

## KATE CARPENTER



Hi, I'm the current RVW FreeWheeler Chapter President, and I am running for a third term in this position.

The year of pandemic lockdowns, closed parks and member jitters created some amazing invention as we tried to figure out COVID safe rallies! I think our hosts have succeeded beautifully.

When I began as President, I committed to my Board 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 endeavored to maintain contact with many members and solicit their input. I have done that. 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, old and new!

While COVID has tested us and kept us apart for far too long, I think we have also been strengthened as a chapter - we are more open and accepting after our enforced absence. I love this group and I can't think of anything I would prefer than continuing to serve it.

Kate

## DONNA WOLL



It has been my pleasure to serve as the Membership Chair over the past 2 years. I especially enjoy 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.

I would be honored to continue in my role as Membership Chair for another year. I welcome any ideas or thoughts you may have in order to serve you better!

Thank you,  
Donna



## **SUE LEBOW**

Hi Everyone!

I have had the distinct pleasure of being the Freewheeler's Board Secretary for the past 3 years. Since I'm an avid note taker, I have had enjoyed doing this.

If someone else wants to take this over, I am happy to step aside. If not, I'm also happy to continue in this role. You will not be surprised to learn that I am a Libra, which means I weigh the pros and cons of everything.

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

I am originally from New York, but have lived in CA for 44 years, so practically a native! My careers have been in counseling and computer programming. I have been retired since the age of 52 (am currently almost 71). What a gift retirement has been.

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 39 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 3 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

## **KRIS KIRKENDAL**

My name is Kris Kirkendall. I've enjoyed being the treasurer for the Freewheelers for 2020, and I hope to continue in this role in 2021.

I'm a CPA, I like accounting, numbers and doing paperwork. I've always worked in healthcare finance, first for a couple big non-profit health systems and then a non-profit hospice. I retired from the hospice in 2017 but went back in 2020 to work on some projects. I'm still there working part-time.

My wife Mary and I call Sacramento home. Every time we travel, we look for places that we might like better, but we never find one. We each have grown children and now a grandchild. Mary goes by Grandma Mac and I like Grandma Kris. Although as Wayne gets older, he of course will decide.



Mary and I have been members of Freewheelers for 5 years now. 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.

As for most of us, 2020 was a quiet year for travelling and 2021 has turned out to be that way too. When we travel, we have a 26' class C and we tow a Honda Fit. We have been to many places, including Alaska and Canada. As we start to travel more, it will be good to clean the cobwebs from the rig as well as from our brains!

I'm looking forward to contributing to the successful growth and continuation of the Freewheelers by again being the treasurer. And I look forward to seeing all the members as we start to gather again.

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

Kris



## **ANGELA WADE**

Hello FreeWheelers! I am honored to throw my hat into the ring with all of the wonderful women I have met, as a member of RVing women, to act in your stead as a Board member. When I was asked to consider running for the position of Activities Director, I had to consider what I might bring to the table that would benefit our collective group.

Well here you go: I am an educator with years of training and substantial organizational skills. I am comfortable developing programs and lesson plans specific to a wide variety of subjects. I am comfortable speaking in small and large groups. What I don't know, which is a lot, I am more than happy to research and figure out. I do tend to be a little OCD so please know that if there is something that I do not understand, I have no issue with asking for help from any number of you more accomplished RVers. I believe that my years as a teacher and Psychologist have given me skills which can benefit our group.

If you decide to honor me with as one of your board members, please know that I will do my best to honor the principles that has helped RVing Women and FreeWheelers grow into the National and State organizations that they are!

*Angela Wade PsyD*