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## QUAKES AND TSUNAMIS AT TAHOE?

Well over 200 people turned out on April 8 to hear Professor Rich Schweickert talk about 10,000 years of earthquakes, landslides and possible tidal waves in Lake Tahoe and surrounding regions. Dr. Schweickert, Professor of Geology at University of Nevada, Reno, is one of the foremost authorities on the geological structure and evolution of the Tahoe Basin. His topic must be of great interest because it was the largest crowd the Institute has drawn to date to any of its many Speakers Forum events. Many of the findings he reported are based on relatively recent study.

There are a number of clearly identified earthquake faults running approximately north-south that pass through the Tahoe region including three major faults of which two pass through the lake and one is to the west of the lake. There are also numerous smaller fault lines throughout the region. Dr. Schweickert says there is ample evidence that a 7.0 magnitude quake has occurred within the past 10,000 years. He also said that they now believe that McKinney Bay on the West Shore was probably formed by a giant land collapse and may have generated a tidal wave in the lake as high as 30 meters (90 feet) that sloshed back and forth from shore to shore for as long as 12 hours.

In geological time frames, this 10,000-year time frame is very small. In comparison, the last volcanic activity in the region was near Tahoe City and was about 2 million years ago.

During the spirited question and answer period following his presentation, the subject of earthquake insurance was raised. His interesting reply was that even though significant future seismic activity is almost certain, none of his colleagues in this field were paying for earthquake insurance

because the odds against catastrophic earthquake damage locally in our or our children's lifetimes were very small.

This event was co-sponsored by PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn, who generously donated the use of their Conference Center space.



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## WHAT IS SQUAW VALLEY INSTITUTE? HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER!

Founded in 2002, Squaw Valley Institute is an organization of residents and businesses dedicated to presenting events having artistic, cultural and educational values. Through performances, lectures, classes, exhibitions and forums held in our extraordinary environment of Squaw Valley, we strive to serve residents of our surrounding region and visitors.

The Institute is a non-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3), and all contributions and membership dues are tax deductible for the donors.

Initial funding for the establishment of the Institute has been provided by a generous grant from the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association.

Additional funding has been received from individuals, organizations and businesses that have become Founding Members or Regular Members. Many thanks to all of our 154 members for their support.

Becoming a member shows your support for the Institute, its goals and vision, and will signify your belief that Squaw Valley Institute is a worthy, needed addition to the quality of life in Squaw Valley and nearby communities.

Regular memberships are available for \$25 per person, \$40 per family, \$25 per

non-profit organization and \$100 per business. Members receive our newsletters and discounts to some paid events.

Board meetings are open to the public, and regular monthly meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station Meeting Room from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We welcome volunteers to participate on various committees and events.

Call (530) 581-4138 or go to [www.squawvalleyinstitute.org](http://www.squawvalleyinstitute.org) for more information. **Think about getting involved!**

## NLTRA/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER

Members and friends of Squaw Valley Chapel and Squaw Valley Institute are invited to join the local business community for a social mixer with appetizers and beverages. The North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) is the umbrella organization for the local Chamber of Commerce and organizes these Mixers frequently in co-sponsorship with local businesses and organizations. Co-sponsors for this mixer are Squaw Valley Chapel, Twin Peaks Catering and Squaw Valley Institute.

**Wednesday, August 25, 2004, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, at Squaw Valley Chapel, located on Squaw Peak Road west of the Cable Car Building in Squaw Valley, California.**

## SECOND ANNUAL KT AWARDS CEREMONY AND DINNER

If you loved the KT's (Katies) last year, wait until you experience them this year! This event was a sell-out on its inaugural night in 2003 and promises to be even better in 2004. There will be a longer social hour at the start and fewer awards, resulting in an exciting, but less lengthy awards ceremony. Don't worry - the flash and excitement that had everyone buzzing last year will be there again this year! In addition, other events are being considered that may end up making it a full weekend of celebration. Stay tuned.

