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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The elections are over, we're approaching one quarter of the year gone and there are several issues of grave concern it seems to me. Let's take the elections 1st. What were people thinking electing the current slate, or more specifically, why am I still in office?! Fortunately we have able people in positions that matter, i.e., all but my office, which it's obvious, doesn't matter. I would still let Club Members use the pool, but perhaps this was not immediately clear, and some wanted to swim this season, as a possible explanation for my election. Also, of concern is the ardor with which club members are running. Previously, I promoted the "date" theory of running; i.e., those in a new & exciting relationship ran poorly, those who didn't knew what a "relationship" was ran great. This largely explained Ed's running. But this old theory has fallen into disfavor, and a new explanation must be propounded to account for the sudden and startling new developments in our Club. We'll call it the "running recession" or "depression striding".

Look at Gerry Ives running. He is running the best of his life. The obvious explanation is that he's been demoted at work and has recently "lost" several editor jobs he was doing w/o recompense, hence he was not eating well and couldn't drive to work several times each week necessitating an 8 mile run on each end of the work day. Gerry's times dropped like leaves this Fall.

Look at former President Kevin Kolakowski. When he was single and having to scrape by on his earnings

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# VICE PRESIDENT TO HOST MARCH MEETING

"The Friday, March 12th meeting of WRC will be held at the V.P. Smythe's new bachelor pad. A map can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Due to size constrants, please... no children. For all of those confused by the entry codes at the Kolakowski Castle, I don't have any of the crap. Hint: look for the running shoes on the railing outside my front door".

# PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT REMAIN IN POSITION FOR SECOND YEAR IN WRC

The President of WRC presented awards to three people he thought had put forth extra effort for the Club. The first went to Jerry Merkel, for serving as treasurer for two years. Jerry remarked that it was the first time he received a plaque FROM a dentist. The second award Continue on page 2

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painting ships, he ran great, hitting a P.R. in the Marathon after taking a course in California entitled "ship painting in the '90's - shades of gray". As soon as he could finally count on Pat's income, WHAM he's down to jogging 4 miles a day. Look at Kevin's times to improve. Speaking of Pat, her times have been steadily dropping as she becomes more frustrated at work - look for some terrific times from her.

As the recession becomes more and more global and various governments look increasingly to outside sources of income, Ed's running has improved concomitantly. V.P. Smythe, while tediously saving up date money for a new house in Vienna ran great, hitting one P.R. after another. Jerry Merke, worries about a wedding he's going to have to provide some day, has started running fast again. James Scarborough, safe in his government job is running like hell, as is John O'Donnel who just got promoted over several fat people in his office. Colonel John Betts, two government jobs, no recession woes, runs like shit. Chris Stockdale, new unpaid secretary of WRC, trying to scrape out a living writing and trying to sell travel and tourism is running like the wind, hitting P.R's. all over.

The dental business has been in the ditch so long that I have already run as fast as I'm going to and I'm in the process of blowing out the patellar medial facet due to a weakened vastus medialis oblique muscle, I blew out my Achilles tendon 6 months ago and lately I blew out my eyes - In short I can't run anymore do to overuse injuries.

Another related concern is the Sunday morning run. What used to be a colloquial gathering of Club members for a rather lengthy, low key run, has turned into a damn weekly, brutal race, just shy of a marathon. The carnage is left along the way to struggle back in various forms of disrepair. Lately people have actually been warming up. Prior to actually setting out on a 19-20 mile run at a 6:40 pace. Whatever happened to junk miles. How'bout conversation instead of elbows. I have a reliable source who reports that on this week's run people were actually climbing over each other to get to the finish line during a 19 mile trainine "exercise". This is a group that has killer instincts and run over the wounded.

Since we wrecked the Kolakowski's house at the last meeting we have been kicked out, and V.P. Andy has graciously agreed to have us at the "new place", as long as we behave - I'm already working arrangements for a new location in April. Be sure to join us for pretzels from 1989, pizza from '91, chips left over from pool construction in 1990, and plenty of beer to wash it all down. I'll have WRC Hooded Sweatshirts (\$12), Singlets (\$12) and Caps (\$4) for purchase. TRIS

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went to James Scarborough for serving as Secretary during 1992. The third went to Gerry Ives (in Absentia) for working on the newsletter for 10 years (1982 through 1992, and some substitution in 1992).

