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Next Meetings:

Thurs, Mar 7, 7pm Thurs, Mar 21, 7pm

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President's Message:

Hello everyone,

Two big mountain trips are in the books, and two to go! PSC recently skied Beaver Creek where conditions were great, accommodations were luxurious, and a truly super time was had by all. Many thanks to Sandi & Sandy (the Beaver Babes!) for running yet another great trip, and thank you to Dawn & Mike for hosting the "Nail Soup" party. It was an absolute blast, chock full of hilarious ski stories WITH photographic proof. Let's just say there are new additions to the "don't follow Paul" rule.

As you read this, 28 PSC'ers are finishing up Chicago week in Banff. CMSC Week is always a fun trip, featuring a different activity every day. If you've never experienced a Chicago week, I urge you to consider going next year, especially since we're going to Jackson Hole(!). PSC finishes up this 2023-2024 season with a trip to Snowbird, Utah March $16^{th} - 23^{rd}$. There's a LOT of snow in Snowbird right now, and there's a lastminute opening (for a male) so check in with Mike & Dawn if you're interested.

Before our Snowbird trip, we have a very important club activity. During our Thursday, March 7th general meeting Piccadilly will hold elections for our four Executive Board positions. Please plan on attending this fun and exciting meeting. If you can't attend, you can vote by email. Full details are in this newsletter. Please be sure to vote! Hope to see all of you on March 7th!

---The Piccadilly POTUS (Person Often Traversing Unintended Ski-runs)-----Paul F---

Where in the World is Piccadilly?

As you travel to near and far places, bring along PSC logo gear and take a photo of you with that swag (neck wallet, jacket, facemask, business card, pin, bandana, shirt, coat, vest, backpack, koozie, etc.) Be sure to show the PSC logo in the photo, and you of course, along with your travel location as your backdrop, and email it to me, Dawn, at rockaroche3@gmail.com subject line: Where in the world... It does NOT have to be across the world, but it would be fun if it was, and hopefully somewhere identifiable. Or, we'll have fun guessing.





Left: Piccadilly Bandana enjoyed surf and sand with Dave & Sherri in Quepos, Costa Rica

Right: PSC Business Card is exploring Loreto, Italy in the year of the dragon with Donna P





Left: Piccadilly Patch skied Granite Peak with Terry T. and great niece over President's weekend.

> Right: Piccadilly Goggle Soc enjoyed a bluebird day at Sugarbush Mountain with Joseph S and his sister.





Left: Piccadilly Vest noshed at Sawa's Old Warsaw buffet, along with Dawn & Mike R, owner Stuart Sawa, and friends. ************************

Piccadilly went on CMSC's Europe trip to Zermatt, Switzerland with gusto! See all the ways PSC was represented:



Left: Piccadilly Goggle Soc gazed at the Matterhorn with Julian F

Right: PSC Pole Flag surveyed the top of the Matterhorn with Paul F, Julian F. and friend





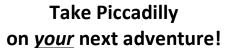
Left: Piccadilly Goggle Soc did the Bavarian shot ski with Julian F



S and friend



Left: Piccadilly Goggle Socs rode the Zermatt funicular to the top with Paul F & Vicki S.



PSC ELECTION PROCESS 2024

It's time for the annual PSC Election ritual. The election will take place at the Thursday, March 7th meeting. The nominating committee has selected a slate of candidates and the option to take nominations from the floor has been done at the past two meetings. Ballots with candidates nominated to date are attached.



The Election Committee has been appointed to count your ballots and make sure that we have a secure election. The committee consists of: Duane Amlee, Linda Cooper, Jackie and Wally Dudek, and Cheri Tanner.

You now have the following options, but regardless of which option you select, PLEASE VOTE!!

The completed ballots can be returned via:

- 1. <u>Vote in person</u> Come to the Thursday 3/7 meeting at Miller's Ale House. Bring your own printed ballot.
 - OR
- Email voting* Completed ballots can be e-mailed to: <u>BOTH</u> Cheri Tanner and Linda Cooper <u>gmcheri314@gmail.com</u>; <u>cooper.linda@icloud.com</u>. (sending to dual e-mails is for voting verification and required for your email vote to count)
- 3. <u>Snail Mail voting*</u> Send postal mail to: Jackie Dudek, 1500 W. 62nd St., Downers Grove, IL 60516.
- * Note emailed and mailed ballots must be received by Wednesday 3/6 at noon.

