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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, June 2 – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour – Village Burger Bar
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Thursday, June 25 – Cool Nights at the Dallas Arboretum is back!
Buddy Holly Revue
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Thursday, September 10 – Cool Thursday continue
A Hard Days Night
7:00-9:00 PM, Gates open at 6:00 PM
Purchase your own tickets at dallasarboretum.org

June 26 – July 3, 2015 – Maine Adventure

October 1-10, 2015 – Tuscany TSC Trip

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signing up early!



Dallas Ski Club Mission Statement

The Dallas Ski Club's charter is to create and provide social
activities and ski trips to promote friendships and
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ellen Eakin
President

Dear Dallas Ski Club Members:

I look forward to another fun filled year with my fellow Dallas Ski Club members. It is an honor to be serving as your President this year and to be working with the fantastic board elected at the January happy hour.

Many thanks to Anna and the departing 2014-2015 board members. I have enjoyed working and learning from all of you this past year as President Elect. The board has done a terrific job this year...we have grown to 446 members, which is the most since 2007. I congratulate the board and all our members for making Dallas Ski Club such a great place to socialize and growing it so nicely.

Please welcome our new board members for the 2015-2016 year:

President – Elect – Dick Gromel

Secretary – Lynn Fellman

Treasurer – Karen Yocum (returning from last year)

Activities VP – Janet Love and assisted by Marlene Heineman

Publications V.P. – Susanna Lione

Trips V.P. – Laurel Levin (returning from last year) and assisted by Ed Cox

Marketing V.P. – Charles McBeth

Happy Hours V.P.-Mitch Womble (returning from last year)

Membership V.P. – Betty Graham and assisted by Joyce Bartell

Laurel, Janet and Mitch have wonderful plans for trips, activities and happy hours. If you have ideas or suggestions on any of the above that you feel would be good events for club members please contact them or myself. This is YOUR CLUB and we want you to be involved. Also, consider volunteering for the many fun events we have through out the year. We are a volunteer organization and therefore depend on our fantastic membership to pull off all that we do.

One of the most exciting things kicking off the start of our 2015 season is our new website! I hope you all have taken a few minutes to visit the site and see its new look! A great new feature is the membership directory is now on line. You can go to your profile and update it with your photo, interests, and bio. Also, links to your social media page and/or website can be added. The event calendar on the new site has all our upcoming trips and events and with the new website you can also see who will be attending the different activities. The new website is a powerful tool and as time goes on we will learn how to use it's power. Please check back frequently to see updates to the website and new activities.

Lastly, I hope to see you at the activities we have in May. Our Happy Hour will be May 5th at Soho Food & Jazz at 5290 Belt Line in Addison. On May 16th we will be at the Rough Riders Baseball game in Frisco - All you can eat and drink! Please go to our new website www.dallasskiclub.org to sign up.

Again, I look forward to serving you as President this upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have suggestions, questions or concerns.

New Member Party



Happy Birthday!

JANUARY

Lynn Thurmond	5/4
Cameron Godfrey	5/6
Barbara Waggener	5/6
Betty Graham	5/7
Kim Canales	5/9
Cathy Donckers	5/9
Barbara Guzik	5/9
Lynn Erickson	5/10
Denis Lanigan	5/11
Barbara Barney	5/12
David Stuart	5/12
Ariana Ahmadpour	5/16
Barbara Hilliard	5/16
Denise Gigax	5/17
Steve Everts	5/18
Lee Renee	5/18
Donna Garrett	5/19
Gloria Siegler	5/19
Hobert Murphree	5/20
David Tanner	5/20
Deborah Manning	5/21
Irmgard Arthur	5/22
Diane Syverson	5/22
Sarah Parks	5/25
Curtis Wittmann	5/27
Donna Hanes	5/30
Dianne Thomson	5/31
Deby Warner	5/31

