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President's Message

Hello, PVS Friends!

Once again, we celebrate the old and the new! Our February meeting/party returned to the Ufholz' home, where we feasted on wonderful pastries made by Eugenia and enjoyed tales of ski trips of yore. On March 18 (Saturday afternoon), Tom Tycz has invited the club to meet in the social hall of his church in Annandale, a new venue. Thank you, Tom. Check the directions in this TOOT and come join the fun.

On April 18 (Tuesday evening), we again return to the evening meeting schedule for our Annual Meeting at Reg Heitchue's party room in Reston. We will vote on the applicant members for full membership and also our new club officers. The Nominating Committee's slate, which was emailed to the membership in mid-February, is repeated in this TOOT issue. Please join me once again in applauding the work of Reg and his committee.

Although it feels like spring here as I write this, I am thinking about skiing. Inge Lesjak is about to lead the trip to Val d'Isere, and we are excited for them. It was fun to meet some participants from other clubs at the Ufholz' home. We wish you a great week (or more) of skiing and travels. Rosemary Schwartzbard has announced the good news that the Snowmass trip is on for next year, again led by Kathy and Barry Lake. Talk with Rosemary and the STC members about ideas for other ski venues next year and think hard about helping with trip leadership.

If you haven't already signed up for Ragtime and want to go, check with Nancy and Ray McKinley. Other spring events are in the works, so watch for the announcements and let us know if you would like to lead a hike or other activity.

Carolyn

Monthly Meeting

Saturday, March 18, 2017
2:00 PM

At Tom & Mary Tycz' Church
6800 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA 22003
202-210-9454

Directions on next page.



Directions

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 2:00PM
Monthly Meeting at St. Alban's Church, Annandale, VA

Frizzell Parish Hall at [St. Alban's Episcopal Church](#) (About Us>Driving Directions), 6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Church Location Info - The church is not easily visible from Columbia Pike; it sits up on a small hill and is hidden by mature blue spruce trees. It is accessed from a Columbia Pike parallel service road. There are signs for "Saint Albans" and "The Griffin Academy," though trees may obscure them if you're coming from the Beltway or west. Look for a "Sleepy Hollow Woods" green sign at Oak Hill Dr. See directions below.

From the Beltway - Take Exit 52B, onto Little River Turnpike East (Rt 236); drive 1.3 mi. Turn LEFT onto John Marr Drive and drive 0.2 mi. Turn RIGHT onto Columbia Pike and drive 0.7 mi. Turn LEFT onto Oak Hill Drive and immediately turn LEFT onto the service road. Proceed 150 ft. to the church entrance drive.

FROM DC on I-395 - Take Exit 3B, onto Duke St./Little River Turnpike West (Rt 236) and drive 0.25 mi. Turn RIGHT onto Beaugard St. and drive 0.2. Bear LEFT onto Lincolnia Rd. and drive 1.4 mi. Turn LEFT onto Columbia Pike and drive 1.1 mi. Turn RIGHT onto Oak Hill Drive and immediately turn LEFT onto the service road. Proceed 150 ft. to the church entrance drive.

Call Tom Tycz if you need assistance. 202 210 9454, tstycz@cox.net

Starting on page 4, please find the profiles of the nominees for ExCom to be voted on at the April meeting.

In the Members' Corner, on page 10, please find the profiles for applicant members to be voted into full membership at the April meeting.

Find the answers to the PVS Crossword Puzzle on the last page.

Coming Events

PVS ON STAGE - April 1 and 2, 2017

PVS's own Jannes Gibson has been invited to dance with the ReVision dance company at its April 1, 8pm performance and April 2, 7pm performance. Jannes does not know at this time what her role will be, but feels sure that it is not the lead. The performances are at Dance Place, 3225 8th ST, SE, Washington, DC 20017. The best way to keep abreast of this exciting development is to check it out at <https://www.danceplace.org>

It may be possible to get additional tickets to see the Tony-award-winning musical

Ragtime!



Ragtime!

On Saturday April 15th at 2 pm

Based on the novel by E.L. Doctorow about the changes in the country at the turn of the 20th century, RAGTIME is a luscious musical event. It follows three families who are experiencing change in the country each in its own way. A spectacular show with hauntingly lovely music and winner of four Tony Awards, including Best Original Score and Best Book!

This performance is at the historic Ford's Theatre, whose museum chronicling Abraham Lincoln's death at the theatre is open for our ticket-holders one hour before the show.

