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President's Message: What is a Public Good?



We need consequential issues to occupy us as we ski down mountains and attend ski meetings. Because some of us ski more slowly than others, these need to take time to resolve. Should we fall, we need to develop our minds, building our mental strength and agility so that we can figure out how to get up. As I explain below, the issue of what is a public good fits the bill.

A trigger to this issue arose in the Executive Committee: we were considering whether we should continue to charge a \$3.00 fee to attend PVS Club Meetings. The \$3.00 partially compensates for food and drink served at some PVS meetings and parties. Of course, we could increase this fee to fully compensate for purchased food and drink or eliminate it and have the club treasury pay the amounts spent from dues.

Usually, in deciding matters such as these, we need to carefully weigh the benefits and detriments of making changes and of alternatives. In rational decision-making we would first look at the most immediate consequences of our decisions. Thus, for example, in the case of the PVS meeting fee, we would want an engineering analysis not

only of the cumulative wear and tear on the baskets into which we put our \$3.00 and from which we remove the total money paid, but we also would need to study the wear and tear on the bills. We might not think that the latter would be of consequence, but dollar bills are used principally (not a bad pun) in vending machines. Vending machines reject disheveled bills, which can lead to bill holders suffering great hunger and thirst. Cumulatively, the wear and tear on the bills can create macro-economic losses from lost vending machine sales.

In addition to being skiers, PVS members include many highly trained analysts, who would be expected to consider not only the engineering aspects of the fee, but also its underlying ethical, social and political aspects. At the core of capitalism is the principle that we must pay for what we get. Of course, not always. A painting that hung on a wall in my wife's parents house ended up on a wall in our house after my wife pronounced to her parents how much she liked the painting. Even the President of these United States, it is alleged, has ended up with unpaid for goods and labor. And one's children... However, when considering serious economic constructs, the important thing is having a clear theory, not whether the theory comports with what people do. So the applicable rule is that one should pay for what one gets.

This rule would suggest that those who go to PVS parties should pay for the food and drink that they consume. We could better match fact to theory by putting a clerk with a cash register at the end of serving tables to tally the items that PVS attendees take. Instead of money trays, we could use the left over PVS money baskets to hold cash payments for the food. However, this suggestion would not work because members like the club president do not count food as having been eaten that is consumed in small amounts where the food is set out before they would get to the cash register at the end of the table.

Further, the "you pay for what you get principle" has an important exception. All economic rules, and all ethical, social and political rules, have exceptions. This is the "there is an exception to every rule" doctrine. The "exception to every rule" may even apply to most basic physics rule that nothing can go faster than the speed of light. Physicists have hypothesized that the distant reaches of the universe is expanding at speeds faster than the

speed of light and experiments at CERN have indicated that neutrino particles may go faster. Douglas Adams in *"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"* has said, "Nothing travels faster than the speed of light with the possible exception of bad news, which obeys its own special laws."

Relevant here, the "you pay for what you get" rule has the exception that people do not pay for public goods. These are freely available or, at minimum, their costs are socialized. The question here is whether food and drink at PVS parties are of such importance that their costs ought to be socialized.

There are many examples of public goods or goods for which one shouldn't have to pay, although there are invariably indirect charges like PVS dues or member contributions. Access to air and water are often considered public goods. We rarely pay for air (although how about needed oxygen?). But then, we also often do not pay for polluting (*i.e.*, using) the air. There is an American caselaw principle that one cannot own the flow of a river; all can use oceans. Anyone can walk on the D.C. Mall, Central Park and national park lands. There is a debate whether and to what extent health care ought to be considered a public good. One can drive on most roads only paying indirect charges. Close to the issue at hand, when one is invited to another's home for dinner, one rarely expects to pay, although it is generally considered good form to bring a bottle of wine, flowers or other house gifts. Preferably, these are paid by someone else.

One advantage of socializing costs is that allowing an entitlement is a welcoming act. At least implicitly, open access and socialized costs principles say that the objects for which costs are socialized are used in common as opposed to on a transactional basis.

