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President's Message

The end of May and beginning of June is certainly serving up a full menu of weather to us in the DC area and elsewhere. We are getting seesaw temperatures between the 50s and the 90s and humidity, while out West they are getting snow! And then there is the apparently early start to the severe summer weather with tornado warnings and the like just in time for Memorial Day. NOAA is predicting a summer of higher-than-average storms with 14-21 named storms, 6 to 10 hurricanes (with 3-6 being of the major variety).

For those of you in the Washington, DC area, or anyone planning to visit here, you have a couple of unique opportunities available to you. First, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints still is conducting public tours of their Kensington temple, the first such event in the last 50 years. The tours, which last just under an hour, are free and are still being conducted through June 11.

The second opportunity, especially if you happen to be a Nationals fan, is that they are planning to retire their beloved in-fielder Ryan Zimmerman's # 11 jersey, with a "Ryan Zimmerman weekend" beginning on Friday, June 17, with a special giveaway at Nationals Park. The official jersey retirement will be one day later on Saturday, June 18.

As spring gathers momentum, many folks will be increasing their outdoor activities, and with the warmer winters we've been having, it means we need to be on the lookout for ticks. Not only do we have to worry about the deer tick and the possibility of Lyme disease, but now the Lone Star tick is starting to take hold in our

area. While it doesn't transmit Lyme disease, it can cause [alpha-gal syndrome](#), which can cause the bitten to become allergic to the consumption of all red meat! And its bite also doesn't leave a tell-tale sign like the deer ticks bullseye either. Here is an informative article on the subject (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2022/05/01/tick-bite-lone-star-meat-allergic/>) written by friend and neighbor Kevin Ambrose.

As I wrote last month, the 2023 ski season is starting to kick into high gear, and there is an updated flyer for the Snowmass trip (January 11-18, 2023) with pricing in this month's TOOT. Also keep watch out for updates to the Club Med Val d'Isère trip (March 11-19, 2023). Since there aren't July or August TOOTs, the ski trip leaders are likely to send the flyers out directly to known interested members, so be on the lookout for those emails.

We had an enjoyable and cozy May face-to-face meeting at Ingrid Dallaire's house in Chevy Chase, so many thanks to Ingrid for her hospitality and for hosting the event. We also expect to have a wonderful SummerFest event at the Jablon's on June 25, and many thanks to the Jablons for once again hosting the SummerFest.

Hope everyone had an enjoyable May, and look forward to seeing you all at the SummerFest meeting. If you feel comfortable in hosting a monthly membership meeting at your house, please reach out and let us know so we can start building up the calendar for the fall and winter meetings.

Cheers, Barry



SUMMER FEST

Saturday, June 25, 1:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF CARA & BOB JABLON

Come for lunch and learn all about the ski trips PVS is offering for the 2023 season.

PVS will provide hamburgers and hot dogs at SummerFest, our annual summer fun event where we talk about next year's ski trips. We ask that members and guests bring an appetizer 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.

We ask those who plan to attend to RSVP by June 21. 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 Marianne Soponis (see number and email address below) that you are coming.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 21, Marianne.soponis@gmail.com
301-332-3039

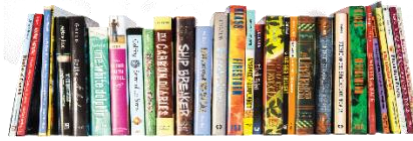
Directions to the home of Cara and Robert Jablon, 4573 Indian Rock Terrace, N.W., Washington, D.C.:

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).



PVS - BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) group

You may be an avid reader or a casual one. You may like to be stumped by mysteries or inspired by biographies of exceptional people. You may stick to fictional tales or prefer non-fiction. PVS' monthly Zoom BYOB has room for all. We meet once a month for lively chats about what's interesting on our bedside tables. **See the info at the bottom for how to join in on June 9th, 2022 (the second Thursday of each month) at 4 pm!**

Here are the books we shared in May:

