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Greetings Skiyente Ladies!

"Every leaf speaks bliss to me fluttering from the autumn tree." Emily Bronten Fall, Leaves, Fall.

What a beautiful fall season this is! On Saturday, Oct 12th, six Skiyentes and two of their partners ventured out for an urban hike. It was a beautiful fall day and something I hope we can do again! I will be planning some snow shoe adventures this winter in and around Government Camp, so

be on the alert for short notice hikes as our weather permits. Do you know about Green Friday verses Black Friday? Well, Nov. 29th is this year's Green, Get Outdoors, Friday, and there is a celebration at Tryon Creek State Park. Naturalists will be available from 10-3 pm to help you connect more with nature and answer questions on flora and fauna. And if the ski resorts are not open, I will be leading another hike, Nov 29th, at Oregon's crown jewel, Silver Falls State Park! We'll hike The Trail of Ten Falls, a spectacular nationally recognized trail that weaves through a dense forest. The trail passes a series of breathtaking waterfalls along a rocky canyon and descends to a winding creek at the forest floor. This 7.2 mile loop is considered to be a moderate hike, with an overall elevation gain of 800 feet. I invite you to join a few of your sistahs in an outdoor getaway. If the snow is flying and the resorts are open, see me on 'da Hood! I am making it an Outdoor Green Friday, one way or another.

What an epic start we have had for Skiyente! It has been a while in the making but we have updated the Bylaws to a more modern era, deleting some of the redundancies and out of date practices. We now have the ability to hear your voices by instituting electronic voting so that you may still vote, even if you are not at a meeting! Currently we are creating an electronic voting policy which will be shared with you soon. The two votes on the near radar are for Man & Woman of the Year and our next King Winter. The board has made a recommendation of Barb Pressentin as our Woman of the year. Hear more about it in the newsletter & Wine & Skis.

All information will be available at our November 5th Membership Drive at Earnesto's. Making friends and making memories are a reason you are a Skiyente. Absolutely the reason I want to see you at Wine and Skis! If you are going to Ski Fever at the Expo, be sure to come on Friday for the best selections. I'll be working the Hillcrest space Friday only and can help you get great deals! Pray for Snow!

Prez Sally

CALENDAR

November 5

Wine and Skis

Ernestos
8545 SW Apple Wy
Portland
6 – 8:30 pm

November 19

Business & Board Meeting

6 pm Social
6:30 pm Meeting
Buffalo Gap

December 3

Fireside

5:30 – 9:30 pm
Leasa Lowy's Home
17590 SW Blue Heron
Drive, Lake Oswego

December 17

Business & Board Meeting

6 pm Social
6:30 pm Meeting
Portland Meadows
1639 NW Northrup
Portland

January 21

Business & Board Meeting

6 pm Social
6:30 pm Meeting
Clyde's Prime Rib
5474 NE Sandy
Portland

Wine and Skis New Season Membership Mixer, Tuesday, November 5, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Make tracks for our annual Wine and Skis and Membership Drive event and learn about our history and legacy of 63 years of All Women's Alpine Club Still going strong on the hill and town & all around!

Join us for a friendly and festive environment at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant in private party room space located at 8545 SW Apple Way, Portland, located off 217 and Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy in Raleigh Hills Neighborhood. Shared office, retail and restaurant parking lot adjacent to restaurant.

Wine and Skis evening will include:

- Learn the many benefits of belonging to an organized ski club rich in history & community
- Sign Ups for our PACRAT recreational racing league on Mt Hood
- Yummy Appetizers, Food, fun and frolic!
- Door Prizes! And the more guests you bring the more chances to win a season of Skiyente paid for by Our Club (You'll get your dues reimbursed)

Skiyente loosely translated means Snow Maidens. We love spending time on the mountain and getting together in town and have a community outreach program with many traditions. Meet like-minded active ladies and begin your Skiyente Journey. Must be 21 and over. Guests Encouraged! Contact Julie Peck at 503.89.4635 or Barb Presentin at 503.267.9522 more info. Email at Membership@Skiyente.com or visit Skiyente.com for membership info. Like us on FaceBook and see our upcoming events on & off the mountain

Holiday Fireside December 3: 5:30 – 9:30 pm

Celebrate the season with sharing, caring and jolly merriment at Fireside, Skiyente's holiday party. We'll be spreading goodness by collecting non-perishable items for the Oregon Food Bank and hold our holiday drawing to raise money for our charities.

