



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

This is the second “Electronic Version” of the ISFR Newsletter in response to suggestions from our members that they would like to hear from the Fellowship’s leadership throughout the year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ISFR, we wish you Happy Holidays, wherever and however you celebrate.

New Skiing Opportunity

The Rotary Club of Åre, Sweden had requested and has received ISFR Executive Committee approval to conduct an International Ski Week. Here is your invitation to attend this special ski week.

Welcome to ISFR Åre Rotary Club Ski Week on World Championships slopes,
April 6-13, 2008

The Rotary Club of Åre, the venue of the most recent FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in 2007, has the pleasure of inviting Rotarians from all over the world to a joyful week of skiing in the spring sunshine, ski racing, Gala Dinner, RYE Dinner, a bit of fund raising, and other fun winter activities. The event will coincide with the traditional RYE Winter Camp for students on exchange in Sweden and in aid of Totalskidskolan, the leading ski school for the disabled in Åre, and some funds will also go to The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus.

Åre is a small town situated in the centre of Sweden, and the foremost alpine ski resort in Northern Europe, with 40 lifts and 100 pistes, excellent opportunities for cross-country skiing and ski touring. The resort is easy to reach by road and train and situated within one hour of Åre-Östersund Airport (OSD) and within two hours of Trondheim Vaernes International Airport (TRD).

For more information about the event, Åre and how to get here, please visit www.rotaryskiweek.com

Rotarians’ World Championship - Italy 2009

The 7th Rotarians’ World Championship was a successful event in 2007 at San Candido/Innichen. Aldo del Bo di Torre Rotonda, International Regional Vice President of Europe, is organizing the 8th Ski Meeting Rotarians World Championship

from 14 to 21 March in Alta Badia – Sudtirolo, Italy with assistance from the Rotary Club of Bressanone Brixen – District 2060. The Tourist Board Alta Badia will handle the organization at the following references: (Tourist Board Alta Badia, Str. Col Alt 36 – 39033 Corvara, Telephone 0471/836176 info@altabadia.org - www.altabadia.org. Aldo's e-mail is laro.neve@rolmail.net

ISFR Membership Directory

Attached to this newsletter is an up-to-date Electronic Membership Directory. You are urged to save the Directory, print it off and review it. Find out who are also members of our Fellowship from across the world and who might just be members in your own country.

ISFR Going To Whistler

180 ISFR members and guests from 13 countries are now planning on attending the annual North America ISFR Ski Week which is now only 40 days away with a tremendous week of fun, fellowship and service on the slopes of Whistler Blackcomb, British Columbia, Canada. According to our registration, ISFR members will be attending from 13 countries: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland, Romania, South America, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States.

If this will be your first attendance at an ISFR Ski week, be sure to attend the “First Timers” Get-Together at Whistler. This session will be held 30 minutes prior to the Saturday Welcoming Reception. The purpose of this Get-Together will be to welcome and inform our newest skiers and non-skiers about our group and our activities.

ISFR Vice-President for Canada Esio Marzotto reminds ISFR members attending the Whistler event that most visitors to Canada will need a valid passport, and many require Visitor's Visas. Countries and territories whose citizens require visas in order to enter Canada as visitors can be found on the following website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>, which lists the countries. ISFR members from Poland, Romania, and Turkey will require visas.

A person applying for a Temporary Resident Visa to visit Canada may be asked to provide a letter of invitation from someone in Canada. ISFR Vice-President for Canada, Esio will, on request, prepare a letter of invitation for ISFR members and their companions attending the Whistler Ski Week January 26-February 2, 2008. Contact Esio at: esio@shaw.ca

Fund Raiser for ISFR Davis Boyd Foundation

ISFR member Bill Paul of the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach, (California), has developed a unique fundraiser for our Davis Boyd Foundation for ISFR 2008 Ski Week, one patterned after the Jimmy Heuga Vertical Express Ski Race. It's called the Peak to Valley Vertical Mile Challenge.

On Tuesday, Jan. 29th, ISFR members will ski from Peak to Valley four times, twice off both Whistler and Blackcomb mountains. Each run will be a unique experience of skiing one mile of continuous vertical without taking another chair, with all four runs equaling 21,644 vertical feet of skiing. There are routes for all skiing levels. Tours will be organized and guided by local Whistler Rotarians.

Line up family, friends, and fellow Rotarians to sponsor your runs. Individual sponsorships for as little as one-penny-per-foot for the four-runs will raise \$216.44 with all proceeds donated to the ISFR's Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation. The Foundation supports adaptive skiing programs, a particularly worthwhile cause to assist severely injured returning veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars return to civilian life.

Download your pledge form to line up sponsorships from the ISFR web site (www.isfrski.org). Bring the completed forms with you to the ISFR 2008 Ski Week and get ready for four fun runs down Whistler and Blackcomb mountains .

Also, it is not too early to start thinking about what you can bring to Whistler for the Annual ISFR Davis Boyd Auction. Items made from your home state or country make interesting auction items.

Going to the Los Angeles, California, USA Rotary International Convention?

If you have plans to attend the RI Convention in Los Angeles, plan on attending the ISFR Social and Get-Together on Tuesday, June 17. The plans are still under development at this time. Also, make sure you stop by the ISFR Booth in the Fellowship area sometime during your stay at the Convention.

Get them while the supply lasts!!!

Do you have an ISFR Turtleneck shirt? These very nice Turtleneck shirts have an embroidered Rotary International logo and the ISFR initials on the collar. Only select sizes and colors remain. Get yours by going to the [ISFR web site](#) and place your order. Let others know that you are an ISFR member.

Can You Help?

In the first newsletter, I asked for volunteers for a couple of leadership opportunities for ISFR.

The Board of Directors, all volunteers, is seeking one or more additional ISFR members to serve on the Future Site Solicitation and Selection Committee. Lyn Stroshin of Whistler has volunteered to serve on this 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 assist with the organization and “person” the ISFR booth in the House of Friendship at the Los Angeles 2008 RI Convention. So if you could serve in that capacity, please contact President Don.

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 for use in the ISFR Booth at the RI Convention 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, or bring it to Whistler, check with Don to make sure someone else has not already agreed to contribute his or her copy.

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.

My Rotary Partner, Doris, and I will SEE MANY OF YOU AROUND THE ROTARY WHEEL IN CANADA.

In Service to Others Through Rotary,

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