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Skiing, Fellowship, Fun, and Service.

President's Letter

I invite you to our 2023 Annual General Membership Meeting. We will host a Zoom Meeting on Friday, April 28th, at 4 pm CT. We have lots of news to share, so I hope you will join us! https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/88646122763?
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Meeting ID: 886 4612 2763

Passcode: 485115.

2023 has seen two wonderful ski weeks and opportunities for fellowship! Enjoy this newsletter full of photos and details about both weeks.

I am excited to inform everyone that we are working on details for our 2024 North American Ski Week. The Rotary Clubs of Bend, OR, are pleased to be our hosts, and we will be ski-ing at Mt. Bachelor ei-ther February 3-10. We will be reaching out for ski week planning committee volunteers. Please consider getting

involved in the planning for 2024. Kate

Noreen, Kevin Noreen, and Cliff Elling have agreed to be our chairs since they are in the area. But we will be looking for additional volunteers.

Remember that to register for the 2024 ski week you must renew your ISFR membership! Please consider a lifetime membership. It is comparable to 10 years of annual membership payments, but in year 11, you won't have to pay! You will also avoid future membership rate increases. The cost of a lifetime membership is \$350 US.

In this newsletter, you will see a new and improved membership brochure. We have designed it to print 2-sided on one sheet of paper. Print a number and share them with prospective members. We are all responsible for recruiting new members and keeping our fellowship healthy.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to see so many of you this past year at the RI convention in Houston, at our Japan Ski Week in Niseko, and at Park City. I hope to see many more of you in Melbourne, or at Mt. Bachelor. And don't forget the opportunity to Ski in Verbier next

Yours in Rotary Service,

Allyson Walter

March!

International President Rotary Club of Ames, IA

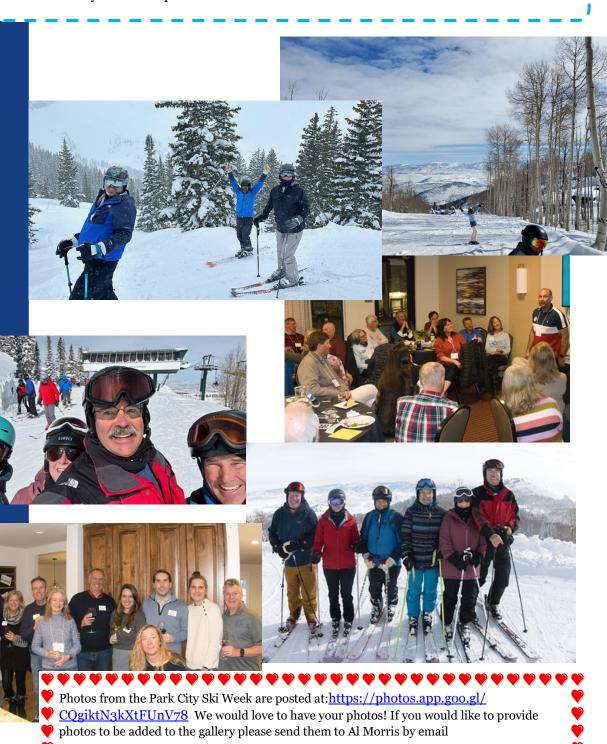


2023 North American Ski Trip

Park City!

Park City 2023: A look back

The 2023 North American trip was held in Park City, Utah. Just under 50 Rotarians attended the event. Local club members welcomed us into their homes in small groups. Many ISFR members took advantage of local Rotarian ski guides for the first few days on the slopes.



2023 trip to Niseko, Japan

An article about ISFR was posted in Feb 28 2023 morning edition of Hokkaido Newspaper.

Hokkaido Newspaper is the 7th largest newspaper in entire Japan, with 800,000 issues daily.

Translation from Japanese: International Skiing Fellowship Rotarians (ISFR) held a charity auction in Mid Town Niseko, a hotel located in Kucchan Town. Each member brought auction item and they donated gift certificates to purchase ski equipment to Hokkaiaisei Gakuen, a nursing home in Rankoshi Town.