Ford's Theatre is located at 511 10th Street NW, near 2 METRO stops and with nearby parking. Tickets are \$47 (over-60 rate), but the time to sign up is very limited. After the show, those interested will have an early supper at a nearby restaurant. We can check for additional tickets - we already have 23 PVSers attending. If you're interested, please contact Nancy McKinley at 703 595 8375 or by email at nancymckin@gmail.com ASAP.

As you are reading this TOOT, some of us will be getting ready to leave for our trip to France. Our first stop will be Lyon. After spending two days eating and touring in Lyon, we will bus to Val d'Isere for a week of skiing and then go to Nice for four days. I went to Val d'Isere on my first European ski trip in 1993 and was totally enthralled by the expansiveness of this area. It was like being on the moon. Every day we skied a different section without ever getting on a bus. And we rarely skied the same slope twice. The lifts, gondolas, funiculars, trains and tunnels are worth the price of admission! The area boasts of the most extensive lift system in the world. We went back in 1998 and then again in 2001. This will be our fourth trip to Val d'Isere.

People have asked if we take our skis to Europe. We did years ago but have since learned that renting skis in Europe is relatively inexpensive. The ski rental shops carry some of the latest models and the best skis available. It is especially difficult to carry skis if you are visiting other cities. Trying to find taxis to fit your large bag and skis is quite difficult. I do take my ski boots, however. Helmets can be rented or taken. I take one duffle bag with clothing, boots and helmet. Packing can be a challenge.

As many PVSers know, skiing in Europe is different than skiing in this continent. While the snow may be better in Colorado and Utah, the ambiance and expansiveness of the areas in Europe cannot be beat. Lunches on the mountain often are in gourmet restaurants with music and entertainment. It can be difficult to get back on skis after one of those lunches. The best plan is to eat a late lunch and do light skiing in the afternoon.

While many of us are ending our skiing for this season, we are thinking of next year. We are happy to announce that we will be going back to Snowmass next January. Kathy and Barry Lake have agreed to lead the trip and ExCom has approved it. Planning will begin soon. We are also looking into the possibility of going to Big Sky since many of our members have expressed the desire to go back to that resort. However, we have no definite plans beyond Snowmass at this time, so please send me your ideas and recommendations for future ski trips. Also, let me know if you would be willing to lead a ski trip.

Vail is adding another resort to its acquisition list: Stowe, Vermont!

Rosemary Schwartzbard rosemaryschw@gmail.com

Nominating Committee Report for PVS Officers & Board Members (2017 – 2018)

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| <p>Candidates for PVS Officers & Board Members, for 2017-2018</p> <p>President: Bob Jablon ExCom: Inge Lesjak Vice President: Jan Marx ExCom: Nancy McKinley ExCom: Tom Tycz</p> <p>Additional nominations may be made by the signatures of any five active members in good standing and must be presented at a business meeting at least one month prior to the election, which will be held on April 18, 2017</p> | <p>Submitted by the Nominating Committee:</p> <p>Reg Heitchue (Chair) Melissa FitzGerald Jan Marx Mary Tycz Tom Tycz Dave Warthen</p> |
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Since the ExCom terms are for two years, the following members will continue to serve during 2017-2018 along with the newly elected officers.

Barry Lake

John H. Smith

Ellie Thaye

Bob Jablon – Candidate for President



I am told that I was born in October of 1939. I have no real proof of this because my ostensible birth certificate did not contain my name. If my parents were to be believed, as they were, sometimes, up to that time I was the most premature baby to have been born and live. Thus, not believing that I would survive, nobody bothered to complete my birth certificate form. My premature birth has relevance because it makes me younger than I appear. I note that like life, skiing challenges survival.

I was born in Manhattan, but taking me, my family soon moved to Brooklyn, home of the Brooklyn Dodgers. THE Dodgers taught me to identify with underdogs. Unlike the Chicago Cubs, who just lost (at least until recently; there is a next year), the Brooklyn Dodgers built hopes high before losing. My relationship with THE Dodgers prepared me for the future and for the Washington Nationals.

