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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Knee has communicated information of urgent and less than urgent priority regarding PVS members comings and goings and other information regarding skiing, vacations, accomplishments, gossip and other Kneenotes; and

WHEREAS, the Knee provided timely seasonal greetings such as Happknee Holidays, Merrknee Christmas, Happy Chankneekah, and Happy Knee Year; and

WHEREAS, the Knee has subjected readers to corkknee jokes, Knee-monics, *Kneea Culpa*, and diffkneecult Kneevoking puns; and

WHEREAS, certain TOOT readers that are Kneephytes (or otherwise enjoy reading the column in its Kneeoclassical style) have been identified with a “tip of the ol’ Knee Cap” recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Knee has provided Kneisms since some of us were knee-high to grasshoppers; and

WHEREAS, ...Kneenuf! It’s time to get on with this proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that, on this 1st day of February, 2009, (in violation of the Knee Philosophy to “Never look back; and never reread your own columns”) the Knee (aka Ray McKinley) is hereby recognized for thirty (30) years of dedicated, creative, and (Kneedless to say) essential service to PVS members.

Michael Strand

PVS President

Monthly Meeting

Sunday, February 15 at 2:00 PM

at Dorie & John Waddick

1605 N Howard St

Alexandria, VA

703-751-3143

Directions:

Take Shirley Highway (I-395 inside the Beltway) to Exit 4, Seminary Rd East. Proceed about 0.6 miles east on Seminary Rd (four traffic lights) to N. Howard St and turn left (The Hospital is on the right at this intersection). The second house on the right on N. Howard St. is the Waddick's (1605 N Howard St). Park in the driveway or drive past the house to the first street -- Maple Tree Court. Turn right into Maple Tree Court and park on the street. (Maple Tree Court is a cul-de-sac with public street parking.)

Preliminary Call for 2009-2010 Ski Trip Proposals

As most of you know, our renowned Ski Trip Chairman, Bob Marx, is taking a break from PVS this ski season to take care of medical problems. In the interim, we are forging ahead but miss his fantastic leadership. The current Ski Trip Committee is as follows:

Acting Chairman: –Rosemary Schwartzbard

Members: Eloise Strand, Shirley Rettig, Polli Brunelli, David Lerner and Sharon Mulholland

We have just completed a highly successful Snowmass Trip and have Park City and Taos to come. Our goal now is to get proposals for the 2010 season. We need the full proposals by April 15 but would like to hear from people before then with ideas and short proposals. We urge you to come forward with your ideas and questions. The Ski Trip Chairperson would be glad to answer questions and provide help. Looking forward to hearing from you. Send me an email: rosemaryphd@verizon.net

In accordance with the ***Guidelines for a PVS-Endorsed Ski Trip*** (the ***Guidelines***), the Ski Trip Committee (STC) is issuing this "Preliminary Call for 2009-2010 **Winter** Ski Trip Proposals." (The STC also will accept preliminary proposals for **summer** 2010 trips at the same time.) Preliminary ski trip proposals should include, at a minimum, the proposed destination, dates, and hotel location (ski-out/ski-in or not) for the ski trip. If even "guess-timated" costs are available, that information will be considered favorably by the STC.

For planning purposes, potential Ski Trip Leaders (STLs) should be aware of the following:

- One firm proposal for the 2009-2010 ski season has been received by the STC already and is wending its way through the approval process – a return trip to Snowmass, CO in Jan. 2010.
- There are two planned Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC)-sponsored ski trips planned in 2010:
 - The annual BRSC Western Carnival at Heavenly (Lake Tahoe), CA from February 20-27, 2010;
 - The BRSC 2010 EuroFest scheduled in Bormeo, Italy March 6-14 2010; probably with both pre- and post-skiing extensions.

Submitted by Rosemary Schwartzbard

Members Corner



Roster Distribution:

The 1 February 2009 PVS Roster was distributed electronically to those with e-mail addresses.