FEBRUARY

William MacDonald	6/2
Eddie Meeks	6/2
Joan Tormey	6/3
Jan Gast	6/4
Michael McNellie	6/4
Steven Snay	6/6
Helga Sims	6/6
Jim Bennett	6/10
Kathy Bleikamp	6/11
Terri Nesrsta	6/11
Linda Wilson	6/11
Adele Ryemon	6/12
Frank Miller	6/13
Lexia Allen	6/15
June Dimsdle	6/16
David Jenkins	6/16
Sean Price	6/16
Gail Barnett	6/17
Joyce Bartell	6/19
Tera Griffin	6/22
David A. Jones	6/23
Randy Carsch	6/25
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Grier Pat Jones	6/26
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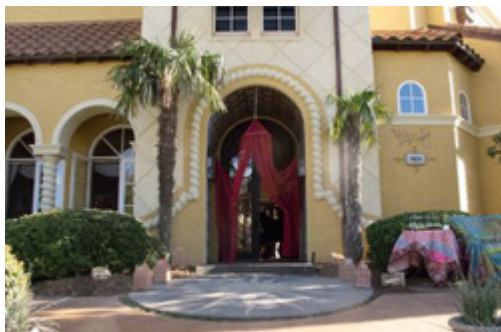
Paula Lanigan, Your Medicare Expert

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Road to Morocco Party by Marlene Heineman

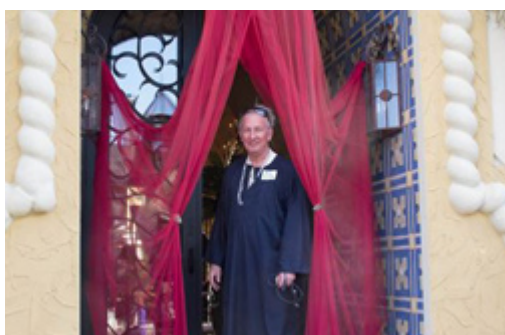
March 28, 2015 was a beautiful evening in north Dallas and the Dallas Ski Club enjoyed the amazing hospitality of **Lynn Erickson** who opened up her beautiful home for one of our 'best ever' Dallas Ski Club parties . . . the **Road to Morocco Party!**



Some people really got in the mood and dressed Moroccan style! Everyone was greeted at the front door with a special pomegranate 'Rock'n Moroccan' signature cocktail! Before dinner, we surprised our DSC President **Anna Laczkowski** with a Birthday Cake as this was her Birthday – thanks for sharing your special day with us, Anna!! We all enjoyed the great Moroccan Soiree . . . delicious food & fabulous desserts!

Guy Huntley did a great job manning a wonderful photo booth beside the pool which everyone enjoyed! Live music was provided by **Norris Perry** and before long, everyone was dancing!!

Thanks again to our lovely hostess, **Lynn Erickson**, who really made this an extra special DSC event!



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WELCH, Margaret Frances Ogden "Peggy"
Born February 13, 1931; Died March 28, 2015

We lost our "Grandma Peggy" on the morning of March 28, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer at her ranch home in Blanco, Texas surrounded by those she loved.

The first of two children born of Charles Wesley and Margaret Maxwell Ogden she grew up in San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Texas. Her sister, Charlotte Henry, passed away in 2001.

Peggy started at Mills College and completed her BA in Zoology at The University of Texas. After raising her children she went on to earn a MS from Lamar University and obtained a PhD-Biology Sciences from Rice University in 1978.

A cradle Episcopalian, she was active in the Church. She served as Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Stewardship for the National Episcopal Church and on a number of other national and diocesan committees including: Chairman of Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of West Texas, Education for Ministry, and Senior Warden, council delegate, lay minister, lector and member of altar guild at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, Blanco, Texas.

Peggy was active in Junior League in Corpus Christi, Beaumont, and San Antonio. She was a Daughter of the American Revolution, a Master Gardener and taught Master Gardening. She was in the Blanco Women's Club, a founding member of the Friends of Lyndon Baines Johnson National Park, a National Park Ranger, a founding Board Member of Gem of the Hills and the Blanco Performing Arts. She was a recognized watercolor artist and a member of the Kerrville Art Club. Peggy and Dick traveled the world together. In her spare time she worked in her garden, sewed, knitted, cooked, practiced yoga, and directed the extended family.

