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*Skiing, Fellowship,  
Fun, and Service.*

## President's Letter

Greetings from the snowy flat lands of Iowa, USA. I am excited to serve as your International President for the next few years. This fellowship has become an important part of my life over the past 10 years. I have visited many new areas of North America and made some very special friends because of it. I am excited to lead the organization. I feel we have some great times ahead of us and know we will continue to make an impact on numerous lives and many adaptive ski programs around the world through ISFR and the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation.

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of 3 new ISFR members to our Board of Directors! Jon Curtis, Rotary Club of Killington Pico (VT, USA), has stepped up to be our newsletter editor. Thank you Jon for all of your efforts to get this publication out to the membership. Eddie Cheung, Rotary Club of Durango (CO, USA), is very excited to serve as well as get involved with our adaptive ski programs. Peter Buerghler, Rotary Club of Wittingen (Switzerland) has also joined the board. It is wonderful to have European representation on our board. Welcome to all three of you. We look forward to your leadership.

As we wind down after our wonderful 2019 North American Ski Week in Telluride CO we start gearing up for the next Ski Week in Sun Valley ID. Planning a week full of activities for nearly 100 Rotarians from across the globe is a huge undertaking. Fortunately, Rotarians are great leaders and even better volunteers! Please consider volunteering for one of the Sun Valley planning committees (see article later in this newsletter). Each committee will consist of an ISFR member and a member from each of our host Rotary Clubs in the Sun Valley area, Rotary Club of Ketchum/Sun Valley and Rotary Club of Hailey, ID. You will be learning much more about the plans for Sun Valley in the coming months. Registration will open in early June!

Rotarians never slow down! We are already looking for a host club(s) for our 2021 North American Ski Week. Every third or fourth year we travel to Canada for our annual events. The Board is looking for volunteers to serve on our Ski Host Selection Committee. We are looking for people to get involved in soliciting a 2021 host from Canada. Please let me know if you are willing to serve.



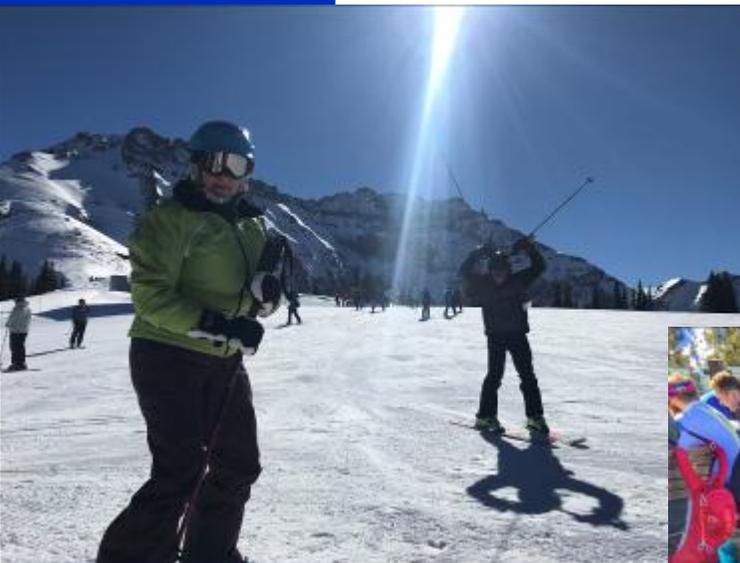
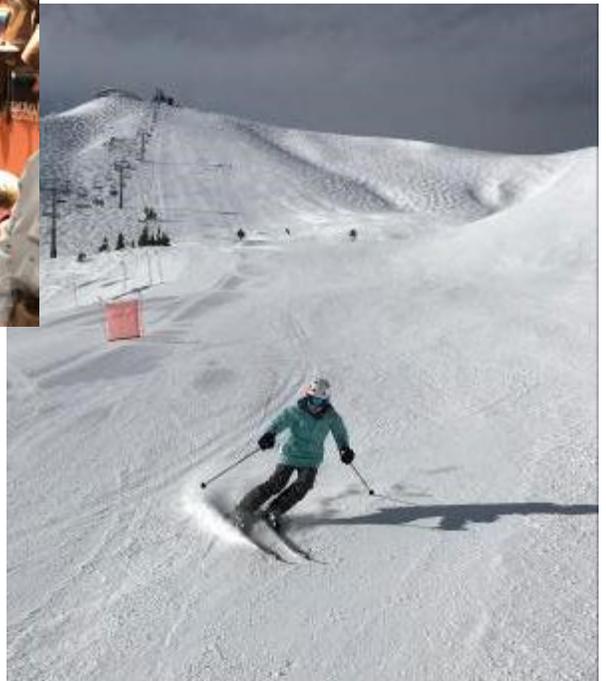
I will close by saying I am honored to serve as your president. I value open communication, I want to know what you as a member think the fellowship should continue doing as well as what it should do differently. How can we improve? What would make you want to become more involved? What would make you want to attend next year's event? How can we grow the organization? Please feel free to reach out to me any time. I have a dedicated ISFR email address ~ ISFRski@gmail.com. My cell phone number is 515.231.7349. I want to hear from you!

