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IFSR IN BRAZIL



"Wilma Veit Schiefferdecker, technical director of Georg Black Group (2012/2013), making the Scout Promise to a new scout. She is a member of the Rotary Club Porto Alegre Northeast"

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the IFSR representative for District 4670 in Brazil. I have already made contact with Governor Ivo Benfatto (2014/15) and 2015/16 Governor-elect Claudio Faccin. During PETS I had the opportunity to present a short display in plenary for all elected presidents, with strong support of all. They have already guaranteed us space at the fair exhibition at the District Conference 4670 in April 12-14 in Gramado, Rio Grande do Sul / Br. I have also been added to governor elect Faccin's staff on the Programs Team, where IFSR will be included in the Fellowships Programs. The organizational chart of District 4670 now officially recognizes the position of IFSR Representative.

Our next step is to contact Union's National Office of the Boy Scouts of Brazil - UEB (União dos Escoteiros do Brasil), where we shall develop a strategy to inform Scouting Brazil of the new focus of Rotary Brazil to work together and to encourage volunteerism where more people work in both organizations. It is my pleasure to pioneer a strong introduction of IFSR into Brazil.



We have already been active participating in a “good deeds” effort by a scout group which was held in San Francisco de Paula city. Our Scout Group Georg Black - RS 01, collected clothing worn throughout the year, and after cataloging the collection, the pack and its members distributed the clothes to needy families. Some other pictures can be seen on Facebook - Scout Group Georg Black RS1 Sogipa Scout Group.

Dr. Sérgio Antônio Schiefferdecker



Pictured above : Dr. Sérgio Antônio Schiefferdecker and wife, Carmen Schiefferdecker

With IFSR members signing up there in Rio Grande do Sul, we can start the Fellowship spreading to other Districts and will need members to participate at our Exhibit in the House of Friendship in Sao Paulo in June. We are very excited about Dr. Schiefferdecker’s efforts and the future of IFSR in Brazil. IFSR members who can help with the IFSR booth please contact bdtalamo@pacbell.net or (925) 395 1186 .. as WE NEED YOUR HELP too!



Letter From Our President PDG Harold Friend, MD



In March, I had the opportunity to visit Savannah, Georgia, the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of America. A few blocks from the home where she grew up is the home of her husband's family and adjacent, the Girl Scouts' first headquarters. Juliette Low traveled to England with her husband and met Lord Baden-Powell. In the 1st years of the founding of the Boy Scouts many girls join troops. Lord Baden-Powell asked his sister, Agnes, to organize these girls into companies of Girl Guides. In 1911 Juliette Low became friends with Baden-Powell and he interested her in this new Scouting movement.

She started a company of Girl Guides in Scotland and two in London. In March 1912 she arrived back in Savannah and made the famous phone call to her cousin, Nina Pape, saying "Come right over! I have something for the girls of Savannah, and all America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight." The first Girl Scout troop consisted of 18 girls, consisting of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish girls. The first "officially registered" Girl Scout was Juliette Low's cousin Daisy Lawrence. (However, it is known that she did not attend that first meeting nor any meetings in the first few months.)

Juliette Low, recruited by BP, developed a vision that grew into the Girl Scouts of America and has lasted over 100 years. There are so many traditions that have been passed on from one generation to the next because of these organizations and we are the beneficiaries of that century of Scouting. Each of us has grown from our Rotary and Scouting experience, the blending of which is exemplified by this International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

"Each member of IFSR has many opportunities to enhance the organization. We are quickly approaching the end of this Rotary year and we know the next begins July 1st. Now is the time to volunteer yourself to serve in an official capacity. IFSR can accommodate any interested member in finding the right position for you. Please consider this request to serve during the next Rotary year. Email me or the Nominating Committee chair expressing your interest. Juliette Low could have returned home from England and never moved forward but she took the next step and great things happened. I ask you to do the same. Step forward and volunteer to become an IFSR officer/representative."

I will hope to see many of you at the BSA National Meeting in Atlanta in May. Please mark your calendars for the IFSR Interamerican Region meeting there. Also, if you are attending the Rotary International convention please notify our International Commissioner and attend the IFSR annual meeting.

Yours in Rotarian/Scouting Fellowship, PDG Harold Friend, MD, IFSR President '14-'16



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IFSR has several officer positions available include Nominating Committee and Awards committee chairs. If you are interested please contact IFSR President PDG Harold Friend, MD. hfriendmd@gmail.com. Include a brief resume with your Scouting and Rotary experience.