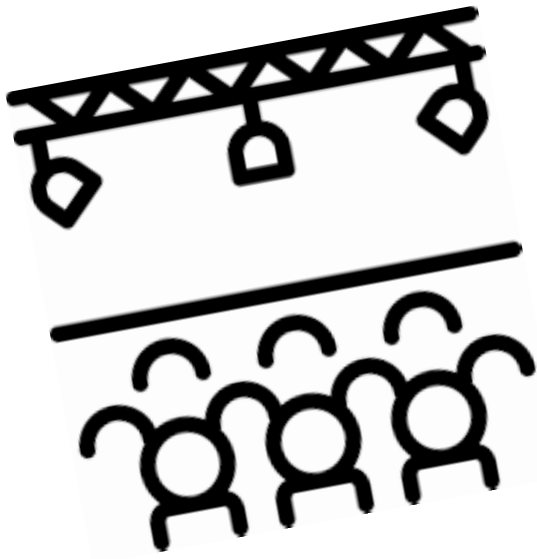
- Mary Ellena Ward brought us "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd, a fictionalized account of real abolitionist Sarah Grimke and the slave, Hetty, who was given to Sarah on her 11th birthday. Their relationship grows and becomes one that fights for the abolition of slavery amid the denial of the rights of women.
- Ingrid Dallaire told us about "The Making of Asian America: A History" by Erika Lee. Lee writes a comprehensive history which Ingrid described as life changing. Chinese immigrants were instrumental from the early days of our country and those of Chinese heritage continued to play a prominent yet often unacknowledged or misunderstood role in the growth of the United States.
- Bonnie Sweeney discussed "The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson. The story spans several generations of women in a family of the Dakota people in Minnesota. The author explores the values of tradition and family and the protection of the Dakota heritage through their cherished cache of seeds.
- Karen Knopes' contribution also related to the cultures of Native people in the United States. Author Louise Erdrich shone a light on rural people combating continuing efforts by the government to erase Native American protections in "The Night Watchman". This contrasted with "There, There" by Tommy Orange which laid out some of the difficulties experienced by Native urban people in contemporary America.
- Ellie Thayer turned to the extraordinary true story of Virginia Hall in "A Woman of No Importance" by Sonia Purnell. Despite losing a leg and being that rarity - a woman spy - Hall operated undercover during WWII working with UK Intelligence then the OSS followed by the CIA. Her exploits are legendary even while working for men of questionable competence.
- Nancy McKinley discussed Hanya Yanagihara's "The People in the Trees" a fictional tale of a researcher's work on a remote island whose Indigenous population had discovered the secret to immortality. The flawed protagonist proves that one doesn't have to like the main character to be fascinated by excellent writing and a riveting story.

The next BYOB Zoom call will be held on Thursday, June 9th 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. No commitment! Questions or comments? Contact Nancy McKinley at nancymckin@gmail.com or 703 595 8375.

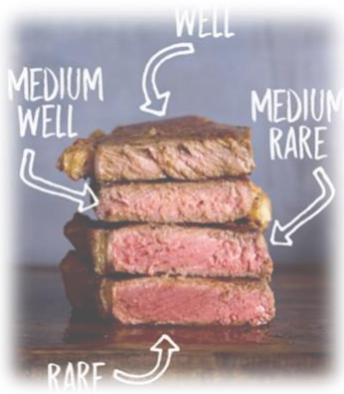
???**ANYONE WANT TO CONCERT**???

John Smith keeps a list of interesting concerts around the area. Most are free and do not require tickets, so there is no requirement to make a commitment until the last minute, depending on one's mood and the weather. These are mostly military groups and local music groups, such as community orchestras or the Friday Morning Music Club. Just show up if you are so inclined. (Thank you for the list, John.)

- 06/13 Thu 7:30pm Glen Echo Park Summer Concert, MD
- 06/18 Sat 8:00pm Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Rachmaninoff Strathmore Hall, MD – buy tickets
- 06/19 Sun 4:00pm Apollo Orchestra – Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, 1 Chevy Chase Circle
- 06/19 Sun 2:00pm Victoria Lyric Opera “El Capitan,” Fitzgerald Theater, Rockville, MD – buy tickets
- 06/20 Mon 3:30pm Navy Commodores - Big Band Jazz – George Mason University, VA
- 06/23 Thu 7:30pm Glen Echo Park Summer Concert, MD
- 06/26 Sun 6:30pm Montgomery Philharmonic – Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, MD
- 06/26 Sun 6:00pm Rockville Brass Band - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, College Park, MD
- 06/30 Thu 7:30pm Glen Echo Park Summer Concert, MD



Coming Event



Special Event !!!
Join us at PVS' 31st (*not* annual)
STEAK AND SWIM

At the HINES'
Saturday August 13, 2022 3pm
Rain (Snow) or Shine



This is PVS' oldest annual club event, except that it's not quite annual!
Celebrate summer in the Blue Ridge foothills in Delaplane, VA.
Enjoy good food, camaraderie, open space, and maybe even a dip in the pool!

