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Born in 1944, Single Ski Club, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

After being introduced to skiing, I became immersed in an active lifetime involvement with snowsports organizations. Being a competitive person, and high school athlete in field hockey, basketball and softball, it was only natural that I found skiing exhilarating and was especially drawn to recreational ski racing.

Born in 1944, and raised in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, my first day of skiing was at Whitecap Mountains Ski Resort in Wisconsin, with Alpha Phi Sorority, Northwestern University. After receiving a master's degree in history from the University of Illinois, I headed west to California. I became a history teacher in the Pasadena Unified School District in 1967, and after achieving a master's degree in education at California State University Los Angeles in 1976, also became a program administrator. I was a Ski Club Advisor, taking junior high school students on day trips to the local mountains, and later senior high school students on weeklong trips to Colorado. I didn't know it at the time, but I

was contributing to what is now referred to as sustaining snowsports through youth programs and diversity. I also introduced my three children to skiing at an early age.

Joining the Single Ski Club of Los Angeles in 1969, I raced in the ROKKA League and attended their race camps. I was a member of the 6-person SSC team that won the Western Regional Championship in the first U.S. Ski Association's Grand Marnier Ski Club Challenge in 1979, and competed in the national championships in Snowbird, Utah. While I was married, I was a member of the Balboa Ski Club in Newport Beach and served as a Trip Director. My home mountain was Mammoth Mountain but skied many places in the west and in France. The place where I felt closest to nature was Mt. Alyeska, Alaska.

I was the first woman elected President of Far West Ski Association (1981-1985) after serving terms as President of the Los Angeles Council and Single Ski Club. I served in a variety of capacities in these organizations, and have attended over 50 FWSA Conventions, serving 17 years as Silent Auction Chair and 15 years as Convention Chair. I also was a Chairman of the FWSA Board of Trustees. I am honored to have received the FWSA Hans Georg Award, Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award, President's Award and the first Golden Lifetime Legacy Award, for over 50 years of sustained service to snowsports and the Far West Ski Association.

A delegate to the USSA Annual Convention from Far West during the 1970's and early 1980's, I served as a USSA Director, Membership Director, and Club and Council Awards Chair. In 2024 I became a member of the International Snow Sports Museums' Association Committee and The Women in Snowsports Industry Award Committee for the International Skiing History Association. I was also appointed to the National Voting Panel for the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

A member of the National Ski Patrol, I was Assistant Patrol Leader at Kratka Ridge, California. Other volunteer endeavors included being a Trustee of the California Handicapped Skier's Foundation (USARC), and member of the Steering Committee for the March of Dimes Celebrity Ski Race fundraisers. As Vice President of the Far West Ski Foundation, I enjoy being involved in fundraising activities, and supporting their noteworthy missions.

I have always enjoyed historical research and writing and am a member of the North American Snowsports Journalists Association. I am the Co-Founder (1988) and Editor of the *Far West Skier's Guide*, an annual FWSA magazine still in production. I was the Managing Editor of *The Far West Ski Association Turns 90* book and Co-Editor of *A History of the Single Ski Club of Los Angeles on its 50th Anniversary* booklet. I am honored to be a recipient of the FWSA Bill Berry Award-Hard News and Western Ski Heritage Award.

I am now a member of the Pacific Rim Alliance, since Single Ski Club disbanded, and moved to Texas several years ago to be close to family. I feel blessed in having the privilege of working with so many volunteers over the years. I am looking forward to collaborative research and writing endeavors for a book celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Far West Ski Association in 2030.