

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## KATE CARPENTER



Hi, I'm the current RVW FreeWheeler Chapter President, and I am running for a second term in this position. When I took this job in January, FreeWheeler had a full year of rallies planned, COVID-19 wasn't on anyone's radar, and I was looking forward to helping the Chapter enjoy the fruits of the prior Board's efforts. Hahahaha. As the Chinese philosopher remarked, "Plans are things that change."

A year of pandemic lockdowns, closed parks and member jitters certainly altered our trajectory. I committed at the beginning of my term that I would not act unilaterally, that I would seek advice from the Board and from members. I have done that. During the pandemic, I have endeavored to maintain contact with many members and have solicited their input. This year has given me and your Board time and impetus to consider how we can move forward as a Chapter. I would like to have the opportunity to serve next year by continuing to listen to membership, abiding by RVW direction, and building more avenues of support and communication for each FreeWheeler. I love this group and I can't think of anything I would prefer to pursue more than being of service to it.

Kate



## **KRIS KIRKENDAL**

My name is Kris Kirkendall, and I'm honored to be nominated as treasurer for the Freewheelers. I'm a retired CPA. I like to tell people, mostly to see them roll their eyes, that I like paperwork! I've always worked in healthcare finance. My last and favorite job was working for a non-profit hospice in Davis. I still work there from time to time on projects.

My wife Mary and I live in Sacramento with one cat and two small dogs. They are older and like their naps these days. When we are able to drive our 26' class C motorhome, the dogs are great travellers and campers. Every time we go to visit the camper and start the engine, I am reminded of all the fun times we've had on the road. Last summer we went to Alaska with a group of women and our motorhomes. It's been hard to see the rig parked all year. I hope she's not too lonely without us.

Mary and I have been members of Freewheelers for 3 or 4 years. The Freewheelers are a fun and diverse group. I have met and become friends with many different and interesting women, the kind of friendships that when we see each other it seems that no time has passed. Each outing it's fun to spend time with new members, to welcome them and spend time playing games, chatting and walking dogs. The women of Freewheelers have so much knowledge to share about their experiences with life, traveling and taking care of their rigs. I think the Freewheelers and RVW have some of the youngest "old" people I've ever met. It's truly inspiring.

I'm looking forward to contributing to the successful growth and continuation of the Freewheelers by being the treasurer. And I look forward to seeing all the members when we can all be together again.

Take care, and we'll see you on the road.  
Kris



## SUE LEBOW

Hi Everyone!

I have had the distinct pleasure of being the Freewheeler's Board Secretary for 2019 and 2020. I must say the job was really easy this year!! So, I thought I would do it again next year. I'm hoping it won't be as easy!!

For those who don't know me, here is a little information about myself.

I was born and raised in New York (you can sometimes hear my accent) and moved to California in 1974. Growing up I believed I would be a teacher and didn't give it a second thought until my senior year of college when I realized I wasn't cut out to be a classroom teacher. I can't even discipline my dog, how was I going to handle a room full of kids!

I understood that I was more of a one-to-one person and decided to pursue counseling as a career. Of all the classes I had in graduate school, I disliked Vocational Counseling the most. So, of course, I became a Vocational Counselor!

After tiring of that vocation, I decided to pursue Computer Programming. With my counseling background, I quickly moved into managerial positions.

My last job was at an independent living center in Silicon Valley where I both programmed and managed/counseled the front office staff. It was a very rewarding job.

When 9/11 happened, I decided that life was too short and so I retired early (at the age of 52).

What have I been doing since then? Who can remember!!! But I know it included spending time with friends and family and my partner of 38 years, Patty.

I love shopping, going to crafts fairs, movies, and organizing.

Note-taking is a skill I have and also enjoy doing. Which is why I have relished being your Board Secretary these past 2 years.

Over the course of being a Freewheeler, I have watched the club grow. Members come and go but the influx of new folks always adds diversity and fun and louder laughter. The best way to become part of Freewheelers (asides from paying dues) is to get involved: join the Board, host an outing, participate in activities. It's a great group of women and I am proud to be a part of it all.

Sue



## **CHERYL FOLETTA**

Hello All,

Please consider me for nomination for Activities Chair. I have been your Activities Chair for almost 2 years.

I have learned some ladies are fearful of hosting alone but when teamed with others enjoy themselves and are happy to host again.

I am a Project manager by profession which means I schedule and drive timelines.

It also means I have dozens of folks report to me through my projects but do not work FOR me.

These things make a good Activities Chair since activities must be scheduled and ladies must be recruited to host these scheduled events.

Thank you,  
Cheryl



## **DONNA WOLL**

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Membership Chair over this past year. I enjoyed connecting with the new members and sharing the benefits of being a Freewheeler! I have also been diligently working to keep our directory updated with current members. Furthermore, I have participated on conference calls with RVW and the membership leaders from around the country.

My year felt very short due to the Pandemic and I would love to serve another year!

Thank you,  
Donna