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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 3** – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour – M/H Café, Addison

**Thursday, March 12** – Midnight Rodeo – C & W Dance Lessons with Gary Long

**March 19 – 25, 2015** – Banff/Lake Louise DSC Ski Trip

**Saturday, March 28** – 'Road to Morocco' Party at the home of Lynn Erickson

**Tuesday, April 7** – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour Honoring Charter Members, Past Presidents & Ring of Honor – Authur's Restaurant, Addison

**Saturday, April 18** – Changing of the Guard Party – Omni Park West Dallas

**Sunday, April 26** – Volunteer & New Member Party – By Invitation Only

**Tuesday, May 5** – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour – SOHO Food & Jazz, Addison

**May 11 – 21, 2015** – Danube River Cruise

**Saturday, May 16** – RoughRiders Baseball Game

**June 26 – July 3, 2015** – Maine Adventure

**October 1-10, 2015** – Tuscany TSC Trip

Please check the Calendar on our [website](#) for additional information! Contact Marlene Heineman with any questions at 972-989-0166 or [MarleneH24@aol.com](mailto:MarleneH24@aol.com)

## 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 camaraderie for the Dallas/Fort Worth Community.

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**Membership Request:** Please try to sign up for events as early as possible! Waiting until the last minute creates a lot of stress on our volunteers who are planning the events. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for signing up early!



## NOTICE

The Dallas Ski Club welcomes our members and guests to our events and reminds you of your personal responsibility in drinking at all activities sponsored by the Club. Our club events and activities are non-smoking.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Anna Laczkowski**

President



Dear Fellow Ski Club Members,

I'm so pleased to report that we've had an awesome start to our trip season. Thanks to the organization of Laurel Levin, Trip VP, and our very competent trip leaders, Ellen Eakin and JoAnn Cox, the TSC Beaver Creek trip and DSC Aspen trip exceeded our expectations. What a pleasure it was to have so many new members participating and we hope to see them on our future trips. The club's other scheduled trips are sure to be just as enjoyable.

Well, this is my final message as president and I would like to say that it has been an honor and a pleasure serving the Dallas Ski Club. I appreciate all those who helped out during the past year and I especially wish to thank my Board members for their commitment and hard work in providing us with memorable activities, fun happy hours and exciting trips. They all played an important role and I am very grateful to them for their support: Dean Thurmond – Past President; Ellen Eakin – President Elect; Karen Yokum - Treasurer; Louise Hytken - Secretary; Laurel Levin – Trips VP; Marlene Heineman – Activities VP; Mitch Womble – Happy Hour VP; Lynn Fellman – Membership VP; Dick Gromel – Marketing VP; Carol Brown – Publication VP; Anita Landenberg – Club Administrator; and Joyce Bartell – Assistant to Marlene Heineman. The Dallas Ski Club would not be the organization that it is without these people and others who volunteer, often repeatedly, for our many events. I am happy to see the increase in our new member numbers and hope that many of them will get involved as volunteers, trip leaders and Board members.

My best wishes go to Ellen Eakin and her Board as they start the next term. They are a very capable group and are sure to have much success.

Let's show our appreciation to the out-going Board for their hard work and welcome the new Board by attending the Changing of the Guard at the Omni Hotel on Saturday, April 18. Hope to see you there!