Note: Only current members are eligible to vote. Write-In candidates may be entered on the ballot. Questions about voting? Contact Cheri Tanner at 630-567-6074.

[Thank you to our Election Committee: Duane Amlee, Linda Cooper, Jackie and Wally Dudek, and Cheri Tanner.]



Share Piccadilly with your friends and keep our club growing strong! Grab some more business cards for the wallet or purse at the next meeting. Carry them with you, and hand them out to prospective members.... An easy way to invite a friend to check us out!



See you all at the April 20th Banquet! Let's make some new memories! Send us your stories, pics and videos © Cheers, Larry Himmelblau – Historian



Create Your MeetUp Account - People need to RSVP to monthly PSC meetings and often our events so it's very important to the second of the seco member. Your information is kept private, just post your facial picture so we can associate the member

with an event. We use this convenient tool to communicate with you for our events, like where to gather, last-minute event changes, or weather alerts. Please help our Event Hosts reach you for notification and help them know who to look for so we can sit together! We also use MeetUp to give a headcount to Miller's, so they can assign proper staffing, and finally, we can attract more MeetUp members, which translates to new Piccadilly memberships to keep our club thriving. www.MeetUp.com As you can see, there are many good reasons to create your account today! If you need help, see one of your board members. - Thanks, Pam

Social at-a-Glance (Details below in the newsletter)

Do you have suggestions for future events, or want to host one? Contact John at ifosullivan56@att.net

- Thur, 3/7 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- Fri, 3/15 2pm/3:30pm St. Patrick's Hike & Two Hound Red Brewery
- Thur, 3/21 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- Sat, 3/23 4:30pm/6pm Honor Flight Hockey Game Fundraiser
- Thur, 4/4 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- Fri, 4/5 8:30pm Watch and Cheer on John Schuurman Hockey Game
- Thur, 4/18 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- Sat, 4/20 6pm Annual Banquet. Chuck's Chateau Orleans in Darien
- Wed, 5/1-8:30am Bird Banding & Hike
- Thur, 5/2 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp. Summer Schedule Begins
- Sat, 6/1 Bike Ride, Save the Date
- Thur, 6/6 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount, Summer Schedule
- Sun, 6/23 Golf Outing & BBQ- Save the Date

Stay tuned for more summer events to come...dinners for 12, biking, summer concerts, ferry rides and more from your Social Chair, John O

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Tip: Explore the "Cancel For Any Reason" version of trip insurance, to see if that's the best fit for you, but be advised you will need to purchase that version very shortly after your first trip payment. Here are helpful links from the CMSC website for your convenience. (PSC does <u>not</u> endorse any insurance carrier)

http://www.csatravelpro.com/WINTERSPORTTOUR

http://www.travelprotectors.com

https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com



Trip Updates & News -



A big thank you to trip leaders Cheryl and Donna for two really great Midwest trips. Both had good weather and lots of good times. Thanks a bunch!!!

Your trip chairs- Jackie & Julian

- ❖ Do you want to run a trip? Please reach out to your Trip Chairs, Jackie & Julian and let them know!
- Meanwhile, Your Warm Weather Trip is decided: Turks & Caicos in early December.
- Other Non-Ski opportunities and Next Season's Ski Trips are being worked on diligently. Bids are coming in, and contracts are being signed.

Julian and Jackie

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Current Trips at-a-Glance

Trip Name	Trip Dates	Pricing	Status	Contact Info
Snowbird	3/16 - 3/23/24	\$2350	1 SPOT OPEN	Mike Roche mikeroche417@gmail.com



Maintain Your Ski Conditioning

The season is NOT over yet for many of us..... Click the <u>link</u> for my 4 minute March video about the breathe. Here is a <u>link</u> for my video... passcode below !

