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Photo: "Rotarians prepare Thailand for 2003 World Jamboree" After attending a weeklong training course, a large group of Thai Rotarians (members of IFSR) completed their Advanced Training Course with a verbal test. That took place in the Asoke Tower, the tallest building in Bangkok (also the tallest building in Thailand). This photo shows the large group of Rotarians who all passed the test and are now ready to help the Thai National Scout Committee prepare for the 2003 World Scout Jamboree!

IFSR Chairman Harold Friend Targets 3 Projects

Can YOU represent IFSR at a WOSM Conference?

If you can attend (at your own expense) contact Harold Friend as soon as possible; he will then request your accreditation as an IFSR Rep.

- May 2-6 Belarus
- July 7-13 Prague
- Sept 24-28 Bolivia
- Oct 7-11 India
- Nov 1-6 Saudi Arabia
- Nov 16-25 Gabon

This year is one of great activity for IFSR around the world. I have just returned from an International Conference held at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico where scout leaders from around the world met to discuss International Scouting. We had the opportunity to trade ideas and thoughts.

As you know, RI President Frank Devlyn has asked all Rotarians to become computer literate and communicate officially by email. IFSR has instituted a plan to do so including the newsletters over the next year. As business and community leaders, we must keep up as even our children are ahead in computer knowledge.

Second, for too long we have thought of IFSR as being an honorary organization with little or no substance. This needs to change. I have asked the international leaders of IFSR to move forward on three projects:

- ❖ Helping to raise funds for a sponsorship in the new Scouting Museum at the birthplace of Scouting, Gilwell (Tom Cryer to chair);
- ❖ Helping the World Scout Organization in many aspects including the extension of Scouting in Russia (February conference in Houston); and
- ❖ Active participation in the next World Jamboree. Our Thai Section, as part of the Far Eastern Region is already making plans for our participation in that event.

In addition, we are establishing committees (under the direction of International Vice Chair David Judge) for our celebration in the 100th anniversary of Scouting and Rotary.

IFSR will have an active participation in two events, the International Rotary Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA (24-27 June 2000), and a District Conference in Springfield, Illinois, USA (mid June 2001) that will include a day of Scouting-Rotary activity with leaders from both organizations participating as an example of what can be done.

In summary, we need your support and active participation in IFSR now! We need to move forward and volunteer to assist in each and every one of these events and activities. Contact your Section and Region Chair and ask what you can do to participate.

PDG Harold Friend, M. D.
International Chair, IFSR



Annual General Meeting held June 5, 2000 during Buenos Aires Convention

The annual General Meeting of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians was held at 4:00 p.m. on June 5, 2000 at the Fellowship Booth during the Rotary International Convention in Buenos Aires. Vice Chair DG David Judge opened the meeting and welcomed the members.

There were 14 *IFSR* members present: David Judge, Colchester Forum, 1240; Christine Judge, Colchester, 1240; Philip Knowles, Southcenter, 5030; Lane Calvert, Anaheim, 13230; Del Raby, Santa Rosa Sunrise, 5130; John Rossignor, Newark-Heath, 6690; Dale Ricklefs, Round Rock, 5870; Brian Thiessen, Alamo, 5160; Carolyn Thiessen, Alamo, 5160; Joe Serrano, Forth Worth South, 5790; Atsushi Yasakawa, Chioba, 2790; plus two from Japan who did not sign the roster.

Vice Chair David gave apologies for International Chair Harold Friend and International Secretary Bud Allison, neither of whom was able to attend the convention. He presented their greetings and those from Brian Kimberley.

Minutes of the June 14, 1999 meeting at the Rotary International Convention in Singapore were distributed.

The annual financial statement was distributed and discussed. Vice Chair David indicated that the fellowship has been in the deficit the past two years. He said that the dues each member pays goes to each regional fellowship with \$1.00 per person being allocated to the international fellowship. Brian Thiessen explained how the Interamerican fellowship spends its share of the dues. This led to discussion on the part of the newly revised constitution that allows for 50% of the annual dues to be sent to the international fellowship.

Brian Thiessen moved and John Rossignor seconded that the distribution be approved in concept with the modification discussed at the meeting. Brian is to provide those to the fellowship. Motion passed unanimously.

A slate of officers was suggested as follows: Harold Friend, Chairman; David Judge, Vice Chairman; Bud Allison, Secretary; Bruce Trefz, Publicity; Dave Nickerson, Treasurer; Jack Mayo, Newsletter Publisher; Del Raby, Newsletter Editor. Dale Ricklefs made the motion and Lane Calvert seconded that the slate of officers be elected as sug-

Please renew your IFSR dues

Help end IFSR's financial deficit. Dues are reasonable, especially in light of the value of Rotary and Scouting in building international understanding – a worldwide foundation for peace and harmony. Your expiration date should appear above your name on this newsletter's address label. We recommend Life Membership – a one-time payment of \$120.

Extension of Scouting Rotarians into Russia

The former Soviet area East of the Ural Mountains is a large part of Rotary District 5010 (Alaska, East Russia and the Yukon). D-5010 is one of many Rotary Districts in *IFSR's* Interamerican Region, which reports to us that a meeting will be held in Seattle, WA, USA in late January to determine where additional Rotary Clubs can be organized in Russia.