Yours truly,

Anna Laczkowski

## Paula Lanigan, Your Medicare Expert



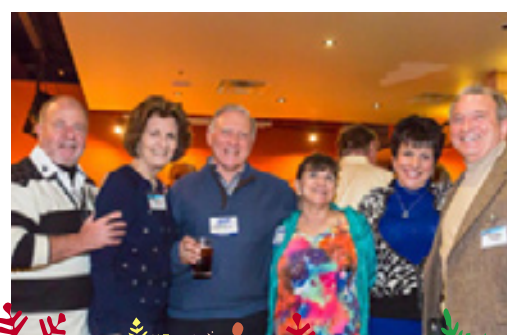
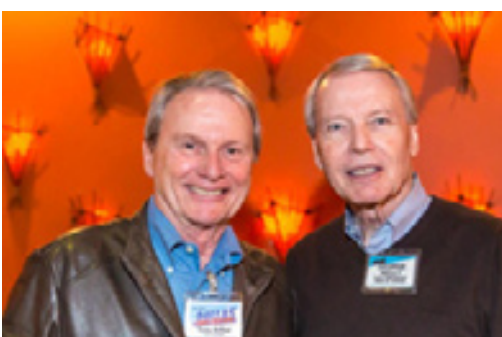
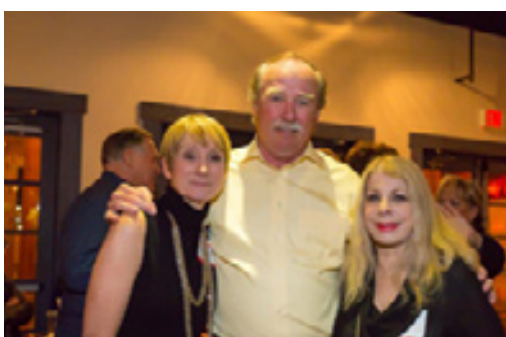
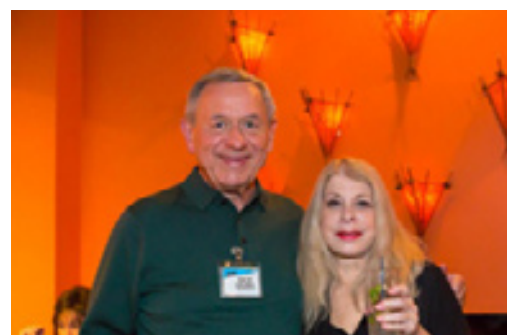
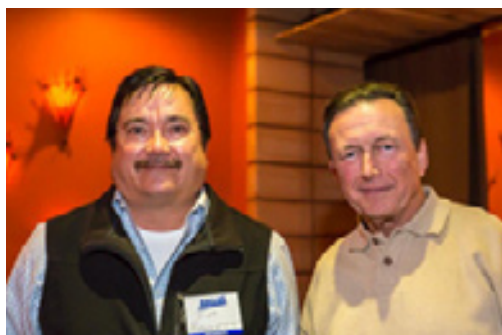
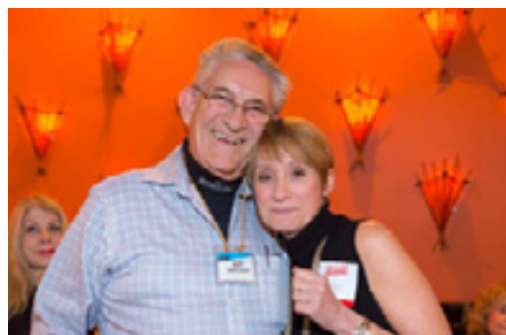
With over 25 years health insurance industry experience, I want to help my fellow ski club members (and their friends), who are Medicare beneficiaries, to understand their Medicare benefits and the options available to them. I represent several 'brand name' insurance carriers' products including Aetna, Humana, United/AARP, Mutual of Omaha and BCBSTX. Feel free to check out my background at my LinkedIn profile at: <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/paula-lanigan/18/1a9/677>

Let me help you make sense of Medicare and the options available to you.

Contact Paula at 619-206-3433 or [paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com](mailto:paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com) for more information.



# January Happy Hour





# Happy Birthday!

## JANUARY

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| CHRISTINE SKIBELL  | 1-Jan  |
| ANITA LANDENBERGER | 2-Jan  |
| AL MOORE           | 4-Jan  |
| BRUCE WATSON       | 4-Jan  |
| MARGARET HENSLEY   | 4-Jan  |
| JOHN WALKER        | 5-Jan  |
| MARTY BAKER        | 5-Jan  |
| LAUREL LEVIN       | 7-Jan  |
| BETSY JOYNER       | 9-Jan  |
| LYNN H. BEATTIE    | 11-Jan |
| BARBARA GARY       | 11-Jan |
| NANCY GIBBS        | 11-Jan |
| NANCY SUTTON       | 13-Jan |
| GERI HETTERICH     | 13-Jan |
| LEE CLEMENS        | 15-Jan |
| STEVE TOPLETZ      | 16-Jan |
| DON KACZKOWSKI     | 16-Jan |
| JERRY ARIS         | 17-Jan |
| KATE EBBOT         | 17-Jan |
| BRUCE ERIC LAZIER  | 18-Jan |
| KATHI SMITH        | 19-Jan |
| LAURIE HARNESS     | 21-Jan |
| CHARLOTTE SAUNDERS | 21-Jan |
| GENE CHUIPIK       | 22-Jan |
| CONNIE CAREY       | 24-Jan |
| KEVIN GANNAWAY     | 25-Jan |
| WILLIAM G. PEDDY   | 26-Jan |
| PAULA              | 26-Jan |
| JEANNIE            | 26-Jan |
| JAY K. STEVENSON   | 27-Jan |
| PETER FLEISCHMANN  | 27-Jan |
| BOB WILLIAMSON     | 30-Jan |
| CAROL CRESSWELL    | 31-Jan |
| KELLY WITTMANN     | 31-Jan |

