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ROTARY CLUB OF UKIAH WORKS WITH SCOUTS IN JALISCO TO CLEAN UP AMECA RIVER



Here is a picture of the Boy scouts and Girl Scouts in Ameca Jalisco Mexico helping Rotarians do a River Clean Up Project on March 24 2018. Please ask your Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts contacts to join Rotarians in their Communities to do a River Clean, Street Clean Up, Park Clean Up, or Beach Clean Up on October 24, 2018 and March 22, 2019.

Your friend in Rotary and in Service to Humanity, Salvador Rico, TRF Cadre 2018-2021, Rotary Club of South Ukiah D5130, Past President 2016-2017, WASRAG Member, ESRAG Member, RAGFP Member



IFSR AGREEMENT WITH WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

With our recent Annual General meeting, one of you leaders of Rotary and Scouting in the world asked me to send another copy of the Memorandum of Understanding we reached with the World Organization of Scout Movements 6 years ago – that allows Scout organizations to participate in our Rotary events (through IFSR) and allows IFSR to participate with Exhibits at world scouting events.

The document can be found on our web page and is for your use as needed and to encourage Rotary Districts/Zone Institutes to invite Scouting units to share an IFSR booth and at world Scouting events (Regional or NSO conferences) to have IFSR there on behalf of Rotary.

Submitted by Brian Thiessen

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT PDG MARK KRIEBEL



It's been a busy few months for the IFSR and our members as both our Inter American Region held its annual meeting in Dallas on May 24 and our International Annual meeting was held in Toronto on June 25. I was pleased to attend both meetings and we had a large, engaged attendance at both times.

At the Inter American Region meeting, PDG Jack Young from the Greater Cleveland, Ohio area was elected chair. Concluding his two year term in that position was PDG Dick Thorn from San Diego, California. Many thanks to Dick for his leadership

over the last two years.

Our International Annual meeting elected a new Asia Region Chair: Toby Suzuki, a former member of the World Scout Committee of WOSM. Toby is from Japan, and is the recipient of the rarely given Bronze Wolf Award, the only Award given by WOSM for service to Scouting.

Thanks to both Jack, Toby, and our other leaders who have either been elected or appointed to serve in positions in our organization. You, and all our members, make a difference!

On that note, in this newsletter is an updated listing of our Officers and District Coordinators. Please look at this updated list, and report any changes or corrections to Randy Seefeldt, our executive secretary at ifsr@cox.net. A big thanks to Randy for heading up this effort, as well as coordinating our updated branding initiative. When you make a change to your logo as IFSR did in the past year, there is much reprinting and remanufacturing required, from brochures and forms to pins, banners, and even the Cliff Dochterman Medallion! We couldn't do it without you, Randy.

Your IFSR is here to promote cooperation and support between Rotary and Scouting. I want to share with you a great example of that cooperation that I witnessed by chance last April. I was attending the 2019 World Scout Jamboree Head of Contingent meeting at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, and at the Ruby Welcome Center outside the Summit, I saw a huge number of Rotary shirts and hats worn by volunteers ready to work. It happened to be District 7550 fulfilling RI President Ian Risely's



request to “plant a tree for every Rotarian”. District 7550 decided to coordinate a tree planting on the Summit property, a facility owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America, and home for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. 1200 saplings were planted that day, one for each Rotarian in their District. Those growing trees will benefit Scouts and planet earth for many years. Thanks to District 7550 for truly bringing Rotary and Scouting together!



MINUTES OF IFSR ANNUAL MEETING IN TORONTO JUNE 25, 2018

1. President Mark Kriebel opened the meeting at 12:35 pm and provided the meeting agenda (attached)
2. Carol McCarthy, WSJamboree Guest Coordinator, gave the Invocation
3. Those present introduced themselves . (see list of those present in APPENDIX II).
 - a. There were 41 in attendance -- from 15 states and 6 countries.
4. Minutes of the 2017 Atlanta meeting were reported as published on the IFSR Website.
5. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Profit and Loss statements were provided for the periods:
 - i. July 2016 through June 2017, and
 - ii. July 2017 through May 2018
 - b. It was indicated that the June 2018 costs were still being processed
 - c. It was reported that a new logo was published (it can be seen on the “Agenda”)
 - d. Life Memberships are put into a separate Long Term account and only the interest(4 to 5%) is used for annual operations. Thus, we are building an endowment fund for the future. There is currently \$43,000 in the LT account.
 - e. There are no long term liabilities
 - f. After discussion the report was Approved
6. Dan McCarthy reported that they are organizing an IFSR group meeting to be held at the WSJ 2019 and they are hoping to get the RI President to come.
7. The question of an IFSR Booth at the WSJ 2019 is not decided yet. It is a work in progress. 50,000 scouts are expected at the WSJamboree at “The Summit” in West Virginia. It will be hosted by the three countries of North America – Mexico, USA, Canada.
8. Report from our Toronto RI Convention Booth – (see list of those participating in APPENDIX I)
 - a. 23 new members so far (goal is 40 new members)
 - b. 7 new Life Members so far



