

#### President's Message

Many thanks for the invitation to become what someone called PVS' first "re-cycled" President (having had the honor back in 1999-2000). I'm thrilled to be able to do it. And, by the way, I prefer the term "re-energized," don't you?

PVS has such a long history dating back to 1965; that means we're in our 48<sup>th</sup> year of shared good times. 48 years! Along the way, we've skied in both good and "challenging" conditions, in champagne powder and on dreaded blue ice, and at local and exotic locations. We've made good friends, enjoyed excellent food, hiked and biked and sailed and seen much of the (mostly snowy) world outside of the DC area.

Now here we are in 2013 – and where does PVS go from here? To quote a line from that very philosophical musical 'Bye Bye Birdie,' "we've got such a lot of livin' to do!" We have 3 great ski trips lined up for the coming year and we're putting together an even more ambitious slate of activities to tempt you.

Many of us have invited our skiing friends to join PVS which has resulted in new faces adding welcome ideas and talent to our club. I hope you'll take some time now to think about others who would enjoy PVS and give them a call. Invite them to our next meeting. Are there family members who are now grown up and ready to participate in a club that loves to ski? Invite them to join us.

Stay tuned – there's lots more to come!

Nancy





Directions



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**GPS of Yesteryear!** 

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Take the beltway, I-495, toward Northern VA. Take exit 45A / DULLES AIRPORT onto VA 267 W (toll) – go 1.8 miles. Take exit 16 / LEESBURG PIKE W (RT 7 W) towards LEESBURG – go 7.1 miles. Turn left on RESTON AVE (PAST Reston <u>Pkwy</u>) – go < 0.1 mile. Turn right on CEDAR CHASE RD - go 0.2 mile. Arrive at 11595 CEDAR CHASE RD, HERNDON, on the left.

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When you enter the community, the house is the 6<sup>th</sup> on the left. Park only on the left side of the street.

## New Equipment

Goggle report link: Cut and paste if you are curious about these new googles.

http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-04-12/snowboardingsledding-alps-tests-camera-goggles-travel.html

# WASHINGTON, D. C. SKI TRAVEL SHOW

# FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 2013



6:30-9:30 Hors d'oeuvres Cash Bar Prize Drawing 9:30



NEW LOCATION: MARRIOTT HOTEL – TYSONS CORNER 8028 LEESBURG PIKE TYSONS CORNER, VIRGINIA, 22182-2719

HOTEL PARKING \$6.00 FREE PARKING DOWN THE STREET IN THE BLOOMINGDALES PARKING DECK 7

PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND. IT IS USUALLY A FUN AND INFORMATIVE EVENING AND YOU MAY WIN A SKI TRIP. EXPERTS FROM SOME OF THE WORLD'S LEADING SKI RESORTS WILL BE THERE.



rosemaryschw@gmail.com

Rosemary (right-center) at The Canyons



It's A Hike !!! Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>



John Lyon, Leader

We will hike up to Weverton Cliff to get a great view of Harpers Ferry from above.

Meet at the Weverton Road parking lot at 10:00 AM near Weverton, MD.

General directions to the Appalachian Trail (AT) parking lot: From US 340, take MD 67 north, then take first right onto "Weverton Road" (this is a short access road that leads to the actual Weverton Road). Midway along the road to the right is the parking lot and trailhead access.

This is a moderately difficult hike up the Appalachian Trail (AT), turning right and down to the cliffs viewing rocks. We will hike no more than 4 miles.

We then might wish to drive to Harpers Ferry and walk around there with maybe a lunch stop somewhere. An option for a longer hike would be to continue up the AT - out and back.

Watch for an e-mail with all the details and directions.

## Past Events





What a magical evening seven PVSers enjoyed at the Washington Area Folk Harp Society concert on April 6. We were entertained for the warm-up by the founder of this chapter, Wayne Morrison, who delighted

us with beautiful renditions of some of our favorite songs like Danny Boy. On the harp it was very special!

The theme of their concert this year was "The Pilgrimage" and the musicians traveled the world in songs arranged for harp by many of the talented members. There were harp ensembles, duets, and the entire group on stage together for the finale - 15 harps!





The highlight of the night was a solo appearance by Robbin Gordon-Cartier, who teaches at the Center for Performing Arts in Northern New Jersey. Since Robbin was nine years old, each summer the day school got out she traveled to Ireland to study until the end of August at a prestigious school for the arts. It was simply amazing to see her hands dance around the strings and change keys in the midst of runs and beautiful melodies. Truly inspirational!!