I wended my way getting a degree in economics from Lehigh University and in law from Harvard Law School. More relevant to skiing, I was a postgraduate drop out from two major universities. Not finishing leaves open opportunity and avoids risk. During this period of my life, I tried to find life's meaning. I participated in all night college and post college discussions, often interrupted by Hearts' games (nastier than bridge); I attended introspective French and Swedish movies. Sensibly, I concluded that religion counseled against clamping on feet waxed boards and proceeding down (or off) mountains. However, I met my first wife, Cara, who said I had to do just that. She added positive encouragement like, "Well, get up" or "Go, already." In addition to her skiing, Cara is CEO of Cara's Creations, the finest jewelry source at the lowest price. Cara's Creations arose like the Phoenix from Cara's biochemistry doctorate and environmental law practice.

Cara and I have three children. Unlike us, they seem to have gotten older. Stephen is a chess maven. He lives with us in Washington. Lara runs an Airbnb in Ashland, Oregon. She also runs after a one year old and engages in artistic carpentry and design. Joel, our youngest child, teaches literature at Portland, Oregon's Lincoln High School.

Post-school, I have practiced natural gas producer rate regulation and appellate law for the Federal Power Commission; regulatory law as Assistant General Counsel to the New York Public Service Commission and antitrust and energy law for *Spiegel & McDiarmid*, where I have largely represented cities and cooperatives, who own their own electric systems in competition with privately owned utilities, and state governments. We hope that what we do is public spirited.

Returning to PVS, a number of years ago, Cara and I attended a dinner party also attended by Dick and Rosemary Schwartzbard. Having failed to reform my skiing – "reform" is a word that I think is often nefariously used - Cara told Rosemary that she was desperate to find people with whom she could appropriately ski. Rosemary said that PVS was perfect. Cara could ski moguls and abandon me both at the same time. It was all downhill from there. We joined PVS, where we found kindness, support and friendship.

One never knows. If I keep at it, I might learn skiing.



Jan Marx - Candidate for Vice President

Jan has been a member of PVS since close to the beginning of the Club's formation. She grew up in St. Paul, MN and started skiing as a high school junior. Jan attended Stephens College in MO and transferred into the Occupational Therapy program at the University of Minnesota. A sorority sister invited her to a college ski club meeting based on the agriculture campus (forestry, home ec, veterinarian majors). Her first "second family" was this group of canoeists (Boundary Waters) and skiers. There she met Bob Marx and that group remains close. Her second "second family" became PVS after they moved to this area with Bob's Census Bureau job in 1966. Jan found a job with former PVSer, Pat Cope, who invited Bob and Jan to this "new ski club." At that time most PVS members also belonged to SCWDC. Pat took Jan and Bob to tennis games at Hains Point and to some SCWDC meetings. They carpooled with Charlie Gordon and Brook Armat for water skiing near Leonardtown, MD, and weekend skiing in New England. PVS had lobster fests with homemade pies at Great Falls, sailing out of Annapolis, and thawing out weekends at Cape Hatteras over Memorial Day weekend. It took Bob and Jan about two years to become full members because they were never at a ski area where PVS's Basic Proficiency Test was given. Patroller, Larry Pease signed them off on that test at Wisp. Jan and Bob's two sons grew up in PVS, learning to ski during weekends at Wisp and week-long trips to Mt. Sutton and became beautiful skiers.

Jan has been an ExCom member, Historian, Toot Editor, Vice President, and President (1987), has been on the ski trip, nominating, and anniversary committees, and has led ski trips and events. Bob and Jan were involved with mailing of the early Toot and Jan continued under the tutelage of Lu Beale, learning the basics of news reporting. Jan continues as a member of the Toot Production Team. She is enjoying retirement and "so much to do."



Inge Lesjak – Candidate for ExCom

I started to ski when I met my husband Sam in Germany in 1964 – it was either go skiing or stay home.... Sam served in the US Army. We married in Clarksville, Tenn. in 1966. It was not until four years later, when he returned from Vietnam and we moved back to Germany, that I was able to really enjoy this sport. We were members of the Munich International Ski Club and the Patch Ski Club in Stuttgart for many years, and led many ski trips to European ski destinations. We truly became 'groupies' and enjoyed the camaraderie and opportunity to introduce Americans to our favorite destinations, i.e. Sigi Baumgartner's mountain in the vicinity of Salzburg, Austria, Kitzbuhel and Obergurgl in Tyrol, Bled and Kranjska Gora in Slovenia, Val Gardena in Italy and Chamonix and the Trois Vallees Region of France. I was a Vice President of Munich International Ski Club from 1974 to 1984 and later of Patch Ski Club from 1987 to 1995. Skiing in Europe is good, while skiing in the United States is great!

