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Holiday 2011 Issue

Introducing Amy Gunning, VIBeS Co-President

Hello, I have been a skier with VIBeS since the early 1990's. My involvement with VIBeS decreased when I went back to school to become a Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) in 2004. Over the past couple years I have felt like I really needed to come back to VIBeS; so instead of slowly easing back in quietly as I would normally do, I have jumped right in as co-president!!! I am very excited about serving with Sharon and look forward to supporting VIBeS in this new role. May you all be in good health and good spirits during this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Amy Gunning, Co-President

Introducing Sharon Boyd, VIBeS Co-President

Hello-I've been a ski, snowshoe & hiking guide for VIBeS for the past 5 years. I look forward to serving as Co-President with Amy, working behind the scenes to plan a year of fun activities and creating a newsletter for the VIBeS membership. I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday.

Sharon Boyd, Co-President

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Excellent Holiday Party

Thanks so much to Pam & Paul Vandebos for hosting the annual Holiday Party. We had quite a few VIBeSters in attendance. What a festive party! We had new babies, musical entertainment, great company, wonderful food & excellent hosts! It was great to see the familiar participants, and we welcome the new participants. I would like to sincerely thank everyone for the certificate acknowledging my Presidency and Cheerleading for VIBeS and the gift card to Marigolds. It is greatly appreciated! These were presented by our new co-Presidents, Sharon Boyd and Amy Gunning. They will do an excellent job as Presidents – I have no doubt. Thanks to everyone for making the party such a success!

Happy Holidays to all of you!

Madame Ex-President, Lorie Whitehead

Fall Gathering 5-7 NOV

A group of VIBeS joined for a weekend of fun and frolicking in the mountains at Lynn Fleharty's cabin in West Creek. It was an excellent fall weekend.

Lorie Whitehead/Diane Fitzkee

A Word about Skier/Guide Orientation...

On 16 NOV, VIBeS skiers and guides met at the Independent Center... Remember that all returning guides and skiers must complete a refresher training session before skiing each season. If you were not able to attend this session, there will be more opportunities.

Vicky Hulsesey/John Ingham

VIBeS Holiday Party!

2011 Holiday Party on SUN, 5 DEC was hosted in the home of Pam Vandebos. The setting was lovely in a beautifully decorated home for this festive occasion. Thank you for bringing all of the delicious treats.

Pam Vandebos

Monarch Guide Training

On SAT, 10 DEC John Ingham, Beth Ingham & Gary Hulsey participated in the 2011-2012 season training at Monarch.

John Ingham

A Big “THANK YOU” to Verizon!

Verizon has a program that allows volunteers of non-profits to log their volunteer hours; and if you log a certain number of hours, they will provide a monetary gift to the non-profit. Lorie Whitehead and Dale Campbell logged their hours for 2010 and 2011 and Verizon provided VIBeS with grants in the amount of \$750. WOW – what a great program!

Lorie Whitehead

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!!

As we head into another VIBES season, please remember that the more people we have organizing trips, making phone calls, sending out emails, and stepping up to help out, the more trips we can have and the less work it is for everyone. We are made up of amazing, talented people who love making things happen for VIBES. Please consider getting a date on the calendar for a day of skiing or snowshoeing. Don't be afraid to ask for help if it's your first time being a trip captain. We're all here to help each other make this the BEST VIBES season ever!

Diane Fitzkee



Shoe ‘N Soak on 14 JAN 2012

We've scheduled our annual VIBeS Shoe 'n Soak on Saturday, January 14th. Remember to sign up -- the cost will be \$10 per person. We will plan to **LEAVE** the CSDB parking lot at 8:30am, so plan to get there around 8:15am. Please bring a lunch, snacks, bathing suit, towel, water, sunscreen, and plenty of warm clothing. As always, I would LOVE to see your smiling face on the trails and in the hot springs!!

Diane Fitzkee – call 719 351-8974 or email weezyfitz@aol.com

Happy New Year and have an excellent ski season!

2011-2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

Email amythegun@comcast.net to sign up for trips, to arrange for a ride or find a guide, ski equipment and clothes.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION / CONTACT
Skier Orientation & Guide Training	16 NOV	6:30 pm Social 7:30pm Meeting	Vicky Hulsey
VIBeS Holiday Party	5 DEC	4:00 pm	Pam Vandebos
Monarch Guide Training	10 DEC	All Day	John Ingham
Walford Ski Trip	28-29 DEC		Barry Wick
Keystone Ski Trip	7-8 JAN		Barry Wick
Shoe 'N Soak	14 JAN	All Day	Diane F
Ski For Light-Snow Mountain Ranch	20-22 JAN		Rick Palmer
Beaver Creek Ski Trip	28-29 JAN		Barry Wick
Keystone Ski Trip	18-20 FEB		Barry Wick
Monarch Race Weekend	24-26 FEB		Lorie Whitehead
Breckenridge Ski Weekend	9-10 MAR		Melissa Rose Sharon Boyd
St. Patrick's Day X-C Ski Trip-Eldora	17 MAR	All Day	Rick Palmer
Beaver Creek Ski Trip	25-27 MAR		Melissa Rose

Please join us!

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