We went on the Pilgrimage with the harpists. The music was inspired by Quaker, Welsh, German, French, Ethiopian, Israeli, Russian, Shinto, and Native American songs. It was truly educational to see their expertise in delivering such different music through the harp medium and giving the listeners a taste of the various keys, rhythms, and adaptations of a song.

Those in attendance: Dave Warthen, Marsha Warthen, Ellie Thayer, Jack Chapman, Suzanne Boisclair, Louann Eadie, and Bob Eadie. We were all glad that we took the opportunity to visit the enchanting world of harps and hear the beautiful music played by the talented musicians.



-Louann Eadie-



# Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was graciously hosted once again, for the fourth consecutive year, by Reg Heitchue, in the party room at the midtown

condo building in Reston, VA. Attendees were 31 PVS members, two applicant members, Marna Blanchette and Ruth Healey, who were full members by the end of the evening. Our guests were Karen Knopes, Herb Bennett, sponsored by John Holt, and Blanka and John Hotaling from the Capitol Golden Skiers club.





Reg provided plenty of wine and soda and other PVS members participated by bringing either an appetizer or a dessert. We had an ample assortment of delicious appetizers such as shrimp, meat balls, dolmas, stuffed pastry shells, cheese, crackers, deviled eggs, artichoke hearts wrapped with ham, stuffed dates, sushi rolls, several kinds of home-made pates and dips, and other tasty morsels.

After socializing and munching on the goodies, Ray McKinley called our meeting to order, as only his voice could be heard

above the happy noise level of our group.



Our president, Cara Jablon, presided over the meeting and thanked all those who had volunteered their time and help over the past year.

The club voted in the new slate of officers: Nancy McKinley - president; John Holt - vice president; and Jane Dealy, Bob Knopes, and Maryann

Rozzell for first term on Ex-Com. Five applicant members were voted in; those present were Marna Blanchette and Ruth Healey. The other three, Joy Huffines, Steve Huffines, and Kal Nossuli, were unable to attend.



Ray McKinley gave an overview of up-coming events. He announced that John Lyon has volunteered to lead a hike to Weverton Cliff near Harpers Ferry, WV, on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. More information will be given via e-mail to the membership.

Rosemary Schwartzbard discussed the 2014 ski trips, which are planned for Snowmass, CO, Cortina, Italy, and Alyeska, AK.

Our newly elected president, Nancy McKinley, presented Cara Jablon a certificate of appreciation and thanked her, as we all do, for her leadership and guidance these past years.



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After the meeting we gathered in the party room kitchen to enjoy the fabulous desserts brought by PVS members.

Many thanks again to Reg for hosting this event and to Carolyn DeVilbiss, Dave DeVilbiss, Nancy McKinley, Ray McKinley, and Rosemary and Dick Schwartzbard for helping set up and staying to make sure all was in order.

# PVS goes to hear Eclipse Chamber Orchestra

The Washington Post reviewer was just as recent Eclipse Chamber Orchestra concert Washington Masonic Memorial in she had to say: "...the Eclipse Chamber performance of Mozart works on Sunday energy" and "reverential warmth." "The timbre and technique throughout the three — that their expressive melodic lines music in kind with sensitivity and sentiment. articulating the score as Mozart had intended."



enthralled as our PVS attendees at the high on the hill at the George Alexandria on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Here's what Orchestra delivered a sterling afternoon." They played "with wit and soloists were so synchronous in timing, movements — especially in the Andante coaxed the orchestra to support the Together, the musicians took delight in

articulating the score as Mozart had intended." *All attending PVSers certainly agreed with her.* 

The Eclipse Chamber Orchestra consists of members of the National Symphony Orchestra and has been performing for 21 years with many performances over the years witnessed by classical music-minded PVSers. This performance may have topped them all – an all-Mozart program that thrilled the audience and brought them to their feet in applause.

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Nine enthusiastic PVSers attended the concert which was followed by a reception in the magnificent hall of the Masonic building. During the reception it's possible to talk with members of the orchestra and to indulge in a few of the provided goodies. After the concert attended by Jan Marx, Dave and Carolyn DeVilbiss, Shirley Rettig, long-time member and now Williamsburg resident, Marilyn Clark, Louann and Bob Eadie and Ray and Nancy McKinley, several topped the afternoon off with a dinner at a local restaurant.



by Nancy McKinley

Ski Trips

# **Snowmass 2014** Wednesday to Wednesday, January 15-22, 2014

We're going back to Snowmass!! Join us for a return trip to this "Old Faithful" ski resort. Once again, we will be staying at our beloved Snowmass Mountain Chalet. Reserve your space now for this PVS favorite!