## FEBRUARY

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| NANCY WALKER  | 1-Feb |
| LESLEY BROWN  | 2-Feb |
| ANGELA INGELS | 2-Feb |
| KIM HAMPTON   | 3-Feb |
| MURIEL MIMURA | 3-Feb |

## CHARLES MCBETH

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| THETIS HILLIARD         | 4-Feb  |
| RHONDA MARTIN           | 4-Feb  |
| PEYTON HUGHES           | 4-Feb  |
| BILL HOGUE              | 5-Feb  |
| ED COX                  | 5-Feb  |
| PATRICIA CARNES         | 6-Feb  |
| JANE BAER               | 6-Feb  |
| ROBBIE J. ADAMS         | 7-Feb  |
| SUZANNE KAY             | 7-Feb  |
| MARY LOU ALFORD         | 8-Feb  |
| HAL SCHNEIDER           | 10-Feb |
| RICHARD MAYER           | 10-Feb |
| GEORG HERINGER          | 10-Feb |
| PRISCILLA TAYLOR-ROGERS | 10-Feb |
| ANN DEGRASSI            | 11-Feb |
| DAN ECKELKAMP           | 11-Feb |
| CHERYL KRUCKEMEYER      | 12-Feb |
| SYLVIA COUCH            | 13-Feb |
| CHARLENE COTTINGHAM     | 14-Feb |
| DEBBIE THORNELL         | 15-Feb |
| JAYNE ANN MAXWELL       | 15-Feb |
| BETTY                   | 18-Feb |
| ANGIE ECKELKAMP         | 19-Feb |
| DAVID MEISENBACH        | 20-Feb |
| SANDRA KIRK             | 20-Feb |
| SCOTT SLAUGHTER         | 20-Feb |
| NICK VANDERPOOL         | 21-Feb |
| ALLAN LOGAN             | 21-Feb |
| LOUISE HYTKEN           | 22-Feb |
| MARLENE HEINEMAN        | 24-Feb |
| DENNIS LEPOVAC          | 27-Feb |
| JERRY RHODES            | 28-Feb |

## MARCH

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| ROBERT E. KUNKLE   | 1-Mar |
| RON DONCKERS       | 1-Mar |
| LINDA ROBERTSON    | 4-Mar |
| GRACE AVELAR       | 4-Mar |
| SANDRA ANN GODFREY | 5-Mar |
| SOPHIE MASURE      | 7-Mar |
| BOB WATSON         | 7-Mar |

## ANNA MORINI

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| GEORGE KELLY      | 4-Feb  |
| BOB GUDIKUNST     | 4-Feb  |
| LARRY C. WALL     | 4-Feb  |
| JOAN ROWLAND      | 5-Feb  |
| TERYE RHODEN      | 5-Feb  |
| PATRICK BARTELL   | 6-Feb  |
| KATHRYN NOWLIN    | 6-Feb  |
| LISA TERHALL      | 7-Feb  |
| JOEL SHENMAN      | 7-Feb  |
| YOLANDA FISCHER   | 8-Feb  |
| JOANN COX         | 10-Feb |
| LEE ERVIN         | 10-Feb |
| ROLAND SIEGLER    | 10-Feb |
| TERI SLAUGHTER    | 10-Feb |
| JOSEPH HARNESS    | 11-Feb |
| RUTHANN THERIAULT | 11-Feb |
| ANNA LACZKOWSKI   | 12-Feb |
| CATHY MCGOUGH     | 13-Feb |

