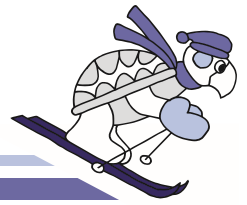


# TURTLE GAZETTE



SLO Skiers Newsletter

February 2017

## Mark Your Calendars!

### February

#### *Wednesday 2/1*

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

#### *Monday 2/6*

Whistler ski week pre-trip party, 6 p.m. (dinner), 7 p.m. (meeting) at the Elks Lodge; RSVP for dinner to Lauren by 2/2

#### *Saturday–Sunday 2/11–19*

Ski week at Whistler, British Columbia

#### *Sunday 2/26*

Wine down, 4–7 p.m., Kathleen O'Neill's home (271 Irish Way, Pismo Beach); Mardi Gras theme, see more details on page 3

*February hike, TBA*

### March

#### *Wednesday 3/1*

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

#### *Friday 3/3*

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones Trail parking lot on Ontario Road; brunch at Hula Hut in Avila to follow

#### *Tuesday–Tuesday 3/14–21*

Ski week at Whitefish, Montana

*March hike TBA*

### April

#### *Wednesday 4/5*

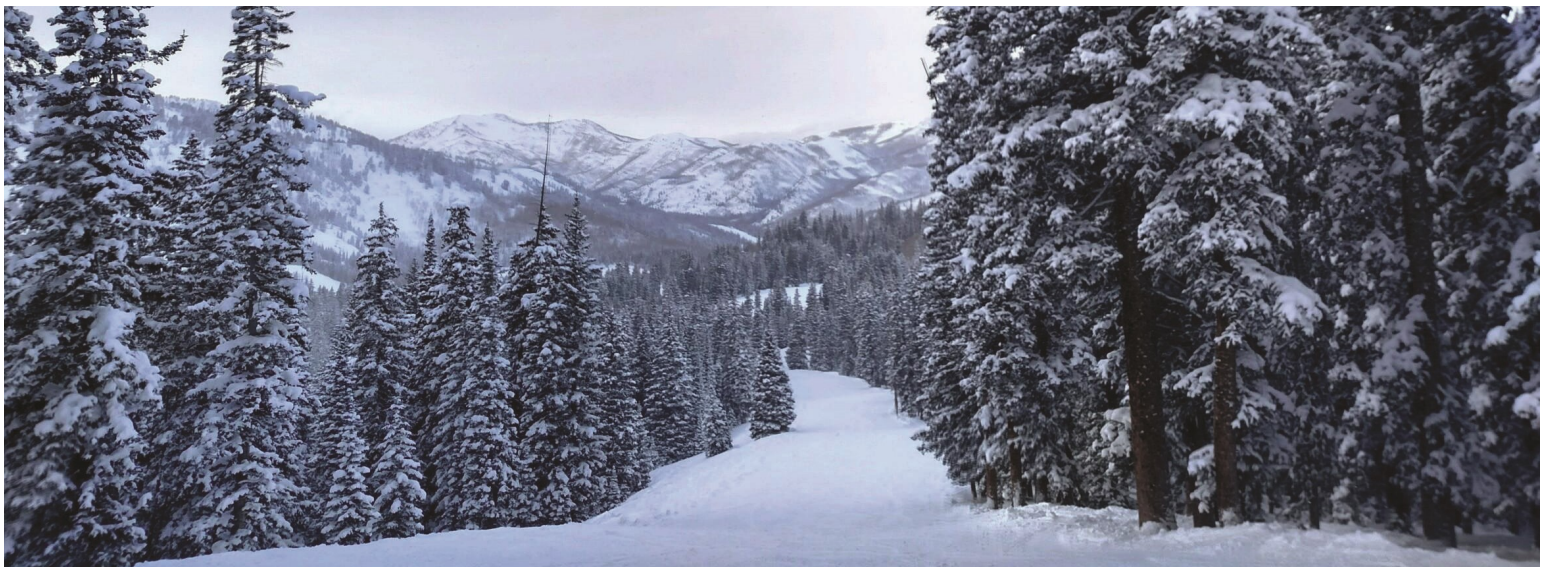
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#### *Friday 4/7*

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones Trail parking lot on Ontario Road; brunch at Hula Hut in Avila to follow

#### *Saturday 4/22*

End of Year Party at Lori & Allan Margulieux's home (more information to follow)



*Photo: Brighton Resort, Utah; courtesy of Larry Guittard.*



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A Ski, Sport and Social Club  
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General meetings the first Wednesday of the month (6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting)

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## Upcoming Event Details

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### February Wine Down

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Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4–7 p.m., Kathleen O'Neill's home

Contact: (805) 550-5010

(271 Irish Way, Pismo Beach)

Please bring a delicious appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. I have new floors in my house. It is a "NO SHOES" house, so please bring warm socks or slippers to wear. Mardi Gras theme; costumes and/or masks are encouraged but not required!

