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President's Message

In preparation for writing this article, I re-read my President's Message for the February 2020 TOOT. In it, I reviewed Snowmass, various available activities, staying at the Mountain Chalet, and the joys of skiing. Because I wrote that article in late January, before the PVS/BRSC Snowmass trip, we were eagerly looking forward to it. And, as expected, it was a wonderful ski trip. Needless to say, this year is a very different year for skiing.

We are very wary of the COVID-19 virus and, therefore, of air travel and large ski groups. On top of that, the weather in the metro area has not been very cooperative for local skiing. It is already February 1 and Washington has not had any appreciable snow or even very cold weather (you know, temperatures in the teens or lower). Where is winter? It is difficult to think about skiing when it feels more like early spring when the ski season is coming to a close. Nevertheless, if past years are prologue, there is still time for some very big snowstorms, i.e., Snowmageddon of February 2010 (32.5" recorded at Dulles). Will we have significant snowfall to mark its 10th Anniversary?

I know many of us are disheartened that skiing is not on our calendars this season. Though, in December and January some of us were fortunate to ski out west and at Snowshoe, as reported at recent PVS Zoom meetings. The skiing was either done by oneself or with very close friends and/or family and staying and eating all meals in slope side condos. Our Snowshoe skier said that the snow was just as good as snow out west. So, there is hope for those who want to venture out and ski either alone or in very small "bubble" groups.



Monthly Meeting

Via

ZOOM

**Tuesday, February 16,
at 7:30 PM**

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At the most recent PVS meeting, we learned that some of us have received the first of their COVID-19 vaccine shots along with appointments for the second shot. Congratulations to them! Mary and I registered online to receive the vaccine in Fairfax County. Once registered, we each immediately received an automated telephone call confirming our registration and that Fairfax County did not have sufficient (AKA any) vaccine supply to schedule an appointment for the vaccine shot. The automated message informed that once there is



a sufficient vaccine supply, we will be scheduled for, and notified of, an appointment via email. We are urged to monitor our email daily for that appointment. With 115,000 others registered before us, and low supplies of the vaccine, it may be a couple months. Nevertheless, there is hope that we will see the end of the pandemic in 2021. Unfortunately, it is appearing more and more doubtful that Mary and I will complete the vaccine regimen in time to ski this season. So, we look to skiing next year, and doing it with gusto and with PVS members.

Let us all hope that the COVID-19 virus is defeated quickly worldwide and that we may return to life as normal as possible and as soon as possible.

May everyone stay safe and well!

*Tom Tycz
President*

Join Us at Our February 16, 2021, PVS Virtual Meeting

We will again be holding our PVS monthly meeting via Zoom. The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. For those of you who have used Zoom, you know that we will be able to see other attendees, share some stories, and watch our president, Tom Tycz, and others, cover some agenda items.

You will receive an invitation via email on the day of the meeting or the day before. If you are not familiar with Zoom, there is a short tutorial in the [December 2020 TOOT](#) and also free information on the Internet. If you have any additional questions, you can contact Marianne Soponis at Marianne.Soponis@gmail.com.

Looking forward to “seeing you” on February 16!

Nominating Committee Report for PVS Officers (2021-2023)

<p>Candidates for PVS Officers for 2021-2023:</p> <p>President: Barry Lake</p> <p>Vice-President: Cara Jablon</p> <p>Candidates of PVS Board Members for 2021-2023:</p> <p>ExCom: Mary Rose de Valladares</p> <p>ExCom: Jannes Gibson</p> <p>ExCom: Manfred Boehringer</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 20, 2021.</p>	<p>Submitted by the Nominating Committee:</p> <p>Kerry Hines (Chair)</p> <p>Dave DeVilbiss</p> <p>Salli Diakova</p> <p>Marianne Hines</p> <p>Kathy Lake</p> <p>Ellie Thayer</p>
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Candidates for Officers and Board Members for 2021-2023

BARRY LAKE – CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT



I was born in Leavenworth, KS, into an Army family. After a few years in Colorado Springs, the family took up more or less permanent residence in Arlington, VA. I attended George Mason University receiving a BS in Mathematics, and received an MS in Information Technology Administration from George Washington University. I am currently a Senior Cybersecurity Engineer for a Fairfax based information technology company, supporting the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the federal government.

