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“You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing”

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ - Charles E. Chapman

Happy Halloween to all you ghosts and goblins. It's hard to believe the holidays are right around the corner with ski season soon to follow. Denver and the mountains have already had some good snow.

We have two events in November that are exciting. First, on November 5th, Mary McManemin has put together a tour of the new Cowboy stadium. You need to contact Mary ASAP if you're interested. Second, the “head foodie” has put together a dinner on November 16th that will be special. Your check should be on the way to Larry if you plan to attend.

Thanks to all of you who have worked hard to plan events. Remember, if you enjoy an activity, the chances are good that other club members will also.

On a personal note, thanks to all of you who kept me in your thoughts and prayers during my recent back surgery. I am mending well and you will see me on the slopes next year.

Ski you soon.....

MEMBERSHIP – Diane Reed

Thank you Larry for sending me the great photo of skiing in Portillo, Chile! I sent it in to the DMN with a written article to the Neighborsgo sections around D/FW. Hopefully the photo will make the difference and we'll get slotted for an upcoming issue. If anyone happens to see any of our articles in news print of the Dallas Morning News please let me know dianereed1@swbell.net. **Word of mouth is our best advertisement, so don't be shy, spread the word!**

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL “TSC” - Marlow & Joyce Muldoon

The TSC Delegates Meeting will be held Saturday, December 5, 2009 starting at 10 AM at the Wyndham Dallas Love Field, 3300 Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. Since it is in Dallas I invite all of our members. It is very interesting to see how efficiently this organization is run. I will have more details as the time nears. Check out the TSC website www.texas-ski.org for more information and their activities.

We want to remind everyone of the TSC ski trips of 2009/2010. Even though the only official trip our club is going on is the Summer Expedition, our members can join with other clubs (if space is available). I have heard several of our members are going to Italy in January. Please contact me if you are interested and I will put you in touch with the proper people.

Fall Roundup
Traditional
Winter Expedition
Winter Shootout

Nov 24-29, 2009
Jan 9-16, 2010
Jan 21-Jan 29, 2010
Feb 6-13, 2010

Winter Park
Breckenridge
Italy
Mt Bachelor

Summer Expedition

Rachel Anderson, the TSC trip leader did a FAM (familiarization) trip last month. She reported that the Egypt trip is going to be outstanding!! With the exception of airfare,(too early to contract) everything is falling into place. She reminded us that this trip is not for the physically challenged. Even though there are only 2 levels, there are no elevators in the hotels on the Pre and Post trips. There is no elevator on the boat. Some of the tours include walking through temples and up stairs. We have 7 couples and 2 singles (one female and one male) going. If a single is interested and might be willing to be a roommate, a spot might be available. Please contact me ASAP if there is any interest.

Also, you might be looking into **trip insurance**. With the trip that far away, ANYTHING could happen. Joyce Muldoon

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING

HEY, we're getting to know each other better!!! We've heard from a few of you here but we know you have all been HAVING FUN.....We want to know about it- We can all use a little vicarious living from time to time so put your words on paper and send them to Pam our Editor; pamvarney2001@hotmail.com

Paris through the eyes of a 12 year old boy – Marie Burch

Summer of 09', I had the privilege of introducing my youngest grandson to the world beyond the borders of the good old U. S. A. Two years ago, I took his sister to Italy to celebrate her becoming a teenager. When it was nearing Dane'nnull 13th birthday he declared "I want to go to Europe, but I do not want to go to Italy – I want to go to Paris."

So with my marching orders, I booked us for a nine day visit to the wonderful city of lights, Paris! This would be my 25th visit to Paris for which I have conducted business and enjoyed pure pleasure trips dating back to 1955. I never tire of Paris and I hope that this trip lit a spark of wonder for Dane as well.

Our hotel was a mere two blocks from the base of the Tour Eiffel and we have pictures of the tower at almost every hour. We watched the sun rise and fall again and enjoyed the magic of the twinkling lights that outlined the tower against the night skies. I was successful in convincing Dane to go to the top of Old Eiffel and once we arrived he did not want to leave. Wow-the views are amazing.