Directions (heading south): Take 101 S to Pismo Beach and exit at 4<sup>th</sup> Street. When you come to the stop sign, turn right and go one block to 4<sup>th</sup> street, and turn right again and proceed east over the freeway to James Way. Turn right on James Way, and after one block turn right on Shamrock Lane. Proceed to the very last street and turn left on Irish Way. Since Irish Way is horseshoe-shaped, there are two signs for Irish Way; go to the second one and turn left. Once on Irish way, go down the block about halfway, and look for the tan house on the left. (It is the only house with large, high shrubbery in the front yard.)

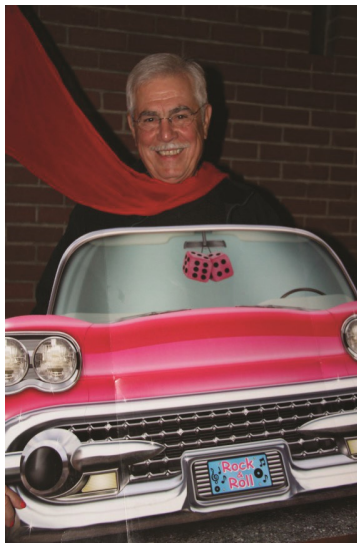
Directions (heading north): See directions heading south; the only difference is that once you take the 4<sup>th</sup> Street exit, you turn right onto 4<sup>th</sup> Street for just a short distance until you turn right on James Way. You are already on the east side of the freeway.

Call Kathleen on her cell phone if you have questions ((805) 550-5010).





## Get Ready for Whistler!





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## There is More to Ski Week Than Skiing!

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I hope you checked out the great photos of some of the people going to Whistler (previous page). Great job, Helen Jacobsen. Helen has helped me out with both ski weeks by taking pictures. You might ask, why the pictures? These pictures are mounted on 45 records for Whistler and psychedelic fabric for Whitefish. They will be hung outside of the condo or hotel room so we know where our fellow SLO Skiers are residing. The fun things included in ski week come from three sources. One, we add a bit of money to the actual cost of the trip. Two, comps. Comps are what we received from the lodging properties, airlines, and mountain for bringing a group to the area. Comps are a big reason it helps to travel in a group. Of course anyone who has ever had a problem will tell you the power of the group is a great asset if you need help. Third, our club donates \$25 for each member on the trip. Good job auction attendees. Here are some of the other fun activities included in each trip:

We have a no host pre-trip party where every aspect of the trip is explained in detail to participants. This is why the date is available when you sign up—you can calendar it to be there. Of course emergencies happen, but I encourage all travelers to attend. If they can't they should send someone to take notes.

We have arranged free parking for those on the bus. Then there is the bus for the Whistler group. That eliminates driving, or flying costs to LAX, parking fees, or perhaps a hotel. All of that is covered by our modest fee for the bus of \$60 per person. I'm always asked, "Why don't you include this in the package?" Whitefish exemplifies why it is an additional charge. No bus is cost-effective for 22 people. Believe me, I have explored ALL the options. Okay, so now you are at the airport. You have all your friends to watch your bag if you need to go to the potty. There are friends to follow in case you are confused. Someone in the group is always savvy about those daunting kiosk check-ins. Get the picture? You are not alone. Then when you get to your destination, a charter bus picks you up. You don't have to struggle with renting a car, or figuring out ground transportation. On the way to the resort, in the case of Whistler, we will be stopping for a delicious buffet dinner. The condo people will get a grocery stop as well. That helps avoid paying high resort prices for groceries. In Whitefish, all of us are in condos. The bus will stop for a grocery and liquor stop—again, saving you money. At Whitefish, I'm working on a rip-roaring Welcome Party at the Hellraising Saloon, slopeside at Whitefish.

