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Dearest Members, Volunteers, Supporters, and Friends

A REMARKABLE YEAR

2018 was a challenging yet productive year for Thunderbird Lake Tahoe. We made new friends who became members and supporters, finished much needed preservation projects, welcomed valuable new team members, and laid the groundwork for future growth by way of the yet-to-be-named "Lake Tahoe Discovery Center and Museum."

The vision is stronger than ever! Our mission of preserving Lake Tahoe's art and history is coming to fruition. As we strive to raise the additional capital to complete our \$20-million endowment, we continue to operate strategically to collect, archive, digitize, and exhibit all that represents Lake Tahoe's history and culture.

Together, we are planting and nurturing the seeds for future generations to realize our love of this special place, become involved, have access to, and understand Lake Tahoe's unique place in the world.

The best is still yet to come! Over the past years, with your support, we have earned the honor and opportunity to create a preservation blueprint that may be used by similar organizations worldwide. With our invaluable resources, we are combining intellectual insights and expertise from our members and contributors to make wise decisions toward achieving our mission and preservation goals.

More details to follow. You are all helping us make it happen. As always, we remain grateful for your support.



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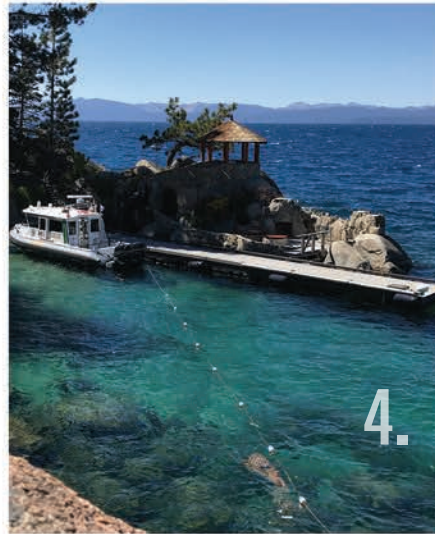
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THUNDERBIRD HIGHLIGHTS

1. FIRE CAMERA

Dr. Graham Kent and his team from the University of Nevada, Reno have installed a dozen fire cameras in the Lake Tahoe basin, including one on the grounds of Thunderbird Lodge. The system takes the idea of the manned fire lookouts (once located in vulnerable forests) and adds heat sensors and long distance cameras, all of which can be viewed from any computer by fire officials at any location. You can help maintain and support this essential system with a much-needed gift to the Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation AlertTahoe Maintenance Endowment Fund (parasol.org).

2. DEPUTY DOGS

Law enforcement officers continuously seek new opportunities to train with their K9 partners. Each year, K9 units from around the region hone their skills at Thunderbird Lodge with its underground tunnels, secret grottoes, and hideaway niches.

3. NEVADA STATE COMMISSION FOR CULTURAL CENTERS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION (CCCHP)

Funding for critical restoration and repairs at the Whittell boathouse was made possible by the State of Nevada. This commission makes available the only regular funding for preserving Nevada facilities listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Please tell your State elected officials how important these funds are for saving Nevada's treasures.

4. WATER TREATMENT PLANT

At great time and expense, Thunderbird Lodge's computerized water treatment plant is undergoing licensing as a community water system. Most visitors don't realize that Thunderbird Lodge is a community unto itself operating its own drinking water treatment and wastewater disposal facilities. Halfway into a two-year project, Thunderbird must raise an additional \$250,000 to construct much-needed improvements to its core infrastructure.

5. DOCK EXTENSION

With gratitude to Joan and Buzz Gibb and Tahoe City Marina, Thunderbird Cove's floating dock was lengthened. Thunderbird Lodge can now accommodate additional paddle excursions by Tahoe Adventure Company and motor cruises by Cruise Tahoe and Action Water Sports of Incline Village. The dock is also home port to Washoe County Sheriff's Office's MARINE 9 patrol boat with its skilled crew of deputies.