## APRIL

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| FRED WIEDEMANN  | 1-Apr  |
| JOM ROCHE       | 9-Apr  |
| CASSANDRA MILLS | 11-Apr |
| JANE WINNETT    | 11-Apr |
| BERNARD HALE    | 16-Apr |
| KAREN KITOWSKI  | 17-Apr |
| ANGELO LAROS    | 17-Apr |
| CLEO WILLIAMSON | 19-Apr |
| DAN JOHNSON     | 19-Apr |
| JAN WARD        | 19-Apr |
| TOMMY JOHNS     | 21-Apr |
| SUZANNE SHORT   | 22-Apr |
| CYNTHIA DUTTER  | 23-Apr |
| GARY BUSH       | 26-Apr |
| DON AVERITT     | 27-Apr |
| ROBYN SCOTT     | 29-Apr |
| DAN PENICK      | 30-Apr |
| SUZANNE CHAPMAN | 30-Apr |



# Dallas Ski Club

## Changing of the Guard

### Dinner Party & Dance



Saturday, April 18, 2015 ~ 7 ~ 11 PM

Pre-Party for Singles ~ 6:30 PM

at the **Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West**

1590 LBJ Freeway (at Luna Rd), Dallas 75234 ~ 972-869-4300

Join us for Cocktails, Dinner & Dancing

Traditionally Black Tie Optional party, but Cocktail Dresses & Suits are more than acceptable ~ We just want you to be here for this great Party!!

Cash Bar ~ Reserved Tables for Singles! **Advance Reservations Only!**

**\$50/Members ~ \$60/Guests if payment is received before April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

After 4-1-15, price increases to \$60/Members & \$70/Guests.

*DSC is contributing to the cost of this party for everyone ~ please join us for this Special Night where we recognize and thank our Outgoing Board as we introduce and welcome our Incoming Board!*

DSC Traveling Trophies will also be presented to our Ski Club Champs!

Sign up on our website ([www.DallasSkiClub.org](http://www.DallasSkiClub.org)) where you can pay with your credit card or mail your check (payable to DSC) to:

Dallas Ski Club, Attn: COG, P O Box 810289, Dallas, TX 75381

The Omni has a courtesy hold on a limited number of hotel rooms for the reduced price of \$149 for the night of our party – Reservations must be made by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI (800-843-6664) & referring to Dallas Ski Club prior to 3-30-15.



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# Dallas Ski Club

## Road to Morocco Party

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 pm

at the home of Lynn Erickson

*We have a great Moroccan Soiree planned for your enjoyment . . .  
wonderful Food, Drinks, Live Music & More!*

*Members ~ \$35 each. Members may bring a Guest for \$40.  
Advance Reservations Only! Sign up early before this party fills up!*



**THIS PARTY IS NOW FULL – WAIT LIST ONLY!**

*Please sign up on our website ([www.DallasSkiClub.org](http://www.DallasSkiClub.org))  
where you can pay with your credit/debit card or mail your  
check (payable to DSC) to: Dallas Ski Club, Attn: Road to  
Morocco, P O Box 810289, Dallas, TX 75381*

*Your reservation must be made & your payment received  
by 3-25-15. No money will be accepted at the party ~ No  
Exceptions. Make your reservations TODAY!*

*For more information or to volunteer  
to help at the party, please contact  
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by  
Marlene Heineman  
DSC Race Director

## 2015 DSC Aspen Ski Races - The Results

We had some awesome ski races during our annual Dallas Ski Club Aspen ski trip in February! The Aspen races are part of a long tradition of the Dallas Ski Club and we are excited to announce our new Dallas Ski Club Champions – Janet Stone & Bob Gudikunst! Janet & Bob will be presented with the DSC Championship Traveling Trophies at our Changing of the Guard Party in April. These trophies have been 'traveling' since 1956 for the Men's and 1957 for the Women's!

The week started off with a great Race Clinic on Tuesday, put on just for the DSC racers by the Snowmass Race Department – 25 DSC racers participated in the Race Clinic! Everyone enjoyed the Clinic and we all improved our skiing and racing skills as everyone started to get excited about the upcoming races!

The annual Dallas Ski Club Ski Races were held on Friday, February 13th, on the Snowmass NASTAR race course. We had almost 40 racers this year racing in 5 different flights – Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Expert & Super. We had 18 'first time' racers with Dallas Ski Club this year!

