiss/Air/Austrian Air

First class train from Zurich airport to Zermatt

ZERMATT - 7 nights at the SIMI-ZERMATT HOTEL (4 star rated) (Breakfast and dinner included)

GLACIER EXPRESS Excursion train (First class) from Zermatt to St. Moritz.
(Special lunch on the train included)

ST. MORITZ - 7 nights at the POST HOTEL (4 star rated) (Breakfast and dinner included)

First class train from St. Moritz to Zurich

ZURICH - 1 night at the ST. GOTTHARD HOTEL (4 star rated) (Breakfast included)

Bus transfer from hotel in Zurich to Zurich airport.

Social Events: Pre trip party, Apres Ski parties in Switzerland, Post trip party.

All takes, gratuities, local transfers, and baggan shandling.

NOT INCLUDED:

Lift tickets and lunches.

NOTE: For 1997 the cost of a 6 day lift ticket was approximately \$210 at both areas (Tickets for fewer days and for seniors are available at

reduced prices).

TRIP COST:	\$ 2540 (Per person	double occupancy)		
	Payment Schedule:	With Application:	\$ 100	
		By August 1, 1997	\$ 500	
		By October 1, 1997	\$ 970	
		By November 15, 1997	\$ 970	
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TO APPLY: Send application form and check for \$ 100 to:

John H. Smith, 8174 Inverness Ridge Road, Potomac, MD., 20854, Questions: Call (301) - 299 - 8376

NOTE: TRIP IS LIMITED TO 24 PEOPLE

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Phone: Signature (s)	Roommate Preference:	

# **PAST EVENTS**

#### FREE DANCE CONCERT

Thirteen PVSers--enough to fill 3 tables--convened at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 1, to dance and swing to the strains of the Richard Bray Orchestra (the "swing band specialists") at the Bethesda Metro Center's outdoor Plaza. We also participated in the line dancing led by the capable Pinky O'Neil, with all of us--including Marty McNeill in her swirly, eye-catching skirt--trying to keep up with Pinky in the Electric Slide, Funky Cowboy, Macarena, and something to a particularly insistent Samba beat.

She finally elicited a volunteer--Jack Peoples--as her co-instructor. Filming of interviews with other people on the Plaza and some of our group--namely the Triaus, Gorman Young, George Hicho--was also part of her program, later broadcast on cable TV.

The Food Court that opens onto the Plaza proved to be quite nice, with many items to choose from. For those who didn't take the Metro, the free 3-hour parking in the garage beneath the Hyatt Regency was a great boon to all comers.

The Friday night programs are to be repeated through the month of September as late as Oct 3. A brothere of the programs and dates is available by calling 301-652-4988. SEE COMING EVENTS FOR A RETURN VISIT BY PVS ON SEPTEMBER 5.

We thoroughly enjoyed the evening, including the good exercise. Many thanks to June Kelsay for alerting us to and coordinating this event.

....Rosemany Soler

#### AN EVENING WITH THE BROCKMEYERS

On Saturday, August 9, Lorraine and Roland Brockmeyer hosted 24 PVSers at their weekend hideaway condominium, overlooking the Annapolis skyline. The setting was perfect as the complex was located on Spa Creek which flows into the Severn River. The Annapolis Yacht Club Marina was directly in front of the Brockmeyers' quarters and just a dock away from their latest possession, a cabin cruiser named THE Rainey (Lorraine's pet name). The weather was perfect, with a beautiful sunset and cool breezes.

In true PVS tradition, everyone brought appetizers, salads or desserts and the hosts supplied the entree of chicken barbeque with all the trimmings. This was truly another great PVS event and we thank Lorraine and Roland for their hospitality.

....Bill Anderson

#### TOUR OF THE OASIS WINERY .

On Thursday, August 21st, five of us (Charlie and Sara Huggins, Marvin Haas, Aina Thomas, Norm Engelman) enjoyed a wonderful day touring this internationally acclaimed winery. It's in Hume, VA, in a spectacular setting at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

We tasted several types of delicious wine including Chardonnay, Blush, Reisling, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. They showed us the steps in wine making, how sediment is removed for champagne, and how the bottles are capped. They gave each of us a very nice souvenir wine glass. Charlie, as usual, had everything planned just right.

