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## President's Message

Dear PVSers

Wow, there are a number of matters I should be addressing this month so, let me be brief.

First, I should pay tribute to another couple which is about to leave us here but which, hopefully, will continue to play some role in our midst. Gene and Wilma Sharer are about to make their move to the Williamsburg area. Both have been active supporters of the club with ExCom service, the Membership Chair, their great leadership of Western Ski trips, and not in the least, their generous hosting of PVS events at their beautiful Potomac mansion. We have much to be thanking them for and to wish them the fulfillment of their latest dreams. Those of us participating in the upcoming Telluride trip will (again) have the opportunity to benefit from Gene's and Wilma's dedicated leadership, and, of course, before then, we look forward to having them join us for the event I'll write about next.

The best of luck to you both, and to your entire and far-flung family.

As noted elsewhere in this Toot, our Anniversary Celebration dinner is just about filled to capacity. A wait-list will be established and as soon as vacancies occur, if indeed they do, waitees will be informed and their checks deposited. While there's much content work going on, we still need your ancient, and more recent, photographs for our historic slide show. Editor Karen Felker is looking forward to receiving your inputs, pictures, slides all with descriptions and dates. If you want to see yourself in the show, hurry up and send your stuff.

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### Monthly Meeting At the Waddick's

**Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 PM**  
1605 N. Howard St. Alexandria, VA  
(703) 751-3143

Join us for this first monthly meeting after the summer recess at the Waddick's in Alexandria just off Shirley Highway (I-395). Come and see the latest improvements to John and Dorie's home.

**Directions:** Take Shirley Highway (I-395 inside the Beltway) to Exit 4 Seminary Rd East. Proceed about 0.6 miles east on Seminary Rd (four traffic lights) to N. Howard St and turn **left** (Hospital will be on the right at this intersection). The second house on the right on N. Howard St. is the Waddick's (1605 N Howard St). Park in the driveway or drive past the house to the first street, Maple Tree Court. Turn right into Maple Tree Court and park on the street. (Maple Tree Court is a cul-de-sac with public street parking.)

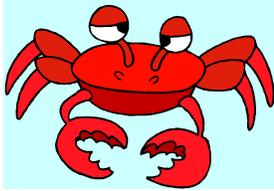
A map can be generated by clicking [here](#) by those receiving TOOT by email in most formats and currently connected to the Internet or by accessing map web page

<http://www.homestead.com/pvskiers/Waddickmap.html>

**Renewal Season Reminder!**

Volunteer to host a PVS monthly meeting. Call Ray McKinley at (703) 527-7126

## Local and Regional Events



### Crabfest Saturday, September 3, 2005

4:00 PM

*Rain or Shine*

This great event is back after an absence of about 5 years. It will be held by Betty Lawrence at her partially renovated Vienna (VA) home. Traditionally, Betty orders bushels of crabs. And the rest of us bring appetizers, salads or desserts. If you wish, by can also bring "uncrabby" food that can be grilled (grill provided). (Small fee for beverages, etc. and market price of crabs). Directions were in the August issue of TOOT (Note safety precautions in August directions).

You can reach Betty Lawrence at (703) 319-1860 or [lizl@verizon.net](mailto:lizl@verizon.net)

Map: [www.homestead.com/pvskiers/BettyLMap.html](http://www.homestead.com/pvskiers/BettyLMap.html)

10,000 Woodrow St. Vienna, VA

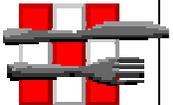


### *BICYCLING GOURMET*

#### Four Mile Run

Thursday, September 22, 2005 10:30 AM

Starting Point: Sailing Marina



**Starting Point:** Sailing Marina just south of Reagan National Airport. Take Mt. Vernon Highway to Daingerfield Island Exit (Sailing Marina-Potomack Landing Restaurant). On entering area, veer to the right to the overflow parking area where leader will issue parking permits.

