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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Now that we have safely passed 1984 and are on to bigger and better things in 1985, I want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

My thanks to all the ExCom members and those others who attend ExCom meetings to give their input during the year. The nominations committee will be meeting this month - any suggestions or volunteers for office should contact Dorothy Mills, chairperson.

1985 will be a year of examining our beginnings as a club as we celebrate 20 years. It will be a year to consider our club's future as we approach the constitutional limit of 200 members. An exciting time to be a member of PVS.

Ski safely - see you on the slopes at Wisp.

Gail Pease, President

JANUARY MEETING: First meeting of the New Year.
Good times... Happy times...
Ski talk time ... Movie...
Refreshments. Y'all come!!!

Date: January 15th. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Potomac, Maryland home of
Fred and Barbara Leonhardt
9419 Jongroner Court
Potomac, Md. Tel: 279-9056

DIRECTIONS: From Maryland, take #270 north to first exit (Old Georgetown Rd.). Bear right and go to first traffic light (Tuckerman Lane). Turn left and proceed 3.8 miles to Falls Rd. (Rt 189). Turn left at light and then take first right onto Winterset Dr. Go 2 blocks to end of street, go right onto Winterset Terrace and then right onto Jongroner Court. Second house on left is 9419. Enter there.

From Virginia, take beltway to River Rd. exit. Go north to Potomac Village (about 3.5 miles). Right onto Falls Rd. (Rt 189). Go 2.5 miles to Winterset Dr. (1 block after light at Glen Rd.). Turn left and proceed as above.



— COMING EVENTS —

ELROD WINTER STEAK & SWIM: Fully suscribed. This TOOT may reach you too late to help but, just in case, here is a repeat on directions:

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. 5 .. Winter Steak & Swim at the Elrods. 2:00 P.M.
- Jan.15 .. Monthly Meeting at the Leonhardts. 8:00 P.M.
- Jan.22 .. ExCom at Marilyn Clarks. 7:30 P.M.
- Feb.19 .. Monthly Meeting at Shakeys.
- Feb.26.. ExCom at the Wyckoffs. 7:30 P.M.

SKI TRIPS

- Jan. 11-13 .. WISP 1.
Call Wingroves (762-4887)
- Jan. 25 - Feb. 11 .. Ski French Alps.
Waitlisted. Wyckoffs leading.
- Feb. 15 - 18 ..WISP 11. Jan and Bob Marx leading. (451-9158). Trip full now but wait-listers encouraged.
- Mar 2 - 16 .. Ski Best of the West: Aspen & "The Summit" in Colo.
Call Norm Engleman (299-2635).

NOMINATIONS ARE IN ORDER: As required by PVS bylaws, President Pease has appointed a Nominating Committee to select candidates for the office of President and the 3 departing ExCom positions for the 1985-86 season. Dorothy Mills(527-5036)chairs the committee composed of Nancy Garrett, Bob Marx, Dorothy and Jenckes Mason. Their slate will appear in February TOOT.

PAST EVENTS

OENOPHILES, REJOICE! by Ray McKinley

Wine first appears in recorded history in 4000 BC at Mohenjo-Daro in the Indus Valley. It isn't recorded that they had wine tastings then but if they did I'm certain they couldn't compare to that put on by Don and Pat Cope one crisp Saturday evening in November.

The 14 PVS oenophiles assembled in the Copes' spacious living room and after a brief house tour for those visiting the Copes for the first time, the serious business of the evening began.

The wines were served one at a time from two tables at opposite ends of the room. Each table held a variety of crackers and a cheese. A nutty flavored Swiss Jarlsberg was my favorite of the cheeses; runner-up: a semi-soft cheese with the texture and richness of butter called St Andre and served properly at room temperature. Delicious.

The wines were the tour de force for the evening. We began with a 1981 Chardonnay from Chateau Raynard. It was incredibly fruity and flavorful for a Chardonnay and tasted wonderful. The other 5 wines were red. The first two were Cabernet Sauvignons from California, a 1980 Conn Creek (which needed several more years aging) and a 1979 Silver Oak Alexander Valley which was very drinkable.

The remaining wines were French Clarets. We all had an opportunity to see how wines age. We sampled 2 different vintages from Chateau L'Arrose, a 1981 and a 1962. All agreed the '62 had aged well, but as Jim Slack observed, was an inferior vintage to the '81. Some of us actually preferred the newer wine.

Our last wine made us understand why people are willing to pay huge amounts for a bottle. It was a 1980 Côte Rôtie, "La Mouline" described in the Washington Post as the best French wine of 1980. Total production was 400 cases. Don bought one of them and shared 2 bottles with us.

It was well worth it. After the "formal" tasting we sampled it repeatedly before the memorable evening ended and we reluctantly headed for home.

JOY TO THE WORLD by Lu Beale

It was the season to be jolly and some sixty PVSers were all of that at the Christmas gluwain party at Mt Heitchue in Reston. The slopes were snowless but the skiers joyfully milled through the 4 tiers of the remarkable "lodge" and spilled out onto the balcony to enjoy the balmy air.

The socializers put away 2 gallons of Jean Heitchue's savoury gluwain, several cases of beer and a vast amount of cookies, cakes, candies, cheeses, spreads, and even caviar, all contributed by guests.

After a brief meeting conducted by President Pease, the celebrants repaired to the TV room to view cassettes of ski adventures on the "lodge's" brand new VCR. Norm Engleman searched for a coffee table to sit on; Ray Garrett took a nap while sitting bolt upright on a sofa; Bob Marx sold 2 cookbooks; Bob Brack sang a party-pooper song to anyone daring to leave early; Joe Lewis described the crocks of mustard he plans to bring home from the French trip; Sheldon Drews passed the word that daughter Dena had early acceptance at Wellesly; Jan Marx displayed a 19th wedding anniversary opal pendant from B.M.; Bill Anderson, Dick and Julie King and the Lewises were welcomed as too seldom seen guests; and Irene Farrell got a ticket from a dastardly Va. cop for unwittingly running a red light on the way home.