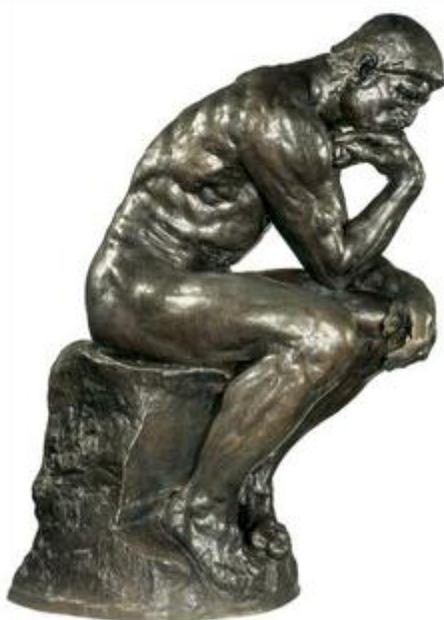
Ultimately, common goods are defined as those that we say are common – they can be expanded or limited. Closing the English Commons on which at one time all could graze their cattle caused great upheavals. Among the elements that consider whether something should be recognized as a common good are their importance. We would not let people die for want of an ability to pay for health care, although the contours of this entitlement are debated. Notably, public arts and subsidies to support them, public museums and the like are deemed to help shape and define ourselves and our values. I raise these issues as food for thought.

The issues are relevant to our skiing. As we cruise downhill, we need things about which to think. When going downhill, club members can think about a snowboarder coming from behind and crashing into the skier who is making gentle S curves down the hill. But when skiing, we cannot do anything about snow boarders short of skiing at Alta, Deer Valley or Mad River Glen. Thinking about snowboarders while skiing is itself destructive.

We can think about mogul skiing techniques. But if one is in the moguls, one will become focused without advance thought on the subject. If one is not, mogul thinking is distracting.

One can think of a turnoff for lunch or alcohol après skiing. But if a restaurant is behind the skier, it is too late. If one sees the restaurant or bar ahead (or a sign for a restaurant or bar), one can progress accordingly without thought.

The fact remains: when skiing, we need worthwhile things about which to think. The intellectual and analytical talents of this club make the appropriate definition of public goods perfect for the needed task. To repeat the egregious pun from above in case you missed it the first time, the appropriate definition of public goods is that which fits the bill.



SUMMER FEST

Saturday, June 17, 2:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF CARA & BOB JABLON

Come for the Summer Get-together and learn all about the trips PVS is offering for the 2018 season.

PVS will provide hamburgers and hot dogs at Summer Fest, our annual summer fun event where we talk about next year's ski trips. We ask that members and guests bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. When you RSVP to Cara, please let her know what you intend to bring. Like all PVS events, there will be wine, beer, and soft drinks too. Further, the Jablon pool will be inviting all to jump in. So, bring your suit and a towel if you have a yen to cause a splash.

In addition to a great summer get-together, we will be talking about the 2018 ski trips i.e., Snowmass, and Big Sky. There will be charts, there will be flyers, and there will be enthusiasm. On the attendees' part, there should be questions, there should be excitement, and there should be checkbooks in hand.... A final thought - the ski trips are not for skiers only, the trips are as much fun for non-skiers as for skiers.

We ask those who plan to attend to RSVP by the 13th of June. It is important to know approximately how many will attend so that we can assure that we have the appropriate amount and variety of food. If you miss the RSVP deadline, then we still welcome you, but please call or email Cara (see number and email address below) that you are coming.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 13, rcjablon@aol.com or 202-333-5332.

Directions to the home of Cara and Robert Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N.W., Washington, D.C.