While I originally learned to ski during my college days, I did not take up skiing in earnest until I met my future wife Kathy; both of us have enjoyed skiing together for over 30 years. We started out skiing mostly on the east coast, but after our first trip out west to Colorado, we pretty much gave up on east coast skiing. Over the years, we have been lucky enough to be able to take at least one to two ski trips a year, mostly to Colorado, Montana and Utah. We have also taken two European trips, to Switzerland and Austria, as well as two Canadian trips. Since joining PVS in 2015, we have thoroughly enjoyed yearly trips to Snowmass, having led them since 2017, and are looking forward to many more. I finished 2 two-year terms on ExCom last year and am currently serving as acting Vice-President. We currently reside in Oakton, VA. When not skiing or working, we also enjoy time at the beach.

CARA JABLON - CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

I have been a skier for more than 57 years. My initial ski experience was at Mount Holyoke College (in South Hadley, Massachusetts) at a no longer extant ski area called Mt. Tom. After a single ski experience, I went

home for Christmas vacation and bought my first pair of skis – long wooden skis - and lace-up boots. For years, I have enjoyed the challenge of the moguls and worked on improving my bump technique. Currently, the biggest challenge to this type of skiing is the loss of strength that comes with aging.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke with a major in chemistry, and a minor in philosophy, I headed to New York City to attend Columbia University in a doctorate program in Biochemistry. Although I eventually finished the doctorate, I decided that I was not destined to be a scientist. What else to do but go to law school! After marrying Robert Jablon, and several months after my first child, Stephen, was born, I started law school in Albany, New York. During that year, Robert joined a law firm in Washington, D.C., and I dropped out of law school. I resumed law school at George Washington University the following year, and also finished writing my doctoral dissertation that year. Halfway through law school, I had another child, Lara.



After finishing law school, I started work in the Office of General Counsel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where I practiced pesticide law for thirteen years and was involved in limiting the use of wood preservative chemicals and Compound 1080, and taking arsenic ant baits off the market. My third child, Joel, was born in 1984.

Near the end of my time at EPA, I did a detail at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in DC. Over the course of four months, I tried numerous misdemeanor drug cases. My subsequent legal career, over a period of about twelve years, was at three different law firms, where I wrote countless briefs and memoranda in the area of chemical regulatory law.

I retired early from law – despite my father’s advice never to retire – and turned my attention in a different direction to beading. I have a small jewelry business and make necklaces, earrings, and bracelets that I sell at local craft shows. I am currently the president of the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild and co-chair of the Guild’s Thanksgiving weekend arts and craft show in Vienna, Virginia. I am also the vendor chair for a holiday show at Temple Sinai in DC.

I enjoy spending time with my dog Tila, going to dance aerobics three times a week, swimming regularly in the summer, working in my garden, and enjoying concerts, opera, and theatre. I am also a member of a Toastmasters Speaking Club, and have been the club treasurer for many years. Bob and I enjoy collecting art, particularly folk art, and have not been able to resist the sand paintings sold on the square in Santa Fe and other art objects from western ski trips.

Stephen, our oldest son, lives with us in DC and is running a chess business. Our daughter, Lara, and her husband live on a 40-acre farm in southern Washington State, replete with goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas, chickens, dogs and cats. Lara runs a wedding business and does landscaping and carpentry when not taking care of six-year old Nathan. Joel teaches high school English in Portland Oregon.

A number of years ago, I served as president of PVS. I have participated in the PVS Snowmass trip for many years, and have also been on many other club trips, including trips to Sun Valley, Sun Peaks, Andorra, Austria and France. Bob, who also served as the club’s president, and I have run ski trips to Mt. Bachelor, Steamboat, and Park City.

MARY ROSE DE VALLADARES – CANDIDATE FOR EXCOM

Growing up in the Washington area, my family’s winter sport was ice-skating on outdoor ponds or indoor rinks. By late high school, the excitement of televised downhill skiing inspired me to propose a ski trip at my all-girls’ school – but the girls weren’t ready for a ski adventure. When I finally took to the Washington area slopes, the local ice conditions were daunting. But I persisted and joined friends for a ski trip in New Hampshire (Mt. Sunapee), where the cold proved equally challenging. Not long thereafter, I skied out West (Aspen and Breckenridge) for the first time. A powder epiphany! Then, my first “permanent” job took me temporarily from Washington to Denver where I travelled the southwest for work. From there I had opportunities to ski in Utah

(Park City), Colorado (Telluride) and New Mexico (Ski Apache, Taos). While I wasn't really "black diamond" material, I thoroughly enjoyed the beginner-intermediate slopes. Marriage led me to New Mexico, which has many and varied ski areas. Notably, I first experienced the delights of cross-country skiing there.