Once you are settled into your lodging property the fun really begins. At Whistler here is a list of fun events: A tour of the mountain on Sunday. A meet and greet in my and Bonnie's condos for the Newbies. This is a real low-key affair. If you sponsored a Newbie or are interested in getting to know these special new friends, please drop on by. Then on Monday night the hotel group is sponsoring an après ski party. Tuesday there is a pot luck Valentine's Dinner. Wednesday is the official "poop out day". Kate Fitch is working on some great non-ski suggestions. Thursday is a busy day—there is a race, included in your package. Don't fret, you just go around the flags at your own pace. It is easy. Thursday night there is an après ski party hosted by the condo group. Saturday we go to Vancouver. You will have free time to tour the city. For the farewell party we have chartered a private yacht. A buffet dinner and dancing will happen while we tour the Vancouver harbor (weather permitting). That is a summary of fun things happening at Whistler.

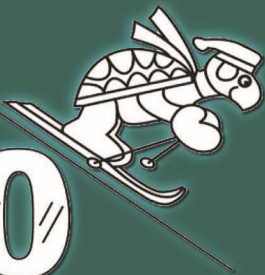
Stay tuned for the fun planned for Whitefish. Speaking of Whitefish, there are 3 spaces still available. If you are interested, the absolute last day to sign up will be February 1<sup>st</sup>. Whew...lots of fun with great friends—that IS the SLO Skiers.



**WHITEFISH**  
MOUNTAIN RESORT



# the SLO SKIERS



## WHITEFISH

MOUNTAIN RESORT

**MARCH 14-21, 2017**

- 7 Nights Lodging at the Kintla Lodge or Morning Eagle condos

Ski-in/out. Double Occupany

- 5 out of 6 day lift pass
- Roundtrip air: San Jose to Kalispell
- Transfers to/from Kalispell
- Welcome and Farewell Parties

Prices start at

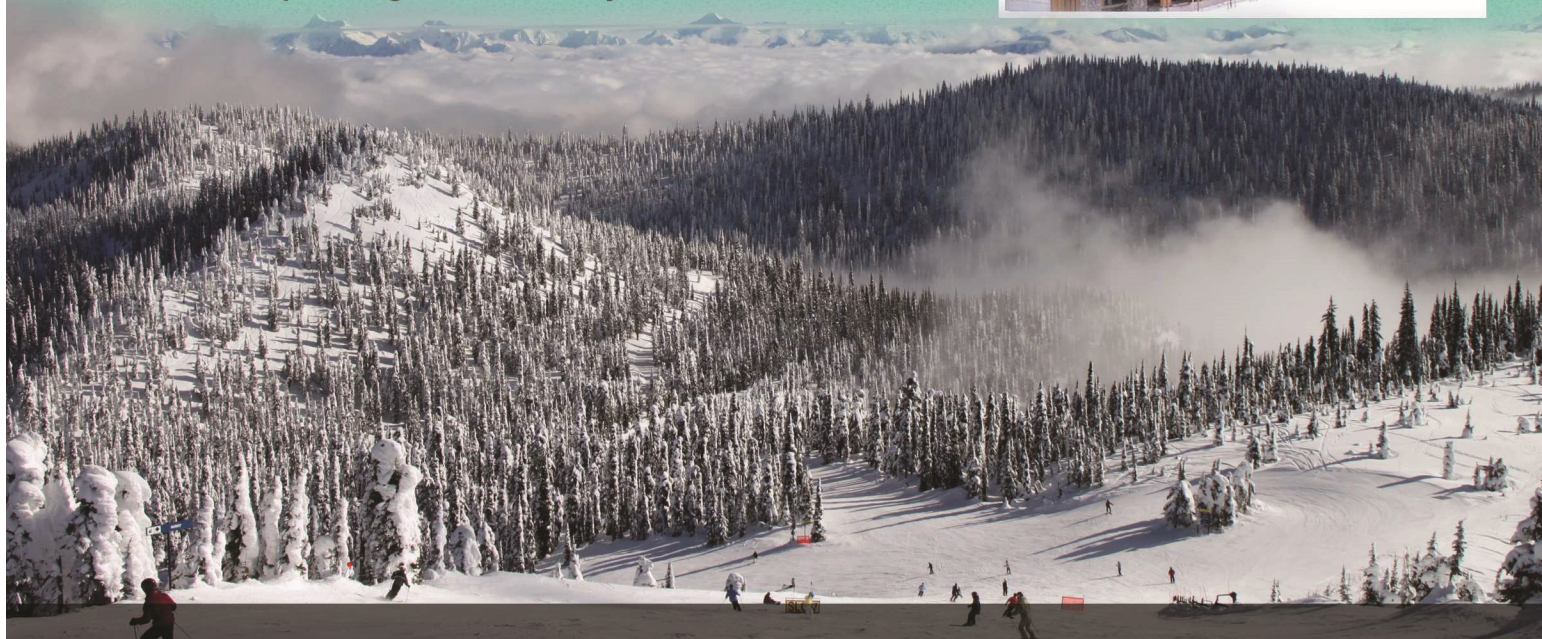
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KINTLA LODGE