From Northwest D.C.: Take Nebraska Avenue to the beginning of Foxhall Road. Go south on Foxhall Road one traffic light past the intersection of Foxhall and Reservoir to Q Street. Right on Q Street. Continue on Q Street for 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right on 45th. Go two blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead-end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Potomac/Rockville/Gaithersburg: Take 270 South to 495 towards Virginia. Exit at Cabin John Parkway and continue south on the parkway until Arizona Avenue (1st traffic light after light at Chain Bridge). Make a left on Arizona and a right on MacArthur Boulevard (1st light). Continue on MacArthur Boulevard for about 1½ miles past the Safeway on the left. Shortly after passing the Safeway, MacArthur forks to the right and Reservoir Road goes to the left. Continue on MacArthur to Q Street (the next light after the light at the fork). Make a left on Q Street. Go 1 block to the stop sign (45th St.), and make a left on 45th. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead-end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

From Virginia (Chain Bridge): At the end of the Chain Bridge, make a right. Continue to the first light (Arizona Avenue). Make a left on Arizona and follow the directions immediately above from that point on.

From Virginia (Key Bridge): Stay in one of the left lanes at the end of the Key Bridge. Make a left at the end of the bridge to M Street (may be called Canal Road at that point). Get in the right lane and continue up the hill to the light at the beginning of Foxhall Road. Continue on Foxhall to the next light (Q Street). Make a left on Q Street. Go one block to the stop sign (45th St.) and make a right. Go 2 blocks and make a left (Q Lane). The street will dead-end into Indian Rock Terrace. Make a right and go up the hill. The Jablons' house is the fourth house up the hill on the right (a red brick and frame contemporary house).

Coming Event

**HIKE TO THE
MGM NATIONAL HARBOR CASINO**
Friday, June 2, 2017
Leave from Jones Point Park at 10:30am

The new **MGM CASINO** at National Harbor is a sight to behold. As you walk over Wilson Bridge, it looks like a cruise ship in the distance! It opened in the fall of 2016 and brings a little bit of Las Vegas to the area. This is a 23-acre resort on the banks of the Potomac, including a 24 story adjacent hotel in case you want to spend the night. The Casino has 3300 slot machines in addition to the usual gaming tables. There are crystal chandeliers and private spaces for the high rollers. But, the casino is only part of the experience. There are several restaurants plus a food court where you can get anything from crab cakes to tacos, and even a French Patisserie with an array of elegant pastries made in-house. Of course, you can also shop for sparkling shoes and dresses. The outdoor space is spectacular with fountains, tables and beautiful views.



Join us for this exciting urban hike from Alexandria to MGM at National Harbor. We will park our cars at Jones Point Park, under the Wilson Bridge, and leave from there at 10:30am; so come a little earlier to have time to park. From there, we will proceed to the entrance of the bridge. There is a 12-foot wide pedestrian/bike path on the north span of the Wilson Bridge. The path is wider than the typical bike path and there are three rest areas equipped with telescopes where you can stop and enjoy fantastic views of Washington and Alexandria. It is approximately 3.3 miles from Jones Point to the casino. We will stop and look at the views from the bridge. Plan on a couple blocks of uphill walking to get to the entrance of the main building.

If you prefer to drive to MGM National Harbor and just do sightseeing and lunch, that will work too. There is a huge underground parking lot, which is currently free, but at some point they are going to charge. Check before you go.

Lunch will be determined when we know how many people are going. We will meet in the main lobby of the casino in front of the enormous flowered tree at around noon. You might want to consider walking over and taking a cab or Uber back to Jones Point if you want to stay to shop or to play the slots.

Contact me if you want to sign up or have any questions.

Rosemary Schwartzbard
rosemaryschw@gmail.com



Coming Event

THE ECLIPSE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M.



NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, EAST BUILDING AUDITORIUM (closer to Capitol)



Piazzolla's The Four Seasons,
Vivaldi's classic Four Seasons

Violin Soloists: Malorie Blake Shin, Alexandra Osborne, Joel Fuller, Jane Bowyer Stewart, Glenn Donnellan, Jennifer Kim, Wanzhen Li and Regino Madrid.

