

The Niners

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We welcome our new executive board

Another successful year for the Niners is finished and a new one is slated to be better than ever. The Niners' Happy Hour Event in December was the perfect way to celebrate 2023 and make a toast to 2024.

As a part of advancing to a new year, the Niners voted in



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the 2024 Executive Board. Cathy Loffink and Marsha Wadsworth were voted in for another year as president and treasurer, respectively. The Niners are excited to welcome Bonnie Bohm as vice president and Chris Sutton as secretary.

Bonnie was born and raised in Michigan, married her high school sweetheart and lived in Florida for 15 years before moving west. She graduated from Oregon Health & Sciences University with a BSN in nursing. She worked as supervisor at an adolescent drug, alcohol and psych rehab, became director of nursing at a dementia facility and, lastly, was director of nursing services for home health until



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The Niners' 2024 Executive Board includes Cathy Loffink, Chris Sutton, Bonnie Bohm and Marsha Wadsworth.

a career-ending meeting with a tree 10 years ago. She loves woodworking, laser-cutting and engraving, lathé work, heat-pressing and jewelry-making. Her work is wonderful, just ask JoAnna Sawyer, who has been a recipient of her artwork. She joined the Niners three years ago and quickly jumped right in and became the rules chair two years ago. She absolutely loves the Niners' friendly, welcoming atmosphere and is proud to be a part of it.

Chris was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and attended the University of Hawaii for her freshman and sophomore year. She then spent her junior year at the University of Oregon as a

national exchange student. She enjoyed it so much that she returned as a senior the next year as an out-of-state student and graduated from the University of Oregon. It was at the U of O as a junior where she met her husband-to-be, who was a graduate student at U of O at the time. She says meeting him was an added incentive to return to the university as a senior and receive a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Chris has three grown children. She has two girls who graduated from the University of Oregon and a son who graduated from Oregon State University. She jokingly says she has

two ducks and a beaver. All her children are married, and Chris has three grandsons and one granddaughter between 4 and 14 years who she really enjoys spending time with.

Chris started playing golf on and off when she retired from the banking industry as a corporate officer. Her background included operations, credit, branch management and trust services. Besides golfing, Chris enjoys ballroom dancing, going to fitness classes, learning pickleball and traveling (especially cruising).

Although Chris lives in Lake Oswego, she enjoys coming to Charbonneau for the enjoyment of the game, meeting others and the beautiful golf course here. Golf, she said, is the perfect game to grow into. You could take lessons forever and the game will never be the same each time. There's always something to learn. Funny how golf and life have things in common.

With so much these ladies can offer and their endless enthusiasm, the Niners are bound to have a bright and exciting 2024.

Our January event is an excursion to Top Golf on Tuesday Jan. 9. Look for the flyer and sign up online or in the Charbonneau Golf Club Pro Shop.

A final mention, the clinics the Charbonneau golf professionals are putting on are worth attending. The hands-on instructions are great and the lunches from the Market Café are wonderful. Check them out and watch for other happenings from the Charbonneau Golf Club.

The new year is upon us, so let's celebrate all that we have and share in this special community where we live and play.

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