We certainly had some incredibly close races and all the races were very exciting! The following winners were presented trophies at the Friday evening Awards Banquet in Aspen:

|                     | WOMEN |                  |       | MEN            |       |
|---------------------|-------|------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| SUPER FLIGHT        | 1st   | Marlene Heineman | 31.52 | John Rediger   | 23.89 |
|                     | 2nd   | JoAnn Cox        | 32.44 | Terye Rhoden   | 26.00 |
|                     | 3rd   | Connie Carey     | 35.35 | Don Averitt    | 26.08 |
| EXPERT FLIGHT       | 1st   | Janet Stone      | 33.10 | Bob Gudikunst  | 29.16 |
|                     | 2nd   | Joyce Bartell    | 36.15 | Ed Cox         | 30.16 |
|                     | 3rd   | n/a              |       | David Tanner   | 33.25 |
| ADVANCED FLIGHT     | 1st   | Debra Kaczowski  | 31.72 | Bob Ziegler    | 30.21 |
|                     | 2nd   | Carol Cresswell  | 36.23 | Steve Everts   | 30.67 |
|                     | 3rd   | Leigh Allen      | 36.81 | Dennis Priebat | 31.51 |
| INTERMEDIATE FLIGHT | 1st   | Janet Love       | 32.75 | Don Kaczowski  | 31.32 |
|                     | 2nd   | Jean Ryan        | 34.46 | Roland Love    | 33.54 |
|                     | 3rd   | Maxine Lawyer    | 41.39 | Patrick Ryan   | 34.65 |
| NOVICE FLIGHT       | 1st   | Lisa Edwards     | 41.84 | Irving Reed    | 43.53 |
|                     | 2nd   | Laurel Levin     | 53.54 | Larry Fellman  | 88.28 |
|                     | 3rd   | Laurie Harness   | 88.74 | n/a            |       |

The Winners of our Dallas Ski Club Traveling Trophies, which will be presented at the Changing of Guard Party in April, are:

DSC Ski Champions (winners of the Expert Flight) – Janet Stone & Bob Gudikunst

Advanced Trophy Winners (winners of the Advanced Flight) – Debra Kaczowski & Bob Ziegler

Ernie Blake Trophy Winners (fastest skiers in all flights) – Marlene Heineman & John Rediger

Please make plans to attend this fun party – it will be on Saturday, April 18th, at the Omni Hotel!

The following racers won NASTAR medals which were presented to them at the Friday evening Awards Banquet in Aspen.

Congratulations to all of you!

Platinum NASTAR Medal – John Rediger

Silver NASTAR Medals – Don Averitt, Terye Rhoden, Johnnie Walker

Bronze NASTAR Medals – JoAnn Cox, Ed Cox, Carol Cresswell, Bob Gudikunst, Marlene Heineman, Debra Kaczowski, Janet Love, Dennis Priebat, Jean Ryan, Janet Stone, Bob Ziegler

A huge 'Thanks' to all who raced in Aspen in February – you're all Winners!

As always, if you have any questions about our Race program, please contact Marlene Heineman, DSC Race Director. We are currently reviewing our Race Manual and would welcome your comments and input – please forward your thoughts to Marlene Heineman (MarleneH24@aol.com) and if you would be interested in serving on the Race Committee, please let Marlene know that as well.

# 2015 ASPEN TRIP

Wow! It's hard to believe another Dallas Ski Club Aspen trip has come and gone. Time really flies when we are having fun. On Saturday February 7th, a rowdy and eager group flew Southwest Airlines out of Love Field at the early hour of 7:00 AM, to get to Denver for the bus ride to Aspen. Fifty two people out of seventy on the trip took the flight, and trip leader JoAnn Cox wisely rented two first class buses to handle the crowd. She wisely split the group into "White Wine" and "Red Wine Groups" to help keep the troops in line for the 4 1/2 hour ride to The Gant condos. Order was preserved (barely!) on the ride and we made it to Aspen early enough to get organized and rest a little before the opening night party at the new Gant Conference Center. As always, the Gant staff did a great job for us, and the party went well.

This year's trip was unique in the number of new members, and first time Aspen trip attendees. Approximately one third of the group were new to the trip, and JoAnn and assistant trip leader Laurel Levin did a great job keeping everyone busy and entertained throughout the week. Mother Nature was in an unusual mood during the trip, with Aspen weather being the warmest in memory for early February. The group had balmy 50 degree highs and sunshine during the first few days. Amazingly enough the snow conditions held up well enough (after a little fresh powder on Wednesday) for the skiing to be really good for most of each day. It was almost like a spring beach trip, but being able to ski! Even the "Big Dogs" were happy with the black runs, and were able to initiate new "Dogs" Jim Bennett, Leigh Allen, Steve Everts, and Dennis Priebat into the fold of Double Black experts. Original Big Dog club founders Terye Rhoden and Jim Roche were awarded legacy status into the new version of the club.