The performance is free - Donations are encouraged

6th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20002

PARKING GARAGE: 601 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

METRO: The closest Metro stop is Archives – Navy Memorial – Penn Quarter on the Green & Yellow Lines

Walk East on Pennsylvania to Constitution Avenue

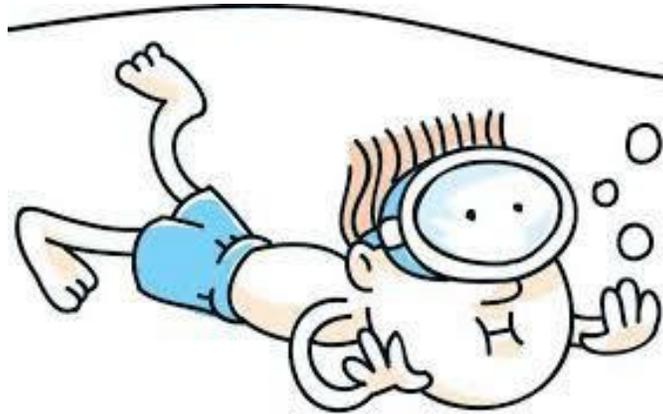
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Coming Event



STEAK AND SWIM

At the residence and pool of Marianne and Kerry Hines
Saturday, August 5, 2017, at 3pm - Rain or Shine
11019 John Marshall Highway, Delaplane, VA 20144



This is PVS' oldest annual (or almost annual) club event! Celebrate summer at the Hines' beautiful Delaplane, VA home, where the livin' is good and the steaks are delicious. Limited to 30. Reserve now! Deadline to sign up or cancel: August 11th.

BRING: Your own bathing suit and towel and either an **appetizer, salad, or dessert.**

INCLUDED: steaks, baked potatoes and fixings, beverages and lots of fun!!

Cost: Approximately \$15 per person.

NOTE: Because of the cost outlay to our hosts, "no-shows" will be responsible for price of steak, potatoes and beverages supplied by our hosts if reservations are not cancelled by August 1st.

To sign up, phone Kerry or Marianne 540 364-4810, or email mchines@erols.com to tell them what you'll bring.

SKI TALK, June 2017

The annual DC Ski Travel Show took place Friday evening, May 5 at the Tysons Marriott. The show hosted a large number of ski industry representatives so that the ski clubs and ski trip leaders could conveniently gather information and establish contact with tour operators and destination resort personnel for next year's and future year's ski trips. As an incentive to participants, the industry reps offered various door prizes – lodging vouchers, lift tickets, ski paraphernalia, which totaled an estimated \$20,000 this year. PVS participants included Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard, Tom Tycz, Sara and Charlie Huggins, John Smith, Joe Jevcak and Jana Lee Sponberg. Everyone who stays until the end walks away with a prize.

The Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) spring meeting was held at Tysons Maggiano's on May 6. PVS attendees included Rosemary Schwartzbard, Inge Lesjak, and Kerry Hines. Business items included: the post-mortem of 2017 Council trips; election of new Council officers; a motion to form temporary trip coordination committees (which was not passed); a discussion on racing participation and competition (which led to the selection of a new race coordinator); and, importantly, the selection of trip destinations for 2018-2020.

The proposed BRSC trips are:

2018

Western Carnival	Whistler, BC, Canada	3-10 February
Eastern Winterfest	Stowe, VT	4-9 March
Eurofest	Trois Vallees, France	24 Feb-4 Mar

2019

Western Carnival	Sun Valley, ID	early February
Eastern Winterfest	Sunday River, ME	early March
Eurofest	Val Gardena, Italy	late February

2020

Western Carnival	Snowmass, CO
Eastern Winterfest	TBD
Eurofest (Asiafest?)	Japan

2021

Western Carnival	Banff, BC, Canada
Eastern Winterfest	TBD
Eurofest	St. Anton, Austria



While PVS does not participate in all of the BRSC trips, any member can go on these trips. PVS does not have a European trip planned for next year, but if you want to go to Trois Vallees, you can go with any of the other BRSC clubs. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

PVS Ski Trips: We are excited about our 2018 ski trips. See fliers on pages 8 & 9. By popular demand, we are going back to **Snowmass** January 10-17. Then, we are going to **Big Sky**, Montana, February 14-21. Please support our ski trips by signing up early and sending in your deposit. The leaders need to make deposits to the vendors to secure space on the trips. Contact the ski trip leaders if you have any questions.



