## The Niners

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## Hoping for a more eventful season



Happy New Year! Hope everyone enjoyed a fun and healthy holiday season.

What an unusual season for us. We were able to meet for a cou-

ple of scrambles but missed all our fun luncheons and events!

With virtually nothing on the event calendar for 2020, we expect things will be different this coming season.

The schedule of events will be coming out in the March issue as we lock in dates for the scrambles and luncheons, outings, etc.

Each year the Niners purchase gift cards to distribute to Pro Shop employees and the maintenance crew during the holiday. This is in appreciation for their dedication and hard work and courtesies extended to us during the golf season.

We learned the Wilsonville Food Bank needed financial help for local families struggling during this holiday season. The Niners hosted a Complimentary Gift Wrap in The Turn. We offered to gift wrap all items purchased in the Pro Shop and



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in addition, up to three additional items from Charbonneau residents. This prompted donations. Money was donated to the food bank and they were appreciative.

For the first time in 14 years, the Pink Ball Golf Tournament was canceled. Thank you to so many generous Niners for their donations to OHSU-Knight Cancer Institute. Lisa Nolen, OHSU, was thrilled with our support and looks forward to coordinating a tour of the Institute for our group this year. Many of us took the tour and it is certainly worth the trip!

Co-vice President Kathy Hartlaub represented us on the Charbonneau Scholarship Committee. The Men's Club, CWGA and the Niners jointly coordinated the effort to award the



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scholarships to Pro Shop employees and the maintenance crew. We support the Scholarship Committee through voluntary donations on our membership applications.

Congratulations to Cathy Loffink on being chosen to represent the Niners on the Charbonneau Golf Board. This is a first for a Niner to sit on the board! Will be interesting to hear her reports from the board!

## Seasoned Niner By Cheryl Barnum

Talk about a busy Niner. Karen Siegel is the "one." She moved to Charbonneau 23 years ago and continued working for many years. While working, she owned her own business and volunteered for the American Red Cross, After retire-

ment, Karen jumped right into joining the Niners activities and CHOA. She is the current landscape chairperson for CHOA, which includes selecting plants and flowers, designing improvements and updates. As a Niner she has served as co-vice president, co-president and currently as treasurer. On top of that, Karen is also involved in New Member Orientation and on the Scoring Committee using the new Golf Genius software. Her favorite part about the Niners: All the golf opportunities to play with other members. Karen said she loves to see the golfers enjoying themselves and feels like they have become more like sisters than friends. She is also on the Niners Dance Team and enjoys being in the skits. The group entertains at the Niners endof-the-year banquet and also for Charbonneau residents, family and friends. She starred as a Mermaid in "Under the Sea." One day her foursome was coming up on Green No. 9 (water hole), when all of a sudden Karen disappeared. Her group looked around and watched Karen emerge from the pond, wringing out her clothes, but kept her head above water. Yes she retrieved her ball! Thank you Karen for all your hard work and being the Niners "Little Mermaid!"

We still have openings for many of the committees. Please contact Karen Siegel or Deb Nemes if you would like to know more about the committee opportunities.

We look forward to a fun 2021 golf season.