I joined PVS when it merged with CGS in the summer of 2013. Since that time, I have led PVS contingents on ski trips to Europe, served as a Membership Committee PR Representative, served on other committees, and served as a member of ExCom.

Nancy McKinley - Candidate for ExCom

Nancy McKinley was raised in southern New Jersey where the skiing is challenging. Not that kind of challenging! “How many times can you ski down into a man-made hole in the ground dabbled with artificial snow?” Nancy has one daughter and one adorable granddaughter.

Having never been west of Ohio, Nancy transplanted herself in 1981 to Okinawa, which became a jumping off point for travel around the Far East. (“The skiing was lousy.”) While there she taught English as all good expats do and completed her bachelor’s degree in Management at the University of Maryland in Tokyo. Then, on to northern Germany for a two-year stint and lots of travel in Europe with ski trips in northern Germany (“a lot like Round Top, only smaller”) and Zermatt.

Nancy moved to DC in 1985 and completed a Master’s degree in Human Resources at George Washington University and recently retired from her most recent position as Vice President of Human Resources at Learning Tree International, where she was able to do some business traveling adding to what is now a list of 70 countries visited. Nancy read about PVS in the Washington Post article in 1990 and was surprised to learn Ray was part of that august group when she met him in June of that year. Nancy has been a member of PVS ExCom and was President of PVS from 1999 to 2001 and from 2013 to 2015.

Low altitude issues aside, Whistler/Blackcomb tops the list of favorite ski areas, but “there are so many places and so little time!” After 30+ years of (“perennially intermediate”) skiing, Nancy looks forward to many more years of skiing and socializing with PVS.



Tom Tycz – Candidate for ExCom

Tom grew up and went to school in Massachusetts, earning a BS in Electrical Engineering from Lowell Tech (now UMass Lowell) and in 1972 received an MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland. He worked for the Federal Communications Commission for 30 years, retiring in 2005. During his last 10 years, Tom was Chief of the Satellite Division of the International Bureau, responsible for licensing all commercial satellites and earth stations serving the United States. He also participated in many UN International Telecommunication Union Radio Conferences representing the US, developing treaties on the technical standards and regulation of radio and satellite communications. From 2005 until his second retirement in 2016, he was a consultant, advising satellite companies regarding the international and domestic requirements for licensing and operating their satellite systems. During his travels to Europe for his work, he occasionally was able to ski Kitzbuhel, Verbier and Chamonix. Meeting Mary in 1980, they skied in Vermont over the holidays with sons Zac and Ben as they were growing up. Now that Tom and Mary are empty nesters, they continue to ski in Vermont each year just before the holidays and then visit family in Massachusetts. Tom’s first skiing in the West was a 2003 Salt Lake City trip. Invited by PVS member Dick Parlow to join an informal group of guys from across the country, Tom has skied each February with them since, going to the eight resorts easily reached from SLC. Since joining PVS in 2015, Tom and Mary enjoyed the great PVS trips to Madonna Di Campiglio and Snowmass and are looking forward to other PVS ski trips

Tom and Mary reside in Falls Church. Since his recent retirement, Tom has been spending more time exercising and swimming to stay in shape for skiing.

Past Event

FEBRUARY 18, 2017 PVS MEETING

AT THE HOME OF PHIL AND EUGENIA UFHOLZ



A BIG thank-you to Eugenia and Phil Ufholtz for hosting a total of 39 people (37 PVS members including two applicant members, and two guests) in the midst of winter when it seemed like summer . . . it was amazing to hear that John Smith and five skiers enjoyed a day of nearby skiing at Whitetail the day before. Special thanks to Eugenia for a lovely table, and whose delicious pastries are a legend with members. Much “finger licking” was seen as people enjoyed them to the last bite!



President Carolyn DeVilbiss opened the meeting by thanking our hosts and welcoming members and guests. A number of participants (from PVS and other clubs) going to Val d’Isere, France also came for an orientation with trip leader Inge Lesjak, following our meeting. Conversations began about the snow, ski areas, great food and atmosphere in Europe. Phil Ufholtz, our host and long-time member of PVS, mentioned the ski trips in 78, 79 and 80 that cost minimum dollars for a European ski trip and gave kudos to Margret Wyckoff who led every trip back then.