**Route:** Primarily on bikepaths in the Four Mile Run valley passing through Shirlington, visiting the Long Branch Nature Center and the Bon Air Rose Garden. Lunch on return leg at Aladdin's restaurant in Shirlington (healthy Mediterranean cuisine). Mostly flat with one hill.

**Leaders:** Marvin Hass [[mhass@mailaps.org](mailto:mhass@mailaps.org)] (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048.

Note: Starting time listed above is when cyclists actually depart; please arrive earlier to allow sufficient time to set up your equipment. Latecomers: Leader will leave map on rear window wiper of Chrysler minivan.

**Previous Ride Review:** Finally, good weather after a heat wave. Participants enjoyed a ride from Vienna to Reston visiting Lake Fairfax and then to Lake Anne for lunch at the Kasbah Moroccan Café.



### Oktoberfest

**When:** SATURDAY, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

**What:** 27<sup>th</sup> annual PVS Oktoberfest featuring beer, sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato salad, & pflaumen kuchen. Oompah music, too, for dancing of feet, clapping of hands, and cavorting of spirit.

**Call:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack at 703-754-8814 by Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September to reserve your place (limited to 60), to choose low-fat or high-test wurst, and to sign up for bringing a potato salad, kuchen, or other Bavarian delectable. No-shows will be responsible for their share of the cost.

**Cost:** Approximately \$8.00 per person.

**Bring:** Your own eating utensils and plate. Your favorite beer mug is, of course, always welcome.

**Optional:** Lederhosen and Dirndl. Even Pferdekleidung.

**Where:** Mary Ward & Jim Slack's Termineigh Horse Farm, 4580 Sudley Road, Catharpin, VA.

**Directions:** Take I-66 west from the Beltway. Exit at 47B (Manassas Battlefield) onto Route 234 North (Sudley Road). Go 5 miles to downtown Catharpin (check out Alvey's Community Store). At the guard rail 0.5 miles later, turn left onto the (paved at the beginning) gravel driveway. (If you get to Old Field Drive on the left, you just went by our driveway. If all else fails, call 703-754-8814 from the payphone at Alvey's and we'll come get you.) We are the brick house at the end of the driveway.

## Local and Regional Events



### Blue Knob – Eighth Fall Foliage Weekend Fri-Mon Oct 7 – 10

**WHERE:** Betty Lawrence's lodge at Blue Knob, Pennsylvania  
**LOTS TO DO:** Hiking, flea markets, RR museum, spa, antiquing, serious eating and some partying.  
**COST:** approximately \$10/person/night, two-night minimum. Accommodations limited  
**HOW:** Betty Lawrence 703-319-1860 [lizl@verizon.net](mailto:lizl@verizon.net)



### GOLF at LEISURE WORLD. THUR, 13 OCT. 05

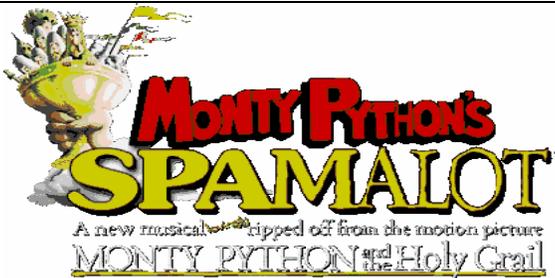
THERE IS ONLY ROOM FOR 16 GOLFERS  
TIME, 1 PM, (1300) HOURS, BE 30 MIN. EARLY  
GREEN FEES, RIDING CARTS REQUIRED.  
CALL, BURR SCHULER ( 703 660 9159)  
OR EMAIL: [oburr2byoung@yahoo.com](mailto:oburr2byoung@yahoo.com), & or leave message

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of POTOMAC VALLEY SKIFFS

Banquet at the Bolger Center -- Saturday, Nov. 5, 6:00 PM

Seating at this event is about sold out and a wait-list will be established. Keep sending your reservation checks to Rachel Abraham, 6201 Hollins Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

