

Debbi Kor



Born in 1953, in Vancouver, Washington. I lived in Vancouver for the first 22 years of my life, then became an Oregonian for the next 35 years. After retiring, I moved back to Washington, with a short stint in Seattle, before settling back into my hometown of "The Couve."

I worked in the mortgage and escrow business for about 10 years. I made a lot of friends but found that my down time was mainly spent with co-workers...talking about WORK. During this time, I divorced, at the same time as another long-time friend. At the suggestion of a co-worker, she and I decided to join a ski club to meet new people and expand our horizons.

At the ripe old age of 30, I joined Plaza Ski Club, now Mountain High Snowsport Club, took lessons, and my ski world opened up. I immediately got involved with the club, as the Activities Director. My first planned event was an indoor Winter Olympics – complete with downhill inner tubing, slalom runs through saw horses, and Cup Jumping (an event made popular by Plaza Ski Club). This was done in

conjunction with the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo. I was editor of our monthly newsletter, "*The Bullshead*" for 4 years, and continued as Activities Director until 2014, when I decided to run for President. I have been president for 10 of the past 12 years, switching positions with my VP during 2022-2024, and then picking back up in 2024, and still hold the position.

I served on the Northwest Ski Club Council Board of Directors for 3 years as Travel Director. In 2002, when Far West hosted the 72nd Annual Far West Convention in Portland, I was talked into running for the position of VP of Development, which is now VP of Marketing. Since I was working with the industry to donate money, packages, and their name to our various Convention Activities and Programs through sponsorships, I requested the Board's approval to rename the position to VP of Marketing & Sponsorship, holding that position for 22 years.

In 2016, I took over the Far West *NewsFlash* and continue to publish an issue each month. In 2018, I followed Jane Wyckoff as Convention Chair, finally retiring from that position in 2025. During my many years in Far West, I have been humbly honored by my peers, receiving the President's Award, the Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award, and the prestigious Hans Georg Award. I also was the recipient of the Bill Berry Award for Hard News, for my publication of the *Far West NewsFlash* in 2023.

If it had not been for Far West, I would not have the many wonderful friends, nor skied anywhere near the number of places I have skied! I have skied, cruised, and visited many wonderful places, in and out of this country, all because of YOU. Thank you, Far West Ski Association.