... Norm Engelman

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's membership renewal time. A quick response (no later than September 30) will assure your membership in PVS for TWO YEARS. Dues are now bi-annual.

Please fill in all the information requested on the form so that it can be used to keep our records up to date. Send the form with your check made out to Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. to:

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# THE KNEE

In Chile this column would be called la Rodilla. And a knee pun would, of course,

be una Rodilla chiste. But I'm not entirely certain the concept would work in Spanish. It probably wouldn't be very funrodilla. The column might even lose its rodilla oclassical style.

You should been in Chile! It was snowy and quite "chile," with 40 mph winds. During our first three days we received almost 12 feet of snow--and it was August! It was a blizzard reminiscent of the one on Felker's 1990 trip to Val d'Isere. Thereafter, we had perfect powder conditions. Rodillat. (See, it just doesn't work.)

In Chile they stir their tea with little teaknee spoons. (Now isn't that better?)

Penny Hanshaw provided the ultimate example of "one upping" your husband. As hubby Bruce was sailing on Long Island, Penny was one-up; she flew directly over him on the Carle.

Jean Strickland will soon have her second surgery in 6 months—on her lower back. She was originally scheduled for it in late spring but had to have neck surgery first. Jean is rarin' to get back to skiing. Right on

On <u>Jean's</u> first post-operation PVS eventto see "The Importance of Being Earnest", the car battery died and she and <u>Bette Walker</u> missed the post-play dinner. They are hungry to try again.

Sal and Lee Mahallati are no longer Washingtonians. After retirement they are firmly ensconced on the waterfront on the Eastern Shore. They are back from a trip to Sal's homeland, Iran. It's expensive, but even small villages now have electricity and water. The Knee contemplated a visit. But after further thought, Iran home.

As we proved, you can in ski in summer or winter. But two resorts let you ski over two-thirds of the year! The season at Whistler, in British Columbia, ran 259 days. Not far behind was California's Mammoth Mountain with a 253-day season. Six other resorts had over 200-day seasons: A-Basin (227 days), Killington, Mt.

Bachelor, Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows in California and, at 201 days, Sunday River, Maine.

Membership news. At 85+ years of age, Franklin Fiske, our Maine man, sent a note that he only skied 21 days last year and felt compelled to withdraw from PVS. We'll miss you on ski trips, Franklin. Please don't you forget to renew.

The Wains provided a great, detailed map to get to their Virginia home for the July ExCom meeting. However, the map didn't show the beltway or D.C. Bill Anderson, traveling with Lu Beale, said he would never find Home Sweet Waln. He did. It only took Lu and Bill two hours—and Richmond was lovely.

To attend the ExCom meeting, Ron and Nancy Ewing came home a day early from a vacation to Alaska--a wise move as this was the first ExCom meeting since Ron joined, that he had a chance to vote Ron's historic vote was "yes."

A brief note from Fashion Knee. At the ExCom meeting both Marilyn Clarke and Joan Flake had inadvertently worn identical black the mortifled women were heard to say. Actually, the disaster was somewhat mitigated since Marilyn's two cats are beige and black.

Last season, overall skier days to US ski areas were only about 52.5 million, down some three percent. Indeed, since the late 1970s skier visits have been flat—between 47 and 54 million. And that includes the venomous skiboarders.

Ruth Powers has just attended the Appalachian Trail Annual Meeting. As might be expected, she followed this up with some camping on, of all places, the Appalachian Trail.

A skier friend, who works for NASA, assures me that the following is true. Last month, onboard the Mir Russian Space Station, a collision with a cargo craft depressurized the "Spektr" module. Recent Russian KGB investigations have revealed the true cause: "Objects in the Mir are closer than they appear."

Here is "the rest of the story." Bill Anderson was to write the story of the PVS golf tournament. However, he neglected to sign up for the event and couldn't attend. No "fore" sight.

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