PONDEROSA RANCH

at INCLINE VILLAGE

For the first time, a TV script addresses the death of a character when Dan Blocker ("Hoss Cartwright") dies. **1972**

Full-scale Cartwright Ranch House dedicated. **1968**

After adding a BONANZA-themed town, the Andersons rename the stables **1967** PONDEROSA RANCH.

BONANZA is the nation's #1 rated television show. The cast releases "Christmas at the Ponderosa" album. **1964**

Bill Anderson acquires property and builds Incline (Village) Stables, capitalizing on public interest in **1962** BONANZA's setting at Lake Tahoe.

Pilot episode of BONANZA airs on September 12th. It is the first television show to be filmed and aired in color. **1959**

Construction begins on the newly formed community of Incline Village on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. **1958**

(Background Photo: Bourne's Meadow, located on the east shore of Lake Tahoe, is the backdrop for the opening credits of the western TV series, BONANZA.)



1973



After filming 431 episodes, the final BONANZA episode is broadcast on January 16th.

1987 Lorne Greene ("Pa Cartwright") dies.

1988 BONANZA: The Next Generation is filmed at Ponderosa Ranch.

2004 Following the sale of the property, Ponderosa Ranch closes for good after hosting 200,000 visitors in its final year.

2017 Ponderosa Ranch artifacts, vehicles, and buildings gifted to Thunderbird Lake Tahoe.

2018 Thunderbird Lake Tahoe moves historic Ponderosa Ranch material to public locations throughout the State of Nevada.

Thunderbird Lake Tahoe is dedicated to saving Lake Tahoe's cultural heritage, which now includes the story of the BONANZA television show and the closed Ponderosa Ranch at Incline Village. Through the generosity of Cheryl and Dave Duffield, Thunderbird is entrusted with a vast collection from both the series and the destination. The collection includes scripts, B-roll film, archives, publicity material, artifacts, vintage motor vehicles, horse-drawn carriages and wagons, entire buildings, props, costumes, and more. In the coming years, this material will be exhibited to the public physically and digitally at various locations throughout the State of Nevada including Nevada's State Parks and Thunderbird's recently announced Lake Tahoe Discovery Center and Museum. Presently, the public may view a subset of the collection in the gallery at the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Visitor's Center at 969 Tahoe Blvd in Incline Village.

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THE WORLD *of* THUNDERBIRD

The former home of eccentric Captain George Whittell Jr., Thunderbird Lodge is a distinctive hideaway, fairy-tale wedding location, and an elegant off-site meeting venue. Mostly, Thunderbird Lodge is a world apart.

Whittell's historic estate was the most exclusive venue on the Lake in its iconic heyday ... and it still is today. As its buildings and grounds have been preserved at great expense, so has its spirit of celebration. Thunderbird has hosted heads-of-state, Hollywood stars, famed authors, poets, celebrated heroes and history's brightest minds. Share in the magic and help save Lake Tahoe's Castle-in-the-Sky for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

We spend more than 80% of our revenue, expertise, energy, and sweat equity on preservation projects, operations, maintenance of Thunderbird Lodge and Yacht, and caring for Lake Tahoe's art and history collection. As a result, the public observes and appreciates preservation-in-progress including architecture, stone masonry, shipwrighting, archiving and more. (We are always seeking skilled volunteers to help with preservation and restoration projects.)

PUBLIC AND GROUP TOURS

Guided public tours of George Whittell's Thunderbird Estate are offered Tuesday – Saturday from May through October. Private and group tours (including tours with wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres) are available year-round.

ARTISTS-AT-THE-CASTLE

Grants give local artisans unprecedented access to create and sell art at Thunderbird Lodge, Nevada's only cultural heritage center at Lake Tahoe.



THUNDERFAIRE

Join Thunderbird each August for a lakeside festival reminiscent of Old World town fairs. Stroll the Whittell Estate grounds all the while sipping fine wines and craft beers, tasting delectable bites from top regional chefs, and steeping oneself in music, entertainment, and history.



CULINARY EDUCATION

Thunderbird's executive chef highlights local farm-to-table public and private group cooking classes. Hands-on instruction is available for groups of up to 10 people. Each attendee may invite a guest to enjoy the results!