Enter this passcode when prompted:

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Social Details

For questions on social events, contact John O'Sullivan at jfosullivan56@att.net



Next 2 Meetings: March 7 and 21

PLEASE RSVP ON MEETUP FOR THE MEETINGS SO WE CAN PROVIDE A HEADCOUNT TO MILLER'S FOR BETTER STAFFING & SERVICE!!!!! THX

St. Patrick's Hike/Two Hound Red Brewery, Fri, 3/15, 2pm/3:30pm Meet Times: Hike @ 2pm/ Brewery @ 3:30pm



Start your St Patrick's Day Weekend wearing the green while hiking the prairie path in downtown Glen Ellyn. We will meet by the prairie path in downtown Glen Ellyn and hike East. We will walk about 3+ miles or about an hour. The path is paved and is walk-in/walk-out. Anyone who prefers to walk less and drink more can turn around at any time. Those who want to walk more and work up a thirst can. After the walk we will go to Two Hound Red Brewery in downtown Glen Ellyn for food and drinks. For those non-walkers, we

will be at the Brewery about 3:30pm.

Hikers can park in the Montclair public lot (free after 2:00) south of the tracks. Going north from Roosevelt Road on Park Street, the parking lot is on the east side of the street a few blocks after Duanne Street (stop sign) before you cross the tracks. We will meet at the far east end of the lot by the prairie path. Please sign up on MeetUp, so we can communicate any changes on the day of. Please help our hosts by Indicating: Hike & Brew, Hike Only, or Brew only.

After the hike we will head over to: Two Hound Red Brewing Co. 486 Pennsylvania Ave., Glen Ellyn

Law Enforcement Hockey Classic, Sat, 3/23, 4:30pm/6:00pm



Hey Piccadilly! Like hockey? Want to support a great cause? The Law Enforcement Classic to benefit Honor Flight Chicago returns for its 11th edition at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 23rd, at The Edge Ice Arena, 735 E. Jefferson, Bensenville, Illinois. Doors open at 4:30pm for this fun family-friendly clash between teams from the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago branch of the FBI. The event includes a silent auction, raffle items, family fun zone and "chuck-a-puck". There may even be some surprise celebrities!

Adult tickets are \$30 in advance, kids under 12 \$10, and \$40 at the door. **To buy tickets go to**honorflightchicago.org/hockey. If enough people are interested, I may even be able to get some cheaper tickets. For more information go to the website or contact Jackie Dudek. It's a fun evening that helps provide funding for Honor Flight Chicago. *- Jackie*



"Duffers" Hockey Game, Fri, 4/5, Game 8:30pm



See Johnny Play...Again!

Are you ready for Round #3? Join your Piccadilly friends to cheer on our very own John Schuurman as he plays hockey with his amateur team the "Duffers" on Friday, April 5th.

This event is very informal and there will be plenty of seating available. There is no charge to watch the game and you can bring your own food and coolers in to the rink (discretely). Feel free to bring a couple of props to make things more fun. Dress warm my friends (a hats & mits

would be good), as it can be a quite chilly in the stands. The game begins at 8:30 PM in Rink #3.

Location: Canlan Sports in Romeoville located at 1581 W. Normantown Rd, Romeoville.

After the game we will head over for a nightcap to the bar at Chop'D which is located at: 12337 Rt 59, Plainfield - **Ted**



Annual Banquet, Chuck's Chateau Orleans, Sat., 4/20, 6:00pm

Invitations have been sent to current 2023-2024 PSC members by US Mail. I'm sending electronic invitations to previous members & guests. All are welcome and it's going to be a very fun evening!

- ✓ Cash bar will start at 6:00pm
- ✓ Dinner with wine on the table at 7:00
- ✓ Dancing with cash bar 8:30 to 10:30

If you didn't get an invitation via mail, check with Larry Himmelblau, Membership Chairperson, to see if your mailing address needs updating.



Please RSVP with payment by March 15th via mail or at our March 7th meeting. It's one of the highlights of our season. Hope to see you there. - Sandy, VP

Bird Banding & Hike, Wed. 5/1, Bird Banding 8:30am/Birding Hike 9:30am



Here's your opportunity to experience an actual bird in hand and to release back into the wild. We will observe master bird handlers weigh and examine various species of birds in our area. This is the best time for spring migration in the area. As the naturalists band the birds, they will share many pieces of information that are unique and interesting about each type of bird they handle. A great chance to see birds closer than you ever imagined before.

