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President's Message

Dear PVS Member,

Do you realize that we are now entering the second half-century of the life of our club? In preparing to write this message, I looked back at this year's activities — most notably the wonderful Golden Jubilee Gala in November! Members, old and new, came together to celebrate our shared memories of friendship and the joy of skiing. Looking at the many pictures in the slide show, and hearing tales from long-time members, I note how club traditions have grown and changed over the years.

And they are still changing. This fall we will be trying some new things, creating new possibilities. **Our Tuesday, October 18, meeting will be held during lunchtime at the Culinaire in Arlington.** The club has enjoyed events there in the past, with wonderful food served by the culinary students. Please note that you **will need to reserve your space** by contacting Ellie Thayer, who has made these special arrangements for our club. See the ad on page 4 in this TOOT for details: location, cost. Our club loves to eat, so this will be a treat!

John and Blanca Hotaling have volunteered once again to host a meeting - our first fall meeting on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 (evening meeting as usual). We will need a clean up crew, since they are leaving for a cruise the next day, and must pack. Thank you, John and Blanca, for going the extra mile for our club!

At the Steak and Swim last week, Mary Ellena Ward and I were reminded how we met one year ago, at the same event, to discuss the transition of the website as she assumed webmaster duties. One year later the transition is complete, due to the hard work of Mary, assisted by Dave Warthen. The website now has a new format, Dave Warthen has helped with archive transfers and other links, and members find it easier to access the entire site without passwords. Our many thanks go to Mary and Dave for the countless hours that have gone into this project.

Perfect weather we had for the Steak and Swim, and Marianne and Kerry once again outdid themselves with their hospitality. I'm sorry to have missed the Summerfest at Jablons (long way from Portugal) but I hear it was another winner.

In order to continue to have these good times together, we need others to step up as hosts for meetings and events. Please think about Nancy and Ray's request sent out in August, and jump in with an offer or a suggestion. It's time to find some new places and ideas. Try them out—contact Ray and Nancy, myself, or any ExCom member.

And sign up for a ski trip if you haven't already. I hear they are filling fast.

--Carolyn

September Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 20 September 2016 7:30 PM

at the home of John & Blanca Hotaling
2807 North Beechwood Circle
Arlington, VA 22207-5225

jhotaling@me.com or 703-525-4092

Directions, next page



Directions to the home of John & Blanca Hotaling:

2807 N. Beechwood Circle is in north Arlington off of Military Road. To drive to Military Road from the beltway (from either direction), take the George Washington Parkway toward Washington. Take the Chain Bridge exit (Rt. 123N) and merge onto Chain Bridge Road. The road will dead end with Chain Bridge on the left and Glebe Road to the right. Turn right on Glebe Road and, near the top of the first hill, follow signs to Military Road, a right exit (you will be on N. Richmond Street), take a left on North Old Glebe Road and then another left onto Military Road. Proceed about 1.2 miles and turn left onto N. Beechwood Circle. Follow the same directions from Glebe Road if crossing Chain Bridge.

If coming **from the south**, you may reach Military Road from the George Washington Parkway going north, Glebe Road going north, or Lee Highway going west. From the GW Parkway, take the Spout Run exit; take a right at the light onto Lorcom Lane, take a right at the 2nd light onto Military Road. Proceed about 1.2 miles and turn right onto N. Beechwood Circle. From Lee Highway, turn right onto Military Road, proceed about 1.3 miles, and turn right onto N. Beechwood Circle. From Glebe Road, go north almost to Chain Bridge. Exit right onto Military Road and proceed about 1.1 miles and turn left onto N. Beechwood Circle.

The house is the **second driveway on the left** (do not go into the circle). John and Blanca ask that the **driveway be reserved for handicapped and walking impaired guests. Others should park on Military Road or Beechwood Circle and walk up the driveway.** John cell: 703-867-4900 and Blanca cell: 703-585-4047



PVS Members Joined in Matrimony

Congratulations to PVS members, Martha **Nelson** and Aaron **Schwartzbard**, who were married on July 30, 2016, in Rhinebeck, New York. Martha's parents, Jill and Bob Nelson, are also PVS members as is her uncle, Jon Wechsler. Aaron's parents, Rosemary and Dick, are long time PVS members.