Limited to 25. Reserve Now!
Deadline to sign up or cancel is August 1st.

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

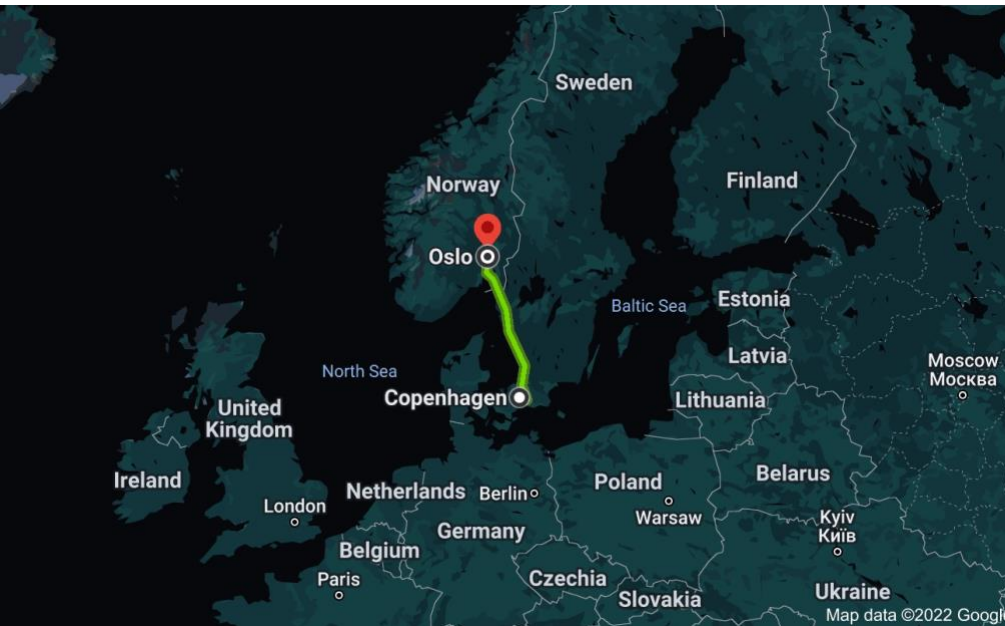
INCLUDED: steaks, baked potatoes, salads, fixings, beverages and (hopefully) sunshine!!

Cost: \$20 per person (even if inflation continues to surge).

To sign up or for directions phone Kerry or Marianne at 540 364-4810, or email mchines@erols.com and tell us what you'll bring. Also, let us know if you need directions.

SKI TALK JUNE 2022

On June 1, we will be in Oslo just off the ferry from Copenhagen. We are looking forward to traveling again and hoping all goes well. This is our first major trip since the pandemic started March 2020. According to



our sources, Scandinavia is “over” COVID. They no longer require masking or testing, but we do have to test to get back into the US.

There have been major changes in the travel industry over the past two years, according to the vendors who plan our group ski trips. Doug Horstman and Mike Agnew, who organize many of the club’s ski trips, were both commenting at the recent BRSC meeting that not only are the airlines charging more for groups, but also it is difficult getting seats. Flights get cancelled without much

notice and airlines have reduced flights into many of the resorts. The main problem with setting up extensions for the Val d’Isère trip is the rising costs of ground transportation. Many tour bus companies went out of business and those still in business are charging high rates, both overseas and in the US. According to Mike Agnew, who ran the BRSC trip to Jackson Hole last season, it was a nightmare scheduling buses to take skiers from their hotels in town to the resort.

Even more important is what is happening at the ski resorts. Vail lost over 50% of their staff during the pandemic, and the new office hires don’t understand group travel and ski clubs. Pre pandemic, resorts were happy to book ski groups during the week and in low season. However, they have now found that more individuals have flexible work schedules and are filling up the resorts throughout the season. The market has changed and the resorts are not as welcoming to clubs.



