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What: John Roskelley's Nanda Devi Climb

When: Thursday, February 3 - 8 pm

Where: Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Auditorium - \$2.00 admission

The Mountaineering Section and PATC will jointly sponsor a lecture and slide show by John Roskelley about his trip to Nanda Devi this past summer.

"Nanda Devi, 25645 feet or 7816 meters, was climbed by a new and extremely difficult route on September 1, 1976, when Dr. Louis Reichardt, John Roskelley and Dr. James States reached the summit via the north ridge from a sixth high camp at 24,000 feet.... The recent climb is far and away the most difficult route achieved by Americans in the Himalaya." (Excerpted from Off Belay, December 1976.)

Chairman's Corner

Margaret Wettling will be taking the chairmanship of the section at the January meeting. Good luck, Margaret. I'm afraid I left her with a three-page list of on-going projects from Catoctin to Monongahela to Templeton Cabin.

As Joe Jensen wrote in his last Chairman's Corner, he owed a lot of thank you's. The same goes for this chairman. There is a corps within the section that appears to create a continuum that is the club for climbers in this area. Stevie Ney as editor of Up Rope, Joe Wagner heading up the trip committee, Rick Todd and Joe Ney with training, John Stannard shouldering the burden of Seneca and the Forest Service, Barbara Llewellyn with programs at meetings, Greg Christopoulos and Jean Sproull who have kept us financially aware. Those who have helped with the Nelson House - Chuck Sproull, Stan Halpin and Curt Mobley. And so it goes through the roster. Thank you.

When I was elected chairman, I figured I would be giving something back to climbing, namely my time. I found that the job is time consuming. It can also be intimidating. It is always a challenge to one who is by nature a champion procrastinator. In the face of it all, it is ultimately rewarding.

I've enjoyed it.

Over to you, Margaret.

Sallie Greenwood