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"You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing"

Message from the President – Mike Crupi

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Next week eight of us will trek to Jackson Hole for our annual ski adventure. Sure wish more of you would have joined us. Maybe next year.

Also next week is the start of the Olympics. Should be an exciting two weeks."

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY – Pam Terrell

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"It takes a whole club to raise a new member skier"

Think Rain and Snow, Pam

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Texas Ski Council Update – Charles Chapman

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Texas Ski Council Trips for the Next Year

***Winter Shootout--Feb. 9-15, 2014—Jackson Hole, Wyoming
Final Showdown—March 1-8 AND/OR March 8-15, Keystone, Colorado
Summer Expedition—Any 10 days May through Sept., 2014—South Africa***

The Texas Ski Council won't meet again until April 4-6th. At that time the TSC trips for next year will be set..

Webmaster Update

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The website was down for a period of time recently due to a software problem and an upgrade to the server.

If you have other historical data or photos that might be appropriate for our website, please forward them to Greg.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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It is that time of year to nominate members for positions on the board of directors. Greg Jones has agreed to chair the nominating committee. If you or anyone you know would like to run for a position on the board, please contact Greg. The positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, TSC Delegate, Webmaster, and Event Coordinator. This is your club and we need your input.

If anyone has ideas for an event in March please contact Billye Summers 972-291-7990, summersatty@hotmail.com. This will be our last event before the new officers are elected in April. No event is planned for February because hopefully we all will be skiing. The dinner arranged by Charles Chapman at David's Seafood Restaurant was a great success and we had a good turnout. Any suggestions are welcome but we need to be sensitive as to time and place.

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER- Save the Dates

Sunday, April 27, 3 PM – Annual membership meeting at the home of Greg and Selma Jones. More details will follow.

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING

Eighteen people attended the “dine around” at David’s Seafood Restaurant on Jan 21st. The drive was long for the North Dallas/Plano folks but the service and food was worth it.

A SIX-DAY GETAWAY TO BERLIN

Sandy and Charles Chapman, Larry and Lynn Fellman and about 25 others went on a tour sponsored by Washington and Lee University, Larry’s alma mater on October 29th through November 4th, 2013. We visited the lovely and historic city of Berlin, Germany. No other city in Europe has seen more change in the past century. World Wars I and II, the Cold War, the Berlin Wall and the successful reunification of two politically opposed regimes, to name a few.

Our hotel, Hotel Albechtshof, was located centrally within easy walking distance of Brandenburg Gate, Museum Island, shopping and other attractions. A twenty to twenty-five minute walk brought you to the Reichstag (German parliament), check point Charlie and the Holocaust Museum.

Berlin is the third most popular European destination after London and Paris. It is truly a dynamic city where so much of the 20th century European history is centered. A sponsored bus tour took us around the city showing us such attractions as Neue Wache, the war memorial designed by Karl



Friedrich Schinkel, which houses the famous Pieta, Humboldt University, the State Opera, the site of Hitler's Bunker and the Holocaust Museum. We followed the remains of the Berlin Wall to checkpoint Charlie, and took a short walk along the wall that extended for more than 150 miles thru Berlin and into the German countryside.

We also took a full day bus tour to the historic city of Potsdam. Potsdam is capital of Brandenburg and former seat of the Prussian kings. We visited the 18th century baroque palace of San Souci, former summer palace of Frederick the Great and Cecilienhof Palace where the post-war Potsdam Agreement of 1945 that decided the fate of Germany was signed. It was a moving experience to stand in the same room where President Truman, Stalin and Churchill divided Germany after the Second World War.

There are over 160 museums in Berlin. It would take weeks to see them all. The most famous are the museums in an area called Museum Island. We toured The Pergamon Museum, home of the famous Pergamon Alter that was originally located in what is now Turkey and the magnificent bust of Queen Enfertiti. We also had time for a short visit to another museum that housed a large number of Egyptian artifacts. I only wish we had been able to stop and spend some time at the other museums. Perhaps the next visit.