**Social hour from 5:30 – 6:30, activities starting after 6:30, finishing before 9:30.
Leasa Lowy's home: 17590 SW Blue Heron Drive, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034**

Please bring the table ready items to share:

Last name starting with A to L: Appetizer or Salad

Last name starting with M to Z: Dessert

The Club will provide a festive punch. If you have a favorite wine you wish to share, please bring it along or if you wish to "spike" your punch to make it even more festive, bring that special addition!

New this year: In lieu of a Holiday ornament exchange we are planning a sock exchange! Bring a wrapped pair of fun holiday or winter socks you would want on your feet! Wrap them up! We will draw numbers to determine the selection order. And, to

It is not how much we have but how we enjoy that makes happiness

--- Charles Spurgeon

Be kind, be thoughtful, be genuine, but most of all, be thankful.

--- Anonymous

shake it up a bit, we are suggesting everyone wear an Ugly Holiday Sweater! Of course any very festive holiday attire is welcome...go for it!

Tickets will be available at our November Wine and Skis and Club meeting for our holiday drawing. Yes, you can sell them to friends, colleagues and family members before the event. They will also be available at Fireside. They are priced at: \$5 each; 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20. Some items will be large enough that we will hold Silent Auction bids--so be sure to bring your checkbook and enthusiasm, as you are sure to get a great deal and help out our Charities at the same time! Hope to see you there! Contact Co-Chairs: Leasa Lowy 360-410-0184 and Sandi Shaub 503-201-6964 for more information.

Holiday Drawing and Silent Auction at Fireside

Each Year Skiyente receives donations from our industry friends, such as ski areas, lodging and retailers. These are a few of the nonprofits that we have helped over the years, such as the Mt Hood Museum and the Erin Nicole Scholarship and Mt Hood Learning Center as well as other nonprofits we have helped over the many years.

ALSO...a huge part of the holiday drawing has been our ski club member theme baskets. Many of our club members have their own professional services and donate certificates or are true artists and donate their wonderful creations. See last year's list of donations for ideas at Wine and Skis or ask Barb.

Please let Barb know if you plan to make a basket and theme yto have an accurate list of drawing items prepared before the Fireside evening. I'll have a sign up at Wine and Ski's if you can help with a donation. Feel free to team up on a theme basket or experience to possibly auction off! Contact Barb at 503.267.9522 or email BP2ski@gmail.com, preferably before Thanksgiving.

Skiyentes Out and About

It was a beautiful day to clean up the highway on October 6



The crew from left: Mike Montgomery, Frances Gaul, Nancy Foreman, Merideth Frigaard, Meg Spillman, Linda Matusow



And another gorgeous October day for a hike at Hoyt Arboretum



From left: Barb Presentin, Fran Gaul, Debbie Kitchin, Julie Peck, Michelle Shirazi, Sally Niedermeyer, Nancy Forman.

Boo! Halloween and Pumpkin Fun at Barb's on October 26

From left: Colleen Hankins, Julie Peck, Sue Freeborn, Debbie Kitchin, Val Halpin, Barb Presentin, Fran Gaul, Sue Freeborn, Starla Bankston.



Getting Ready for some snow with Warren Miller



From left: Sally Niedermeyer, Fran Gaul, Val Hallpin, boyfriend Barbara Brady, Barb Presentin, Julie Peck, Starla Bankston, Sue Freeborn.

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

--- William Arthur Ward

Thinking of Our Sistahs

Tina Weber's mother passed away this month

Sandi Shaub is having hip replacement surgery on November 6

Eileen Hines has been undergoing eye surgery

Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) Update

Once again it is time for Skiyente to select an applicant for the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Woman (and Man) of the year. This year the application process has been really streamlined, thanks to our member, Sheri Parshall, who is the current chair of this event. The application is now only three pages long and concentrates on what the nominee has done on a "grass roots" level of participation for their club and council. The award covers the past **FIVE** years (2014-2019) only.

