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## CO-CHAIRS NAMED FOR THE “TOUR OF NAPA VALLEY”

### Annual Cycling Fundraiser for Local organizations

Napa, CA – The Eagle Cycling Club has named Linda McFeely, and Bob Frappia as co-chairs of the 2018 Tour of the Napa Valley cycling event. “I am pleased to announce we have two extremely well qualified leaders for the 42<sup>nd</sup> year of this classic cycling event,” says Chris Lougee, President of the club. “Both bring solid experience and expertise in running successful fund-raising events.”

The 2018 edition of the Tour of Napa Valley represents the Eagle Cycling Club’s 42nd year producing this premier event. It is entirely organized and staffed by Eagle members and volunteers and is the primary source of fundraising for the club. Most proceeds go to the local community in charitable grants. About 1,500 - 2,000 riders travel to the Napa Valley to participate, contributing to our local economy as well.

Local organizations supported include the Napa County Bicycle Coalition, Safe Routes to School, Redwood Empire Mountain Bike Association, Napa County Volunteer Fire Departments, Vine Trail Coalition Northern California, Skyline Park Association, Karma Kits, Adopt A Highway and the Northern California Nevada Cycling Association.

Linda and Bob will work as a team to manage the 2018 Tour of the Napa Valley. They have already begun discussing a division of responsibilities and new organization structure. They have lots of good ideas to “refresh” this signature event. Bob and Linda will hold voting seats on the Club Board of Directors.

Linda McFeely came to Napa with 20 years’ experience in Project Management in the Construction Industry in Monterey County. She is very familiar with Governing agencies, the permit process, and managing groups. She also has a strong event management background as the Committee Chair for “The Napa Valley Walk to End Alzheimer’s,” starting with the first walk in the Valley.

Bob Frappia retired from the Napa Fire Department after 29 years of public safety experience with the "Incident Command System. This management system has been proven effective year after year and is used nationwide. Over the years, Bob has organized and effectively run fire training events, swim meets and water polo games/tournaments. He also assisted with Vintage High school athletic booster fundraising and Napa City firefighter's association fundraising.

Linda was responsible for the planning and execution of the Napa Valley Walk; building a committee, mentoring, brain storming, goal setting, the budget and expenses, permits and fees, and promoting the brand of the Association at all events. She successfully met all goals and exceeded fund raising for the first three years of the walk. She joined ECC 6 years ago after moving from Carmel where she was an avid cyclist riding the "17-mile drive" regularly. She works full time for B Cellars Winery in the accounting department and has solid financial management skills to help the TNV maintain a solid financial footing. A regular volunteer for the TNV, Linda is married to Mike Eakins and they reside in Napa.

Bob began cycling in high school, training for and competing in Triathlons. At Cal Poly SLO, he was a member of the swim team and trained with the Wheelmen. Two years ago, he was a Napa High cycling mentor and describes his best cycling experiences as a 2100 mile cross country in Australia and Lake Tahoe Ironman 2013. Bob is a Realtor with RE/MAX Gold, married to Theresa with two grown daughters and lives in Napa.

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Eagle Cycling Club is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. Our roots go back to 1902.



### **Objectives**

- Promoting safe bicycle riding, touring and racing events
- Encouraging liaison between members and other cycling and related organizations
- Promoting bicycling as a means of every day transportation and recreation
- Encouraging physical fitness through cycling
- Promoting fun and fellowship via various social and service events

## **Participation Opportunities in The Eagle Cycling Club**

Each year ECC members produce The Tour of Napa Valley, a premier multi-distance ride that attracts over 1000 riders. This is our primary fund-raising event and the profits from this ride are donated to the causes and organizations that we support. We ask all members to be involved in this endeavor.

The Silverado Trail Clean-up – We do this quarterly and we encourage members to participate in this once per year.

Monthly Membership Meetings are a great place to meet your fellow Eagles, enjoy some food and drink together, learn about local bike advocacy efforts, hear from guest speakers about various bike-related topics, and discuss club business.

Participate in or volunteer at other Club events such as The Cherry Pie Criterium, Velo Vino Rides, Lake Tahoe Weekend, the American River Bike Trail Ride, as well as other multi-day road trips and rides.

We ride responsibly, obey traffic laws, wear a helmet, and set a good example for all cyclists.

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