James Scarborough offered, when Kruger mentioned, that he would like to organize teams for the Bethesda Chase 20K, Sunday, March 7. Teams are a minimum of four and maximum of nine. There is no co-ed division. (Three open men - Scarborough, Kruger, and O'Donnell, went to form one team).

Hal Morris made a guest appearance. Hal is a registered nutritionist and running doctor. he will be speaking at the DC Road Runners' Club meeting Tuesday, March 9.

The following order of business was the elections of officers, following the January nominations. Treasurer Merkel was not running for re-election. Andy smythe withdrew his nomination for President, and Tris Kruger was re-elected by acclamation. Pat Kolakowski withdrew her nomination for Vice-President, and Andy Smythe was re-elected by acclamation. A ballotting was held for Secretary. Chris Stockdale defeated James Scarborough, and was elected Secretary. A ballotting was held for Treasurer, and John O'Donnell defeated James Scarborough and was elected Treasurer. Outgoing Secretary and Treasurer agreed to turn over necessary materials to their successors. Thereupon, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

BEST WISHES TO ALL THE WRC OFFICERS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND FUTURE SERVICE.

# THE ROCK

Patrick "Rocky" Carr (not to be confused with Rocky Wind) is alive and out of control in California. Confirmation coumes from Ed Doheny who attempted to go one on one with "The Rock" on the ski slopes of Lake Tahoe in late February. The Rock, who skis like he drives, came out on top in all categories. Doheny is happy to report that the only knock down of the week did not involve him. It seems The Rock took out a 12 year old kid on a wide open slope. When Doheny came to offer assistance to the fallen skiers he heard The Rock telling the kid that 'It's a big mountain. Give me some room". Existing on six hours of sleep is not a problem for the human dynamo although rumor has it that he was a little testy one night when Doheny tried to salvage a half cooked meal that The Rock had abandoned during a power failure. (When the lights went out The Rock retired to his crib with his headset on and could not be awakened by Doheny. He would still be asleep except the batteries died as he was listening to his Dexter Poindexter (no relation to Dexter Manley) tape of the King of Babylon.) For those of you who may have missed Pat's birthday last month, you may want to send him an earring. We are not sure which ear, so just send one that is omidirectional. It's all part of the California look.

The winter Snowball series for the D.C. Road Runner's Club held event number six (6) at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, VA (January 30, 1993) off the George Washington Parkway. This was a dual event, 5K for the women followed by an open 12K which started inside the park.

A small group of females had gathered to battle each other and the wlnd, the course was two loops. In less than a mile, Senoria Clarke of Washington, DC opened about a twenty-five yard over second place runners Kim Saddic of Arlington, VA and Ellen Rancher of Rockville,

MD. A few paces back was Lynn Patterson of Fairfax, VA and Kim McLaughlin of Herndon. VA. The event was beginning to take shape and war going to be open. With one loop remaining things were getting tense.

On the back stretch, Saddic made a successful bid to take over first place. The stage was set and Saddic was able to hold off all competitors and captured a 17:14 win. Clarke wds able to secure second~position with 17:33. Patterson pulled up from behind and took third place with 17:36. The fourth position was captured by Rancher (time unknown) and fifth place went toMcLaughlin with 18:13.

The masters title went to local favorite Chris Stockdale of Takoma Park, MD with 19:46 (8th place). The second master was Karen Erb of Alexandria, VA with 21:13 (12th place). Mary Ann Zuckerman of Laurel, MD was third with 21:42 (13th place).

The ladies were able to heat the road surface up for the next event. The 12K presented a rather difficult challenge after the first mile, the runners left the park for rolling hills along the Potomac River shoreline. The runners had five miles of wind to battle. The leaders established a demanding pace from the park to the turn around. Thomas McCarthy of Alexandria, VA was enjoying a comfortable lead but local Ric Banning of Alexandria just turned master was out to demonstrate some high performance running, he was in hot pursuit. The hills did prove to be a problem as the gap was closed. If you can't win out right then you tie, both McCarthy and Banning clocked a 40:51. The third position went to Frank John, IV of Upper Marlboro, MD with 41:18. The runners continued to press and roll with the hills. The fourth and fifth positions went to Brian Jones of Alexandria with EI With 42:43 and Roger Cooke of Woodbridge, VA with 43:08.