*Note: Photos are still being sought for inclusion in visual presentation, especially those from the earlier years of PVS. Preferably these should show PVS members with a scenic background. Limit: 5-10 photos/member and should include event, date, and names of those in photo [this is important as captions will appear in the visual presentation for the benefit of viewers]. You can submit photos to Karen Felker at any PVS event (can also accept 35 mm slides) Tel: (703) 931-6843 or [karknox@metronets.com](mailto:karknox@metronets.com). All submissions will be returned after computer scanning.*



The Broadway production won 7 Tony Awards in 2005, including Best Play and Best Comedy. Now starting its second sold-out year on Broadway, this multimillion-dollar production is coming to Washington's National Theater next summer.

### 🎉♦ PVS Goes to the Theatre ♦🎉

Broadway's Smash Hit

June 9 or 16, 2006

PVS has a unique opportunity to get tickets, and at group rates at the National Theater for this smash, Tony Award Winning musical. We're going to one of 2 Friday Evening performances at 8:00 pm either June 9 or 16, 2006. When tickets are available (sometime this fall) we will need to act rapidly. **Call Ray or Nancy McKinley now (703) 527-7126 to express interest (not a commitment). Or e-mail to [nmckinley@convera.com](mailto:nmckinley@convera.com).** Please let us know if either Friday is OK. Prices are not yet set but are expected to be around \$90 for orchestra. They are \$150 each on Broadway. The show is expected to run from June 7 to July 9, 2006.

## 2006 Ski Trips

Below: Wide slopes near village center



# SNOWMASS 2006

**PVS is again heading to Snowmass and the Mountain Chalet, January 19 through 26, 2006. Join us for this perennial favorite, both for its skiing and many other activities in the Aspen environs. Choose among four interconnected mountains with over 5,000 acres of skiing, interchangeable lift tickets, and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax**

Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas. Enjoy the convenience of slideshow lodging with direct access to the extensive Snowmass trail system from the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. A stay at the charming Mountain Chalet includes a daily family-style breakfast and daily soup lunch, greatly appreciated by trip participants and other guests, many of whom return year after year.

**Comprehensive trip price of \$1900 includes air fair with flight into Aspen, ground transfer to and from SMC, 7 nights' lodging, taxes and maid service, breakfast and lunch, après ski parties including welcome wine and cheese party, two group dinners, hotel baggage handling and tips, 5 days' lift tickets, pre-trip and post-trip parties, and more. Land only price is \$1422. Other adjustments are available for sixth ski day, Silver Pass, non-skiers or alternate air. Trip insurance available and highly suggested.**

For more information: Contact trip leaders Carolyn Maurer and David DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 or by email at [carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.maurer@verizon.net).

To reserve:

- Send deposit of \$250 per person AND APPLICATION to:  
Carolyn Maurer at 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 or [carolyn.maurer@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.maurer@verizon.net)
- Note "PVS-Snowmass 2006" on the memo line.

***NOTE: Single female is needed due to a cancellation!***

# Telluride 2006

February 2-9, 2006

A first class trip with 7 nights lodging at the ski-in/ski-out Wyndham Peaks Resort and Golden Door Spa at the Mountain Village, which includes access to the 42,000 square foot Spa and Ski Valet. An all Western experience! All taxes and daily maid service fees included. A Velvet Glove welcome wine and cheese orientation party included with a five day ski pass. Sixth day ski pass optional for an extra fee. Two group meals, two après ski parties, pre trip party and hotel baggage valet included. We depart on United Airlines #399 Washington Dulles 6:15 AM, arrive Denver 8:05 AM; depart Denver 8:55 AM # 6293 and arrive Montrose 9:57 AM. Roundtrip van to Telluride and return to Montrose. (The Telluride airport is closed 60% of the time for weather in February.) We depart Montrose on United flight #6293 10:30 AM on the 9<sup>th</sup> and arrive Denver 11:31 AM; then depart Denver on flight #316 at 12:30 PM arriving Dulles 5:50 PM.

