

The Niners

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Members are still in love with their husbands decades later



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Happy Valentine's Day! We want to feature a Niner who has been married to her husband for 59 years! Congratulations to Joyce and Bob Bowden. They have known each other since grade school. She did not like him then. Bob was a 'rebel' and had long hair! They met each other again through friends, and she was charmed and felt he was highly intelligent. She told him she would not date him until he cut his hair. He went overboard and got a flat top for her. Now that is love. Their first date was bowling; "Bob is good, not so much me." They are great swing dancers, too. What is the recipe for 59 years of bliss? Per Bob and Joyce, "patience and respect, never any name calling and a sense of humor." Joyce and Bob both say, "We would be married for another 59 years, if we could. Don't

know what we'd look like, but we would certainly try!" They are each other's Valentine!

Welcome three new Niners

Welcome Ginny Moir. She grew up in Astoria. Her husband, Bill, is active with the Charbonneau Men's Club and Scoring Committee on Golf Genius. They have two sons and five grandchildren. They also are avid Beaver fans. "Go Beavs." Ginny said she was the tallest girl in high school. All the basketball players dated cheerleaders, so she was thrilled during her freshman year at OSU to meet Bill (also very tall) at the first dance for freshman. She added, "Bill is an excellent dancer and won her over dancing to 'Bony Maroni;' he was great at doing the 'Pony!'" That was all it took. They have been married for 55 years. She and Bill enjoy Neal Diamond and are ardent fans of Tony Starlight. They enjoy cruises and have been to Mexico, and the British Isles. Their favorite place to eat? Boston Pub! During COVID, they adopted a cat named Sam. Ginny's favorite food? "Sweets and cookies." Her hobbies include making Disney ornaments for her family (five every year) and playing golf and bridge.

Doreen Knoll is joining us this season. She was born in Holland, Michigan and has two sons and two grandsons. Doreen is a volunteer with the Wilsonville Seniors group. On top of that, she is an artist! She

often does acrylic paintings. Doreen used to ski but, now 81, sadly has put the skis away. Yet she still enjoys biking and exercising. She is a retired elementary school teacher. Favorite food? All good healthy and wholesome food!

We are thrilled to have Rosemary Smurthwaite on the Handicap Committee. She is a native Oregonian and a proud Duck! She and her husband are regular attendees at the games in Eugene. Rosemary earned a Masters in Education and is a retired grade school teacher. They have two children, a son in Tigard and a daughter in San Francisco. Rosemary enjoys walking 1.5-2 hours a day. She can be seen walking in Tualatin, Portland, Charbonneau and many other areas. "It's good for your mental health," and she adds: "Golf is a great walk!" Her favorite food? "Wine!" Rosemary adds: "and I am Italian so let's add Lasagna and fresh halibut." She and her husband travel to one state a year, and only have one state left to visit! That would be North Dakota. Plans for travel are underway. Both she and her husband enjoy golf. It's a family passion. At age 9, her father 'sawed' off a men's club and got her started.

Before long the fairways will dry out enough to get in a couple of rounds of golf. Time to start thinking about the 2023 Club Championship.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Solo Sisters

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a future movie or Happy Hour. That is what Solo Sisters is all about, having fun and making friends. I have many wonderful friends in the group, and, during my current health crisis, they have been steadfast in sending me prayers and good wishes as well as offering to cook, run errands or take me to appointments. These are invaluable benefits to friendship and, to the Solo Sister community, I say "Thank You!"

If you are a single woman living in Charbonneau, and you would like to know more about Solo Sisters, please contact Deanna Morgan at deannamorgan@gmail.com. She will be happy to reach out to you.

Now, turn on the fireplace or turn up the heat, curl up with a favorite novel and enjoy our rainy winter!

"How's the Market?"