MORNING EAGLE



**TRIP LEADER:** LAUREN NAGLE - [mInskier@gmail.com](mailto:mInskier@gmail.com)  
or 805-636-0477 after 5pm



Thank you to Jana Favallora for organizing a warm and inviting Dine Around at Buona Tavola Italian Restaurant in SLO. The rain stopped in time for the 11 members to arrive and enjoy the evening meal and then we were invited to Jana's home for desert, coffee and tea.



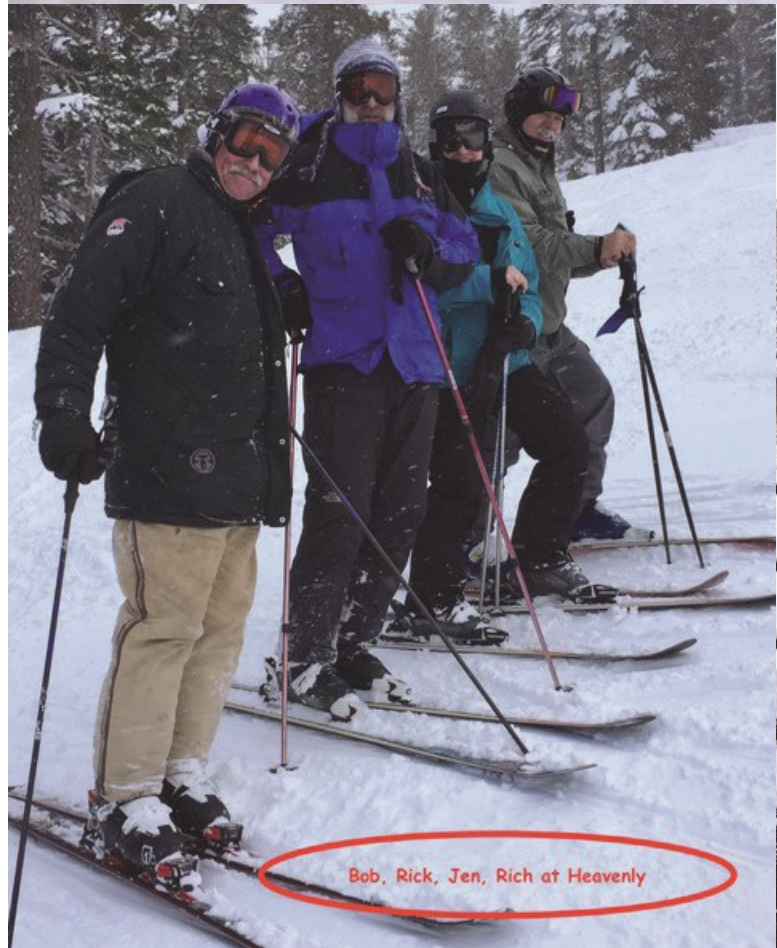


The Sassy Seventies Salsa Sing Along Diner for Eight—a 2016 Turtle Auction item—was a great success! It was a beautiful evening for a sunset over the Pacific Ocean from the porch of Julie Page and Steve Balog's home. They cooked a wonderful dinner with cocktails for eight club members that purchased the auction item. The evening included wonderful guitar accompaniment by Pam Stanley and song books for everyone to join in on great '70s hits. (Hint: everyone can create these great ideas for entertaining and donate a package for next year's auction!) The lucky attendees included Sharon and Hal Rosewall, Irene and John Smith, Teri and Bill Winston, and June and Peter Ward. Thank you Julie Page and Steve Balog for offering this item to the SLO Skiers Auction.





SLO Skiers Short Trip to Tahoe: On and off, between Thursday and Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>–24<sup>th</sup>, twelve SLO Skiers and assorted friends convened in Tahoe for some great skiing during yet another winter storm. Between the 4+ feet of new snow, the knee deep powder skiing, the closed ski areas and roads, the fun and laughter, and the football games, all in attendance had an adventurous and happy time!







Lloyd, Robert, Dan, Bob, Michael. Mountain closed, time for football & beer!