CASTLE DINNERS AND HOLIDAY PARTIES

Reserve Lake Tahoe's Castle-in-the-Sky, Thunderbird Lodge, for an exclusive prix fixe luncheon or dinner experience with an optional *Thunderbird* yacht cruise. Includes cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, private tour, and tailored 4-course gourmet menu sourced from regional, organic purveyors for up to 24 guests.

CASTLE-FOR-A-DAY WEDDINGS AND EVENTS

Exclusive use of the estate for an entire day including idyllic weddings, gala rehearsal dinners, and epic corporate functions. No matter the season or climate, stunning indoor and outdoor spaces make planning simple and the outcome unforgettable.

THUNDERBIRD YACHT CRUISES

The most famous wooden boat in the U.S. may be chartered to make an impressive entrance to a wedding or ceremony, an inspirational cruise to invigorate an executive team at a corporate event, or simply an exceptional celebration for a special occasion. *Thunderbird* yacht is the ultimate see-and-be-seen experience at Lake Tahoe. The deep basso note growl of *Thunderbird's* twin aircraft engines from vintage WWII fighter aircraft draw crowds today just as they did for Frank Sinatra and the celebrities of an earlier generation.

WINEMAKERS' DINNER SERIES

The highlight of Lake Tahoe's summer season, these elegant affairs pair renowned chefs and vintners to create the most memorable occasions. These sellout fundraising dinners offer a unique composition of wine, cuisine, castle tours, glorious grounds, panoramic sunsets and unparalleled auction items. Accepting Thunderbird Flagship and Castle Club member reservations only through February 28th and from the public thereafter.

To make reservations or for more information about any of these programs or activities, please visit www.ThunderbirdTahoe.org or call 1.775.832.8750.

Your charitable gifts... **MEMBERSHIP** truly make you a partner in preservation

CASTLE \$100,000+ Lifetime Gift

A premier program for legacy gifts of \$100,000 or more to the permanent Preservation Fund endowment. Contributors at this level gain unprecedented access to the programs of Thunderbird Lodge and Yacht. Additionally, Castle contributors enjoy the privileges of members-only events and activities, including all the offerings of the Flagship membership program.

There are many ways to structure your Castle contribution including multi-year gift commitments, transferring highly appreciated stocks or securities, directing mandatory IRA distributions, or gifting from family foundations or donor-advised funds.

Our highest level of membership has special privileges. To name a few:

- Special docking priorities
- Drive-on and parking access
- Private member/guest tours with wine and chef made delicacies
- Members' only events and occasions including priority *Thunderbird* yacht functions

FLAGSHIP \$5,000 • \$10,000 • \$25,000 Annual Gift

Elite Flagship members are sustaining Thunderbird's operating costs with annual gifts at the Captain, Commodore, and Admiral levels. Thunderbird achieves a substantial matching gift when it achieves 50-families or businesses gifting \$10,000 in each of 5 consecutive years.

Flagship members share in unparalleled friend-raising and networking events including Thunderbird's famous Thunder Thursday receptions all summer long, and invitations to exclusive members-only winemakers' dinners, and private guided tours. Additionally, Flagship members at the Commodore and Admiral levels enjoy boat docking privileges at Thunderbird events and may partake in cruises aboard *Thunderbird* yacht reserved exclusively for members at these levels.

FRIENDS \$100 – \$2,500 Annual Gift

Friends are the bedrock of Thunderbird's preservation goals and provide critical support for programs.

Friends receive a variety of benefits tailored to the giving level including complimentary tour passes, invitations to attend specific events, and discounts on merchandise at the Thunderbird Museum Store.

Membership levels and privileges are subject to change at any time without notice. Membership subject to Thunderbird Lake Tahoe rules, terms, and conditions.

Memberships are critical to the preservation of this precious estate. We operate on an annual budget of \$1M per year. Our members become friends and forge a community with like-minded contributors.

Corporate Sponsorships

Many of the most innovative and distinguished business leaders come to Lake Tahoe to enjoy both summer and winter sports, the beautiful lake, and its increasingly rich tapestry of art, food, and culture.

