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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The outstanding Anniversary Dinner was a fitting celebration of PVS's first 20 years. It's a pleasure to devote this month's message to a recognition of those who made it such a success.

Lu Beale, Larry Pease, Marilyn Clark and Marx designed, made the mailing list and did the mailing of the invitations. Charlie Gordon, Margaret Wyckoff, Jim Wingrove, Marilyn and Dick Clark, and Jan Marx solicited the donations of the many fine door prizes.

Highlights of the program were presented by Ray McKinley, Larry Pease, Jan Marx and Mort Kuff. Greg Gell provided the music. The arrangements for the dinner in the Remington Room were made by Marilyn Clark.

Finally, the 95 past and present PVS members who attended ensured that even PVS will find it difficult to have a better event in its next 20 years.

Sheldon Drews, President

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DECEMBER MEETING: Annual Christmas Gluwein Party

When: Tuesday, December 17th. 8:00 P.M.

What: The annual Merry Christmas party hosted again this year by Jean and Reg Heitchue at their home in Reston. Beverages will be provided at the party but donations of your favorite goodies will be welcomed.

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

See next page for directions to the Heitchue home.



DIRECTIONS TO CHRISTMAS MEETING AT THE HEITCHUE HOME,  
2146 OWLS COVE LANE, RESTON:

Take 495 to Tysons Corner and then take  
Route 7 West to Reston. Make left turn onto Rte 606 - Baron  
Cameron. (Before the turn there's large Reston sign on the  
right side of highway.) Take a left turn at first light -  
onto Whiele Ave. Go to end and turn left onto Sunrise Valley Dr.  
Take fifth right at top of rise onto South Lakes Drive.  
Go past shopping center and turn at first left onto Ridge Heights  
Road. (Don't turn left onto street opposite shopping center.)  
Take the first right onto Owls Cove Lane and go to 2146 at  
end of street at the bottom of hill. Park on the street.

(If you prefer, you may take the new Dulles Toll Road from the  
Beltway - \$1.50 round trip - and exit at Whiele Avenue and  
proceed as directed above.)

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COMING EVENT

WINTER STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS: January 4, 1986. 2 P.M.

The January TOOT may reach you too late for directions to  
this terrific event so save this issue for reference.

The Winter S & S will duplicate the Summer S & S except that  
it will be held "under the bubble" and around the indoor  
fire at the Elrods' Triangle, Virginia home. Sweat suits  
will come in handy.

Bring your own plate, eating utensils and salad, dessert or hors d'oeuvre.  
Check with Coordinator Dorothy Mills on what to bring

Cost: Approximately \$8 will get you steak, potables and  
the works.

Reservations limited to 40. Call Dot Mills (527-5036). Those  
making reservations will be responsible for cost of their steaks  
unless cancellation received by January 1st.

Directions to the Steak and Swim: Take Route I-95 south towards  
Richmond. Take the Dumfries/Manassas Exit for Route 234. Go left on  
Rte 234, then right on old Route 1 to left on Virginia Route 1107  
at the Triangle Plaza sign. Follow 1107 to a T type deadend and bear  
right on Cabin Road and continue about 3/4 mile to No. 18510 on  
the right. (It's the only all stone house.) If lost, call 703-221-6364.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 4 ... Winter Steak & Swim at the Elrods. 2 P.M.
  - Jan. 21 ... Monthly Meeting at the Leonhardts'. 8:00 P.M.
  - Jan. 28 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's. 7:30 P.M.
- ALSO - SKI TRIPS - SKI TRIPS - SKI TRIPS - SKI TRIPS

PAST EVENTS

PVS 20th ANNIVERSARY

by Rosemary Soler

Not to be outdone by the round of elegant parties thrown in celebration of the Royal Couple's visit to Washington, PVS threw a "royal bash" of its own in celebration of its 20th Anniversary that rivaled the best! As 97 of us arrived at the Fair Oaks Holiday Inn, all decked out in our best bib and tucker, looking so "smashing, my deah", it prompted Aina Thomas to remark "We're going on to the British Embassy later."

While we quaffed cocktails and punch and circulated before dinner, we got to see alot of faces we hadn't seen in awhile, like Doris Mair, our first woman president, and husband, Thelma Belloli, who came from the Boston area, Dick and Julie King, from the Philadelphia area, Peggy Lacey, Ron Fett, Nancy Montecelli, etc. all regulars in the early days of the club. We were also treated to a display of color prints of members in various and sundry poses from past events that brought back many memories, both fond and mixed. After a sumptuous banquet of shrimp bisque, beef tenderloin with trimmings and strawberry cup Chantilly, the evening program began.