IFSR Interamerican Region leaders have volunteered to assist in this effort and to spread the word on how Rotary Clubs and Districts might help ongoing efforts to spread both Rotary and Scouting in the former Soviet Union.

Joint projects and event matching grants programs can assist local Rotary Clubs and Scout Units meet the challenges of working and playing in today's hectic world. In fact, if every youngster participates in Scouting and every adult participates in Rotary, we could live in a world of peace and compassion.

The extension of the Scouting movement into Russia and the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union will be among topics discussed during the *Fifth Annual Rotary Expansion in Russia and the Newly Independent States* conference being held February 9-11 in Houston, Texas, USA.

Conference information can be obtained through IFSR's Interamerican Region, from the Rotary District Governor of the host district, 5890, or directly from Conference Registrar Jeffrey Fattig [Email: jfattig@masnet.net or FAX 409-265-8503.]

gested. Passed unanimously.

Brian Thiessen reported on the election of officers of the Interamerican fellowship as follows: Brian Thiessen, Chairman; and Bruce Treey, Vice Chairman.

Brian also reported that he, Bud Allison and Harold Friend attended the National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America and that BSA's next meeting will be in Boston, Massachusetts, USA the end of May, 2001.

Dale Ricklefs moved and Brian Thiessen seconded that a scarf be obtained for each lady member of the fellowship. During the discussion, a suggested design was a border of knots or Scout badges with IFSR logo in four corners on background of fleurs-de-lis. The ladies present agreed to submit a design. Motion passed unanimously.

Noted was the great performance of the Argentine Scouts during the opening plenary session carrying the 162 flags of the nations that have Rotary.

It was announced that the next annual general meeting would be in San Antonio at the Rotary International Convention in 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm. Minutes submitted by Del Raby.



Photo: *IFSR* Chair Harold Friend presents *IFSR* pin to World Scout Bureau Executive Director Dr. Jacques Moreillon.

Have YOU thought about helping?

"I have been thinking about helping."

Has this thought crossed your mind?

Now is the time. The opportunity is here and now. Your Rotary fellowship needs you. Many things can be accomplished if a few Rotarians will come forward and take the responsibility.

In the past a few have worked hard so that this Fellowship thrives but we have so many members who pay their dues and then forget that there is more to support of this activity.

How can you help? The answer is as extensive as your Rotary, Scouting, and business experience. If you would like to assist this year and move into a leadership position next year, just send your name to International Chair PDG Harold Friend (hfriend@pol.net).

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians Membership Application

[Renewing members need only enter complete name & indicate changes]

Name (printed) _____ Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Member in good standing of Rotary Club of _____

Classification: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ FAX number: _____

* Check one of the 4 IFSR membership categories. Fees may be sent in U. S. dollars or British pounds by check or money order. New member confirmation will be sent with your pin or tie. A notation on your next International newsletter will confirm renewals.

New member (*Include US\$25 or #17.5) New members receive choice of: Lapel pin, or Blue tie

Renewing member (*Include US\$12 or £7.5) per year **OR** LIFE member (*Include US\$120 or £84)

Associate member (*Include US\$10 or £7) per year

In North America send to: Bud Allison, 6042 Warm Springs, Houston, TX 77035.

In RIBI send to: Brian Kimberley, 43 Hither Green Lane, Abbey Park, Redditch, Worcs, B98 9BN UK

OTHER AREAS send to: PDG Harold C. Friend, MD, 1500 NW 10th Ave #105 Boca Raton, FL 33486

Could you be IFSR's Webmaster? Help us convert *this newsletter* into a web page!

Eliminating the costs of printing and international postage by converting this newsletter into a web page would save IFSR a significant amount of money. But obviously cost is not the only factor involved. Other considerations include:

- ✓ **Content.** Photos, text, and all aspects of the newsletter could be displayed on screen. There is no reason to think content would suffer.
- ✓ **Timeliness.** Information could be posted on the web at anytime rather than waiting for the next seasonal edition to be printed. Timeliness ought to improve.
- ✓ **Staff.** IFSR has divided the printed newsletter into three tasks. An editor compiles and writes information, a publisher handles typesetting and layout, then the International Secretary prints and mails. An electronic *Scouting Rotarian* might have the same editor, and then a "webmaster" would post information on IFSR's page. (The current publisher is learning webmaster skills.)
- ✓ **Distribution.** Conversion trades one set of problems for another. In addition to the high cost of international postage, other issues are delivery delays and non-delivery in the case of address errors or when members move without providing IFSR with their new address. (We do not have access to address data maintained by your club secretary, regional service center, nor the world headquarters.) Converting from a mailed piece of paper to a site on the World Wide Web eliminates all those issues, but raises perhaps a far greater issue – how many IFSR members are connected to the World Wide Web and how frequently would they think to look at our page?

Willing to help? Contact Harold Friend immediately.

Existing web sites of interest include:

Rotary International = rotary.org
 World Scout Bureau = worldbureau@world.scout.org
 BSA international = www.bsa.scouting.org/international
 Scouts Canada = www.scouts.ca

International Fellowship of *SCOUTING ROTARIANS*

MISSION: It is the mission of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians to develop a particular association internationally between Rotarians who were members of, or have a link with, the Scout movement. We strive to: (1) encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians between Rotary International and the World Scout Movement, (2) provide opportunities of social interaction between members, and (3) give active encouragement to the Scout movement at local, national, and international levels.

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