TOOT Distribution to 176 PVS Members:

pdf : 78; USPS: 42; MS-Word: 32;
Emb. Text: 3; and Text (Att.): 1.

Suzanne, Betty & Jessma in Boulder, CO

Trips: Betty Lawrence and Suzanne Boisclair visited Jessma Blockwick, while spending the Christmas holidays with Betty's daughter, Connie & family, in Boulder. Jessma loves living in Boulder, CO, and sends her best wishes to everyone in PVS.



Extraordinary Opportunity: Yours truly, Dave Warthen, had the pleasure of skiing one afternoon with Jacques Hadler, a nonagenarian, at Aspen/Snowmass this year. Jacques led the way, and I marveled at his agility and form, at such a remarkable age, as we made 3 runs. I really enjoyed skiing with this pro! Let's do that again.

Applicant Members – Getting to Know You:

Louann Eadie – I grew up in South Jersey and began skiing in my 20's with some college friends. I learned to ski on Chadd's Ford "HILL" near Andrew Wyeth's home! I skied a few times in the next 2 years at Sugar Bush and Mad River Glen, VT. As a health & physical education teacher, and coach of girls' sports (field hockey, basketball, & lacrosse), I taught at U. of M., as I pursued my M.A. in Psychology. I taught for 35 years, 27 of which were in Fairfax County at all levels (elementary, middle, & high school). I got back into skiing in my early 40's, when our children were old enough to participate, and we bought a cottage at Deep Creek Lake. We spent a lot of time on Wisp Mountain and enjoyed our family time in that beautiful setting. We have only skied out West once, in 2001, at Breckenridge for our daughter's 21st birthday! Since then, my coaching responsibilities have become more demanding. However, last year, I had the pleasure of going on the Bulgaria-Slovenia trip. It was a fabulous way to return to a sport that I have always enjoyed, and to join a group of friendly, fun-loving people who are a true inspiration!!!

Bob Eadie - My father was in the Army and we moved around frequently. We lived in France and Germany in the mid-fifties, and I was fortunate to have my first skiing experience on the Zugspitze, when I was 12 years old. I didn't display any more proficiency than I do now, but the Alps were very impressive. I didn't do any more skiing until my forties, when we got season passes at Wisp for the whole family. Our kids eventually moved on to other activities, as well as, college & marriage. So, skiing became less of a priority. The trip to Snowmass this year certainly restored my interest, and now that I am retiring from the USDA-FNS, after thirty-five years of service, there should be more PVS trips in our future.



A Final Resting Place for David Abraham

David Abraham had requested cremation of his remains, but he expressed no preferences for handling the ashes. His family decided to scatter the ashes at one of David's favorite ski areas. He was especially fond of a challenging run at Alta so it was decided to scatter his ashes near this run. This was done on December 8, 2008 during a snow storm. The ceremony was attended by his son Jonathan, Johnathan's brother-in-law Herb Lichtenstein, and David Lerner. The spot selected was a wooded area between the Cecret and Sugarloaf chair lifts. Herb led the prayers, just as he did at David's memorial service. The ashes were soon covered with snow.

We have many reasons to remember David. We may think of him again whenever we ski at Alta.

Submitted by Dave Lerner

ExCom Slate

The **Nominating Committee** places the following PVS members as candidates for election at the Annual Meeting on 21 April 2009:

PRESIDENT (1 Yr Term):

Dottie Villers

VICE PRESIDENT (1 Yr Term):

Kerry Hines

EXCOM (2 Yr Terms):

Cara Jablon

John Seabold

Ellie Thayer

Many thanks to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Eloise Strand and to the members: Glade Flake, Jan Marx, Marty Rine, Rosemary Schwartzbard and Ellie Thayer

Profiles of the Slate of Officers chosen by the Nominating Committee



DOTTIE VILLERS – Nominee for President

I grew up in Connecticut, but after college I spent a number of years living in California and Florida before moving to Virginia in 1993. I am currently retired from working as a consultant for an information technology company largely doing government contract work. Specifically I usually worked on developing training programs and documentation for various systems that government agencies purchased. I didn't learn to ski until I was 53, but I have been making up for lost time since then! I first learned to ski on local slopes such as Whitetail, Liberty, and Canaan Valley and took lots of classes. Besides skiing, my other interests include sailing, tennis, gourmet cooking and travel. In the summers, I race on a 17' Thistle class sailboat. I have enjoyed being an active PVS member. In the past, I have served a term on ExCom and been PVS secretary, and I am currently PVS vice-president.