SCOUTING FOR ADULTS

Editors Note: Steve Carroll is our new District 7690 representative. We liked the statement he used to get the DG's (Patrick Eakes) approval for the position and Patrick's response. Here they are:

Steve's request: Patrick, this correspondence is to secure your permission to become the District 7690 representative for the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. I joined this group as a lifetime member in 2010 at the BSA National Jamboree that commemorated the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the U.S. You may know that the IFSR is an action group associated with Rotary International that connects the shared values of both the Scouting movement and Rotarians. In fact, James E. West (a name that all scouts learn) was the first chief scout executive and was also a good friend of Paul Harris. I believe that my association with scouting is what attracted me to Rotary. I would be honored to be assigned to this post.

Patrick's Response: I have described Rotary as "Scouting for Adults" many times, and I think the phrase fits. Glad you will be our Scout Leader! Patrick Eakes, DG District 7690

INTERAMERICA REGION (IAR) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

National Annual Meeting, BSA, Atlanta

IAR Chair Dan O'Brien has announced.....The Annual General Meeting, IFSR Interamerican Region will be held @ National Annual Meeting of Boy Scouts of America, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia, Thursday, 21 May from 4:30 to 6 pm

All IFSR members are invited to attend. If you expect to be able to join us please contact Dan at Daniel.O'Brien@scouting.org to let him know you will be there. Elections for Interamerican Region officers for 2015-16 will be held and we expect a prominent Scouting speaker to join us as well. Come and share your experiences and ideas on how to expand IFSR participation in your area and throughout the Americas!

2015 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The convention is 9-14 June in São Paulo, but those of us working on the House of Friendship will report 5 June to set it up ... we need help from any/all IFSR members who will be there .. to take shifts at our Exhibit and we can train them and will send them information about the work. House of Friendship hours vary, generally about 9 am to 6 pm starting 6 June (International Institute is 6-8 June). Anyone able to help should contact me and I will explain further, bdtalamo@pacbell.net .

The Annual General meeting of IFSR date/time has not yet been set... contact Harold Friend or myself regarding that but will have information in our Exhibit also.

Thank You!

Brian Thiessen



WORLD JAMBOREE 2015 JAPAN, IFSR BOOTH HELP NEEDED

YOUR HELP needed at the IFSR World Jamboree Japan Exhibit Booth 28 July to 9 August.

Every 4 years IFSR has an Exhibit at the World Jamboree – and we provide a huge service to Rotary International by introducing Scouts and leader from around the world to Rotary’s wide ranging activities - Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract, joint projects, RYLA, Polio Eradication etc. etc.

We have one or two Rotary meetings on site so staff members (IST and contingent) can do Rotary make ups. And invite Rotary leaders from around the world who are at the Jamboree to attend our meetings.

All this takes a great deal of time and we urgently need volunteers to sign up for the International Service Team (IST) -- specifically to help staff the IFSR booth. We have strong support from our Japanese Scouting Rotarians but they need help as well.

IF YOU CAN PARTICIPATE 28 July - 9 August please sign up with your national scout organization to serve on the IST – but specifically indicate it is for the IFSR Exhibit.

Please notify International Commissioner Brian D Thiessen (bdtalamo@pacbell.net) or (925) 837 3355 of your availability.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED and the Jamboree will be a tremendous opportunity to help bring new IFSR members aboard – particularly from the Asia Pacific Region!

MEMBER STORIES WANTED

We passed the 1000 member mark some time ago, and we know our newsletter often gets viewed by more than one person. Our IFSR “family” likes to get to know each other, the information which also encourages all kinds of other interactions. If you have never sent anything to IFSR to put into our newsletter, now is the time to see how it feels to have your story in print and read by thousands of people across the world. Send us something interesting about yourself. Tell us what you have done. Your family is waiting!

