President’s Letter

Greetings from ISFR!

Another tremendous North American Ski Week is in the books. Enjoy this newsletter full of photos and details about the week. We had a great group of Rotarians, family, and friends at Sun Valley Resort in January. We were treated like VIPs and enjoyed getting to know local Rotarians and Higher Ground participants and staff.

In early March, I had the opportunity to travel to Banff, Alberta, Canada, to preview the Banff Park Lodge and the community. I am very excited to let everyone know that we have confirmed details for our 2021 North American Ski Week. The Rotary Clubs of Banff and Canmore are pleased to be our hosts. I met with ISFR Member, PDG Neil Berg, Banff Club President Hugh Pettigrew, and President-Elect Nominee from Canmore, Donna Potter. They will be taking the lead on helping our committees plan the 2021 Ski Week. Banff Park Lodge will be our headquarters hotel the week of January 23 - 30, 2021. There is a one-page Flyer later in this newsletter. Please consider printing it and sharing it throughout your district and with other Rotarians you meet.

Registration for the 2021 ski week will open on July 1st. At that time, you will also need to renew your ISFR membership. I urge you to consider paying for a lifetime membership! Lifetime membership is comparable to 10 years of annual membership payments, but in year 11, you won’t have to pay!! You will also avoid any future membership rate increases. The cost of lifetime membership $350 US.

We will be reaching out for ski week planning committee volunteers. Please consider getting involved in the planning for 2021. Our 2020 volunteers did an excellent job, but we can’t rely on them to carry the load forever.

Later in this newsletter, you will see a new and improved membership brochure. It is designed to easily be printed 2-sided on one sheet of paper on your home printer. Please consider printing a number of them and share with prospective members in your club and district and where ever you meet Rotarians. We all have the responsibility of recruiting new members and keeping our fellowship healthy.

Thank you for your ISFR membership and involvement. I look forward to seeing you all in Banff in January.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Allyson Walter
International President
Rotary Club of Ames, IA
Sun Valley 2020: A look back

The 2020 North American trip was held in Sun Valley, Idaho. Just under 100 Rotarians attended the event. Local club members welcomed us with a dine-out at a local Italian restaurant. Many ISFR members took advantage of local Rotarian ski guides for the first few days on the slopes. The weather was sunny and warm for the duration of our stay.
Dick Dorworth is a skier’s skier, a writer’s writer. As a young man he pushed his limits on skis; he is still putting himself on the line in honest, telling, unsparing prose. This was a story of life and death at high speeds on snow, of world records and world-class skiers, of ambitions realized and frustrated, of fear and fearlessness at over 100 miles per hour. Dorworth took us with him down the straight courses of his pursuit of pure speed. It was an exhilarating non-stop ride.

You can read about it in his book “The Straight Course” about speed skiing in the 1960s at Portillo, Chile. He is author of a half-dozen books on skiing. Learn more at https://tinyurl.com/y7qonthv

Photos from the Sun Valley Ski Week are posted at: http://isfrski.org/photo/

We would love to have your photos! If you would like to provide photos to be added to the gallery please send them to Al Morris by email bighat@ix.netcom.com
Greetings from Sun Valley, home to Higher Ground!

On behalf of the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation Board of Directors, I offer all ISFR members and their loved ones around the globe our wishes for continued health as we struggle through the COVID 19 crisis. United, we shall overcome and be stronger when the crisis ends.

I want to thank all of those that attended ski week in Sun Valley and participated in the various fundraising activities benefitting the foundation. Although funds are still trickling in, I am pleased to report that the evening of the Gala, almost $18,000 was raised through our silent ($2,500), live auction ($10,500), and ever amazing dessert auction ($4,800).

An additional $4,600 was raised independently for the Brian Andersen Scholarship Fund, which brings the total donations since the fund was announced to over $16,000. DBMF has restricted an additional $10,000 into this fund, and the Board has approved a process for awarding an annual scholarship to a deserving individual attending an adaptive ski program.

I continue to be thrilled by the fundraising that took place outside of the gala through the Higher Ground Challenge! Several ski week participants continue to spread the word through their local Rotary Clubs and through social media to raise an additional $11,000! Let’s all endeavor to increase the fundraising from the Challenge well into 5 figures next year! Thanks to Bruce Grossman, Al Morris, Jim Scott, Emory Sanders, Jeff Coup, Jeff Strickler, Allyson Walters and yours truly for their efforts.

Again, please consider making a presentation on behalf of DBMF to your home Rotary Club using the Power Point presentation we developed. Please reach out to me (jpenza@penzabailey.com) for a copy of the PowerPoint.

The Board welcomes Kim Champion and Robert Rutherford to the Board. 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 Banff in 2021! In the interim, stay calm, stay safe, stay healthy.

YIRS, your DBMF Board of Trustees:
Jeffrey Penza, President
Bruce Grossman, Vice President
Mark Dent, Treasurer
James Scott, Secretary
Kimberly Champion
R. Jeffrey Coup
Dr. Jeffrey Strickler
Robert Rutherford
Emory Sanders
Join the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians in Banff & Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada
January 23 - 30, 2021

Banff Park Lodge will be our Headquarters Hotel. Rooms will be available to members at a special ISFR rate.