9. Upcoming Zone Dates/Locations/Other Events listing (attached) was provided and it was noted that the Fellowship is looking for volunteers to sign up to attend these events to solicit new members.
10. Cliff Dochterman Awards.
 - a. It was reported that the IFSR has now awarded 1000 Cliff Dochterman Awards.
 - b. Brian Thiessen reported that Cliff Dochterman sends his greetings to our meeting.
 - c. These awards are also available to Girl Scout Leaders
11. Local Awards were not discussed
12. BSA changes in the works.
 - a. Cubs allowing girls in 2018 (single sex dens)
 - b. 2019 – girls can join scout troops in February 2019 (single sex troops)
13. IFSR Newsletter –
 - a. We are encouraged to contribute “what’s happening” in our areas to the Newsletter
 - b. Published Quarterly
14. LDS –. Best policy is for Rotary Clubs to be in touch with their local Council and the LDS Stakes in their geographical area to find out if they have Cub/Scout/Venturing/etc. units that they would like someone else to take over as Charter Partner. And also ask if they will allow the units to continue to meet at the Stake houses – many will be happy to do that, rather than have the Scouts in their units pulled away into different units. That way a Rotary Club will have a cohesive unit that the Club will become substitute Charter Partner for – and those youth can continue with their Scouting careers perhaps (depending on the Stake) with same leaders or may need to help find new unit leadership but the Cubs/Scouts will continue along the Scouting trail.
15. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers
 - a. A slate of officers was provided at the meeting in the form of an Inter-Member Memorandum
 - b. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be accepted as presented. The election of all nominees was Unanimous! Congratulations!!
16. Winners of the meeting drawing were: Patty Meehan and Ron Schoenmehl
17. Next Annual Meeting of IFSR will be in Hamburg, Germany – June 1-5, 2019
18. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: John Wm. Bradshaw, IFSR Secretary

APPENDIX I

The following members helped at IFSR booth during Toronto convention (among others):

A J Block
Lane Calvert

John Bradshaw
Steve Champ

Christine burns
Mark Kriebel



Pat Kriebel

Dan McCarthy

Toby Suzuki

Doug MacDonald

Zdenek Michalek

Brian D Thiessen

Carol McCarthy

Lee Peters

Carolyn O Thiessen

APPENDIX II

The following are names of those at the annual meeting (at least, those who signed in) – some members, some visitors:

Rebecca Beamer

John Bradshaw

Gary Butler

Jack Colamaria

Jim Donovan

Elliott Jones

Panayiotis Katrougalos

Steve Kulla (?)

Emma Little

Dan McCarthy

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Bev Poor

Toby Suzuki

Alan Thomson

Terry Beamer

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Ron Schoenmehl

Carolyn O. Thiessen

APPENDIX III

Final numbers of new memberships generated at the 2018 Toronto IFSR Booth:

Life Members	19
Two Year members	4
New one year members	20
Renewals	3

So .. you outdid yourselves .. 46 new or renewing members!!

ROTARY SERVICE IN PRACTICE

Dear brothers in scouting,

It was my great pleasure to meet you in Toronto and support our IFSR mission. Thank you for this opportunity! Some of you know our Scout house in Koprivnice, but my scout friends in Most lost their Clubrooms and I would like to help them.

There is a last chance also for you here: <https://www.darujme.cz/vyzva/1200557?locale=en>

If you help them a little bit I will appreciate it very much.

With many thanks and the best regards

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IFSR YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS 2ND QUARTER 2018

The IFSR is dedicated to Service to Youth, and in particular to service to Scout and Guide units. Rotarians have found many ways to serve Scout and Guide units, and they can receive the IFSR Youth Service Award for serving a Scout or Guide unit and having it mentioned in the media, any media outlet.

The IFSR Youth Service Award may be awarded to any Rotary Club that renders service in support of Scout and/or Guide units which is publicized in the media, any media. The IFSR Webmaster may give the awards to a club annually. Recipients are selected from articles posted in media or online. Such articles may be brought to the attention of the IFSR webmaster [webmaster@scouters.us].