After the banding we can hike with our birding expert for about 1 mile and see what we can spot right there from the trails. Bring your binoculars, and if you don't own a pair we will find you some to use;

bring water; and wear comfortable shoes. If you haven't started a lifetime birding list this would be a great time to start, There are some great birding apps that can elucidate the bird types, calls, similar birds and behavior. I'll be glad to share the ones I know with you.

We hope to gather for lunch after the hike, lunch site TBD. Join us for some great birding! See you on the trail! For any questions contact: John @ jfosullivan56@att.net - John O

Camp Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 W. 111th Street, Lemont

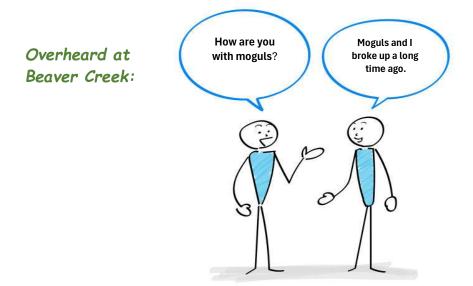


- *CMSC General Meetings Typically held on 2nd Tuesday of each month at Sawa's Old Warsaw, 9200 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL
- *<u>CMSC SEEKING:</u> CMSC is looking for an individual to serve on the Finance and Audit committee. Contact Kevin Conlon at <u>kconz1@aol.com</u> for information.
- *The 2023/2024 CMSC Ski and Ride Magazines are available at Piccadilly meetings.

CMSC EVENT SCHEDULE

- *April 7 April 12, 2024 CMSC Spring Fling Mammoth Mountain, CA. Trip packages starting at \$1,815 which includes R/T air from O'Hare, 5 nights lodging at Mammoth Mountain Inn (hotel, dbl occ, QQ), R/T ground transportation Reno to Mammoth, 4 day lift ticket (Ikon accepted) and \$100 resort voucher. Other lodging options include a King hotel room and 2BR/2BA + loft condo's for 4/5 people. Optional side trip to June Mountain will be available. Contact Kevin Conlon at kconz1@aol.com or 708-906-9517 for more info. Spots are still available for this trip.
- *Sept 07, 2024 CMSC Picnic at the Norge Ski Jump. **Save the Date** More info to come.
- *Sept 27 29, 2024 Windy City Ski and Snowboard Show, Schaumburg Convention Center **Save the Dates** More info to follow.
- *Jan 24 Feb 1, 2025 CMSC Europe Andermatt-Sedrun, Switzerland **Save the Dates** More info to follow.
- *Feb 22 March 1, 2025- CMSC Chicago Week Jackson Hole, WY **Save the Date**

 For more information on CMSC, go to: https://www.skicmsc.com/



Social Recaps, Ski Stories & Photo Gallery...



STARVED ROCK WINTER HIKE & EAGLE

WATCH - 20 hikers braved the foggy, wet conditions to take on the 3 hr., four-mile hike in search of frozen waterfalls, in the amazing winter wonderland of this Sandstone playground. We had 20 attendees including 4 new Piccadilly members on their first event, (Justin, Cathy, Chad and Praveen) a few guests (Liz, with her hikers, Brynn and John) and some veteran Piccadilly members. We also had 2 very cute 4-legged dog friends, Nash and

Isla. Joe (our Geologist guide and 24-year veteran of the park) had plenty of things to share with us from the St. Peter sandstone, to Eagles, and the Starved Rock story. Boy did he have a great story of the Illini Indians trapped atop the namesake stone formation. We started at the French Canyon and were treated to the cascading falls, as we travelled along the upper trail past Wildcat and Basswood



canyons to Sandstone point. At this point we took a break, had some water, and listened closely to Joe talking about the unique composition of the St. Peter sandstone. Evidently the rock is composed of unusually uniform grains as



compared to other sandstone. From there we descended the long stairs to the Lower River trail where we observed ice formations along the bank and floating down the river at a good pace. The weather was clear, and the river was full of action. Off the Lower River trail, we took the route to the Wildcat Canyon falls. This fall impressed us all, as water was flowing over the top and solid ice accompanied the waterfall on its side. Some of the group tightrope

walked the log to get closer to the falls for some magnificent pictures. We then walked further and climbed the stairs to Eagle watch view, unluckily this year, we were too late for the Pelicans' migration and the eagles were not around. Lovers Leap was our next overlook, with views of the

