

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

It is with a touch of sadness that I write my final message as President of Suburban Ski Club. I've enjoyed the three years that I have served and am thankful for the wonderful friends I have made since I took on the job. I am proud of the fact that the Club has been able to carry on its legacy of offering the best and most ambitious skiing program in Northeast Ohio and that we are made up of friendly, fun-loving members. But you haven't heard the last from me. I will continue to Co-chair our Trips and Tours Committee and will be very busy over the coming months to help plan our 2018 ski season.

There is not enough space in this message to list all the SSC members who deserve my thanks. Let me just say I am so very grateful to the officers of the club, the Executive Board, the committee chairs, the trip leaders and to all of you who made my job so much easier and for your contributions to what has been accomplished over the past three years.

The future looks bright. I am very happy to report that at our membership meeting on March 16th, we elected a new President. Your next President is **Becky Marx** and I am delighted to be handing over the reins to her. Becky is a long-time member of SSC and many of you will remember her as Becky Seitzinger. Becky is married to another SSC member, **Russ Marx**. You will be hearing from Becky in this space next month. In the meantime, you members need to know that the presidency is passing along to a most capable and enthusiastic woman. I am confident the future is in good hands with Becky as our President.

We also elected another new person as First Vice President. **Cindy Bacon** will be taking on that job and we welcome her to our team. We also want to thank the other officers who agreed to serve another term. Please see the next page for a synopsis of all that transpired at our Election Meeting.

Although we have hung up our skis for the season, SSC will continue to offer **social events** and other activities in the coming months. Be sure to read the Calendar at a Glance and the Upcoming Events sections in this and future newsletters to see what is on our schedule. And, as I mentioned earlier, you will want to watch these pages for news about our 2018 skiing program as we work over the next weeks to develop our skiing plans. In addition to the newsletter on the 1st of each month, you can update yourself on all that is happening in SSC by regularly checking our website: www.suburbanskiclub.org

You should be on the lookout for a special edition of this newsletter during this month of April. We will be featuring photos and reflections on our two major trips of 2017: Steamboat Springs and Banff/Lake Louise. As we enter the non-ski season, it will be fun to recollect these two marvelous trips.

Again, thank you for a memorable and wonderful three years.

Beth Silverman, President of SSC
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ELECTIONS

At our Membership Meeting on March 16th, we elected a new group of officers for 2017-2018. There are two notable new faces. **Becky Marx** is now President of SSC and **Cindy Bacon** is the new First Vice President. **Cliff Lewis, Pat Lewis, Ann McBrian** and **Melinda Kellerstrass** were re-elected to their positions. Although he still plans to be involved in the club, **Jack Ganz** has relinquished his spot as a Member At Large on the Executive Board. **Joe Sullivan** was elected to fill Jack's position on the EB. **Beth Silverman**, will continue to serve as a voting member of the EB as the Immediate Past President. The Executive Board will be looking for candidates to fill the newly- created third Member At Large position. The EB invites your suggestions.

As you know, our membership has greatly expanded over the past few years and we need absentee ballots to insure a quorum at meetings where voting is required. For this past election meeting that quorum was easily met and the EB wants to express its gratitude to all of you who couldn't be at the meeting and took the time to send in your absentee ballot.

SSC's New Officers for 2017-18

President:	Becky Marx
First Vice President:	Cindy Bacon
Vice Pres. for Data Mgmt.	Cliff Lewis
Secretary:	Pat Lewis
Treasurer:	Ann McBrian
Member At Large:	Joe Sullivan
Member At Large:	Melinda Kellerstrass

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Another edition of our series recognizing the birthdays of SSC members follows. Don't worry, we do not publish the year of your birth, just the month and day! Our data base of birthdays is far from complete. Please remember to include your birthday on your membership form. It is not necessary to give the year of your birth, but we need your day and month so we can publish your birthday. Here are the April birthdays we have on file:

Shirley Angelo (4/21), George Bakale (4/10), Dick Castele (4/24), Brian Craig (4/14), Bruce Eckstein (4/18), Frank Evan (4/7), Andrew Gross (4/24), Don Haldi (4/3), Linda Hon (4/17), Inge Koepper (4/11), Patricia Snyder (4/13), Patrick Soria (4/10), Elizabeth Wagner, Kathryn Westlake (4/26) and Annette Yamada (4/28)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

April - May 2017

- ***SOCIAL:*** Friday, April 14, 9:00 PM: An Evening with The Rich Lowe Band
- ***MEETING:*** Sunday, April 23: Tentative Date for Executive Board Meeting
- ***SOCIAL:*** Thursday, April 27: 6:00 PM: EAT at Bistro 185
- ***SKI SHOW:*** Saturday, May 13: Cleveland Ski Travel Show
- ***SOCIAL:*** Sunday, May 21, 5:00 PM: EAT at Das Schnitzel Haus

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Friday, April 14, 9 PM – Midnight: Rich Lowe Band at Coyote Mexican Grill

Veteran SSC members will remember **Rich** and **Joyce Lowe**. Even though they have moved to PA, they have maintained their SSC membership and Rich is still going strong with his band. On Friday, April 14th, from 9 PM – Midnight, The Rich Lowe Band will be playing in Chagrin Falls at the Coyote Mexican Grill & Cantina. The address is 8535 Tanglewood Square, Unit T-7; Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. Phone: (440) 543-0454. Website: www.coyotemexican.com

Rich and Joyce would love to see their old SSC friends and to meet some new faces as well.