Kerry Hines – Nominee for Vice-President

I am a Virginia native. I met and married Marianne while stationed in Germany with the US Army. Marianne was a skier and eventually convinced me to try it as well. A ski neophyte was launched during a week of lessons at Red River, New Mexico, with lace-up leather boots and the GLM instructional method. Fifteen years later, a two-year assignment to Garmisch, Germany and season ski passes brought much-needed improvements in my ski technique, as did instructing "Wonderful Wednesday" elementary school students. Returning to the Washington DC area in 1981, Marianne and I became members of the Arlington Hall Ski Club, until its demise. I retired from the Army in 1986 and began working as a program manager for a government IT consulting company. Simultaneously, I attempted to earn a doctorate degree and quit work in 1996 to focus on writing and defending my dissertation on Russian history. I then returned to part-time IT consulting, which I continue to do a few days a week. I also devote time to historical research on the First World War, to various projects on our house and "farmette" in Delaplane, and to local civic activities. I am currently a member of PVS' EXCOM.



2009 SKI TRIPS/TAHITI TRIP



Local Skiing -- Ski Chalet Ski Appreciation Days

According to Charlie Huggins, local skiing is the best it has been in years. We have two PVS-led local day trips coming up in February as follows:

- [Thursday, Feb. 5 - \\$15.00 - Liberty, PA](#): led by **Shirley Rettig** (shirley_rettig@yahoo.com)
- [Thursday, Feb. 12 - \\$15.00 - Whitetail, PA](#): led by **Cara Jablon** (rcjablon@aol.com)

Ski Chalet is sponsoring **Ski Appreciation Days on these dates** with reduced lift ticket prices. If you are interested in going, contact Shirley or Cara so you can arrange a meeting place or carpool; and get a voucher at Ski Chalet. Vouchers can be picked up at any Ski Chalet store (Chantilly, Columbia Pike, Muddy Branch Road).

Park City Mountain Resort – February 22-28

This is an Elderhostel ski program. They make all land arrangements. You will have to register through Elderhostel. Elderhostel allows participants to invite any adult companion to attend this program with them even if they do not meet the 55 year-old age requirement.

The trip is filled but you can get on the Wait List. The trip is first-come, first served. There will be other people besides PVSers on the trip. Last year there were 55 attendees and a waiting list. If you are interested in the trip, please call Elderhostel 1-800-454-5768 or visit their web site: <http://elderhostel.org>. The program number is 7573RJ and listed under winter sports. Tell Elderhostel that you are part of the PVS ski group. **Trip Leaders: Rosemary Schwartzbard** (rosemaryphd@verizon.net 703-598-6150 and **Ellie Thayer** (ellie.thayer@comcast 703-534-3061).

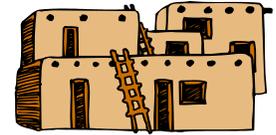
Taos, New Mexico

March 13 to 21, 2009

Join us for a fun week in Taos Ski Valley -- skiing for everyone with dry desert air, radiant sunshine and lots of snow. Pre- and post trip parties and welcome supper.

The trip will begin on Friday morning from Reagan National Airport to Albuquerque, then a short bus ride to Santa Fe. Explore Santa Fe that afternoon and evening. Overnight in Santa Fe's downtown Plaza at the historic La Fonda hotel known for its award-winning architecture, décor, and artwork.