Our nominee's application for this once in a lifetime award must be submitted to NWSCC by December 31, 2019 for consideration and submission by our Council to the Association. Please think of the various members you think qualify for the prestigious award and turn the names into Eileen Hines as soon as possible at slifman@comcast.net.

PACRAT

PACRAT Online Registration site is now active and waiting for you to register! For further instructions and a link to PACRAT registration site, please visit the REGISTER page on the PACRAT website at: https://pacrats.org/main_pages/register.htm

PACRAT Bib Decorating January 15

With the opening of Pacrat Racing, Skiyentes will have our annual Bib Decorating Party at the home of Stevie Viaene. Wednesday, January 15 beginning at 5:00 pm. If you are working or need time to get through traffic, then just show up when you can. Bibs will be here for you, but bring paints, glitters, ideas and of course a shirt that you don't care about, just in case.

Stevie will have a hearty soup and some bread, and you are invited to bring a side if you wish (not required). Let Stevie know what you are bringing so we don't end up with six trays of brownies! Not racing this year? Come anyway. Have some fun, meet the team, decorate the bibs for speed and Skiyente Spirit. You may be tasked with doing some artwork on someone's bib, or ?? It takes a village so come be a villager! 11420 SW 92nd Ave. Tigard 97223. Contact Stevie at stevie.viaene@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Lots of pre-season events to whet your appetite for the season!

November 1-3: Ski Fever Ski and Sports Show

November 2: Heritage Night at the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center

November 9-10: Eastside Ski Team Ski Swap

November 16: Pray for Snow, Charlie's Mountain View in Government Camp, Oregon.

Tickets may be obtained from Schnee Vogeli members

November 22-23: Snowvana, Portland Convention Center

Board Spotlight: Meet Vice President Barb



I am celebrating my 30th season as a Skiyente which is really hard to believe! So many memories and so much more to come. I was Barbie Rogers, age 23 when I joined. I love meeting our new members and bragging about all this special club does as a whole. I refer to Skiyente as a ski & snow sports club with so much more. Throughout the decades I have been involved, I have made so many friends on and off the mountain. The support of my Skiyente Sisters have helped me through some of the best and worst times of my life. I never had a biological sister but so many sisters in my life now.

Now about me! I am a native to the area, grew up in suburbia Lake Oswego in the 70's and 80's before all the glitz. My childhood was pretty mainstream. Although I know I was very fortunate to live on a canal and go water skiing before school. What a way to "wake up" even when I didn't really want to get up early, I'd get in the boat grumbling with my dad & brother, Eddie. When we pulled the boat back in and I hustled to get my hair blown out (and back then there was a lot!) and got to school, I felt invigorated. Kind of how I feel when I race down a ski course today. My body hasn't held up as well as I'd like, over the years, with years of ski racing, water skiing, soccer & bicycling wear and tear and injuries & I haven't gotten back to water skiing (yet); I am still "suiing up" and getting down the PACRAT race course as speedy as a mid-age soccer mama can. Back to my life as as a Skiyente and history of skiing.

*After a good dinner,
one can forgive
anybody, even
one's own
relations.*

--- Oscar Wilde

I came into Skiyente when I was a recent grad of University of Oregon and a Journalism Major. Carol Smith, Leasa Lowy's Mom a long-timer in our club, knew I was still racing, and back in the area coaching Lakeridge High Ski Team. Carol also knew that I was a writer working in publishing at my first post college job "Sportland Magazine". She asked that I write about Skiyente Ski Club, an all woman's ski club and said I should meet another vet of the club, Diane Hicks. I did meet Diane for facts for the article and the next thing I knew I was meeting these fun ladies at a place called The Cosmopolitan. I joined the club initially to race. I had been on ski teams most of my life first as a young Mitey Mite under the legend kids coaches, Duane Bridge and Matt Greenslade with the Cascade Ski Club. As a child, I was shipped up on Trailways from the downtown PDX bus depot to my grandparent's restaurant and lodge, Huckleberry Inn in Government Camp. I was used to trying to keep up with my brother on the mountain and the other boys otherwise I'd get left behind, literally. I had my "Govey Local Brat Pack" back in the day which included Leasa Smith and her brothers, Gary and Greg aka "Smitty" and The Heffernan Gang. I worked at the restaurant or skied so I of course tried to ski more than work!