She is survived by her Richard "Dick" Caruthers Welch, beloved husband of 42 years; six children: Richard G. Johnson and wife Laura, Margaret Ellen Eakin and husband John, Donald Delaney Johnson and Douglas Ogden Johnson, Sara Welch Bray and her husband Bill, and Richard Carl Welch and his wife Bonnie; 11 of 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; niece and nephew Mimi Goodwin and Ward McCampbell and countless friends all over the world!

Grandma Peggy left this life the same way she lived it, with faith, compassion, courage, energy, optimism and enthusiasm. She treated her death as the first step in her next adventure.



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BRECKENRIDGE - "The Adventure Begins"

The Breckenridge ski trip is one of those few trips that provide everyone with a little of something extra, what we didn't know, in advance, was just how much extra!

First this trip was what is known as a Texas Ski Counsel (TSC) planned event where our participating Dallas Ski club members would catch up, ski and party with members of all the other Texas Ski Counsel Club members from throughout the state at one time in Breckenridge Colorado. Additionally Dallas members were given a choice of a long-trip consisting of 7 nights leaving February 28th or a short-trip consisting of 4 nights leaving Tuesday March 3rd.

The planning was set in motion at the October 2014 happy hour and initial sign up event. By the end of December we had reached our goal of 24 members consisting of 12 women and 12 men (perfect room balance!), and by February 28th we had 31 which required a little room maneuvering. A mix of the best, beginner, intermediate and advanced skiers and, without doubt, the best parties! The final extra we knew in advance was that Breckenridge had the number one position in Colorado for best snow-pack conditions with 20 feet of snow, 34 lifts, 187 runs, 4 terrain parks, 20 jumps, 1 pipe and 85 rails spread over 2900 acres and a 3400 foot vertical drop just waiting for us.

However, the Breckenridge Adventure, as it has since been named had a few other extras waiting for us. The trip began with a wonderful pre-party at the home of Laurel Levin on Sunday February 15th where we began the tradition of eating well, enjoying fine wine, and beer and discussing our upcoming trip only two weeks away. The Dallas weather was beautiful that day but the forecasts for our departure date were a little unknown as February in Dallas can be.

Cold weather combined with rain arrived in Dallas several days before our trip but our group remained optimistic as did the weatherman for our departure day. At 5:00 am on Saturday morning February 28th the rains had ceased, but black ice extended its flow on the side roads making travel difficult but not impossible, the main roads were reasonable drivable. A cold weather front extended its line from Childress to Wichita Falls and down to Ft. Worth causing flight delays, but according to the American Airlines flight information line our scheduled departure at 8:40 am was to be on-time. The "long-trip" travelers all headed to DFW braving the cold and slippery conditions with the drama of leaving Dallas for the Breckenridge snow. By 7:30 that morning the first set back happened, the flight would be delayed due to weather but by 10:30 all flights were cancelled. Quickly everyone worked tighter, there would be no flights to Denver from Dallas that day so 5 of our members elected to create a motorized wagon-train led by Ed Cox and drive non-stop to Breckenridge in time to make first snow the next day!?

Laurel Levin and Jim Piot, our trip-coordinators, began a massive effort to get everyone else out the next morning via Southwest Airlines from Love Field.

Sunday morning arrived; the weather continued its wintery blanket over Dallas but Southwest departed just like the Lone-Ranger, Hi-HO Silver, AWAY!

We arrived in Breckenridge in time for the TSC welcome party at the Beaver run Resort. A complimentary keg of beer, wine and appetizers filled our needs. Our wagon train members had all made it early that morning in time to get at least a half day of skiing in and report to us that the snow conditions were magnificent. True to the reports everything at Breckenridge was perfect, snow groomed slopes, trails and downhill challenges to meet the DSC "Big Dogs" requirements! Monday was a full ski day for everyone. Tuesday arrived and true to form the "short-Trip" members arrived at DFW on time, boarded the plane, and were asked to get off due to a mechanical problem. Not to fear though our trip coordinators had already prepared backup plans, but lo and behold American brought another plane in and whisked our members out on a delayed schedule.