Kayaking: Anyone who is interested in kayaking during the summer, let me (Rosemary) know. I kayak, if the weather is good and the river is calm, on Wednesdays at either Key Bridge Boathouse or Fletchers at 10 or 11 am.

*Submitted by Kerry Hines & Rosemary Schwartzbard,
rosemaryschw@gmail.com*



Potomac Valley Skiers

2018 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday, January 10-Wednesday, January 17

Trip Details

Once again, we will be staying at the [Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](http://www.mountainchalet.com), which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. Check the web site at <http://www.mountainchalet.com>. The “**Land Only**” package includes: transportation to and from Aspen airport (7am -11pm); 5-day Senior lift pass ([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://www.aspensnowmass.com>.

The basic package at \$1,630 includes a lift pass discount for skiers 65 and over. Skiers under 65 will have to add \$93.00.

<u>Costs:</u>		<u>Price</u>
Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)		\$1,630
Under 65	add	\$ 93
Single Supplement	add	\$1,044
Extra hotel night (pending availability)	add	\$ 310 per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 224
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 65 for a 6-day Senior pass
	add	\$ 110 for a 7-day Senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 172 for a 6-day pass
Silver Pass (70+ skiing 8 or more days)	add	\$ 196

NOTE: The Silver Pass is available for skiers 70 and older for an additional \$196. If you are over 70 and plan to ski 8 or more days, you should buy the Silver Pass.

Payment Schedule

\$300 deposit is due May 16th.
Second payment of \$750 is 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 2018](#) 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

Complete 4-page application:
http://pvskiers.org/ski_trips/snowmass2018.pdf



The Potomac Valley Skiers invite you to ski Big Sky Montana

February 14 - 21, 2018



Package price: \$2,350 per person (includes airfare from Washington-Dulles)

Non-skiers or skiers age 80+ ski for free! Please deduct \$350 from the package price.

Out-of-town skiers, please add \$25 for deviation airfare.

Only 23 spaces available – first come first serve

We will be staying in First Class Queen and Queen Hotel Rooms at the **Huntley Lodge** located just steps from the lifts. The well-appointed rooms offer guests a wet bar, coffee maker, refrigerator and sitting area. The Huntley also offers onsite restaurants, including the Huntley Dining Room, ski storage, and more.

Big Sky offers acres of terrain on three immense mountains. The base at Big Sky is a comfortable 7,500 ft. There are 5,800 skiable acres of interconnected trails and lifts, all with one pass including Moonlight Basin. Lone Peak Tram at Big Sky will take you to the 11,116-foot summit, which offers 360-degree views of Yellowstone Park, the Tetons, and all three bordering states!

Trip Package includes:

- Round Trip Air - Washington IAD – Bozeman, Montana via Salt Lake City
- Round Trip Bus Transportation Bozeman-Big Sky via private coach (1.5hr) incl. stop at grocery store
- Seven nights lodging in The Huntley Lodge in First Class Queen Rooms and Queen Hotel Rooms (ski in ski out)
- Full hot and cold breakfast buffet daily
- Valentine themed Welcome Reception
- PVS Happy Hours and at least one dinner
- A five-day Big Sky Lift ticket (skiers 80+ ski free)
- Use of outdoor heated pool and hot tub

Optional day trip to Yellowstone National Park will be offered.

Trip Insurance is recommended and is available through our travel agent, Encompasse Tours at Encompasse.com. (The insurance link will connect you to Travel Guard.) There are several options available, depending on your situation.