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,  
Allyson

Allyson Walter  
Rotary Club of Ames, IA USA

# A fun time was had by all

The 2019 North American trip was held in Telluride, Colorado. Just under 100 Rotarians attended the event. At the welcome party we were warmly greeted by the mayors of the towns of Telluride and Telluride Village. The weather was sunny and warm for the duration of our stay.



**Telluride  
Colorado**



**A selection  
of the  
world's  
most  
expensive  
desserts  
made  
donating to  
charity  
mighty  
tasty!**

## DAVIS BOYD MEMORIAL FOUNDATION REPORT

### DEDICATED TO THE SUPPORT OF ADAPTIVE SKIING

Greetings from the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation

On behalf of the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation (DBMF), I want to thank all of those that attended ski week in Telluride and participated in the various fund-raising activities benefitting the foundation. Although funds are still trickling in, I am pleased to report that the evening of the Gala, almost \$20,000 was raised through our silent and live auctions.

An additional \$4,000 was raised independently for the Brian Andersen Scholarship Fund, which brings the total donations since the fund was announced to a little over \$11,000. DBMF will be contributing an additional \$10,000 into this fund, and the Board is in the process of drafting a policy for awarding annual scholarships.

But I am most excited by the fundraising that took place outside of the gala through the Revelation Challenge! A few ski week participants took the challenge to heart and raised an additional \$6,000 by asking fellow Rotarians, friends and family to support their effort. Our esteemed President Allyson posted her birthday challenge on Facebook, and the response was overwhelming!

So I encourage all ISFR members

to consider taking the same initiative next year when we put the call out for the Peak to Sun Valley Challenge! To lay the groundwork in advance, please consider making presentations on behalf of DBMF to your home Rotary Club using the Power Point presentation we developed. Please reach out to Jeffrey Penza ([jpenza@penzabailey.com](mailto:jpenza@penzabailey.com)) for a copy of the PowerPoint.

Finally, the Board of Directors extends it's gratitude to Lyn Stroshin who stepped off of the Board after many years of service, and also to even longer tenured Ben Lawton who will step down after the finances are transitioned to our new treasurer. Thank you both!

We continue seeking additional members to join the Board, so please

contact Jeff if you have the skills and the interest.

The trustees greatly appreciate your support of the DBMF, and we look forward to seeing you all at Sun Valley in 2020!

From the DBMF Board of Trustees:

Jeffrey Penza, President  
Bruce Grossman, VP  
Mark Dent, Treasurer  
James Scott, Secretary  
R. Jeffrey Coup  
Ben Lawton  
Emory Sanders







**Where in North America have we been all these years?**

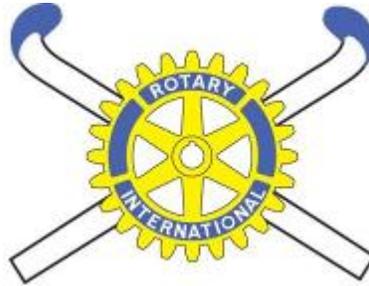
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| 2019 Telluride      | 2009 Crested Butte | 1999 Whistler     |
| 2018 Aspen/Snowmass | 2008 Whistler      | 1998 Breckenridge |
| 2017 Jackson Hole   | 2007 Steamboat     | 1997 Park City    |
| 2016 Whistler       | 2006 Alyeska       | 1996 Heavenly     |
| 2015 Big Sky        | 2005 Fernie        | 1995 Whistler     |
| 2014 Winter Park    | 2004 Telluride     | 1994 Steamboat    |
| 2013 Telluride      | 2003 Sun Valley    | 1993 Sun Valley   |
| 2012 Revelstoke     | 2002 Banff         | 1989-92 Copper Mt |
| 2011 Aspen          | 2001 Jackson Hole  | 1987-8 Keystone   |
| 2010 Park City      | 2000 Heavenly      | 1974-1986 Vail    |

*An ISFR ski trip isn't just for Rotarians, you can bring the whole family like Allyson did!*



Thank you Past-President Al Morris for all your hard work these past four years. Thank you for Whistler/Blackcomb, Jackson Hole, Aspen, and Telluride!