This reporter was too busy to follow up on numerous reports of wild parties lasting late into the night at a condo dubbed the "Love Shack". Many bleary eyed skiers out on the slopes blamed dropping by the "Shack" the night before for their obvious weariness that day. If similar stories come up next trip, I will have to see for myself what was really going on!

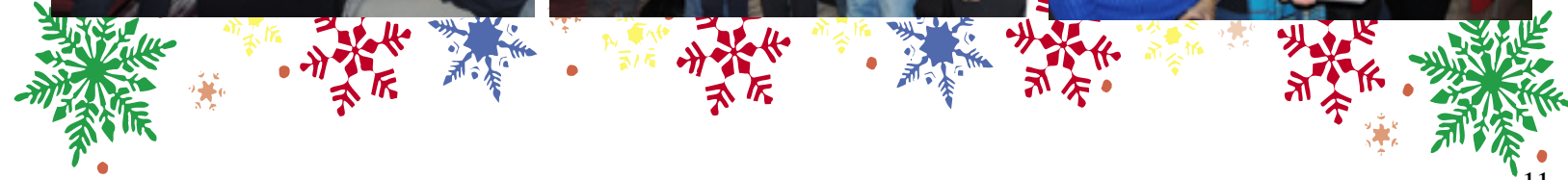
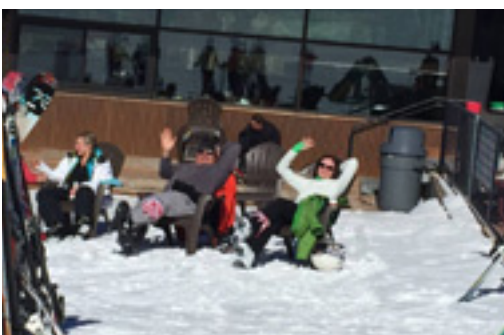
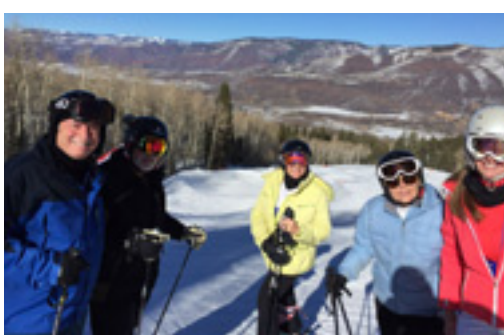
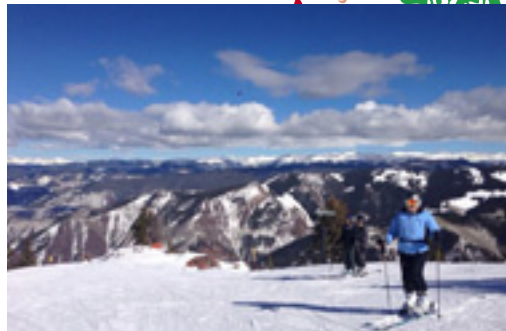
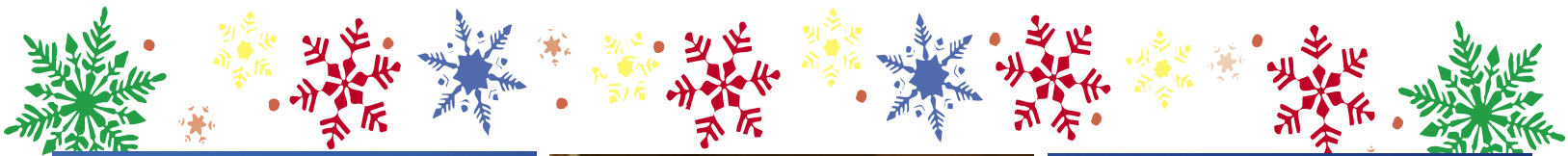
The trip leaders were staying in a special double condo that afforded the room to entertain a couple of nice dinner parties, and one big shindig on Tuesday night for the whole group. Kudos to JoAnn and her condo mates Laurel Levin, Janet Stone, and Scott and Terri Slaughter for working hard to put on a great party and wonderful evening. With such a large bunch of folks on the trip there were many other dinners and get togethers among the various condo groups, and from the reports I heard great fun was had by all.

