

TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

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January 30 kicked off the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund's first Speaker Series, "Driving in Snow + Ice." The original event had to be postponed by two weeks due to weather; how ironic! CHP Officer Pete Mann provided a compelling talk about the regulations and challenges of winter driving in and around Truckee. His images and stories of what can and does happen when driving conditions are not ideal were eye-openers. Officer Mann was helpful, empathetic and incredibly entertaining. He wanted us all to remember the importance of a smooth, easy application on the gas and brakes, to use your transmission to slow down, increase following distance and have the correct tires on your vehicle. For road information, follow @CHP_Truckee on Twitter and make use of CalTrans' Quickmap at quickmap.dot.ca.gov. Thanks for all the useful information that helps us remain safe while on winter roads.



The second talk took place on February 6 and featured Professor Benny Bach, who presented "The Physics of Snow." We think we know the importance of snow because we live in a community that thrives, if not depends on it. Adding to what we already know, Professor Bach provided a lively and fascinating talk on the evolution of snow from its first tiny particle and condensing water through its branching and falling to the ground. We also learned it's true that no two snowflakes are alike, snow and ice are not always white, and economies, both local and global, depend on snow. All in all, it was an hour of fascinating information.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT TWO TALKS IN THE GIVING FUND'S WINTER SPEAKER SERIES:

MARCH 5 | THE ART OF GROOMING
PER HURTIG, TDXC GROOMER

MARCH 19 | MICROPLASTICS IN LAKE TAHOE + SIERRA NEVADA SNOW
MONICA ARIENZO, PH.D., AND MEGHAN COLLINS, M.S.,
DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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6TH ANNUAL GIVING FUND DINNER + SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY, JULY 17 | THE LODGE PAVILION TENT
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TICKETS ON SALE SOON.

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