Although many of our members have participated in saving the Thunderbird Lodge, yacht, and collections, we are just now rolling out a membership for select corporations.

Thunderbird Lodge is the most beautiful historic estate at Lake Tahoe. We are now becoming its most comprehensive cultural institution. Attracting more than 10,000 visitors per season from all over the country and around the world, Thunderbird Lake Tahoe provides our partners prominent exposure and brand affiliation to everyone who appreciates art, history, beauty, and lore.

Corporate partnerships at Thunderbird meet a wide range of marketing, promotional, and client engagement objectives. We consider our corporate members true partners and are committed to working collaboratively with you to create a customized and comprehensive benefits package, ensuring strong brand recognition, unique hospitality opportunities, and broad visibility.

Through Exhibition Underwriting, Educational Partnerships, or a charter Corporate Membership, your company will leverage Thunderbird's iconic location, engaged audience, exclusive collections, and unique installations and exhibitions.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

Be part of Thunderbird Lake Tahoe's work to preserve, educate, and conserve Lake Tahoe's art and history for audiences of all ages. To learn more about corporate partnerships, please contact us at: 1.775.832.8750

JOIN US

As a member of our corporate partner program, your company will have exclusive and private access to the estate for meetings, VIP client hosting privileges, and special events.

Corporate support provides essential funds for our core programs that support and inspire curiosity, appreciation, and stewardship of Lake Tahoe's art and history. Our target is to complete a \$20 million endowment to ensure the future preservation of Thunderbird Lodge, *Thunderbird* yacht, and all its amassed collections. In parallel, our ongoing education, preservation, and conservation goals are:

- Expanding our collections, exhibits, programs, and events
- Creating a global model for preservation of important historic sites, art collection and ephemera
- Capital repairs of the historic district
- Archeological field works at adjacent sites

Our objective is to partner with our corporate members to construct a world model for education and preservation while furthering our mission to expand our collections, exhibitions, programs, and events. Ultimately, we're working to build the foundation for the vital preservation of historic structures, artifacts, and collections.

THUNDERBIRD LAKE TAHOE 2018 VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU!

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MEMBER HAPPENINGS in 2019

Become a CASTLE or FLAGSHIP MEMBER and experience the MAGIC of THUNDERBIRD at our members-only events.

FOR RESERVATIONS 1.775.832.8750
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CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION

The Chairman of the Thunderbird Governing Board of Directors hosts an intimate evening at Thunderbird Lodge to thank you for your support. There will be a brief program accompanied by a selection of fine wine, beer, and appetizers.

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 5

CASTLE, FLAGSHIP, AND LAKESIDE MEMBERS & INVITED GUESTS ONLY

THUNDER THURSDAY RECEPTIONS

Savor the stunning summer alpenglow from the gazebo, Old Lodge terrace, or any of the beautiful grounds at Thunderbird Lodge. Our chef will impress with a dazzling array of hors-d'oeuvres and selection of fine wines. Artists, entertainers, and winemakers make each week a unique experience. Thunder Thursday is the perfect time to show the George Whittell Estate to your friends or to see and be seen before dining on Lake Tahoe's North Shore.

THURSDAYS
JULY 11 - AUGUST 29

CASTLE AND FLAGSHIP MEMBERS & INVITED GUESTS ONLY

FULL MOON CRUISES

Experience the deep basso notes of *Thunderbird's* twin aircraft engines under the light of a full moon in the summer on Lake Tahoe. Does it get any better? Delicious hors d' oeuvres, champagne, and fine wines are reminiscent of Sinatra and all the many celeb's that have been on board.

TUESDAY
JULY 16
&
THURSDAY
AUGUST 15

CASTLE, FLAGSHIP ADMIRAL, & FLAGSHIP COMMODORE MEMBERS ONLY

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Lodge will be decorated beautifully. Fires will be roaring, wine will be flowing, and our chef will make sure the delicacies from the kitchen prove to be crowd pleasing! It's our way of thanking our amazing members and guests.

