

Lost Nation News

FAGOWEES SKI CLUB –
WASHINGTON D.C. BRANCH



*** NEW MEETING LOCATION ***
STARTING WITH DEC 5TH MEETING
LA FIAMMA, 6124 FRANCONIA RD, ALEXANDRIA

President's Message

Greetings fellow Fagowees, we are entering that special time of the year when the air starts growing frosty and we can enjoy decorating for the holidays. Gathering families together, seated around the table, connecting with folks that we may not have seen for a while and rekindling old memories! Wonderful! But also opening that first credit card bill and discovering just how expensive this season can be. There are some great Fagowee events coming up! Before we get into that, I would like to recognize one of our fellow Fagowees for the really good work she is doing on behalf of Children's Hospital by helping to procure toys for the kids to enjoy throughout the year. Great work Stacy! What a truly great thing for our Fagowees to support our community.

Our December meeting will be held at **La Fiamma Restaurant** on Franconia Rd., a nice place and family owned. The meeting will be at the regular time on Tuesday the **5th of December**. It will be in **Vito's Room** at the back of the restaurant. We are anxious to see if this establishment meets our needs! Next, I would like to congratulate our **Fagowee of the Month for October: Karen Eckert!** Great job in organizing our Bar of the Month at **Looney's Pub** in Fulton, MD.

We ended the month of October with one of our outdoor events, horseback riding at **Marriott Ranch**. We had several of our Fagowees having fun along the trails. **Nov BOM** was at **Freddie's Beach Bar for Drag Queen Bingo!** Many dollar bills were donated during the festivities! We had nearly 20 people there and this is the event every year where we have a rollicking good time. Congratulations to **Fred Krambeck** for winning a bingo prize, great t-shirt!

A jam-packed December will lead off with a **White House Tour Dec 9**. Looking forward to those decorations! **Our annual Christmas Party** will be at **PJ Skidoos, Friday Dec 15**, in the downstairs banquet room. **Door prizes, dancing, and great food!** We will be going back to **Toby's Dec 17** for **Miracle on 34th St**, the musical!

Coming up in 2024, our first event is **Frozen the Musical** at the **Kennedy Center, Jan 7**. **BOM**, on **Jan 21**, is **Quarry House in Silver Spring** for Sunday night trivia! Next there are two ski trips planned—**Austrian Alps from Jan 26—Feb 4**, then a return to **Canaan Valley from Feb 9—Feb 11**. **Our second CAPS game this season happens on Feb 26 when we take on Ottawa**. Don't forget beer & BBQ at the **Devils Backbone Bar**. Later in 2024 a **Mediterranean Cruise is planned for Oct 17-27**. Tons of events and much to enjoy. It's all here in the newsletter, so please peruse and pick an event. Make sure you sign up via the website, or as instructed by the event leader.

We're closing out the year in strong style and 2024 already has several events approved and a whole host of yet to be planned so stay tuned.

John

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"Fagowees can pay for most events, activities and trips with a credit card through the website."



Member Club
of the Blue Ridge
Ski Council



Member Meeting NEW LOCATION

**** Tuesday, DEC 5, 2023 ****

**La Fiamma Italian Kitchen
Vito's Room (in the back)
6124 Franconia Rd
Alexandria
lafiammaitalian.com**



Beat the traffic, come early, hang out at the Bar

**Social: 6pm – 7:30pm
Meeting: 7:30pm**

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WELCOME BACK

**Sandra Puglia
Elaine & Richard Eckman**

In case this is your first newsletter—Be sure to check out our Facebook page. (closed Group-only for the Fagowees), and the DCFagowees website so you can keep up on all our happenings

These links and other useful info noted in the [on the Back side of this newsletter](#)

We're happy you came back and can't wait to meet you and get to know you. Maybe you'll get some of your friends or family to join too.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



Looking for a chance to give back to the Club or have an idea for an event you would like the Club to sponsor? If so, we are always looking for volunteers AND new ideas. Contact a Board member to let us know you are interested and we will be happy to help you test the waters.

If this is your first time, you can start with something simple like a Bar-of-the-Month. Or if you are more adventurous, volunteer for one of the chair positions under Appointed Officials.

In any case, you will have plenty of back-up from those who have been-there done-that. If you have an interest, or just some questions, contact any Board member.