The second master was Paul Quinn of Springfield, VA with 46:01 (11th place) and John Haubert of Alexandria was third with 46:49 (15th place).

A dual was taking place with the men as 74 year old Alvin Gultag of Gaithersburg, MD clocked a 1:25:29 to out kick 72 year old Bud Averitt of Oxon Hill, MD, 1:32:19.

The lead female was Mary Anne Burke of McLean who dominated the event with a 50:15 win. The competition for Burke had all participated in the 5K. Karen Garth of Alexandria was holding second place out to the turn around. On the

return trip the order began to shift as Saddic, Patterson and Stockdale began to shift positions. It was apparent that the 5K did not deplete any of them. Shortly after, Burke crossed Saddic and clocked a 51:11 along with Lynn Patterson for second and third. The fourth position was captured by Chris Stockdale with 53:06 (first master). Garth managed to maintain a fifth place finish with 53:25

The second master was Callie Edmundson of Dale City, VA with 55:12 (6th female). Karen Erb of Alexandria was third master with 57:13 (7th place).

As the race came to a close, the temperature began to rise. The last snowball event is one week away, the final match for points.

DCRRC FORT HUNT PARK SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1993 ALEXANDRIA,VA

WOMEN' S 5K (Snowball #6) 10: OO AM

# PLACE/NAME

| Kim Saddic       | 22 | 17:14 | Arlington,VA    |
|------------------|----|-------|-----------------|
| Senoria Clarke   | 28 | 17:33 | Washington,DC   |
| Lynn Patterson   | 29 | 17:36 | Fairfax, VA     |
| Ellen Rancher    | 28 |       | Rockville,MD    |
| Kim McLaughlin   | 27 | 18:13 | Herndon, VA     |
| Mary Gaylord     | 28 | 18:43 | Alexandri, VA   |
| Suzanne Scoggin  | 29 | 18:54 | Reston, VA      |
| Chris Stockdale  | 48 | 19;46 | Takoma Park, MD |
| Janet Felty      | 34 | 20:08 | Arlington, VA   |
| Karen Garth      | 34 | 20:25 | Alexandria, VA  |
| Jennifer McGrail | 37 | 20:58 | Arlington, VA   |
| Karen Erb        | 41 | 21:13 | Alexandria,VA   |
| Mary Ann Zuckerm | 46 | 21:42 | Laurel,MD       |
| Carol Cobble     | 34 |       | Arlington,VA    |
| Lori Poulos      | 30 | 22:19 | McLean,VA       |
| Nancy Karabaic   | 33 | 23:37 | Kensington, MD  |
| Andrea Palmermo  | 28 | 23:55 | Alexandria, VA  |

| Toni Getze     | 40 Zb: Z6 | Alexandria, VA |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Janet Nunziata | 37 27:20  | Sterling,V     |
| Lee Glassco    | 61 28:34  | McLean,VA      |
| Mary Clark     | 35 28:39  | Alexandria     |
| Kate Damm      | 22 29:26  | Arlington,     |
| Jane Kane      | 44 29:59  | Reston, VA     |
| Kathleen Weber | 42 36:00  |                |

12K (Snowball #6) 10:45 AM

| NAME             | AGE TIME | HOMETOWN          |
|------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Thomas McCarthy  | 33 40:51 | Alexandria,VA     |
| Ric Banning      | 40 40:51 | Alexandria,VA     |
| Frank John IV    | 23 41:18 | Upper Marlboro,MD |
| Brian Jones      | 31 42:43 | Alexandria,VA     |
| Roger Cooke      | 30 43:08 | Woodbridge,VA     |
| Mike Hart        | 37 43:26 | Arlington,VA      |
| Ted Poulos       | 31 44:38 | McLean,VA         |
| Nick Papajohn    | 28 44:44 | Alexandria,VA     |
| John McGrail     | 37 45:19 | Arlington,VA      |
| Nark Drosky      | 32 45:43 | Alexandria,VA     |
| Paul Quinn       | 44 46:Ol | Springfield,VA    |
| Rick Bockman     | 35 46:14 | Springfield.VA    |
| Vincent McDonald | 33 46121 | Arlington.VA      |
| Jon Thoren       | 37 46:28 | Washington,DC     |
| John Haubert     | 50 46:49 | ALexandria,VA     |
| Joe O'Gorman     | 44 46:53 | Reston,VA         |
| Richard Ryan     | 41 47:09 | Burke ,VA         |
| Bob Trost        | 46 47:11 | Falls Church,VA   |

