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If you're coming to Thailand's World Jamboree, say:

“Swaddee!”

(The word swaddee means “greetings” in Thai.)

The next World Scout Jamboree runs from 28 December 2002 to 8 January 2003 at Sattahip, Chonburi Province, Thailand. The National Scout Organization of Thailand has approximately 75 IFSR members in leadership roles. There will never be a better time for a Scouting Rotarian to visit Thailand.

Pre-Jamboree Contingents Leaders Seminars are tentatively scheduled for 1-3 March 2002 in Miami, 12-14 April in Geneva Switzerland, and 3-5 May on site in Sattahip, Thailand. Details are available through Regional Scout Offices.

Planners are preparing for an estimated 30,000 fourteen to seventeen year-old participants. The general staff for the Jamboree will include an international service team of 18 to 28 year-old scouting veterans.

*Volunteer to represent IFSR
at multinational scouting events*

...on the trail ahead

Contact Harold Friend to be credentialed as a representative of the *International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians* at the multinational conference that most interests you. For a complete list click “Scouting Events” at the upper left-hand corner of the www.scout.org/ homepage. Here are samples:

- 15 - 19 July = World Scout Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 03 - 07 Sep = Africa Conference, Libreville, Gabon
- 23 - 28 Sep = Inter-American Conference, Cochabamba, Bolivia
- 03 - 06 Oct = Asia-Pacific Conference, Bangkok, Thailand
- 07 - 11 Oct = Asia-Pacific Conference, New Delhi, India
- 10 - 14 Nov = Arab Conference, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Many IFSR members will also be participating in the *44th Annual Baden-Powell World Fellowship Meeting* 21-23 September in New York City's Plaza Hotel. His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, Honorary President of the World Scout Foundation, will be among the participants in this spectacular event.

The Baden-Powell World Fellowship is a major program of the World Scout Foundation to establish an endowment fund for ongoing support of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the United States Fund for International Scouting.

Baden-Powell Fellows pledge a \$10,000 donation payable over a 3-year period. The annual reception, gala dinner and meeting includes a tour of Greater New York Council's Camp Alpine plus such options as a Broadway show, city tour, or visits to the UN or a museum.

Contact Harold Friend for additional information.



PHOTO: The President of Rotary International, IFSR Life member Rick King, greets Vice Chair David Judge with Inter-American Region Chair Brian Thiessen standing between them and *Scouting Rotarian* editor Del Raby on the right.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

21 May 2001

Mr. Donald G. Oblander
Director, Relationships Division
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Irving, Texas 75015.

Dear Mr. Oblander:

For over ninety years, Rotary International has emphasized the importance of good family life, the traditional values of strong personal character and unfailing integrity, and a belief in contributing unselfish service to one's community, nation and the world. Rotarians have long realized that these are many of the same characteristics of the Boy Scout movement and Rotary Clubs have frequently sponsored Scout troops, packs and Explorer Posts. I frequently find that some of our finest Rotary International leaders received their early training in the Scouting program. I am pleased that throughout the world, many Rotarians continue their activities of service, personal friendship and dedication to youth through the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

As you may know, Rotary International presented its most prestigious Award for World Understanding and Peace to the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1984 for outstanding humanitarian service. These are challenging days for young people who often face unstable family life, as well as unprecedented influences and peer pressures in today's society. Consequently, the need for Rotary and other service clubs and community groups to support and sponsor Scouting units is even greater than ever. We encourage Rotary leaders to serve as an example of strong personal character and good citizenship for the youth of their community. I commend the Boy Scouts of America for their continued efforts to meet the needs of young people and promote the very best in character and citizenship.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Devlyn
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2000-01 Rotary International President Frank J. Devlyn and Gloria Rita at year-end gala in San Antonio.

Rotary's Endorsement of Scouting

Rotary International presented its most prestigious *Award for World Understanding and Peace* to the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1984 for outstanding humanitarian service. This past May, R. I. President Frank Devlyn, an IFSR Life Member, sent the Boy Scouts of America an endorsement letter in which he said "These are challenging days for young people who often face unstable family life, as well as unprecedented influences and peer pressures in today's society. Consequently the need for Rotary and other service clubs and community groups to support and sponsor Scouting units is even greater than ever. We encourage Rotary leaders to serve as an example of strong personal character and good citizenship for the youth of the community. I commend the Boy Scouts of America for their continued efforts to meet the needs of young people and promote the very best in character and citizenship."

Although addressed to the national organization of Scouting in the United States, Rotary's endorsement of Scouting clearly applies to the worldwide Scout movement. The entire letter is reproduced at the left.

Asia-Pacific Region Report

Although Anthony Thng was unable to be in San Antonio for IFSR's Annual General Meeting, he filed this report of his activities.

Our Asia-Pacific Region Chair was in New York City 29 April—1 May 2001 participating in the ICCS (International Catholic Conference of Scouting) Steering Committee.