My ski life paused for a while when, five months pregnant with my first child, I got off a lift at Albuquerque's Sandia Peak. Gazing at the city below, I realized that it might not be such a great idea to ski down the slope. Next time I took a lift up the slope was sometime after my second child was born. With a family business and children, I skied sporadically over the next few years. Fast forward more years.... the loss of "the key man" in our family and business led me back to Washington where Jorge and I met at a Congressional field hearing on the environment. We married two years later.

I resumed skiing in New Mexico. The last time was at Ski Santa Fe where a man in a helmet mowed down several people -- including me-- on a narrow intermediate trail. He never looked back. I landed on my wrists facing uphill and had

to drive back to my friend's home alone. Since writing is critical to my job, I decided that skiing alone was maybe not such a good idea. Since then, my ski life has been on hold. I keep busy with work in international energy and technology development. I have an MA in Urban Planning and an MBA, the latter from Georgetown, as well as a Diplôme in French Civilisation from the Sorbonne in Paris. I am now restructuring my management/consultancy in Clean energy/hydrogen. Remaining in touch with PVS during this process and during COVID has been a major morale booster for me.

I am honored to be asked to serve on ExCom for a second term and am looking forward to skiing with PVS Members!

JANNES GIBSON – CANDIDATE FOR EXCOM

I started skiing at Aspen in the 1950s. So, of course I chose to attend the University of Colorado where I met my husband in the 1960s. He was also a keen skier. I lost my favorite skiing partner in 2002 and some time after heard about PVS.



I have lived in Potomac since 1974 with assignments abroad in Afghanistan (where we built a rope tow outside Kabul), Indonesia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Malawi. In Europe, we skied in Arosa, Switzerland, Val d'Isere, France and Bormio, Italy. In the U.S., most of the skiing was in Colorado or near DC at Bryce or Canaan Valley. Since my husband died in 2002, I have travelled a lot, but want to be sure to ski while I still enjoy it so much.

I volunteered and worked at The Textile Museum in Washington, DC from 1979 to 1994. Currently, I am on the board of Dance Place and Andean Textile Arts, which supports ten communities of weavers in Peru and the Andes.

(PAUL) MANFRED BOEHRINGER – CANDIDATE FOR EXCOM

Yes, my first name is actually Paul, but nobody calls me Paul so we can stick with Manfred. I was born in southwest Germany near the city of Stuttgart. Before I could go to college, I was drafted into the Luftwaffe (Air Force) for 18 months. There was no flying involved, I was a telephone guy.



I learned to ski at college near Lake Constance. This was a great place close to the Swiss and Austrian Alps. It was the time chairlifts had one seat and a chain to protect you from falling out.

After college, I moved to Munich to work. Munich is a great location if one wants to go skiing, as there are many places close by. I met my wife in Munich; she is from New York. After many work assignments in Asia, South America, Africa, and Florida, we moved to Reston, VA, and have lived here for 20 years. Now I am a US citizen and plan on staying in the area.

I am very happy with the great ski trips and have enjoyed the PVS companionship a lot. My favorite US ski areas are Snowmass and Taos. Taos is a little like my first Austrian ski areas.

Since the club gave me opportunities for a lot of great experiences and fun, I think it's time that I help a little bit with the work the club is doing.

Past Event

January 19, 2021 Meeting

Another successful PVS meeting by Zoom was hosted by Marianne Sponis. Thank you, Marianne! As everyone was logging on, the conversations focused on the hot topic of the month – the Covid vaccine. Carolyn DeVilbiss, Bing Van Nuys, Kal Nossuli, Cara Jablon, Melissa Fitzgerald, Dick and Rosemary Schwartzbard were able to get vaccinated. Many others were having trouble registering and/or getting an appointment. Hopefully this changes soon. With his medical expertise, Kal was able to shed some light on the immunization process and time frames.

