



December 2011

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President's Corner

December ushers in the season of giving and the kick off of our host of trips. As for the giving part, we had our "Be Thankful" food drive in November where we collected for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Naperville (Thank you Phyllis & Cheryl). Our December's 15th meeting offers another opportunity to share: Bring some warm coats/clothing for others and a grab bag gift and let Santa make your day! Then in January, we return to Feed My Starving Children to help package up meals for the needy. More details inside.

As for the trips: many of us will be traveling to Punta Cana to kick back in the sun. Don't be jealous! There are plenty of trips left open to hop on including the One Day, Steamboat and Eastern Europe. However, don't delay. Sign up now as we face some early cut off deadlines.

Mostly, during this season of giving, I want to personally thank you all for allowing me the chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to me and my family. May you all have a warm and happy holiday!

Dawn

ONE DAY MYSTERY SKI TRIP

As of Nov 15th our One Day Mystery Trip is about half full. Don't wait to sign up or you may miss your chance to go.

Back by popular demand: Our one day Mystery Trip. The destination is a mystery to all, until we all board the bus. We will be in search of the best snow. This trip is always a big seller for both skiers and non-skiers alike. So don't be left out in the cold.

The trip cost includes bus transportation, lift ticket and some beverages and snacks on the bus.

Our past trips have included destinations such as Tyrol Basin, Devils Head and Timber Ridge. The policy with this and all Piccadilly bus trips is the same: get yourself and equipment to Suburbanite Bowl. However, make sure that you get there early as the departure time is 6:00 AM Sharp.

This trip has always been a good way to meet prospective club members, so guests are most welcome. Bring yourself and a friend and let them see what great club Piccadilly is!



Experience the wonders of the East....

"Old world, new sights"

The deadline for signing up is Dec 1st, after that the price will change!!

So you have skied all over the world, been to all the well-known resorts, and you are looking something new, something different? Come experience the mountains, the snow, the cultures, and the history of Eastern Europe. We will be visiting Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Bulgaria. We will also be stopping in Kopaonik, Serbia which along with Sarajevo was named as 1 of the Top 10 New Exotic Destinations for 2001 by xeniosworld.com. With the opportunity to ski at 7 different ski areas in 4 countries, a day to explore the wonder and history of Sarajevo, and an optional extension to Belgrade – you will come back with a new sense of history and a new appreciation for the lesser known ski areas.

The trip price includes all airfare, accommodations, daily breakfast, a chartered 25 person bus that will be with us the entire way and will be our "ski shuttle". To start the trip – our hotel at Kranjska Gora is slopeside, ski in – ski out!

Contact Julian @ e-mail: Julian.work@core.com

PSC Upcoming Social Events

DECEMBER 2011

Fri Dec 9th - Happy Hour – Mago Cantina in Promenade Mall Bolingbrook (across from Barnes & Noble) & watch the musical light display

Thurs Dec 15th – Santa Comes to PSC

JANUARY 2012

Tues Jan 3rd – Help package food bags for “**Feed my Starving Children**”

Thurs Jan 5th - Meeting—Guess the “**Winter Snow Fall**” —from Dec 21st to March 15th meeting (winner must be present at 3/15/12 meeting to receive prize)

Thurs Jan 19th Meeting –**Tropical Shirt Night** to warm up the winter weather

Fri Jan 27th - Happy Hour –Slammers "new location in Lemont"

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SANTA CLAUS

IS COMING TO PSC!



THURSDAY DECEMBER 15TH

7:30PM-?

Everyone is invited to bring a \$5.00 grab bag. Please mark "male" / "female" / "unisex" on the package. Meet Santa, Mrs. Santa & Elf(s).

Clean out your closets to donate gently used warm clothing to Loaves & Fishes and help make someone's winter a little warmer.



PSC Gives Back

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

6:15-8:30pm

20 Spots Available for Adults and Children

Feed My Starving Children

555 Exchange Court
Aurora, IL 60504



Another Opportunity to help out, feel good about giving back and wear your PSC shirts!

Feed My Starving Children was founded as non-profit through the efforts of a Minnesota businessman during a humanitarian visit to Honduras. FMSC connected with food scientists to develop a nutritional food product that includes rice, soy, vegetables, a vegetarian-based chicken flavoring and a vitamin and mineral mix. The results are dramatic for these children. You'll get to make the meals and try it for yourself!

Come learn about the organization, see how they help children in Haiti, Honduras and more; plus spend 90 minutes helping to prepare such meals to be shipped out immediately! This is an ideal opportunity for the whole family to be involved in giving back!

