The Niners

By MARY FIEWEGER

We donate to Wilsonville seniors organization



I hope everyone had a spectacular holiday with family and friends. I hope you have a wonderful 2023 with good health and a fun golf season! Is this the year to lower your handicap?

We have a lot to be proud of! The Niners are involved with five community outreach programs.

With the success of our 18th Pink Ball Golf Tournament we have now donated over \$600,000 to Susan G. Komen, the American Cancer Society and the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute for Cancer Research.

We began supporting the Wilsonville girls golf team in 2011 both financially and with equipment. The Niners purchased team jackets, golf bags, hats, golf balls and traveling expenses and lodging when on the road. We accept used golf clubs and equip-

ment to donate to high school golf teams in our area.

Last year we created a "Pat Tewell Scholarship Fund." A \$1,000 scholarship will be presented annually to a senior on the Wilsonville girls golf team.

We contribute to the annual Charbonneau Employee Scholarship Fund.

Also, this will be the Niners third annual Christmas Gift Wrapping program for the Charbonneau and Wilsonville communities. We accept donations. The proceeds this year will benefit a Wilsonville nonprofit. The first two years we raised over \$3,200 and donated the money to Wilsonville Community Sharing. This year we have selected Wilsonville Senior, Inc.

Our outreach committees are always looking for support. Learn more about them at our Welcome Back Coffee on March 28. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the new Activity Center.

Welcome three new Niners

Deborah Schwindt is from Iowa and currently lives in West Linn and would like to move to Charbonneau in the near future.

She enjoys golf and if she has a bad game she says, "Well I got my money's worth with strokes."

Deborah volunteers at the West Linn Library where she met our Niner, Sandy Box.

And thank you to Niner Marsha Herron for encouraging her to join us. She has three children and five grandchildren.

Deborah is creative with stained glass, metals, painting and sewing. She enjoys 'puttering' in the yard.

She certainly stays active with hiking, biking, water aerobics, snow shoeing, golfing and kayaking. Good luck keeping up with her if you are walking in her group!

Her favorite food? "Pizza comes to mind especially a margherita with plenty of basil! Also a juicy hamburger off the barbecue with all the trimmings. And don't forget Pad Thai."

Kay Sharp is from Southwest Washington. She is an Oregon State Beaver. "Go Beavs." She lived in the Bay Area with her first husband who sadly passed away in 2007. Her current husband, Bob, is a Men's Club golfer. Kay is fluent in Spanish and lived in Japan for four years.

She enjoys riding horses and loves foreign films, quilting, golfing, music and watching major football games.

Her son Ryan is a volunteer fireman and was fireman of the year. He is a writer and also writes music and is the lead singer for his band. Daughter Meaghan lives in Newberg and does computer tech and continuing education for dentists.

Our third annual Christmas Gift Wrapping Event was once again a success. The dedicated gift-wrapping team worked hard and presents were wrapped beautifully as you can see in the photo with several of our happy patrons. Thanks to Chris Bensel for donating the Baileys Irish Cream. Coffee with Baileys and homemade Christmas cookies were an incentive!

We presented Wilsonville Senior, Inc. with a check to support the wonderful work it does for seniors in our community. President Nancy Combs and Community Outreach Director Donna Atkinson were delighted with our donation and ready to put it to good work.





COURTESY PHOTOS

LEFT: Front row: Joe Fieweger, Greg Benesh, Nick Garrow Back Row: Julian Ceniga, Don Lloyd, Gary Newbore, Tracey Spear RIGHT: Front row, left to right: Nancy Combs, Joanne Stuvick, Mary Fieweger, Donna Atkinson Second row, left to right: Rosemary Ricken, Karen Siegel, Bobbi Christensen, Julie Beaton, Bee Benesh Back row: Lindy Anderson, Paula Johnson, Barb Patch

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