Stay at the slopeside Inn at Snakedance in two-unit condos with private bath and all conveniences. Opportunities for fine dining include the marvelous St. Bernard Hotel.



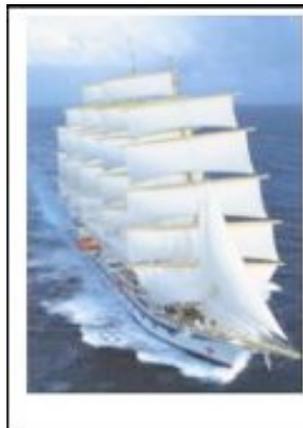
Enjoy an afternoon/evening in the town of Taos for shopping and dinner. Taos has a unique blend of natural beauty, American Indian culture, old west history, and world-class art galleries and museums.

Price per person, \$1,650 (including airfare), Single supplement: \$380 Land-only: \$1222 Special ski rates for seniors. Space still available!

For more information, contact trip leaders Liz Warren-Boulton and Joe Jevcak at elizawb@starpower.net or 202 244-5717 or 202 447-0250 (Joe daytime). Make checks payable to Liz at 3049 Porter St, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

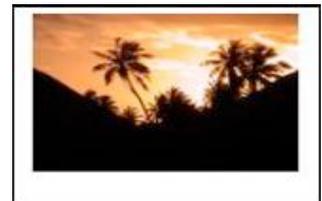
Tahiti and South Seas Cruise – May 28-June 12 2009 Join Reg Heitchue and Nancy & Ray McKinley

They're the most alluring and beautiful destination on earth--Tahiti and French Polynesia, the legendary isles of the South Pacific. Now home of the 360' Star Flyer - the consummate mega-yacht sailing experience for a mere 170 passengers. Below is just a bit of what we'll see as we sail in quiet luxury to such legendary locations as Bora Bora, Moorea, Tahaa, Raiate and 5 other spectacular South Pacific Isles. Star Flyer is as fleet as the wind, a true clipper ship, yet a modern cruise ship in every way, created for comfort-loving passengers who also love the traditions and romance of the legendary era of sailing ships. Star Flyer is 360 feet long and carries just 170 guests in pampered comfort. Life aboard is blissfully relaxed, like traveling on a private yacht. You'll never feel confined, as our ship offers pleasingly spacious cabins gourmet meals and expansive teak decks with ample space for relaxing and play. Our Fabulous 14-Day Cruise Vacation Includes - R/T Airfare, Wash DC to Tahiti - 3 Days with breakfast in Tahiti, double occupancy - 11 Day Sail Cruise on the Star Flyer including all meals - baggage handling - bus gratuities - pre trip party. Space is limited. Please send your check for \$400 per person payable to Reg Heitchue, 11990 Market Street, Unit 1015, Reston, VA 20190. Please call for more information 703-437-7611 heitchu@yahoo.com.



Prices: **\$5957 per person Double, \$7939 single** Based on airfare of \$1804. Land only \$4153

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PREVIOUS EVENTS

January Monthly Meeting in Reston

...Hosted by Melissa and Dottie

PVS first monthly meeting for 2009 was a Sunday afternoon meeting at Melissa FitzGerald's house in Reston. The 26 January meeting, hosted by Dottie Villers and Melissa Fitzgerald, was lively and well attended. Melissa's house, decorated with the collected treasures of numerous overseas assignments with the Foreign Service, provided a most comfortable setting for the meetings routine and special activities.

Since President Mike was off vacationing at Wintergreen, Dottie did double duty by presiding over the business meeting in her usual well-done fashion, as well as serving as the social co-host. Carolyn and David DeVilbiss reported that the Snowmass trip was a success in spite of a few injuries. They had beautiful weather, good skiing and a fun time. Carolyn also gave an interesting and informative account of her trip to Bhutan and passed out copies of a book about Bhutan for all to peruse. Rosemary Schwartzbard, acting chairperson of the Ski Trip Committee, gave information on the Park City trip (Feb.22-28) and asked for proposals for the 2010 season. Still to come are Taos, NM (March 13-21) and the South Seas Cruise (May 28-June 12). On Feb 5th, there is a day-trip planned for Liberty and on Feb 12th, one to Whitetail.