- Snowmass offers direct access to 3,100 acres of slope-side skiing just outside the door.
- The skiing terrain totals more than 5,000 acres with interchangeable lift tickets and free bus service to Aspen Highlands, Ajax Mountain, and Buttermilk ski areas.
- Slope-side lodging at Snowmass 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. This small hotel, with its welcoming staff, is unique for its convenience and friendly ambiance.
- The trip will include airfare (or land only), van to and from airport, ski passes (at a great rate), pre-trip party and hotel apres ski parties.

PVS has reserved 21 rooms. Those interested can now register by sending \$300 to Carolyn DeVilbiss at 4508 Peacock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (note "PVS-Snowmass 2014" on the memo line)

**Sign up early for the limited air spaces (good price, good schedule)!** For more information contact trip leaders:

Carolyn DeVilbiss at 703-370-4865 (carolyn.maurer@verizon.net) Louann Eadie at 703-860-0318 or 703-203-0936(c) (louann50@mac.com







Skí Spectacular <u>Cortína Italy</u> wíth PVS March 7-15, 2014



Cortina is a sizeable town spread across a wide, impossibly scenic bowl. Although it runs World Cup races, and leapt to international prominence as host of the 1956 Winter Olympics, it relies for its appeal on other things -70% of all Italian visitors don't step onto the slopes. The center is the traffic-free Corso Italia, which is full of chic designer clothes shops, jewelers and antique shops, art galleries and furriers - finding a ski shop can be tricky. The picturesque church tower adds to the atmosphere. People leave the slopes early, and by 5pm hardly anyone is still in ski gear. In the high season the streets are packed with people parading up and down the main street in their furs and baubles, shouting into their mobile phones and walking their tiny dogs. San Cassiano ski area is a short drive to the west, with links from there to Corvara and the other Sella Ronda resorts. Unlike most of the Dolomites, Cortina is pure Italy. The Veneto region has none of the Germanic traditions of the Südtirol, only a few miles away. And reporters have found the place friendly and welcoming.



PVS will join BRSC to ski Cortina and surrounding areas. You will have a choice of hotels and the potential for pre-and post-trip extensions. Side trips may include a day-trip to Conegliano for wine

tasting and shopping, to Bolzano for the archeological museum and sightseeing, and to Innsbruck or Salzburg for sightseeing and shopping.

Details are being developed and will be available shortly. Trip leader: Dick Comerford

# Experience Alaska with PVS February 25 to March 4, 2014





**Alyeska, Alaska** [<u>http://www.alyeskaresort.com/</u>] is Alaska's premier ski area, located just 40 miles from Anchorage International Airport. Mt. Alyeska's base elevation is 250 feet and the total vertical rise is 3,200 feet. The summit is accessed by the Aerial Tram and affords panoramic views of the Chugach Mountains, one of the wildest places on Earth, with water views in one direction and hanging glaciers in the other. Alyeska offers a mountain experience for all levels of skiers and riders, with 1,500 skiable acres, 113 acres of snowmaking, and average annual snowfall of 650 inches. Intermediate and advanced skiers can choose among the wide open bowls and long top to bottom runs while tree-lined groomed runs are ideal for the beginner. Ski terrain composition is 11% Beginner, 52% Intermediate, and 37% Expert/Advanced.</u>

Planned accomodations are double occupancy deluxe rooms in the Hotel Alyeska with ski-in/out access. The hotel offers complimentary guest use of the saltwater pool, whirlpool, traditional sauna, and fitness room. The Spa at Alyeska offers an extensive variety of specialty and custom treatments.