Payment Schedule: \$300.00 is due with application; \$800.00 by 20 July; \$800.00 by 20 Sep; Final payment is due on 20 Nov 2017 (please make checks out to Inge Lesjak for Big Sky and mail to: Inge Lesjak, 8123 Kingsview Ct., Springfield, VA 22152)

To sign up: Please send Trip Application form with 'payment due' plus signed Waiver Agreement to:
Inge Lesjak, 8123 Kingsview Ct., Springfield, VA 22152)

Questions? Contact Trip Leaders Inge Lesjak Lesjak.inge@gmail.com (703-869-7248) or Marianne Sponis at Marianne.sponis@gmail.com

Come ski with us!

Complete application:
http://pvskiers.org/ski_trips/bigskymontana2018.pdf

Members' Corner



By J. David Warthen, Jr.
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Worldwide Cyber-attack:

The recent cyber-attacks, which affected 150+ nations and 300,000+ computers, were a wakeup call to those who neglect to keep up with technology. We have all learned the lesson that if one does not keep up with technology, there will be a price to pay, eventually. The Microsoft operating system is particularly vulnerable, especially older versions. This vulnerability was demonstrated for individuals and organizations, private and government, who think they are saving money by not updating application



software, operating system software, hardware, and security software. In time, the lack of updating will result in disaster. Ransomware, like WannaCry locks computers and demands payment for unlocking, to access one's own data.

I have always been amazed that 98% of PVS Members try to be computer-savvy. Considering the age range involved, that is an amazing fact. We may not be as computer-literate as our grandchildren, but we sure try. It is also a testimony to the fact that we operate quite effectively as a club in cyberspace.

I urge you to stay up to date in this world of technology. Just because your computer is 'working' with out-of-date software and hardware, does not mean that your computer is safe, while you continue to ignore updates. Protect yourself by staying current; there is no room for procrastination in our ever-changing world of technology.

--J. D. Warthen

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Chloe's Story (PVS met Chloe at the May 16 Meeting): Lilly V., Margaret Wyckoff's granddaughter, and Chloe, her dog, are enjoying being celebrity models for several photo shoots for an upcoming, National Geographic Kids book called *Dog Science*.

Dog Science is slated for publication in Fall 2018 and will be a hit with dog lovers! It's time to do science with the most faithful lab partner you'll ever find—your dog! With the 22 activities in this book, you and your dog can learn the science behind how your dog moves, drinks, stays warm, gets clean, cools off, and more. Each chapter includes activities, science snapshots, Ask-a-Vet features, and a behind-the-scenes look at current canine research in laboratories around the country. Some of the science in this book will be the same for all dogs, no matter how different they seem. Other activities are designed to help you understand the peculiarities of the most important dog on Earth; your own.

Maybe by the time the book is published, we can teach Chloe, the dog, to autograph copies to distribute at a ski club meeting! Tee Hee!



Pat V. and Chloe at the May General Meeting

Another Gem from Eclipse Chamber Orchestra !



As PVS has experienced on multiple occasions, Eclipse Chamber Orchestra once again provided a stunning afternoon of music on May 7 for some of PVS' classical music lovers (and at least one classical music "tolerater" !). You just can't beat the acoustics of the auditorium in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, and Eclipse Chamber Orchestra again did not disappoint. Eclipse, which bills itself as an orchestra of soloists, is in its 26th season of excellent performances. This concert, the third of their three-concert subscription series, consisted of two lovely pieces under the baton of Maestro Abel Pereira: first, Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for Winds featuring 4 spectacular wind players. The second piece was the dynamic and lovely 1st Symphony by Beethoven.