The serious core of the KT Awards is to honor individuals and businesses that create the unique spirit of life that is Squaw Valley. In addition to its goal of building a greater sense of community, the KT Awards are a fundraiser to help sustain operations of Squaw Valley Institute. This year, a bigger and better silent auction will be part of the action. Renowned local artist, Deborah von Zink will again create an original painting of KT-22 that will be auctioned.

**Saturday, November 13, 2004, 6:00 pm, Resort at Squaw Creek.**

**TICKETS: \$70 per person or \$130 per couple; tables of eight may be reserved for \$520. Seating will be limited!**

**You may reserve tickets now** by calling (530) 581-4138 or by e-mail to: [info@squawvalleyinstitute.org](mailto:info@squawvalleyinstitute.org)

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## THE TAHOE - BAIKAL CONNECTION

What does Lake Tahoe have to do with Genghis Kahn, 20% of the world's fresh water and 5 foot river sharks?

Lake Baikal is a high mountain lake located in Russian Siberia near Mongolia and truly does hold 20% of the world's fresh water! Come learn about the unique connection between Lake Tahoe and Lake Baikal.

The featured speaker will be Tony Brunello, Executive Director of the Tahoe-Baikal Institute. This unusual Institute is headquartered at South Lake Tahoe and sponsors many types of scientific and cultural exchanges between international scientists and planners.

Mr. Brunello will lead a discussion on Lake Baikal's unique natural and cultural treasures, connections between Tahoe and Baikal and how lessons at Tahoe are being applied at Baikal. Joining the discussion will be a multi-national group of 17 young scientists and planners currently engaged in a Summer Environmental Exchange program.

**Thursday, June 17, 2004** at PlumpJack Conference Center, Squaw Valley.

*No-host bar and social hour opens at 6:30 pm and the presentation begins at 7:30 pm. Admission is **FREE** (a \$5 donation would be appreciated, but is not required).*

## SQUAW VALLEY TREASURE HUNT

This fine Squaw Valley tradition will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> running this year with some new wrinkles to make it even more exciting. If you thought you had it all figured out by now, wait until you are challenged this year!

Your Institute decided to revive this event in 2003, and for 2004, we will expand the pool of potential treasure hunters. Traditionalists never fear - it will still involve fabulous potluck appetizers followed by teams scampering through the dark (and perhaps the snow...) seeking out clues throughout the west end of the Valley.

This year the Treasure Hunt will be a family event: kids who are old enough to enjoy such an outing are invited to attend. If you'd rather make this an evening without your children, that's fine, too - we won't tell them (although their classmates may).

We will divide up the teams so that each team will have members of all age groups and old-time Valley residents will be commingled with rookies so that everyone has an equal shot at fame and fortune.

**Saturday, November 6, 2004, 6:00 pm, Olympic Plaza Bar. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Each family brings a potluck appetizer. No-host bar and free soft drinks.**

