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RAINE HOWE JOINS SQUAW VALLEY INSTITUTE



Squaw Valley Institute has new leadership! The Institute's Board of Directors selected Raine Howe as the Institute's first Executive Director. Her initial focus will be strategic planning and community outreach. Raine has proven skills in nonprofit program development and a history of success in many areas of nonprofit management.

For the past 15 months, Raine has been Executive Director of The Parasol Community Foundation in Incline Village. She successfully implemented new marketing and outreach programs, dramatically increased both funding and the number of donors and engaged a wider segment of the community in Foundation activities.

During the previous four years, she was Operations Manager for the League of California Community Foundations in Sonoma, California, following six years of service as Executive Director of Full Circle Transplant Services in Santa Rosa.

The current Board of Directors and volunteers will continue to participate in the organization's activities and will work closely with Raine in setting the direction and goals for Squaw Valley Institute.

CELEBRATING AUSTRIA'S LEGACY OF INNOVATION IN SKI TECHNIQUE

Austrian ski instructors and racers developed some of America's premiere ski resorts, coached some of America's top skiers, taught many thousands of Americans to ski, and in the process brought Austrian Alpine culture to the Americas.

A new and fascinating film by Ian Scully will be screened for the first time in Squaw Valley. The film documents the history of innovative Austrian ski instructors coming to America from the old days to more modern times. It focuses on Hannes Schneider and his disciples, and features interviews with a number of these Austro-American ski pioneers including Herbert Schneider, Otto Lang, Bill Klein and Franz Gabi. It even includes Sandy Poulsen talking about the old days in Sun Valley when she first met her future husband, Wayne. Vintage film footage and historic still photographs accompany the narration of these celebrated personalities in the history of skiing.

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2005 - THE BIGGEST YEAR YET FOR INSTITUTE EVENTS

During 2005, the Institute presented a record total of 19 events! The first six events of the year were reported on in our Summer Newsletter (mailed in May) and posted on our website. Here is a brief summary of the balance of the year's programs:

The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy:

Dr. Pietra Rivoli, a professor at the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, described her acclaimed new book about the globalization of business and how international trade and cooperation occur throughout the life cycle of a product as prosaic as a cotton T-shirt. This event was produced in conjunction with the World Affairs Council of Northern California. June 9, 2005 at the *Resort at Squaw Creek*.

Beyond The Barriers:

In his fascinating talk and slide presentation, Mark Wellman, an internationally known mountaineer and Paralympian, described paralysis resulting from a climbing accident as a matter of adaptation and adjustment in his technique as he continues to conquer both alpine peaks and life. June 15, 2005 at *PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn Conference Center*.

No Bad Barley:

A fun and talented Bluegrass musical group not only played a concert, but added some education about the history and structure of their music form. A fun outdoor picnic took place during the event on June 26, 2005 at *Squaw Valley Chapel*.

Tibet: From Western China to Mount Kailas:

Dr. Antonia Neubauer, intrepid adventurer, educator, writer and speaker, introduced our audience to the people, geography and culture of this little known and magical destination. July 13, 2005 at the *Resort at Squaw Creek*.

Ron Kauk, Legendary Climber:

A huge crowd came to hear this famous climber describe his climbs, his philosophies and our interdependent relationship with the natural world.. July 20, 2005 at *PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn Conference Center*.

Ethics for a Global Society:

Famed author, inventor and neurosurgeon, Milton Heifetz, M.D., presented simple but powerful ideas and suggestions about creating a model for ethical behavior among nations in our modern and troubled world. August 3, 2005 at the *Resort at Squaw Creek*.

Life on Thin Ice:

Polar bears were the subject of wildlife photographer and naturalist Jenny Ross, who captured more than 140 photos of bears and discussed issues relating to their biology, ecology, behavior and conservation. August 14, 2005 at *The Village at Squaw Valley Conference Center*.

Cow Bop:

This exciting musical group led by jazz guitar legend, Bruce Forman, combined jazz and western swing for a great evening of listening and dancing. September 18, 2005 at *PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn Conference Center*.

Reign of The Sierra Storm King:

Mark McLaughlin; writer, storyteller and weather historian, presented fascinating accounts of the blizzards, floods and extreme weather events in our region over the past century. September 28, 2005 at *PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn Conference Center*. (Note: Mark has a new book coming out and will appear later in 2006.)

The Hot Club of San Francisco:

This internationally acclaimed touring group played a riveting concert of the "Gypsy Jazz" sound created in Paris by guitarist Django Reinhart and violinist Stephane Grappelli. October 9, 2005 at *PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn Conference Center*.

Doug Stoup, Arctic and Antarctic Explorer:

Doug, a local resident, thrilled the audience with accounts of his adventures at the top and bottom of the globe, accompanied by photos and film. October 12, 2005 at *PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn Conference Center*.

Dick Dorworth Returns to Squaw:

Legendary ski instructor, coach, climber, mountain man and writer, Dick Dorworth, read and discussed excerpts from his book about life, skiing and philosophy. November 16, 2005 at *PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn Conference Center*.

Christmas Choral Concert:

The Truckee Community Chorus sang their hearts out in a beautifully varied program of traditional carols, seasonal music, and audience sing-along. December 4, 2005 at the *Resort at Squaw Creek*.

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CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE: WILL TAHOE BE NEXT?

Tom Bonnicksen, PhD., is one of America's foremost proponents of forest restoration and the author of *America's Ancient Forests: from the Ice Age to the Age of Discovery*.

