

# Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Nomination

## DEBBIE STEWART

Nominated by:  
**Gloria Raminha**  
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Years of Service: **2012–2014**

We take great pleasure in nominating **Debbie Stewart** for the Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award. Debbie has been the Sierra Council VP of Travel for the past 10 years and at the 2012 Convention, she was elected to FWSA VP of International Travel. She served as FWSA Secretary for six years. Debbie also serves as Sequoia Ski Club President and has held positions as VP of Travel and Ski Club VP over several years. She serves as Sierra Council VP of Travel and organizes the council's annual holiday party and silent auction.

Since becoming VP of International Travel, Debbie has expanded FWSA relationships with new and old tour operators, which will result in new industry participants attending our 2014 convention. Debbie is also the first VP of Travel to use a travel management program which allows members to sign-up and pay for trips online. She has led very successful Far West ski and adventure trips which have taken FWSA members to Innsbruck, Garmisch, Munich, Zermatt, Barcelona and Madrid. She is also responsible for overseeing that the annual Dive trip runs smoothly. Debbie is currently working on organizing FWSA trips to South Africa, Val d'Iserre, Ireland and England.

Debbie is eager to help with fundraising efforts to support and grow the Athletic Scholarship Program, Women's Ski Jumping, Adaptive Sports and other charitable activities for the Far West Ski Foundation.

Although she served as FWSA Secretary for many years, her passion has always been for travel and being involved with the Far West Travel Program. Debbie Stewart was one of the initiators of the travel committee formed many years ago and is currently the co-leader of the committee. Prior to being elected into the FWSA travel program, Debbie assisted the travel VP on several international trips. As Sierra Council VP of Travel, she has been a tremendous Trip Leader for the Far West North American Ski Weeks. Because of Debbie's outreach efforts and enthusiasm, Sierra Council has a much larger number of ski week participants than the Council's small membership would indicate.

Debbie takes an active role in the Sequoia Ski Club's activities. Debbie is involved with coordinating Sierra Council's annual Winter/Holiday party and many of the ski club activities and events. In the fall, she was on Sequoia Ski Club's planning committee which hosted the Warren Miller "Ticket to Ride" film. The proceeds (\$1300) were donated to the Visalia Education Foundation.

Personally, Debbie is actively involved in supporting the Valley Oak SPCA, American Cancer Society, YMCA, Kaweah Delta Hospital, Adopt a Family for Christmas, Toys for Tots and so much more.

Debbie Stewart is energetic, enthusiastic, and eager in all aspects, especially when it comes to the Far West Ski Association. She has been an outstanding volunteer and has shown tremendous dedication to Far West Ski Association and the sport of skiing. It is now time to show Debbie our appreciation for her hard work and dedication to snow sports and FWSA by providing her the recognition she so deserves by presenting her with the Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood award.