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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – SKIING AND POLITICS



I follow Aristotle, who is quoted as saying, “Man is by nature a political animal.” I consider “Skiing and Politics.” I also follow Kerry Hines, who is fast becoming a muse for this column. Kerry e-mailed me: “You and Cara attended the Washington Ski Show last Friday evening, along with [Rosemary] and Dick. Do you plan to include that experience in your President's message for the June TOOT?” I therefore also consider the ski show.

The United States is imbued with two broad political themes: the first is that we should encourage individual autonomy. If people are unconstrained by Government mandates, with the help of free markets they will achieve wants and needs, maximizing societal opportunities and benefits.

The second is that we must form a community. We are in it together. The thesis is that collectively, with the help of Government, we ought act in common to provide opportunities and protections for all, thereby protecting and strengthening all.

Both themes have degrees of merit. Striking a proper balance is hard.

Skiing and snowboarding exemplify the relevancy and limits of these themes. Consider snowboarders speeding out of trees onto ski trails facing the opposite side of the trails. When they go down the fall line, snowboarders generally see at right angles to their paths. As they carom down slopes, they may not be aware of or even see hapless skiers behind their sight lines.

Note these are acts of individualism as snowboarders incline towards the right.

In my role with PVS, I thought that I had an obligation to correct the problem of snowboarders barreling into our skiing community members? After great thought, I contacted the Republican National Committee Chair, Ronna Romney McDaniel.<sup>1</sup> Given her middle name and former Romney association, I thought that she could cause a correction. Mitt Romney corrected the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics issues.

Being engaged in running the Republican Party, Ronna McDaniel referred me to one Michael Cohen,<sup>2</sup> whom she said would fix things. He in turn, a carved turn, sent me to a consultant group whom he called essential. Michael Cohen's essential consultants recognized that skiers and snowboarders merged nonconsensually, especially on downhill slopes in stormy weather. However, they said that because they

## Monthly Meeting

Saturday, June 9, 2:30 PM

At the home of Cara and Bob Jablon  
Washington, DC, 20007

202-333-5332

Directions on pg 3.

<sup>1</sup> All names herein are apocryphal. Any resemblance to real persons is coincidental.

<sup>2</sup> Not the Michael Cohen, a Michael Cohen. See previous footnote.

represented clients involved with boarding, it would be a conflict for them to question snowboarding or enhanced boarding as they called it.

I was forced to sideslip back to Ronna McDaniel. Hearing that essential consultants did not fix things, Ronna suggested that we build a wall, a big, beautiful snow wall. That will keep out the caravan of snowboarders, she said. She even said that she would get the snowboarders to pay for it.

Out of fairness, I took Ronna's solution to Thomas Perez, chair of the Democratic National Committee. Tom and Ronna were poles apart. He said that for him to agree to Ronna's solution, all illegal snowboarders, those who had evaded the ski lift ticket readers, would have to be able to continue to stay on the mountain. I half piped up to both Tom and Ronna that skiers had already paid to build snowboarder snow park walls. They still failed to agree.

Desperate to find a PVS solution, I contacted Elon Musk. He advised that our problem was our failure to apply artificial intelligence. Consider assisted electric bicycles and self-driving cars. Why not adopt self-driving technology to the problem?

"You mean we should equip snowboards with equipment that can see skiers and automatically turn to avoid them?" I asked.

"No," Elon said, "We need laws that skis must have equipment to propel skiers out of the way of snowboarders. Skiers are at risk. When snowboarders fall, they magically get up without applying technology."

I determined this is what we skiers need. If we had self-skiing skis, we would miss trees and all other skiers. We would no longer need lessons. We could go down any slope in any snow conditions and never fall. Here is a political solution that would work that would protect both the skiing community and skiers and snowboarders' individuality as well.

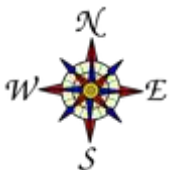
Kerry Hines noted that Cara and I attended a PRW Ski Travel show at the Tysons Corner Marriott on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard and Joe Jevcak also attended for PVS. Attending were trip leaders from multiple nearby BRSC clubs and many ski resorts and lodgings representatives from throughout the United States, Canada and even Europe, who had displays and tables with handouts that showed off their areas and facilities. Not surprisingly, ski tour operators were well represented.

As participants enter the show, there was a cash bar. The bar greased the event as a ski mountain learning experience; the hors d'oeuvres were also good. In addition to socializing, the event permitted me personally (and others) to talk in depth with Doug Horstman of Encompasse Tours about the Steamboat trip that we have proposed and for all to speak with those from many areas which we visit and have visited or may visit, getting in-person, first-hand information.

