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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

PVS now has a Vice President. I am pleased to announce that DICK COMERFORD has accepted this position and I'm confident that he will do a terrific job! (There are no real "jobs" in PVS...it's all pleasure.)

The Trip Leaders Committee is collating your responses to their questionnaire and will be meeting in June to formulate a statement for TOOT. There have been 96 responses so far. 45 were turned in at the April meeting; 18 were mailed after that meeting; and 63 were returned after the mailing of the May TOOT. FANTASTIC. Our statisticians are delighted.

I hope you enjoy the wonderful summer events Ray has planned for us!!

Jan

Janet Marx, President

MONTHLY MEETING - Tuesday June 16th. 8:00 P.M.

Where - Home of Nancy and Ray Garrett
5804 Canvasback Road
Burke, Va. Tel: 250-4791

WHAT?

SAY GOODBYE TO SKIING
SAY HELLO TO SUMMER FUN

P.S. Nancy bought
a new table for
Norm to sit on.



DIRECTIONS TO THE GARRETTIS: Take Beltway Exit #5 West on Braddock Road. Counting the light at the Beltway exit, go to the 5th traffic light and turn left onto Burke Lake Rd. Continue on this, past Lake Braddock High School on the right. Turn right at the 4th light after the school, onto Coffey Woods Rd. (There may not be a street sign.) Take the 3rd left onto Canvasback Rd. and 5804 is the middle unit in the 1st series of townhouses. Park anywhere you can.

Coming Events

PICNIC/SWIM/SAIL AT THE FLAKES

When: Saturday, July 18th. (Rain date: Sunday, July 19th.)
Any time after 1 P.M. (Supper will be around 5 P.M.)

Where: The Glad Flake home in Annapolis.

Coordinator: Charlotte Reith. (NOT Rosemary Soler as printed last month.) Guests are limited to 40. Call Charlotte (765-1810).

Instructions: Bring your own burger /weenie/ steak (and roll) to grill. Plus a dessert or salad to share. (Check with coordinator.)

Cost: For a small fee, beer, sodas, charcoal, utensils, plates, condiments, etc. will be provided.

DIRECTIONS: From Highway #50 exit at PAROLE Exit (first exit for Annapolis) take left turn on West Street and go to second stop light where turn right on Solomon Islands Road. Go one long block to first stop light and take a left on Forest Drive and proceed about 5 miles - (name of Drive will change to Bay Ridge Rd and, then, to Farragut Avenue). Enter gates which have a sign "Bay Ridge" and take first left on East Lake Drive. Bear to right and continue around lake until reaching Number 40 - the Flakes! (Don't PARK ON STREET!)
40 East Lake Drive, Bay Ridge. Telephone 301-267-0729)

LATVIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL DANCE AND SING

When: Monday, July 27th.

What: Dancing (Lotsa polkas!), singing, eating.

For more information call Aina Thomas (H:249-7619. O:292-4727)

BOLSHOI BALLET - August 1st.

Ballet attendees interested in joining a group of PVSers for dinner call Alice Swalm: 979-6756.

ALSO

AUGUST 8 - PICNIC/SAIL at Dean Worcester's Annapolis home. This is a new event and limited to 30. Heitchues coordinating. Call them at 860-9190. Dean has access to lots of boats. Should be fun! Details later.

AUGUST 22 - STEAK AND SWIM AT THE ELRODS. No need to sell you on this one. You KNOW it's fun. Call Coordinator Dot Mills (527-5036). Full details in July/August FOOT.

BEACH TRIP TO OCEAN CITY, SEPTEMBER 18-21.

Price: approximately \$50.

Six per condo at the grand beachfront "SEAWATCH".

Available spaces are limited. Call Dina Taylor-0:427-3227.H:(301)663-60

PAST EVENTS

THE FUN-RUN-BRUNCH BUNCH by Lu Beale

While Kentucky was having its Derby on May 2nd, Virginia was having its Fun Run - an equally prestigious (to its adherents) annual event orchestrated by Marilyn and Dick Clark. (One small difference: in Virginia no mint juleps were in evidence.)

Twenty nine FVSers entered the race - 10 to run, 19 to saunter. It was easy to identify the groups; the former wore skivies. The race began with a near massacre as, by some oversight of the race stewards, the saunterers preceded the runners out of the starting gate. A catastrophe was somehow avoided and odds-on favorite Dick Clark went on to win the race, narrowly beating out second placers Ray Garrett and Bob Marx. The Swabys, Don and Susannah, shared third place. Myra Evans was seen backtracking on the trail and Emile Sherrard, apparently lost, appeared to be running the course several times.

