Winter White party tickets on sale

The Tahoe Regional Young Professionals' annual Winter White FUNdraiser returns Nov. 23.

The white-themed holiday party supports TRYP's professional development programs like workshops and scholarships, while also raising funds for the Boys & Girls Club of South Lake Tahoe.

Appetizers, festive drink specials including Riva Grill's infamous Wet Woody, dancing, silent auction and raffle prizes plus a Winter White costume contest highlight the 6:30-10pm event.

Advance tickets are $20 for TYRP members and $30 for non-members. Ticket prices will increase at the door. Cash, checks made out to TRYP and credit cards will be accepted. For tickets, email TahoeTRYP@gmail.com. Advance tickets are also available at

- Boys & Girls Club Lake Tahoe: located at 1100 Lyons Ave. South Lake Tahoe;
- Tahoe Production House, 2291 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe;
- Weidinger Public Relations, 225 Kingsbury Grade, Suite C., Stateline.

Then and now: Zephyr Cove Resort dates to 1860s



Zephyr Cove Resort in the 1930s. Photo/Lake Tahoe Historical Society

Today's Zephyr Cove Resort has roots dating back 150 years to the 1860s.

E.B. Scott described the first building (in his book "The Saga of Lake Tahoe") as "…an ostentatious T-shaped hotel." It became popular with travelers heading to Virginia City.



Zephyr Cove Resort in 2013. Photo/Bill Kingman

The early 1930s photo shows the later Zephyr Cove Store and gas pump. That store building has been enlarged and today includes a restaurant at its north end.

Millionaire George Whittell, who owned most of the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe, added Zephyr Cove to his land holdings in 1938. As I recall, Tahoe Harrah's briefly had a part in the resort's operation in the mid-1960s.

Zephyr Cove Resort now is managed by Aramark Parks and Destinations by special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service.

— Bill Kingman

Classes to focus on Microsoft software

The next two Tech Tuesday courses will focus on tips and tricks for using Microsoft Office suites.

These workshops are suitable for all levels of computer skills, particularly businesses and individuals already using Microsoft products who would like to learn to use them more effectively.

In November, Sanne Steele, the software consultant and Microsoft certified partner, will be taking attendees on an interactive tutorial of Word, Excel and Outlook. December's course will be more graphically oriented, diving into PowerPoint and Publisher.

The classes are at Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce in Stateline on Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 from 8-9:30am. They are free for chamber members and $15 for prospective members. Bring a laptop.

For more information or to register, email

Jessica@TahoeChamber.org or call (775) 588.1728, ext. 312.

Firewood available for seniors, disabled

More than 45 California Conservation Corps members bucked and split wood on California Tahoe Conservancy property this month that will be distributed by Kiwanis to seniors and disabled in the basin.

Corps members participated in service projects around the state on this Volunteer Day.

The wood was generated by the U.S. Forest Service Upper Truckee River restoration project. This four-year project includes Conservancy property. The Conservancy took the lead on salvaging the extra wood.

The Kiwanis Club is organizing distribution. Seniors or disabled individuals who are interested in the wood may contact Richard Dart at (530) 543.0805.

TRPA looking for spirit award nominations

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is taking nominations for the Lake Spirit Awards.

The public is encouraged to nominate members of community who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect the beauty and clarity of the Lake.

A North Shore and South Shore winner will be selected in each category.

Nominations for the Lake Spirit Awards can be made online, and will be accepted through Dec. 2. Winners will be announced at TRPA's Governing Board meeting on Dec. 18.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Do you want to be as fit as Olympian Julia Mancuso? *Shape* magazine has the Squaw Valley skier's secrets.

• There will be a job and resource fair Nov. 7 from 10am-3pm for veterans, National Guard and reservists returning from active duty. The location will be the McClellan Conference Center, 5411 Luce Ave., McClellan. For veterans, a free bus will leave from the Raley's in Placerville at 7:30am and will depart at 8am from the El Dorado County center in front of Building A/B.

• Sand Harbor's boat ramp will close Nov. 18 due to low water. The parking lot will remain open for carry-in, non-motorized boating access only. Cave Rock is open during the winter season from 6am-4pm.

• Animal lovers who purchase a $5 raffle ticket to support the

Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe could win a $1,000 Visa gift card Nov. 15. Call (530) 587.5948 to purchase tickets.

• South Tahoe High grad Ian Ruhter will have a photo in the *National Geographic 125th Anniversary Photo Collection Edition*.

A night of South Shore history

Do you remember Oliver's casino or the tree in the middle of Highway 50 or the first high school at South Shore?

Several long-time residents will be looking back on local history Nov. 12 at 7pm in the lodge of Camp Richardson.

The Lake Tahoe Historical Society is putting on the event. Cost is $3 for non-members, no charge for members.

NHP increasing DUI enforcement

Additional Nevada Highway Patrol troopers will be on duty the three-day Nevada Day holiday weekend, as well as next Friday and Saturday evening in the greater Reno-Sparks area, in an effort to identify any motorists who may be impaired.

With federal funding secured by the Nevada Office of Traffic

Safety’s Joining Forces grant program, this particular initiative will allocate 15 additional overtime shifts in an effort for an increased presence of troopers to be highly visible saturating our area highways during these periods. Several of the troopers scheduled for this weekend’s assignment will be working closely with officers from the Reno Police Department.

Workshop in S. Tahoe covers all things audio

Audio 101 is a three-day workshop with six-hour sessions that will cover topics such as how the ear perceives sound, acoustics, and sound travel.

There will be hands-on learning of setting up a sound system with speakers, basic connections, equalization, mixing and routing of signals, as well as power management.

The workshop is Nov. 4-6 from 9am-4pm each day, including lunch at Tahoe Production House – 2291 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

The cost is $315 per student, with preregistration required. Here is a registration form.

For more info, email info@tahoeproductionhouse.com.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• The American Planning Association recently honored the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. The Regional Plan won the Western Planner Sheldon D. Gerber Award for Excellence in Environmental Planning as well as the Nevada APA award for Outstanding Environmental Plan. Senior planner Theresa Avance received the Professional Planner of the Year from the Nevada APA.

• El Dorado County Early Care and Education Planning Council needs another board member. Call (530) 295.2312 for an application packet and additional information. The deadline to apply is Nov. 19 at 5pm.

• El Dorado County Child Abuse Prevention Council is accepting applications for three board seats. Call (530) 295.2312 or email eblakemore@edcoe.org for an application packet and additional information. The deadline to apply is Nov. 19 at 5pm.

• The U.S. Revolution tour will be stopping in Boreal Feb. 23-28 with athletes competing in halfpipe, slopestyle and cross.

• Porter Robinson will play at MontBleu in Stateline on Nov. 30 at 9pm. Tickets are $35.