This is not a Scouting award nor a Rotary award, but an IFSR award and is intended to reward Rotary Clubs who support local Scout and/or Guide Units and have their support publicized in the media or online.

To ensure that the award is available worldwide in a timely manner, it is only distributed electronically. The recipient club will be notified of the award and given instructions on how to download and print the certificate. The award can be downloaded and printed by the club themselves or at a print center.

It is hoped that the example provided by the clubs earning these awards will serve as an example on how Rotary Clubs can become more involved in service to youth and in particular to Scout and Guide units. Hopefully these Rotarians will become more aware of the IFSR and the services it provides to Rotarians in their support of Scout and Guide units. More information on the IFSR Youth Service Award is available at: <http://scouters.us/ifsr/pages/awards.html#anchorYOUTHSERVICE>

The following are the YSAs awarded in the 2nd quarter of 2018

Berkeley Heights Rotary Club (NJ), [June 25, 2018](#), [TAPinto.net](#). (award)

Hundreds were in attendance of the 15th annual Rubber Ducky Festival to see rubber ducks race down the Passaic River to a finish line, where they were collected by Boy Scouts waiting in canoes. The purchaser of the winning ducks won prizes, with proceeds benefiting the Boy Scouts and Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights. Proceeds benefit Rotary projects, including sponsoring three Cub Scout packs and two Boy Scout troops including Eagle Scout service projects.

Carpinteria Rotary Clubs (CA), [May 24, 2018](#), [Coastal View News](#). (award)

Local Rotary clubs planted 94 trees in the flood-damaged Carpinteria Creek. The Rotary clubs of Greater Los Angeles, helped purchase the Sycamores, Toyons and Coast Live Oaks that were planted by the Rotary Clubs of Carpinteria, Carpinteria Morning and Carpinteria Sunset. Rotary Club members from Santa Barbara, El Segundo, San Bernardino and Seattle were also on hand to help with the planting. Volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 50 came out to help. The creek corridor was literally stripped clean of vegetation by the floods following the Thomas Fire.

**Central Ocean Rotary (NJ), [Apr 10, 2018](#), [CentralOceanRotary.org](#). (award)**

Central Ocean Rotary is proud to support the Jersey Shore Council Boy Scouts of America. Rotarian and scouting Executive Jerome Townsend accepted a \$1,000 donation from club president Mike DellaRocca. The Boy Scouts and Central Ocean Rotary have collaborated on many projects over the last year and we look forward to what we can accomplish together!

Alexandria Rotary Club (VA), [May 19, 2018](#), Del Ray Patch. (award)

The Rotary Club of Alexandria and The Alexandria Rotary Foundation hosted the annual Rotary Scout Award Luncheon on May 15 at Belle Haven Country Club. Two Eagle Scouts, Owen Biesada and Ian Peverall, received scholarships for their leadership efforts in community service. Attended by over 120 people, the program honored the achievements of two local high school students and awarded them scholarships for their pending college experience.

Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary Club (MI), [April 23, 2018](#), Coldwater Daily Report-

er. (award)

Over 50 volunteers gathered at Heritage Park to plant trees, Oak, Maple, Tulip, and Pine trees, around the skateboard park. Another group planted trees on the hillside at Jaycee Park along Riverside Drive. The volunteers came from Sunrise Rotary, Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 433, and Children's Museum of Branch County. While some broke the ground with shovels and dug the holes, others carried heavy buckets of water to the newly planted trees. The event came as the Arbor Day Foundation recognized Coldwater as a 2017 Tree City USA award winner.

Corning Rotary Club (NY), [May 11, 2018](#), Corning Leader. (award)

The Corning Rotarians joined local Boy Scout Troop 2 to plant six apple trees in the Kate Danforth Memorial Community Garden. The project was Corning Rotary's response to Rotary International President H.S. Riseley's challenge for every Rotary Club to plant trees this Rotary year, which began July 1, 2017. Varieties include cortland, empire, honeycrisp and northern spy. Earlier this year, Boy Scout Troop 2 committee member James Johnson approached Corning Rotary about a joint service project.

Coronado Rotary Club (CA), [April 15, 2018](#), Coronado Times Newspaper. (award)

Coronado High School sophomore Cole Mullins will represent Coronado Rotary in the District 5340 Finals of the Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest. Cole's outstanding speech is about the positive impact being a Boy Scout has made in his life. Cole became a Rotary district finalist after moving to the next level in a series of club, sub-regional and regional competitions. Cole has demonstrated strong oratory skills, poise and passion in a competition that has attracted over 150 high school students from across San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside counties.