Martha & Aaron



Martha & Aaron



Bob, Martha, & Jill Nelson



Martha, Aaron, Rosemary & Dick Schwartzbard

Something **NEW** for PVS

*Our Monthly Meeting in October Will Be Lunch at Culinaire
Tuesday, October 18, at 1820 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA
Arrive between 11:30 and noon.*

For a change of pace, PVS decided to hold its October meeting at Culinaire Restaurant, the restaurant at the Art Institute of Washington's culinary school in Rosslyn. The culinary students, supervised by a chef instructor, cook and serve, and the guests dine and enjoy. The light and airy setting is on the 12th floor with large picture windows looking outward as well as large picture windows looking into the kitchen. The restaurant will be reserved for PVS. The capacity is up to 35 diners. Expect prices to be around \$20.00 or slightly less for three courses. The culinary school accepts credit cards only (no cash) and there is no tipping.

Scattered arrivals between 11:30 and noon are requested. The building is across the street from the back exit of the Rosslyn metro. There is metered and garage parking available in Rosslyn also. Contact Ellie Thayer at ellie.thayer@comcast.net or 703 944 4653. The deadline for signing up is October 11, 2016.

Coming Event

**Take an Autumn Urban Hike with PVS!
Friday, October 28, at 11 am**



Join us in Crystal City for a comfortable hike south on the Mount Vernon Trail to lunch on the river at Indigo Landing Restaurant www.indigolanding.com. Each way the walk is around 3 miles. So if you plan to walk back after lunch (unless you arrange to take a taxi back or hitch a ride with someone with a car who joins us for lunch only) you should expect to walk about 6 miles total.

Mount Vernon Trail is a flat, paved walkway lined with trees that passes Reagan National Airport and then runs along the Potomac. Indigo Landing is a very nice restaurant right at Daingerfield Island Washington Sailing Marina with sweeping views of the Potomac. Lovely!

We'll start and park in a condominium parking area at 1805 Crystal Drive, Arlington and leave from there. You may also take the Metro to Crystal City and walk one block to meet up with the group. Directions will be provided.

It's also possible to join us just for lunch at the restaurant without having pumped your legs along the trail. Lunch would be expected at about 12:30 or 1:00 pm.

Contact Nancy McKinley to sign up for the hike or just for lunch or for more info. Cell is 703 595 8375 or nancymckin@gmail.com. RSVP by October 21.

SKI TALK
September 2016

It's time to start thinking about the upcoming ski season. I am counting the days until I get to Snowmass (129 from today). Dick and I go to Snowmass a few days earlier than the group to get our ski legs conditioned. Our second trip



will be to Val d'Isere, France. This will be our fourth visit to Val d'Isere. It is our favorite European ski resort. It is massive. With proper planning, you never have to ski the same slope twice. There are 79 ski lifts, 154 slopes, 2 glaciers and 180 miles of trails. If you would like to have a unique European ski experience, join us on this trip. For those who do not ski, the town has numerous restaurants, shops and upscale boutiques.

Here are some things to think about if you are going on an international trip.

Avoid Passport Pitfalls: Did you know that most countries now have a three to six month invalidation period prior to the expiration date on your passport? If your passport will expire within six months of the date of your trip you may not be permitted to board the plane. If this happens, you will not be reimbursed by insurance and you will need a new passport before you can rebook a flight. You can renew and update your passport in a 24-hour period, but it will cost you \$299. So, please look at your passport. If the expiration date is within six months of your scheduled European trip, please renew now. Do not wait!



Faster Ways to Get through Security:

TSA Pre: This program will expedite the security process. Once you have applied and have been approved, you will be given a known traveler number to use when making flight reservations. Participating airlines will print an indicator on your boarding pass. Participants will also no longer need to remove shoes, laptops, 3-1-1 liquids, belts or light jackets and the line for TSA pre participants is usually much shorter. There is an \$85 cost for a five-year membership.