Thursday, April 27, 6:00 PM: EAT at Bistro 185

Ed & Mary Ellen Noss will be our hosts for this EAT. Bistro 185 is located at 991 East 185th Street, just a short drive from the 185th Street exit on I 90. Their dinner menu changes daily and the selection is enormous but reasonably priced. On Thursday, they have a unique offer featuring a Bloody Mary bar and brunch, which they advertise as “let’s have brunch for dinner.” They have been listed in the Plain Dealer on their A-list of Cleveland restaurants. Phone: (216) 481-9636. Website: www.bistro185.com

We will meet in the bar at 6:00 PM and sit down for dinner about 7:00 PM. There is a Happy Hour that runs from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

Make your reservations with Ed & Mary Ellen by Thursday April 20th: (330) 569-3170 or lpdptr@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 21, 5:00 PM: EAT at Das Schnitzel Haus

One of favorite people is hosting this EAT. **Lilly Kron** will again be taking us back to **Das Schnitzel Haus** on **Sunday, May 21st**. The restaurant features German dishes in both pub and comfort styles. Here is an excerpt from how the restaurant describes itself:

"The restaurant and outdoor-heated biergarten (beer garden) offers reasonably priced German food and drinks combined with exceptional friendly service from our experienced staff in a cozy, warm atmosphere....Experience authentic German food featuring homemade schnitzels, goulash, potato pancakes, bratwurst, sauerbraten, spaetzel, ribs, duck and much more."

Lilly will be meeting us for cocktails **at 5:00pm** with dinner to follow. Das Schnitzel Haus is located at 5278 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129. The restaurant is in Parma and close to Snow and Ridge Roads. (440) 886-5050. See Website: www.dshparma.com
Please **contact Lilly to reserve your spot:** lilly.kron@gmail.com or (440)248-8270

A NOTE FROM OUR EAT COORDINATOR

As always, we are on the lookout for new and interesting destinations for our EAT get togethers. Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

*Mary Ellen Noss, EAT Coordinator
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THE 2017 SKI SEASON: BUS TRIPS



A BIG THANK YOU to SSC for a wonderful ski season 2017. Cheers!!

Mother Nature did not exactly cooperate throughout the season but the skiing that we had was great fun. Yes, the locations and ski conditions helped but the people on the trips really made it memorable. As a club, we had five one-day trips and one two-day trip along with two week-long western trips. We were able to offer a few new trips to our season. There was an early season two-day trip to Holiday Valley, a Friday trip with a stop for dinner at a winery on the way

home and our annual skier appreciation trip with a dinner stop in Ellicottville. SSC does like to socialize as well as ski!

I would like to thank our trip leaders; **Pat Lewis, Cliff Lewis, Jack Ganz, Colette Gschwind, and June Kelley**. Thanks for helping to get us out there skiing. Without all your efforts, we would be sitting home instead of getting out on to the slopes.

You probably know that **Beth Silverman** and I are the Co-chairs of the Trips and Tours Committee and we want you to know that in the next few months, Beth and I, along with committee and board members, will be meeting to begin scheduling for next season. We will do our best to keep SSC “skiing every week.” Look for another two- day trip to HV and perhaps, if we can convince **Jack Ganz**, another go at our popular two-day HV & Bristol trip. I am sure we will be keeping our ski and wine trip and look for a possible late March trip, we need to celebrate the “wearing of the SSC Green”! Everyone, please make your offerings to the weather gods and pray for more snow next year! If you have trip ideas or would like to volunteer to be a trip leader please contact me.

Now that spring and summer are approaching do not lose touch with all your new friends. Many of us like to stay active in the off season, hiking, biking, paddling and making music. Please stay in contact and note that we have a wonderful website, www.suburbanskiclub.org, that has a “Forum” component. Anyone can post something there. If you would like ski friends to join up for an activity, please post in the forum. But even if you don’t have anything to post, don’t forget to check the events. We would love to enjoy some impromptu meet ups this summer!

Finally, you should know that we are working on a special newsletter issue for later this month. It will be dedicated to our two western trips to Steamboat Springs and Banff/ Lake Louise. Be sure to watch for that.

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