Only 20 spots available. To reserve your spot, contact Dawn Roche at email: rockaroch@ameritech.net
www.fmsc.org

Trip Updates & Payment Schedule

TRIP

PAYMENT DUE

Mystery Trip - OPEN	12/15
Beaver Creek/Vail - WAIT LIST	12/1 - \$240
Banzai - Pine Mtn. - WAIT LIST	12/15 - \$50
CMSC Steamboat - WAIT LIST	12/15 - \$300
CMSC Ski Brule - OPEN	12/15 - \$50
Eastern Europe - OPEN (12/1 deadline)	12/15 - \$500



Membership Open House Night Recap

Many thanks go out to our cherished members who helped make the night a success: Cheryl Skurkis, Chewy & Sue Akk, Phyllis Rynott, Paul & Carole Kempf, Harry Mattson, Ed Carroll, Monica Magee, Marie Esposito-Lust, Pam Rockey, Julie Garza, Carol & Roy Votava & Don Z. Their hard work, donations and efforts behind the scenes made for a fun event. We had almost 70 people in attendance, bumped up our membership numbers and learned a lot about the latest in equipment from Dennis Lovick from Viking Ski Shop.

A Big Thank You to the following companies that donated to our event and continue to support Piccadilly. Please consider them when you dine, travel or purchase new equipment!

Chestnut Mountain Resort
Devil's Head Resort
DJ's Sports Bar
Emmett's Ale House
Home Run Inn Pizza
King Keyser Ski Shop
Snowcrest Ski Shop
Viking Ski Shop

REI SNOW SPORTS FEST RECAP

Thanks to Marsha, Eileen, Phyllis & Julian for manning the booth in November. We handed out many flyers, brochures, business cards and more to get the word out there about our fun trips and social activities. We raffled off a spot on our 1-Day trip in January. Lucky winner was from the south suburbs. I hope he shows up and brings some friends! REI also "liked us" on our Facebook Page. Julian stayed after for the Twinkie Roast. (pass the pepto bismal!) While the crowd was smaller than anticipated, we took the opportunity to share notes with other ski clubs to see what they do to grow their membership. A Special shout out to Mike Roche for the set-up and teardown. - Dawn



Vicki's Wine Tasting Extravaganza October – 2011

Everyone brought a bottle of wine for the tasting & one for enjoying before the tasting and a dish to pass. We had some beer drinkers (surprise, surprise) as well, but they weren't in the tasting! Some folks wore costumes for the Halloween Spirit and others were dressed as themselves. 19 bottles of wine were entered in the tasting and they were covered in either witches hats or brown bags. There was quite a variety of wines; dry whites, sweet whites, light reds, bold reds, fruity, sweet, expensive and inexpensive. I think they were enjoyed by all!! If not, we had Jack-O-Latern dump buckets!

Lots of delicious food! We had ham, potatoes, meatballs, pasta, bean salads, veggies, pies, cookies, cakes...and much, much more.....I just can't remember them all. I enjoyed too much of the wine that night!!

Everyone got a bag of poker chips that were used to "vote" on the wines they liked the best. At the end of the tasting we tallied up the chips and the winner was Witches Brew Spiced Wine from Betty! A tie for 2nd place was Elana Bodega Malbec from both Alberta and Wanda. Fourth Place went to Sweet Bliss from Sharon!! Prizes included a pair of wine tasting glasses from Sonoma County, a \$25 gift certificate to Wine Styles, a wine glass & decanter set and a poster of Napa Valley Vinyard doors.

The party continued & we drank the last of delicious wines. The empty bottles were lined up along the entry way wall. I counted 48 bottles of wine on the wall! Plus there were others lying around.

Folks began to trickle out about midnight & some stuck around for the hot tub! The party continued until the next morning at 7am!! Obviously, a good time was had by all.

Thanks to everyone!

Vicki Schutz



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**Next meetings are Thurs Dec 1st &
 Thurs. Dec. 15th at 7:30 pm
 Emmett's Ale House
 5200 Main St. Downers Grove
 (630) 434-8500**



Thanks for contributing to the newsletter: Dawn Roche, Cheryl Skurkis, Vicki Schutz, Julian, Cheryl Skurkis, Phyllis Rynott

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
 FROM EVERYONE AT PSC!**

DEADLINE FOR Jan 2012 Newsletter: Fri. Dec. 23rd
 Send Articles/info to Marie Esposito-Lust: Bunnyski2010@hotmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
DECEMBER				1 Meeting 7:30pm	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Happy Hour	10
11	12	13	14	15 Christmas Party Mtg. 7:30pm	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3 Feed My Starving Children	4	5 Meeting 7:30pm	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19 Meeting 7:30pm	20	21
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