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Welcome to Newcomers!!!

With spring-summer waiting to spring into action, the time has come to enlist even more new MLSC members. Tell your friends and co-workers all about MLSC and to come out for the activities this year. Once they have experienced the diversity throughout the year such as biking, ski trips, hikes, indoor or outdoor tennis, parties, wine & dines, progressive dinner, garden parties, pool parties, concerts, happy hours, and the like, they can't help wanting to become a member.

Monthly meetings are from **September to April**, but new members can join anytime. Activities are year round.

To join MLSC, use the Annual Membership form on our website <http://mainlineskiclub.com>.

Your membership will be good for the 2017 year. Read the web page and follow the instructions.

Welcome New Member

Charles Testa

Berwyn PA



Got an IDEA for a great MLSC Activity???

We think that members just might have some great ideas for a MLSC activity even though they are unable to attend an Activities Planning Meeting and offer your thoughts. SO, if you have a totally terrific idea, let us know what it is!! Please email Sally Hilderbrand at shilderbrand2@verizon.net. We want to hear from YOU!!

Our Planning meetings occur only four times a year...April, July, October and January and currently are held at Panera Bread in the Gateway Shopping Center just off Rte 202. We meet between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m., order a dinner, and then we'll plan activities.

Thank you ahead of time for your suggestions!



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Message from the Prez



We have had good turnouts for the April meeting and Happy Hours; it's been good to see such enthusiastic groups. While ski season has ended for most of us, tennis continues for 3 more Sundays plus its Hilton Head trip, and Sally Hilderbrand has planned some outstanding activities over the next few months.

The progressive dinner on April 29 and Kentucky Derby Party on May 6 will have our largest turnouts. But watch the activities schedule for bike rides, hikes, wine and dines, and a trip via Megabus to museums in Washington DC.

Of course it's getting warm, so swim parties can't be too far off. Yet at the same time your Board is looking at ski travel for 2018. Commitments most likely are in place as I write this for Vail in late February. The Tiroler's 2018 trip is to Mount Bachelor in Oregon – as you know we will be cross advertising these events.

If you attended the April meeting, you completed a survey that will help us select a New England destination for the 2018 midweek downhill/ cross country ski trip. Have a strong preference? If yes, you can still call Don Drury. The Board must also make a decision on our next European trip. We may choose to look toward winter 2019 for that one. Deb Pentz would like to hear your thoughts.

Those of us who sail, golf, or pursue other outdoor endeavors may be doing so with other clubs. Enjoy, and remember to tell any new friends about the fun you are having with us. See you soon.

Ralph von dem Hagen

Warmest Thanks!!!

Warmest Thanks to the three hosts of the Progressive Dinner on April 29th -- Russ Chomiak, Sue & Chase McDaniel, and Annemie Deruytter. Agreeing to be a host is no small undertaking ...so THANK YOU more than we can ever say!!

And **MUCH gratitude** to April's other event leaders – Kathleen and Howard Weisz for the Bridge event on Saturday, April 8th, Bob Campbell for the bike ride on April 23rd, and Rich Schonwald for the Happy Hours on April 14th and 26th. You are all THE BEST!! ☺

p.s. AND, a special mention of “thanks” (we think!!) to Nick Novak for the levity he provided on April 1st which is, of course, April Fool's Day. Nick emailed all of the folks who signed up for the hike that day that said he heard Valley Forge Park was closed due to a Mountain Lion sighting, which the leader swallowed hook, line, and sinker and went racing over to the park to check it out! Very, very creative--and believable (well, sort of -- the park rangers said definitely no mountain lions in this area FOR SURE!!). ☺ Everyone got a good laugh out of this one!

Kentucky Derby Dinner Party

Saturday, May 6th



Howard & Kathleen Weisz, West Chester
1210 Winthrop Circle 19380

4 pm to 5:45 pm Cocktails, Appetizers, Betting
6:04 pm (Race starts - No more betting; so
arrive early)

6:15 pm-6:45 pm - Award prizes/Take pictures

7:15 pm Buffet Dinner: Please bring a dish
(appetizer, side, or dessert).