There were drawings for prizes at the end. I passed up on identifying myself as Dick Schwartzbard, who had he stayed for the drawing would have won a fine prize in the early drawings. Drawings for the best prizes were at the beginning of the drawings. I intuited that, somehow, I might be recognized as not being Dick. But I did win a fine Vail contributed Holly Hansen ski vest later in the drawings, taking away another excuse for my not skiing.

After the moral question presented me with whether I should seek to claim Dick's winning draw, I was posed with a second one: whether as winner of the previous draw and therefore the person required to select the next winner from a bowl, I should select an entry whose handwriting looked much like Cara's. Knowing that if I selected Cara's entry, it would look suspicious in the extreme, I selected another winner. Cara later won a useful bag.

But how does this relate to Skiing and Politics? The PRW Ski Travel show event brought together – *socialized* – many ski clubs and many ski areas, creating a *community* of interest and a *market* for skiing events. The event raised moral questions. Is not ethics the essence of politics or better expressed the essence of politics that is worthwhile?



***Find directions to June's Meeting/Summerfest below.***

# **SUMMERFEST**

**Saturday, June 9, 2:30 PM**

## **AT THE HOME OF CARA & BOB JABLON**

Come for the Summer Get-together and learn all about the trips PVS is offering for the 2019 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, salad, 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.

In addition to a great summer get-together, we will be talking about the 2019 ski trips i.e., Snowmass, Sun Valley, and Steamboat. There will be charts, there will be flyers, and there will be enthusiasm. On the attendees' part, there should be questions, there should be excitement, and there should be checkbooks in hand.... A final thought - the ski trips are not for skiers only, the trips are as much fun for non-skiers as for skiers.

We ask those who plan to attend to RSVP by the 4th of June. 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 Cara (see number and email address below) that you are coming.

Please RSVP by Sunday, June 4, [rcjablon@aol.com](mailto:rcjablon@aol.com) or 202-333-5332.



**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 (45<sup>th</sup> St.) and make a right on 45<sup>th</sup>. 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 (1<sup>st</sup> traffic light after light at Chain Bridge). Make a left on Arizona and a right on MacArthur Boulevard (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (45<sup>th</sup> St.), and make a left on 45<sup>th</sup>. 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 (45<sup>th</sup> 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).

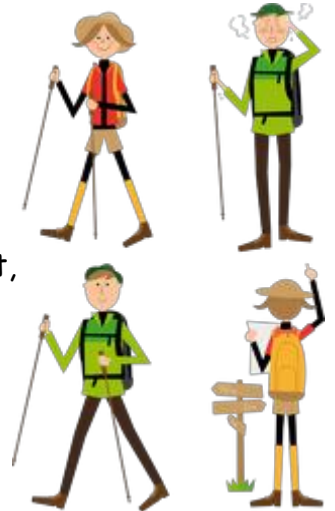
## Coming Event

### **ROOSEVELT ISLAND HIKE**

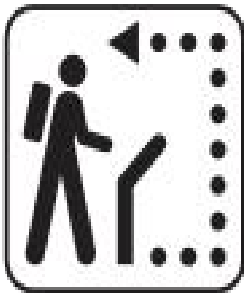
Friday, June 22 at 10:00am

Roosevelt Island is an 88-acre island in the Potomac River between Rosslyn and Georgetown. The island was dedicated to President Theodore Roosevelt in 1967 and includes a 17-foot statue of Roosevelt, four large stone monoliths with some of his more famous quotations, and two large fountains.

The island is maintained by the National Park Service and has several trails and a boardwalk through a swampy, marshy area. The island is known for its variety of birds and wildflowers and its diverse vegetation.



Please join us for a hike around Roosevelt Island. After the hike we will have a buffet lunch (\$15 a person) in Rosslyn on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of the Holiday Inn where there is a spectacular view of Washington.



Theodore Roosevelt Island is accessible by a footbridge from a parking lot along the Virginia bank of the Potomac River, just north of the [Theodore Roosevelt Bridge](#), which crosses but does not allow access to the island. **Cars can enter this parking lot only from the northbound lanes of the George Washington Memorial Parkway.** The island is also an easy walk from the Rosslyn Metro station. Several pay parking garages are available in Rosslyn, including one at the Holiday Inn plus there is paid street parking.

Meet in the Roosevelt Island parking lot at 10:00am. Be ready to walk over the footbridge by 10:15. We will walk 2-3 miles and then walk to Rosslyn for lunch.

Please let me know if you are coming and if you will join us for lunch.