The conversation then turned to something more exciting – Skiing! Folks started talking about their favorite ski trips and sharing stories. Cara's favorite memory was a very challenging run down Garrett's Gulch in Snowmass with Kerry and Marianne Hines. Snowmass is one of Carolyn's favorites since that is where she met her husband Dave. Rosemary has a few favorite places – Val d'Isere, Vail and, of course, Snowmass. Meanwhile, Dick thought the streets were too slippery at Val d'Isere. Tom Tycz really enjoyed the European trip to Madonna in Italy. Ray and Nancy McKinley got to ski with an Olympic skier at Sun Peaks in Canada. Jan Marx thinks that Mammoth in California has the best snow, at least when she was there. Bing has always looked forward to skiing at Snowmass. Melissa remembers enjoying her first PVS trip skiing with Jan. Mary Rose de Valladares is looking forward to skiing in snow and sunshine on a PVS trip. Kerry and Marianne seem to like almost every place they have been including Snowmass and many European trips. Don Vierimaa remembers skiing down a very steep run in Sun Valley and surviving. The Lakes enjoy going back to Snowmass each year since their first PVS trip there. Lots of fond memories!

A few people have actually done - somewhat - local skiing this year. Dick Parlow recently enjoyed a few days of skiing at Snowshoe. Ellie Thayer's daughter and her family enjoyed snow every day while at Wisp. While her stepdaughter was not as lucky at Beaver Creek where there was practically no snow, just lots of grass and rocks.

After all of this reminiscing, Tom called the business meeting to order. It seems like it will still be awhile longer before we can all be meeting in person. Marianne S. is hoping that we will be able to have the PVS Anniversary lunch in the fall. Rosemary is cautiously optimistic that we can plan a trip to Snowmass in 2022.

Submitted by Kathy and Barry Lake



Continuing Event



PVS Reads!

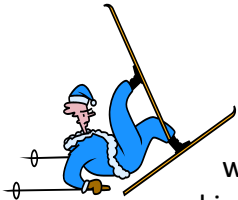
The January meeting of PVS' BYOB - Bring Your Own Book - group on Zoom was, as always, enlightening. There was thoughtful discussion and plenty of good ideas for what to put on your "to-be-read" list for future quiet days with a good book. See the info at the bottom for how to join us in February!

This past month, the choices from our members follow:

- Marianne Sophonis brought us "Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake" by Anna Quindlen. The author relates stories from her childhood that helped her accept the realities of life. Quindlen especially values her relationships with girl friends over the years.
- Ellie Thayer also looked back with nostalgia via "Ordinary Grace" a novel by William Kent Krueger. Krueger tells a fictional tale of growing up in a small town in Minnesota in the 1950s.
- Bonnie Sweeney shared "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane," a novel by Lisa See, which focuses on the emotional struggles of a minority family in Hunan Province, China in the 80s. Bonnie appreciated learning about this aspect of Chinese culture.
- Jan Marx was enjoying "The Furies" by Natalie Haynes set in Edinburgh where the protagonist lands a job teaching drama to intimidating troubled youths.
- Mary Rose de Valladares discussed "The Monkey Wrench Gang" by Edward Abbey. The novel takes place in the American Southwest in the 1970s where a loose band of ecologically-minded activists worked to destroy systems that harm our environment.
- Louann Eadie is reading "Troubled Blood" the "very long" latest by Robert Galbraith, the pseudonym of J.K. Rowling, who created the flawed and captivating private investigator, Cormoran Strike.
- Nancy McKinley brought "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. Gyasi brings fascinating stories of generations of a family from Ghana who were linked to both sides of the slave trade in the 1700s and carries the family forward to the present day.

The next BYOB Zoom call will be held on Thursday, February 11 from 4 to 5 pm. Let Marianne Sophonis know at marianne.sophonis@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us, and she'll put you on the list to get the link to the Zoom call. Questions? Get in touch with Nancy McKinley at nancymckin@gmail.com or 703 595 8375.