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2018
&
DECEMBER 19, 2019

CASTLE AND FLAGSHIP MEMBERS & INVITED GUESTS ONLY

THUNDERFAIRE: FOOD & WINE



Beautiful grounds and an unparalleled sunset are the backdrop for an evening of delicious food and wine. Celebrated chefs and purveyors of fine wines, craft brews, and distilled spirits come together to delight the senses. Stroll about the grottoes and secret spaces of the Whittell Estate grounds while taking in the sights and entertainment featured throughout the expansive property.

SUNDAY
AUGUST 4

Thunderfaire tickets are priced \$245 per person per event (\$175 charitable). Shuttle buses begin departing Incline Village at 3:30 p.m. and run continuously until 8 p.m. No on-site parking is available.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2019

Benefiting the Programs of Thunderbird Lake Tahoe

The highlight of Lake Tahoe's summer season, these elegant affairs pair renowned chefs and vintners to create the most memorable events. These popular fundraisers offer a unique composition of wine, cuisine, castle tours, glorious grounds, panoramic sunsets, and unparalleled auction and raffle items. Each event sells out so please make your reservations early!

For Reservations 1.775.832.8750
or email: Reservations@ThunderbirdTahoe.org

FUNDRAISING DINNER SERIES



Winemakers' Dinner tickets are \$495 per person per event (\$350 charitable). Shuttle transportation departs Incline Village at 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Limited on-site parking is reserved exclusively for Castle and Flagship Members and VIP Cruise guests.

SUNDAY
JULY 14 & SEPTEMBER 8

UPGRADE VIP CRUISE



Upgrade any winemakers' dinner event to include a pre-dinner VIP cruise aboard *Thunderbird* yacht with a celebrity winemaker sharing rare reserve and library wines from the winery's estate cellar.

VIP Cruise tickets are \$1,000 per person per event (\$750 charitable). All-inclusive VIP cruises admit one to the cruise, dinner, and on-site parking. Cruise arrival time is 4 p.m.

CULINARY CLASS WITH PRIVATE TOUR



Our executive chef will dazzle you with expert instruction and a dinner to be remembered. The themed classes will source local farm-to-table fare. Available for groups of up to 10 people, each attendee may optionally invite one guest for delicious post-classroom dining.

JOURNAL

2018 IN REVIEW



Holy...! Moving the historic Ponderosa Ranch church 335 miles across Nevada was quite the feat. The iconic wedding venue now resides at its new home overlooking the incredible Lamoille Canyon. Through the generosity of Cheryl and David Duffield, Thunderbird is distributing historic Ponderosa Ranch artifacts for display around the Silver State.

The Lady-of-the-Lake had a spa day to ensure she keeps rumbling on Lake Tahoe for many years to come. Her vintage V-12 Allison Aircraft engines were removed for annual maintenance.



The rejuvenated Lighthouse Room served as the perfect venue for many events this season which included our elegant Winemakers' Dinners. The upgraded interior gives us a beautiful place to welcome guests to the historic estate and host your special occasion.



Summer Winemakers' Dinners are always a huge fundraising success. Celebrated chefs and wineries helped create memorable evenings.