Rick, Fran, Bob, Jen enjoying some Heavenly snow



## Philanthropy Update

### SLO Skiers Are Known by Those We Help by Michael Krebsbach, Philanthropy Officer

As I called and set up the donation appointments with Woods Humane Society and The Land Conservancy of SLO County a very nice recognition took place at each organization. When I introduced myself and asked if they remembered me from last year the response was very hearty, warm and welcome. "Of course we remember you Michael and the SLO Skiers." I was impressed and pleased for a goal had been accomplished. We, the SLO Skiers, have made ourselves known and remembered by key community organizations. Each organization we have donated to remembered us a year later. This recognition proves to me that SLO Skiers have become not just a ski club but a ski, sport and social club with annual philanthropic goals of helping those in need in the community we live in. Congratulations on your willingness to put forward the compassion and funds to help make SLO Skiers be a known, contributing member of our community.

We have made our first donations of 2017. On January 4, 2017, a \$300 check was delivered to Woods Humane Society. Receiving the check was Joy Miller, Development and Outreach Manager. She, Executive Director Jill Tucker and all the staff at Woods are extremely appreciative of our donation and our philanthropy program. The Land Conservancy of SLO County received a \$225 check from us also on January 4, 2017. Receiving the check was Lauren Meers, Development and Outreach Manager. Lauren asked when we can reschedule our hike at the Pismo Preserve. I told her when Marv recovers from back surgery we'll be ready to go and that we had better plan on two hikes due to the popular response to the hike by our club members.

Our shampoo, soaps and lotion collections are going very well also. Thus far we have collected: 33.5 pounds at the May and June meetings; 38 pounds at the September and October meetings; 37 pounds at the November, December and January meetings. Our total year-to-date is 108.5 pounds of soaps and lotions. Thanks so much and keep them coming. All our shampoos, soaps and lotions are split equally between El Camino Homeless Organization in Atascadero (North County's shelter) and the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in SLO (SLO/South County's shelter). Last year we collected approximately 142 pounds of shampoo, soaps and lotions.



Photos: (left) Lauren Meers, second from left, and staff at The Land Conservancy receive their check; (right) Joy Miller of Woods Humane Society receives our donation.

## Member Corner

Welcome new members!

Robert Ballo  
Mark Bradford  
Barry Brion  
Patty Brion

Robert Emslie  
Robin Guittard  
Lisa Hall  
Robert Hyde  
Melanie Kykal

Jackie LaPrade  
Richard Mora  
Amelia Plemons  
Vicki Pobor  
Barry Rands

Janine Rands  
Bruce Smith  
Jan Temler  
Tom Templeton

### SLO Skiers Take the Polar Bear Plunge at Avila on 1/1/17

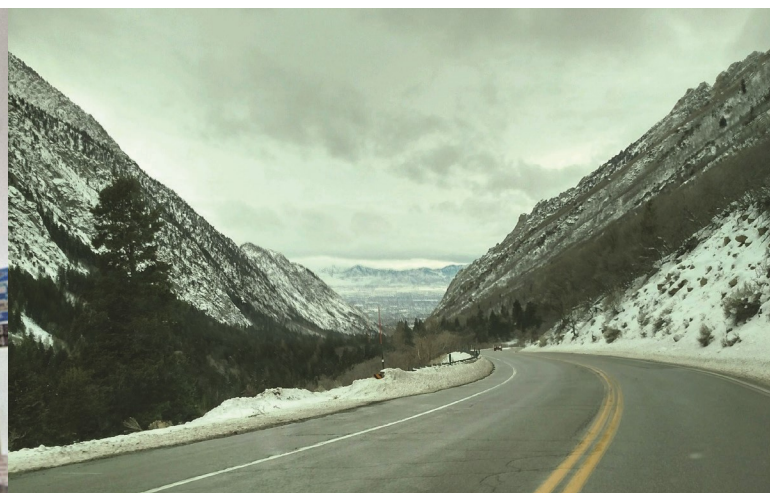
Several SLO Skiers braved the freezing air AND freezing water to bring in the new year with the traditional New Year's Day dip in the ocean. Brave or crazy is a matter of personal preference, but they do look like they had fun!



*Photos: (left) Les Gray (Laura's Brother), Laura Hyde and Peter Jacobsen; (right) SLO Skiers (and friends) before the plunge.*

### SLO Skiers are out and about!

Many club members have been enjoying the plentiful snow that we wait all year for; Larry Guittard and Spencer Thatcher are no exception, having been skiing at multiple resorts in Utah, including Alta, Brighton and Solitude.