This is presenting a problem for future planning of BRSC Western Carnival and Eurofest trips. The BRSC Western Carnival 2024 was supposed to be at Whitefish, but difficulties with air and buses are making that impossible. At the recent BRSC meeting, Snowbird was selected as the new destination but that could change. It was suggested at the meeting that rather than the Council picking a location, the vendors should make recommendations about which resorts would work for large BRSC groups.

So many things have changed in the past two years during the pandemic. It may take a few years to get it all worked out. In the meantime, we are looking forward to Snowmass and Val d’Isère in 2024. See fliers in this TOOT.

Rosemary Schwartzbard, rosemaryschw@gmail.com



Potomac Valley Skiers

2023 Snowmass, Colorado Ski Trip

Wednesday - Wednesday

January 11 – 18, 2023

Trip Details

Once again, we will be staying at the [Snowmass Mountain Chalet \(SMC\)](#), which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. Check the website at 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; soup lunches; luggage handling; a welcome reception, 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 recommended](#)**. For trail information check www.aspensnowmass.com.

The basic package (Room price varies for King vs. Double Queen) includes a 5-day lift pass for skiers 65 and over. Skiers under 65 will have to add \$103.00.

<u>Costs:</u>		<u>K-Price</u>	<u>QQ-Price</u>
Basic Land Only Package (65 and older)		\$2,060	\$2,102
Under 65	add	\$ 103	\$ 103
Single Supplement	add	\$1,418	\$1,459
Extra hotel night (pending availability)	add	\$ 405	\$ 417 per room per night
Non-skiers	deduct	\$ 308	\$ 308
Extra ski days (65 and older)	add	\$ 102	\$ 102 6-day senior pass
Under 65	add	\$ 174	\$ 174 7-day senior pass
Silver Pass (70+ skiing 8 or more days)	add	\$TBD	\$ TBD

Payment Schedule

Deposit of \$750 is due **July 1st**
Second payment of \$500 is due **August 1st**
Final payment is due **October 1st**

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 \\$750 per person](#), 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 2023](#) 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

[The Mountain Chalet](#)

The **Snowmass Mountain Chalet** is an independent lodge, managed on-site, with easy access to the slopes. Each of the 64 rooms has either 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, **depending on availability**. All rooms have: hair dryer, TV, small refrigerator, etc. The lodge has a nice lounge on the main floor with chairs, game tables, fireplace, and large windows overlooking the slopes. There is an elevator, exercise room, outdoor pool, a hot tub and laundry facilities. A full breakfast is served family style each morning. The Snowmass Mall, on the level above, and the hotel area below (via the small gondolas) have diverse restaurants at all price levels. Bus service stops are nearby for trips to a nearby grocery store, into the town of Aspen, to other Aspen ski areas, and to Glenwood Springs.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is highly recommended and should be purchased shortly after sending in your deposit. Travel Guard is available through our travel agent, Encompasse Tours, at Encompasse.com. Click the “TRAVEL INSURANCE” link on the grey bar at the top of the page, and register online with AIG/Travel Guard. Be sure to identify Encompasse Tours as the Tour Operator at the appropriate spot on the registration form so that AIG/Travel Guard can certify the policy and interact with our vendor in the event of a claim. Please read your policy for details of coverage. If you have questions pertaining to your policy contact AIG/Travel Guard at 1.877.249.5376 (U.S. Toll Free).

Cancellation Policy and Fees

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, the trip leaders will try to minimize your losses, although some fees are mandated by the hotel and tour operator. All cancellations must be in writing. [**We strongly urge you to purchase trip insurance**](#) (see above).

Please take the time to ensure the information you provide is correct, and take note of deadline dates!

Cancellation fees are as follows: *Dates and costs are consistent with requirements and penalties imposed by vendors per contracted agreements.* **LAND Only Package:** The entire cost of the trip is non-refundable after October 15th.