We're all too busy to go to Louisville, so let's just
get all decked out and come out to West Chester
for Kentucky Derby #143...Big Screen/HDTV-style.

This Churchill Downs extravaganza has been a
celebrated event ever since its inception in 1875.
It's all about tradition, it's all about style, it's all
about partying, and it's also the greatest two
minutes in sports!

Held annually on the first Saturday in May, it's the
first jewel in the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred
Horseracing. It's the biggest party in the South, but
we're bringing it out West (to West Chester, that
is!) Mint juleps are served on arrival. Plus we will
provide sodas/wine/beer all through the party.

Cost is \$15 p/p for members, \$25 p/p for non-
members. Everyone attending must also bring one
dish per person (appetizer, side or dessert; again,
we'll serve the main course.) Please let us know in
advance what your dish will be (so we don't have
duplications).

We'll be awarding prizes for "Best Hat," "Dressiest
Derby Outfit," etc., so come dressed to impress!

Before the race starts, we'll have \$2/horse betting
(betting is strictly random, we draw the horse's
name from a hat); so bring some extra dollars for
that! Often there are only fifteen or so horses
competing; so arrive early to be sure you get to
place a bet (one bet per horse.) Then we'll all mill
around like millionaires in our own "Millionaire's
Row," wearing our Derby hats, sipping our mint
juleps, welcoming in Spring, and of course singing
"My Old Kentucky Home."

This party is always a big hit and goes on well past
the race; giving us plenty of time to award all our
prizes, dole out the cash to the winners of the
Race (Win/Place/Show), and then enjoy our buffet
dinner and dessert.

Please email Kathleen Weisz at
kqweisz@aol.com by Thursday, April 29th to
hold your spot.... and to tell her exactly what
dish you will bring. Space is limited and once
we reach our quota, you will be placed on the
Waiting List...so be smart and sign up early!

Directions: from King of Prussia

1. Take 202 south, once you pass Malvern, stay
LEFT...follow signs for West Chester.
2. Take the very next exit (Boot Road exit)
3. At the light at the Boot Road exit, Turn Right
on Boot Road.
4. Go Straight on Boot Road for about 1/2 mile
5. Go Left on Phoenixville Pike (at light.)
(Rite Aid on Right Side Corner of
Phoenixville Pike.)
6. Go Straight on Phoenixville Pike to the Third
Right, Killington Circle.
7. Turn Right on Killington and immediate left
on Winthrop. We're on the corner, 1210
Winthrop.



Friday Happy Hour
Radnor Hotel Glenmorgan
Grill
5-7 p.m.

Friday, May 12th



Hope to see you there!

Tour the Glencairn Museum

Saturday, May 13th

3:00 PM



Bryn Athyn, Pa.

Glencairn Museum is a castle-like structure built in the Medieval (Romanesque) style between 1928 and 1939, and has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since August, 1978. The museum is also part of a larger historic district which was designated as a National Historic Landmark in October, 2008.

The museum was constructed primarily as the home of Raymond and Mildred Pitcairn, but was also designed to house the Pitcairn's collection of medieval objects and art. The main floor has been preserved as it was during the Pitcairn's residence, while the other floors have been converted to exhibit the vast Pitcairn collection.

The collection has garnered wide renown, and is rich in history with room after room of exquisite treasures such as stained glass, carvings, paintings, sculpture, and statuary. The museum is closed on Mondays, but guided tours are otherwise available on a daily basis.

Our own May 13 guided tour will start at 3:00 PM and last approximately 2 hours. A fee of \$10 per person will apply.

The destination address of the museum is 1001 Cathedral Road, Bryn Athyn, Pa. In this day of the GPS and Map Quest we won't be providing directions. These can be obtained by entering the destination address in the device of your choice.