*Photos: (left) Larry and Spencer at Alta; (right) the view leaving Little Cotton Canyon, Utah.*



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## Success in the SLO Skiers, and Those Who Make it Possible

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Voting for your 2017–2018 board of directors and officers will take place at the March meeting, just one short month away. At this time the following club members have stepped up to keep your club the active, dynamic club that it has been for the past 40 years. As you can see, we still need volunteers for two positions on the board.

- **President**  
Candidate: Vince Kirkhuff
- **Vice President**  
Candidate: **Laura Hyde has stepped up, but needs a job-share partner**  
Laura's career takes her out of the area, so she cannot attend every meeting and doesn't feel she can do this job alone. If you enjoy the myriad of activities the SLO Skiers has to offer...BBQ's, Wine Downs, Dine Arouns, Christmas Party, Pray for Snow, etc., consider being a small part of the team that makes it happen. Without the help of a Vice President, we cannot offer all of these wonderful activities.
- **Treasurer**  
Candidate: John Smith
- **Finance Director**  
Candidate: Bonnie Long
- **Secretary**  
Candidate: Amalia Templeton Plemons
- **Trip Director**  
Candidate: Lauren Nagle
- **Membership Chair**  
Candidate: Linda Kinney
- **Newsletter Editor**  
Candidate: **Currently...NO ONE**  
Is the newsletter of benefit to you? Do you enjoy the pictures of past events? Do you like reading about up-coming events? None of this is going to happen without a newsletter editor. This can also be a shared position, but current board members cannot get the information out to all of you without someone to put it all together.
- **Communications Director**  
Candidate: Fran Long
- **Philanthropy Officer**  
Candidate: Kate Fitch
- **Club Photographer**  
Candidate: Helen Jacobsen and Fran Long
- **Publicity Chair**  
Candidate: Pete Sarafian

My final plea is to please consider doing your part to keep SLO Skiers moving forward. We need someone to step up NOW to share the Vice President and Newsletter positions.

Fran Long  
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## President's Message



SNOW, SNOW, and more SNOW!!! The long-awaited ski season is finally upon us and there is more snow in the forecast than we could have imagined! Maybe even too much snow for our favorite Mammoth Mountain... Could that be possible?!? Lets enjoy and appreciate it while it lasts, as we all know too well that our California snowy and rainy season does not last long. Needless to say, January has been an exciting month for the Ski Club. This past month, Jana Favalora organized a Dine Around at Buona Tavola, a local Italian eatery downtown San Luis Obispo. Due to our relentless rain, the event turned into an intimate evening with only 11 SLO Skiers Members enjoying a three course Italian meal paired with wine. The great evening filled with food, wine and conversation to the rhythmic backdrop of the pouring rain continued at Jana's house where she invited all dinner guests to her home for dessert, coffee and

tea. I want to thank Fran Long for volunteering to host the January 20<sup>th</sup> skiing weekend at Big Pines Mountain House in South Lake Tahoe! We have many more ski weekends upon us with Whistler Blackcomb anxiously awaiting our arrival for our week-long adventure this February 11<sup>th</sup> to February 19<sup>th</sup>. Lauren Nagle, our Trip Director, will keep us posted on any news for this trip, but in the meantime, it is very important for members to attend the February 6<sup>th</sup> Whistler pre-trip party at the Elks Lodge.

Also next month, Kathleen O'Neill has invited the members of our club for a New Orleans Mardi Gras Wine Down on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Kathleen has been involved with Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans and in San Luis Obispo. The first Mardi Gras took place on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1699, when the French explorers, Iberville and Bienville, landed in what is now Louisiana. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday," reflecting the celebration of eating richer, fatty foods before the day of Ash Wednesday, fasting and religious obligations associated with the penitential season of Lent. People wore masks so they could abandon social constraints and celebrate with everyone. The traditional colors of Mardi Gras are purple, representing justice, green for faith, and gold for power. The celebration includes music, parades, floats, long beads, and doubloons (coins). The carnival season is surrounded by mystery, secrets and traditions that go back over 300 years. Some of the secrets will be revealed by our own Kathleen O'Neill at her wine down on the 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m.

SLO Skiers club elections are upon us and I encourage all members interested to inquire about open positions. Fran Long is happy to answer any questions on current open positions. All positions are on a volunteer basis for one year. I want to thank all board members, both present, past and future, for volunteering their time and effort in creating such a fun and wonderful organization full of traditional as well as new and exciting activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Collins



*Skiing, Snowboarding,  
Backpacking, Climbing & Travel*



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