

Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation

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December 16, 2019

Fellow Rotarians & Ski Enthusiasts:

On behalf of the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation (DBMF), I look forward to seeing many of you in Sun Valley next month. As has been our tradition, fundraising for DBMF will take place during the evening of the Gala. The success of our fundraising depends on you, so please consider bringing a donation that can be included our Silent Auction or Live Auction.

I also ask each of you to participate in the *Higher Ground Challenge* by asking for support from your friends, relatives, coworkers, and most importantly, your fellow Rotarians. *Higher Ground* focusses on using sports as a means of healing, therapy, and rehabilitation to men and women of the armed services who have been severely wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Challenge will be Wednesday, January 29th.

Those of us Rotarians that have made appeals to our hometown clubs have had a heartwarming response as we spread the word of the successes of adaptive ski programs. A PowerPoint touching on Rotary Fellowships and the great work of the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation is available. Please contact me at jpenza@penzabailey.com for a link to the presentation.

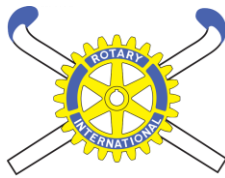
For those of you that were fortunate enough to know Brian Andersen, we are almost in reach of our \$20,000 goal funding the corpus of the *Brian Andersen Scholarship*, which will enable adaptive ski scholarships to be awarded annually to worthy adaptive ski participants. The Board is developing a protocol for the scholarship awards, and we hope to roll out the scholarships in the upcoming year.

The Foundation is committed to assisting with adaptive ski programs, either through training of trainers or by purchasing adaptive ski equipment. It is due to your generosity that, since our official founding in 1999, the Foundation has been able to grant well over \$250,000 to worthy adaptive ski programs across the globe. Attached is a fact sheet about the Foundation.

Thank you again for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you in Sun Valley!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jeffrey Penza
President, DBMF



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DAVIS BOYD MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FACT SHEET

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR) was founded in the early 1970s as a social fellowship of Rotary International. Each year, ISFR members travel to a different ski resort in North America for a week of skiing, fun, and fellowship, and to create awareness of Rotary International.

In the late-1990s, the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation, a United States Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) charity, was established (in memory of Davis Boyd, one of the co-founders of ISFR) to expand the reach of the ISFR further. The focus of the Foundation is to raise funds for adaptive ski programs.

During the ski week, various fundraisers (Peak-to-Valley Challenges with sponsor support and member-sponsored auctions to name just two) are held to raise money, a portion of which is donated to the local adaptive ski program.

The balance of the funds is held in a investment account, the purpose of which is to provide funds to train “trainers” at adaptive ski schools, facilitate the purchase of adaptive ski equipment for targeted programs around the world, and raise awareness of the benefits of adaptive skiing to physically and mentally challenged athletes and veterans.

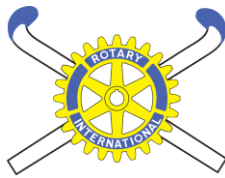
Skiing is not just a sport: it can be a therapeutic experience that “creates life-changing opportunities by encouraging participation in activities designed to redefine limits, recognize abilities, and transfer newfound courage to everyday life.” (Challenge Aspen).

Past recipients of DBMF Grants include:

- Challenge Aspen
- Disabled Wintersport Australia
- Eagle Mount
- National Sports Center for the Disabled
- Pdraig’s Place (Adapted Ski and Ride Summit)
- Revelstoke Adaptive Ski Program
- Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports
- Telluride Adaptive Ski Program
- Teton Adaptive Sports
- Vermont Adaptive Ski
- Whistler Adaptive Ski Program

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THE INTERNATIONAL SKIING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS (ISFR)

In support of Higher Ground
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Pledge Form for the 2020 *Higher Ground Challenge*

I, _____, a member of the Rotary Club of _____ in Rotary International District _____, along with other members of the ISFR, will be snow skiing or snowboarding at the Sun Valley Ski Resort, on January 29, 2020 in the *Higher Ground Challenge*. My personal goal is to ski _____ vertical feet, starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning.

For my efforts, I am asking you to make a financial pledge to the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization. All donations will directly benefit physically challenged **Wounded Warrior Veterans** through **Higher Ground**, an adaptive ski program in association with **Sun Valley Adaptive Sports**, along with support for similar programs around the world.

Please make checks out to the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation. MAIL ALL CHECKS TOGETHER WITH THIS PLEDGE FORM to the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation, c/o Jeffrey Penza, 401 Woodbourne Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21212. All contributors will receive an acknowledgment from the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation for tax purposes.

Thank you for your support.

Jeffrey Penza, President
Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation

Allyson Walter, President
International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians

Name & Contact Information of Person Pledging

\$ Amount Pledged

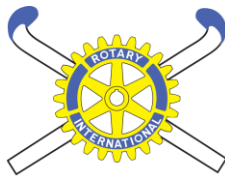
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