If you are a “single” participant requesting space on a PVS-endorsed ski trip and need a roommate, we recommend each of you purchase insurance to cover both of you if one of the roommates cancels. Otherwise, you will be offered the choice of one of the following three options:

- 1) [Helping the trip leader find a replacement trip participant who will fill the space vacated; **or**](#)
- 2) [Staying on the ski trip by paying the “single supplement” **or**](#)
- 3) [Canceling from the ski trip and paying all currently due penalties.](#)



APPLICATION FORM

Potomac Valley Skiers Trip to Snowmass, Colorado

January 11-18, 2023

Name (List both names if a couple) as on your Official ID:

_____ Age 65 or older Y N

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Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

NOTE: Please let trip leader know of any special medical issues which may affect your trip.

Roommate (if a separate person) - Official name as on ID: _____

Bedding Preference (Pending Availability): _____ 1 king or _____ 2 queens

	<u>King Price</u>	<u>Queen/Queen Price</u>
Basic Snowmass Package (65 and older)	\$2,060	\$ 2,102
Under 65	add \$ 103	\$ 103
Single Supplement	add \$1,418	\$ 1,459
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Silver Pass (70 & older skiing 8 or more days)	add \$ 208	\$ 208 6 day pass
	add TBD	TBD

Please check all appropriate spaces:

Cost (will be filled in by trip leader):

____ Basic package _____

____ Single supplement _____

____ Extra hotel nights _____

____ Non-skier _____

____ Extra day(s) of skiing ____ days _____

____ Silver pass _____

Total price of trip \$ _____

Additional nights at SMC: yes _____ no _____ if yes, what dates? _____

Additional comments _____

WAIVER

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE JANUARY 11-18, 2023 SKI TRIP to SNOWMASS, COLORADO (Potomac Valley Skiers)

- (1) I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in the sport of skiing and other sports or activities in which I might participate during this trip, and in the process of traveling. There may be bodily injury, illness, accident, death, property loss or damage, and unanticipated additional costs or other economic losses. I fully and willingly accept the responsibility and liability for all such risks, dangers, costs, and losses.**

- (2) I agree not to sue or hold responsible the trip leader, Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. (hereafter PVS), its officers and members of the Executive Committee, or its members for: (1) any accident, personal injury, illness, or death occurring to me or to any other trip participant, arising directly or indirectly from this trip; (2) any loss of deposit of payment, any other property or economic loss, or unanticipated additional costs, delay, or change of itinerary arising out of any action or inaction of any hotel, airline, tour operator, land transportation operator, or other entity or person providing services on this trip; and (3) any trip cancellation, delay, early termination or extension due to acts of God, forces of nature, or other force majeure events or situations. I willingly and with full knowledge assume these risks.**

- (3) I understand and agree that the trip leaders, and the tour operators or agents with whom the trip leaders have contracted, have the right to substitute accommodations of similar or better quality, to change transportation arrangements and providers, and to modify other services. In the event of such changes, no refund or credit will be provided if the accommodations, transportation, or services are of comparable or better quality and cover the same approximate time period.**

- (4) I agree that I am not entitled to a credit or refund for any included trip service that is not used by me.**

I have read and I fully understand this “Release, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver of Liability Agreement,” the final trip flyer, and the trip application, and I agree to all of the specified terms and conditions.

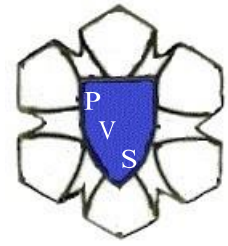
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FRANCE—2023

BRSC trip to Val d’Isère, Paris & Lyon

Price Includes:

- *Airfare from/to Dulles
- *Ground transportation in France
- *All lodging, food & drink in Val d’Isère
- *Lift tickets
- *Daily guide/ski instructor
- *Trip insurance

BRSC Eurofest at Club Med’s Flagship Resort

Club Med has announced plans to open its first Exclusive Collection Mountain resort in Val d’Isère. The new five-star property will open on December 18, 2022, following a major renovation and expansion of the brand’s existing hotel in the region.

Saturday 11 March 2023 - 19 March 2023

Our group will depart Dulles on United Airlines to Geneva. We will then transfer to Val d’Isere Club Med. The all-inclusive resort will cater to your every need for skiing or relaxation.

Nonskiers will have access to the fitness center and other resort amenities including a free shuttle into the village center.

The slope-side location provides ski-in/ski-out access. Mountain guides/instructors are available each day at no extra charge to take participants to the best runs on the mountains.