Of all the things to see, the second most favored was the Palace of Versailles. He could hardly believe he was walking through a palace where kings and queens had lived. We even danced briefly in the beautiful "Hall of Mirrors." The gardens and fountains are still maintained beautifully.

The Notre Dame Cathedral now has a special place in his memory and his heart. He particularly enjoyed the view of the flying buttresses as seen from the boat deck on the Seine.

Dane is not yet into museums; however, he enjoyed both the Louvre and the null. The afternoon following our Louvre tour, Dane's cousin, who lives in Paris, joined us for lunch and took Dane on their private tour in the afternoon, We joined up again for dinner that evening. I appreciated my afternoon of rest.

We're back and I just finished the scrapbook for Dane so he can relive this trip for years to come. It was hard to pick the photos to include since between his camera and mine, we had 396 images. If you have the opportunity to introduce your younger generations to the world, I encourage you to do so. It will inspire them to be more understanding of different cultures and people and create memories for a lifetime.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Support our Troops - Call 972-574-0392 for arrival times at DFW and 'be there to welcome home our guardians'! Parking is easy in the surface arrival area of Terminal D. They even furnish a parking voucher--but note to use the voucher you must pick up a physical toll ticket at the entry booth--they cannot reimburse if you enter on your Toll Tag. There are small American Flags in containers that you can hold and then return when you are done.

Remember Veterans Days Is November 11th

You'll feel good.....

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!

Saturday Morning Bike/Hikes-----We know winter is upon us, but there are still some beautiful days to ride or walk in Texas. The trail in Irving has been under water with all the October rains but we should be able to get back on it in the next few weeks. Probable start time of the rides about 10 AM with refreshments served afterwards. Weekly e-mails will be sent to update members on the status of the event. We still would like to do the White Rock/Dart Train ride, but the Cowboys schedule and the rains have delayed this ride.

Cafe Marrakesh, (NW quadrant of Beltline/Coit Intersection) 7989 Beltline Rd., Ste. 315, Dallas, TX 75248,* 6:30 pm for reception, 7:00 for dinner, Monday, November 16. 214.239.7776 if you're lost... This will be our most exotic evening yet, decor out of Arabian Nights, genuine North African cuisine, wine from your favorite niggardly wine purveyor, and ENTERTAINMENT!

*Appetizers: Moroccan "Cigars", Zaalouk, and Hummus
Feast of Entrees including: Beef and Prune Tagine, Kafta Brochettes, and Chicken Tagine
Dessert: Orange slices in rose water. Tea/Coffee*

Seats remain...price is \$27.50 per person for the multi-course meal + tax & tip. \$7.50 per person extra gets you all the wine you can (or should) drink. Larry Fellman, 11225 Park Central Place, Dallas, TX 75230

CHRISTMAS PARTY-- MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 7:00 P.M. "Opa Grill" (SW corner shopping center of Preston/LBJ)-
----- Trivia it is and this time we're working on the brain busters for the Christmas Party on December 21. We've
dined at Opa before but this time the whole restaurant will be ours and we will have not only the team trivia event of
the year but also the infamous Now you have it/Now you don't Gift Exchange. Details+ at Marrakesh 11-16-09.

Bike/Hikes on the Campian Trail

We are biking or hiking the Campian Trail most Saturdays and generally meet at 8:30 AM on the North End. If we have a "quorum" mimosas will be served after the ride. Does homemade pumpkin bread tempt you to come? Call the Muldoons, 972-255-5944, if you plan on joining us or for more information. Hope to see you there.

IT'S SNOW FUN IN THE MAKING

SKI New Mexico..... January 15-22, 2010 (eight ights)
Trip Price of \$436/pp Double Occupancy Room 'Ground Only'
Includes Daily Breakfasts, 3 group meals & Private Guided Walking Tour of SF

Reminder: 50% Deposit due 11-10-09 & final payment due 12-10-09 checks for SKI NEW MEXICO should be payable to Pam Terrell and sent directly to her home at; 13929 Far Hills Lane, Dallas, TX 75240

Questions call Pam: 469-248-8543

Contact Kathleen Nazary for - 'Van Ride' to Santa Fe or check out American Eagle now flying direct to Santa Fe (from DFW) 2 X daily. Then of course you can take SW or AA to Albuquerque and take the Scenic Rail Runner Train into SF- the train stops just across the street from The SF Sage INN!