All the above for \$1,988 per person, double occupancy. Land only price \$1,588. Trip insurance is highly recommended; rates are now available. A minor price adjustment is possible based on potential airline fuel surcharges. Trip leaders have made a survey trip to Telluride. The back bowl(s) have been connected to the front resort by lift. Gondola ride from the Village to the Town of Telluride approximately 13 minutes. Half of each slope is groomed; even the most difficult. Degree of difficulty approximately equal between green, blue and black. The trip is now fully subscribed, reservation on the waiting list in then event of cancellations. Join Gene and Wilma for this deluxe February Western ski experience. If you don't have a cowboy hat, get one!

For more info, call Wilma Sharer at 301-975-9411 or email at [wilma@sharerassociates.com](mailto:wilma@sharerassociates.com).

We have planned a fantastic week with great skiing, outstanding accommodations and great food (and wine). Get aboard on the waiting list in case we have a cancellation.

## 2006 Ski Trips

### February 17-March 6, 2006, join Nancy and Ray McKinley for an 18-day Scandinavian Smörgåsbord!

Scandinavia shines in the winter! The major tourist attractions—even the outdoor parks—remain open and invite visitors to enjoy without the crowds of summer. Our winter's trip will be perfect for skiers and sightseers alike covering the highlights of three different countries, in 5 Star Luxury--a true Scandinavian Smörgåsbord. Maybe our best trip ever! **Scenery is fantastic and every day starts with a superb, full, Scandinavian breakfast.** Our ski area, *Hafjell*, at **Lillehammer**, is the location of the major 1994 Olympic ski events, with over **15 miles of runs for all levels, 13 lifts and over a 2,800-foot vertical.**

Sightseers can visit Lillehammer's many museums including the Olympic Museum and **stroll along the famous star of the Olympics, the expansive Stroget walking street.** Then, on to captivating **Oslo** staying 3 nights at the **5 Star Bristol Hotel, a deluxe property right next to Oslo's theatres, boutiques and best restaurants.** Those on the 11-day package will return home after Oslo.

After Oslo, we fly to Scandinavia's largest and oldest capitol, **Stockholm**, Sweden built on 14 islands, centered on the **14<sup>th</sup> century, captivating Gamla Stan**, a former fortress now **a rabbit warren of narrow, cobbled streets, with shops and boutiques selling the very latest in haute couture to antiques.**

**From Stockholm, we take an overnight cruise across the Baltic Sea on a huge cruise ship-600 feet long with 12 decks, ballrooms, multiple restaurants and private suites-to historic, medieval Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, part of the former USSR. We're certain you'll love it. Its mostly-intact city wall has 29 stone 12<sup>th</sup> Century watchtowers, each topped by a red tile roof. With cobblestone streets and lots of unique shops, it's a great place! We cruise back to Stockholm and sadly, return home on March 6.**

What about temperature and light? In Lillehammer, **March temperatures average 30° F daytime and 25° F at night.** In the other capital cities, on the water, the temps are warmer. In Stockholm, in March, sunrise is at 6:30 am and sunset at 5:40 pm for a total of 11 hrs and 10 min. This is **only a few minutes less sunlight than Big Sky, Montana on the same date.**

The full, luxury 18-day trip is \$3,896 pp, double occupancy, including airfare, hotels, all breakfasts, dinners in Lillehammer and two overnight cruises. Our 11-day package, returning to the US on February 28, costs \$2,723. **We look forward to a great See and Ski Trip and hope you'll join us!** For more info call us at (703) 527-7126. Or e-mail [nmckinley@convera.com](mailto:nmckinley@convera.com). To sign up, send your check for \$350 to Ray McKinley. Mail to McKinleys, 2326 N. Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045.