*Rosemary Schwartzbard*  
[rosemaryschw@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryschw@gmail.com)



Bloodroot



## *Special Event !!!*

Join us at PVS' 28<sup>th</sup> (\*not\* annual)



# STEAK AND SWIM

At the HINES'

Saturday, August 11, 2018 -- 3pm Rain or Shine

This is PVS' oldest annual club event!

Celebrate summer at the Hines' beautiful Delaplane, VA home where the living' is good --- and the steaks -oh my! Limited to 30. Reserve now! Deadline to sign up or cancel is August 5th.

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

**INCLUDED:** steaks, baked potatoes and fixings, beverages and lots of fun!!

**Cost:** Approximately \$15 per person.

**NOTE:** Because of the cost outlay to our hosts, "no-shows" will be responsible for price of steak, potatoes and beverages supplied by our hosts if reservations are not cancelled by August 5th.

To sign up phone Kerry or Marianne 540 364-4810, or email [mchines@erols.com](mailto:mchines@erols.com) and tell them what you'll bring.



## Past Event

### May Monthly Meeting May 15, 2018



The Potomac Valley Skiers held its monthly meeting at the home of Jill and Bob Nelson in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Jill graciously hosted the meeting as Bob chose to go watch the Washington Nationals play the New York Yankees. (Due to rain, the game was suspended with the remaining three innings to be played later.) The food, followed by wonderful desserts was great. Bob Jablon was quite taken with the Thai dumplings, which Jill claimed to have made - with some assistance from Trader Joe's. Attendance was light as the skies were dark and the forecast darker.

Bob called the meeting to order and introduced Nancy McKinley, who claimed multiple personalities. First, Nancy assumed her Rosemary Schwartzbard personality as the chair of the Ski Trip committee and gave a summary of the ski trips for 2019. In her personality as Kathy and Barry Lake, she spoke of the 2019 Snowmass trip and, as Inge Lesjak, she spoke about Sun Valley. Finally, as Rosemary again, she announced that the Ski Trip committee and ExCom had voted to approve a new trip to Steamboat. She asked the Jablons, who are organizing and leading that trip, to say a few words. Bob said the trip is planned for March 9 - 16, 2019 and that an announcement would be in the TOOT. John Smith, in charge of local skiing, mentioned that we had very successful local skiing this year and hoped to repeat it in 2019.

Nancy, in her role as co-chair of the Events and Meetings Committee, announced that the combined Summerfest/June monthly meeting would be held at the home of Bob and Cara Jablon on June 9 at 2:30. On June 22 at 10:00am, Rosemary is organizing a walk and tour of Roosevelt Island followed by lunch. On August 11, Marianne and Kerry Hines will be hosting their annual Steak and Swim event at their home in Delaplane, VA at 3:00pm.

With no new business, Bob again thanked the Nelsons for hosting the meeting and declared that the meeting was adjourned. Socializing resumed and the PVS members, as always, enjoyed the desserts.

*Submitted by John Holt*



Past Event

**HIKE AROUND LAKE ACCOTINK**

MAY 9, 2018

Shirley Rettig and friend Joanna, Don Vierimaa and friend Peggy, Ellie Thayer, and Inge Lesjak enjoyed an easy walk around Lake Accotink on a lovely May morning. Inge and Don, who were familiar with the trails, led the way. At one point, we saw five or six turtles sunning themselves on a log. However, as we were noisily appreciating the sight, most of them slipped off into the water.



Turtles

Moose!



Following the hike, we drove to the Swiss Bakery and Pastry Shop in Springfield for lunch. Therese Malambri, a/k/a the Cookie Monster, joined the group. Happily, those who purchased sweets shared them. Thank you for organizing this outing, Inge.

*Submitted by Ellie Thayer*

Blue sky;

Perfect day.



## SKI TALK - June 2018

By guest columnist Kerry Hines

The spring meeting of the Blue Ridge Ski Council was held on May 5, 2018 at Maggiano's Restaurant in Tysons Corner. PVS representatives were Rosemary Schwartzbard, Inge Lesjak, and Kerry Hines. The main topics on the agenda were: 1) a review of 2018 ski trips; 2) discussion of the trips planned for 2019; 3) selection of trips for 2020 and 2021; and 4) election of a new BRSC president.

The BRSC trips for 2019 include the Western Carnival at Sun Valley, Idaho with some seven clubs and approximately 200 participants expected; the Eurofest at Val Di Fassa, Italy, where five clubs and around 160 members are expected to participate; and Winterfest at Sunday River, Maine, which seems quite economical at \$890.00. In 2019, PVS is participating as a club only in the Sun Valley trip, but any PVS members desiring to join either of the other trips can do so by contacting one of the participating clubs or the vendors/tour operators for the trips.