A forest historian with 40 years of forestry and conservation experience, Dr. Bonnicksen advocates a message of tough love for forests like those surrounding Lake Tahoe. In order for our forests to be healthy, resistant to catastrophic fire and to sustain the values that cause us to treasure them, Dr. Bonnicksen makes a compelling case for active management of our forests, not simply fire protection and preservation.

If you treasure our local forests and worry about the ever-present potential for wildfire, you won't want to miss this riveting presentation.

The program will be on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at Resort at Squaw Creek (our co-sponsor), in Squaw Valley.

A fun no-host bar social hour opens at 6:30 pm and the presentation starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is free (a \$5 donation will be appreciated, but not required).

PEAKS, POVERTY AND POLITICS: NEPAL TODAY

Dr. Antonia Neubauer - traveler, educator, explorer and writer makes a return speaking engagement by popular demand. Last July, she gave a fascinating presentation on Tibet and now she will introduce us to Nepal and the Himalayas and answer the following questions:

Why would paradise find itself hit with a Maoist revolt? What does the future hold? Nepal is a model for what goes wrong in developing countries. What is behind the foreign aid that creates dependence and doesn't deal with the root causes of poverty?

How does Toni's non-profit company help? It is called READ (Rural Education and Development), and has helped fund the creation of 30 self-sustaining libraries in Nepal.

The program takes place on Wednesday, February 15 at PlumpJack Conference Center in Squaw Valley. A fun no-host bar social hour opens at 6:30 pm and the presentation starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is free (a \$5 donation will be appreciated, but not required).

DICK DORWORTH ON SKIING AND LIFE

Think of the icons of the Squaw Valley lifestyle of the 1970's and a number of legendary and colorful figures come to mind: Steve McKinney, Kim Schmitz, Jim Bridwell, Dick Dorworth and Rick Sylvester - to name just a few. None, however, have made more widely varied contributions to skiing culture than Dick Dorworth. A U.S. Ski Team racer, speed skier and coach, Dorworth is also a mountain guide and pioneering climber.

In a well attended program on November 16th at Plumpjack Squaw Valley Inn, Dorworth read and discussed his essays on the joy of skiing, the value of instinct in the mountains and hope.

Dick Dorworth lives and skis in Sun Valley, Idaho and writes for the Idaho Mountain Express.



ARLENE BLUM BREAKING TRAIL: A CLIMBING LIFE

Arlene Blum played a groundbreaking role in opening the sport of high altitude mountaineering to women. She led the first American - and all women's - ascent of Annapurna I, the first women's team ascent on Mt. McKinley and was the first American woman to attempt Everest.

She made the first traverse of the Great Himalaya Range of Bhutan, Nepal and India and hiked the length of the European Alps with her baby daughter on her back.

Arlene Blum's awards include a Gold Medal from the Society of Women Geographers, an honor previously given to only eight other women including Amelia Earhart, Margaret Mead, and Mary Leakey. She has a doctorate in biophysical chemistry and has taught at Stanford University, Wellesley College and U.C. Berkeley.

Her new book, [Breaking Trail: A Climbing Life](#), is an unforgettable account of the trails Blum pioneered, not only in mountaineering, but in science. Dr. Blum will sign books following her presentation.

Her presentation starts at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 9, 2006 - location to be announced. A fun, no-host bar social hour starts at 6:30 pm. Admission is free (a \$5 donation would be appreciated, but is not required).



FOCUS GROUPS INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION

The Squaw Valley Institute's staff and Board of Directors are keenly interested in your thoughts about the programs we bring to the area - what were your favorite and least favorite events; which ones had potential that was unrealized? Do you have ideas that you think we should pursue? We'd enjoy the opportunity to talk with you about our plans for the future and hear your comments and ideas.

If you would like to participate in a focus group, please contact Raine Howe at info@squawvalleyinstitute.org. Please be sure to put "Focus Group" in the subject line, or call 530.386.6333.

The first focus group meeting will be held the week of March 6th (the exact date and location TBA). Wine and appetizers will be provided to go along with our discussions - focus groups are limited to ten people, so please be sure to respond right away.

AUSTRIAN SKI INNOVATION, cont'd

Squaw Valley has been the home base of many Austrian expatriates, some of whom have had key roles in the history of Squaw Valley - former Ski School Director and Mountain Forge patriarch Hans Standteiner, Squaw Valley Ski Corporation General Manager Ernst Hager (who is also a former U.S. Ski Team coach). Other Austrians, like Ferdl Pravda and Yorck von Wrockem have helped make Squaw Valley a fascinating, colorful place. Austrians and non-Austrians who have been part of this important ski heritage are invited to participate in this memorable occasion.

The event takes place at 7:30 pm on Friday, March 10 at Bar One in Olympic House. It is co-sponsored by Olympic Plaza Food & Beverage Company and Squaw Valley Institute.

A \$5 donation at the door is requested. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the non-profit organization that produced this unique and important film.

KT AWARDS POSTPONED

Your Institute has decided to put the KT Awards event on hold. It went from being a substantial success in 2003 to having a somewhat disappointing attendance in 2004. While both of these programs were great fun and recognized some most deserving locals, a number of people have advised us that there is an over-abundance of costly dinners put on by worthy non-profits, and perhaps our efforts could be better spent on other and more unique programs. The "put-on-hold" decision isn't necessarily permanent and we could later decide to resume the KT's. Contact us with any feedback and opinions.

PRESENTER LINKS

Dr. Tom Bonnicksen -

<http://tinyurl.com/duca2>

Dr. Toni Neubauer -

<http://www.mythsandmountains.com>

Dick Dorworth -

<http://www.svguide.com/dorworth.html>

Dr. Arlene Blum -

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