PVS members who enjoyed the beautiful music included: Bob and Louann **Eadie**, Sandy **Laeser**, Blanca **Hotaling**, John **Smith**, Marna **Blanchette**, Martha Glenn **Cole**, Bob and Karen **Knopes** and Nancy **McKinley**. Following the musical event, off we went in search of a post-concert French meal in southern Alexandria. Another pleasant afternoon and evening with friends! We look forward to more opportunities to enjoy Eclipse's concerts and recitals. Be sure to join us!

--Nancy McKinley



May General Meeting, May 16, 2017



Hostess Margaret W. chatting with Rosemary S., Marna B., and Bob J.

Surprise! Like walking into a fairyland of a beautiful landscape as you enter the home of our dear Margaret Wyckoff, her daughter Pat Vagonis and family! Even Chloe, their dog welcomed us! What a lovely evening of terrific weather and with 31 PVSer's attending. The delectable treats were homemade by Chef Barb Leonhardt!

Drinks were plentiful out on the deck with lots of choices of white or red wine, or soda. Treats inside included Barb's special shrimp mousse, liverwurst mousse, a beautiful veggie tray, gourmet cheeses and a tasty spread for crackers to tempt our palettes. We thank Eugenia U. for a tray of her famous spanakopita (Greek spinach pie). Desserts did not disappoint. Barb's cookies are a vision of "come and eat me"; we all ate more than our share!

Bob Jablon, our new president, led the meeting with event leaders giving their updates as to what is happening in the next month with our club. They are listed in the TOOT. There are plenty of "pickins" including a tour of the National Archives, kayaking opportunities throughout the summer, ski trips to Snowmass and Big Sky, the Summer Fest meeting at

Jablons in June, and the Steak and Swim in early August. Bob gave thanks to those opening their abodes (it doesn't have to be a big house, just a "home") and to those leading special events.

Again, a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship; lots of laughter, conversation, and stories enjoyed by all!



Chef Barb L. sharing recipes with Walter F.



President Bob J. and June R.



Louann E. sampling Chef Barb's delectable treats

Submitted by Louann Eadie

Pictures continued on next page:



Pat V. chatting with Mike S. during beautiful weather for our May General Meeting



Barry L. and Tom T.



Rosemary S., Peter R. and Cara J. on the deck at the May General Meeting

Past Event

National Archives Tour, May 22, 2017

Did you know that we have several choices of days on which to celebrate U.S. Independence??



On May 22, 10 PVSers, joined by a solo tourist from IL, toured the National Archives in Washington DC, led by docent, **Bing Van Nuys**.

We saw documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, and had our earlier history lessons reinforced and expanded by information provided by Bing. We also visited galleries which contained letters to various Presidents (all read and archived), learned the origins of the term “red tape,” and saw some of the vast resources for genealogical research.

After our tour, some members of the group pursued further museum visiting, shopping and or lunch. It was great to be a tourist on a rainy morning.

re: Celebrating U.S. Independence

July 2 is the date when Congress voted to declare independence; the document was approved on July 4, and the official engrossed copy was signed on Aug 2. Sounds like 3 possibilities for fireworks!!!

Submitted by Maryann Rozzell





PVS Calendar 2017:

Jun 02 Fri Wilson Bridge Hike to MGM Casino; 10:30 AM, R. Schwartzbard
 Jun 04 Sun Eclipse Chamber Orchestra Concert, National Gallery of Art, East Building Auditorium, 4:00 PM, J. Smith, Washington, DC
 Jun 17 Sat Summer Fest (June General Meeting), 2:00 PM, Jablons, Washington, DC
 Jun 20 Tue ExCom Meeting, 7:00 PM, Telephonic
 Aug 05 Sat Steak & Swim, 3:00 PM, Hines, Delaplane, VA

PVS Ski Trips 2018:



January 10-17, 2018

Aspen/Snowmass 2018, Colorado (Barry & Kathy Lake)

February 14-21, 2018

Big Sky Montana, (Inge Lesjak & Marianne Soponis)

Useful Ski "Links"

- [Potomac Valley Skiers](#)
- [BRSC Sanctioned Trips](#)
- [DC Ski Online News](#)
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