My grandparents had an open door policy (as did the Smith's and Heffernan's) for my brother's and my friends. After a short break from racing during my middle school years, I tried out for Lakeridge Ski Team and apparently the trips up to the mountain paid off as I was lucky and got to race Varsity for 4 years and was team captain for 2. I got more serious and joined the Meadows Amateur Ski Racing Association (MASRA) and raced under Randy Rogers (no family relation back then but now coincidentally, through the Parshall's, I know the whole family). MASRA took me to some out of area USSA races and got the bug.

I attended University of Oregon from 1984-1988 and I joined the Club Ski Race Team as a Freshman. I qualified for regional's in NCSA as female individual and traveled with the boys team to Ski Bluewood but wanted more ladies to join me next year. I decided I could coordinate/coach and recruited many more to our Oregon Ski Team. For the next following three years, we had both male and female teams at regional's as well as a Nordic Team. and, yep, I had to learn how to compete on those skinny skis, too. One of the fun awards I earned was "Ski Meister" for combined placement points in Slalom, GS and Nordic at Mt Bachelor my senior year in 1988. The hardest part was watching most of my alpine team members tailgating post our race on the hill as I was doing laps at the Nordic Area!

After college, I became a Skiyente & raced PACRAT, City League at Ski Bowl and Meadows in the 90's only taking time outs when I was pregnant or injured.

Ski racing is not the center of my life anymore and hasn't been for many years but I still have a blast when I do get up on the mountain with my comrades. Currently I am almost an "empty nester" which I have mixed emotions about. My baby< Andrew, turns 18 this December and many of our seasoned Skiyente's remember him and even my daughter Kristina, now 27, as babies. We've been more of a soccer family than a ski racing family but they both learned how to ski at an early age and still enjoy getting on the hill when they can.

I have been in residential real estate on and off for over 25 years and now looking for a new career path either within the industry in another role or something new. Eileen Hines has always told me I am the best party/event planner and that is actually where my heart lays making sure others have a good time. One of the reasons I took on being Viced Prez of Skiyente this year as I am coordinator of all the function's and work with our chair person's to help support our events. I am also helping to coordinate the PACRAT race teams with Stevie Viaene as Racy Brats team captain and myself for our newer Skiyente & friends team, The White Outs Team.

One last note about the club that I also always tilt my hat to is The Erin Nicole Ski Scholarship that we founded in 1991 after my first daughter died from SIDS at the age of 9 1/2 months and I was only 24. We have raised as a club over \$30,000 over 30 years & annually award an "up and coming female ski racer from Pacific Northwest." Originally I was on the Portland Are Ski Club Council Scholarship Committee and this was the club's way of keeping her name alive. The scholarship is now selected by the Far West Ski Association. I will continue to help support the club's fundraisers and have been the Ways and Means Committee for Skiyente collecting donations from businesses and ski club members for our Holiday Drawing



and Silent Auction, Mardi Gras Gumbo Feed and King Winter as well as door prizes. I love parties and events and chances to mix and mingle with our ladies. Please bring guests and any club members from the past who haven't been around for a while to the Membership Wine and Ski's event and let's get on the mountains and do some skiing together!

About Skiyente Ski Club

JOIN THE FUN, WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ANYTIME

Please contact Julie Peck, our Membership Chair, membership@skiyente.com
Or write to us at PO Box 56342, Portland OR 97238 or visit <http://www.skiyente.com>

Skiyente members are also members of Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) and Far West Ski Association (FWSA) See what's happening at <http://www.nwskiers.org> and <http://www.fwsa.org/>.

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