SCOUTS OF UKRAINE TRAINING PROGRAM

A joint project with Rotary Club of Alamo, California (Intnl Comm Chair is Jack Thompson) and the Mt Diablo Silverado Council (International Committee Chair, Mark Weyland) jointly helping the Scouts of Ukraine in a training program conducted this month. The Council committed \$1500 from its International Scouting fund and the Rotary Club put up \$700 – to help the National Organization Scouts Ukraine (NOSU) in a specific training project to help reestablish communication between the representatives of the different regions of Ukraine due to the immense internal tensions and military operations in the country. We are working directly with Andriy Chesnokov, President of National Organization of the Scouts of Ukraine. It is difficult to overstate the urgency to NOSU to rebuilt trust relationships through training and conflict management among young people in Ukraine, including Scouts from the crisis regions (occupied Crimea and Sevastopol, Donetsk and Luhansk regions) to stimulate the Scouts throughout Ukraine to work together to do good projects for their local communities. This involved about 30 invited Scouts/ers but ultimately benefited perhaps 15,000 Scouts and Scouters.

Alas I do not yet have any pictures. But the Rotary Club was delighted to partner with the Council on this extremely worthwhile project.

Brian Thiessen



Scouting Around the World

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National Capital Area Council International Committee



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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting date: March 19, 2015

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B-P Bits:



The Kudu Horn – From a species of antelope standing over 5 ft tall. BP was commanding a flying column in the Matabele Campaign in 1896 and was puzzled by the way news of alarm was spread among the natives. It became known that they were using a war horn of great carrying power. After a fight with the Chief, BP took possession of the horn. The next time it was used, it called the boys on Brownsea Island together for the first Scout camp in 1907. Thus it was called into Scout service. It went home with BP again but was silent for the next 13 years. Then in 1920, BP handed the horn over to Gilwell so that it could be used for training courses. It is now one of the most prized possessions of the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group.

Collectors' Corner: Scout Writing Implements – pens, pencils, markers, etc.



1991 WJ w/lanyard



Girl Scout pen & pencil



2003 WJ



BSA Eagle Scout

SCOUT VOLUNTEERS Help To Combat Ebola in Sierra Leone



FREETOWN - As the Ebola Virus Disease continues to ravage the nation, Sierra Leone Scouts Association, supported by the Chinese Center for Disease Control in Sierra Leone, has trained 300 Scout Volunteers in Freetown as Messengers of Peace/Change Agents in a bid to intensify the social mobilization drive in their various communities in the Western part of the country.

The Association hopes to replicate the same to other provinces and districts in the whole country, as they continue to participate in contact tracing, surveillance, safe and dignified burials, psycho-social counseling, mounting check points for temperature screening with thermometers in various communities and supporting the military and the police in providing security in quarantine homes. Most recently, the Scouts collected 50 Ebola orphans and survivor kids, most of whom are Scouts, and presently providing them with shelter, clothing, primary education and some food at their disposal.



Scouting in Latvia:



Current emblem



Old emblem



Old emblem

The membership badge of Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija Scout emblem incorporates three stars of the coat of arms of Latvia, which includes the historical districts Vidzeme, Latgale and combined Courland-Semigalia (*Kurzeme-Zemgale*) into the united Latvia.

The Latvian Scouting program is based on the principles and methods created by Robert Baden-Powell, later forbidden by the Soviet government in 1940. The first Scout troop in Latvia was established on April 17, 1917 under Tsarist Russia, by Arvīds Bredermanis and other Scouts from Tartu, Estonia, followed by several other Scout troops in the Riga area. The official founding of Scouting in Latvia is counted to be 1917.

The Latvian Scout Organization Latvijas Skautu Organizācija was established in 1921, and Latvia was a founding member of the World Organization, from 1922 to 1940. Guiding was started in Latvia in 1921 under the Latvian Youth Organizations. In early 1922 *Latvijas Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija* was set up, and Girl Guiding was permitted to operate as an independent organization.

In 1940, after the Soviet occupation of Latvia, a special officer was appointed by the communists to abolish Scouting. Scouting continued unofficially and underground, operating without uniforms and in the forests to avoid detection. In 1941, the Communists killed the Latvian Scout founder and President, General Kārlis Goppers (1876–1941). The former Scout Commissioner for Latvia, Valdemārs Klētnieks, fled to the United States as a refugee after World War II. With the fall of communism, Scouting reemerged, and in 1989, the first Latvian Scout and Guide camp was organized.

Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrālā Organizācija (the Latvian Scout and Guide Central Organization, LSGCO) rejoined the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in 1993, as well as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Scouts Buy Island in Denmark!



