



Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation
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Fellow Rotarians & Ski Enthusiasts:

On behalf of the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation (DBMF), I look forward to seeing some of you in Banff in several weeks. As the world is now in our second year of struggling with COVID-19, our fundraising takes on new meaning, and I ask all ISFR members for **two** things, including those of you who ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND:

- Please consider raising funds for our **VIRTUAL Rocky Mountain Challenge**. No, you don't have to ski 40,000 vertical feet – just ask for money! To sweeten the pot, the top three fundraisers will be entered into a drawing for a registration for next year's event.
- Please consider donating a significant package that can be **auctioned** off at the gala. We will not be holding a silent auction this year, so please pull out the stops! We will send an email during ski week with items on the auction block allowing you to place a confidential maximum bid during the auction!

Please email auction items directly to me at DBMFPresident@gmail.com by Monday February 28 and Rocky Mountain Pledge Forms by March 15.

I am also pleased to announce that the DBMF Board voted to donate **100% of the proceeds** we raise this year to Rocky Mountain Adaptive!!!

Thank you in advance for your participation – last year your generosity in the *Valley to Peak Challenge* raised close to \$6,500 for the Brian Andersen Scholarship fund in our quiet ask.

Thank you again for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you all again in person in Banff or at a ski event in the future!

Yours in Rotary Service,

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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 further expand the reach of the ISFR. 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
Higher Ground
National Sports Center for the Disabled
Padraig’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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