| FEMALES 1        | 2K  | 10      | :45 AM                |
|------------------|-----|---------|-----------------------|
| NAME             | AGE | TIME    | HOMETOWN              |
| Mary Anne Burke  | 29  | 50:15   | McLean,VA             |
| Kim Saddic       | 22  | 51:11   | Arlington, VA         |
| Lynn Patterson   | 29  | 51:11   | Fairfax,VA            |
| Chris Stockdale  | 48  | 53:06   | Takoma Park, MD       |
| Raren Garth      | 34  | 53:25   | Alexandria,VA         |
| Callie Edmundson | 44  | 55:12   | Dale City,VA          |
| Karen Erb        | 41  | 57:13   | Alexandria,VA         |
| Sharon Sterbis   | 26  | 57:55   | Rockville,MD          |
| Allison Henss    | 29  | 58:02   | North Springfield, VA |
| Marianne Moore   | 25  | 59:10   | Woodbridge,VA         |
| Carolyn Greeley  | 28  | 1:01:12 | Arlington,VA          |
| Lori Poulos      | 30  | 1:02:24 | McLean,VA             |
| Carolyn Gernand  | 44  | 1:03:47 | Arlington,VA          |
| Lisa Culver      | 37  | 1:06:29 | Clifton,VA            |
| Natalie McDonal  | 30  | 1:06:57 | Arlington,VA          |
| Ariel Steele     | 23  | 1:08:23 | Washington,DC         |
| Dee Hester       | 49  | 1:09:00 | McLean, VA            |
| Shelly Schwab    | 51  | 1:15:58 | Alexandria,VA         |
| Kimberly Fain    | 24  | 1:16:32 | Springfield, VA       |
|                  |     |         |                       |

# LOCAL RUNNING STORES OFFERING DISCOUNTS

CAPTIAL SPORTS, 235 Pennsylvania Avenue., S.E. Washington, DC (546-1212). Discount of 10% for Club Members

COLLEGE PARK BICYCLE, 4360 Knox Rd., College Park (301 864-2211). Discount of 5-10% on shoes and clothing. Must have newsletter for identification. Ask for Larry Black

.DECORATIVE RUGS & CARPET, 3230 Duke St., Alexandria (751)4110).Discount of 10% or more on floor covering. Store is run by WRCer's Ron and Candy Ponchak.

RACQUET AND JOG, International Square at 19th & K. Discount of 10% with cash or check only. No discount for shoes on sale. FLEET FEET, 1840 Columbia Road., N.W., Discount of 10% on clothing and shoes.

BIKES PLUS, 308 Compton Ave., Laurel, MD., (776-9494). Triathlon and running gear. Discount of 15% on all non-sale items. Ask for George Whetzel.

THE RUNNING STORE (formally Fairfax Running Center) 211 The Strand Old Town Alexandria. Discount of 10% on running and biking clothing and biking accessories. Bring newsletter for discount.

### **GROUP RUNS**

Tuesday Night Run. The running Center. Alexandria 6:30 p.m. Group runs from 6-10 miles along the bike path next to the Parkway.

Wednesday Night Intervals, Georgetwon U. Track, 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Informal track workout Contact: Gerry Ives at (202) 452-4242.

Thursday Night Run, Pacers, 1301 King St., Old Town Alexandria, 6:30 p.m. 10% discount at store. Contact Bobbie Conlan at (703) 836-1463.

Thursday Night Run, Fleet Feet, 8418 Old Keen Mill Rd., Springfield, VA. Group runs to 8.5 miles around lake Accotink. All paces. 15% discount at store to participants. Contact: Paul Zink at (703) 451-1675.