SKI TALK February 2021



When I opened the newest Ski Magazine (January/February) a familiar face appeared. There was a feature article on Nancy Greene, the only Canadian skier to win the World Cup Overall title to date. She accomplished this feat in 1967! She was later declared Canada's "Female Athlete of the Century!" PVS met Nancy in 2005 on a ski trip to Sun Peaks, Canada, led by Nancy and Ray McKinley. Nancy Greene and her husband, Al Raine, former Olympic ski coach, met the group at the airport, accompanied us to Nancy's lodge at Sun Peaks, took us on guided tours of the resort and participated most days in our après ski events. It was a very special trip. We were treated like VIPs. For more information on the trip, go to pvskiers.org and search for the [March 2005 TOOT](#) trip report.



According to the article in Ski Magazine, Nancy Greene is 76 and skis 100 days per year. She still likes speed and the reporter could not keep up with her on a guided tour. I remember we had trouble keeping up with Nancy on our trip over 15 years ago. Nancy and Ray McKinley led a second PVS trip to Sun Peaks in 2007 and, again, Nancy Greene spent time with us. How often do you get to ski with an Olympic champion? Sun Peaks is a hidden gem. It is now the seventh biggest resort in North America. Here are the other six: Whistler Blackcomb, B.C.; Park City, Utah; Big Sky, Montana; Vail, Colorado; Heavenly, California; Mt. Bachelor, Oregon. I am happy to say I skied six of the seven, missing only Heavenly.

The following is a report from Ellie Thayer's stepdaughter who has been skiing in Beaver Creek.

Colorado Ski Report – January 16 - 25, 2021

By Christine Rossomondo

Our family makes an annual January weeklong ski trip to Beaver Creek and we did not want to let the current Covid environment stop us. We were a little nervous beforehand that, despite airline tickets and Epic passes, etc. being purchased, we might not be able to go with the ever-changing pandemic conditions and restrictions. However, we made it!

There were eight of us this year including my husband and me and six 20-30 year olds. My husband Tom and I have the annually renewable Epic Pass which has unlimited days at all the Vail resorts. The others (the so-called kids) had the Epic Local Pass, which has some limitations. While that pass allows unlimited days at most of the Vail resorts, it is limited to 10 days at Beaver Creek and Vail with some blackout days. The kids did not run into a problem because of the limit to the number of days. Where they ran into a problem was the Saturday we arrived, which was a blackout day for them.

This year, to limit the number of skiers at the Vail resorts, there is a reservation process. We acquired our passes in early fall and reservations opened early November. We all reserved our week in January at Beaver Creek. About a week before our trip, we decided to go to Vail on Thursday and had no problem changing the reservation to Vail. It is an easy online process.

We knew it would be different this year from all the communications we received in advance from Vail resorts. Also, Tom and I had skied at some of the Vail-operated resorts in this local area before our trip and were familiar with the lift and lodge limitations. On the lifts and gondola, skiers are limited to riding with family/friend members or, if spacing allowed and at your discretion, with a stranger or two. I always asked if other passengers minded my riding with them; sometimes people did and sometimes they did not. Everyone was courteous. The lift attendants were strict about mask wearing and would gently remind you if your mask fell down or if you forgot to pull it up.

Thankfully, our condo is right in Beaver Creek village. In normal years, we would either eat lunch at a slopeside mountain lodge or we would take a break for lunch in the condo. This year having a condo in the village was even more appreciated. We could access the slopeside lodges to use the bathroom, grab a water, or carry out snacks and food, but we had to go outside to eat/drink. On chilly snowy days, we longed to sit inside to warm up. However, to sit inside a lodge, reservations had to be made in advance and once at your assigned table, staying was limited to 45 minutes. The staff was strict and walked around monitoring their IPADs and reminding groups that they had 5-10 minutes to finish. We had no problem making reservations at a lodge the day we went to Vail. We brought our own sandwiches and snacks. A couple other days at Beaver Creek we made a mid-morning reservation at a lodge to warm up a bit.

There seemed to be fewer crowds at Beaver Creek and Vail this year than in previous years. One factor may have been the lack of snow. The base was about half that of recent years and probably the worst snow conditions I have encountered in the 20 plus years I have been going to Beaver Creek. Some of the runs and lifts were not open. We still had FUN.

After our stay at Beaver Creek ended, Tom and I skied at Breckenridge, which is a new resort for us. We made reservations in advance and had no problems. We are spoiled with Beaver Creek crowds (or lack thereof) and were disappointed by the long lift lines at Breckenridge. I am sure it was exacerbated by the lack of snow. About 50% of the mountain was open there.