Meantime, the saunterers, for the 5th year in a row, made a wrong turn early in the walk. Not at all embarrassed, they managed to reach the half way mark at the end of the lake where they collapsed in a body and it was only the thought of the upcoming brunch at the Clarks that got them on the road again.

Their labors completed, they took off en masse for the Clarks' nearby home (except for Ginny Larsen who misread directions and arrived at the starting gate 1 hour late and played catch-up the rest of the day). In the Winner's Circle at the Clarks, not a wreath of roses but a sumptuous brunch awaited both winners and losers. Appropriate beverages & Marilyn's justly famous cheese strata, sausage betty, and home-cooked breads quickly revived the guests. When not an ort was left, the sated runners managed to rise to their feet and say regretful farewells with many thanks to the Clarks for yet another perfect Fun Run/Brunch. May they go on forever!

ALEXANDRIA IN MAY by Helen Price

As probably could be expected, a large Virginia contingent turned out for the May Meeting of FVS at the home of Shirley Rettig in Old Town Alexandria. Here, the main subject of conversation was the attractive furnishings of this very charming house of the early nineteenth century.

Acquired by Shizley almost 30 years ago, the home's furnishing and decorating clearly reflect the owner's many years of loving and knowledgeable attention to detail and authenticity. Especially noteworthy were the carefully chosen antiques, the stained glass made by Shirley, the needlepoint and the garden.

After much touring of the house with expressions of wonder at the accomplishments of the hostess, the meeting was called to order by new president Jan Marx, followed by 1. a listing of upcoming events and trips and 2. a showing of slides from previous club outings, winter and summer.

Many thanks to Shirley for letting us have the opportunity to view her charming house and her many handiworks. (Continued on next page)

NEW ADDRESS: Bette Walker
2801 New Mexico Ave. #806. Wash. D.C. 20007
Tel: 333-0766

PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED)

STORMING WHITE OAK by Bette Walker

On Armed Forces Day (May 16) a force of 24 PVSers headed by Lu Beale with Josie Beale second in command, stormed White Oak Canyon in Shenadoah National Park. The cadre spread out in single formation for the three mile ascent which turned out to be uneventful - no enemy encountered - and the troops were able to enjoy the beauty of 41 waterfalls (many mini, some midi, 6 maxi, as counted by Janet Waln) and lunch on the rocks overlooking the top and most dramatic falls. The Millers confused everyone by failing to spread their customary table cloth and Huey Roberts added to the confusion by starting his meal with dessert, the c-rations being at the bottom of his pack.

The descent after lunch was as beautiful as the climb and greatly welcomed. White Oak is not for the raw recruit.

Eight seasoned veterans, commanded by Bob Marx forged on an extra 3 miles to Cedar Run to scout out possible trouble in that ravine. There being none, they made their own descent and all rendezvoused at the starting point for celebratory refreshments, grateful for our intrepid leaders and sweeps--and for Mother Nature which provided a super dazzling day.

SKI TRIP SCHEDULE

MONT SUTTON - JANUARY 9 - 16, 1988

Leader Jack Peoples has not quite finalized plans for this popular trip but hopes to have all details in the July TOOT. For advance info, call Jack (301-840-2213).

SWITZERLAND ? - JANUARY ? - 1988

The Wyckoffs are presently in Europe scouting the areas they hope to lead PVSers to in '88. They will return on June 8 and present their plans in the July TOOT. Call them at 589-5532.

PVS SPANISH SKI SAFARI - JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 10, 1988

See the flyer in last month's TOOT for a complete run-down on this fabulous See/Ski trip led by Bob Grasley. If interested, call Bob (565-9650).

SKI THE FAMOUS WEST - LAKE TAHOE and SUN VALLEY - FEBRUARY 13-27, 1988

See flyer in this TOOT and call leader Dina Taylor. Home: 301-663-6089. Office: 427-3227.

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING/SALT LAKE CITY AREA - MARCH 5 - 20, 1988

Staying at hotels at both places.

Package 1: Jackson Hole, March 5 - 13. \$790.

Package 2: Package #1 plus Salt Lake City Ski Areas - March 13 - 20. \$1100.

Call Gorman Young, day or evening at (202) 244 - 2319.

See flyer in this TOOT

THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Early last month I was trying to close out the ski season.

This included more late information on who skied last and who the most days, throwing out last year's SKI magazine Buyers' Guide, putting parkas away, etc. I was nearly ready for summer.