Well, decking the halls and all, it was a night to remember and how can we adequately thank Jean and Reg for their inimitable hospitality? By showing up again next year, that's how. Okay, Heitchues?



The Knee

by
Ray McKinley

1985 is with us. Full of bright promise and fluffy white powder. I wish you all a

Happy Knee Year.

The local ski scene started very early this year. Both Ski Liberty (as reported by the Marx) and Wisp (as reported by the Pease) were open on Thanksgiving. Friends also skied at Snowshoe Dec. 2 (and they note the lift tickets are a steep \$28!).

Speaking of Ski Liberty, members of the ski patrol there, including Jim Wingrove, bought shares in an oil well. It turned out to be a gusher. You can recognize Jim in his gold plated parka.

Had a recent chat with new members Jim and Linda Walcott. They are long time skiers from Idaho and will fit in well here.

A recent Weekend Section of the Post was devoted to skiing and listed PVS as a local ski club. President Gail Pease received several calls and had trouble explaining that we don't drink Thunderbird wine or sponsor rock and roll dances and, worse yet, some of us actually have gray hair.

At a recent event, Rosy Soler was looking disgustingly tanned, having just returned from visiting family in Venice, Florida.

At the same time, early December, Helen Price and Ginny Larson were off for a week's skiing in Alta and Snowbird. Speaking of skiing Utah, last month I reported Dick Comerford as our first ^{northern hemisphere} skier of the season - (Colorado in mid-November). I was wrong. Ted Cardwell skied in Brighton, Utah on Nov. 2 and, as of December 1, had already skied 27 days - all in Utah!

Club Vice President Sheldon Drews reports attending a meeting of the Air Force Ski club. After reviewing their program he does not plan to defect.

The Copes' kitchen renovation has now been completed. They assure me that we can all look forward to an even better International Dinner from now on. (How can that possibly be?)

Speaking of Alexandria, which I was, the following is from my ubiquitous PVSers file: Marilyn Clark and Karen Felker were Christmas shopping in Old Town and ran into Jack Lilly. Some of us remember when he used to exist. (He really does, by the way. He was at the Wyckoffs' pre-trip party.)

Others in that category include Dick and Julie King who are now living in Monrovia (not Liberia but Maryland). They get into town for Redskin games (why can't the Knee get tickets?) but not for PVS events. (Que Pasa? (Good news: they just appeared at the gluwein party. Hooray!))

Merely so I could report to you, the Knee laid out \$15 for the Copes' wine tasting. Now, the Knee's idea of spending 15 bucks for wine is to buy three 4 litre bottles. My personal theory is that after you are into your second gallon, it doesn't even matter what color it is.

My spirits were raised when Don brought out the first bottle. It was from Chateau Raynard! and, especially for me, it was a Chardonnee. Later we had some reds. I particularly enjoyed the Cabernee Sauvignons.

The worse thing about the evening was the following morning. I can report with full authority that \$15 per bottle wines leave you with as much of a hangover as \$15 per case wines. Pity.

The price of ski equipment may be going up. A California doctor just collected \$9 million from a bindings company because his ten year old binding failed to release and four years later he developed back trouble. Absolutely incredible!

Jacques Hadler missed the French pre-trip party because he was in the process of moving to a new home away from home in Rhode Isl.

Bob Grasley, meanwhile, has sold his home in Silver Spring and will be moving in the spring.

At the November EACom meeting at Lu Beale's, the Heitchues arrived late. They got lost but were able to stop at the Ski Center for directions. And it wasn't even a black trail

O, WHAT A TANGLED WEB!

* The asterisk on the masthead on Page 1 is to call your attention to the confusion over the club's age. You will, no doubt recall the Knee's valient efforts to track down the cause for this obfuscation. We reproduce some of his detective work from the July/August issue of TOOT:

"For the past several months Ex-Com has been frantically trying to plan for our 20th coming up in November. No one was certain whether it was the 19th or 20th but the fact that TOOT volume was XX was the deciding factor.

"Aided by Larry Pease and his file of old TOOTS we were able to piece together the true story and where the goof ocured. The first PVS meeting was in November 1965. In December '65 a brief "Bulletin" came out announcing the first PVS Christmas party."

// In January '66 the name TOOT came into being and it was Volume 1, Number 1. Our current TOOT logo appeared in March '70, Vol V, No 3; April '70 was Vol V, No 4; May, Vol V, No. 5. All was well. However, the June '70 TOOT was inexplicably designated Vol VI, No. 6, July '70 was Vol VI, No. 7, etc. and the error has continued to this day.

Sooooo, our 20th will be next year - 1985. Does this mean our 10th anniversary party was a year off?"

Well, this kind of thing could go on and on so the present editor now declares a pox on the whole affair and is arbitarily solving the to-do by simply repeating the words "VOLUME XX" through the whole of 1985 even though all issues of '84 were similarly designated. We hope to heaven this settles the matter and, in any event, we'll see you at our 20TH Anniversary party in November 1985.

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DON'T FORGET -

SKI SNOWMASS

Fred and Barbara Leonhardt have a time share unit at Snowmass, Colo, they wish to rent Feb 16-23, 1985 (Washington Birthday week). Sleeps four. At the slopes. \$500. Call Leonhardts (279-9056) evenings.

SKI WISP

Pres Gail and Larry Pease again rented a condo near Wisp. There is space available for rent both week ends and during the week. Please call Gail or Larry for more info.

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