

# Lost Nation News

FAGOWEES SKI CLUB –  
WASHINGTON D.C. BRANCH

\*\*\* DON'T FORGET—NEW MEETING LOCATION \*\*\*  
LA FIAMMA, 6124 FRANCONIA RD, ALEXANDRIA



## President's Message

Well, we greet a new year, with many things to look forward to in 2024. Taxes, left-over food in the refrigerator and treasuring your white elephant gifts from your holiday parties. Great fun! With the new year it's time to look forward. We expect that 2024 will be an outstanding year for the Fagowees. Ski Trips, Ocean cruises and Float Trips with a variety of different events in between. Can't wait so let's get started: Our January meeting will be held at **La Fiamma Restaurant**, again. Things went well with the service and food, so I think we may have found a new home. Same room, same time on Tuesday, the **2<sup>nd</sup> of January**. Next, I would like to congratulate our **Fagowee of the Month for November: Stacy Hickman**. Two great events for the month, **Drag Queen Bingo and the Caps game**. A wonderful time was had by all!

December has been dazzling so far. A fantastic tour of the **White House Christmas Deco** on 9 December, organized by Miriam Alonso. The decorations were breath taking and a lot of good photos were taken. Everything went off without a hitch. Thank you Miriam. A highlight of the holiday season. We then followed that up with our **Annual Christmas Party at PJ Skidoos** on 15 December. Drinking, dancing and door prizes all over the place! Thank you to **Bill Steinhour** for the photo station. Thanks and congratulations to **Sandy, Sharon and Chris** (the party organizers) for another fine & fun Christmas Party with our favorite non-stop DJ. Wasn't he amazing?. Almost back-to-back, we had a return trip to **Toby's** on the 17<sup>th</sup> for **Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> St**. Wonderful performance by the guy who played Kris Kringle!

We will get 2024 started right with a performance of **Frozen the Musical at the Kennedy Center** on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. Fabulous staging and we have verified that they are great seats. **BOM for January is Quarry House Tavern** in Silver Spring on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Jan. Bring your thinking caps because we will be participating in a trivia night! The first ski trip of the season is a good one! **The Austrian Alps from 26 Jan to 4 Feb**. Lots of non-skiing activities to go along with the slopes. This is followed along very closely by our **BOM at Lost Dog Café** in Dunn Loring on Feb. 3rd. Then our annual trip to **Canaan Valley** from Feb. 9 to Feb 11. Bring your dollar bills for left, right, center and pray for snow. **The second Caps game vs Ottawa** is coming up on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, with beer and BBQ at the Devil's Backbone Bar. Later in the year we'll have **MJ-The Musical** on Aug 21 and a **Mediterranean Cruise is planned for Oct. 17 to 27**. For any event, please sign up via the website or as instructed by the trip leader.

To make a strong year for our event schedule, we need to have club members sign up to lead activities. So, if there is a trip or event you would like to lead, let us know. Happy New Year.

John

Wishing all of you the best for a new year!

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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 (REMEMBER—NEW LOCATION)

**\*\* Tuesday, JAN 2, 2024 \*\***

**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**

**President—John Morrison**  
Long4Tex@AOL.com

**Vice President—Mike Stumpf**  
mestumpf2@earthlink.net

### **Board of Directors 6/1/2023-5/31/2024**

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### **Appointed Officials**

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BRSC Council	Mike Stumpf and Rich Kavanagh



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 let 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](mailto: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](http://DCFagowees.com)**

**Deadline Extended to Jan 6**

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](mailto: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](mailto:hickman1928@hotmail.com)

## FAGOWEES WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY

Jan 08 Nancy Sharp

Jan 09 Michael Tasker

Jan 09 Sandra Welch

Jan 10 Michael Marr

Jan 15 Sandra McIntire

Jan 22 Marc Vignerot

Jan 25 Daren Sintay

Jan 27 John Williamson

Jan 30 Tom Murphy



Contact Sharon Blackwell for Any Corrections  
[Blackwes50@gmail.com](mailto:Blackwes50@gmail.com)

## MJ-The Musical At The National Theater

**When:** Weds, August 21, 2024

**Time:** 7:30pm\

**Location:** National Theater

1321 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Washington, DC 20004

**Cost:** \$105 per ticket



Join us for a night of music with MJ the Musical. The show is a jukebox musical based on the life and career of the King of Pop Michael Jackson. The show features 25 songs and moments from his catalog. We have 30 tickets to the show in the Center Mezzanine. Deadline to sign up is July 20, 2024.