Enroute home to Singapore he visited Scouts of China. 25—28 May he attended the Boy Scouts of Philippines' National Council. He flew directly from Manila to Bangkok to participate in the Joint Rotary Installation Ceremony between his own club and the Rotary Club of Bangkok Klontogy. The guest of honor for the event was Rotary International President-Elect Bhichai Rattakul.

Anthony was in Bangkok again in mid-June to meet with the Director of the 20th World Scout Jamboree (see related article on page 1). Anthony is a member of the World Jamboree Support Committee.

Our Asia-Pacific Chair visited East Timor 24 June to help start scout troops there.



Left to right: Inter-American Region Chair Brian Thiessen, Immediate Past IFSR Chair John Kenny, IFSR Vice Chair David Judge, and IFSR Secretary Bud Allison.

Egypt to host International Youth Gathering in September

The Arab Scout Regional Office is sponsoring an annual series of International Youth Gatherings in cooperation with UNESCO for the purpose of preservation and promotion of cultural heritage. The first gathering was held in Luxor and Cairo in 1998 with 51 youths from 21 countries participating. The program was full of intercultural youth activities and experimental projects on monument preservation.

The second gathering was held in Cairo in 1999, participated by 41 youth from 26 countries. The program featured three plenary sessions devoted totally to the youth participants giving presentations on their countries and cultures, followed by group discussions.

The third gathering was in South Sinai, Egypt, with 40 youth from 18 countries. Emphasis was on peace as a concept with global dimensions, peace education models, and Scouting's role in achieving peace.

Thirty-eight countries were represented in one or more gatherings: Austria, Bangladesh, Burundi, Canada, Cote de L'voire, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Libya, Morocco, Netherlands, Oman, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Taiwan, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Yemen, and Yugoslavia.

The 4th gathering occurs in upper Egypt 1-12 September 2001. Email WOSMO@arab.scout.org for information.

D-6980 renovating their Scout Lodge

2000-01 Governor Charlie Rogers promoted scouting throughout his district including programs during both the District Assembly and the District Conference. He is collecting money to refurbish a Scout Lodge that D-6980 built back in the 1950's.

Charlie says "Rotary and Scouting do make a great partnership with each other."



Photo: IFSR Chair Harold Friend (right) presided over the fellowship's Annual General Meeting during the Rotary International Convention in San Antonio.

D-6460 Conference features Scouting

At the invitation of 2000-01 D-6460 Governor Dick Hattwick, IFSR International Chairman Harold Friend was an important part of his District Conference held in Springfield, Illinois, USA in early June, 2001. Harold made two 15-minute presentations to the entire conference on the possibilities of Rotary - Scouting partnerships and conducted two breakout sessions for those interested in Rotary - Scouting partnerships. Afterward DG Dick told Harold "I particularly want to thank you for headlining the Scouting part of the program. I know we gave Scouting a new and higher level of visibility in our district. I also know that we stimulated thinking about doing more with Scouting. That applies not only to the breakout session people but also to the plenary session audience. I'm particularly pleased that all of our district leadership was able to hear the message. Your presence and comments gave Scouting emphasis heightened credibility and importance and I deeply appreciate your willingness to set aside time to help us. I promise to do my best in the coming year to see that the momentum continues."

The Rotary District Conference's Scouting Session speakers focused on the role of Rotary Clubs in youth citizenship development in the morning, and vocational service opportunities afternoon. Contact Dick Hattwick (Email: hattwick@macomb.com) for additional details so you can add this to your District Conference.

Please keep your IFSR Dues Current — Have you paid for 2001-2002?

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Country _____ Member in good standing of Rotary Club of _____

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PHOTO: PDG Bob Grant in IFSR's booth at D-6900's 2001 District Conference.

Appalachian Trail Blazer honored by District 6900

The District Assembly and District Conference provide two opportunities for IFSR members and for clubs that sponsor Scout Troops to give our fellowship the visibility that encourages others to become involved. PDG Robert W. Grant, who is also an Assistant Boy Scout Council Commissioner, helped organize an eye-catching IFSR booth (shown above) at a recent District Conference and also participated in Buckhead Rotary Club's recognition of 86-year-old Rev. John L. Newton for his 1930 role in forging the final section of the Appalachian Trail. Newton and two other scouts were dropped off at the North Carolina/George state line, then the southern end of the Appalachian Trail. Their 13-day hike blazed the trail to Mount Oglethorpe, which became the southern terminus of the 14-state 2,144-mile Appalachian Trail. PDG Grant presented an IFSR membership to Rotarian Newton.

D-6900's Rotary Club of Stone Mountain conducted a very successful Merit Badge Clinic. Ninety-one merit badges were earned by the seventy participating scouts. Fifteen club members served as Merit Badge Counselors; five are IFSR members: David Champa (event chair), Jay Stoecker (vice-chair), PDG Bob Grant, Hendricks Edgerton, and Brian Jobmann. The event was so successful they plan to conduct it each Fall and Spring. And as Chairman David Champa, an Eagle Scout himself says, "Who knows? There may be 65 - 70 future Rotarians from this Clinic."

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