Nancy and Ray McKinley reported on upcoming programs:

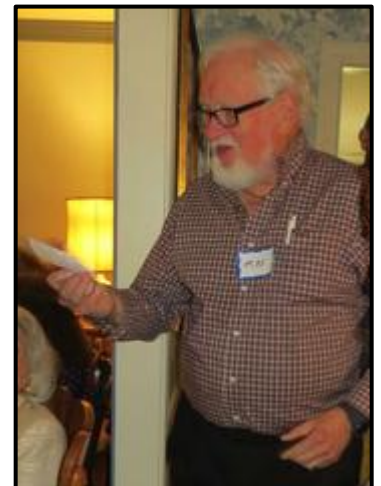
The March 18th meeting will be at a church hall in Annandale, where Tom and Mary Tycz are members.

The Ragtime matinee on Saturday, April 15 at Ford’s Theatre has over 23 members signed up, and there may still be time to get tickets for others who might like to go. Please check with Nancy. The plan is to have dinner later at a nearby restaurant for those with an appetite!

The April 18th Annual Membership meeting will be in Reston at Reg Heitchue’s party room, at which time voting will be held for leadership positions. Names of those on the slate have been published in the TOOT on page 4. Additional candidates can be proposed as described on page 4.

On Sunday, May 7, there will be another Eclipse Chamber orchestra outing in Alexandria. Check with Nancy or Ray for details. Ray mentioned that the acoustics in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial are amazing!

In May, there is potential for a tour of the National Archives.





Ray talked about the importance of holding meetings in member homes. Doing so has had a positive impact on the social side of our ski club. To continue the intimate feeling this brings, we need more volunteers who offer to host. And, we need someone to do so for our May meeting!

Ski Trips

Rosemary Schwartzbard reminded us that everyone needs to participate in the club and urged members to offer ideas for trips and/or to volunteer to lead one. Thanks were given to Kathy and Barry Lake for leading the successful Snowmass, Colorado trip. John Smith has sent out regular emails about skiing locally, but sometimes it hasn't even been cold enough for local areas to make snow this winter. Next year, there will be a Snowmass trip again. Other trips are being researched . . . there was a suggestion for a week of skiing at Big Sky, Montana, and, for trips of several days at Elk Mountain, Pennsylvania.



Prior to closing the meeting, Carolyn passed around our club brochure for members to take, give to prospective members and/or ask to post in a health club, gym, etc. She complimented



Nancy McKinley on the amazing crossword puzzle she made from scratch for the enjoyment (and challenge) of club members. There should be an answer sheet coming out shortly so people can relax and get some sleep! She once again thanked our hosts for opening up their home to this genial group.

Submitted by Jannes Gibson



Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
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Profiles of Applicant Members:

Martha Cole Glenn

I moved to the Washington area from Richmond, Virginia in 1965 and began my career working on Capitol Hill. After eight years working for three different members of the House of Representatives (Lee Hamilton of Indiana, David Satterfield, III of Virginia and John Breaux of Louisiana), I took a position with the American Petroleum Institute for 11 years. I subsequently did consulting work and was Director of Federal Legislative Affairs for The Humane Society of the U.S. I began skiing in 1967 and was a member of the Ski Club of Washington, D.C. I learned to ski in Vermont and Canada and then spent all my vacations skiing in the western U.S. My favorite place was Aspen, where I skied 6 different times. Two of my friends were Bob Harmon and Bill Anderson, who were members of SCWDC and PVS. I became a fairly proficient skier, but also became interested in obedience and field competition with dogs. Currently I am very involved in retriever field trial competition.

I have also become interested in travelling more and have been to Alaska, Ecuador, Peru, Greece and Mexico in the past few years

I haven't skied lately, but may get back into it on a less competitive level. I want to meet others interested in skiing and cultural events within Potomac Valley Skiers.

(Sponsor – Blanca Hotaling)

Jerry Murphy

I was born in Albany, NY in 1944; so, I am officially a “war baby” – and *not* a boomer (please!). In my early life, I lived in Maine and Portsmouth, NH, where my father was assigned to a Naval base; I remember seeing a submarine there when I was 4 years of age.

We moved to Arlington, VA in 1949, because of my father's Naval assignment. North 27th Street was my home when attending St. James Elementary in Falls Church, D. J. O'Connell in Arlington, and then through college. I went back to Albany, to live with my grandmother and aunt, and attended Siena College in Loudonville, NY. North 27th Street was again my home when I attended the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, where I earned a Master's degree.