The numerous activities include skiing on Mt. Alyeska; Heli & Cat skiing with Chugach Powder Guides; excursions to Portage Glacier (weekends only), Whittier & Prince William Sound, Anchorage, the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Turnagain Arm; visiting the Spa at Alyeska; possible Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) viewing; and arranging dogsledding, flightseeing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing through concierge. A planned group activity is an excursion to Anchorage to see the ceremonial start of the Iditarod mushing race and an afternoon tour of the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Final trip details and costs are still being developed. Estimated cost is \$1,900 per person for deluxe accomodations with daily breakfast buffet, round-trip air from Washington, and Anchorage excursion for **Iditarod ceremonial start**. Single supplement of \$645. Lift tickets are not included in estimate; costs for 70 + = \$10.00/day; 60-69 = \$45/day or \$161 for 4-of-6 day; adult = \$60/day or \$216 for 4-of-6 day. Interested? Contact the trip leaders:

mchines@erols.com or skobelev@gwu.edu or 540-364-4810





By J. David Warthen, Jr. dwarthen@verizon.net

The 2013 ski season is over for this part of the hemisphere, and Spring/Summer is upon us. The annual cherry blossoms around the tidal basin have come and gone, and daffodils have bloomed again. Thank goodness for the seasons, which keep us alert with the changes. Plans for the 2014 ski season are well under way, and decisions are just around the corner for what we all like to do most.



PVS Ex-member, Fumiko Marquardt, expressed her deep appreciation to PVS for the complementary copy of the April '13 TOOT, which contained an In Memoriam write up for Myron, penned by the Triaus. She is adjusting at Leisure World in Silver Spring. Fumiko Marquardt

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#### **Congratulations**:

Five Applicant Members were approved for Full Membership at the Annual Meeting, April 16, 2013: Marna Blanchette –June Read (Sponsor)

Joy & Steve Huffines – Rosemary Schwartzbard (Sponsor)

Kal Nossuli – Cara Jablon (Sponsor)

Ruth Healey – Rosemary Schwartzbard (Sponsor) Congratulations and a hearty welcome to these folks! TOOT Distribution to 154 Members:

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Herbert Bennett – New ApI, John Holt (Sponsor) Marilyn Siegel – New AcI (CGS), ExCom (Sponsor) Inge Lesjak – New AcC (CGS), ExCom (Sponsor) Sam Lesjak – New AcC (CGS), ExCom (Sponsor) John Hotaling – New AcC, (CGS) ExCom (Sponsor) Blanca Hotaling - New AcC, (CGS) ExCom (Sponsor) Blanca Hotaling - New AcC, (CGS) ExCom (Sponsor) Roster Changes: (notify-dwarthen@verizon.net) Thanks to:

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## 5/5/13 Cinco De Mayo

What actually is Cinco De Mayo?

"Cinco de Mayo (Spanish for "fifth of May") is a celebration held on May 5. It is celebrated in the United



States[1] and regionally in Mexico, primarily in the state of Puebla where the holiday is called El Día de la Batalla de Puebla (English: The Day of the Battle of Puebla. It originated with Mexican-American communities in the American West as a way to commemorate the cause of freedom and democracy during the first years of the American Civil War, and today the date is observed in the United States as a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride. In the state of Puebla, the date is observed to commemorate the Mexican army's unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín. Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day-the most important national patriotic holiday in Mexico-which is celebrated on September 16." --Wikipedia

Skiing on Cinco De Mayo in the U.S? Yes, it is possible:



Skiing at Alpental in the Cascades in Washington State on Cinco De Mayo.

Skiing at Snowqualmie Pass in Washington State on Cinco De Mayo.





Skiing at Crater Lake National Park in Oregon on Cinco De Mayo.



**KNEE** by Ray McKinley RaysKnee@gmail.com

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Herewith begins boisterous bragging, brazenly benign bantering, and some blazingly bold bombshells from your bosom budknee.

After a reasonable ski season, May, abloom with the vibrant colors of spring, causes the Knee to wax poetic (not his skis). Rhyme comes to mind. And I become... poetknee.

'Tis May, 'tis May, the lusty month of May the snow is gone, the slopes are green, 'tis time to put our skis away. To go and rollick in the hay. And perhaps ski on another cold day. In a month that begins with a "J." Enough already! All right! OK?

Luckily, the Knee doesn't wax poetic very often.

Watch for lots more scoops from the Knee. I'll hear all of the insider information as I sleep with the President. Yup, my better half (3/4?), <u>Nancy</u>, has just been elected the PVS Pres. <u>Nancy</u>, who was also Pres in 1999 and 2000, becomes the first to serve as Pres a second time on non-consecutive years. Kneet.

A tip of the ol' Knee cap goes to <u>Ellie Thayer</u>. With only the smallest amount of arm twisting, <u>Ellie</u> has volunteered to become club Secretary. Write on!

<u>Dave Warthen</u> and <u>Barb Leonhardt</u> (who had been mailing TOOT copies) devised a new system for mailing paper TOOTs to the eight members who don't receive them electronically. Eight PVS members have volunteered to copy, package, and mail a TOOT to one person. Thus copying and mailing is shared among PVSers.