However, the main event was celebrating Ray McKinley's 30th year as author of *The Knee!* In honor of this significant accomplishment, his wife, Nancy, had a large cake made in the form of a knee wrapped in a bandage. It was so clever and delicious as well! There were many other yummy treats on the table to the delight of the 30 members and one applicant in attendance!

Many thanks to Dottie and Melissa for a great job!

by Dave Calloway

Snowmass 2009

by Sharon Mulholland

With the late arrival Thursday evening and early departure the following Thursday morning, PVS'ers gave it their all once again, at our beloved Snowmass Mountain. What a trip! When have you last taken a ski trip when every ski day had bright blue sunny, cloudless days, 35-40° temperatures, no wind and great ski conditions (unless you are a powder hound)? Well-groomed cruising trails and many mogul slopes provided a satisfying experience for every skier. Such was Snowmass 2009! With fewer skiers than previous years and practically non-existent lift lines PVS'ers were hitting the hot tubs each day for sure. Jackie Rosen was heard to say that "she left it all on the mountain."

Usually one never hears the words "age discrimination" at Snowmass. But this year the over 70 PVS'ers were able to go through electronic scanners at the lifts to quickly proceed without showing their silver pass; the "younger" folks had to dig out their tickets for inspection as usual. Age had its advantage!

The welcome après-ski party Friday evening allowed Kate from Mt Chalet to tell us what was new this year. Carolyn then ran through the week's activities and introduced the new attendees as well as some long-term members of the club. Afterwards, a wonderful dinner at the Village Steakhouse, famous

for their immense salad and soup bar, was enjoyed by all.



Side ski trips for the week included Aspen Highlands, Ajax/Aspen and Buttermilk. The larger of these was led by trip leaders Carolyn and Dave, who brought 15 adventurous PVS'ers to Aspen Highlands where 10 took a mountain tour with their kilt, dressed Scottish guide, Bradley. Gorgeous views, including that of the famous Maroon Bells, were enjoyed along with the great ski conditions for the day. Unfortunately half way through the day, new PVS member Dorian Janney took a fall and tore her ACL tendon. But always smiling, with her positive attitude Dorian accepted this bravely as part of the ski scene. In fact, she insisted on going to the Aspen Hospital on her own. There she was diagnosed and given the full knee brace with crutches to survive the rest of her 1st Western ski vacation. During our PVS après ski party that evening, both Dorian and Wally Lukens, who had a lift "malfunction" earlier in the day, were sporting their braces and sharing their stories to the many PVS well wishers. Good news for the day was that Dave DeVilbiss, who took an inadvertent, huge, airborne jump approaching the chair lift, thankfully landed upright on his feet. Carolyn had admonished him earlier that there was to be "no jumping," but clearly Dave did not listen. Dave Warthen suggested that he should try out for the X-Games next year.

David Lerner led a group of one (lucky Ann Snyder) to Ajax Mt for her personal, guided tour. Sharon and Dave Leonard took in Buttermilk one day, in spite of the ensuing X Games. They were recipients of a guided tour by 2 Ambassadors who took them under their wings for the ½ day. What a friendly place are the slopes of Aspen/Snowmass, /Highlands, and /Buttermilk!

Among some other memorable moments of this trip was Serge Triau's "tree hugger" act. It seems that, after losing a ski, Serge landed in a very deep tree well at the side of Bull Run. He and his lone, attached ski became so deeply buried that it took 4 skiers who were passing by to rescue him and his ski before he was able to rejoin his PVS group.