### **Ski trips planned for 2020 and 2021 are as follows:**

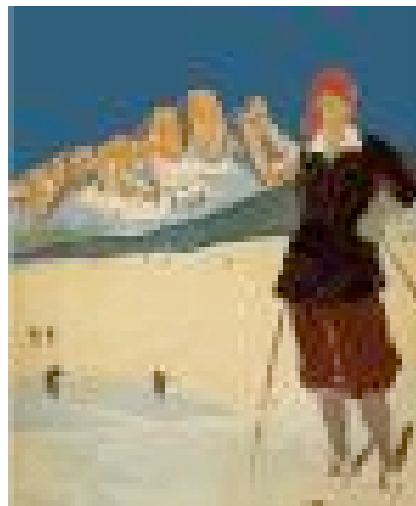
Western Carnival - 1st week of February 2020, Snowmass, CO  
2021, Telluride, CO.

Eurofest (or Asia) - last week of February 2020, Nagano, Japan  
2021, St. Anton, Austria.

Winterfest - 1st week of March 2020, Killington, VT  
2021, TBD

Steve Peirce, a member of the Pentagon Ski Club, was elected as the new BRSC president. Yasmin Beg agreed to replace Steve as BRSC treasurer.

The fall meeting of the BRSC will be the last weekend in September or the first weekend in October at the White Tail Ski Area.





## Ski Trip

# *Snowmass, Colorado 2019*

## *Wednesday to Wednesday*

### *January 9-16, 2019*

Once again we will be staying at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet, which offers a convenient ski in, ski out location. The "Land Only" package will include lodging and a 5-day senior lift pass, which can be used at all four mountains. The basic package is \$1,650 per person.

Those interested can register by sending a \$300 deposit payable to Kathy Lake, with PVS Snowmass 2019 written on the memo line. Please send your deposit to us at 11677 Fox Glen Drive, Oakton, VA 22124. Reserve your room now!

- *Snowmass offers direct access to 3,100 acres of skiing, just outside the door.*
- *The skiing terrain totals more than 5,000 acres, with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands & Buttermilk ski areas.*
- *Lodging at the Chalet includes a daily buffet breakfast and soup lunch, greatly appreciated and served by a friendly, welcoming staff.*
- *The trip includes lodging, transportation to and from Aspen airport, ski prices at a discounted rate, a pre-trip meeting, and social events during the week.*

For further information, please contact us at [KathyLakehomes@yahoo.com](mailto:KathyLakehomes@yahoo.com) or 703-625-2715.

Hope to see you there!

Kathy & Barry Lake



# Come ski with PVS at Sun Valley, Idaho

Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC) Western Carnival

February 2 - 9, 2019



AVAILABLE LODGING CHOICES	Package Price including airfare
<b>Sun Valley Lodge Apartments</b> Two Bed/Two Bath, One King/Two Twins	\$1,800 per pers
<b>Sun Valley LODGE Rooms</b> Two Queen Beds	\$2,050 per pers
<b>Sun Valley INN Rooms</b> Two Queen Beds	\$1,850 per pers
<b>Sun Valley INN Rooms</b> One King Bed	\$1,850 per pers

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip air Washington to Boise
- Roundtrip transfer Boise to Sun Valley
- Seven nights lodging as presented
- Baggage handling
- BRSC Welcome Reception
- BRSC Après Ski Western Barbecue
- PVS Dinner
- BRSC Final Farewell Dinner and Dance
- BRSC NASTAR Race
- Mountain tours
- Five of six day Sun Valley lift tickets

**Guests have access to all Resort amenities including outdoor pools and the new Sun Valley Resort SPA.**

**All properties are a shuttle ride to the slopes.**

**WiFi is available throughout the Resort.**

**Seniors 65+: Deduct \$5.00 from package price above for package with a 5-day lift pass.**  
**Add \$30.00 to package price for a 6-day**

If you have any questions, please contact Inge, PVS Trip Leader at [Lesjak.inge@gmail.com](mailto:Lesjak.inge@gmail.com)

**TRIP DEPOSITS:**

\$300.00 deposit per person due with sign-up  
 \$500.00 per person due August 31, 2018

\$500.00 per person due June 15, 2018  
 Final payment due October 31, 2018

Deposits and final payments should be made to Inge Lesjak;  
 and mailed to: Inge Lesjak 8123 Kingsview Ct., Springfield, VA 22152