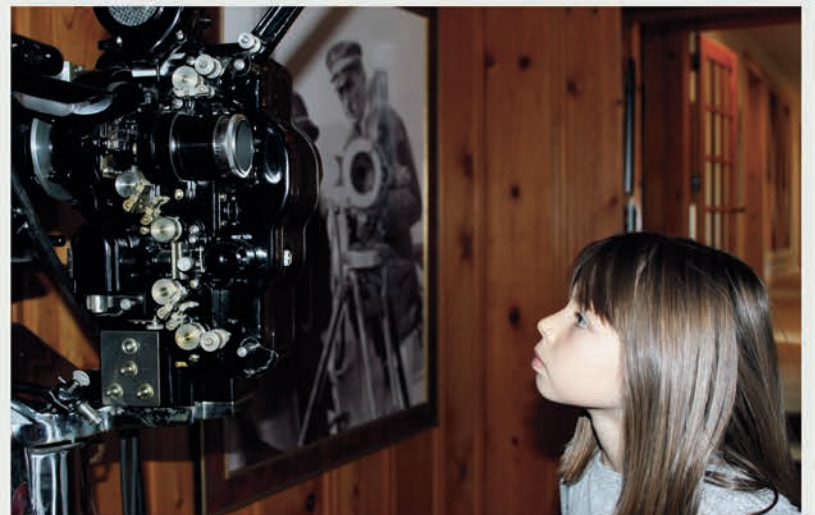


Snow can be tough on Tahoe roofs, so our hardworking preservationists are making sure no leaks find their way inside the Thunderbird Lodge. Talk about a job with a view!



Dozens of chefs and wineries from around the region helped us make our sold out Thunderfaire Food and Wine Festival the event of the season.

Each year, hundreds of school children participate in our Hands-on-History educational program allowing the next generation to learn about Tahoe's amazing history.

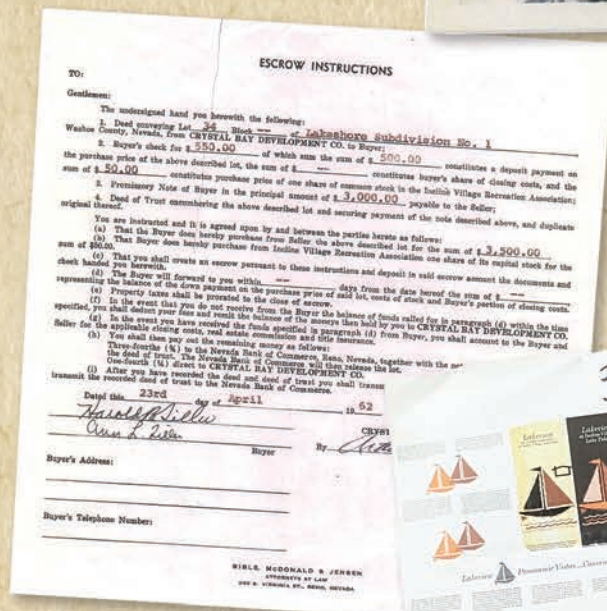


Treasures of Tahoe



CLOCK JACK

A clock jack (also called a roasting jack, spit jack, or turnspit) still hangs on a Thunderbird Lodge fireplace where it was placed by the Whittell family in 1938. The device is wound-up like a clock, set with (typically) meat hanging from it in a hot fireplace, and slowly rotates to cook the meal evenly on all sides. (Think vertical rotisserie.)



LAKEFRONT LOTS

Although Whittell and his one-time business partner Norman Biltz sold lakefront lots along the beach at what is now Incline Village, construction did not start in earnest until the early 1960s. Whittell sold 9,000 acres for development by Crystal Bay Development Company, partially in revenge for efforts by Nevada Governor Grant Sawyer to use eminent domain to appropriate Whittell lands for Nevada State Parks, an effort that eventually succeeded later in the decade.



GAME ON - WEATHER PERMITTING

George Whittell was fascinated by technology. Installed in his Thunderbird Lodge bedroom is an elaborate control panel from which the Captain controlled lights located far up on the Lodge's east chimney indicating whether or not Whittell would attend the evening's card games at the Cal Neva Lodge across Crystal Bay on Lake Tahoe's North Shore. The panel also housed modern instrumentation for watching and forecasting the Lake's often unpredictable weather.



CHIMNEY BEACH

The landmark, for which Chimney Beach is named, was once a caretaker's cabin on Captain George Whittell's lands. Also known as Elephant Beach, it is said that the Captain watered his pachyderms here.



SQUAW VALLEY, LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA
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WINTER OLYMPICS

The 1960 Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, California, launched a frenzy of new building activity at Lake Tahoe and as far away as Reno and Carson City to make ready for the games. The South Lake Tahoe Airport, a widened Highway 89 from Truckee, the modern alignments of US50 over Spooner Summit and the Mount Rose Highway, and a string of south shore motels are all vestiges of that era.