### Val Gardena & Munich March 3 – 14, 2006



From the JP Moser guide: 23.11.2004

"Hotel Diamant is a holiday oasis in the heart of the Gardena Valley!

Generous premises, a familiar atmosphere and an agreeable ambience distinguish the Hotel Diamant. A very interesting symbiosis - the high comfortable Hotel with the belonging Vital Centre Dona Dindia, fulfilling your every wish, and the fantastic surrounding mountain landscape of the Dolomites create the special charm and the unique flair- that will captivate you from the first day. Here it is very easy to rise every day of your stay to a festive moody day.

There are 9 room categories for both business and leisure travelers but especially for those looking high standard in the roomy offer. The bedrooms, comfortable and wide, with either four poster beds or bunk beds, feature their own balcony.

The culinary highlights are remarkable, which they will give you pleasure all around the clock: if it is simply a snack taken in a romantic corner of the 8000 m<sup>2</sup> large private parc or the pleasure breakfast buffet or the excellent dinner in an peculiar ambience... they will always take care to let you have the best!

Last but not least, wellness and beauty are two of the strong points of this property; the "Vital Centre Dona Dindia" with indoor swimming pool (29°) and many other facilities such as the new and elegant sauna landscape with Tyrolean sauna and panorama window, the steam bath with aromatic fragrances, the bio sauna with mountain herbs smell, the Kneipp foot bath and a lot of space for relaxing."

**We have 12 spaces left. Hopefully, the pool temperature is in centigrade. We will NOT have bunk beds!**

Dick Comerford is leading the PVS part of BRSC's Eurofest trip to Val Gardena. Inquiries and comments are welcome.

Tel: (703) 777-9374 [dick.comerford@adelphia.net](mailto:dick.comerford@adelphia.net)

## 2006 Ski Trip/Calendar



Tuesday, March 28 – Tuesday, April 4, 2006

### Enjoy Spring Skiing at its best with Dave Lerner and Jan Marx.

Winter Park is one of Colorado's oldest and largest ski resorts and we will be spending 7 nights at the luxury Zephyr Mountain Lodge at the base of the lifts. The package also includes round trip air transportation on United, lift tickets for a full 6 days (not the usual 5), ground transfer on a deluxe chartered bus, 3 group dinners, after ski parties, a pre-trip party, baggage handling at the resorts and tips and current taxes for all of the above.

The Zephyr Mountain Lodge is Winter Park's premier ski-in ski-out lodging accommodation. It is an all-condo property and we have reserved two bedroom – two bath units with a fully equipped kitchen. One bedroom has a king bed, and the other has twin beds. (Living room hide-a-beds will NOT be used.) All units have VCRs and free high-speed data ports.

The mountain has a great selection of runs form easy cruisers to challenging steps on the newer Mary Jane area. There is a 3060 foot vertical drop covering 2770 acres. There are 24 lifts, including 8 high-speed quads. Snowmobile tours, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice skating are also available.

Value pricing is part of the Spring scene and we are able to offer the entire package for only **\$1160**. There will be a substantial discount for senior lift tickets (details not yet available).

A full trip flier is available on the web at: <http://members.cox.net/dlerner1/WinterParkFlyer.html>

Call Dave Lerner at 703-281-6923 for more information or send email to [dslerner@ieec.org](mailto:dslerner@ieec.org) or [Jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:Jebbmarx@aol.com)

### CALENDAR (2005-06)

Sept 3	Sat	Crabfest at Betty Lawrence's
Sept 20	Tues	Monthly Meeting at Waddicks' (Alexandria)
Sept 22	Thurs	Bicycling Gourmet
Sept 27	Tues	ExCom at Ray Jones'
Oct 1	Sat	Oktoberfest at Slack/Ward's
Oct 7-10	Fri-Mon	Blue Knob Fall Foliage
Oct 13	Thurs	Golf at Leisure World
Oct 18	Tues	Monthly Meeting at Monaghan's (Bethesda)
Oct 25	Tues	ExCom at McKinleys'