Following the tour we will be scheduling a 5:00 dinner at the White Elephant, a Thai restaurant located an easy 3.8 mile drive from the museum site. The "Elephant" serves excellent cuisine, reasonably priced in a comfortable setting, and is BYOB. Directions will be provided for those interested.

Questions? Contact Ralph Pillischer at repill4@gmail.com or 215 491 3617. Also, if you elect to participate in this event, please advise Ralph by May 5th whether you will be joining both tour and dinner or the tour only.

**Sunday, May 14th, is
Mother's Day...**

Wine 'n Dine at Goat's Beard

Saturday, May 20th

Wayne, PA



6:30 pm – drinks at the bar

7:00 pm – seated for dinner

"We at Goat's Beard set out, in the beginning, to create a restaurant and bar that focuses on LOCAL...Locally-Sourced product, domestic wines and craft beer from local Philadelphia-based craft breweries."

Come and join your MLSC friends and acquaintances at Goat's Beard in the location where Xilantró used to be in Wayne. Check out their menu online.

www.thegoatsbeardwayne.com

The atmosphere is very rustic and modern. The menu is filled with classy twists on comfort food. For instance, Steak Mac & Cheese gnocchi was very delicious and satisfying. The cocktail list is also exciting. We thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience and service. Thank you, Goat's Beard!

Some customer comments are:

Amazing service, creative and delicious salads, appetizers and cocktails

Friendly staff, great atmosphere, and a very interesting menu

Moderate price. It adds spice to the typical dining choices in Wayne

The restaurant is located at 103 N. Wayne Avenue, Wayne; 484-584-4979. **To make reservations, contact Judy Alters at jaa840@aol.com by Friday, May 19th.** Be sure that you receive a return email to ensure your reservation has been received.

Hope to see you there! Don't forget: 6:30 pm at the bar; 7:00 pm at our table.

**Saturday -- Monday
May 27-29th
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
NO MLSC Activities Scheduled**

Last Wednesday of Month Happy Hour
Wednesday, May 31st
333 Belrose
King of Prussia Rd / Belrose Lane
Hope to see you there!

**“FIELD TRIP” to
Washington DC by Megabus
Saturday, June 3rd
7:15 a.m.
Beginning at Paoli Station**

On this day trip, we will take the **Megabus** from 30th Street Station to Washington DC, eat lunch at the Native American Museum, then take a tour at that Museum. Afterwards, you will be free to visit other museums in walking distance. We return by Megabus to 30th Street Station, and then back out to Paoli for a long but very interesting and rewarding day!!

We will meet on Saturday, June 3rd at the Paoli Train Station, 13 N. Valley Rd., at 7:15 am. Parking at Paoli Station is free on Saturday. At the Paoli Train Station purchase 2 tickets to take the train to, and return from, 30th Street Station. For Seniors over age 65, the cost is \$1 each way. You can also buy the ticket on the train. The train leaves Paoli at 7:24 am and arrives at 30th Street Station at 8:05 am. In 30th Street Station, we will walk to board the Megabus. We must be at the Megabus stop at least 15 minutes before departure. The Megabus leaves 30th Street Station at 8:30 am and arrives at Union Station in Washington DC at 11:20 am (you can nap during the trip!). If you prefer to meet us at 30th Street Station instead of Paoli, please let us know. Just arrive 15 minutes before the 8:30 am departure time.

IMPORTANT: You must buy your own round trip tickets for the Megabus online. Go to www.Megabus.com. Put in June 3 for the departure and return dates. Also enter Philadelphia and Washington DC as the origin and destination. Select **8:30 am as the departure time and 5:45 pm as the return time.** The cost starts at \$24.00 for the round trip. If you have already purchased your return ticket for 6:20 pm, try to cancel that and purchase a return ticket for 5:45 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The cost goes up, the longer that you wait to make reservations. We will be glad to help you reserve the tickets.