Barbara Leonhardt escorted nonagenarians, Alice Swalm and Jacques Hadler, for some runs starting from the top of the gondola and elsewhere. They skied in their usual stylish form, showing some of the much younger "kids" on the trip how to look good skiing at any age. Jacques remarked that next time he's going to bring his own skis, which he likes better than the rentals. A tip of our collective hats to both Alice and Jack!

Those not too tired to go out at night ventured to Aspen and elsewhere for evening entertainment. Dottie Villers led a group of 5 culture-oriented skiers to the Aspen Opera house to view a French movie with subtitles. By all accounts, it proved to be a very "relaxing" evening. Sharon, Ingrid and Dorian (yes, with her torn ACL) found their way to the double dog bar in Aspen where they were entertained by a lively 9-piece Irish band.

Barbara arranged for a group of 17 trip participants to enjoy a bountiful feast at the Mountain Dragon, a local and PVS favorite for many years.

Prompted by a suggestion from charter-member Larry Pease, an informal, "remembering the good old PVS times" discussion was held prior to an après ski. With Serge Triau moderating, long-time members, Kirk Burns, Sheldon Drews, Alice Swalm and Larry recalled the birth of PVS and the fun-loaded early ski trips to Europe, Mount Sutton, and elsewhere. Most of this trip's participants attended and agreed that this activity was a "keeper".



For our last evening we dined at the Stonebridge Inn where the food was delicious and bountiful. Alice Swalm and Jacques Hadler were honored and presented with mountain photos of them skiing. Ingrid presented wonderful trip leaders, Carolyn and Dave, with a gorgeous coffee table book, "Skiing Resorts of the World" and a ski joke book with our thanks for another fantastic Snowmass trip.

Thank you again, Carolyn and Dave, for being such wonderful, patient, leaders; we are happy that PVS will return in 2010 for the 9th consecutive year at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. As the group was heading to the airport to return, clouds that had been absent all week, rolled in as if to say Goodbye.



THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley
RaysKnee@gmail.com

Welcome **Kneephiles**. Well, it's been anything but a quiet year so far here in cold Washington DC. And now 'tis February, the month of hearts and love. Well, if you love snow and skiing, this has certainly been your year. Oodles of snow (a technical term) out and about—in the East, the West and in Europe. And lots of us are out skiing on it. It's super!

Could the economic downturn be good for skiing? Marvin Hass sent my **Knee**-mail an article about it. In 1933, with one in four Americans out of work, President Franklin Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps as part of his New Deal to reinvigorate the US economy. The aim of the CCC was to address national environmental needs.

In the western and southern US the organization built roads, parks and irrigation systems. However, the Vermont supervisor was a fanatical skier, and used his "CCC boys" to cut ski trails through the forests of Mount Mansfield above Stowe, Vermont. Others chopped routes on Mount Washington. They exist and are skiable today. Perhaps President Obama can do the same today for skiers. What a legacy! How 'bout adding runs at Braddock Heights? (How many have skied there? I haven't.)

Let's address health news first—which the **Knee** is pleased to report—is improving. Did you notice a lack of foreign travel reports from Bill Hager? He says he got his money's worth from the health insurance system. He was treated for blood and skin cancer as well as a torn retina. Yuck! Chemo, drugs and surgery resolved all problems successfully and Bill expects to be back traveling, and hiking in 2009.

Ray Jones reports that Judy had major intestinal surgery, but is almost as good as new. And Finger Lakes resident Susan Payne has her last chemo for aggressive breast cancer in early February. Susan's doctor has OK'ed her skiing in Park City with the Schwartzbards. Right on!!

Be certain to ask Betty Lawrence about her climbing Mount Fuji some 50 years ago. It's really quite a story.

The **Knee** can now get your e-mail. Please tell me all sorts of foibles about other PVSers by using my new **Knee**-mail. I never reveal sources. It's RaysKnee@gmail.com.

Out of the blue, (it was actually out of the black, as it was evening) The **Knee** received a call from Roy Elrod. He sounded wonderful.

