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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 Chapman charles@chapmanhext.com

Just read an E-Mail that Snowbird will be opening early this year due to great early snow. It's time to get out your ski equipment and get ready for the slopes. There are several TSC trips planned for the year. Pam has done a wonderful job on the trip to Crested Butte. We all should have somewhere to go and enjoy the snow.

But first, we have the YAHS Christmas party to attend. Please let Greg Jones know if you plan to attend. The Summers have graciously provided their home, and I am looking forward to the event. Don't forget to bring a gift for the exchange. It's always a lot of fun.

The holidays are a wonderful time of the year. May each of you have a great Thanksgiving filled with good food, family and friends. I feel blessed to know each of you and be able to call you a dear friend.

Think Snow and Ski You Soon..... Charles

MEMBERSHIP – Diane Reed dianereed1@swbell.net

***GREAT NEWS ON Neighbors Go Section of the DMN- they did run both a photo & short follow up article on the Egypt trip!** It ran in Richardson & Lake Highlands and featured a group of skiers, including us, right in front of the Pyramids of Egypt. Hooray! Although they left off the contact information you could not miss the caption above 'DFW Young At Heart Skiers'. Most will know to Google that and should be able to connect with us. Diligence does in deed pay off!* Diane

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER

Merry, Merry, Merry- It's time to celebrate December 5th!!! As a prelude to YAHS Christmas Party, Billye/Charles have sent us a short description of the part of the world we will be visiting.

"We have the best of both worlds, 22 min. from downtown, 25 min. to DFW, 20 min. to Arlington, 5 min. drive to a mall with restaurants galore, yet in the country with wild animals all around. We're on 24 hour watch that our pets won't be the main entree for the coyotes that abound the property but we love all our animals, horses and coyotes alike."

"We bike along the dam overlooking Joe Pool Lake, kayak on the water, and eat at the Oasis on the dock. We are so looking forward to sharing our home with all of our YAHS friends." Hope to see you December 5th at 3 p.m.

Please reserve by return email to Greg Jones ljones2140@aol.com. Or check your roster and call him directly. The club will provide brisket as a main dish and libations! Bring your 'best dish' and smile! In our normal YAHS Christmas Party tradition each of us will provide all of the side dishes & desserts. Remember the Chinese gift exchange and don't give all those 'oldies but goodies' to anyone else, they bring us a lot of laughs! Happy Holidays everyone.

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL "TSC" – Marlow/Joyce Muldoon mjmuldoon@verizon.net

This season's TSC www.texas-ski.org ski trips

Traditional	Beaver Creek	Jan 8-15, 2011	
Winter Expedition	Austria	Jan 21-28, 2011	
Winter Shootout	Crested Butte	Feb 5,12, 2011	Pam
Final Showdown	Snowbird, Alta	March 12-19, 2011	
Summer Expedition	Alaskan Cruise	Sept. 6-13, 2011	

Also, you are always welcome to travel with other groups. Check out the TSC website for details.

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING

Congratulations to Mary for a Race Well Walked.....

The **2010 Komen 3Day for the Cure** is now a wonderful memory of accomplishment for 2800 walkers and survivors who walked sixty miles -20 miles each day for three days in succession...and raised seven million— Yes!!! S e v e n m i l l i o n dollars for the research, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer.

The opening ceremony was inspirational and very loud. There were costumes ranging from the sublime to the extremely ridiculous. Everyone was eager to get started and- in the pitch black dark of very early morning- we started out at Collin Creek Mall. We walked all through Richardson and on along White Rock Trail through North Dallas and back to the Camp which was set up on the grounds of Brookhaven Junior College in Farmers Branch. That was quite a sight! ! Acres of hot pink tents, a huge white tent for seating to eat meals, the cook tent, the medical tent, the tent selling 3Day goods, the various tents for information and needs of all kinds.

I chose not to sleep on the ground in the tents – I live very close to the route – so I slept and ate my breakfast in my own home in North Dallas. There were quite a few participants who stayed at home or in hotels. That first night they gave us a choice of vegetarian or chicken dinner with chocolate brownie for dessert.

The second day was much like the first winding through Farmers Branch and Carrollton. For dinner they served us steak (I think) with potatoes, a salad, bread and apple pie. We were always well fed.

The last day started at Urseline on Walnut Hill and wound through North Dallas and Highland Park through Reverchon Park and along Turtle Creek ending at the Cotton Bowl where another impressive ceremony was held to acknowledge the survivors – who received a pink tee shirt,- and the walkers, who received a white tee shirt. Lunch was served at the Park and the last stop was at the Main Street Park in downtown Dallas.