After arriving at Union Station, we will walk to the Native American Museum. It is about a 15 minute walk (you can also take a taxi!). The tour starts at

1:30 pm. and lasts about 45 minutes. The tour guides are Native Americans and are absolutely fabulous.

Before the tour, we will eat lunch at the cafeteria in the Native American Museum. The food is gourmet and thoroughly enjoyable.

After the tour, you have your choice of museums. We suggest the following: Air & Space Museum, *The Newseum*, and/or the World War II Memorial, all of which are in walking distance of the Native American Museum. The Air & Space Museum is almost next door to the Native American Museum. The Newseum (history of newspapers and other media – it’s truly awesome!) is about two blocks from the Native American Museum. The World War II Memorial is outdoors and is also close to the Native American Museum. We will help anyone that needs directions.

We will meet again at Union Station at 5 pm to catch the Megabus for home. Buy food for dinner there to eat on the bus on the way to 30th Street Station. The Megabus leaves Union Station at 5:45 pm and arrives at 30th Street at 9:05 p.m. The Paoli Train leaves 30th Street Station at 10:09 pm, arriving at Paoli at 10:50 pm.

Wear good walking shoes since we will be walking from the train station to the various museums. Also, in case of rain, please bring a small umbrella. Please be aware that security is very tight at these museums so bring as few items as possible. All the museums have free admission except *The Newseum* which is not a government facility.

To sign up for this trip, please phone or email Ann Knepper at 610-408-8986 or amknep@hotmail.com. Ann has made this trip to D.C. several times so she can answer any questions that you may have! Just be aware that **you must reserve the Megabus tickets on your own.**



Summer Stroll on the River Trail (with lunch after!)

Sunday, June 11th

11:00 a.m.

Valley Forge Park



The River Trail on the OTHER side of the river in Valley Forge Park is a delightful walk/stroll any time of year and early June is no exception! What better way to enjoy beautiful scenery and glorious weather!! There are NO hills on this trail, just a wide gravel path and views of the river! You can elect to do TWO, FOUR, or SIX (the entire length and back) miles and these checkpoints are well-marked en route. In addition, after our hike, we'll we'll go for lunch at a nearby eatery.

We start at the Betzwood Bridge parking lot area. Take the Rt. 363 exit from Route 422 which is immediately after you cross the Schuylkill River. Stay in the left hand lane of the exit ramp and turn LEFT at the top of the ramp. You will cross over Rt. 422, make another left, and head towards the river. Turn RIGHT into the park after a short downhill and **go to the END of the road** past the bathrooms on your left and park as close to the start of the River Trail as possible.

For reservations, call Sue Lior 267-738-8160, **OR** email her at sklstar13@gmail.com. Be sure you get a response to ensure your email has been received. Also, please leave your phone number and email so that she can contact you if necessary. Cancelled in the event of steady rain, of course.

HAPPY HOUR AT COYOTE CROSSING WITH THE TIROLER SKI CLUB
800 Spring Mill Avenue, Conshohocken, PA
Friday, June 23rd
5:00 pm

Come join the fun when we enjoy an evening with fabulous drinks and patio ambiance at COYOTE CROSSING.

Kick off the beginning of Summer on one of the prettiest outdoor patios in the area. Combine that with offerings like Rose Petal or Champagne Margaritas, Mango Mojitos, and Grilled Pineapple Martinis to toast to the summer ahead.

We're joining with our friends from the TIROLER SKI CLUB for a fun happy hour evening at Coyote Crossing ...named BEST OF for "Meet for a Drink" and "Outdoor Seating;" " there is no denying the charm...the outdoor patio is one of the most relaxing atmospheres in the area to enjoy a few great cocktails with friends or colleagues. In the evening the twinkling lights and tranquil sound of the running water of the patio's large center fountain create a magical dining experience."

This event is back by popular demand after a well-attended 2016 get together.