He said that 3-4 weeks after Malda died, he realized he was in sad shape. So he went to a health club, got a personal trainer 3 times a week and tried to improve. It worked. After 3 months Roy's body-mass index improved significantly. He said he gained 8 lbs of muscle. And he has stopped using his cane. Fantastic.

Roy bought all new ski equipment and is skiing in Shawnee, PA for 2 weeks. He returns for a week and goes to Utah for 3 or 4 weeks. He's staying in Sandy and has rented a Hummer to go to various ski areas. He will be there when PVS is there with Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard--we plan to meet.



The **Knee** turns Thirt**Knee** with a u**Knee**que Cake

This column started in January 1979. So this marks my 30th year as a columnist. At the Jan PVS meeting at Dottie Villars' and Melissa FitzGerald's, I was feted with a **Knee** cake, arranged by better half Nancy. And now, into my second 30 years, I've inserted my first photo, (with lots of help from Marvin Hass) of my cake (made as the **Knee** logo) and naturally, myself.

David Payne sent me a great item on a traditional type of skiing in the Sierras. They ski as they did in 1867--on 15 foot-long wood skis bound to boots with leather straps. Sounds like fun. Imagine trying to check them on an airline-- or riding a high speed quad. David hasn't tried them—and the **Knee** isn't a candidate!

The **Knee** still has to get some work done on the number of US ski areas. We've had numbers from 1,200 (too high) to 7 (too low). I've discovered there is 1 area in Rhode Island and 4 in Connecticut. More next month.

According to Janet Marx, they'll be at PVS meetings as they're here while Bob has 2 more monthly cycles of "light" chemo. See ya soon!

Calendar and Information

Local Event Calendar				Ski Trip Calendar	
Feb	1	Sun	Taos pre-trip party	Feb 22-28	09 Park City (PVS/Elderhostel)
Feb	15	Sun	Monthly Mtg 2:00 PM (Dorie & John Waddick)		(R .Schwartzbard/E.Thayer)
Feb	17	Tues	ExCom: (teleconference)	Mar 13-21	09 Taos, New Mexico
Mar	17	Tues	Monthly Mtg 7:30 PM (Sally Finan)		Liz Warren-Boulton/ Joe Jevcak
Mar	24	Tues	ExCom: Warthen's	Sailing Trip	
Apr	14	Tues	Annual Mtg (McKenna's)	May 28 – June 12, 09	Tahiti and French Polynesia. (Reg Heitchue)
Apr	28	Tues	ExCom: DeVilbiss'		
May	2	Sat	Spring BRSC Mtg PVS host		
May	19	Tues	Monthly Mtg		
May	26	Tues	ExCom		

PVS Roster information updates

Change of postal or e-mail address, telephone numbers, TOOT email format, etc.

Call David Warthen (301) 774-2653 or send e-mail message to dwarthen@verizon.net

PostScript: Graffiti from the PVS Wall

The underlying theme for this edition of the TOOT **is not skiing**, but rather **Ray and The Knee** – or more specifically, **his thirty-year's tenure as The Knee's author**. The President's PROCLAMATION at the beginning of this TOOT appropriately recognizes Ray's accomplishment, the January membership meeting included an acknowledgement of Ray's achievement, Ray himself makes passing mention of his anniversary in this month's Knee, and finally, there apparently was a casual discussion during the Snowmass trip about the early days of PVS and skiing at Mount Sutton, which just happens to be where the accompanying picture of Ray was taken in 1989. So for those who might wonder what, if anything, 30 years of writing diffkneecult Kneevoking puns for The Knee does to someone, the pictures below – **left, Ray in 1989 at Sutton** and, **right, at the January meeting with his KneeKake** – will allow you to make a comparison for the effects of the last twenty years. Has Ray ripped out his hair from the anguish of creating a fresh column every month for thirty years, or are any changes in appearance simply from excessive consumption of Bar-B-Q chips? Only the Knee knows, and of course, **he never tells!!**

