Learning about RFPs

Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Federal Technology Center to host a workshop titled Responding to Requests for Proposals on March 10 from 9am-noon.

This is for owners or managers of a small business who would like to expand their sales or services to the government and need ideas.

This event is free and open to the public. It will be at the chamber office, 169 Highway 50, Stateline.

Pre-registration is required – go online or call 866.382.7822.

Former National Intelligence Council official to speak

Keith Hansen, former National Intelligence Council official, will be the featured speaker at the Fireside Chat on March 24 at 7pm in Sierra Nevada College's Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, rooms 139/141.

Given recent WikiLeaks arrests and controversy, Hansen will discuss this topic from a policy and intelligence perspective. Host Andy Whyman will lead this community dialogue addressing the question, "How does a democracy balance the public's right to know against the need to preserve national security?"

Fireside Chats – a concept that grew out of the Seniors Conversation Café – are an ongoing series of evening discussions with some of Incline Village's most interesting

community members. It represents a partnership between Sierra Nevada College and the IVGID Senior Programs. Refreshments will be served.

Hansen joined SNC’s International Studies program as a visiting professor in fall 2010. He teaches courses on Global Issues and U.S. National Security Issues. Deeply involved in negotiations on the disarmament of nuclear weapons, as well as on a comprehensive ban on nuclear testing, he served for more than three decades with the government in military and civilian assignments. In Washington he served in various positions, including as the National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs and Nuclear Proliferation, where he supported the treaty ratification and counter-proliferation efforts of various administrations through the intelligence community’s efforts to produce national estimates on nuclear and proliferation issues.

Now retired from 35 years of government service, Hansen is a consulting professor of international relations at Stanford University. He and his wife live in Incline Village, but volunteer with various organizations in the United States and overseas. He is the author of several books about nuclear test bans and intelligence technologies.

For more information on the event, contact Shelia Leijon at (775) 832.1310, shelia_leijon@ivgid.org, or Debi Noonan at (775) 831.1314, ext. 7420, dnoonan@sierranevada.edu.

Tahoe Derby Dames Wonderslam

Tahoe Derby Dames will show off their derby skills at the first Winter Wonderslam on March 25 at Kahle Community Center in Stateline.

This family-friendly event will blend the full-contact roller derby action the Dames are known for with their love of philanthropy. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit Steven Rose, a friend of the Tahoe Derby Dames who is battling cancer. In addition, orange ribbon pins will be for sale in honor of Rose at the scrimmage.

For those looking for Tahoe Derby Dames T-shirts, beanies, and stickers to show their support for Lake Tahoe's only flat-track roller derby league, the Dames will be selling merchandise at the event.

Tickets are $5, and kids under 5 are free with a paid adult. Tickets may be purchased at the event. Doors open at 7pm and the roller derby scrimmage kicks off at 8pm. Refreshments will be available at Kahle, and an after party will be at Brothers Bar & Grill in South Lake Tahoe.

For more information, visit the Dames online.

Lake Triple Jump Line Competition

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort's Take the Lake Triple Jump Line Competition is March 18-20.

Take the Lake hosts some of the country's top amateur and pro-am skiers and snowboarders —- and this year's competitors can expect a triple jump line judged by some of the industry's most sought-after judges.

A $15,000 purse is on the line; and the top finishers of the ski and snowboard divisions will walk with the winnings.

In addition to this marquee competition, Take the Lake competitors, spectators, and party goers will have a chance to throw down their best tricks in the TTL Rail Jam, open to anyone. Starting at 4pm March 19, this on-snow rail jam invites skiers and riders to show off their style – right in front of the Alpine Meadows base lodge. Rail jam entry fee is $5 and prizes include swag as well as cold hard cash.

Registration fee is $100 and includes the March 18 practice day; the March 19 qualifying rounds; and for those who qualify, the March 20 finals. For a detailed competition schedule or to register, go online.

Lake Tahoe Environmental Summit

Fourteenth annual Lake Tahoe Environmental Summit.

Hosted this year by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., at Homewood Mountain Resort on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe.

Mountaineer Doug Robinson to speak

Mountaineer, climber, skier, and award-winning author, Doug Robinson, will speak in Reno on March 10 at a special benefit for the Reno-based advocacy group Snowlands Network.

The lecture and slideshow “Wild in the Sierra: Backcountry Skiing the Highest Sierra” will feature Robinson’s reflections about his 50 years of climbing and skiing throughout the Sierra.

Robinson, the recipient of the 2010 American Alpine Club Literary Award, has given voice to the thoughts and concerns of the climbing community ever since he articulated his ideas about “clean climbing” in the early 1970s arguing that rock climbers should climb in a way that left no trace of their ascents. Robinson’s writing has led some to call him the “bard of the climbing community;” he has been referred to as a “modern day John Muir” because of the poetic way in which he combines adventure and observations about the natural environment. His climbing video, “Moving Over Stone,” was a best seller, and has taught several of generations of climbers how to take to rock and mountains.

Robinson will speak at the Patagonia Service Center, 8550 White Fir St., Reno.

Tickets are available on the Snowlands website, and at the event if still available. Prices are $20 in advance for Snowlands Network members and $25 in advance for non-members, $30 at the door for everyone. Doors open and silent auction begin at 6:30pm.

The nonprofit Snowlands Network is the only organization in California and Nevada dedicated to representing the needs of backcountry skiers, snowshoers, snowboarders and other outdoors people who value the physical and spiritual joys of winter and winter travel using their own muscle power. The goal is to promote safety and serenity on every winter adventure.

Guided Meditation Workshop

Feeling stressed out and overwhelmed? Struggling with money, health, relationships or your career? Ready to make positive changes in your life and don’t know where to begin?

Learn how to use the elements of nature to become more balanced,clear blocks and release tension at a Guided Meditation Workshop on March 19 from 1-5pm.

Facilitators are Maxine Alper and Chris Alper.

The event is at Unity at the Lake, Star Tahoe Building, 2489 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Ste. 27, South Lake Tahoe.

Cost is $25.

For more information, email info@creatingwithintention.com.

Green wine tasting

Keepin’ it Green & Earth Friendly tasting on March 15 at 6pm at Après Wine Company in South Lake Tahoe.

It’s nearly Saint Patrick’s Day so let’s celebrate with some green wines – organic, sustainable and biodynamic. Cost is $20 advance, $25 at door. It includes five wines and appetizer pairings. Discounts on wines tasted.

RSVP to (530) 544.9463.

Tahoe native talks wines at Apres Wine Co.

Amphora Winemaker Rick Hutchinson hosts Tasting Tuesday on March 8 at 6pm at Après Wine Company in South Lake Tahoe.

Hutchinson is originally from South Lake Tahoe and loves to share stories about living here in the 1970s.

Cost is $25 advance, $30 at door. It includes

five wines and appetizer pairings. Discounts on wines tasted.

RSVP to (530) 544.9463.

Napa classics wine tasting

Napa Classics tasting March 1 at 6pm at Après Wine Company in South Lake Tahoe.

Cost is $25 advance, $30 at door. It includes five

wines and appetizer pairings. Discounts on wines tasted. RSVP to (530) 544.9463.