



**“The Snow Line” Electronic Version
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Greetings ISFR Members,

For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, the temperatures are cooling and we can begin to seriously think of our many winter activities. In fact, I had e-mail from a Colorado ski area that they received a dusting of snow this past week.

ISFR Going To Whistler – Are You?

The annual North America ISFR Ski week is now only 130 days away with a tremendous week of fun, fellowship and service on the slopes of Whistler Blackcomb, British Columbia, Canada.

The exciting news is that 128 ISFR members, Rotary Partners and family members have already registered for our week together and the number of unspoken hotel rooms are rapidly diminishing. You are urged to get your reservations in as soon as possible, if you want any chance of being housed with your fellow ISFR members.

It will be a week of fellowship and skiing with many interesting and exciting activities planned. If you have not already signed up for the Monday Snowmobile Dining Experience or the Snowshoeing or Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride to a Gourmet Fondue Dinner on Tuesday evening, I sincerely urge you to sign up for these wonderful fellowship opportunities to say nothing of the wonderful food you will experience.

Doris Goering, JoAnne Ruby, Billie Geist and Allison Bokoff are wondering if you are going to join them on the first ISFR SNO-LIMO Mountain Eco Tour? This promises to be a unique experience, claiming to be the “ULTIMATE INTERACTIVE ON MOUNTAIN ACTIVITY FOR OUR NON-SKIERS.” Sign-up using the registration form for your ride on either Tuesday the 29th or Thursday the 31st.

A “First Timers” Get-Together will be held early in the week at Whistler. Arrangements are being made with Marc Bokoff and Jeff Bricker to hold this event that will allow for maximum participation by those who have not attended an ISFR Ski Week previously. The purpose of the Get-Together will be to welcome and inform our newest attendees about our group and “Who to watch out for.” Anybody want to guess who I have in mind? Watch for the next Electronic “The Snow Line” for details.

ISFR member Bill Paul of the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach, (California), has developed a unique fundraiser for our Davis Boyd Foundation. Building on the “Peak to Valley” ski tour developed by the ISFR Rotarians at Whistler, Bill has created the “Peak to Valley Vertical Mile Challenge.” Bill’s Challenge form can be found on the web site. (www.isfrski.org). Get a head start by downloading the form and signing up your sponsors early. Also, it is not too early to start thinking about what you can bring to Whistler for the ISFR Davis Boyd Annual Auction to raise funds for supporting the Adaptive Ski Program of Whistler. Items made from your home state or country make interesting auction items.

Can You Help?

ISFR is primarily a volunteer run fellowship with the exception of our Tour Contractor. The Board of Directors, all volunteers, is seeking one or more ISFR members to serve on the Future Site Solicitation and Selection Committee. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact President Don. (Contact information is at the end of this e-mail.)

A second opportunity is to volunteer to organize and “person” the ISFR booth in the House of Friendship at the Los Angeles 2008 RI Convention. After taking responsibility for the ISFR booth for the past four years, Ed and Lois Goering find that they have a commitment that does not allow them to serve as our 2008 RI Booth Convention Chairs. So if you could serve in that capacity, please contact President Don. If you see either Ed or Lois, please extend to them your thanks for their service.

Booth at RI Convention in Salt Lake City is Outstanding Success

This year the ISFR booth display included snowboards and cross-country skis in an attempt to reach a wider audience of winter sports enthusiasts. This created some lively discussion among those members and prospective members who stopped by the booth. The booth also featured information about a Swedish ski activity to take place next spring and the Italian ski activity that happened this past winter

Thanks to the hard work and super salesmanship practiced by all the ISFR members that volunteered their time to work in the booth, 25 new and 2 returning members were signed on the spot, and about 5 more new ones have joined to date, for a grand total of approximately 30, all as a result of their exposure to our Fellowship activities while visiting the booth at the RI Convention.

Thanks to the members who stopped by and helped out in the booth. Your enthusiasm helped increase our membership.

ISFR Social Event Sponsored by Bokoff-Kaplan at Salt Lake City

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Marc and Allison Bokoff of Bokoff-Kaplan Travel for providing the resources for our ISFR Social at the RI Convention last June. There were over 50 ISFR members and families enjoying some great fellowship and unique food. Thanks Bokoffs! Again, we need to thank Ed and Lois Goering for making the arrangements for our social event. The location was less than a block from the Convention and the food, as we said before, was very tasty and unique.

Group Pictures Needed

Do you have a color picture of the North America group at our many outings over the years that you would be willing to send to President Don? Ed and Lois Goering started a three ring binder of our North America group and we are looking for a copy of the group photo that was taken each year. Do you have one that you are willing to part with? Pictures are needed for the years starting with 1996 through 2007. Before sending your picture, check with Don to make sure someone else has not already agreed to contribute his or her copy.

Check out the June “Breadbasket”

The Bulletin Editor of the “Rotarians on the Internet” (another Rotary Fellowship) showcased our fellowship in the June version of their newsletter the “Breadbasket.” Go to: www.roti.org and look for the link “Breadbasket.” You might be surprised to find your picture there!

Check Out Our Web Site

Also have you checked out our ISFR web site lately? Go to: www.isfrski.org
We all need to thank Drew Vactor for his excellent work on keeping the web site up to date and easy to use.

Sweden in 2008

While the exact dates are “TBD,” the “ARE, Sweden Rotary Ski Week” will be held after Easter 2008, to give ISFR members around the world an opportunity to ski their slopes. The Swedish activity will be in conjunction with a week of skiing by inbound Rotary exchange students in Sweden. For more details, contact ISFR member Micael Korndahl. His e-mail address is: Micael.Kornahl@itare.se

Italy 2009

Rotarians’ World Championship had a successful event in 2007 at San Canndido/Innichen. Aldo del Bo, the Italian organizer, has started the planning for their next event and is arranging for the 2009 event to be held at a different ski area. Aldo tells us that this event will be held March 14-21, 2009. Aldo’s e-mail is laro.neve@rolmail.net

Next Electronic “Snow Line”

We are planning the next Electronic “The Snow Line” for late December 2007. If you have an article that you would like to have included, please get it to President Don by December 1st.

In Service to Others Through Rotary,

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