FAGOWEE STORE

Fagowee T-Shirts - TOO LATE

SALE ITEMS

FACE MASKS

Blue with Fagowee Indian Logo
Large or Small Adult Size
\$20- \$10 (SALE)

KOOZIES—\$1 Each (SALE)

FAGOWEE SKI POLE FLAGS—\$5.00 2.00 (SALE)

Store Managers

Molly Stumpf, VentureMom@earthlink.net
Marilyn Morrison, MarilynMorrison1990@gmail.com

Can also order on the Fagowee website

Ottawa Senators v. Washington Capitals Hockey Game

When: Mon Feb 26, 2024

Game Time: 7:30pm

Cost: \$90 per ticket (price includes the BBQ entree & side and beer, wine, soda drink package in the Devil's Backbone Lounge)

Only 14 tickets for this game!

Tickets are in the lower 400 level

Location: Capital One Arena

601 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Metro: Yellow/Green/Red Lines to Gallery Place.

Questions? / RSVP- Contact Stacy

Hickman at hickman1928@hotmail.com



Canaan Valley Ski Trip

Feb 9-11, 2024

With optional Thur and/or Sun nights

Rates—Per Person (Member Rates)

Fri & Sat

Occupancy	Base Nights	Add Thur	Add Sun
Single	\$ 438	\$ 155	\$ 155
Double	\$ 262	\$ 90	\$ 90
Triple	\$ 203	\$ 64	\$ 64

Pricing includes Welcome Reception on Fri, and Apres Gathering on Sat (BYOB for each). Full buffet breakfast, All Resort Fees, Taxes & Gratuities.

Outdoor Activities on Site or in the Area Include Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing, Tubing, Ice Skating, Horseback Riding. (local options—Davis, White Grass Touring, Timberline)

Other Activities in the area include shopping, visiting breweries, wineries, and restaurants or just hanging out or playing games with your fellow tribe members

Resort Amenities—Indoor heated pool, Whirlpool, Sauna, an Arcade Room as well as a Full Restaurant, a café and a Bar (with Karaoke, dance floor, pool tables and a Fireplace).

Register & Pay at DCFagowees.com

Deposit: \$100 / person / **Total Due:** NLT Dec 20

Cancel by 11/30—Full Refund

Cancel after 11/30—\$25 + unrecoverable losses

Cancel after Dec 20—NO Refund

Questions??

Contact Chris at CarlsonChris48@gmail.com

Bar of the Month Quarry House Tavern



Date: Sun, Jan 21, 2024

Time: 5-9pm

Location: Quarry House Tavern
8401 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring, MD



Happy Hour from 4-6:30pm followed by Sunday night Trivia at 7pm.
Win \$\$ off your tab.
RSVP via the website.

Any questions, contact Stacy at hickman1928@hotmail.com

FAGOWEES WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

Dec 01 Joan Darr
Dec 01 Stephana Ney
Dec 04 Waltraud W Schindler
Dec 05 Lisa Vignerot
Dec 08 Frank Fannan III
Dec 09 Philip Friedrichsen
Dec 10 Rich Kavanagh
Dec 11 Lisa Dwyer-Shapiro
Dec 13 Carol Fannan
Dec 14 Karen Patterson



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Dec 17 Linda Walker
Dec 20 Connie Horil
Dec 21 Richard Hill
Dec 22 Patricia Rutledge

Dec 23 James R. Dooley
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Dec 27 Richard Mattero
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Dec 29 Earl Curry
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Dec 29 Pamela Viola



Contact Sharon Blackwell for Any Corrections
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Christmas at the White House! Saturday Dec 9

Who'd a thunk we'd have a Fagowee in the White House! Much less 50 of 'em!

As announced earlier via email, Fagoweers have an opportunity to tour the White House on Saturday, 9 December. We get an added bonus of seeing our nation's house finely decorated for Christmas.

For those who have registered, confirmation of the tour, times, and visitor policy will be forthcoming in November. POC is Miriam Alonso at fredricka@rocketmail.com.

[Note: Due to the White House's short deadline and security requirements, this tour is "sold out" and sign ups are no longer available.]



Beautiful blue skies and perfect weather made for an awesome trail ride!!



Bingo at Freddie's Beach Bar and Fred Krambeck was a first time winner. Yay Fred!!



Fagowee of the Month—Oct Karen Eckert

The Board of Directors officially congratulates Karen Eckert for the outstanding job she did in setting up our BOM for October at Looney's Pub in Fulton, MD. A sports bar and a half-TVs were everywhere!! The Orioles and the Terrapins were on simultaneously, what a show! About 20 people showed up (3 came over from VA) and we had some great food! Good job Karen!