Final prices are now available for this trip (double occupancy):
Land only: \$3,050/person (includes ground transportation between Geneva & Val d’Isère as long as you synchronize arrival & departure times.) Email Mary Ellena Ward with any questions, MEWard@termineigh.com

Val d’Isère stands out among European resorts for its sheer scope, reliable snow and the user-friendly, turnkey nature of the resort –**Forbes Magazine**

Most of the ski area can be negotiated by confident intermediates. -**Ski Club of Great Britain**

Club Med Val d’Isère



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MEMBERS' CORNER

By guest columnist Ellie Thayer

A longtime friend and I took a 14-day trip to France in early April. The weather was atrocious, but the trip was wonderful. There were a few mishaps besides the weather, however, as my friend broke her leg in St. Emilion. On the bright side – would you rather explain to friends and strangers that you broke your leg in St. Emilion or, say, Peoria? I ask you.

We began with a three-day tour through the Loire Valley, followed by a seven-day Viking river cruise in Bordeaux, and ending with three final sunny days in Paris. I will let my photographs tell the tale.



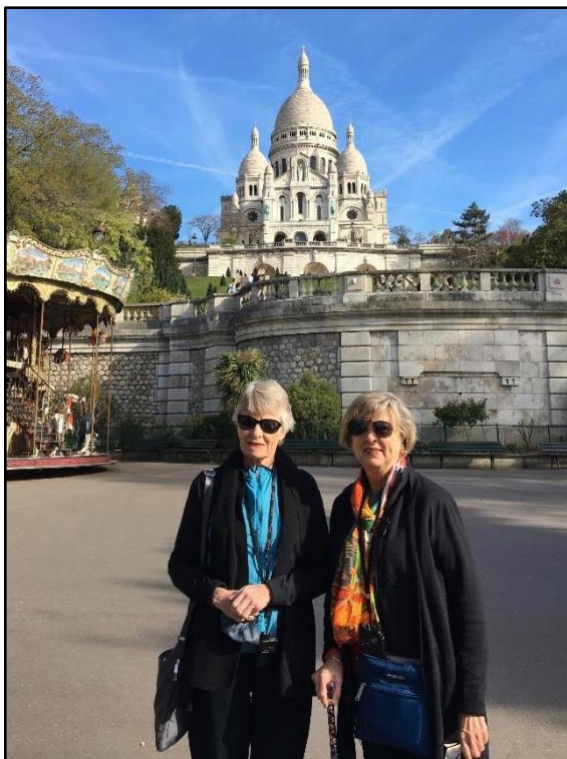
My best photo of the trip – near Château Margaux



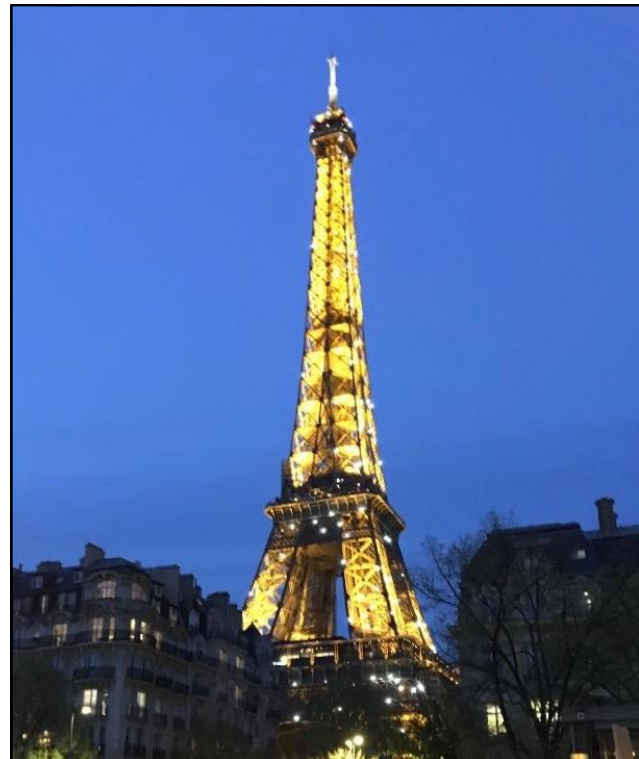
Orléans



Street in Bordeaux



Montmartre



Twinkling Eiffel Tower

May Monthly Meeting May 14, 2022 - Ingrid Dallaire



Ingrid, in her charming, interesting house, welcomed 14 of us on a cloudy, "rainy-ish" day. Dorian Janney came early to help set up and do some catch-up. Ingrid's lovely back yard was flourishing in the damp weather, featuring a white bleeding-heart plant instead of the usual pink one - very unique. A bunny traveling through the yard paused by a pond with a water-spouting fish but decided to move on, and rightly so!