Dartmouth Rotary Club (UK), [April 27, 2018](#), South Hams Gazette. (award)

After 30 years of service, retiring Cub Scout leader, Barry Probyn, was awarded the Rotary Club of Dartmouth's 2018 Community Award. Each year the Rotary Club presents the award to a member of the Dartmouth community who has been an outstanding contributor to the life of the community either through an organisation they manage, or run, or through their own personal efforts standing out from the crowd and devoting their energy to enrich the lives of others.

**Denver Rotary Clubs (CO), [April 24, 2018](#), 9News.com KUSA. ([award](#))**

Boy Scouts traveled to Inner Mongolia for an Eagle Project to reduce erosion in the region and to help create what's called the 'Great Green Wall of China.'" Dempsey, 14, spent months pitching his project to various Kiwanis, Rotary and Optimist clubs across the Denver area. Dempsey raised about \$23,000 ahead of the trip and made sure family, friends and fellow Boy Scouts could volunteer with him. Dempsey and the American volunteers joined Chinese students in Hohhot to plant more than 100 trees: Mongolian pines, apricot trees, juniper trees and then peach trees.

Dover Capital City Rotary Club (DE), [April 24, 2018](#), Dover Post. ([award](#))

Daniel Davis, senior executive director of the Del-Mar-Va Council, Boy Scouts of America; and Shannon Sampere of the Two Bays District of the Boy Scouts of America, addressed the Dover Capital City Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon on April 14 at Maple Dale Country Club, Dover. Two Bays spans over 1,000 square miles in Kent Counties in Delaware and Maryland and part of Upper Queen Anne's County in Maryland. The Del-Mar-Va Council serves more than 12,800 youth in 14 counties covering Delaware, Maryland's Eastern Shore and Virginia.

Falmouth Rotary Club (MA), [April 17, 2018](#), Cape Cod Today. ([award](#))

Rotary International President, Ian H. S. Riseley has challenged every Rotary club across the globe to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members. The Rotary Club of Falmouth will be planting the first phase of their contributions to the challenge. Members, along with volunteers from Cub Scout Pack 41 of East Falmouth will plant a selection of 10 mostly native trees including American Holly, Sassafras, Harlequin Glory Bower, Magnolia, Rum Cherry, and Redbud varieties. The ceremony will take place in the Eastern Butterfly Garden area of Spohr Gardens.

Great Falls Rotary Club (MT), [April 14, 2018](#), Great Falls Tribune. ([award](#))

Eighty people recently attended the Eagle Scout Recognition Luncheon, hosted by the Great Falls Rotary Club, on April 3, 2018. This year was the 23rd year of the Rotary Club recognizing Eagle and Gold Scouts of central Montana. Thirty Eagle Scouts were recognized, contributing a total of 5,046 hours of service during 2017. There were no Girl Scouts' Gold Awards given in 2017 in central Montana. The guest speaker at the luncheon was Judge Robert Holter, U.S. Magistrate, retired.

King's Lynn Rotary Club (UK), [May 5, 2018](#), Lynn News ([award](#))

The Rotary Club of King's Lynn presented a cheque for £3,100 to allow King's Lynn Sea Scouts to buy an additional rowing boat. While they already has a boat, the number of cadets able to use it at any one time was limited. The new boat will accommodate eight cadets, which will double the present number of youngsters who can get on the water.

**Gonzales Rotary Club (CA), [April 12, 2018](#), Gonzales Tribune. ([award](#))**

Life Scout Manny Vargas created two bullpens for Little League at Brusa Field as part of his project to become an Eagle Scout. Vargas, a scout from Troop 370 of Gonzales, approached the Gonzales Rotary Club to help him with his project. Gonzales Rotary applied for and was approved for a grant from Rotary District 5230. In addition to the Rotary District grant, the Gonzales Rotary Club contributed some additional funds from its club account.

The project took six months to complete from the planning stage to the finished product.



Letchworth Rotary Clubs (UK), [May 22, 2018](#), Comet 24. (award) Joyce Doel, age 92, stars at Letchworth Rotary sponsored 5K walk for charity and raised £700 at Letchworth Rotary's annual Greenway sponsored walk. 5th Letchworth Scouts took part in the charity walk on Sunday. Walk organiser Bob Mills from the Rotary club described Joyce as a "star", praising the many other walkers and runners who took part – which included teams from the Heritage Foundation, various Scout groups from Letchworth, Arlesey and Stevenage, Norton St Nicholas Primary School and more.