Back in Breckenridge members were skiing on some of the best conditions in all of Colorado, with light winds, and just enough clouds to hold back the sun burns. Tuesday afternoon the short-trip members arrived and everyone met at the Piot's condo for an Italian dinner created by everyone bringing something, lasagna, salad, cookies, wine and beer. Ed Cox welcomed George Herring to the Big-Dog members club and invited everyone to ski a black diamond slope with them and become future members. Wednesday was race day on the mountain and several of our members including George Kelly, Peter Fleschman, Sandra Hall, Irving Reed, and others brought the medals home for our club. Thursday everyone got to enjoy Après'-Skiing in great conditions, and later that night out to the local restaurants and bars including the "PUB CRAWL" basically a crawling between bars in 1980's dress. Bob Botsford won the best 80's dress arriving as Maverick from the movie Top-Gun, his wife Erin filled the bill perfectly as Charlie and sure to form Bob got down on his knee and sang You've Lost That Lovin Feelin!

Friday was another great ski day and that evening we all attended the TSC sponsored cocktail reception, dinner, dance and awards party. Sandra Hall, Sophoe Masure, Mary Lee Sefried, and Camile Clark all proved they could hold the dance floor perfectly with Jerry Aris, George Kelly and Peter Fleschman.

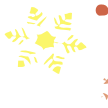
Saturday arrived and we all got out on time, Ed Cox lead his wagon train back, while Tom Keever drove the Chuck Wagon back, the rest of us headed to Southwest and American Airlines joining the Austin Ski Club in our party bus to the airport.

GREAT TRIP, GREAT COOPERATION, WONDERFUL SNOW,
PARTY ON DSC BRECKIES.





by
Marlene Heineman



CHANGING OF THE GUARD PARTY

Members of the Dallas Ski Club gathered in the Trinity Ballroom of the Omni Dallas Hotel Park West on Saturday, April 18, 2015 for another great party to say 'Thank You' to the Outgoing Board and 'Welcome' to the Incoming Board. The party started off with a 'mix and mingle' for the singles. Our group quickly grew to over 80 people. Everyone enjoyed socializing during the cocktail hour which was followed by a delicious dinner topped off with a wonderful piece of Italian Cream cake!

Following the dinner, President Anna Laczkowski welcomed everyone. Race Director Marlene Heineman presented the Dallas Ski Club Traveling Trophies. The Ski Club Champion Trophies were presented to our new DSC Champions – Janet Stone & Bob Gudikunst! The Advanced Trophies were presented to Debbie Kaczowski & Bob Ziegler. The Ernie Blake Trophies, which recognize the fastest man & fastest woman on the mountain in all flights, were presented to Marlene Heineman & John Rediger.

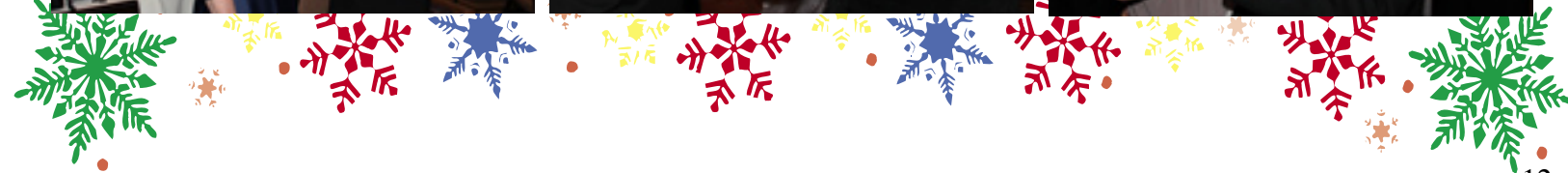
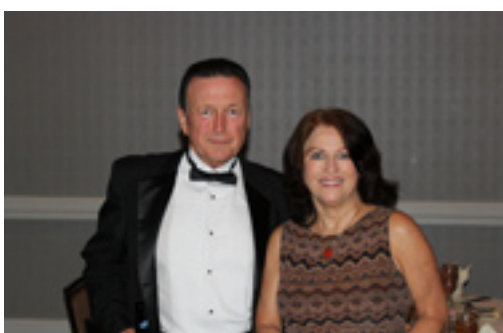
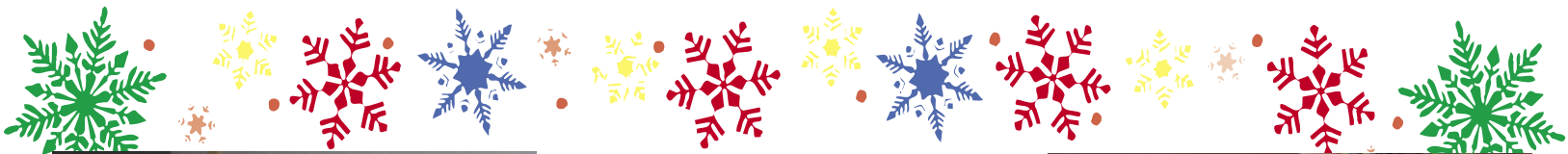
President Anna Laczkowski announced this year's Skier of the Year – Irving Reed! Irving was presented with the Skier of the Year Award, which is also a traveling trophy. Anna presented the President's Award to our VP of Trips, Laurel Levin! This is a special award from the President to a member in recognition of major contributions to the Dallas Ski Club.