Starved Rock formation itself, the dam and river. This is where we listened to the wonderful story of the Illini Indians and their predicament as the rival Indian tribe trapped them atop the rock formation for days, till they were just about starved to death. This is where they met their demise as they descended into enemy hands. Sixteen hungry and thirsty PSC hikers then continued on to the historic Lodge restaurant and got to talk more with our new and old friends. As mentioned, this was Eagle watch weekend, so they had a "Birds of Prey" show which a few of us hung around for. About an hour, full of magnificent live birds including, RedTail hawk, Golden Eagle Peregrine Falcon and the Great Snowy Owl! The handler walked





around the room with them on her arm and everybody got a great close-up view. Pictures from the hike are available on past event section of the Meetup website. Thanks to everybody who helped make this a great memory! See you on the trail! - John O

SKI BRULE - Does anybody really know what time it is?

What voucher? Hot tub Shot-skies? Johnny, Johnny, Mike, Mike, Donna, Donna, has anyone seen Andrea? What a hoot this drive-up trip turned out to be! Thanks to Donna P., Jackie D. & team Brule!

First tracks were corduroy. Laura skied a blue run & liked it. Susan took a lesson & felt she learned something. Mike H. showed resilience after taking a European fall last February. North Forty photo opportunity.

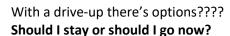


Favorite quotes, "This club is doing it right! Everyone on the trip welcomed me as a new member." "How nice to be eating dinner here and not on the bus!"

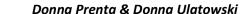
"Did anyone lose an earring?" "I brought a book and never opened it to read." "Ski Brule bent over backwards to keep us happy." "Even without karaoke we managed to have a good time in



We enjoyed a BBQ Sleigh Ride which included a bonfire, roasted marshmallows, music, & pinning 2 new members to Piccadilly. We meandered under a breathtaking star filled sky. "Is that Jupiter?"



I would like to thank all the drivers who volunteered their steadfastness and the passengers who humored them along. Until next time......





<u>VALENTINES MEETING RECAP</u> - The meeting had a lot of attendees, but 35 members were skiing Beaver Creek and were significantly missed, including one of our top trivia contenders, Jackie. Candy was plentiful on the tables across the room and brought good cheer to all who like candy and weren't on diets! John Schuurman did a great job running the meeting as our 3rd in line for Leader of the meeting. The trivia contest followed the meeting and was quite baffling as

the winner (Gail) managed to of 10 answers correctly. Her efforts 5 correct answers. Again, we had a and a playoff to determine the 1st

squeak out a win by answering 5 out were matched by Harry who also had contest with another battle for first place winner. They both got the

answer correct on the playoff, so we flipped a coin for 1st and 2nd prizes. As the prizes were comparable in price the winner got to pick the 1st prize. Wine or Russel Stover candy! She had enough candy! LOL Paxt, we need to work off that candy so come on out for our up coming hikes and brews! See you on the trail. - **John O**

Trivia 💍

BEAVER CREEK RECAP - 35 Beavers went to Colorado on Saturday, 2/10 by plane/bus, cars & train!

All gathered at the Borders Lodge meeting room where we enjoyed a wine & cheese party on Sunday and pinned 4 first timers. And then the shot ski came out. All this going on while we watched for Taylor Swift on the tv in the room. I guess there was a football game going on as well!



Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were good skiing days, the visibility was a little tough but got better as the days went on. Tuesday some of the group took the shuttle bus to ski Vail for the



day, others were happy to stay at Beaver Creek & enjoy the wonderful ski-in & ski-out convenience! At Vail, five Piccadillians laughed in the face of danger (see the "warning you could die" sign at the top) and proceeded to give the legendary Minturn Mile a go. It's a backcountry, out-of-bounds run that's actually 4 miles, and tough to find a way back to BC from the bottom. Luckily, they all survived.