Berlin is a modern city with approximately 3.4 million inhabitants. It rose from the ashes of a bombed out city in 1945 to become one of the leading cities of the world. Historical buildings have been carefully restored, and new buildings have taken the place of many that were beyond repair. The city also suffered thru the Berlin Wall and the massive airlift of supplies to the Western section to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Russians. Evidence of the wall built by East Germany in 1961 is still visible or traceable.

East Germany has been reunified with the West since 1989; however, you can see the lingering effects of Communism. After 23 years, West Germany is still providing aid to the East section of the country and will continue until 2019. It is a remarkable tribute to the German people that they have made such a tremendous recovery. Since the war, they have had several remarkable leaders but none so well received as the current Chancellor, Angela Merkel. She had consistently enjoyed a 70% plus approval rating over the last eight years from the German citizens. (Our politicians consider 50% a good grade.) She holds an earned doctorate in Quantum Chemistry, and it considered a problem solver rather than a visionary by the people. They affectionately call her "mommy".

In conclusion, we greatly enjoyed our trip to Germany. The many things we saw and did in six days made the trip worth the lengthy jet lag. I would encourage all of you to put Germany, and especially Berlin, on your "bucket list".

FAM Trip to Beaver Creek, Colorado by Warren Norris

First of all, it was my pleasure to represent DFW Young at Heart Skiers on this FAM (familiarization) Trip to Beaver Creek. I, along with representatives of Lone Star Skiers and Texas Ski Rangers, gathered information for the Texas Ski Council that will be used in the selection of future ski trips to the Rockies.

Our Trip Leader was Karl Winter of Winter Ski & Sport, Chicago, Illinois. Karl was also the travel coordinator for our ski trip to Telluride, Colorado, last year. Other ski club representatives on this FAM Trip were from the mid-west (Chicago, Grand Rapids, Toledo, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh).



Our trip covered four days in early December (Thursday through Sunday) and included two days of skiing, touring seven different properties, and lots of festivities with food and drink. Actually, the food and drink were overwhelming, but the accompanying friendliness and hospitality was excellent.

Beaver Creek is an excellent ski area, located about 120 miles (2 1/2 hours drive) west of Denver on I-70. I've skied there many times and always enjoyed it, but from the FAM perspective, Beaver Creek was particularly enlightening. Beaver Creek is also only 10 miles west of Vail, another World Class Ski Resort and the lift tickets are interchangeable. Beaver Creek is an upscale, high-end resort, so the lodging and other amenities, as well as the skiing, are world class. There is plenty of skiing terrain for the beginning and intermediate skier, and up to the super, advanced terrain, called the Birds of Prey, where World Cup Downhill Racers were held two weeks before our FAM Trip.

I paid a nominal fee for this FAM Trip (\$389) which mostly covered the air fare from Dallas to Denver and return. All the rest (bus from Denver A/P to Beaver Creek and return, first class lodging at The Charters / a Wyndham Property, ski rental, lift tickets, and lots of food and drink) was gratis. It was a wonderful, enlightening tour and the TSC representatives will certainly recommend that Beaver Creek receive favorable consideration for a future TSC Ski Trip.

If you have a chance to be a FAM participant in the future, I hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Happy BELATED Birthday to the following members who celebrated birthdays in January.

1/1	Phyllis Scheiber
1/8	Allen Terrell
1/10	Paula Thomson

Happy Birthday to the following members who celebrate birthdays this month.

2/14	Irene Philipp
2/21	David Blakeley
2/24	Warren Norris

We need your input ! Any news you may want to share with YAHS is welcome. The newsletter comes out on the 1st of each month so send Kathy (k.aten@verizon.net) your input by the 28th of any month to get your information in YAHS next issue.

TREASURER- Beach Aten

Detailed information available in "Members Only" section of website.

A request was made to include cell numbers on the YAHS roster. If you would like your cell phone number to be added to the roster, please email the information to Beach at b.baten@gte.net.