Culinary AT THUNDERBIRD LODGE

Recipe Spotlight - Fromage Fort

As chef of Thunderbird Lake Tahoe, I'm lucky to be involved with some truly world-class vintners. This past year alone we hosted Ric Forman, Cliff Lede, and Dante Mondavi, to name a few, not to mention the outstanding Thunderfaire food and wine event. No glass of wine would be complete without a little something to nibble on! For that, we have artisan cheese plates to pair: Barolo with Parmigiano Reggiano, brie with riesling, aged gouda with a fine cabernet. We serve a variety of fine cheeses at Thunderbird Lodge for smaller events in the gazebo or large groups in the redecorated Lighthouse Room. This past year, we've expanded our weekly wine and cheese tours to Tuesday and Friday. Both days are open to the public.

Now for my delicious cheese recipe...Fromage Fort! It calls for small amounts of different types of cheese. My favorite combination is sharp cheddar, gruyere, brie, parmesan, and goat cheese. Classically, it would be spread on toasted crostini and placed under the broiler until bubbly and browned. It's also great on a burger, melted into mashed potatoes, or my absolute favorite...on a spoon! It keeps very well in the fridge, and like most of us, it just gets better with age. Enjoy!

Darren Weston

Chef Darren Weston

RECIPE

Fromage Fort

1 pound of cheese pieces, such as cheddar, swiss, goat cheese, etc.

3-4 cloves of garlic

½ cup dry white wine, anything you like to drink

Salt and fresh cracked black pepper to taste (I also like to add a bit of cayenne and fresh thyme)

Directions:

Place ingredients in a food processor and blend until smooth. If using very dry cheese, and a small amount more wine until creamy and emulsified. Use immediately as a cold dip, or spread on crostini and place under a broiler until fragrant and browned. It can also be packed into jars and refrigerated to allow the flavors to meld.

our BIGGEST FANS

Action Water Sports of Incline Village

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As 2018 draws to a close, the Thunderbird Lake Tahoe team is now looking back on a successful and exciting year.

Our staff completed preservation and maintenance projects, which included work on the water treatment plant and other necessary infrastructure. Overall, our generous donors helped grow our endowment while at the same time funding critical capital projects. 2018 also produced multiple public, children's education, and community events that enabled thousands of visitors to enjoy the historic property, exhibits, and museum collections. Your feedback was clear: the events and gatherings you attended in 2018 were some of the best on record!

We are also grateful for the supporting grant from the Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation .

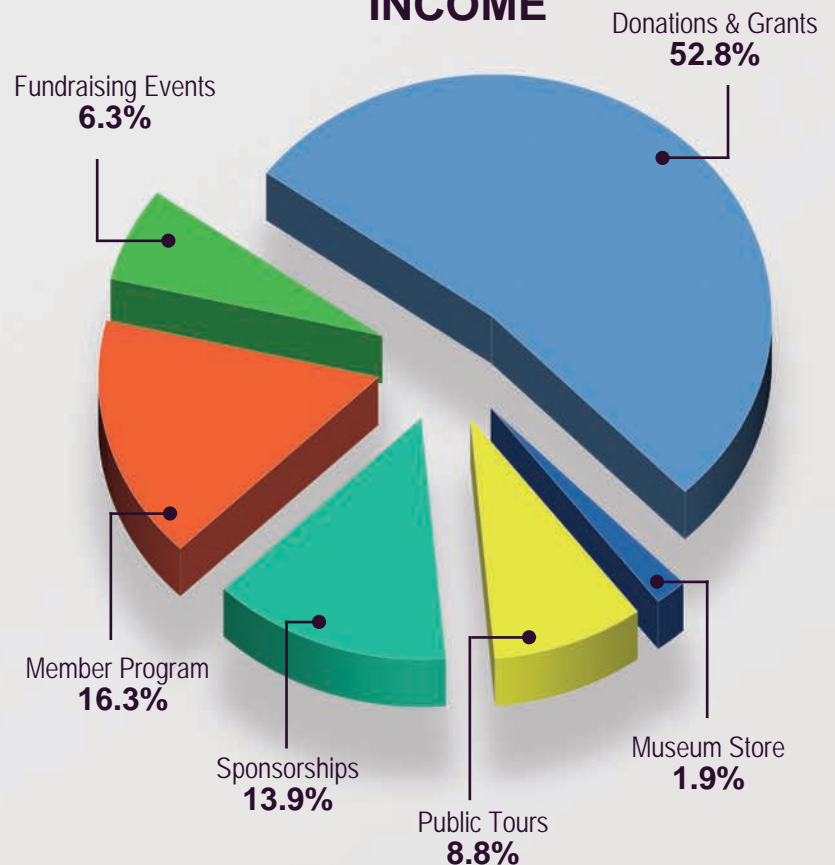
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We can't do this without you. The recent tax reform bill offers multiple programs to help you reduce your taxable income through supporting your favorite qualified charitable organizations (like Thunderbird)! These programs vary in scope, such as the ability to direct IRA distributions to a qualified charity under the Qualified Charitable IRA Distribution program or more sophisticated programs such as Charitable Remainder Annuity or Unit Trusts. (Please discuss with your investment counsel or let me know if you need additional information.)

