

Far West Ski Association

presents the **Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award** to



Jane Gutierrez

Years of Service: 2016–2018

Jane Gutierrez exemplifies the spirit of the Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award. Involved in numerous activities and leadership positions in her club, council, Far West Ski Association, National Ski Council Federation and the National Brotherhood of Skiers, her tireless dedication has a significant positive impact on snowsports. Jane is a healthcare professional, spending long hours on duty at the Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. This spirit of community before self is reflected as well in her dedication to the well-being of snowsports.

Jane represents Four Seasons West as a delegate at FWSA Conventions, and is currently on her second 2-year term as VP of Membership of the Far West Ski Association. In addition to managing the Direct Members program, she is active and involved in working on ideas of how to increase membership in the clubs, through the council presidents.

Another key program that Jane is responsible for as FWSA VP of Membership, is the Snowsports Leadership Academy, conducted at the Annual FWSA Convention. Jane has done an outstanding job in this endeavor, presenting topics suggested in the Annual FWSA Convention Survey, by leading experts in their fields. In 2017 she presented three Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions, with a professional cinematographer recording them. These provided the basis for a 10-minute video to promote the FWSA educational programs to clubs and councils. Full copies of all three sessions, the Keynote Speaker and 10 minute video are posted on social media sites. The 2017 Convention Survey respondents ranked the Snowsports Leadership Academy one of the top three reasons for attending an FWSA Convention.

Jane was introduced to skiing in her early 20’s, but it wasn’t until years later that she got back on skis when she discovered a large ski organization in Los Angeles, whose membership consisted of skilled skiers. She refreshed her ski skills through The Pacesetters program in the Four Seasons West Ski & Snowboard Club, and also joined the club’s racing program. She became very involved in club programs and held various positions until her election as President. As the President of Four Seasons West, she led this large organization with its wide range of activities throughout the year.

Jane attends the Los Angeles Council Meetings, and LAC Club Presidents Luncheons, providing insight, guidance and advice. Jane was selected the Los Angeles Council Woman of the Year at its annual Snow Gala, and was named the FWSA Councils’ Woman of the Year at last year’s Annual Convention in Boise.

In 2015, Jane became the Secretary for the National Ski Council Federation, and has had the opportunity to meet Council Presidents and industry partners throughout the country. She stepped down as secretary of the NSCF this year, and is the current National Brotherhood of Skiers Western Region representative for the NSCF. She communicates snowsports information learned through attending NSCF meetings with organizations in which she is involved. She was directly responsible for bringing back one of the NBS clubs to re-join the Los Angeles Council.

Jane’s boundless energy, enthusiasm and hard work has certainly benefited many snowsport organizations. She is indeed deserving of the Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award, presented to a woman who has made a decisive contribution to skiing, and we are honored to nominate her for this award.

The Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award is given to the Far West woman who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past two years or in a prior year.

Respectfully nominated by *Jane Wyckoff, John Watson, Catherine Ohl and Gene Fulkerson.*