**Current United Airlines Flight Itinerary:**

2 Feb # 1763 9:15am - 12:07pm #5192 1:50pm - 4:23pm IAD/SFO/BOI  
 9 Feb # 5742 12:29pm - 4:53pm # 225 6:04pm - 9:05pm BOI/ORD/IAD

## Download Winter Trail Map & Guest Guide

<http://d26zlhfpekbdmm.cloudfront.net/files/pdf/SV Winter Trail/Map 2017 18.pdf>

Sun Valley LODGE Apartments provide privacy and comfort while being close to all amenities at the Lodge: heated pool and sauna, bowling alley, dancing. These apartments come in two- and three bedroom units; each has a large marble bath, cozy gas fireplace, living room, kitchen, refrigerator and a dining table.

Sun Valley LODGE 2 Queen Suite or LODGE King Suite have been newly decorated and include a convenient fold-out sofa in the sitting area, spacious bathroom with soaking tub, walk-in shower and double sink vanity. A walk-in dressing area offers built-in dressers and a convenient ski closet. There are flat-screen TVs in the bedroom and sitting area, a safe and refrigerator and free Wi-Fi.

Sun Valley INN Deluxe Rooms are available with either one King Bed or two Queen Beds. Each room is filled with handmade solid oak French furnishings. The bathroom features a marble tub, vanity with sink plus bathrobes. There is a TV with a DVD player and pay-per-view, plus a refrigerator and high-speed internet access. Guests can enjoy daily delivery of a complimentary USA Today.

**BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL EVENTS** – be sure to bring your neck wallet to each event.

WELCOME RECEPTION, **Monday** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Enjoy fabulous hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the elegant Sun Valley Conference Center.

BRSC NASTAR RACE, **Tuesday** Warm Springs 10:00am – 1:00pm

Point'em downhill at the NASTAR course! Official NASTAR pins will be awarded.

APRÈS-SKI PARTY, **Tuesday** 3:00pm – 5:pm

Ski to the base of River Run and get ready for a Western BBQ at the River Run Lodge.

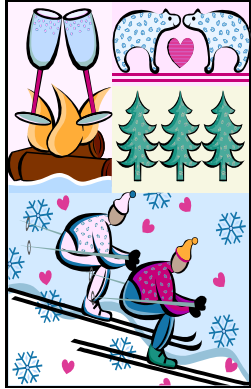
FINAL FAREWELL DINNER and DANCE, **Thursday** evening 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Experience the upscale buffet and Sun Valley's top rated service. Dance the night away at Sun Valley's Conference Center.

PVS DINNER downtown, restaurant/time TBD

**PVS Calendar 2018**

June 09 Sat Summerfest/June Meeting, Jablon, DC, 2:30 PM  
 June 22 Fri Roosevelt Island Hike, Schwartzbard, VA, 10:00 AM  
 June 26 Tue ExCom Meeting, telephonic, 7:00 PM  
 Aug 11 Sat Steak & Swim, Hines, Delaplane, VA, 3:00 PM



**PVS Ski Trips 2019:**

January 9-16, 2019  
**Snowmass, CO** (Kathy and Barry Lake)  
 February 2-9, 2019  
**Sun Valley, ID** (Inge Lesjak)  
 March 9-16, 2019 (proposed)  
**Steamboat Springs, CO** (Cara and Bob Jablon)



**Useful Ski "Links"**  
[Potomac Valley Skiers](#)  
[BRSC Sanctioned Trips](#)  
[DC Ski Online News](#)  
[Best of Times Ski Club](#)

**ExCom**

<b>Officers:</b>	<b>Chairpersons:</b>
President – <i>Bob Jablon</i>	Ski Trip Committee – <i>Rosemary Schwartzbard</i>
V. President – <i>Janet Marx</i>	Events – <i>Ray and Nancy McKinley</i>
Secretary – <i>Ellie Thayer</i>	Membership Records – <i>Dave Warthen</i>
Treasurer – <i>Dick Schwartzbard</i>	Membership PR Reps – <i>Inge Lesjak &amp; Marianne Sopolis</i>
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<b><u>Second Term:</u></b>	Historian – <i>Jan Marx</i>
<i>Inge Lesjak</i>	
<i>Nancy McKinley</i>	
<i>Tom Tycz</i>	

**Changes:**

*Royce Kneece - new cell #: 703-350-5448.*

**Reminder:** It is club policy that contact information in the club's roster not be used for promoting personal business, for advertising, or for personal financial gain without the advance permission of the individual member to be contacted. Membership contact information shall not be distributed outside PVS.