Wednesday looked good at the bottom but was tougher at the top. Sandi took a few spills due to the ice/low light & came down on the sled

powered by two amazingly strong young, good-looking guys! She just had minor abrasions on her face, looked like she was in a bar fight, but you should have seen the other guy!

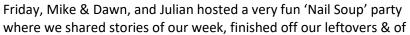




Wednesday was Valentines Day and most of us gathered together at the

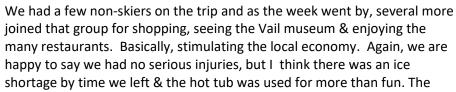
Blue Moose pizza place for a group dinner. Yummy & so romantic!

Thursday night lights on the BC mountain was beautiful as 7 inches of fresh snow started to fall, it was a parade of 130 volunteer skiers (6 brave Piccadillians) skiing down with glow sticks in the dark, followed by a short fireworks display.



course gave the shot ski one last run. Thanks

M&D&J! We watched the beauty of Beaver Creek out their window, as 10 more inches of snow began to fall, just in time for us to leave.



Mama Beavers want to thank everyone for their help, cooperation & patience, everyone was wonderful & we think we all had a great time! - S&S













Beaver Addition from Larry H: We did Vail on Tuesday. That was the Minturn Mile day. Great snow, then ice, then narrow and ice, then

rocks, then ¾ mile hike in ski boots ②, BAR Beer+Wings ②, then 4 ½ buses. Then icing the knees and injuries. New intel to come out of this trip: **Never Follow Blair!**





BUBBLEHOUSE BREWERY HAPPY HOUR RECAP - We had a big turnout for a return visit to Bubblehouse and again, it was a great event! Piccadilly loves Bubblehouse and the feeling is mutual. Their wonderful brews and location made it a great spot for a gathering of old and new friends! Roughly, 48 people gathered together to solve century old problems as usual over some great company, snacks, brews, and wine. The tables were chock full of goodies ranging from special favorite meatballs (thanks Lynn!), Southwestern deviled eggs (me), Caprese on a stick (Mary Pat), Wonderful salmon dip and crackers (Cheryl S) and many more tasty chips, dips, brownies and yes, candy!

At the start we seemed to be outnumbered by the Girl Scouts who also had a gathering. Some of us found some of our favorite girl scout cookies to add to the desert table and make some young sales ladies happy ②. We had many regular members attend, and it was great to see some of our old friends who we don't see that often. Thanks everybody! John O







LEAP DAY HIKE - 25 leaping hikers met up on a brisk, sunny day at Herrick Lake. It was a stellar turn out, and a few last minute leapers and four legged furry friends joined in to make a large, motley mob. Try as we might, no one "leapt" for the whole 2.5 mile hike. I was sad over that, but at least we tried! 18 hikers stayed to grab a bite after at Arrowhead Golf Club right next door to Herrick. Josh, our waiter, deftly managed this motley crew of ours. Kudos to the whole staff who accommodated us 45 minutes early with a larger crowd than anticipated. Mike R.



even took time off from work (and earning \$\$ so that the rest of us retirees can live off the dole), to join us for lunch at Arrowhead. Thanks Mike! Let's do this again, but skip the leaping next time! – thx to all who came out to enjoy the day. - **Dawn**





<u>Banff Sneak Peak</u> - Paul, Larry Douglas(Duneland), L Himmelblau, Emily & Matt Kaberlein (Skunks), Sean Snow. Catch next month's newsletter for more stories & pix from CMSC Banff!

PSC 2023 – 2024 Board & Appointed Positions

President: Paul Fuka
Vice President: Sandy Liedtke
Secretary: Nancy Goins
Treasurer: John Schuurman
Trip Chair: Julian Franklin
Asst. Trip Chair: Jackie Dudek

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Sgt @ Arms/CMSC: Kevin Conlon
Ski Meister: Donna Prenta

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Facebook at: http://www.facebook.com











Email all articles and high-res photos for next newsletter to Dawn Roche.

Deadline: 20th of month prior

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Also, email all high-resolution photos to Pam Rockey for our website at prockey@sbcglobal.net





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