Maryville Rotary Club (TN), [May 19, 2018](#), Maryville Daily Times (award)

The Maryville Rotary Club is currently involved in assisting a local Eagle Scout with refurbishing the Blount County Sherriff's K9 agility course.

Maryville Rotary Club (TN), [Feb. 19, 2018](#). The Daily Times. (award)

Rotary will work with Eagle Scout Emory Benson, a high school student, whose project is to refurbish the Blount County Sheriff's Office's K9 agility course. Rotary Club of Maryville is donating \$1,000 toward the project and members will also put in some "sweat equity" on the actual renovation.

Rancho de Chino Rotary Club (CA), [June 9, 2018](#), championnewspapers.com. (award)

Chino Hills State of the City event was sponsored by the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce. The new unsung hero award was presented to Jesse Zarandin by Councilman Brian Johsz for his leadership and volunteerism in Cub Scout Pack 393 and maintaining a close relationship with its chartering organization the Rancho del Chino Rotary.

Roswell Rotary Club, [May 22, 2018](#), MDJOnline.com. (award)

Roswell Remembers, a joint effort by the city and Roswell Rotary Club, aims to commemorate and educate in its revamped Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28 at 11 a.m. This year's planning committee decided to change the program in response to the desire of including more youth. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Eagle Scout Patrick Czabala of the Boy Scouts Northern Ridge District, a troop of both Roswell and Milton residents.

Salida Rotary Club & Salida Sunrise Rotary Club (CO), [May 11, 2018](#), Mountain Mail Newspaper. (award)

After more than a year of renovations, the Scout Hut, now to be called the Salida Rotary Scout Hut, in Riverside Park will reopen. The goal of the project was to turn the building into a more functional, usable space with updated bathrooms, an updated commercial kitchen and other amenities. The project cost around \$600,000, and both the Salida Sunrise Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Salida helped with fundraising efforts for nearly two years.



Summit (NJ) Rotary District 7475, [April 26, 2018](#), TapInToSummitNet. (award)

Seven 'Eagles' from Summit's Troop 67 achieved the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, that of Eagle Scout. The event included a visit by Congressman Leonard Lance, who personally delivered a Congressional Citation to honor each of these Eagle Scouts. Additionally,

past District Governor of Rotary District 7510, Hal Daumé, also honored these new Eagle Scouts, personally presenting the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians Youth Service Award to each of these young men to recognize their outstanding achievement.

**The Tarrytowns Rotary Club (NY), [April 4, 2018](#), The Hudson Independent. ([award](#))**

The 2018 Rotary of Tarrytowns' Duck Derby paid tribute to two groups. "Women in Rotary 30 years," and the Tarrytown Sleepy Hollow Girl Scouts who have been helping at all of the Derbies. The Girl Scouts first started helping in 2011. The Girl Scouts do a terrific job and help make the day a success. It is quite a prized job for the girls to work at the Duck Derby, The local Girl Scout troops have about 150 girls in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. The Scouts get a special badge to acknowledge their work at the Derby, sort of a rite of passage for the senior group who works at the Derby.

Walnut Rotary Club (IL), [April 7, 2018](#), Bureau County Republican. ([award](#))

Walnut Rotary Club's first cookout of 2018 will help local Girl Scouts achieve their Silver Award. Members of Walnut's Girl Scout Troop 1627 will be raising money to support their efforts to earn a Silver Award. This year, Troop 1627 is raising money and collecting donations to provide Blessing and Bedding Bags for the PADS shelters in Peru and Ottawa. Bedtime Bags, intended for the shelters' younger clients, will hold a blanket, stuffed animal and a book for the child. The girls have set a fundraising goal of \$2,500 and are hoping to make 225 bags.

Warren Rotary Club (OH), [April 16, 2018](#), Warren Tribune Chronicle. ([award](#))

Members of the Warren Rotary Club this weekend spent time planting 100 trees in five different parks to celebrate the club's 100th anniversary. They had club members and other groups planting 20 trees in each park. Ken Lapolla of Boy Scout Troop 101 of Warren brought more than 15 of his Boy Scouts to assist the Rotary teams with the tree planting. He said the Scouts also cleaned up the parks. To mark 100 years, the Rotary Club is planning 100 good deeds and giving \$100 each to local nonprofit organizations. Each member donates \$100 to a charity in their name.