M.C. Ray McKinley opened the ceremony in his "own inimitable style" with reminiscences of the club functions over the past 20 years, interjecting some amusing anecdotes of various members' idiosyncracies and foibles. He cited a statistic, drawn from a survey that says that most people only remain active in a club of this type for a period of three to five years. Not so PVS! The success of PVS is due to its strong communications in the monthly newsletter, TOOT, plus the willingness of many members to open their homes to the club for meetings.

Next came historian, Larry Pease, who covered the formulation of the club in 1965; the idea behind it being "a club for skiers" as opposed to SCWDC, whose membership boasts only about half as being proficient downhill skiers. Larry mentioned the basic test that was given in the past to applicants for membership and the rule requiring attendance at a minimum number of meetings. He felt that the club held together mainly because of members' enthusiasm for running trips for our convenience, locally and elsewhere, that were geared to our particular likes and needs. A slide show ensued presented by Jan Marx with candid shots of trips going back to the 60's.

Then the big door prize event took place. Margaret Wyckoff and Charlie Gordon ran this show, announcing the winners of the many great gifts they had foraged from ski areas, ski shops and airlines. Needless to say, the winners were delighted with their gift certificates, ski packages, airline discounts and airline bags.

This was followed by everyone standing while a countdown was made of the years to 1965. As the year you joined the club was called out you sat down. When they reached 1965 there were only 13 members standing - hooray for the charter members! Larry then made special presentations to Ray McKinley for his scintillating, or is it titillating, TOOT gossip column, in the form of a plastic knee. To Lu Beale went a plastic horn for her distinguished editorship of the newsletter and for vigorous "tooting" of the deadlines, so that monthly printing schedules are met. To Margaret Wyckoff a shopping bag of hot air for her commentary during the door prize event.

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Mort Kuff, our standup comic, came next to deliver his original lament of "A Day in the Life of a Skier" a hapless victim of skiing problems that was hilarious and greatly enjoyed by all, judging from the laughter.

President Sheldon Drews spoke of the trials and tribulations of the presidency followed by presentation of certificates to past presidents with Dick King (the first, 1965-1966) remarking that the club succeeded so well because of the hard work and hospitality of many members, fostering the social aspect of the club, without which most clubs die.

Marilyn Clark, planner par excellence, closed the program with thanks to Jan Marx, mover and shaker of the event, and to all the others who contributed so much to make the evening shine!

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HIKE AND DINNER WITH THE MASONS by Lu Beale

The 1985 Mason Dinner Hike was surely one of the most memorable - for the perfection of the autumn day; for the unexpectedly arduous climb; for the missed signals of the leaders; for the grand view from the ledges; for Dot's culinary magic; and for the special aura of PVS camaraderie that seemed to permeate the day.

However, some questions have to be asked. How, for instance, did Steve Grenleski's fresh baked blackberry pie end up splashed down the entire front of that lady with the dog? How did the trail leader disappear so quickly over the horizon as the hike began? How did the trail sweep miss that turn off? How many miles did the back track add - one half? Four? Ten? How come there were so many ups in an up and down hike? What makes Kirk Burns bark? How can Ray Garrett eat so much and stay so thin? How can Gail Pease operate a bus without an ICC license? What was that magazine Angie Gell was reading? If PVS has only one Knee how come there were so many "bum knees" on the trek? (Alice Swalm, Peggy Burns and Maggie Jarrett, among others, were members of the Wounded Knee Brigade.)

After approximately 6½ hours, the long day's journey finally ended and the hikers repaired to the Masons' Shenadoah chalet where we freshened our spirits with host Jenckes' wine and beer and an astonishing assortment of cheeses, hot sausages provided by Dot and crudities con dip prepared by Dot Mills and hot dip made by Nancy Lewis.

After the happy hour, the revelers lined up for bountiful servings of Dot's home cooked barbecued beef, hash browns, and veggies. We ate at long tables arranged on the full moon-drenched deck and then lined up again for Dot's home cooked apple cake, pecan bars and caramel crisps. A la mode, yet. Surfeited? Not quite. There was still a birthday cake (brought by the Millers) for Howard Hensley's fiftieth birthday.

After that, while Dot supervised a corp of dishwashers, there was a song fest around the fire until finally it was time to call it a day.

We don't know the answers to a lot of the questions asked above but if anyone should ask why this event is so successful, the answer has to be the Masons - a special pair. The only way we know to say thank you is to keep coming, and coming, and ....

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NOVEMBER MEETING by Joe Lewis

Forty nine members and guests happily gathered at Adele Waggaman's house for the November 19th monthly meeting. Adele, the hostess superieur, provided tasty snacks, wine and beer which brought enthusiastic response from all.