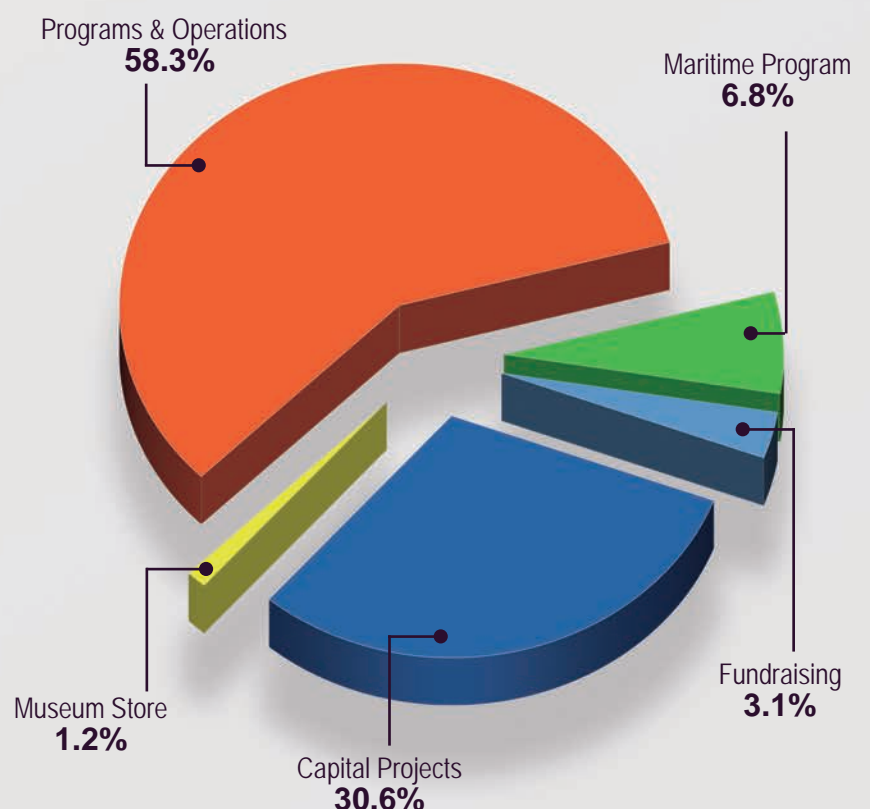
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Steve Russell
Steve Russell
Treasurer

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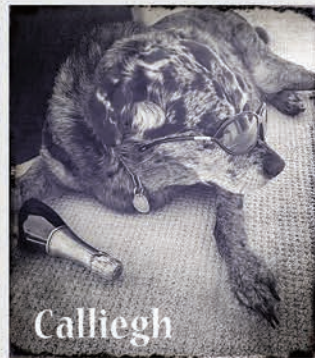
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Captain Whittell had many pets at Lake Tahoe and his Woodside, California, estate. Which pet here is too young and too good looking to have belonged to Whittell?



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