On Monday the club had it's yearly lunch at Buttermilk, and we managed to get a nice group picture even without a pro photographer. Special thanks to Irving Reed for his nifty camera work during the stay. Bumps Restaurant did its' usual great job in helping us have a nice casual meal in our own private dining area. Buttermilk is always a fun place to ski the groomers and avoid the crowds. Club members skied all four mountains in various groups during the week, and you could always spot the happy skiers with the American flag kerchiefs flying down the hill. Many strangers were asking about all the folks with the "flags" on running around and having so much fun. We told them they needed to join the club and see for themselves!

The week went by so fast that Friday was here before we were ready. Marlene Heineman managed to get a record number of racers on the course at Snowmass on another warm sunny day. No bad falls happened, and a great lunch on the deck was served. If you didn't want to ski the rest of the day, you could have laid out for some great tanning in the amazing sunshine. That night, the Gant helped us put on a nice closing dinner and awards ceremony for the whole group. Many past presidents and club luminaries were present for a nice meal and good companionship. Race awards and medals were given out, and another great Aspen trip was about over.

Early Saturday morning JoAnn herded us all back on the two buses (this time the "Quiet" bus and the "Loud" bus) for the drive back to Denver and the flight home. I think most would agree that this was one of the best trips ever, and everyone is looking forward to next year!





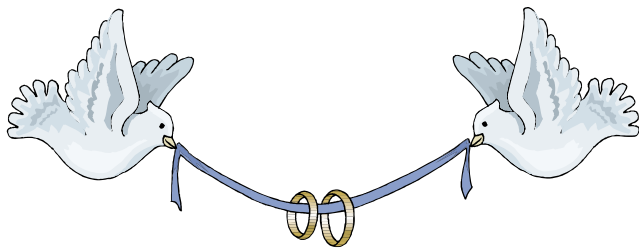




## Best of Luck to Dean and Lynn Thurmond

We would like to acknowledge our Past President, Dean Thurmond, and his wife Lynn who have embarked on a new venture. In the past year, the Thurmonds purchased an RV and relocated to a community in Whitney, Texas. As Dean described it, it's a community where small homes have very big garages. They plan to travel to all the corners of the US and Canada.

Unfortunately, they will no longer be able to participate in our activities and we will miss them. Dean and Lynn both served on the DSC Board and we appreciate their contributions to the club. We wish them much happiness in their new endeavor and we look forward to hearing about their travels on facebook. They are sure to have a great time. Our thoughts will be with them!



Congratulations to  
Bob Gudikunst and Birgit Hense!  
They were married at the Hotel Jerome  
during our trip to Aspen.  
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# Beaver Creek Trip

The first ski trip of the season to Beaver Creek was a fantastic success. We had 33 trip participants and one party pack goer. We welcomed new members Art and Tera Griffen and Kristen Knous. Kristen gets the award for coming the furthest as she is from Florida.



The festivities started before we even left Dallas. The pre-trip party was held at Judy ZumBerg's house on January 4th. Judy had her big screen going and we were able to watch the Cowboys come from behind to beat the Lions in the playoffs. Thanks, Judy!!



We celebrated our first night together with a cocktail party in the trip leaders condo. The accommodations at the Charter of Beaver Creek were great. Two bedroom condos nicely decorated and stocked with whatever you would need.

This was a Texas Ski Council trip...so, we shared this vacation with approximately 400 other travelers from around Texas that are participants of other clubs. The TSC did a wonderful job of coordinating and entertaining such a big crowd. The second night the TSC put on a Welcome Reception with drinks, appetizers and live music.



The skiing was outstanding. The first day was socked in with clouds...but, after that everyone loved the slopes. There was something for everyone...from the green skiers to the off terrain ski the trees group. And we had NO injuries!

We attempted to meet at a mountain spot most for lunch days. Tuesday was group lunch and group picture. Irving Reed brought his nice camera and took a plethora of photos (many of which you will see here) which all appreciated.



Wednesday the TSC sponsored a Nastar race. About 15 of us participated and a few received medals. George Kelly, Janet Stone and Janet Love all received Bronze medals. Way to go skiers! After skiing that day the TSC sponsored an impromptu cocktail gathering at the bar in the Charter...free drink tickets.



Thursday night was the TSC awards banquet. Those that received awards and medals were presented that night. Then dinner and dancing...everyone stayed late and really danced it up.

We departed on the bus to Denver on Saturday, January 17th...no travel problems and all were great travelers. What a great group! Thank you all for making my ob easy.



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