While food and drink tables were attracting attention, conversations were devoted to ski trips, future and past, plus skiing in general. (The TOOT directions for getting to Adele's lovely home were "on the button".) Our distinguished president was out west with his skis so V.P. Jan Marx brought order to the meeting and introduced Brian Eardley from the Ski Center.

Brian displayed and discussed the new bindings (Marker, Geze Solomon); boots (Eange, Raichle, San Marcos, Solomon); skis (K-2, Atomic, Dynastar, Volki); and a new type conditioning apparatus titled "The Ski Leg." It appeared to some that one must be in superb condition to be able to use it!

The new Dynastar ski has a hole about the size of a half dollar in the center of the scoop which permits wind to flow along the top of the ski forcing it down on the snow surface. It occurred to some that snow coming through the hole will cover one's goggles. So, now will it require windshield wipers?

Discussions concerning the various equipment was lively and the presentation ended with a discussion of the merits of ski beveling??

Members began departing at 10:00 P.M. with many thanks to Adele for her generous hospitality.

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WINE TASTING WITH THE COPES by Dick Clark

Pat and Don Cope treated PVSers to a combination gourmet feast and wine-lovers' delight on November 23rd. For each of Pat's five delicious offerings, Don produced specially selected wines to tantalize our taste buds.

Oysters and spinach on the half shell started the evening and were served with a 1983 Premier Cru Chablis (Mont de Milieu, Billaud-Simon). This was followed by Fusilli with three cheeses and a 1981 Bandol (Domaine Tempier, La Tourtine).

Pat's marinated Lamb avec Glace came next and received accolades such as "best lamb, ever!". Our knowledgeable wine steward rose to the occasion with a 1977 Torres (Gran Coronas, Black Label) and a 1981 Ch. Leoville (La Cases, Saint Julien).

While some of the guests were going back for 2nd, 3rd, and even 4th servings of lamb (with excuses about needing more to decide on its merits) two delicious and unusual cheeses were offered in the company of 1982 Ch. Gruaud La Rose (St. Julien).

The grand finale for this delightful evening was Pat's Sauterne Cream with Raspberries, accompanied by a 1975 Ch. Nairac Sauterne. What a treat! Thanks, Copes.

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## The Knee

by

Ray McKinley

Only four years and eleven months to our 25th Anniversary. Anyone who attended the Twentieth celebration last month has already put the next one on his calendar. The nearly one hundred who were there (the best attended PVS event ever-not to mention the most expensive) know what a magnificent evening it was. And it is well documented in this issue of TOOT by Rosemary Soler.

Nonetheless, let me remiknees a bit comparing it to our Tenth anniversary. We're all a bit older and grayer. But not noticeably fatter (skiing must be good for you and keep you in shape) or balder. We race less, dance less, smoke less. Additionally, we enjoy our comforts more and have the where-with-all to afford them. Overall, a nice group of people to know.

Do you know who suffered the greatest hardship to get to the Big Party? Not Thelma Belloli who came down from Boston just for the event (and has not changed an iota). It was Charlie Gordon who had to leave RFK stadium in the middle of the Redskin game! (It wasn't all that bad, Charlie. They lost.)

On to other subjects. They are skiing already. I had a nice chat with Brian Eardley at Adele Wagganman's. He was in New England in early November and skied Killington Nov. 5. Lots of the resorts in the rockies and in California plan to open prior to Thanksgiving. Should be a great season. Right on!

Ex- President Doris Mair is retiring at the end of January and she and Othmar will be off to Innsbrook for several months. She hopes to ski with the Stechers.

Marilyn Clark, Alice Swalm, Charlotte Reith and Jean Heitchue recently back from a couple of sybaritic days at Berkley Springs, W. Va. They

stayed at a "Bed & Breakfast" Inn recommended by Vivian Barry. Kneedless pleasure.

Wayland Coe is off to live in New Mexico. PVS is getting quite a contingent out there.

At the Copes Special Wine Tasting Don was showing off his new lamp. It was made from a 5 liter bottle of Mouton Cadet. I'm sure half the fun was in emptying the bottle.

In the middle of the tasting, Pat and Marilyn Clark disappeared for a while to see Pat's new sewing machine. I thought it was so so. I asked Pat if she was also into reaping.

Because club president Sheldon Drews was off to Denver skiing, the meeting at Adele's was led by Jan Marx. She was wearing earrings made to look like Coors cans. I wonder if that's a sexist comment. I've never written about Sheldon's earrings!

Highlight of the evening was Brian Eardley telling of new equipment. Electronic bindings are out. (I guess we're for unbound electrons). Skis with holes in the tips are in. And ski boots are a hot item this year. Literally ... they come with built in battery operated foot warmers.