Each day we were supported at frequent stops that had tents that offered medical attention, beverages, snacks and fruit, port-a-potties, and a brief rest. Then we had lunch each day of sandwiches, with fruit and chips, and dessert, --and port-a-potties. There were also grab and go stops that had the water and sports drinks and more snacks and port-a-potties. There were vans that followed us to provide transportation for those who needed help. The vans were all decorated and always honking. As we walked the traffic knew what we were doing and cars honked and followed us giving support all the way. We were supported by a total of 450 volunteers who served at the beverage and snack tents, provided street crossing services, medical attention at all times, policemen who

provided traffic enforcement, cheering supporters who showed up time and again, and the wonderful people at camp who maintained all the large and small tents and areas. Those who worked in the food services and the collectors of the unbelievable amount of TRASH that accumulates when you have 2800 walkers and 450 volunteers working together for 3 days.

Along the way were the cheering stations and I cannot tell you how much we might become involved in this part of the next 3Day walk. At Valley View Mall there must have been several hundred people clapping and cheering and offering candy and trash bags and support of all kinds. Some people were in costume and there were many children along the way who, along with all the others, gave us high fives. These cheering stations were vital to the moral support of the walkers. Several motor cycle clubs were present at various cheering spots.

The friendships formed are life lasting, and the blisters will eventually heal. I have already told you more than you wanted to know; however I could tell you lots more – but in a conversation instead.

Thank you all for your support for this very worthy cause and for the money those of you supplied for it.

Mary McManemin.....

Golf in the Dominican Republic

Has anyone ever heard of a golf course in the Dominican Republic named “Teeth of the Dog”? Until two years ago, neither had I. Then we discovered one of the top courses and resorts in the Caribbean area. Sandy and I returned this year for an encore, and spent 9 lovely days at Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic. In general, we spent a lot of time at the beach, played a lot of golf and had a very restful vacation.

Casa de Campo Resort is located in La Romano, Dominican Republic. It is about an hour drive from the capital, Santo Domingo, and is located on a beautiful beach. The three golf courses were all designed by Pete Dye, a noted golf architect. The signature course, Teeth of the Dog, is about 50 years old and is fully developed with vegetation and tress all over the course. Seven of the holes are along the Caribbean Sea and four of the seven have greens that are next to the ocean. These are known as golf ball eating greens.

The other two courses have plenty of scenery but do not have the hazards of the ocean. They are, however, plenty challenging for the average golfer.

We were invited to play in a Senior Tournament for golfers between the ages of 50 and 80. I surely qualified in the 60 to 70 group. The event is not for serious golfers, only those who want to have a lot of fun, eat some good food, have a few beverages, enjoy a great beach, and stay in some very nice accommodations. The resort is about 7,000 acres comprised of single family homes, golf course villas and hotel facilities. It is so spread out that each room is given a golf cart for their personal use inside the resort. Sandy looked good driving the cart around the resort.

We stayed for eight days, and I played golf seven of those days. Sandy played twice and did very well. All courses, meals, accommodations, and beverages were included in one cost. We thought that there was a lot of value in the price.

The tournament is held annually around the first week in November. Anyone with interest in playing or just going to relax can contact the resort at www.casadecampogolfevents.com. Sandy and I are already making plans for next year so come join us.

Charles

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Special Request from Mary McManemin: Members please send me the information regarding any event or place, such as a museum, exhibition, or restaurant. Maybe even the Zoo ??, Anything that would be of interest to you. Just send me your email address with your place of interest. I'll check on arrangements for our group. Thanks, Mary McManemin gramamac27@gmail.com

We're keeping in shape for Ski Season, are you??? Champion Trail Bike Rides – Saturday mornings.....
The Muldoons go out nearly every Saturday. Experience our wonderful Fall weather with us! If we have 8 or more confirmed people joining us we will have our mimosas after the ride. Coffee, juice, baked goods are always available. Joyce/Marlow mjmuldoon@verizon.net

Other News, Updates and Information

Recent Quote from GLENNA DAY - "I think the wig might just look better than my real hair". Keep smiling Glenna, we're all looking forward to seeing you out and about soon.

IT'S SNOW FUN IN THE MAKING !

SKI CRESTED BUTTE ! ! ! **We Have 22 Confirmed Pillows** **With Final Payments all in house**

(thanks guys, you make planning a whole lot easier)

To Check out our accommodations "The Grand Lodge" Emmons Studio Suites
Click on the following link: www.skicb.com then follow the prompts.

Reservations WERE Closed October 16, 2010

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Holiday Travel Tip - If you are traveling through the airport anytime soon- you may not be lucky enough to get the 'full body' pat down. All is not lost- with the 'full body scan' you might want to request a couple 8 X 10'sthey will make great "Guess Who" Christmas cards!

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

OUR MONEY GUY- Beach Aten

The club currently has a balance on hand of \$16,273, of which \$13,150 is committed to the Crested Butte trip. One Expenditure in November for a Crested Butte trip refund. Seven members renewed their memberships in November. For the past twelve months we had 50 renewals, compared to 52 during the last period. The fifty included two that were strictly for the Egypt trip only.

Until Next Year.....

Pam