Oct 26	Wed	Spy Museum
Nov. 12	Sat	Chili Hike
Nov 5	Sat	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at the Bolger Center (evening)
Jan 19-26		Snowmass
Feb 2-9		Telluride
Feb 17-Mar 5		Scandinavia
Mar 3-11		Val Gardena
Mar 27- Apr 3		Winter Park
June 9 or 15	Fri	Spamalot - National Theatre

#### Change of postal or e-mail address:

Call Pat Vagonis at (301) 838-5545  
or send e-mail message to  
[pvagonis@comcast.net](mailto:pvagonis@comcast.net)

#### E-mail Notice

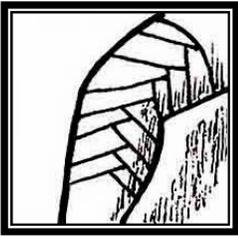
If you want to start receiving Toot electronically, or change the e-format you receive, please let me know.  
Thanks, Jan = [Jebbmarx@aol.com](mailto:Jebbmarx@aol.com).

#### CURRENT PVS BOARD MEMEBRS, OFFICERS, and CHAIRPERSONS - 2005-06

President – *David Abraham*  
Vice President – *Mike Strand*  
Secretary – *Jessma Blockwick*  
Treasurer – *Ray Jones*  
Membership – *Pat Vagonis*  
Events – *Ray McKinley*  
Mid-week Events – *Dave DeVilbiss*

Webmaster – *Marvin Hass*  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair – *Rachel Abraham*  
Ski Trip Cmte Chair – *Bob Marx*  
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TOOT Mailer – *Sue Lyon*  
Meeting Records – *Sara Huggins*  
Historian – *Jan Marx*

First Term:  
*Charlotte Eddy*  
*Burr Schuler*  
*Dick Schwartzbard*  
Second Term:  
*Dave DeVilbiss*  
*Sharon. Mulholland*  
*Mike Hatanaka*



# THE KNEE

By Ray McKinley

Good Evekneeing, PVSers. I do not open with this salutation because I am so presumptuous as to assume when you are reading this column. I do it for its artistic (?) and factual merit. Consider the alternatives. There is Good Afkneernoon (or perhaps Afterkneen) or worse Good Kneet. Even the Knee wouldn't attempt to use those. So that left Good Evekneeing and Good Morkneeing as acceptable alternatives. Since I'm writing this at 8:30 pm, the choice was obkneeous. QED.

Charlotte Eddy's daughter, former ballerina also named Charlotte, is visiting her in Virginia Beach, on holiday from her normal German abode. Ein Prosit!

The Knee and Nancy had the pleasure of visiting Betty Lawrence's updated Vienna home just prior to Crabfest. The updated space is terrific, and Betty's created a great new kitchen area. Y'all be certain to come to Crabfest!

A useful(?) thought from new ExComer Sharon Mulholland. There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with very perky body parts and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

According to Veep Mike Strand, our All Trips Party at the Sharer's was "a humdinger." If you missed it, it's still not too late to sign up for one of our great 2006 ski trips.

During the 1989 membership drive, the Knee was asked to help spur membership. So along came PoetKnee who composed some poetknee to spur on membership. Soon we reached our 200 person limit. So you know what you will be missing if you don't rejoin. Herewith (I love to use legalistic words like "herewith" and "sue") a newly updated version of that literary classic. And it's in italics, too.

*The Knee  
isn't free.  
You must pay for me  
by rejoining PV  
S.*

*PVS's been around nearly fortknee  
That's also exactly two score.  
The Knee's just thirteen years younger  
And 27 years of kneepuns really makes  
you hunger  
for more*

*The Knee tells all,  
in Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall.  
He's got up-to-the-minute gossip,  
including some he makes up.*

*Now you can join a big ski club  
or you can join a slight one.  
Or you can join an old ski club  
or you can join a young one.  
But it's best for you to be  
In our PVS, "the Club with a Knee."*

*The Club with a Knee,  
the Club with a Knee.  
PVS --  
the club to be  
in.*

Now be honest, doesn't that leave you just a bit teary? It has an epic flavor--a light opening, a strong central theme and a lyrical, airy coda. And I'm sure you noted the splendid change of cadence in verse 4. It also shows my understanding of those major poetic terms like illiteration and automated poea. Simply wow.