IFSR Certificates and Awards for your club to present

On our website, we have [certificates](#) that Rotary Clubs can award Scouts and Guides and an [award](#) that Rotary Clubs can award a Scout or Guide unit that has performed community service. The IFSR Community Service Award may be awarded by any Rotary Club to a Scout or Guide unit of their choice they wish to recognize for performing community service. The award may be given annually to any Scout or Guide unit by any Rotary Club. Recipients are selected by the Rotary Club.

This is not a Scouting award nor a Rotary award, but an IFSR award and is intended to permit Rotary Clubs to recognize Community Service performed by local Scout and/or Guide units.

To help Rotary Clubs create and print the award locally, this website has a fillable PDF version of the certificate which is easy to fill out:

- 1) Open the form at <http://scouters.us/ifsr/downloads/CommunityServiceAward.pdf>
- 2) Enter the name of the Scout or Guide unit (such as, Troop 101, Metropolis)
- 3) Enter the name of the Rotary Club (such as Metropolis Rotary Club)
- 4) Enter the date of the Award presentation
- 5) Then print the award or save and print at a print center.

Please notify the IFSR webmaster [webmaster@scouters.us] of the Scout or Guide Unit Name, Rotary Club Name and Date and a record of the award will be posted on the IFSR Awards webpage.



SCOUTING AND ROTARY HISTORY FROM CLIFF DOCHTERMAN

(This letter from Cliff is in response to an inquiry by Brian Thiessen, our esteemed International Commissioner, and is followed by a note from our Archivist/Historian, Dan Miller. Editor)

Good evening, Brian,

To respond to your question as the Rotary's Fountain of Wisdom is somewhat of a misnomer! I have read quite a bit of this early history of both Rotary and Boy Scouts of America. Unfortunately, I have never seen clear answers to the exact questions we are asking. However, I'll take a stab at it. I'll start with a little background.

In the early days of Rotary, starting about 1912, all Rotary Clubs were encouraged to have "Boys Work Committees." which would work on programs to help boys grow into honorable citizens and to give boys opportunities to attain their full potential. It was just about this time that Chicago newspaper publisher, William Boyce, was helped in a foggy London night by a Boy Scout. This experience encouraged him to visit the Scout office in London, learn about Baden-Powell, and then to establish the Boy Scouts of America in 1910. If I recall Paul Harris was an acquaintance of William Boyce, the Chicago publisher. The "fit" between Rotary and Scouting made it easy for Rotary to become a major sponsor of Scouting groups from the very beginning.

The first office for the Boy Scouts of America was established in the Chicago YMCA, and the first troop was sponsored and operated for the first year as an activity of the YMCA. This fit perfectly with Chicago Rotary Club and the Rotary "Boys Work Committees." All Rotary Clubs were encouraged to help sponsor either a local YMCA or a Boy Scout troop. Consequently, at that time Rotary Clubs were the largest single Boy Scout charter organization in the United States.

That, of course, is no longer a fact. On a recent list of BSA sponsoring organizations, I saw Rotary International in 16 places out of about 40 associations, churches, businesses, civic and educational groups. The Mormon Church was at the top of this list, but under recent changes, I am not certain where we stand.

I have read (although I do not recall the exact source) that Paul Harris was also a friend of the three most influential founders of BSA in the early years -- Ernest T. Seton (Scout Executive Secretary, 1910-15), James E. West (Chief Scout Executive 1915-1943), and Daniel Beard.

Two other points worth mentioning:

1. At the Rotary International Convention in 1934 in Detroit, Walter Head, President of the BSA, presented the Silver Buffalo Award to Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary International, for his support of Scouting.
2. At the 1984 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England, the Rotary International Award for World Understanding and Peace, Rotary's highest honor, was presented to the World Scout Movement.

I trust that this information might be somewhat useful and interesting. Like all history -- it is only as good as the person who tries to recall it and writes it down!

Thanks for sending Brian. I have always heard that Paul Harris traveled with James E. West in the early days of both organizations. I will keep this among the history items I have. Possibly BSA and Rotary archives may document this.



As an example, I am proud that my Lexington, Kentucky Rotary Club was Club No. 182 chartered in 1915, and our early history shows that the members were encouraged to help the Boy Scout movement around 1921; "...the club brought Dr. Frank H. Gamel, a noted specialist in the field of boy's work, to Lexington." Our club organized the Blue Grass Council and owned the first area summer camp. It was later conveyed to the BGC, sold and proceeds used to develop the current larger summer camp. Later a troop for under-privileged Scouts was chartered to the Club.

