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Summer is cooking throughout most of ISFRland (Aussies, Kiwis and South Americans excepted) so what better weather to start gearing up for next winter's skiing.

The 2017 gatherings will be at:

Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA February 4-11, 2017



Cortina d 'Ampezzo, Italy March 4-11, 2017



Go to the ISFR website at www.isfrski.org to preview a **great** video on Cortina

Further details of both meetings and registration information will be available later this summer.

2016 RI Convention in Seoul, Korea



Your ISFR President, Al Morris, reports that the RI Convention in Seoul, Korea was a big one with 50,000 Rotarians, friends of Rotary, and guests in attendance. The House of Friendship was the largest ever, and the ISFR had a good booth location right next to the entertainment. With all the folks attending, we had plenty of visitors who wanted to talk skiing

- those who were skiers and those who were intrigued with the idea of sliding down hill on frozen water.

Along with a lot of folks who expressed interest, we had five new members sign up at the convention including two Rotaracters and our first ISFR member from the Peoples' Republic of China. Two new members are from the U.S.A., one from Australia, one from Canada, and the one from China.

Al Morris was also one of five panel members who participated in the breakout session “Rotary Fellowships: The Hidden Gems of Rotary”. Over 100 people attended the session of whom at least half had no idea as to what Rotary fellowships actually were when they sat down.



Dr. Michael De Vrien and Emiko, Shanghai, P.R. China



Amanda Fiskins, Annagrove NSW, Australia USA



Bobby Marsh Rotaracter San Diego, CA, USA

the editor thanks to President AI for this report and for showing us that the office is not all work and no play

Two Decades of Service Above Self The Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation

As most of you are aware, The Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation is a 501(c) (3) charity that was established in memory of Davis Boyd, one of the original founding members of ISFR. The foundation was established to assist in the development of Adaptive Ski programs across the globe, with a focus on providing capacity by training trainers and purchasing adaptive ski equipment.



Courtesy Eagle Mount

Adaptive ski programs have proven to be highly effective rehabilitation programs for individuals with a variety of disabilities, both physical and cognitive. These programs serve individuals of all ages born with disabilities, individuals who have developed disabilities through disease or accident, and wounded warriors. While the focus of these programs is to provide motivation and rehabilitation to individuals with disabilities, it

also, in many cases, gives caregivers a respite from their daily obligations. Although the focus of the

DBMF is to provide resources for ski programs, it is important to note that many of the programs have evolved to provide four season activities for the disabled, including water sports, cycling, etc.

Each of our North American Ski week locations are selected with the understanding that a local adaptive ski program exists or will be established and that program will receive half of the funds raised during the ski week. The remainder of the funds go to various requests and the



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Board endeavors to modestly grow our endowment – now approximately \$85,000 USD. Highlights from our ski week fundraising efforts include \$34,350 USD in 2008 at Whistler, and \$24,500 in 2015 at Big Sky.

Over the years, the Foundation has awarded a total of \$200,000+ to various programs, with individual grants ranging from \$750 to over \$17,000 USD. Over the past several years, our recipients have included: The National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park (\$15,000 in 2014 and \$2,500 for training at their International Congress), Disabled Winter Sports Australia (\$10,000 for training), Vermont Adaptive Ski (\$6,000 for a

Bi-ski and training), Eagle Mount Big Sky (\$15,000 for 2 sitzskis and other equipment), Whistler Adaptive Ski (\$3,000 for video production), Challenge Alaska (\$4,000 for a rehab program for veterans), and Teton Adaptive Sports Program (\$3,500 for a sitzski)

This year in Whistler, through the live and silent auction as well as the ever popular dessert auction! (thanks to generous contributions from our host hotel, the Fairmont Chateau Whistler) and the Two Peak Challenge pledges, the DBMF Board was able to award \$10,000 Canadian to Whistler Adaptive Ski. We thank all of you who contributed in any way for your generosity!



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It should be noted that virtually all of our funding comes during ski week activities, but it is the Board's goal to expand the fundraising beyond ski week efforts. As the current President of the Foundation, my goal for future fundraising is to put more emphasis on having all ISFR members make a concerted effort to reach out to our local Rotary clubs for support:

specifically through the Peak to Valley Challenge. To assist garnering support, the Foundation is developing

a PowerPoint that each of us can present to our respective clubs. By putting more emphasis on fundraising through the Peak to Valley, it is our hope that we can also make the DBMF fundraising at the Gala a little less overt – but just as much fun!

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