If you want to rejoin and have misplaced your reapplication form, be certain to contact our Membership Chair, Pat Vagonis, immediately. The Knee kneeds all of his loyal readers.

PVSers are still traveling. The Pres (no not George W, David and Rachel) are back from a lengthy cruise in Europe. Relatively new member Francesca Adams has returned from a month in Belgium. And Dave Phillips is back from a week of motorcycle racing

Marty Rine is finally getting to Alaska—via the Elderhostel route. She'll spend a week on the Kenai Peninsula and a week in Denali Park. Marty hopes to see my mountain. I'm, of course, referring to Mt. McKinknee.

And finalknee: Pat Cope has given up skiing. It happened when she was in her attic. She touched her ski boots and they exploded into 100s of shards. Pat took it as an omen.

(**President's message** -- continued from Page 1)

As you all know, it's membership renewal time, and not totally unexpected, we do have quite a few stragglers. Please see Pat Vagonis' message and respond to it NOW, if you haven't done it already. Surely, you don't want to miss a single Toot issue! Who could be happy without another edition of the incomparable KNEE?

As I look at the draft of this Toot issue I'm thrilled to note our listing, besides 5 exciting upcoming ski-trips, 7 club, greatly varied, activities with something for everybody. You should be aware that it takes a great amount of effort to plan and put in place that much activity, and it's all done for you by a small number of dedicated volunteers. I assure you, we could use more such, and invite you to join the ranks.

I hope your summer is and remains good. Don't despair, we're getting closer to the white stuff every day. If you haven't yet, sign up for a PVS-sponsored trip, and give yourself something really nice to dream about. Those dreams will really come true.

**ANNOUNCING A NEW EXCOM MEMBER**

Due to her upcoming relocation to the Williamsburg area, Marilyn Clark had to resign her ExCom membership. In accordance with our by-laws we have appointed and Mike Hatanaka has agreed to serve for the balance of Marilyn's term.

Please congratulate Mike, and thank him for his readiness to fill this opening.

*David*

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**Membership Secretary's message**

What a great job... I volunteered to take on a bigger role with PVS and people immediately start sending me money! I am hoping that by handling memberships will give me a chance to get to know everyone a little bit better and to use the new skis I bought this spring. After being away most of the summer, I am now at home and pouring through your renewals. Special thanks to those who promptly sent them in, and

consider this gentle nudging to those who have not. If you need new forms or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call (301) 838-5545 or email me at [pvagonis@comcast.net](mailto:pvagonis@comcast.net). Thanks!

*Pat Vagonis*

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**Renewal announcement:** Another copy of the renewal forms is being enclosed with this issue of TOOT *only* for those who have *not* yet sent in their checks (as of August 26). These are on colored paper. These renewal forms will be enclosed only to those receiving TOOT by postal

mail. Those receiving TOOT by email only and who have not yet renewed will find an email reminder in their Inbox from our Membership Secretary, Pat Vagonis. Many thanks to those who have already renewed.



**International Spy Museum** Wednesday Oct. 26 10:00 AM (800 F St. NW) *(preliminary announcement)* PVS plans to visit this popular site for espionage, deception and intrigue. Cost: \$13 (group rate). Easily reached by Metro. Car pool to nearby garage may be arranged. Luncheon at the "Spy City Café" or other nearby establishment. Further details in October TOOT. For additional information call Charlotte Eddy at home (703) 385-1022 (home) or office (703) 691-0555 . web site: [www.spymuseum.org](http://www.spymuseum.org)