



**ISFR**

**OCT 2015**

## House of Friendship – RI International Convention- ISFR Booth

Abby O’Neal headed up the ISFR convention booth effort. We were working at a bit of a disadvantage because of a slipup: ISFR didn’t register for a booth in time and as a consequence ISFR didn’t have a reserved booth for the Sao Paulo Convention. We went on the assumption that we could capture an unused booth, no doubt allocated to ‘no show’, for ISFR, or, if that didn’t work, We would work out of the “All Fellowships” booth. We ended up working out of the “All Fellowships” booth. It turned out we were almost the only people available to work in the “All Fellowships” booth, so it worked out well for “All Fellowships” as well as ISFR.



Al and Jerry Anne Morris  
Rotary International Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Abby created the ISFR banner you see in the picture, and she had some ISFR and Whistler information to offer visitors. As I said above there wouldn’t have been anyone in “All Fellowships” if it wasn’t for us ISFR people, and we were happy to talk about other fellowships as well as ISFR when the occasion arose.

We didn’t get a count of total visitors to the booth. Some of whom came by for information on other fellowships, but most of the visitors were attracted by Abby’s excellent banner. We did sign up four new members at the convention and we gave out a lot of information about ISFR and the 2016 Whistler event. We will not have a problem with getting a booth in Seoul in 2016. Forms already have been submitted by Rotary International for our booth reservation.

## ADAPTIVE SKI PROGRAM RECEIVES ISFR DONATION



Heather Collins, Chad Biggerstaff, Grant Hilton and Jeff Strickler of Rotary Club of Big Sky

Big Sky, Mont. (June, 2015) – The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR) visited Big Sky Resort in February 2015 for their annual North American meeting and raised \$25,000, wherein \$12,780 was given to the Rotary Club of Big Sky which here is being donated to Eagle Mount of Big Sky, Big Sky’s adaptive ski program. It was a record per capita of giving amount for the ISFR.

More than 100 Rotarians representing Canada, Australia, England, British Virgin Islands, Italy, and Switzerland enjoyed skiing and other activities in Big Sky, including their fundraiser, through their charitable arm, the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation. The Foundation raises money in support of programs for skiers with disabilities. The ISFR donates half of the money raised to support handicapped skiers programs throughout the world, and the other half goes to the local club to donate to a local program.

Eagle Mount of Big Sky provides adaptive skiing adventures and quality adaptive lessons to assist skier who are mono and bi-skiing, 3 and 4-track, blind or visually impaired and those with cognitive or developmental delays to become independent so they may one day be able to ski with family and friends.

Many thanks to the generous members of the ISFR and also the members of the Rotary Club of Big Sky, Rotary Clubs of Bozeman and Bozeman Sunrise. A lot of effort went into this meeting and every

member, local and honorary, contributed from planning, staffing the reception, running the Super Bowl party, guiding ISFR members on the mountain, arranging day trips to Yellowstone and Bozeman, and helping and helping with the big ISFR Gala Dinner and Auction.

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Members of the sister Rotary Clubs of Bozeman and Bozeman Sunrise pitched in to provide fellowship and the many desserts for the auction.

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J. Strickler

## **CALENDAR**

Whistler, British Columbia	February 20-27, 2016
Saint Moritz, Switzerland	March 5 – 12, 2016
Jackson Hole, Wyoming USA	Feb. 5 - 12, 2017
Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy	March 2017

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