Then, I joined the Peace Corps, which assigned me for two years in Cotabato province on Mindanao Island of the Philippines. For two years, I taught English and English literature in high school and at Southern Christian College in Midsayap Cotabato.

During school breaks, I did a great deal of traveling around Mindanao and beyond. During a teacher conference in Cagayan de Oro in northern Mindanao, I met a lovely woman who became my wife and the mother of my two boys. She had the wonderful first name of “Corazon,” which of course means “heart.” We were together for 40 years in the Montgomery and Fairfax County areas. She died in 2009 of cancer.

After my return from the Philippines, I worked on a Ph.D. at Catholic University. I then worked for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and later transitioned/transformed myself into a mainframe computer software designer and programmer. I am still working full time in that field, working for a series of companies that create mission-critical mainframe software for Fortune 500 companies. Someday, I may retire, but not soon!

It was during the 1980's that I had my first skiing experience at Bryce in Virginia. And, I persisted even after an out-of-control teenage skier crashed into me. My non-skier wife and I traveled to many of the western ski resorts. I took lessons at a number of them, including three different times at Taos Ski Valley.

On other occasions, I skied with my sons in Interlaken Switzerland and Lech Austria. Most of my skiing, however, has been in the Rockies, both U.S. and Canadian (Lake Louise). My two sons have skied, but not much recently, as their U.S. Marine officer careers don't allow much time for that (and it's contra-indicated for Marine pilots, which they both are).

My skiing has been on hiatus since the death of my wife, except for one solo trip to Killington in 2011. I was then, what I would call, an “advanced intermediate/lower level advanced.” I would be satisfied now with “intermediate” and am eager to get back to skiing, both western and European.

(Sponsor – John Storm)

Royal Collette

Born and bred New Englander still loyal to the Sox and the Pats. Attended Northeastern University, then entered the management intern program at Ford Motor Company Dearborn before joining the Navy. Retired some 25 years later at the rank of CAPTAIN, having served on destroyers and fast combat support ship in Tonkin Gulf '71-'73. Private sector included Principal, Booz Allen Hamilton, VP Wash Ops for Softbridge Group, Cambridge, MA, then Sr Associate for CSC wholly owned subsidiary. I have been an independent consultant and active options trader since retiring from CSC. For last 5 years, Managing Director

of new VC company, comprised of 15 PhD physicists working on new energy technology.

Have skied, more years than I wish to admit, from Mt. Tremblant, Stowe, Killington, Mt. Snow, Pico Peak, Wildcat, Attatash, Liberty, Roundtop, and out West from Taos, Jackson Hole to Mt. Rainier (Crystal Mtn) and glacier at Mt Hood, and many times at Aspen, Snowmass, Park City, Breck, A Basin, Loveland, and Steamboat. At Christmas, skied the Zugspitze glacier at Garmisch, Val Gardena (twice) and Chamonix. Am taking all my family (9) to Val Gardena Christmas 2017. Still an inveterate traveler and going to the Oktoberfest in Munich late Sep this year. Winter oceanside at Surfside Beach, SC and Stuart, FL and summer at my cottage on Cape Cod, where I hope to build a new cottage late this year. Am thankful that Nancy suggested PVS and hopefully my application will be accepted.

Graduate of Naval War College, Newport and have MBA, Univ of Michigan.

(Sponsor – Nancy McKinley)

Sylvia Diss

Sylvia has two major interests: the environment and politics. She enjoys hiking, both locally, in Colorado, and in other places (a hiking/camping trip to Machu Picchu several years ago was especially fine). With her late husband and teenagers, she biked the 184 miles of the C&O Canal, camping along the way. She enjoys kayaking on the Potomac River with friends, and cross-country skiing. Trained as a Master Naturalist with the Audubon Society, she volunteers in their Native Plant garden. In her work with the Coalition of Religion and Ecology, she attended several international conferences on the environment and climate change, and for many years has organized churches regarding ecological awareness. She enjoys reading, organizing and maintaining newsletters for several book groups, including action on progressive politics and the environment.

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THE KNEE

by Ray McKinley
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As the Knee writes this column - at the end of February yet - it's 70 degrees! I don't need to tell you that this does not bode well for local skiing. Yet, John Smith has been actively gathering up a small group of PVSers to go skiing on picture-perfect ski days over the past few weeks. How does he do that? How does he find snow? I'll let you in on the secret. Some have claimed to have seen John performing an unusual ritual in his back yard. When pressed, John quietly confided that he's been praying to the snow gods. It works for him!