The airports (Dulles and Denver) were pretty empty. Our flight going out was full, but our return flight (on a Tuesday) was about 30% capacity.

LOCAL SKIING by John Smith

Both Liberty Mountain and Whitetail are open.

Single day tickets are \$72 (\$59 for people over 65). Tickets can only be purchased on-line or by telephone. Season pass holders have priority for the reservations. Availability is updated each Wednesday for the following week.

For **Liberty Mountain**: Order on-line at:

<https://www.libertymountainresort.com/plan-your-trip/lift-access/tickets.aspx>

Or call: 717-642-8282

For **Whitetail** Order on-line at:

<https://www.skiwhitetail.com/plan-your-trip/lift-access/tickets.aspx>

Or call: 717-328-9400

Please let John know if you want to be on the local skiing list:

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Hopefully we can all get vaccinated soon. Looking forward to planning our 2022 ski season.

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In Memoriam

Dr. ROBERT J. HEILEN, M.D.

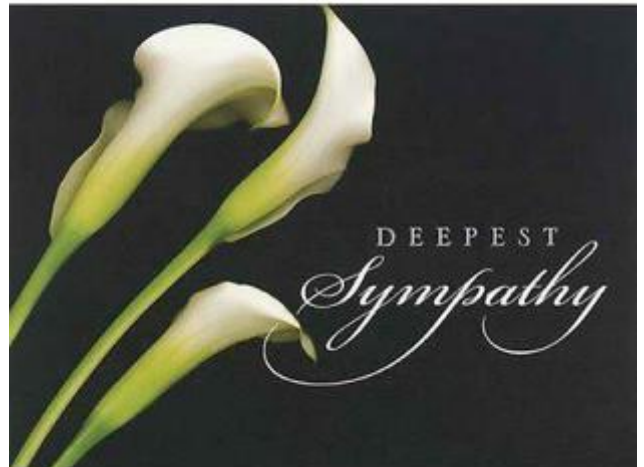
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Dr. Robert John Heilen, MD passed away peacefully on December 24, 2020 at The Kensington Falls Church, a week after having tested positive for COVID-19. Along with his family, Dr. Heilen was a member of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, Virginia. Dr. Heilen practiced orthopaedic surgery in Falls Church and Annandale, Virginia from 1971 until he retired from his practice in 2004. Many friends and family knew Dr. Heilen as "Dr. Bob" or, more familiarly, as "Bob." Throughout his medical career, Dr. Heilen worked tirelessly as an orthopaedic surgeon at Fairfax and Arlington Hospitals, often performing complex emergency surgeries at all hours of the night. He was adjunct faculty at George Washington University and an active member of the Washington Orthopaedic Society, having served a term as President of the Society. Over the course of his career, Dr. Heilen developed specialties in knee surgery and spine surgery and was widely sought after for his gifts. As a doctor, he was known to have a comforting and communicative bedside manner and was proud to have treated patients from all walks of life. He was well-known in both his professional and personal life for his humor, wit, and generosity and for giving selflessly to friends, neighbors, charitable organizations, patients, and staff. The son of John and Jennie Heilen, Robert John Heilen was born on October 25, 1935 in New York City. He graduated in 1953 from Brooklyn Technical High School and earned a degree in chemical engineering from Cooper Union in 1957. Robert married Marie Patricia Law of Bayside, New York at Church on the Hill in Flushing, New York on July 3, 1960. After working for Combustion Engineering for three years as a chemical engineer, Bob earned a degree in medicine from New York University. He started his residency at The New York Hospital in 1964. The following year, during the Vietnam War, Bob was drafted into the United States Army as a medical officer. His first tour of duty was at Camp Hovey in South Korea and his second tour of duty was at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He retired from the Army as a Captain in 1968. He then completed his residency at New York Hospital and began orthopaedic training at George Washington University, opening a practice in 1971. Dr. Heilen was a lover of alpine skiing, tennis, languages, classical music, and travel. He took many skiing trips with his family to the Rocky Mountains and to Europe and traveled extensively to international destinations with his wife, Marie. He spent his summer vacations with his family at Bethany Beach, Delaware and was an avid mariner. Over the course of his life, Bob was a loving son, husband, brother, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Marie; his sister, Ruth; his two sons, Robert and Michael; daughters-in-law, Tamae and Jennifer; his grandson, Kai, and four granddaughters: Jesse, Sophia, Naomi, and Jenna. Service private.

