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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

Several things are happening in late February and March that will have an impact on our club for next ski season and beyond. The TSC is in the process of finalizing bids for the 2010-2011 ski season. I meet on February 27, 2010 to evaluate bids with the rest of the council. On March 25th-28th, we are meeting in Houston to finalize the bids and select the successful bidders for the ski trips both in the US and internationally. It looks to be an exciting weekend. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. Just let me know, and I will get you additional information. The trips are first class, and are well attended by the various clubs in Texas.

I need someone to volunteer to head up the selection committee for the officer slate for next year. Please, step forward before I have to appoint someone. It's a great committee to work on because it is so important to the club. Also, the committee can disband after it has nominated a slate of officers.

We had another great outing at Dunston's Steak House in Feb. The “Chief Foodie” continues to exceed expectations. The competitive juices were flowing with the latest edition of the trivia game. The questions seem to get more difficult each time. Let's hear it for Larry and Lynn who come up with these challenges.

The weatherman needs some incentive to provide us with better weather in March. Perhaps we can revive the Saturday morning walk/bike ride. It is an enjoyable outing and one that is well attended.

Hope to Ski You Soon.....

MEMBERSHIP – Diane Reed

Yes! We got our notice in the Seniors Section of the Dallas Morning News, NOT ONCE BUT TWICE !!! Of course, they shortened the notice to fit their calendar space, which is limited, and popular. Due to this advertisement we have had a number of inquiries about the club and we have several new members--**Greg and Selma Jones**, and returning member **Stuart Wood**. Join me in welcoming our new members and upcoming visitors !!! dianereed1@swbell.net.

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL “TSC” Update - Marlow & Joyce Muldoon

The 2010 Texas Ski Council SkiBidFest will be held March 26-28 in Houston at the Houston Marriott West Loop by the Galleria. All are welcome to attend. Charles is on the pre select committee, reviewing bids from the various resorts and agencies for presentation at the 2010 Bid Fest. Registration for the SkiBidFest is \$55 before March 1 and \$65 after that date. Rooms at the Marriott are \$89 if booked before March 1. Check out the TSC website, www.texas-ski.org.

Final Showdown Alyeska, Alaska Mar 14-21

Summer Expedition Egypt Sept 25-Oct 4

*We have 13 people going on the Egypt trip in September (6 couples and 1 single). Seven people are going on the post trip to Petra/Jerusalem. Half the deposit was due February 15. Joyce will contact the participants before that date regarding how much is due. We are still checking on trip insurance which we believe is a **MUST**.*

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING

On February 17, we had 24 including 2 guests attending the Downhill Diner event at Dunston's Prime Steakhouse. The aroma of glowing Mesquite coals permeated the room. The meal was up to expectations in quality and quantity though the service was somewhat slow. A terrific effort was put out by our single banquet waitress. This led more than a few of the Gang to find the bar on their own.

The Team Trivia was enjoyed by all in the sense that it engaged general interest; some complained that the questions were more Graduate Record Exam than Trivial Pursuit. One wonders if the winners on "Team One" were a-googling on their I-phones and 'berries". Just like arranging a dinner, taking responsibility for being Trivia Master one evening is a job waiting for which you--yes, you--can volunteer.

If you are getting this email newsletter but not getting the occasional emails from Larry the Foodie, e-mail you contact info to wlfrealty@prodigy.net.

BLUE WATER, WARM SAND AND DRINKS WITH LITTLE UMBRELLAS 2010

Charles and Sandra Chapman

Back surgery demands its sacrifices. Since the "Prez" could not snow ski this season, my lovely bride and I had to make do with a short stay in San Juan and a cruise in the Caribbean. Actually, we arrived in San Juan two days before the cruise, and very much enjoyed touring the city while staying at the Marriott Resort and Casino in new San Juan. We had a beautiful room which overlooked the Atlantic Ocean. While it was 17 degrees in Dallas, we were rewarded by 85 degree days mixed with some rain which the folks called "liquid sunshine".

Old San Juan, just across the bridge from New San Juan, was on a major trade route controlled by the Spanish during the early years of the new world. It became an important port and was protected by two forts overlooking the bay. We toured Castillo San Cristobal, the older of the two forts. Life must have been hard for the average soldier. There are also ample places to shop for goodies, walking on old world cobblestones, and some of the best cigars I have ever smoked. The US dollar is the currency, and prices are comparable with the mainland US.

Saturday afternoon, we boarded the cruise ship Celebrity Summit starting our cruise to five islands in the West Indies. The ship was classified as a medium size ship accommodating 2000 passengers, and 950 support staff from 52 different countries.

Through the next 6 days, we experienced turquoise water, warm sand, plenty of sunshine and drinks with little umbrellas. The ports that we visited were Philipsburg, St. Maarten, Roseau, Dominica, St. George's Grenada, Scarborough, Tobago, and Bridgetown, Barbados. The islands were filled with history, beginning with discovery by Christopher Columbus. Over the next 250 years, the islands were occupied by Spanish, French, Dutch and English conquerors. Each culture left their mark on the islands. The Celebrity Summit was one of the best ships we have ever experienced. The five restaurants consistently produced outstanding culinary delights and great service. Our room, with balcony, was slightly larger than the average cabin. The balcony provided an oasis for R & R, and spectacular views of the ports of call.