Saturday Morning Run, TJ Community Center, Arlington 8 a.m. Fun Run on an interesting five mile course, includes interesting company.

Sunday Morning Run, 34th and M St., N.W. 8 a.m. Over hill and dale the kids hit the trail at a brisk pace while tossing verbal brickbats at one another. Contact Gerry Ives at (202) 452-4242.

Sunday Morning Fun Run, Fleet Feet Sports Shop. 11840 Columbia Rd. N.W. 9 a.m. Group runs 5-8 miles through city and Rock Creek Park, all paces. Contact Phil or Jan Fenty at (202) 387-3888.

Sunday Morning Run. Williamsport H.S. (Take 70W to 81 South use Williamsport exit, approx. 70 minutes from DC) 9 a.m. Groups range from 15-40 runners for runs of 13-20 miles mostly on C&O Canal and surrounding countyside. All runners invited. Contact Mike Spinnier at (301) 739-7004.

## **UP COMING RACE INFORMATION**

- 6 March (Saturday) Alexandria, Washington Sailing Marina Predicted Time Five Miler, 10am, DCRRC, 703-241-0395
- 6 March (Saturday) Edgewood, MD, Last Train to Boston Marathon, Aberdeen Army Base, 11am,
- 7 March (Sunday) Severna Park, MD, B&R Trail Marathon Severna Park HS, 7:30am, Annapolis Stride
- 7 March (Sunday) Greenbelt, MD, Springburst 8K, Greenbelt Park, 9am, \$12, \$15 race day, PGRC, 301-459-1027
- 7 March (Sunday) Bethesda, MD, Bethesda Chase 20K Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS, 10:15am, \$12, \$\$15, \$20 race day, 301-217-3980
- 13 March (Saturday) Takoma Park, MD, 2 Miler, 9am, 202-363-4797
- 13 March (Saturday) Arlington, VA, 9am,

Potomac Overlook Regional Park. \$2. \$3, Potomac Valley Track Club, 703-524-1320

- 14 March (Sunday) Gaithersburg, MD, 5K/10K/15K, Seneca Creek State Park, MCRRC 301-35310200
- 14 March (Sunday) Washington, DC, St. Paddy's Day 10K, 9:30am, Colonial Running Co., 3409 Haines Way, #102, Falls Church, VA 22041
- 20 March (Saturday) Virginia Beach, VA, Shamrock Marathon and 8K, 9am, Tidewater Striders, 804-481-5090
- 21 March (Sunday) Wilmington. DE, 1pm. Cesar Rodney Half Marathon. Marathon Sports. 302-654-2354
- 27 March (Saturday) Alexandria, VA, 8am, Run vs. Row 10K, Alexandria Crew Boosters. (703) 836-7111
- 27 March (Saturday) Harford Co., MD., 9am, Hinte-Anderson Trail Run Mid-Atlantic 50K Run, Phil Anderson.
- 27 March (Saturday) Alexandria, VA. 9am, Sandberg Panterlon 5K, \$10, \$12, 2003 Cool Spring Dr, Alexandria. VA 22308
- 28 March (Sunday) Rockville, MD, 8am, Fritzbe's 10K, \$12, \$15,\$20 raceday, 703-379-6500 or 301-560-6100.

#### APRIL

- 3 April (Saturday) Charlottesville. VA, 8am, Charlottesville Ten Miler, \$10, \$12, \$15, Ragged Mtn Running Shop, 804-2293-6115
- 4 April (Sunday) Washington, DC, 8am, Northern Telecom Cherry Blossom Ten Miler, entries closed, 301-371-5583
- 4 April (Sunday) Edgewater, MD, 2pm, Cherry Pit Ten Miler Annapolis Striders, 410-268-1165
- 10 April (Saturday) Washington, DC, 8:30am, Easter Classic 10K, \$2/\$3, Potomac Valley Track Club, 703-243-1291
- 10 April (Saturday) Alexandria, VA, 9:30am, Belle Haven 15K DCRRC, 703-241-0395
- 17 April (Saturday) Williamsburg, VA, Brachen Fire 5K, Arthritis Foundation, 804-229-7375
- 18 April (Sunday), Washington, DC, Sallie Mae 10K, 202-728-6456