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To all members of ISFR including the very old (like Michael), the very cranky (like Michael), and the very beautiful (which is positively not like Michael):

Welcome to the 2014 winter ski week in Winter Park, Colorado. I hope by now you all have made your reservations for Winter Park and a wonderful fun filled week with old friends (another reference to Michael), and the opportunity to make new and lasting friends. This is the first ski week during the presidency of our new president Tony Sheer. And yes as a friend of Tony and a home owner in Winter Park I am helping our President, his Board of Directors, and the Rotary Club of Winter Park Fraser Valley put together a most exciting and interesting week.

Please let me tell you about some of the unique events scheduled for ISFR during your ski week in Winter Park.

1. Can you all believe that ISFR will be 40 years young in 2014. (It is rather sad that Michael can not even remember being 40 let alone count that high!) In honor of our birthday Tony has taken over a local restaurant (and bar for those that are interested) and scheduled not only a wonderful meal, a birthday cake with just too many candles (how can we have a birthday party without a birthday cake), wonderful entertainment, and yes, lots of good old fashion fellowship. Transportation to and from your mountain hotel to the eatery in downtown Winter Park is provided. The cost of the birthday party is included in your registration fee (the liquor is not but Michael is buying the first round), so you all come ready to party Monday night.
2. The mountain at Winter Park is located approximately 2 miles from the town of Winter Park. (For those of you that are very old like Michael there is free bus transportation between the mountain and the town of Winter Park.) The mountain has its own Village with numerous eating facilities and retail outlets. Your Board of Directors has arranged for a special evening within the Village complex. All of the eating establishments are going to be open to us for a progressive dinner. (You ladies can explain what a progressive dinner is to your husbands.) The Village has never had a progressive dinner, but with a little bit of work we have been able to put together a very interesting evening. And just to make it more interesting most of the retail outlets in the Village are going to stay open and offer to ISFR members' special pricing on their goods. A night of eating, (can't forget the drinking as there are some wonderful bars in the Village), and shopping too should make for a great evening.
3. We always have a gala banquet and some of the locations of our gala have been most spectacular (remember Sun Valley?), but this year is really the best of the best. Located approximately 8 miles from the Winter Park Village complex is Devil's Thumb Resort, a private 6000 acre ranch where only 80 some acres have been developed with the

remainder to always be open and natural. Located on the ranch is a brand new meeting facility which includes a civil war era barn from Indiana which has been dismantled and reassembled at Devil's Thumb Resort. This unique facility will host our BLACK and WHITE gala dinner. Yes we don't care how you are dressed, but only that the colors are black and/or white. No reds, greens, or blues this night. Even the entertainment is black and white as we watch and listen to the sights and sounds of Roy Orbison and his album a "Black and White Night". (Michael is too old to remember Roy Orbison but for the most part we ISFR members grew up with the Orbison sounds.) So come dressed in anything as long as it is black and/or white and enjoy the 2014 version of the ISFR gala banquet.

4. And speaking of Devil's Thumb there are numerous ISFR events that will be held here, but there is one event that is new and unique to us this year. We are all aware that the ISFR Board of Directors created our own foundation – the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation (DBMF) – to raise funds to support local adaptive ski programs and provide scholarships for training adaptive ski instructors. It is interesting to note the first adaptive ski program in the United States was started in Winter Park. In order to raise the necessary funds the DBMF always has an event during the ISFR ski week and this year will be no exception. However the event this year is different, fun, enjoyable to partake in, and YES, fun and enjoyable to watch. I am sure that most of us watch the winter Olympics and marvel at the athletic ability of the competitors. This year the DBMF is sponsoring the first (and probably last) ISFR biathlon relay for all of us to participate. No we are not going to be on cross country skies. We are going to be on snow shoes. No we are not going to be going on a long and arduous trek. The course is very short (even with snow shoes on), flat as can be, and just a very short distance from where we all will be watching each of the different teams. (Your ISFR organizing committee will put together the teams with both women and men on each team.) As we all know the biathlon includes shooting at targets with rifles and Devil's Thumb Resort has six laser rifles for our use. The Resort has promised to set up a very short course for us and teach us in the proper way to shoot. So please sign up for the biathlon event which takes place Monday afternoon. We will raise money for our foundation and have a wonderful time as well.

It is now time for you all to sign up for the 2014 ISFR ski week in Winter Park, Colorado. The hotel rates at the mountain increase September 1, 2013, so please make your reservations quickly at the lower rate. If for some reason you have questions or concerns about this ISFR ski week, please feel free to contact me via email at: polhasso@equitymgt.com.

I look forward to seeing lots of old friends (none of you are as old as Michael) and making new friends.

Pete Olhasso
(Just a Rotarian helping our new President)