Global Entry Program: For \$15 more (\$100 total cost for a five-year membership) you can apply for the Customs and Border Protection Agency's Global Entry program. This program includes the benefits of TSA Pre plus it allows expedited processing through U.S. immigration at airports and land borders upon arrival from another nation. A current U. S. passport is required to apply for the Global Entry Program; applicants undergo a rigorous background check and in-person interview before enrollment; and participants may still be selected for further examination when entering the U. S. Dick and I are Global members and have found it most efficient when entering the U. S. from abroad.



So, plan ahead and don't forget to sign up for a ski trip. There is still room.

Rosemary Schwartzbard
rosemaryschw@gmail.com



Potomac Valley Skiers

2017 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday, January 11–Wednesday, January 18

Trip Details

Once again we will be staying slope-side at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet (SMC), just below the Snowmass Mall and from where you can ski directly to the lifts. Check the website at <http://mountainchalet.com>. This year we are offering a “**Land Only**” package since most people prefer to make their own arrangements. The total package includes: land transfer from Aspen airport to SMC and return; 5 day lift ticket (good for all four ski areas in the Aspen complex, free shuttle bus) with option for extra days; 7 nights lodging (double occupancy); daily breakfasts; daily soup lunch; luggage handling; a welcome reception, an “all guest” hotel-sponsored party, a “pizza” party and a farewell group dinner to celebrate our trip. Additional nights at Snowmass are an option **based on availability**. Trip insurance is available through Encompasse Tours and is highly suggested. For trail information, check <http://aspensnowmass.com>. **Full application:** http://pvskiers.org/ski_trips/Snowmass2017.pdf

The basic package at \$1,630 includes a lift ticket discount for skiers 65 and over. Those under 65 will have to add \$42.00.

Costs:		Price
Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)		\$1,630
Under 65	add	\$ 42
Single Supplement	add	\$1,027
Non-skiers	subtract	\$ 262
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 58 per day
Under 65	add	\$ 128 for 1 extra day
	add	\$ 224 for 2 extra days
Silver Pass	add	\$ 161

NOTE: The Silver Pass is available for skiers 70 and older for an additional \$161. If you are over 70 and plan to ski more than 7 days, you should buy the Silver Pass.

Payment Schedule

\$300 deposit is due with application.
Second payment of \$750 was due August 15th.
Final payment is due September 15.

To sign up please send:

- (1) the Application form -- one per person or one per couple residing at the same address
 - (2) a Deposit of \$300 per person and/or your payment due, and
 - (3) the signed Waiver of Liability Agreement by each party taking the trip
- Checks should be made out to Kathy Lake and mailed to 11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton VA 22124 (Put PVS Snowmass 2017 on the check memo line).

Kathy and Barry Lake are the trip leaders. For more information, feel free to contact us at 703-625-2715 or kathylakehomes@yahoo.com.

Ski Trip

Individual trip itineraries available – fun group of 26 so far – don't wait to sign up...

Potomac Valley Skiers present:
Val d'Isère, France © March 4 - 12, 2017
Plus: Optional pre-trip to Lyon and/or post-trip to Nice

Lyon - add \$275
March 2 - 4

Val d'Isère - \$2850
March 4 - 12

Nice - add \$625
March 12 - 16

7 nights
at the

4 ★ *Hotel LAigle Des Neiges*

Welcome Drink on arrival with light snacks and orientation by Tourist office representative
Cocktail Hour each evening with exclusive club prices
Mid-week Après Ski Party

Full hot and cold breakfast buffet daily
4-course dinner for 3 evenings
so you can explore other great restaurants

Indoor pool, sauna, and steam room
Ski room with heated boot warmers

Round trip air: Dulles/IAD - Lyon/LYS via Air France
Round trip transfers between Lyon Airport and Val d'Isere

Emergency Medical and repatriation insurance
*Trip Cancellation Insurance is not included in basic trip cost, but can be purchased



Snowsure: Snow coverage tends to be one of the best in Europe as conditions normally facilitate good skiing right to the end of the season, which is usually in early May.



