

# The Niners

By MARY FIEWEGER

## The Niners Welcome Back Coffee will be Tuesday, April 6



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**Hope everyone enjoyed a happy Valentine's Day and received love and/or reached out to touch someone with love.**

Our executive board is proud to announce Deb

Nemes and Sue Schneider as our co-vice presidents for the 2021 season. We thank Kathy Hartlaub and Judy Cain for their participation and contributions. When you see Deb and Sue, please give them a fist bump.

In 2022, Charbonneau will be hosting a golf tournament for first responders! The Niners have been asked to have a committee to recruit first responders and solicit prizes. More information will be coming! Want to be on the committee? Contact Mary Fieweger at [mary-fieweger4@gmail.com](mailto:mary-fieweger4@gmail.com).

Speaking of committees, Deb Nemes and Karen Siegel are pleased to announce they have filled the committee chairs for this season! Thanks to all who committed to this responsibility. Committee sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Back Coffee. We still need workers! We encourage you to find one that matches your talents and/or interest.

### Seasoned Niner by Cheryl Barnum

If you ever wanted to meet a Niner that does it all, then introduce yourself to Laraine Vazzana. This is an accomplished woman in everything she pursues. Laraine moved to Charbonneau 30 years ago and joined the Niners in 2006. She grew up in Portland and her father was a scratch golfer. It was her dad who taught her how to golf and to this day she still plays with his putter!

Laraine's husband, Peter, encouraged her to golf at Charbonneau. Joanna Saw-

yer invited her to play on Member/Guest Day. She also worked on the Scramble Committees and the couples golf activities. Laraine was active as a dancer with the Charbonnettes and played the mother in the production "Mama Mia." She is very active in the Pink Ball auction in which she and Peter donated a gourmet dinner for six each year for three years! She bid and won condos at the beach, wine tasting parties and helped wherever needed at the auction.

Laraine was a realtor for 17 years and had a stained glass business where she created suspended ceilings. Her windows and dividers were featured in homes on the Street of Dreams. Her hobbies are embroidery, quilting, gardening and making delicious fudge, which she has done for over 40 years!

Cooking and setting a beautiful table are probably Laraine's favorite hobbies. She could easily give Julia Child a run for her money. She has a collection of over 150 tablecloths and 200 napkin rings. Believe me, at Christmas time, "Griswolds" have nothing on the Vazzanas! Their home should be featured in Better Homes and Gardens and PGE should send them a thank you note!

Laraine said her favorite part of being a Niner is the camaraderie with the members. So to you, Laraine, we all say "Bon Appetit!"

And now let's welcome a new member! Claudia DeVries and her husband Bob moved to Charbonneau in 2015. They were from Southern California near Knott's Berry Farm and moved to Puyallup, Washington where they lived for roughly 40 years. They moved to Charbonneau to be near their daughter and 12-year-old grandson, who live in West Linn. She also has a son living in Gig Harbor.

Claudia enjoys sewing, quilting and knitting (belongs to the Knotty Knitters Group), as well as baking, reading, cooking, gardening and riding her bike with her husband. They were black-diamond run skiers for years before she broke her hip a few years ago. At the time, they spent several months each year in Canada just to ski, which was 50-80 days a year!

We are delighted to have you, Claudia!

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## Save the date

The Niners Welcome Back Coffee will be held in the Charbonneau Pavilion Tuesday,

April 6. RSVPs are requested to Lindy Anderson andersonlindy@comcast.net by April 1 at noon.

When sending an RSVP, please indicate the time you will attend. Note there will be two sessions to respect COVID-19 rules limiting 50 at each

session. Returning members are invited to the 9 a.m. session and new members to the 10:30 a.m. session.

Coffee and pastries and fruit will be served. And we have door prizes!

- 9-10:30 a.m. limited to 50
- 10:30 a.m. to noon (all new

members from 2020 and 2021) limited to 50.

Please RSVP soon to be among the first 50 to register for a time slot. Thank you and we look forward to 2021 Niners Golf season to begin!

The Niners Mixer is being well-received. Karen Siegel in-

creased the registrations to eight tee times. Remember to call the Pro Shop and request to sign up for the Niners Mixer. This is your opportunity to meet other Niners and have a fun time! Karen has prizes!

We look forward to seeing everyone April 6! 🌸



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