

Nancy Sanford— Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award

Nancy Sanford is one of those incredible behind-the-scene persons who sees a problem and resolves it before anyone else is even aware of it. Nancy has done a lot to advance the sport of skiing at the club, council, Far West and international levels, especially in the area of travel.

Club—

Nancy joined her first ski club, Fountain Valley Ski Club, in 1983. Nancy has been on their board for 18 years and has rarely ever missed a club or board meeting. Over the years, Nancy has served her club as Secretary, Membership Chairman, Mammoth Trip Coordinator, Out-of-State Trip Coordinator, Race Chairman, Council Representative and President. Nancy was the first woman President of Fountain Valley Ski Club and under her leadership the club grew and recorded the most members and activities ever.

Council—

Nancy has been on the Orange Council Board for the past eight years. She has served as Trip Chairman, Newsletter Editor, and this year she has been nominated to be President. She was also responsible for putting on a number of Country Western Dance (with lessons) fund raisers for Council.

Far West Ski Association—

For the past five years Nancy has been an invaluable member of the FWSA travel program staff. I could relate a zillion stories of how she bailed us out when transportation problems arose — from the time she commandeered buses in Mt. Bachelor to take us to Portland when the Bend airport closed to the time she drove, from Val Gardena to the Milan airport (and back), a participant who had to return home when he became ill. But Nancy is more than just a problem solver, she is there to greet people as they arrive at the airport, at the parties, on the race course, at the banquet and at the bus when they leave.

U. S. Adaptive Recreation Center—

Nancy and her husband John have been supporters of USARC (U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center) at Bear Mountain for many years. They have made donations to both the Peak-to-Peak ride and the San Diego Silent Auction. In addition, they have driven their motor home as a support vehicle for the past 4 peak-to-peaks. Nancy goes along to help with the cooking and anything else that needs doing.

A Whole New Career—

Due to the experience Nancy gained in running club and council travel programs, she was asked to join New Horizon Tours in 1991 as a ski travel consultant. She recently worked for Central Holidays as a Ski Group Specialist and is currently the VP of Ski Groups for Tour Pros, Ltd. Over the years she has helped clubs and councils from around the U.S. and FWSA put together their travel programs. This next year, in addition to a couple of dozen club groups, she will be taking 300 people from LA Council to Big White and 300 people from USRSA to Park City.

Little did Nancy know when she answered that ad for Fountain Valley Ski Club all those years ago that she would find the fun, friends, laughter, excitement, craziness, and a whole new career. Skiing has truly changed her life for the best. We are all better for having known, worked and skied with her.