Inge Lesjak ☆ 8123 Kingsview Ct, Springfield, VA 22152 ☆ 703-869-7248

lesjak.inge@gmail.com
(co-leader with Jerry Poley)

Must be a member of a Blue Ridge Ski Council club to participate

Payment Schedule (write checks to Inge Lesjak and mail to her at above address)
Val d'Isère \$2850 Lyon + Val d'Isère \$275 + \$2850 = \$3125 Val d'Isère + Nice \$2850 + \$625 = \$3475
Trifecta: Lyon + Val d'Isère + Nice = \$275 + \$2850 + \$625 = \$3750

http://pvskiers.org/ski_trips/Flyer_n_Waiver2017.pdf

Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.

dwarthen@verizon.net

A Journey Through Portugal – R. Schwartzbard

When traveling I always buy a Rick Steves book for his recommendations on restaurants and sights that are off the beaten track. This was the first time we took a Rick Steves tour. The itinerary was just what we were looking for. We went from Lisbon to Porto, sleeping in six towns on our twelve-day tour. We saw numerous cathedrals, basilicas, Roman ruins and castles, and walked an average of eight miles a day. Here are some of the highlights for us.

Lisbon is a bustling, hilly city with lots of museums, restaurants and nightlife. The tour started with a walk through the various neighborhoods - the Bairro Alta, the Alfama, and the Baixa, including views from Sao Jorge Castle. Along the way, we stopped at the Port wine Institute for a tasting. We had a white port for the first time and a delicious tawny port. As we were walking in one of the town centers, we heard our names and saw our neighbors from Arlington sitting at the Café A Brasileira (which we were looking for). It is a small world.

The group went to dinner and a Fado show in the evening at Casa do Alentejo Restaurante in the heart of Lisbon. The excellent seafood and soulful music in this beautiful Moorish building made the day complete. During our walking tour the next day of the seafaring Belen district of Lisbon to see the Monastery of Jeronimos, we stopped for a custard pastry hot from the oven from the same bakery that the monks started almost 200 years ago. We then went on to see the monument to Henry the Navigator and hear about the seafaring Portuguese in the 1400's and the worldwide discoveries.

We went from bustling Lisbon to the medieval town **Evora**. We were surprised to be staying at the five-star Hotel M'AR De AR Aqueduto on the edge of the old town. While swimming in the pool, I could see the aqueduct, which was built in the 16th century. In addition to the Roman ruins, including a Roman Temple, the highlight was the Chapel of Bones in the Sao Francisco Church. This Chapel was created in the 17th century from the remains of 5,000 monks and is a gruesome sight with skeleton remains on the walls, ceiling and posts. The day was capped with local wine, cheese, charcuterie, cod and pastry on a deck overlooking the pool and aqueduct.

The next day we were off to **Obidos** via a visit to a working farm and estate. We wandered through a forest of cork oaks learning what a big industry cork is in Portugal. From there we went to Obidos and were delighted to stay at a funky hotel called the Literary

Man. Thousands of books were on shelves throughout the hotel. When walking through the walled medieval town, our guide stopped at a stand selling Ginjinha, which is a local cherry liquor served in chocolate cups. We all sampled this local delicacy and then walked through the cobblestoned streets and the ramparts of the town.

The next day was a trip to the seaside village of **Nazare** via the Monastery of Santa Maria. We took the funicular from the cliff top Sitio neighborhood to the lower village of Nazare where we stopped at a local restaurant for a tutorial on how to eat a barnacle! They are small and slimy and deliciously salty.

On our way to Coimbra, we stopped at **Fatima**. It was a Sunday and there were thousands of people at the outdoor mass. We were surprised at the huge basilica and the crowds. From Fatima we stopped at Conimbriga, wandering the remains of Portugal's ancient past of Roman ruins from the 4th and 5th centuries. We arrived in **Coimbra** in time for a lovely dinner at the Solar do Bacalhau restaurant. The next day, we visited the 700 year-old Coimbra University which is steeped in tradition. The highlight was the palatial university library with 30,000 books from the 18th century. The entire campus on top of the hill was quite impressive. The evening's Fado performance by male university students was outstanding.

