

This year's grand marshal: Maryanne Ingemanson

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While the Red, White and Tahoe Blue Committee still is encouraging donations to help fund this year's event, one thing is finalized — who will lead the July 2 parade.

Incline resident Maryanne Ingemanson has been selected as grand marshal for this year's event. Last year, retired Navy Capt. Charles J. Merdinger, a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, was grand marshal for the first annual holiday event.

Ingemanson, a 24-year Incline resident, said she had no idea she was being considered for the honor.

"It was a huge surprise; I was really stunned when I found out," Ingemanson said. "I'm very, very grateful for such a wonderful acknowledgment. I think this is a wonderful, wonderful honor."

Below is a biography of Ingemanson, a 24-year resident of Incline Village, according to a press release.

It was at the Chicago Conservatory of Music, that Maryanne Bullock, then two and a half years old, began piano lessons. And it was there that she gave her first concert at the age of 5.

At 10 years of age she became a professional concert pianist traveling the world. She performed with major symphony orchestras and in 1953 won the Marie Morrissey Keith Award for the most outstanding young soloist in the entire United States.

The competition, held in New York, was open to all instrumental soloists or singers under the age of 21. In the same year, she was the youngest student ever to graduate with a Fellows degree, (equivalent to a master's degree), from Trinity College in London, England.

In addition to her performances before thousands of fans and many radio appearances, television became yet another venue for Maryanne, when her own TV show was launched in Sacramento, Calif.

After her marriage to Larry Ingemanson in 1956, she devoted her talents to education, by teaching and lecturing on many university campuses.

Then, known as Maryanne Bullock Ingemanson, she founded a School of Piano through which she and her 17 assistant teachers taught hundreds of students in the Northern California area.

In 1968 she founded Ingemanson Enterprises, a real estate development company which grew to be the umbrella corporation for 38 separate vertically integrated entities. She is still actively involved in the administration of these businesses, which are solely owned by the Ingemanson family.

After becoming a permanent resident of Incline Village in 1984, living in the home purchased by her family in 1960, Ingemanson undertook several causes to benefit the community. She refers to them as her "windmills."

First, she formed the Village League to Save Incline Assets, Inc. in 1996, to lead the successful effort to keep the Incline Village Community Hospital from closing.

Second was the league's effort in 2001 to keep private the Incline Village beaches.

Currently, she is the president of the Village League which continues to lead the

charge, started in 2002, to secure property taxes for the residents of Incline Village and Crystal Bay that are "uniform and equal" to the rest of Nevada, as is required by the Nevada and U.S. constitutions.

She and her late husband, Larry Ingemanson, have two children and six granddaughters.



Maryanne Ingemanson (with her puppy, Migo) will be grand marshal of the Red, White and Tahoe Blue Parade this year.

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