To help you increase your skiing enjoyment, the Knee, this month only, is offering again a special service for the safety-conscious. Perhaps you are worried about the spate of injuries to PVSers. Stop worrying - I can help. I will design your next trip, and book your airline, bus and hotel reservations. But here is where the Knee service is really ukneeque. After making the arrangements, I'll actually take your trip for you whilst you remain safe at home. I'll take pictures with your camera and send postcards to your friends. Each postcard will be guaranteed at least one witty comment--unlike this column.

Did you know? A survey revealed that more than half of all skiers on the slopes are over 50! And it's getting harder and harder to find free skiing for those of us who are senior skiers. You must be over 80 to ski free at Taos and Alta, among others. And over 90 to ski free at Alta Sierra! (Um...Alta Sierra???)

A Tip of the Ol Knee Cap to Sun Peaks where PVS has run a couple of very successful ski trips. They've added to their slopes and are now the second biggest ski area in Canada! I'm told they're even bigger than Liberty Mountain...

And speaking of Liberty, local skiing has been so anemic lately with the warm weather and all that Liberty now makes more money on weddings than skiing, per Charles Huggins.

Closer to home (so to speak!), Peter Russell tells us that his house is about 500 yards from President Obama's new abode. Neighbors are still trying to get used to the commotion and street-blocking activities.

Hookers unite! Turns out that Mary Tycz is very active in a hooker organization - rug hooking, that is. What were you thinking?

Applicant member, Royal (call me Roy) Collette is so interested in PVS that he interrupted his 3-month South Carolina sojourn to drive back up to Northern Virginia for the January meeting in Crystal City.

News from Down-Under - JanaLee Sponberg is off for a couple of weeks in New Zealand and Australia.

According to AARP, If God wanted us to be able to touch our toes, (S)he would have put them on our knees! Right on.

Normally not very retiring at all, our Dr. Rosemary Schwartzbard has decided to retire in June from her therapy practice. Congratulations, Rosemary! Now you can go on all the PVS ski trips. Wait - you already do!

Those of you who get your TOOT electronically may ask why this paragraph is in red. Idunno! But it makes the column considerably more colorful.

I've been reminiscing about our old friend, PVSer Roy Elrod, who passed away recently at the age of 97 shortly after a front-page article about him appeared in the Fredericksburg Free Lance Star. Roy, a decorated Marine, and his wife Malda held many PVS Steak and Swims and other events over the years.

We have so many dedicated Club Members! Many thanks to the folks who have recently agreed to be on PVS' Executive Committee (also known as ExCom) and to those who have generously contributed to the activities and meetings of our club!

Who knew? The Ski Association of Hawaii has finally declared that it's too dangerous to ski on the Mauna Kea volcano! At 13,000 ft altitude and with not much snow, if you ski too fast you run out of the white stuff and end up clattering over the lava rock and then head to the hospital. They've really been doing that?

Speaking of hospitals, Pres. Carolyn DeVilbiss is walking great on her new Knee. Next year, back to skiing.

Ellie Thayer is off to visit an old college friend in Phoenix for a few days. And, the Knee and Nancy are headed south on a road trip that includes some Washington Nationals Spring Training games.

Liz Tria tells us that she's been volunteering at the Strathmore Mansion for 27 years! Right on!

PVS Calendar 2017:

- Mar 18 Sat Monthly Meeting, 2:00 PM, St. Alban's Church, Tycz, Annandale, VA
- Mar 21 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:00 PM, Telephonic
- Apr 15 Sat Ragtime at Ford's Theatre, 2:00 PM, McKinleys, Washington, DC
- Apr 18 Tue Annual Meeting, 7:30 PM, Heitchue, Reston, VA
- May 05 Fri Paul Weber Spring Ski Show, 6:30-9:00 PM, Marriott Tysons Corner, VA
- May 07 Sun Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Concert, 3:00 PM, George Washington Masonic National Memorial, McKinleys, Alexandria, VA



PVS Ski Trips 2017:



March 4-12, 2017:
Val d'Isere, France (Inge Lesjak/Jerry Poley)

Local Skiing:

John Smith will be coordinating the best weather day and destination for each week. Members will be notified and can let John know if they are interested in going.