**Get involved!**

**Help us plan a great Ski Week in 2020**

**~ Sun Valley Idaho ~**

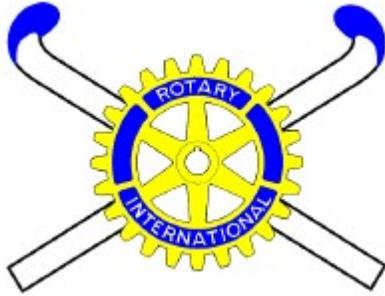
**Contact Allyson Walter, International President, to Volunteer**

**[ISFRski@gmail.com](mailto:ISFRski@gmail.com) or 515.231.7349**

**We are looking for ISFR members to serve on a committee with a Rotarian from each Sun Valley Club to plan and execute a portion of our activities next year!!**

Gala and Silent/Live Auctions  
Home Hospitality  
Non-Ski Activities  
Welcome/Registration  
Joint Rotary Meeting & Rotary Mountain Guides  
Adaptive Ski Program & Fundraiser  
Dine Around  
Website & Registration  
Social Media & PR/Marketing

**The ISFR Ski Host Selection Committee** has been designated as the committee responsible for the solicitation, coordination and subsequent presentation to the ISFR Board for any and all proposals that are offered for consideration in any given year. We are looking for people to get involved in selecting a 2021 host. We are looking for a host community in Canada.



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**ISFR – International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians was founded in 1974 in the United States and comprises of two individual chapters: North America and Europe.**

**Skiing is enjoyed worldwide by thousands of Rotarians and their families of all ages and abilities. What better and more enjoyable avenue to build new friendships and international understanding than to join your fellow Rotarians and sharpen your skills on the slopes of the world or see the world on cross-country skis!**

**By joining the Fellowship, you will not only meet Rotarians from around the world who share your interest in skiing, but you will create lasting friendships. Both in Europe and in North America a Ski Fellowship annual meeting and ski week is held each year in a different location.**

North American Chapter website: <http://isfrski.org/>

European Chapter website: <https://www.isfr.eu/>

#### SUN VALLEY FUN FACTS

1. Sun Valley was the first ski resort to build a chairlift, which was adapted from a system used to haul bananas onto ships in Panama.
  2. The first lift ticket price at Sun Valley in 1936 on Proctor and Dollar Mountains was 25 cents.
  3. Sun Valley has the largest automated snowmaking system in the world.
  4. The name "Sun Valley" was thought up by a New York PR agent, Steve Hannigan, who thought the name appropriate for a place that receives 250 days of sunshine a year.
  5. Sun Valley Resort's uphill lift capacity on Bald Mountain is a staggering 21,580 skiers per hour, but averages only 3,500 skiers per day. Result: no lift lines with highest per person uphill lift capacity of any resort anywhere.
  6. The first woman to win a gold medal in the winter Olympics, Gretchen Fraser, hailed from Sun Valley. She continued to mentor Sun Valley's female skiers for many years, including champions such as Susie Corrock, Christin Cooper, Picabo Street, and Muffy Davis, giving them Tiffany gold four-leaf clover pins that assuredly had Fraser's golden touch. She is buried near Ernest Hemingway in the Ketchum Cemetery.
  7. Sun Valley has had a snowboarder in every winter Olympics since the discipline became an Olympic sport. In 2014 Sun Valley's own Kaitlyn Farrington won gold in the women's half pipe.
  8. 39 living Olympians call Sun Valley home.
  9. The dual lens, non-fogging ski goggle took off in Sun Valley as an innovation which made skiing/riding the most epic conditions possible. Smith Optics, the inventors, was based in Sun Valley from 1965 until 2015.
  10. Powder Magazine was founded in Sun Valley.
  11. 17 leaders of Fortune 500 companies call Sun Valley home part of the year
  12. 136 current CEO's/Presidents of U.S. businesses covering a wide variety of sectors also call Sun Valley home part of the year
- From Visit SunValley