Washington Post

Dr. Heilen became a member of PVS on 8/12/17, but did not renew for 1919-21, because of illness and entering an Assistant Living Facility.



Looking Back

This month we are only sort of ‘looking back”, as the article is about Larry Pease, our only Charter Member currently active in PVS. Larry and Gail live in Jamaica (Virginia that is) so we don’t see them at too many PVS functions. But from the contents of the article and the pictures of Larry at Lu Beale's 80th birthday party in 1994 and from the 45th Anniversary Gala in 2010, it is clear that he has had an active PVS life. Below is an article authored by Jan Marx and published in the TOOT in 2018.

Larry Pease, a Charter Member of PVS, was inducted into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame in October during WISP's annual first aid refresher course and banquet at Deep Creek Lake, MD.



During over 60 years as a patroller, he volunteered at five different ski areas. In 2000 he became a paid member of the WISP patrol. Gail Pease and son, Greg, also patrolled there. Larry's first introduction to skiing was during a winter campout with Boy Scouts at Willamette Pass near his home in Eugene, OR when he was 16 years old. Interest in the ski patrol started with a friend's broken leg during a ski trip. While at Oregon State University, Larry became interested in mountain rescue. At Hoodoo Bowl, OR, Larry joined the ski patrol. As time went on, he trained patrollers in first aid, safety, and mountain rescue and helped increase members in the patrol. In 1960 he became a Senior Patroller and National SP #2341. He joined the Stevens Pass, WA Patrol for the 1960-61 season and gained experience in avalanche control.

Working for the US Geological Survey, he moved to Silver Spring in 1961. He joined the SCWDC Ski Patrol. He helped several ski areas in the area gain and train patrollers including Blue Knob, Bryce, Shawnee Land, Braddock Heights, Charnita (Liberty Mt), Massanutten and others. Among this group were future PVSers Dick Clark, Bill Stecker, Glade Flake and Kirk Burns. PVS was founded in 1965. Larry and another PVSer were instrumental in developing ski swaps at the area's shops.

As Ski Patrols developed, Larry has held the positions of the Regional Director, Southern Assistant Division Director, and Representative for the BRSC to the US Ski Association. He has led refresher training sessions yearly.

Many times in the past, Larry has talked at PVS meetings about how to wax and sharpen one's skies (a long time ago!), how to dress warmly, and ski safety. He used to test our applicant members on the Basic Ski Test. He is a longtime member of PVS, devoted to the sport of skiing, and he promotes the education and safety of skiers.

Larry at Lu Beale's Birthday, 1994



Larry at the PVS 45th Anniversary Celebration in 2010



Members' Corner



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Roster:

A quarterly, updated, PVS Roster was electronically distributed to the PVS membership on February 1, 2021. Please dispose of your out-of-date roster-version, and store your new version on a secure device.

Roster Changes: contact
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February 1 is the beginning of another era in this nation, and none too soon. We actually made it! Our nation is in terrible shape with the worse pandemic since the Spanish Flu, an economy that rivals the terrible Great Depression, and an insurrection on our own Capitol by domestic terrorists. It is sad to see our nation is such turmoil and stress. However, we shall survive as we have in the past through wars, pandemics, and depressions. The light at the end of the tunnel for this pandemic has come at just the right time. Most of us who can, look forward to 'zooming' down the slopes (no pun intended) once more, to meeting together and breaking bread together, and just socializing. Love and peace to all.-----



Ice Sculptures:

The melting point of ice is high enough that there is no melting below 32°F. Thus, ice sculptures are possible in colder climates and in winter for all the artists who have the patience for ice sculpture.

Winter fun in Winnipeg



Swan ice sculpture



Stellar ice with great detail



PVS 2021 Calendar

Feb 11 Thurs Zoom Bring Your Own Book 4-5 p.m E-mail Marianne.soponis@gmail.com
Feb 16 Tues Zoom monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Feb 23 Tue Zoom EXCOM meeting 7:00 p.m.

Happy Valentine's Day



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