Lift ticket info: www.skipajarito.com www.skisantafe.com www.skiTaos.com

In addition to the inclusive breakfasts and dinners we highly recommend making advance reservations for evening restaurants, tours and spa treatments. Visit: www.tenthousandwaves.com (Japanese Day Spa)

\$\$\$ and SENSE

MAGIC JACK (\$40 A YEAR or with a 6 year plan only about \$19/YEAR) REALLY DOES WORK !!!

Pam & Allen have tested it and can confirm it's a REAL DEAL!

The most difficult step was in making the decision to cancel our hardwired phone line we've had our entire lives & a VM service of the past 15 years. Turns out you don't need the phone for DSL to work perfectly fine but the phone company does have to come out and redo some connections outside (no charge we found out). Your home alarm company also has to install a cell phone back up if you have a security system for the it to be monitored by police or fire. You may also need to run a new phone wire connection from your TV to your computer if you order movies on screen.

Having done all of the above, the only real downside we could contemplate was that the computer needs to be left on in order for the phone to work normally. With the computer off or MJ unplugged all calls just roll over to the perpetual voice mail. The computer fan could go out sooner??? Well- simple math proved that by canceling our hardwired phone & the VM we will save just under \$1,000 in the next 12 months alone. Wow- these days you can buy a whole new computer for way less than that so we aren't too worried about the fan going out! In addition we still have our cell phones for back up.

Budgets don't seem to be shrinking these days but allocations are changing. If nothing else you can just use the MJ number as a 24 hr VM # which can be checked from any phone. However you will most likely love the long distance service it provides which is 'unlimited and free' anywhere in the US and Canada and you get options to purchase 2 - 5 cent minutes to a bunch of foreign countries. Check it out....You will be remarkably surprised www.magicjack.com

Great info from Mary Asterud- Here is something you will want to have and use! I still remember when the telephone company charged me \$0.00 now they charge \$1.00 to \$1.50 to get a phone number from information. My compliments to Google 1-800-GOOG411 <http://www.google.com/goog411>

Attention Costco Shoppers: A good rule is to avoid wine bottles unusually decorated like straw covered "chiantis", wire latticed "riojas and novelty labels--however there are exceptions:. One is Anciano 1998 (sic) Tempanillo from Spain @ \$7.95. This wine is very smooth and mature meaning no astringency and not especially fruity It should be a good accompaniment to food with spice and high fat content.

Another Costco Bargain - The good Carr party crackers that Tom Thumb unashamedly prices at nearly \$3.00 per box are available in packages of 5 boxes for under \$9.00 at Costco. Larry

To help a flavored breadcrumb and olive oil mixture adhere to a piece of meat (beef or pork tenderloin, rack of lamb) while roasting, mix a little dry unflavored gelatin powder into the mixture--about one-half teaspoon to a half cup of crumb mixture. LF

Most **credit card issuers** are charging substantial "foreign transaction fees" & unfavorable exchange rates for conversion outside the US. A notable exception is Capital One which does not charge the fees and converts each foreign transaction to dollars at the financial market exchange rate on the day of purchase. LF

Travel Tip from Larry: A small spray bottle of "Fabreeze" not only makes a good room freshener for your one and two star hotels but will mask the cigarette smoke contamination that you often confront in foreign restaurants and watering holes.

Other News, Updates and Information

Congrats to Norine Pernilla Cherry who just returned from International chorus competition with the The RichTones... WE WON!!!!!! The RichTones are now 5-Time Sweet Adelines International Champions. Way to go Norine.....

Facts From our Treasurer: Beach We have a total of \$10,845 on hand in our account. Of this, \$8000 is earmarked for the trip to Egypt next year and \$316 is for Jerry World tickets. Four persons renewed memberships in October out of a total of 12 that were due or overdue. A total of 65 have renewed during the past twelve months.

A Great Big Thanks goes out to all of you that generously give input for our Club Newsletter. We all know that it takes time, thought and effort to pass along all of the news and info that go into making our newsletter interesting and informative and most of all fun. HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL Pam

Until Next Month.....