Det Danske Spejderkorps., one of the National Scout Associations in Denmark created a buzz when they announced that they had bought (thanks to contributions from several foundations) **Middelgrundsfortet**, a famous fort dating from the 1890s off Copenhagen harbor. In an [interview on Danish TV](#), Chief Scout David Hansen said that his association had seized a golden opportunity and that plans were already under way to create a unique **Youth Island (Ungdomsøen)** to the benefit of many Scouts and other young people from Denmark and abroad. Danish Scouts will begin to discover their new Youth Island this summer and a grand opening is planned for 2016, he added.



IN FOND REMEMBRANCE OF MONTY AUDENART

Editor's Note: Below is a touching final letter from Monty Audenart, a man for all seasons. Sad news to relate regarding a guy gone HOME too soon! Monty was pictured in the Scouting Rotarian of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians a couple of years ago (when he was RI Vice President) with thanks to IFSR for what we do.. Life member and strong supporter and a prince of a guy! If you knew him you will know that my observations are just shadows of how good a guy he is/was; if you did not get to meet Monty, you missed out on a soul of beauty. Brian Thiessen

"If you are reading this now, I have simply gone HOME. Come and help celebrate my life here on January 27, at 12pm at 8 Keast Way, Red Deer (LDS chapel). Of course there will be food (I asked for KFC but probably won't get it), some good memories, and my family really needs your support. I was born on November 14, 1949 and returned HOME January 21, 2015. I was lucky to be adopted by Osh and Gladys Audenart and raised on a farm near Raymond, with my two great sisters Connie and Beverly. I attended school in Raymond and Magrath, and then served a mission for the LDS Church in Tahiti. I attended the University of Alberta where I graduated from dentistry in 1977. I practiced in Vermilion and Red Deer, and Nunavut, and offered my services to less fortunate people in Jamaica, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand, Mexico, Russia and the Amazon. Sometimes my daughters came with me. It was a grand adventure. It never ever seemed like work. I served in the Church as a Branch President, a Councillor in the Bishopric, member of High Council, Stake executive secretary and Stake Director of Public Affairs. I joined Rotary in 1987, and served as Club President, District Governor, Rotary International Director and Vice-President, and a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, and lots of inbetweens. Rotary gave Liz and I, friends worldwide, and so many opportunities to serve the community and beyond. Rotary changes lives, including my own. I never seemed to be able to repay Rotary for all it gave me. I leave for awhile my eternal friend and wife of more than 40 years, Liz; my children Maurita and Scott Tollestrup, Jay and Amica (Antonelli) Audenart, Graham and Talia Audenart, Robin and Dave Kearn, Lisa and Sean Freeman, and Ryan and Jody Audenart; my sisters Connie (Andy) Blasetti and Bev (John) Mehew. Grieve abit, laugh a lot and keep a special place for me

in your hearts. Remember always how God gave us Time enough to say goodbye. I will be a forever Grandpa to Mya, Kedan, Tagg, Payton, Berkeley, Osh, Gabby, Jack, Forrest, Aviana, Grayson, KK, Elle, Maeve, Willow, Crew, Aurelia, Mirra, Noa, and Cooper. Didn't we have FUN! I've gone ahead to another playground and I will be waiting for you all there with all kinds of stories. Remember we are an eternal family. Some of you may think I left a bit early, but Mom always said it is more important how you serve in the time you have, than the years or the titles. I tried to be a good husband, father and grandfather. And I got plenty of fishing done in Corpus Christi and I released lots of fish for all of you. [Catch a few Jay, I won't be far away.](#) In lieu of flowers you may donate directly to The Rotary Foundation. Their money never dies! (www.rotary.org)

See you soon, but don't rush! **Monty**



WHAT IS YOUR SCOUTING STORY

Editor's Note: We would love to hear from any of you who have a favorite scouting story you would like to share with us. If we get enough interest we will make it a regular column. If you remember a story that still makes you smile decades later, then we want to hear it too. Get busy and get it to us.

BSA 2014 HIGHLIGHTS AND 2015 PRIORITIES

Editors Note: Scouting in America is healthy, with incredible leadership, tradition and momentum. Here are just a very few of the many highlights of the report from Wayne Brock, Chief Scout Executive

- * Philmont welcomed its 1 millionth camper
- * Nearly 52,000 Scouts achieved the Eagle rank
- * Office of Development raised more than \$135 million in funds to support the councils
- * We launched Scoutingnewsroom.org in May and had 429,322 page views
- * High Adventure Bases broke all records in attendance and revenues with 57,354 participants
- * 2.4 million youth participation with approximately 981,000 adult volunteer leaders
- * Scouting University was formally organized



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