Ingrid had prepared delightful eats including deviled eggs, spinach dip in a bread bowl, various veggies with dip, cheese and salami rolls, and shrimp. We enjoyed visiting and exchanging "what's new?" with each other. A variety of drinks were available in the kitchen including a very good mint iced tea.



Barry Lake called for the meeting to start and thanked Ingrid for hosting the meeting at her home. Coming events were presented by Marianne Sponis for June and August. There are no meetings or events in July. Marianne announced that she had tickets for Glenstone Museum for the next day and also for Friday, May 20, through the generosity of a friend.



Kathy Lake reported the progress to date of each 2023 ski trip. John Smith commented on the poor conditions of the past year's local skiing, with hopes for better results this year. There was discussion about potential overnight trips to local areas.



As an example, Jill Nelson told of all the improvements made at Timberline Ski Area in West Virginia. Barry shared information learned at the spring Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) meeting, with some trips still in the planning stages.

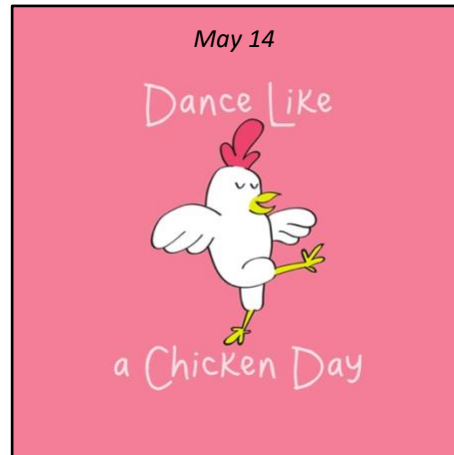
Some of us shared travel plans for the months ahead. Dorian is leaving soon with two granddaughters to various cities in Europe. Luckily, she has relatives in all those places to help with places to stay! Ingrid and John mentioned





Iceland tours and that the country is a great place to stop on the way to or from Europe.

Following the meeting, many of us discovered dessert items of interest - huge chocolate dipped strawberries, home-made macaroons, and gluten-free chocolate cookies; all delicious. A nice way to end a leisurely day with friends!



Submitted by Jan Marx

Other 2022 Daily Holidays that fall on May 14, include:

- American Indian Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- Armed Forces Day Military–Amateur Crossband Communications Day – May 14, 2022 (A week before Armed Forces Day)
- Bereaved Mother's Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day – (CdLS) May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- International Dylan Thomas Day
- International Migratory Bird Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- Jamestown Day – May 14, 2022
- Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- National Archery Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- National Buttermilk Biscuit Day
- National Dog Mom's Day – May 14, 2022 (Saturday before [Mother's Day](#))
- National Miniature Golf Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- National Train Day – May 14, 2022 (Held on the Saturday closest to May 10th)
- National Windmill Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- Shades Day
- Stay Up All Night – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- Sun Awareness Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- The Stars and Stripes Forever Day
- Underground America Day
- World Belly Dance Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- World Buckfast Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)
- World Fair Trade Day – May 14, 2022 (Second Saturday in May)

GLENSTONE

Don Vierimaa took advantage of tickets to Glenstone Museum on Friday, May 20.

He is pictured by the Jeff Koons sculpture, *Split-Rocker*, which features flowers and greens of the season, one of many outdoor sculptures at the museum.



Calendar:

Thu Jun 09 BYOB-ZOOM, 4:00-5:00 pm, N. **McKinley**, Hostess – M. Soponis
Sat Jun 25 SummerFest, 1:00 pm, **Jablons**, Washington, DC
Sat Aug 13 Steak ‘n’ Swim, 3:00, **Hines**, Delaplane, VA



2023 Ski Trips:

January 11-18, 2023, Snowmass, Colorado,: K. & B. **Lake**
March 11-19, 2023, BRSC Club Med to Val d’Isere,: M. E. **Ward**

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