Anna introduced and thanked the 2014-2015 Board – Laurel Levin, Trips VP; Marlene Heineman, Activities VP; Mitch Womble, Happy Hour VP; Lynn Fellman, Membership VP; Dick Gromel, Marketing VP; Karen Yocum, Treasurer; Louise Hytken, Secretary; Ellen Eakin, President Elect and Joyce Bartell, Assistant Activities VP.

New President Ellen Eakin introduced the 2015-2016 Board – Laurel Levin, Trips VP; Mitch Womble, Happy Hour VP; Betty Graham, Membership VP; Susanna Lione, Publication VP; Karen Yocum, Treasurer; Lynn Fellman, Secretary; Janet Love, Activities VP; Charles McBeth, Marketing VP; Dick Gromel, President Elect; and Anna Laczkowski, Past President. Assistants to VPs were also recognized – Ed Cox, Trips Assistant; Joyce Bartell, Membership Assistant; & Marlene Heineman, Activities Assistant.

Then we hit the dance floor and danced the night away! This has been another great year for the Dallas Ski Club! Great ski trips, lots of fun parties and monthly Happy Hours! We wish the new Board a great year!







Banff Ski Trip March 19-25, 2015

The trip leader for this trip was Laurel Levin. We had 47 participants. The tour operator was Ski Canada, which was fantastic.

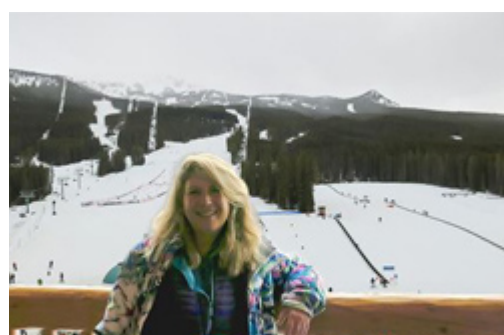
We stayed the first 2 nights at the Fairmont 's Chateau Lake Louise. The tour operator upgraded the rooms so everyone had great views of the lake. The first 2 days the skiers skied the Lake Louise mountain, since it was so close to the hotel and had convenient shuttle service. The hotel and tour operator provided an amazing welcome reception our second night in the Victoria ballroom with great appetizers and 2 drinks included.

The group moved to the Fairmont's Banff Springs Hotel for the remaining 4 nights. Once again the rooms were upgraded for fabulous views. The Fairmont hotel transferred the luggage as the group skied. That same day, the Dallas Ski Club provided a burger bar lunch at the Lake Louise mountain.

From this point on, most of the group skied Sunshine mountain. We experienced mostly snowy days.

The last night of the trip the Dallas Ski Club provided a dinner and bowling party at the Banff Springs Bowling Center. Everyone attended and participated in friendly bowling, golf simulation and pool competition.

Based on the evaluations of the participants, everyone had a great time on this "last ski trip of the season".



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