You will be able to ‘Ski Big 3’ - Ski Banff Sunshine, Lake Louise, and Mt. Norquay all on one discounted lift ticket! Free ski shuttles pick-up right outside the hotel lobby and go directly to all three ski hills.

Our host clubs are The Rotary Club of Banff and The Rotary Club of Canmore.

The Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation fundraising efforts will support Rocky Mountain Adaptive Ski/Snowboard programs.

Join ISFR Now (or renew your membership) to be sure to get the latest updates on the trip!

Registration opens July 1st!

www.ISFRski.org
BANFF, Alberta, Canada with THREE full mountains of skiing!

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THE SNOWLINE
ISFR moves into the second generation; bring your kids to the next trip!

Where in North America have we been all these years?

2020 Sun Valley  
2019 Telluride  
2018 Aspen/Snowmass  
2017 Jackson Hole  
2016 Whistler  
2015 Big Sky  
2014 Winter Park  
2013 Telluride  
2012 Revelstoke  
2011 Aspen  
2010 Park City  
2009 Crested Butte  
2008 Whistler  
2007 Steamboat  
2006 Alyeska  
2005 Fernie  
2004 Telluride  
2003 Sun Valley  
2002 Banff  
2001 Jackson Hole  
2000 Heavenly  
1999 Whistler  
1998 Breckenridge  
1997 Park City  
1996 Heavenly  
1995 Whistler  
1994 Steamboat  
1993 Sun Valley

CHECK OUT THE ICE SCULPTURES AT THE LAKE LOUISE FAIRMONT HOTEL
Get involved!

Help us deliver a great Ski Week in 2021

~ Western Canada ~

Contact Allyson Walter, International President, to Volunteer

ISFRski@gmail.com or 515.231.7349

We are looking for ISFR members to serve on a committee with a Rotarian from the Banff and/or Canmore Rotary club to plan and execute a portion of our activities.

- 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.
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/

BANFF FUN FACTS
Banff National Park is Canada’s oldest national park, established in 1885 in the Rocky Mountains.

Banff National Park is the third-oldest national park in the world.

In 1883, three railway workers, Thomas McCardell, William McCardell and Frank McCabe discovered a number of hot springs (now known as cave and basin) at the base of what is now called Sulphur Mountain.

Today, Banff National Park is 6,641 square kilometers (2,564 square miles) in area, the second largest of Canada’s mountain parks behind Jasper National Park.

Banff National Park is home to 53 species of mammals. This incredible diversity of wildlife is a reflection of the wide range of habitats found in the park due to variations in elevation, climate, and plant communities.

Skiing was introduced to the Banff and Lake Louise area in 1909 by Swiss and Austrian mountain guides.

The Town of Banff has an elevation of 1,383 meters (4,537 feet) making it the highest town in Canada.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Rotarian ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City, State ___________________________
Postal Code/Zip ______________________
Country ______________________________
Email ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
Rotary Club __________________________
District ______________________________

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Fellowships are open to Rotarians, their family members, & participants & alumni of all Rotary programs.

Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

JOIN online at www.ISFRski.org

INTERNATIONAL SKIING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:
$35.00 US (JUNE 1–MAY 31)
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES:
$350.00 US

Make checks payable to ISFR mail to: ISFR
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Telluride CO 81435

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JOIN TODAY!!
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A BIT ABOUT ISFR

The First Annual International Skiing Fellowship meeting was held in Vail, Colorado, in February of 1974. Since that first meeting, Rotary ski events have been held in Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Massachusetts, Montana, Utah & Wyoming. Canada has hosted events in Alberta & British Columbia.

Current ISFR membership ranges from 250 to 300. The annual north American ski week participation is usually around 100 to 125 Rotarians, families & friends.

The Ski Fellowship’s annual meeting & ski week is held each year in a different location. Local Rotary Clubs partner with ISFR to organize ski weeks. Host clubs & local Rotary members provide expertise in planning & organizing the week of events for both skiers & non-skiers. Activities may include mountain tours, home-hosted dinners, restaurant dine-around, après ski activities & visits to interesting local & historical sites.

The Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians was founded as a social fellowship of Rotary International. Each year ISFR members travel to different ski resorts in North America for a week of skiing, fun & friendship, & to create awareness of Rotary International.

In the mid-1990s, the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation (DBMF), a 501c(3), was established in memory of Davis Boyd, one of the co-founders of ISFR. The focus of DBMF is to raise funds for adaptive ski programs. During the ski week, the group holds various fundraisers. Peak-to-Valley Challenges with sponsor support & member-sponsored auctions, to name just two. DBMF donates a portion of the funds to the local adaptive ski program. The balance of the funds are held in a growth account, to provide funds to help train volunteers at adaptive ski schools, facilitate the purchase adaptive ski equipment for targeted programs around the world, & raise awareness of the benefits of adaptive skiing to challenged athletes and their families.

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