Looking for a new way to spend your money? Try the Ritz Carlton Aspen's new time-share. You can own four weeks in their smallest unit, for a mere \$950,000. It's not all that bad—on arrival, they've stocked the fridge for you!

<u>Carolyn and Dave DeVilbiss</u> and <u>Jan Marx</u> are back from a visit to a Richmond museum. New Richmond resident <u>Ruth Powers</u> joined them on the outing. What did they see? Old stuff.

Movin' on: <u>Eloise and Mike Strand</u> sold their old home in Rockville and have moved to a co-op nearby. Several PVSers helped with their packing. According to <u>Eloise</u>, they have already completely unpacked their 500 cartons! Ahem. From paucity to plethora: At last year's Annual meeting, food, brought by the attendees, was scarce. So this year, the food was emphasized—including <u>Dave Warthen</u> sending an e-mail reminder. We ended with too many goodies and members taking home doggie bags—filled with shrimp. Yum!

According to <u>Marvin Hass</u>, Russian billionaire, Vladimir Potanin, is spending \$2.2 billion on the new <u>Rosa Khutor</u> resort. By combining three separate ski areas, he promises a new treat near the Olympic site at Sochi. His resort will open with 200 kilometers (120 miles) of connected slopes a few years from now. And nearby is a place called <u>British Banya</u> which offers an exotic mixture of a traditional Russian steam bath with a Japanese-style garden. You can relax outside looking at the peaks in a giant hot tub with 106 degree water after being smeared with honey and doused in kvas, a Russian fermented drink made from bread.

The Knee isn't certain it was because of all of the desserts, but there was considerable discussion of implants by, amongst others, <u>Sue</u> <u>Lyon</u> and <u>Suzanne Boisclair</u>. No, I'm talking of dental implants.

Did you know that non-skiing can be dangerous to your health? Yup. I saw in the paper this week that a man cut off his big toe using his lawnmower. That never would have happened had he been skiing.

If you ever get to <u>Carolyn and Dave DeVilbiss</u>' home—as many of us did at a recent ExCom meeting—be certain to check out <u>Dave's</u> great collection of ship and airplane models. Some of them have over 1,500 separate pieces.

In Utah, after his broken clavicle, <u>Dave</u> <u>Lerner's</u> orthopedist has a partner. It's Olympic speed skating gold medalist, Dr Eric Heiden!

As usual, PVSers are traveling—worldwide. <u>Charlotte Eddy</u> attended a financial seminar in London. (It was her first-ever visit to the foggy city - since skiing is bleak there.) <u>Charlotte</u> then went on to Munich, Germany to visit her daughter. <u>Bob and Karen Knopes</u> are on a tour to Spain and Morocco. It's a bunch of er-"steer" to assume that <u>Bob and Karen</u> will run with the bulls in Pamplona.

Jack Chapman and Ellie Thayer have recently returned from a luxury barge tour through the Netherlands. Highlight of their trip was a visit to Keukenhof with its acres and acres of blooming bulbs. They didn't even have to tiptoe through the tulips.

### 2013 PVS Calendar:

May 03 Fri	Washington, D.C. Ski Travel Show, 6:30-9:30 PM, Marriott Hotel, Tysons Corner, VA	
May 19 Sun	Hike at Weverton Cliff, Harpers Ferry, WV, 10:00 AM, John Lyon	
May 21 Tue	Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Mahallati, Herndon, VA	
May 28 Tue	ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, TBA	
June 18 Tue	Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, TBA	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
June 25 Wea	l ExCom Meeting, 7:30 PM, Schwartzbard, Arlington, VA	
July 27 Sun	Summerfest, 2-5 PM, Jablon, Washington, DC	
Aug 03 Sun	Steak and Swim, Hines, Delaplane, VA	
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### Ski Trips:

January 15-22, 2014: PVS Snowmass, CO (Carolyn DeVilbiss & Louann Eadie) February 25 to March 4, 2014: PVS Alyeska, AK (Marianne & Kerry Hines) March 7-15, 2014: PVS & BRSC to Cortina, Italy (Dick and Betty Comerford)

Useful Ski "Links"				
Potomac Valley Skiers	potomacvalleyskiers.org			
BRSC Sanctioned Trips	skicouncil.com/tripsbydate.htm			
DC Ski Online News	dcski.com			

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