After spending several days in Lisbon and the medieval cities of Portugal, driving through the **Douro Valley** was spectacular. We were not prepared for the beautiful, lush hills with terraced vineyards that go on as far as the eye can see. The vistas are breathtaking. Visiting a family estate and winery at the top of the valley gave us incredible views of the area. Of course, we all bought wine and port to take with us. The wine was consumed with dinner at the elegant dining room of the Vintage House Hotel on the Douro River in Pinhao.

The next day, we were off to **Porto** and enjoyed the drive along the Douro River to this very hilly, bustling town. Our orientation to Porto was a three-hour food and city tour by a local guide. We covered several miles with visits to the market place, wine bars and pastry shops. We sampled various wines, smoked charcuterie, sardines, octopus, decadent deserts and port! It was quite an epicurean delight. The following day included a boat ride on the Douro River. Then we walked across the bridge from Porto to Gaia to tour the Sandeman caves and were not disappointed with the black-capped guide and samplings of port. Port comes from up river in the Douro Valley and is stored in the caves in Gaia and then shipped around the world. Going to dinner that evening was difficult but we endured for another night of local delights (including tripe) and said good-bye to the group after a memorable trip to Portugal.

(Pictures – next page)



View from Sao Jorge Castle, Lisbon with the Schwartzbards



Castle Obidos



Monastery of Jeronimos, Lisbon

Chapel of Bones, Evora



The beach at Nazare

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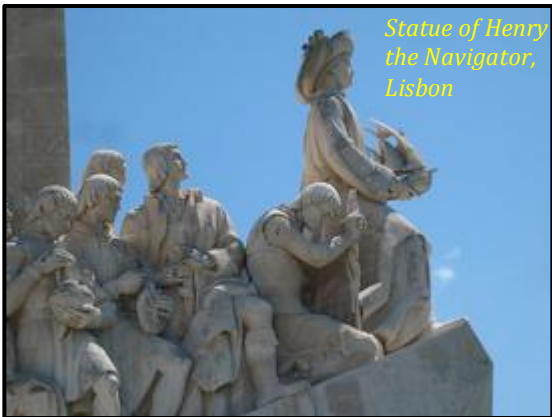
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Statue of Henry the Navigator, Lisbon



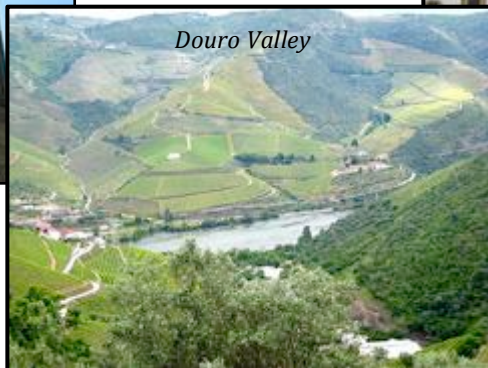
Fatima



Roman Temple, Evora



University of Coimbra



Douro Valley

Summerfest - Saturday July 9, 2016 - 3 pm Hosts: Cara and Robert Jablon (and dogs)

This annual event offers an opportunity to find out more about the forthcoming 2017 PVS ski trips directly from trip leaders. The leaders make presentations to inform potential participants about ski areas and the pre and post trip options. These presentations sounded very appealing both for skiers and nonskiers. Furthermore, this event provided an opportunity for all PVS members to renew acquaintances from previous PVS ski trips and other events. All participants owe a big vote of thanks to Cara and Robert Jablon for opening their home for this special event.



The Jablons' home, just off Foxhall Road, is centrally located in the DC metropolitan area. Furthermore, holding this event on a Saturday afternoon makes it less likely one would run into traffic problems.

Upon entering the Jablons' residence, some of us were greeted by Robert J., holding Dante, a Yorkshire terrier, and on the lower level by Cara who acceded to a request to

have her photo taken holding their other Yorkshire terrier, Lexie. Visitors were impressed by the paintings and sculpture collected by the hosts that fill the house.

The large room on the lower level provided space for the large turnout of 35 members and 3 guests. The afternoon started with an ensemble of appetizers brought by members, all of which were very difficult to resist, followed by various salads also provided by members. Then came the juicy hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by Cara (don't know how she found the time to do all this).