The ship provided many shore excursions to choose from in the various ports. In addition, on board activities included dance lessons cooking lessons, movie theaters, and multi live performances. You could do as much or as little as you desired.

Saturday, January 16th we returned to San Juan for the flight back to Dallas. We had time to tour the Bacardi rum distillery in San Juan prior to returning to the airport. We were blessed with "liquid sunshine" on our final day, and drinks of Bacardi Rum.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We really do need a VP and if you know someone that you think would make a good candidate please contact Charles Chapman (number above). VP responsibilities are very limited. Please volunteer.

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.

*Spring Ushers in fresh new growth... what a great time to show how much we appreciate our Troops and say **THANK YOU** once again!
.....You'll feel good*

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER

NO DOWNHILL DINER EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH!

HERE'S THE SCOOP ON THE APRIL EVENT:

WE WILL PICNIC AT THE VALLEY VIEW PARK PICNIC PAVILION (RESERVED IN DFW YOUNG AT HEART'S NAME) ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010, FROM NOON TO TWO P.M. CLUB WILL PROVIDE BASICS OF HOT DOGS, CHIPS, COLD DRINKS (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED IN THE PARK). LIKE OUR POT-LUCK MEETINGS OF RECENT YEARS, I WILL ASK VOLUNTEERS TO BRING SALADS, APPETIZERS, OR DESSERTS--JUST COORDINATE WITH ME ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO BRING.

THIS IS A VERY NICE PAVILION WITH SEATING FOR UP TO 40 AND MULTIPLE CHARCOAL GRILLS. PAVED PARKING IS ADJACENT. THE PAVILION IS THE SECOND PARK ENTRANCE ON VALLEY VIEW EAST OF HILLCREST ROAD. PORTA-POTTIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

SOME MAY WANT TO BRING THEIR BIKES OR WALKING SHOES: THE TRAIL ALL THE WAY TO WHITE ROCK LATE IS NEARBY.

NOW ALL OF THIS DOES NOT COME FREE: THE COST IS \$12.50 PER PERSON. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY SENDING YOUR CHECK TO ME AT THE ADDRESS BELOW. AFTER APRIL 10TH, THERE WILL BE A \$2.50 PER PERSON "SUR-CHARGE". (Depending upon the actual number attending, it may be possible to rebate some of the fee, but this is my best estimate for planning purposes.

Larry Fellman 11225 Park Central Place Dallas, TX 75230

Mark your calendar: May 6th – Dinner at La Cordon Bleu..... Oh la la !

Saturday morning Bikes/Hikes The weather is just about right now for resuming our Stay Fit Rides/Walks again. We will contact you by e-mail if we decide to ride or if you are really wanting to ride, get in touch and we'll pull it together.

IT'S SNOW FUN IN THE MAKING

Larry and Lynn will be visiting Idaho's Schweitzer Mountain in early March as part of a FAM (familiarization trip offered through TSC). This trip is one of the few that offer deeply discounted rates for spouses/significant others, accompanying club reps.---watch for our report next month.

Beach Aten is also participating in a FAM trip to Telluride in March so we look forward to hearing all about that ski venue from Beach.

On your way to ski Colorado? Leaving Denver on I-70 you will want to stop at "The 32nd Street Connection" en route. Exit 264--"32nd Street" an easy on/off and you will find a shopping center with a Chili's, Abrueski's Family Italian, and several other dining choices, a Wal-Mart, King Saver Supermarket, and Applejack's Liquors

We don't have any other YAHS group trips planned for this season. However, if you are interested in putting one together- contact a Board Member. In addition TSC still has openings on many of their trips. See the TSC website with contact information for each trip. Slope side is your best side!

\$\$\$ and SENSE

FRUGAL IS COOL !!! If you have any bargains you would like to share please email/snail mail them on to Pam for next month's newsletter. **REMEMBER** all those dollars saved today add up to more ski days tomorrow.

Applejack's Liquors in CO - Larry and Chef Eddie discovered "Layer Cake" Malbec, a mid-price twist off import wine from Mendoza. It's also available from Sigel's in Dallas for around \$15.

Back by demand: MAJIC JACK it works, really **Check it out- www.majicjack.com**

Other News, Updates and Information

Updated 2-26-2010 Facts From our Treasurer: Beach The club has a balance of \$6,522 in our treasury this month. Of this, \$3,656 is allocated for our trip to Egypt. All receipts, other than dues, and all disbursements were associated with Egypt. We had six members renewing this month, and one new member. We have a total of 63 members to date vs. the previous twelve month period.

Until Next Month.....

May the roads rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; The snow fall soft upon your mountains And, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

A GAELIC BLESSING

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