I have learned that there are more than one Camp Rotary out there in the Scouting world. *Dan Miller*

JACK YOUNG, OUR NEW INTERAMERICAN REGION CHAIRMAN, SHARING IFSR LOVE

Editor's note: Jack has been getting around and sent some pictures we want to share. Here they are:





HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

YOU ARE NEEDED to join hands in helping run our Fellowship. IFSR International is the world-wide organization and we have 6 Regions to conform to the World Organization of Scout Movements Regions

Africa Arab Asia Pacific Eurasia Europe Interamerica

Each Region selects its own Regional Chair and committee chairs.

The Fellowship has overall responsibility and is presided over by a President - currently Mark Kriebel.

WE NEED YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION to grow IFSR around the world. There are about 50 MILLION Scouts and we need to get them connected with their local Rotary Clubs to enhance the growth of Rotary and Scouting. Positions at IFSR and/or Regions include

Chair Vice Chair Chair of District Coordinators

Each Rotary District should have an IFSR Coordinator - this person helps identify all the District Coordinators and support them

Nominating Committee Recognitions Chair

Conventions and Jamborees Chair - exhibits at all Rotary and Scouting conventions/Jamborees

International Commissioner - represents IFSR at any national/international Rotary or Scouting event if the President cannot be there

WE NEED YOUR HELP in these positions. NO FOOLING – we need volunteers for every position. NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE TODAY!!

Our only 'regular' officers are Treasurer Ralph Winter, Exec. Secretary Randy Seefeldt, Newsletter Editor Steve Kesler, WebMaster Steve Henning and Historian Dan Miller (and THANKS to each of them!).

Send self-nominations or nominate others to President Mark Kriebel (markkriebel@prodigy.net) and/or past IFSR President Brian D Thiessen (bdtalamo@pacbell.net). Elections for Regions are at Region meetings; IFSR election is at Annual General Meeting at the RI Convention in Toronto in June.

NEW MEMBER TO IFSR – DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?



Editors note: Here is a picture of Lane Calvert presenting our mystery man as a new member of IFSR. We like pictures and we like ALL our members, so we have included the picture and note. Who is the new member?



Scouting Around the World

JULY 2018

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: Dinner 26 July 2018

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B-P Bits:



June 1910 – “Patrol Leaders – The best progress is made in those Troops where power and responsibility are really put into the hands of the Patrol Leaders. It is the secret of success with many Scoutmasters when once they have half-a-dozen Patrol Leaders, really doing their work as if they were Assistant Scoutmasters. The Scoutmasters find themselves able to go on and increase the size of their Troops by starting new Patrols or adding recruits to existing ones. Expect a good deal of your Patrol Leaders and nine times out of ten they will play up to your expectation; but if you are going always to nurse them and not to trust them to do things well, you will never get them to do anything on their own initiative.

Collectors' Corner: Scouting's Interesting Highest Rank Badges



Guatemala
Scout Quetzal



Japan
Fuji Scout



Kenya
Lion Scout



Malta
Dolphin Award



Portugal
Knight of the Fatherland



South Africa
Springbok



Zimbabwe
Sable Award



Bangladesh
President's Scout



Brunei
Sultan Scout



Chile
Condor Scout



Cyprus
Republic Scout



Scouts rush to help after Mount Fuego eruption

Scouts in Guatemala have been hard at work helping people who fled their homes on the slopes of Mount Fuego after the volcano erupted for the first time in more than 40 years. As rescuers hurried to the affected area, local Scout groups mobilised to collect basic supplies for those who'd been forced to leave everything behind. In less than 24 hours, some 20 Scout groups got to work setting up collection centers to gather and sort donations. More than 12,000 people have now been evacuated from the volcano's slopes, with some 4,200 villagers living in 21 shelters in the surrounding region

**Scouting in Serbia****Savez Izviđača Srbije**
Scout Association
of SerbiaThis Scout badge shows
the old coat of arms of the
Kingdom of Yugoslavia