Then TOOT arrived and with it flyers for not one but two ski trips for '88! I know how tough it is to be a trip leader. Everyone wants everything early. But my mittens haven't even dried out yet! I'm not ready for 1988 skiing. I can't cope.

In August or September I'll be ready. We will have had our Steak and Swim and several nice beach events. It will be oppressively hot and humid and conversation will turn naturally to next year's trips. Then I'll be ready to think skiing.

In August, I'll get out all the flyers. I'll carefully review dates and locations, make my decision and call the trip leader. And I betcha the trip will already be filled! Ah me, that's the way the ski kookie bounces.

Charlotte Reith is recently back from an extended trip to Japan. She didn't ski there but visited with another PVS visitor, Fumiko Marquardt, who did.

Charlotte reports that on visiting the Japakneese Alps (my favorite mountains) she noted what she assumed to be a type of religious symbolism: doors on the front of the second story of buildings which apparently led nowhere. Then she learned that, rather than having religious significance, the doors were the winter entrances to the buildings - the snow in winter is that deep!

Driving to the Clarks' house after the Fun Run we noted a massive area-wide series of yard sales (I bought two yards, which is 72 " or about 185 cm - almost perfect).

People were walking around the neighborhood looking for bargains. While Dick Clark was setting up furniture for the brunch someone came by and

bid on two of their lawn chairs.

The post-run dress was heavily into khaki. Don Swaby said it looked like a "Banana Republic" ad. Then in walked Chris Waln in a "Banana Republic" T-shirt. There was also a tad of PVS blue in evidence, to be honest, especially on Nancy Garrett who wore a PVS hat, polo shirt and sweat shirt.

Ginny Larsen was an hour late and missed the run but not the food. We refrained from calling her the late Ginny Larsen.

I'm still getting reports of late season skiers. Dean Worcester (who, incidentally, is hosting a kneet knew sailing event August 8) closed down Pennsylvania at Camelback on March 28 (is the other side of that mountain called Camelfront?) and Sugarbush, Vt. on April 13th.

A postcard from PVS Californians Jim Slack and Mary Ward notes that they skied Alpine Meadows at Tahoe on April 26th. New vice president Dick Comerford closed down Copper Mt. in Colorado on April 26 and skied Araphoe Basin on May 1st.

But the winner this year appears to be Larry Pease who skied Tuckermans on May 19th (after hiking up with skis on his back).

Let me clear up two items from last month's TOOT. Toagyllib, referred to by Chris Waln in his write up is Billygoat spelled backwards - because we did the trail backwards.

Also, the nice tribute to TOOT editor Lu Beale was designed and surreptitiously slipped into the newsletter by new president Jan Marx.

Jack Peoples' daughter Cathy was recently married in Colorado. More recently, Charlotte Eddy's daughter, also Charlotte, was married in Munich.

The meeting at Shirley Rettig's was wonderful amidst her splendid antiques, self-made stained glass and interior decorating. The "new" part of the house was built in 1870 - that's even older than most PVSers!

It was a pleasure to chat at the meeting with charter PVS member Bill Brown, recently returned from California. Welcome back.

Some things I can cope with in May - particularly Don and Pat Copes' International Dinner. It was a typical delicious gourmet dinner! More next mo

CALENDAR

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June 23 ... ExCom at the Huggins, 7:30 P.M.
July 18 ... Picnic/Sail at the Flakes in Annapolis. See page 2.
July 27 ... Latvian Society Dance and Sing. See page 2.
July 28 ... ExCom at Sheldon Drews. 7:30 P.M.
Aug. 1 ... Bolshoi Ballet. See page 2.
Aug. 8 ... Picnic/Boating at Dean Worcester's Annapolis home. See page 2.
Aug. 22 ... Steak & Swim at the Elrods. See page 2.
Aug. 25 ... ExCom at Aase Berling's. 7:30 P.M.
Sept. 6? ... Crab Feast
Sept. 18 - 21 Ocean City Weekend. See page 2.
Oct. 3? ... Oktoberfest
Oct. ? ... Mason planned Fall Hike with dinner afterwards at Shahrsad and Jamie Miller's home in Strasberg, Va.

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Oct 20
at meeting
Evans
Flakes
J.D.W.

THE NEXT TOOT NEWSLETTER WILL BE A SUMMER EDITION
COMBINING THE USUAL JULY AND AUGUST ISSUES IN ONE
PRINTING.
DEADLINE FOR THIS DOUBLE ISSUE IS JUNE 23rd AND ALL
MATERIAL RELATING TO TRIPS AND EVENTS MUST BE IN
THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY THAT DATE.
LEADERS, COORDINATORS AND CHAIRPERSONS PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

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