Useful Ski "Links"

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

ExCom

| <u>Officers:</u> | <u>Chairpersons:</u> |
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| President – <i>Carolyn DeVilbiss</i> | Ski Trip Committee – <i>Rosemary Schwartzbard</i> |
| V. President – <i>Marianne Sophonis</i> | Events – <i>Ray and Nancy McKinley</i> |
| Secretary – <i>Ellie Thayer</i> | Membership Records – <i>Dave Warthen</i> |
| Treasurer – <i>Dick Schwartzbard</i> | Membership PR Reps – <i>Inge Lesjak & Marianne Sophonis</i> |
| Ex Officio - | TOOT Coordinator – <i>Ellie Thayer</i> |
| <u>Board Members:</u> | TOOT Layout Editors – <i>Jan Marx, Marvin Hass, & Dave Warthen</i> |
| <u>First Term:</u> | TOOT (E-Distribution) – <i>Dave Warthen</i> |
| <i>Barry Lake</i> | TOOT (USPS Distribution) – <i>Barb Leonhardt, June Read, Liz Triau</i> |
| <i>John H. Smith</i> | Webmaster – <i>Mary Ellena Ward</i> |
| <i>Ellie Thayer</i> | Meeting Records – <i>Sue Lyon</i> |
| <u>Second Term:</u> | Historian – <i>Jan Marx</i> |
| <i>Herb Bennett</i> | |
| <i>Marna Blanchette</i> | |
| <i>Nancy Pigman</i> | |

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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Dept. of Labor safety reg.
- 4 You hold one in each hand to plant
- 6 2017 European trip
- 11 Next to Snowbird
- 12 Better get these in shape (for short)
- 14 Food and _____
- 15 I did it!
- 17 For broken bones
- 19 Duct _____
- 20 Our club BoD
- 22 Land for a house
- 23 Hot drink
- 25 "_5280 feet?"
- 26 Our Jubilee was also called a _____
- 27 Sign on a slope (shortened)
- 29 It's over your head
We thank you, dearie, for being a monthly meeting
- 32 _____
- 34 Perfect after a day on the hill
- 35 Harder than blue in Europe
- 36 They call it "Mountain" nowadays
- 39 Our newsletter
- 40 How to connect while traveling
- 41 In Peru the "Shining _____"
- 43 Nee
- 45 Archaic affirmative to "is it?"
- 47 Our club
- 51 Interruptions to your favorite programs
- 52 Bindings should never be too _____
- 53 Fearless European trip director
- 54 As it was written
- 55 Some slopes are like this
- 57 An article auf deutsch
- 58 Avian specialist
- 60 Not subtract
- 61 One in the desert
- 62 Our club went there last year
- 65 What you need overhead for a blue sky day
- 67 Seems like forever
- 68 Frequently they cause foot pain
- 70 Cara loves each one
- 73 Our club initials
- 74 Real name of 39 Down
- 75 The third letter
- 76 Generic name for 63 and 66 Down
- 77 Easier conveyance up the hill
- 78 "Now, now, you shouldn't do that!"
- 79 They keep you warm
- 80 It's legal in Colorado
- 81 _____ and Swim

DOWN

- 2 Chewbacca's best friend and co-pilot
- 3 Amber drink
- 4 Our club's meeting is really one of these
- 5 Our club's funny name - add "and _____"
- 7 Tough mountain at Aspen
- 8 Agenda _____
- 9 Spring holiday for some
- 10 You may run out of it at the end of a long day
- 13 When it's icy, you may _____
- 16 A chance to try them first
- 17 "_____ Every Mountain"
- 18 Early network company
- 21 Our President
- 23 Lake _____
- 24 100 yard _____
- 28 That's _____
- 30 Yikes!
- 31 Our club is now _____
- 33 It's what we do
- 35 Get these instead of carrying them on a trip
- 36 A short one is best
- 37 Lip _____
- 38 After the runs
- 39 Long time columnist
- 42 Not some
- 43 The toughest
- 44 We're NOT!
- 46 She just looks cute
- 48 Ya know, it's only a number
- 49 What you see from up there
- 50 Our favorite place
- 56 Don't go off of it
- 59 Oh, those calls!
- 63 Dreaded conveyance
- 64 A way to save
- 66 Some 63 Downs
- 69 Not a good way to get down the hill
- 71 Your skin does this after a day in the wind
- 72 The guy/gal in charge does this
- 76 Long time service org. for women

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