Maggie Jarrett just back from a late season trip to Assetique Island reports that all the beer bottles there are pony size..

Bob Grasley and Mike Rysavy are off to Czechoslovakia to get some massage and physical therapy before attending the Swiss Ski School. Seems to me they have the order wrong. The Knee is off for a brief vacation in Jamaica, just to make you envious of my tan.

My favorite sodas are Knee Hi. At a recent event Malda Elrod spilled club soda on the carpet. When she didn't know what to clean it up with I suggested red wine.

On the Mason hike, Gorman Young's publisher son, Jim, climbed half a mile back up the trail to help the stragglers down. "Oh, you're bringing up the beer!" cried the exhausted hikers. "No," said Jim. "I'm bringing down the rear." And lifting a limping Maggie Jarrett onto his back he did just that. Bravo, Jim!

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# !! SKI TRIPS !!

## SKI AND SAVE A BUNDLE!!

Contact Larry Pease for a discount coupon book to SKI SUMMIT COUNTY, Colorado. This promotion through the National Ski Patrol offers discounts on lodging, lifts, rentals, lessons, skiwear, restaurants and transportation at Breckenridge, Arapahoe Basin, Keystone, and Copper Mountain.

The cost is \$7.00 and the benefits are outstanding.

Larry will have order forms at meetings or you can arrange with him by telephone: (H) 620-4573. (O) 435 - 6167.

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## BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL SANCTIONED TRIPS

The following trips have been sanctioned by the Blue Ridge Ski Council which means that any PVSer is eligible to go on these trips without paying a non-member fee. (PVS, of course, is offering its own BRSC sanctioned trips including Cortina, Italy; Austria; Salt Lake City; and Mont Sutton, Canada.)

SUGARLOAF, MAINE - MARCH 2 - 9 - \$427-\$457  
Rick Nauer, Pentagon Ski Club - (301)587-2073

SUGARBUSH/MAD RIVER - FEB 9 - 16 - \$395-\$425  
John Scott, Pentagon Ski Club - (Call Rick above number)

MT. TREMBLENT, CANADA - MARCH 10-15 - \$425  
Karen Antonia, Columbia Ski Club\*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO - MARCH 16-23 - \$675  
Fred Marcos, Columbia Ski Club\*

KITZBUEHEL, AUSTRIA - FEB 7-9 - \$799  
George Liberatos, Columbia Ski Club\*

\*For your information on any of the Columbia Ski Club trips, call the president of the club - JIM PAYTON (301)298-6306.

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For the benefit of PVsers interested in other trips offered by BRSC member clubs and listed in the November TOOT the following are the available telephone numbers of the appropriate newsletter editor to contact for further information.

Baltimore Ski Club..Jackie Keese.(H)301-242-9107. (W) 301-879-5970  
Columbia Ski Club .. Vicky Bowen. (H) 301-788-8228  
Crabtowne Skiers, Inc. Linda Lee Spell. (W) 301-269-0267  
Goddard Ski Club..George Schoffet. (H)301-424-8075 (W) 301-897-3552  
HQ Air Force Ski Club..Ruth Ramagnano (H)703-751-7538 (W)703-274-9041  
Pentagon Ski Club..Topsey Taylor 703-256-3242  
Richmond Ski Club..Pam Nelson 804-795-1306  
Ski Club of Wash.D.C.. Bill Lewers/Dave Hultin 703-532-7776

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PVS'S LITTLEST CHAMPION

Competing in the Coca-Cola Junior NASTAR recreational ski racing program, David Wingrove, 9-year old son of Barbara and Jim Wingrove, placed 9th in Maryland in the 7-9 year old age category. David recorded a season best 52 handicap while racing at Steamboat last winter to win 9th place. During the 1984-85 season, over 100,000 young skiers participated in the program held at 135 ski areas nationwide.

In recognition of their accomplishments, the top 10 boys and girls in each of six age groups received certificates and a listing on the Coca-Cola Junior NASTAR State Rankings poster.

"David is one of the best recreational ski racers in Maryland," said NASTAR commissioner Bob Beatie. "He can be very proud of his achievement."

And so can PVS. Congratulations, David!

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ATTENTION: PRESENT AND FUTURE TRIP LEADERS

At the November Executive Committee meeting the following motion was proposed and passed:

Potential trip leaders must meet with the club president and other trip leaders before the March ExCom meeting to voluntarily coordinate their plans before presenting them to the entire ExCom at the March meeting.

If trip changes should later become necessary, the president will again communicate with all trip leaders before bringing any problems to the entire Executive Committee for resolution.

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