The first Scout units in what was to become Yugoslavia were founded in 1911 by Dr. Miloš Popović, in Belgrade, Kragujevac, Vranje and Valjevo. As Kingdom of Yugoslavia, Serbia served as one of the 20 original signatories that founded the World Organization of the Scout Movement, from 1922 to 1950. The Russian Scout association Русский Скаут went into exile after World War I, and continued where fleeing White Russian émigrés settled, establishing groups in Serbia. The outbreak of World War II saw the suspension of Scouting in Serbia in 1941, when Yugoslavia was occupied by the Germans. Scouting in Yugoslavia was co-opted by the Tito government in 1950, at which time WOSM membership was forfeited, as the new organization did not meet all the criteria for membership, as there were very close connections with the communist government. In 1951, individual Scout associations were founded in all then-Yugoslav republics. The Scout Association of Yugoslavia was renewed under the former Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia on November 24, 1951 at a meeting held in Zagreb, now in Croatia. Individual branches were created for each constituent republic, and the Scout movement grew and thrived until the Yugoslav dissolution in 1991. Yugoslavia, as Serbia and Montenegro, returned as the 137th member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement on September 1, 1995. In the prevailing situation in the Balkans, the association is very active in social work for all segments of the population, and cooperates closely with the Red Cross in providing aid to refugees, opportunities for the disabled, help for orphans and general aid to areas in crisis. The SIS has recently been featured in news stories about the work they are doing for the environment. The SIS is active in a campaign to introduce new methods and materials of packaging, different schemes for garbage collection and recycling program. The Savez Izviđača Srbije is a voluntary, independent, nonpolitical and social organization of children, youth and adults, for development of their physical, intellectual and spiritual potential. Every citizen of Serbia could become a member of the Savez Izviđača Srbije, if he or she accepts the Program of the Association and acts in accordance with the Scout Laws and regulations of the Constitution of Savez Izviđača Srbije, and is active in his or her unit and in the Association.

Serbia has a less formal organization. At the heart of Savez Izviđača Srbije are the Groups, typically much bigger than Groups in other countries, containing several Cub packs, Scout troops and Senior Scout units. For example, the France Prešem Group in Belgrade, founded in 1957, has had over 11,000 members, over 200 new members a year. Scout Groups in Serbia tend to be named after people - either from local history or the founders of the Group. Each Scout Group has its own neckerchief, the generally vibrant colors of which are chosen by the members

Syrian refugees in Turkey find their rhythm with Scouting - Turkey has more refugees than any country in the world, with an estimated 3.8 million Syrians living in the country's cities and towns. While refugees are able to work, study and get medical help, adjusting to a new life in a foreign country with unfamiliar customs is hard for many. Majd Elewi was a member of the Scouts in his hometown of Homs. Their Scout hut was like a second home; a place to hang out at the weekend, the walls decorated with the group's collection of scarves and photos of their adventures. But when Syria descended into civil war, the group disbanded, and eventually Elewi was forced to flee. Now 23, Elewi joined the Ibn Al-Walid Scouts- a Scout Group just for Syrian refugees. Then he created the Syrian Scout Brass Band Elewi's band helps young people to cope with the upheaval in their lives. "All our Scouts came because of the Syrian War so they lost a lot of precious things; their home, friends, family and society. They faced many changes all at the same time, everything including language was different to them, so what we are focussing on is building new friends and breaking the wall between them and the Turkish people by camping and all the activities that we do with the Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey."



ZONE INSTITUTES & OTHER EVENTS 2018

IFSR Members are **URGENTLY** needed to staff Exhibits at each of these Zone Institutes - PLEASE contact IFSR President Mark Kriebel or International Commissioner Brian D. Thiessen at BDTAla-mo@Pacbell.net. *IF YOU CAN HELP AND VOLUNTEER to set up and organize staff of an IFSR booth at these.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Location</u>
27 Jul - 8 Aug	Interamerican MOOT	Cuzco, Peru
27-30 August	Africa Region WOSM Conf	Zimbabwe
4-9 September	ZI 21B and 27	Boise, Idaho
7-10 September	Africa Region Conf WOSM	Harare, Zimbabwe
14-16 September	ZI 7 and 8	Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
14-16 September	ZI 15-16	Vilnius, Lithuania
18-20 September	ZI 24 and 32	Bonaventure Hotel, Montreal
26-30 September	ZI 28 and 29	Bayfront, Erie, Pennsylvania
5- 7 October	ZI 4, 5 and 6A	H. Leela Palace Chennai, India
15-20 October	26th Asia-Pacific Region Conf	Manila, Philippines
11-14 October	ZI 30 and 31	Renaissance, Montgomery, Ala.
13-15 October	ZI 20A	Eko Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria
18-20 October	ISGF Fellowship	Eastbourne, England
15-17 November	ZI 25 and 26	PepperMill Hotel, Reno, Nevada
15-18 November	ZI 33 and 34	Norfolk, Virginia
30 Nov - 2 Dec	ZI 6B, 7A, 10B	Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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