Please send your checks made payable to "The Fagowees"  
and send to Stacy Hickman,  
2059 Huntington Ave#210, Alexandria, VA 22303.  
Any questions, contact Stacy at [hickman1928@hotmail.com](mailto:hickman1928@hotmail.com)

## February Bar of the Month—Lost Dog Café

2729A Merrilee Drive, Dunn Loring, VA. 22301

**Date:** Sat. 3 Feb **Start Time** 5pm

<https://www.lostdogcafe.com> 703-205-9001



**Lost Dog Café** began in a tiny storefront space in Arlington's Westover neighborhood in 1985 as a small unassuming wine, beer, and cheese shop. Lost Dog is one of the many craft brew bars in the area. An impressive array of local and national craft brews, wine, and cocktails! The menu has gourmet pizza plus a wide array of food selections, something for everybody! There is also a wide selection of beer for sale. The car park is right next door with plenty of space!

Be sure to sign up on line. See you there.  
Contact John at [Long4Tex@AOL.com](mailto:Long4Tex@AOL.com) with any questions.

## NOV Fagowee of the Month—Stacy Hickman



Congratulations to Stacy Hickman- our Fagowee of the Month for November 2023.

Stacy arranged two of our most popular events during the year: Beach Blanket Bingo at Freddie's and the Caps hockey game. Freddie's is always a blast and a lot of people brought dollar bills. The hockey game was great, and the Devils Backbone BBQ was delicious.

**Great Job Stacy!!!**





## 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:*

<b><i>Ski Package A:</i></b> 3 days of lessons/fine tuning plus 1 day guided ski safari	€1,108 per adult *
<b><i>Ski Package B:</i></b> 1 day of lessons/fine tuning plus 1 day guided ski safari	€1,078 per adult *
<b><i>Ski Package C:</i></b> 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](mailto:mcmahon.nk@gmail.com), and Mary Ellen Feldcamp, [Maryellen.feldcamp@gmail.com](mailto:Maryellen.feldcamp@gmail.com).

Both have skied with Siegi many times.

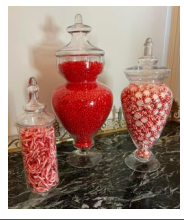
Nancy says: *One of the places I feel most alive is skiing with Siegi's!"*



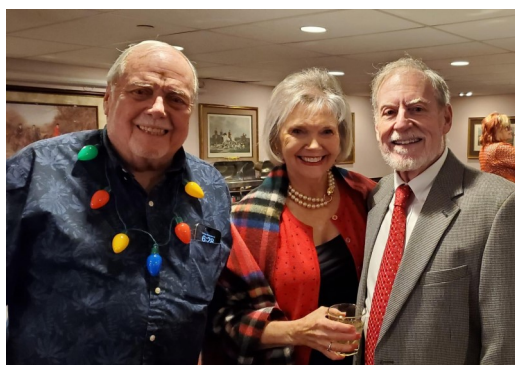
**Lots to do,  
even if you  
don't ski**







## Fagowee Christmas Party





## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 lose 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:niemangordon@gmail.com). Make checks payable to Fagowees and send to Tim at 3310 Nevius Street, Falls Church, VA 22041.



# JAN 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 25</u>	<u>Dec 26</u>	<u>Dec 27</u>	<u>Dec 28</u>	<u>Dec 29</u>	<u>Dec 30</u>
<u>Dec 31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> <u>Member Meeting</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> <u>Frozen Kennedy Ctr</u>	<u>8</u> 	<u>9</u>  	<u>10</u> 	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> <u>BOM Quarry House</u>	<u>22</u> 	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 	<u>26</u> <u>ALPS Trip Begins</u>	<u>27</u> 
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 	<u>31</u>	<u>Feb 1</u>	<u>Feb 2</u>	<u>Feb 3</u>

## UPCOMING / SAVE THE DATE ACTIVITIES

### 2024

Jan 7 \* Frozen - The Kennedy Ctr  
 Jan 21 \* BOM & Trivia-Quarry House  
 Jan 26-Feb 4 \* Austrian Alps Ski Trip  
 Feb 3 \* BOM-Lost Dog Cafe  
 Feb 9-11 \* Canaan Ski Trip  
 Feb 26 \* CAPS vs Ottawa  
 June 21-23 Float Trip  
 Aug 21 \* MJ-The Musical  
 Oct 17-27 \* Mediterranean Cruise

\* Details in this issue



June 21-23, 2024

### Float Trip

Low Water Bridge Campground,  
Bentonville, VA  
Details next month



Monthly Meeting: JAN 2, FEB 6  
 Board Meeting Zoom: JAN 9, FEB 13

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**Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.** If you would like to contribute, please email your article as an attached MS Word file to: **CarlsonChris48@gmail.com**

### New Member-one year\*

Individual \$30  
Family \$40

Includes monthly Newsletter  
and member pin

\* A member year is June-May

### Renewal

Individual \$25  
Family \$35

Mail form and check made  
payable to Fagowees to:

Fagowees International  
Washington Branch  
PO Box 22516  
Alexandria, VA 22304

### SEND THIS FORM WITH COMPLETED INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS (INFO IS FOR CLUB USE ONLY AND IS NOT SHARED WITH OTHERS)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_

**For Family Memberships (add Spouse or Partner living at same address)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (m/d) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about The Fagowees? \_\_\_\_\_