## PROGRAM CALENDAR

**June 17, 2004**

**Lake Tahoe - Lake Baikal Connection**  
7:30 pm (6:30 no-host bar social hour)  
PlumpJack Conference Center

**July 12, 2004**

**Exploring Antarctica and Greenland**  
7:30 p.m. (6:30 no-host bar social hour)  
Plumpjack Conference Center

**July 17, 2004**

**Jefferson & Adams on War & Peace**  
4:00 pm (doors open 3:00 pm), picnic at Squaw Valley Chapel

**August 25, 2004**

**NLTRA/Chamber of Commerce Mixer**  
5:00 to 7:00 pm, Squaw Valley Chapel

**November 6, 2004**

**Squaw Valley Treasure Hunt**  
6:00 pm, Plaza Bar, Olympic House Lodge

**November 13, 2004**

**2nd Annual KT Awards Ceremony and Dinner**  
6:30 pm, Resort at Squaw Creek

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

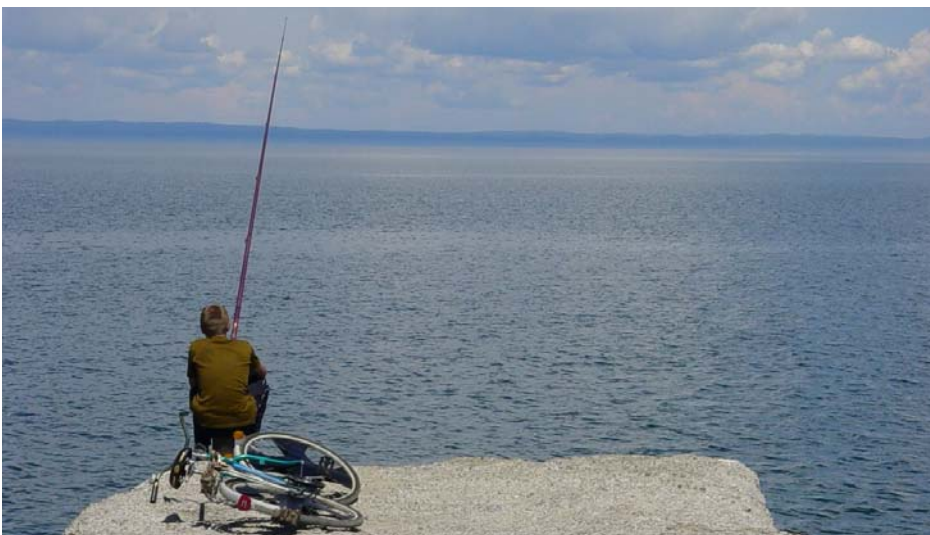
Squaw Valley Institute is managed and operated entirely by volunteers. As our activities expand, we have a need for additional volunteers. Spend a little time serving our community, meet new people and have fun! Interested? - please call!

**KT Awards Committee:** This important committee has strong and experienced leadership but urgently needs a few more members to help organize this fun and exciting event.

**Marketing:** We need help in writing, designing and distributing press releases, rack flyers and posters on Institute programs via both e-mail and snail mail.

**Grant Writing:** If you have experience writing grant applications for non-profits, we definitely need your help!

**Program Committee:** Periodic meetings to conceive, evaluate and organize new events - needs new members with ideas, creativity and enthusiasm!



Lake Baikal in the Mountains of Siberia



## THOMAS JEFFERSON AND JOHN ADAMS DEBATE WAR AND PEACE!

Here is your chance to eavesdrop as two American Presidents debate a topic of great historic and current importance, while perhaps sipping some wine and tasting a little cheese! Thomas Jefferson, our third President, was the writer of the Declaration of Independence and John Adams, the second President, was the one who asked Jefferson to write it. The two were lifelong friends and among the most influential voices in the formation of the United States of America.

Squaw Valley is most fortunate to have these distinguished elder statesmen come and share their knowledge and insights - it is a once in a lifetime opportunity!

This event is co-sponsored by Squaw Valley Institute and the Squaw Valley Chapel. Clay Jenkinson portrays Thomas Jefferson and Bill Chrystal performs as John Adams.

Jenkinson is a renowned humanities scholar, Rhodes Scholar and has performed for U.S. Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, legislators and corporate leaders. In addition to portraying Jefferson, he has also played Meriwether Lewis, J. Robert Oppenheimer and John Wesley Powell, is a published author and is widely regarded as one of the most articulate speakers in the U.S. He stars in the popular weekly NPR radio program "The Thomas Jefferson Hour".

Bill Chrystal is a minister, a published author, a decorated Navy Chaplain and host of the nationally syndicated radio program "The Thomas Jefferson Hour". In addition to portraying John Adams, Chrystal performs as other historical figures, including Martin Luther.

This is be an outdoor event with lawn or deck seating. Picnics are welcome - bring a blanket or low-backed chair.

*Saturday, July 17, 2004 at Squaw Valley Chapel, located on Squaw Peak Road. Doors open at 3:00 pm and debate starts at 4:00 pm.*

**TICKETS:** Advance \$25, \$30 at the door, Youth 18 and under \$15 advance, \$20 at the door, group rates available (10 or more).

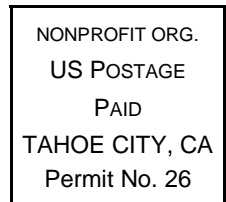
**TO ORDER TICKETS:** Call Jane Carlson, (530) 581-4011 ext. #1.



Bill Chrystal portrays John Adams, second President of the United States



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