ISFR has organized ski weeks at various ski resort throughout the world past forty plus years, where they held charity auction. The sales proceeds are used to donate ski equipment to social welfare groups in the resort they stay. ISFR visited Niseko for the first time and held an auction on February 15th to please the children.

More than 40 bid items were displayed in the auction table, brought and won by the participating members. The sales reached 250,000 yen.

Allyson Walter, ISFR global president, 57 year old, commented, "we have built wonderful experiences through skiing and would like to have the children feel the joys of skiing."



Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation

Dedicated to the support of Adaptive skiing

This past year we donated \$20,000 to Rocky Mountain Adaptive from our fund raising activities in Banff. We also provided them with \$2,800 in scholarships from the Brian Anderson Memorial restricted fund.

Our fund raising activities from this year's Park City Trip have produced:

Auction Items: \$10,860

Dessert Auction: \$2,690

Peak to Valley donations: Over \$5,000 with more expected.

Total:\$18,550 approx.

Board Members: Jeff Coup, Pres.; Craig Gannaway, V. P.; Bruce Grossman, Sec.; Mark Dent, Treas.; Jim Scott; Robert Rutherford; Ellen (Ellie) Patterson & Dan Kentner.

Are YOU going to the Rotary International Conference in Melbourne Australia?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ISFR will have a booth to promote our fellowship skiing and we could use a couple hours of your time to attract other Rotarians and their families to our world of skiing.

Contact Allyson if you can help us attract more skiing and riding friends.

ISFRski@gmail.com or 515.231.7349

2024 Fundraising Primary Beneficiary: Oregon Adaptive Sports

Oregon Adaptive Sports (OAS) is a nonprofit organization that provides recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities in Central Oregon. Founded in 1996, the organization aims to enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing adaptive sports programs and activities.

OAS offers a variety of adaptive sports programs, including skiing, snowboarding, cycling, kayaking, and rock climb-



ing. The organization is staffed by a team of experienced and trained volunteers who are passionate about helping people with disabilities enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

One of the most popular programs offered by OAS is adaptive skiing and snowboarding. The organization partners with local ski resorts to provide adaptive equipment and trained instructors to help individuals with disabilities hit the slopes. OAS also offers adaptive cycling programs, including hand cycling, tandem cycling, and recumbent cycling, as well as adaptive kayaking and rock climbing.

Through its programs, OAS aims to promote physical activity, social engagement, and a sense of community among individuals with disabilities. The organization believes that everyone should have access to recreational opportunities, regardless of their physical abilities.

In addition to its adaptive sports programs, OAS also offers a variety of events and activities throughout the year, including an annual fundraising gala and community outreach events. The organization also partners with local schools to provide adaptive sports programming for students with disabilities.

The impact of OAS can be seen in the lives of the individuals it serves. Many participants report increased confidence, improved physical health, and a sense of empowerment as a result of their involvement in OAS programs. By providing adaptive sports opportunities, OAS is helping to break down barriers and promote inclusivity in the outdoor recreation industry.

Overall, Oregon Adaptive Sports is a fantastic organization that is making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities in Central Oregon. Through its adaptive sports programs, events, and outreach efforts, OAS is promoting physical activity, social engagement, and inclusivity for individuals with disabilities. If you or someone you know could benefit from OAS programs, I encourage you to get involved and experience the life-changing impact of adaptive sports.

2023 Rome cancelled, next year in Verbier, Switzerland!

We were all looking forward to the meeting in Roccaraso, central Italy. To skiing together, to unique excursions and tours of old Roman sites and of course to the unique Italian cuisine. We weren't afforded that.

An extremely warm and dry winter finally forced us to cancel our meeting in the last few weeks before. The ISFR Europe Board therefore decided to support the selected



project of RC Sulmona and to make an extraordinary contribution to the selected project, which was originally supposed to be supported by a collection from the participants of the event. It is only a small compensation for their dedication and efforts, for which we thank them and which we will surely benefit from in the years to come.

However, we are looking ahead and are already working hard to prepare our next year's ISFR week in Verbier, Switzerland – awarded as the world's best ski resort twice in a row.

Introductions and preliminary information are posted at http://www.isfr.eu/next-events/

Looking forward to a wonderful ski week in 2024 in Verbier.