2024 Austrian Alps Adventure for Skiers and Non-Skiers

January 27 to February 4, 2024

(with flexible arrival and departure dates)



Join other Fagowees for a great week of skiing and lots of activities off the slopes, all while staying at the 4 star Metzgerwirt Hotel in the charming alpine village of St. Veit im Pongau, just 60 km south of Salzburg. Local arrangements by Siegi Tours.

Skiing A single ski pass will give skiers access to the interconnected ski resorts of the Salzburger Sportwelt as well as other resorts in the larger Ski Amadé Alliance. A free ski bus connects St. Veit to the gondola base at St. Johann/Alpendorf, where the rental shop is located and where lessons and ski safaris meet. Nancy can provide details about the ski slopes.

Pricing To give you an idea of pricing, Siegi Tours has created a basic special VIP – Fagowee Package that includes 6 nights, 6 breakfasts and 6 4-course wonderful dinners at the 4 star Metzgerwirt Hotel. ***Any aspect of this package can be customized for you.***

Included in all packages are: access to events at the Siegi Tours private bar Rustica Stadl (drinks extra), free access to the hotel's wellness center, and a ski locker with boot warmers for each hotel room. There is a free shuttle to/from the ski area.

2024 Prices (2, 3, or 4 person occupancy)

Basic Package: €968 per adult (double occupancy) with a single supplement of €18 per night.

For skiers, any combination of lessons and a ski safari are possible. Here are the total costs of some examples, *all of which include the 6 nights room and board:*

<i>Ski Package A:</i> 3 days of lessons/fine tuning plus 1 day guided ski safari	€1,108 per adult *
<i>Ski Package B:</i> 1 day of lessons/fine tuning plus 1 day guided ski safari	€1,078 per adult *
<i>Ski Package C:</i> 1 day guided ski safari	€1,048 per adult *

* Lift Passes are extra

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Activities Off the Slopes: There are many more than those listed below. Skiers will want to take days off so as not to miss out. Here are some of the many activities to keep non-skiers and skiers on their non-ski days busy. No car needed! Prices are approximate. Round Trip taxi to Schwarzach/St. Veit train station €10.

* Tobogganing and Snow-tubing €12	* Evening sleigh ride €110 per sleigh (holds 8)
* Alpendorf Gondola (for lunch, drinks or sitting on the slopes) €23 round trip	* Alpentherme hot springs resort €43/day, €36/4 hours (round trip train €13)
* Exploring Salzburg (round trip train €29)	* Salt Mines Tour €32 (round trip train €22)
* Sound of Music Tour €60	* Nordic Skiing (rentals at Alpendorf)
* Snowshoeing (rentals at Alpendorf)	* Shopping and cake at Café Schiebel in St. Johann

Meals: The Metzgerwirt provides a hot and cold breakfast buffet (complete with Austrian breads and pastries) as well as a leisurely gourmet dinner. Lunch is on your own at either one of the many restaurants dotting the ski slopes or a town café.

Everyone will arrange and pay for their own travel to and from St. Veit im Pongau. St. Veit is easily reached by train from Salzburg and Munich. Round trip flights between Dulles and Munich were about \$1,000 dollars in early summer. Nancy can provide options on getting from your airport to St. Veit.

Sign Ups and Cancellations

You can now register/sign up on the Fagowee EVENTS page and pay the \$25 Fagowee fee. Once you've registered on the Fagowee website, Nancy will send you details about contacting Kerstin at Siegi Tours. Kerstin will assist you with paying the €200 deposit, customizing your trip, and making further payments. **Additionally, expanded details are available when you click on the two links on the website.**

All payments are fully refundable, less a €20 handling fee, up to 30 days before arrival. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Nancy will also send you the refund schedule for cancellations within 30 days of arrival.

Trip leaders are Nancy McMahon, mcmahon.nk@gmail.com, and Mary Ellen Feldcamp, Maryellen.feldcamp@gmail.com.

Both have skied with Siegi many times.

Nancy says: *One of the places I feel most alive is skiing with Siegi's!"*



**Lots to do,
even if you
don't ski**



Christmas Party – 2023

PJ Skidoos (Private Banquet Room)

9908 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030

Date: Friday, December 15th, 2023

Time: 6pm – midnight

Cost: \$60 per member

**** Tickets MUST be purchased by Dec 2nd ****

Cash Bar & Full Dinner Buffet!

Fabulous Door Prizes!

Dancing 'til Midnight to DJ Ryan Baker!