We will be making a reservation to sit down for dinner at 7 pm. **If you would like to be part of the sit-down dinner reservation**, please advise via **email no later than Monday, June 19th** to **Phyllis at Tirolerskiclub@gmail.com**

PATIO OPENS AT 5 pm
 HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS AT BAR until 7 pm
 \$4 Dos Equis Drafts, \$6 Appetizers
 \$5 House Margaritas, Mojitos and Sangria

In case of rain, we'll be at the inside bar.
www.coyotecrossing.com

Directions: From Schuylkill take exit 332 towards PA 23/Conshohocken. Merge onto Matsonford Road. Continue onto PA 3016/Fayette Street. Turn right onto E. 1st Avenue. Take a slight left onto SPRING MILL Ave. # 800 is destination is on the left.

<p>Friday Happy Hour Desmond Hotel Deck Gt Valley Corp Center 5-7 p.m.</p>	
<p>Friday, June 16th</p>	
<p>Hope to see you there!</p>	

Grave Matters— Save the Date

Guided Tour of Laurel Hill Cemetery

Sunday, June 25th

Philadelphia

On Sunday, June 25th MLSC will visit the National Historic Landmark, Laurel Hill Cemetery for a guided tour of one of the most beautiful spots in Philadelphia which many of Philadelphia's most famous call "home." If enough attendees are interested, dinner at a fine local BYOB restaurant will follow.

If interested please save this day and E-mail Philip Harvey at harvey1933@verizon.net. Early respondents are good because if we have enough attending, we can qualify for a customized tour. More details will be included in the June MLSC Newsletter.



Last Wednesday of Month Happy Hour
Wednesday, June 28th

333 Belrose

King of Prussia Rd / Belrose Lane

Hope to see you there!



Sally's Perennial Flower Bed

Potluck Garden Party at Sally's

Saturday, July 8th

6:30 p.m.

Collegeville



Come on out and enjoy Sally's gardens in Collegeville AND delight in the company of MLSC'ers for a totally fabulous potluck dinner on the patio!!

Sally has THREE fish ponds -- two around her patio and one in her pride 'n joy woodland garden that also has a bench swing, "frog Buddha" that surveys the pond, and a gazebo with seating for six. There is a fern grotto reading garden, a children's garden complete with a fairy garden done by the grandkids, and a whimsical garden featuring the "Rotten Rabbit" seat and a true "flower bed" (let your imagination go on what this is!). In addition to the woods, the long cottage garden along the white fence should be in full bloom. Needless to say, Sally spends many hours working in her gardens so please come out and enjoy the fruit of her labors!!!

For the Potluck, you need to tell us exactly what you will bring -- appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert. Be sure to LABEL your dishes and serving utensils and have your contribution ready-to-eat. Wine, beer, sodas and water will be provided. Cost for members is \$15, non-members \$25. Please bring the EXACT CASH if possible.

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, July 6th to Sally Hilderbrand at 610-489-4718 OR email her at shilderbrand2@verizon.net (**VERY, VERY IMPORTANT:** be SURE you get a reply to ensure your email has been received!!) Reserve as early as you can for planning purposes. This is an outdoor event and is weather dependent. **RAIN DATE is Sunday, July 9th.**

Calendar

May / June 2017

Calendar of Activities

Take a look, then MARK your CALENDARS NOW so you don't forget!!

MAIN LINE SKI CLUB - SUNDAY NIGHT TENNIS, 2017 – See website

Sat., May 6th Kentucky Derby Dinner Party—West Chester

Fri., May 12th Friday Happy Hour—Radnor Hotel Glenmorgan Grill—Radnor

Sat., May 13th Tour the Glencairn Museum—Bryn Athyn

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Fri., June 16th Friday Happy Hour—Radnor Hotel Glenmorgan Grill—Radnor

Sunday, June 18th Fathers' Day

Fri., June 23rd Happy Hour at Coyote Crossing with Tiroler SC--Conshohocken

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