Milos Kmety



How about a
European
Vacation
without Chevy
Chase but with
lots of skiing
and Rotary
Fellowship?



Join the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians in Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, USA February 03 - 10, 2024

Our Headquarters Hotel will be in nearby <u>Bend</u>, <u>Oregon</u>. Rooms will be available to members at a special ISFR rate.

You will be able to ski Mt Bachelor.



The Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation fundraising efforts will support Oregon Adaptive Sports.

Join ISFR Now (or renew your membership)

to be sure to get the latest updates on the trip!

Registration opens in August!

www.ISFRski.org

Mt. Bachelor is
the 6th largest
ski resort in
North America
— with 4,323
skiable acres,
3,365 feet of
vertical drop,
and 101 runs to
explore, Mt.
Bachelor
provides a
unique
experience for
everyone.







Where in North America have we been all these years?

2023 Niseko Japan and Park City Utah 2022 Banff 2020 Sun Valley 2019 Telluride 2018 Aspen/Snowmass

2017 Jackson Hole

2016 Whistler
2016 Park City
2015 Big Sky
2009 Crested Butte
2014 Winter Park
2008 Whistler
2013 Telluride
2007 Steamboat
2012 Revelstoke
2006 Alyeska
2011 Aspen
2005 Fernie
2004 Telluride

into the second generation; bring your kids to the next trip!



Recognize anyone in this Japanese newspaper article?





Get involved! Help us deliver a great Ski Week in 2024

~ Mt Bachelor, Oregon ~

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 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



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ISFR – International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians was founded in 1974.

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 crosscountry 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.

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians website: http://isfrski.org/

European Ski Week website: https://www.isfr.eu/

Mt Bachelor Fun Facts from our latest staff writer Chat G. Pt.

Mt. Bachelor is a magnificent and awe-inspiring mountain located in the Cascade Range of central Oregon. Known for its stunning views, excellent ski slopes, and diverse recreational opportunities, Mt. Bachelor attracts visitors from all over the world. Here are some fun facts about this iconic mountain:

- 1. Mt. Bachelor is an active volcano Despite being considered dormant, Mt. Bachelor is still an active volcano. It is part of the Cascade Volcanic Arc and last erupted over 8,000 years ago.
- 2. It has a unique shape Mt. Bachelor has a distinct, cone-shaped summit that stands out among the surrounding peaks. This shape is due to its composition of lava flows and ash deposits.
- 3. It's the 6th largest ski area in North America With over 4,300 skiable acres, Mt. Bachelor is the sixth largest ski area in North America. It boasts 101 runs, 11 lifts, and an average snowfall of 462 inches per year.
- 4. It's a popular spot for summer activities While Mt. Bachelor is well-known for its skiing, it's also a popular spot for summer activities. Visitors can go hiking, mountain biking, and even take a scenic chairlift ride to the summit.
- 5. It's home to the highest restaurant in Oregon At an elevation of 7,800 feet, the Pine Marten Lodge is the highest restaurant in Oregon. It offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains and is a popular spot for skiers and hikers alike.
- 6. It has a unique terrain park Mt. Bachelor's terrain park, known as "West Village," is one of the most unique in the country. It features over 20 rails, boxes, and jumps, as well as a halfpipe and a superpipe.
- 7. It's a popular destination for stargazing Mt. Bachelor's high elevation and clear skies make it a popular destination for stargazers. The mountain even hosts an annual "Star Party" where visitors can learn about astronomy and view the night sky through telescopes.

In conclusion, Mt. Bachelor is a unique and fascinating mountain that offers something for everyone. Whether you're a skier, hiker, or just looking for a stunning view, Mt. Bachelor is definitely worth a visit!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Rotarian
Address
City, State
Postal Code/Zip
Country
Email
Phone
Rotary Club
District

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$35.00 US (JULY 1—JUNE 30)

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$350.00 US

Make checks payable to ISFR Mail to:

ISFR 2747 Little Wall Lake Dr. Jewell IA 50130

Join online at www.ISFRski.org

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.

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A LITTLE 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 350 to 500. 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 ski weeks, 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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