"Please be respectful of PJs and your fellow partiers. No outside alcohol is permitted and please limit your food portion to a reasonable amount so all can be accommodated."

DINNER



Door Prizes



Sign up today at DCFagowees.com

To fully enjoy your evening, consider booking a room at the nearby **Hampton Inn Fairfax City** located just up the street at **10860 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030**. They are only a 2-mile Uber ride away, have rooms with a single King bed or two Queen beds, and will serve you that hangover breakfast in the am. To book call 703-385-2600 (select option 2 – tell them its for the night of 12/15 under the Fagowees, Group Code TFC). Rate including tax is \$134.47. Recommend booking early to assure guaranteed availability and price.

If you would like to make a Holiday basket or a gift contribution toward our party prizes and giveaways, or know of an individual or business who would be willing to do so, please contact one of our party planners as follows:

Chris Carlson (CarlsonChris48@gmail.com) or
Sharon Blackwell (blackwes50@gmail.com).



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Fun in the Sun VII Cruise



Mediterranean Cruise from Trieste Italy visiting Venice, Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Turkey and Greece!

Oct 17-27, 2024 NCL Dawn 10 Days, 10 Ports!

Cruise group price includes your upgraded balcony cabin on deck 10, Unlimited open bar, includes two specialty restaurant experiences, 150 minutes of internet on ship pp, \$25 pp shore excursion discount pp, per port, \$100 per cabin ship board group credit, one Fagowee party TBD, and ALL normal tips, gratuities, port fees and taxes. Depending on how many cabins we sell, there may also be a 5-10% reduction in the base rate depending on NCL group policies when we pay our final amount. Non drinkers can opt out of the drink package saving approximately \$200 in tips, but all cabin mates have to be of the same drink status. \$250 deposit saves your cabin and is refundable prior to final payment due.

Group pricing is apx \$3350 pp in a double cabin, \$2750 pp in a triple. but final price depends on how many cabins we sell, could be reduced even further. Final payment is due June 5th 2024.

Not included in the price above: your airfare, airport transfers, travel insurance (all available through NCL or on your own), additional tips for room service, etc. Pre and post cruise stays in Venice or Greece. More information will be in future newsletters.

Sign up NOW so we can guarantee the group perks. Otherwise, we might loose our group status! Prices are not guaranteed until deposits are made. They will go up in the future. Groups might sell out.

To make your cruise deposit and payments with NCL directly, contact Samantha at smcvay@ncl.com OR 954-233-6335 reference Steinhour Venice Cruise Oct 2024.

Let Bill know when you have made your deposit(s).

Contact Mr Bill with questions or for more information: Fagoweecruisers@yahoo.com

FROZEN

THE HIT BROADWAY MUSICAL

Kennedy Center Opera House






















Sunday, January 7, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Join us for *Frozen*, a musical fantasy about a kingdom whose new queen desires a permanent winter. *Frozen* features the songs you know and love from the original Oscar®-winning film, plus an expanded score with a dozen new numbers. Don't miss Elsa, Anna, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven. Come enjoy this journey of Love and MAGIC.



Initially we have 35 tickets available. As was the case with Moulin Rouge, all seats will be located in the center orchestra. Tickets will cost \$127 per ticket. **Deadline for sign-ups and payment is December 6.** See Tim Gordon at an upcoming meeting or contact him by phone at 703-931-7795 or by E-mail at niemangordon@gmail.com. Make checks payable to Fagowees and send to Tim at 3310 Nevius Street, Falls Church, VA 22041.

DEC 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Nov 26</u>	<u>Nov 27</u>	<u>Nov 28</u>	<u>Nov 29</u>	<u>Nov 30</u>	<u>1</u> 	<u>2</u>
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UPCOMING / SAVE THE DATE ACTIVITIES

2023

Dec 9 * White House Tour
 Dec 15 * Christmas Party
 Dec 17 * Toby's-Miracle on 34th St

2024

Jan 7 * Frozen at the Kennedy Ctr
 Jan 21 * BOM & Trivia-Quarry House
 Jan 26-Feb 4 * Austrian Alps Ski Trip
 Feb 9-11 * Canaan Ski Trip
 Feb 26 * CAPS vs Ottawa
 Oct 17-27 * Mediterranean Cruise

* Details in this issue

Monthly Meeting: DEC 5, JAN 2
 Board Meeting Zoom: DEC-NONE, JAN 9



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and member pin

* A member year is June-May

Renewal

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Family \$35

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