Marianne Soponis, subbing for vacationing president, Carolyn

DeVilbiss, welcomed members and thanked the hosts and members for their contributions to this event. Ray McKinley explained upcoming events. Nancy McKinley

shared the need for a host for the September meeting. At the present time, there is no venue. Then came time for the trip leaders to tantalize us with descriptions of the ski areas and associated side trips for 2017.

Afterwards Marianne gave a quiz on summer, with pieces of salt water taffy for those who knew the answers!

Finally came the luscious desserts of various pies, cakes, and other pastry.



Details about the two trips with PVS sponsorship were provided by the trip leaders (Kathy and Barry Lake for Snowmass and Inge Lesjak and co-leader Jerry Poley [and his wife] for Val d'Isère.) The first trip of the season to Snowmass (Jan 11-18, 2017) staying at the Mountain Chalet will again be offered demonstrating the enduring popularity of this location. One change can be noted though. Due to the desire of participants to utilize Frequent Flyer Miles and to visit friends out west, no group airline transportation has been offered. The February trip to Val d'Isère (Mar 4-11, 2017), one of the most popular venues for skiing in Europe, sounded very tempting for skiers and nonskiers alike in view of the abundant ski terrain, charming village, luxurious hotel, and pre-trip options to the gastronomic capital of France, Lyon, and the post-trip option to Nice, the watering hole of the rich and famous.

Thanks again to our human and canine hosts for this special evening.



The ski trip flyers can be found on these sites whose URL's are shown just below.

SNOWMASS:

http://www.pvskiers.org/ski_trips/Snowmass2017.pdf

VAL D'ISÈRE:

http://www.pvskiers.org/ski_trips/Flyer_n_Waiver2017.pdf



Kathy Lake (& Barry), leaders of Snowmass 2017, with Claire Sponis



Jerry Poley & Inge Lesjak, co-leaders of Val d'Isere 2017



Rosemary Schwartzbard, Ski Trip Committee Chair, chats with Nancy & Ray Mckinley (Events Chair)



Dave Warthen (Membership Records Chair) chats with his wife, Marsha, and Charlotte Eddy

Past Event

**Steak and Swim – August 20, 2016
At the Country Home of Kerry and Marianne Hines**

Twenty-eight PVSers and friends celebrated summer and reveled at the Hines' beautiful estate in bucolic Delaplane, Virginia. It is the closest place to Paris – Paris, Virginia that is.

The weather was perfect, marking a break in the torrid 2016 summer, just right for jumping into the delicious blue waters of the Hines' pool. Among the natators enjoying the cool waters were Cara Jablon, Joe Jevcak, and John Hotaling.



This 26th PVS summer party began with a gathering on the pool patio with hor d'oeuvres, a chance to catch up with friends over a glass of wine, Blanca's special sangria, or a bottle of beer. Who knew there were a half dozen types of Blue Moon?

Kerry prepared the steaks perfectly on an outdoor grill to the preferred temperature everyone requested. Marianne was brilliant bringing the terrific party together and providing her special baked potatoes. Guests brought salads, including a surprise curry salad, and sides to accompany the meal.

Scrumptious desserts with coffee or tea were provided to finish the meal. No one left the Hines' home hungry! A great time was had by all.

--Joe Jevcak

Jim S., Kathy L., Jannes G., Shirley R., and Ed Valaer



Carolyn D., Kathy L., Barry L., Claire S., and Marianne S.



Nancy & Ray M., Kim & Ed Valaer, Shirley R., Marianne H., Carolyn D., and Cara & Bob J.

