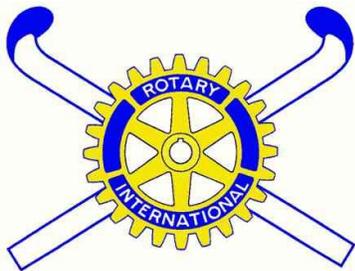




May 1, 2018



ISFR ASPEN SNOWMASS
January 27 – February 3, 2018



Over 100 Rotarians from all over the world came to our meeting at Snowmass this year. People from the US, Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, England, Austria, and the British Virgin Islands all joined in the fun.

Here are some of the Highlights:



The Joint Rotary meeting and banner exchange on Wednesday had a special speaker, Amanda Boxtel, the executive director of Bridging Bionics Foundation. The mission of this non-profit foundation is “to provide funding, education, and advance the research and development for exoskeletons and bionic technology to augment human mobility and capability.” Amanda herself suffered a spinal cord injury in a skiing accident and came with her exoskeleton to give an inspiring talk.



Rob Cairncross, the president of the Rotary Club of



Snowmass Village, our host club, directed the banner exchange at the Joint Rotary meeting. It was a pleasure to see all the clubs from all the different countries and states presented at the front for this exchange.

Of course there was skiing on the slopes of Snowmass, Aspen, and Aspen Highlands, shopping and dining in that iconic town, and Rotary fellowship throughout the week.



As usual, the Gala dinner was fun and the auction was a great success for the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation. Over \$24,000 was raised that night and an additional \$2,800 from pledges to Rotarians skiing the “Burn the Burn” challenge. From this, \$17,000 was awarded to Challenge Aspen, and an additional \$3,000 to Amanda Boxtel’s Bridging Bionics Foundation.

Special mention and Kudos to the Rotary Club of Coronado, California and organizer Steve Duermeyer (far right in picture). They had 28 Coronado Rotarians and guests in Snowmass! Can any club beat that at Telluride?



Coronado Rotarians in a rare quiet moment

Don't Miss out on the fun! Join us next year at Telluride!

**Telluride, Colorado USA
January 26 - February 2, 2019**

Accommodations will be at The Peaks Resort and Spa in the Mountain
Village and the
Camel's Garden Hotel in town

Registration available June 1 at www.isfrski.org



And think Sun Valley, Idaho, January 25-February 1, 2020

EUROPEAN MEEETING: February 10-17, 2018 Jasna, Slovakia



The Rotary Club Bratislava Danube and the Rotary Club Liptovský Mikuláš hosted the European meeting this past February 2018. Dr. Erhard Veiter, the ISFR-Chairman of the European Chapter Committee sent these photos and the following report by Ranier Reichtert, Chapter Secretary

Dear Rotarian friends,

Beginning of February this year more than 140 Rotarian friends travelled to Jasna in Slovakia to take part at the annual ISFR-European chapter skiweek. A skiweek so far east! A skiweek outside the Alps! Behind the Tatra mountains the landscape opens up, and if we had a flat earth you could see all the way to Siberia. A unique experience, a chance to see this wonderful country, a hint to come back in summer. The eventually chilly winds must be the reason why Slovakian people seem to be the most hospitable in the world!



We had such an inspiring week: morning, noon and evening time we met, well organized in those cozy mountain huts, tasted a little bit of the excellent Slovakian wine and definitely ate more than we planned - you still can taste the influence of 500 years Austrian cooking. Definitely a place to come back - not only for skiing, but also to visit the medieval towns and castles; especially royal Bratislava. For more information on Jasna and the next ISFR-events in Europe please contact our website www.isfr.eu

Best regards / Mit rotarischen Grüßen

Put this on your calendar:

2019 European Chapter Meeting

Oberstdorf/Kleinwalsertal, Germany – *March 16 – 23 2019*

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A Message from the President:

It seems like just yesterday we were skiing with ISFR in Snowmass. Great fun and great friends. We could have used a bit more snow, but the weather was perfect. I am truly sorry that we couldn't make it to Jasna this year to ski with our good European friends and share their fun.

Important news: The Nominating Committee has nominated Allyson Walter to be President of the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians. Upon election, Allyson will take office at the 2019 Annual General Meeting in Telluride. Congratulations Allyson! Your current president (me!) will remain on the Board of Directors as Immediate Past President.

Oberstdorf/Kleinwalsertal, Germany and Telluride, Colorado, USA, two great locations for ISFR skiing in 2019. Mark your calendars for one, the other or both! ISFR has visited Telluride twice before to much acclaim from all those that participated. Registration for Telluride will be opening around June 1. Watch for further details and the formal announcement of the opening for registration on our website, www.isfrski.org

As you see, the ISFR North American event for 2020 will be at Sun Valley, Idaho, USA. It has been several years since ISFR visited Sun Valley, and those that participated that last time have many fond memories. There have been significant upgrades to both the village and mountain since we were last there, so we can look forward to a great time. Going to Toronto? The ISFR will have a booth as usual in the House of Friendship (#225). Stop by the booth and say "hello" to your ISFR friends and socialize a bit. Pins can be purchased there if you have lost yours or want one for your spouse. Reconnect with ISFR members who you may not have seen in some time.

Anyone wishing to help manning the booth should contact Abby O'Neal (me@abbyoneal.com) or President Al (bighat@ix.netcom.com). As those of us who have done this in past conventions know well, manning the booth is a wonderful experience. It is also a great way to help the ISFR gain membership. You also get the opportunity to meet the greatest people from all over the world and to share your interest in Rotary and the sport of snow skiing.

Al Morris

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