In Memory of S. JEAN STEVENSON van der TAK (89)

April 20, 1927 – July 27, 2016

Jean was born in Cobalt, Ontario, Canada to the late Norma Cassady Stevenson and Carl Stanton Stevenson. While her parents were American, she was raised in Toronto, and in her lifetime traveled to all seven continents. She was passionate about her family, her work, her church and her community. She had a BA from University of Toronto in history and an MA from Georgetown University in demography. She met her Dutch husband Herman van der Tak in London and married in 1952. Herman's career took them to Geneva, Switzerland, then to Bangkok, Thailand, before they landed in Washington, DC, where for more than 50 years she was a proud resident of Cleveland Park's Rodman Street and raised their three sons. Jean was an editor and writer in demography, working first for the Population Crisis Committee, then the Transnational Family Research Institute, and later the Population Reference Bureau. In 1987, she and Herman retired and traveled far and wide around the globe. Though she was a proud Canadian, late in life she became a U.S. citizen to exercise her strong civic conscience and vote in local and presidential elections. Jean was active at St. Columba's Episcopal Church for more than 50 years, volunteering in a variety of ways.

Jean is survived by a loving family, sons, Steven van der Tak of Penedo, Portugal, Derek van der Tak of Philadelphia, PA and Laurens van der Tak of Bethesda, MD; grandchildren, Julian, Léa, and Rayna; and brothers, John Stevenson and Stanton Stevenson of Toronto, Canada.

A memorial service was held at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 11 AM, 8/27/16. Eight PVS Members attended the well-attended service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Columba's or the Population Reference Bureau.

Jean was a member of PVS from July 2006 until June 2015. The late Mike Hatanaka was her sponsor.

Remembering Jean van der Tak: Jean was such a thoughtful, reliable, interesting, and cheerful person. When I became an American citizen and hence could vote, she insisted that I do so. On each appropriate day she would come by my house and we would walk together to the John Eaton school to carry out our civic duty. Living within a block of each other meant we often shared brief visits or walks together in the neighborhood.

It was Jean who suggested that before going on my Everest trek, I should be able to run up and down a thousand steps as she had done before going on one of her many previous world-wide expeditions. She then took me to the steps! A beautiful wide set of 100 steps rising from one street up to the next just across from the nearby park. Thanks to Jean they kept me fit for several years.

We would often travel together to PVS meetings or events. Jean would come skipping down my steep back steps always armed with the directions to the host's location. She would navigate, and I would drive us to and from many a pleasurable event. She so enjoyed our PVS ski trip to Taos, New Mexico. During our visit to Santa Fe, Jean and I slipped off one afternoon to walk along Canyon Road and visit many of the wonderful art galleries and have a quick coffee. In Taos she enjoyed everything we did. On the slopes, she would "out-ski" the whole group on many a day. It was Jean who was willing to take a few last runs with me way over on the far lift, gracefully skiing it time and again. We held the after trip party at her home perched right beside the park. A number of PVSers will remember her lovely house and the beautiful garden that she so enjoyed.

--Liz Warren-Boulton

Skating with Jean Van der Tak: Several of us had the great pleasure of skiing regularly with Jean van Der Tak locally at Liberty Mountain and Whitetail for many years. She was always eager to join the group whenever we had good weather. She was a particularly fine and graceful skier. Some of us had a hard time keeping up with her on the ski slopes. She was always a wonderful addition to the group with her many interesting stories of her world travels and her important professional work.

--John H. Smith



*Jean on the 2009 PVS Taos,
NM Ski Trip*



PVS Calendar 2016:

- Sep 20 Tue Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, John & Blanca Hotaling, Arlington, VA
- Sep 27 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, Dave & Carolyn DeVilbiss, Alexandria, VA
- Oct 18 Tue Monthly Meeting, arr 11:30 AM-Noon, Culinaire Restaurant, Rosslyn, VA
- Oct 25 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, TBA
- Oct 28 Fri Autumn Urban Hike/Lunch, 11:00 AM, Nancy McKinley, Crystal City, VA

PVS Ski Trips 2017:



- January 11-18, 2017: PVS Aspen/Snowmass, CO (Barry & Kathy Lake)
- March 4-12, 2017: PVS Val d'Isere, France (Inge Lesjak/Jerry Poley)

Useful Ski "Links"

- Potomac Valley Skiers.....www.potomacvalleyskiers.org
- BRSC Sanctioned Trips.....www.skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm
- DC Ski Online Newswww.dcski.com
- Best of Times Ski Clubwww.bestoftimeskiclub.org>Ski Trips

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