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## IFSR Shelterbox Project

By David A. Judge

Colchester (UK) Scout Band joined with Colchester Forum Rotary Club through IFSR's Project to support ShelterBox, which was originated by Past IFSR World President David A. Judge and launched at Gilwell Reunion 2009 with Scout Association and ShelterBox.

Colchester Scout Band (CSB) raised 250 Pounds to add to a similar sum from Colchester Forum to fund one complete ShelterBox. Colchester Forums Past Presidents John Russell and David Judge visited Colchester Scout Band to talk about ShelterBox and Rotary programmes related to young people. This should be the start of a positive link between CSB and Colchester Forum, who have in the past, and continue to donate to ShelterBox.

Many Civic and Scouting leaders and dignitaries including IFSR in RIBI Secretary Michael Francis & Mary, attended CSB Awards evening on 27th November 2010 when CSB Bandmaster John Larner presented Colchester Forum President Ivan Stedman with a check. THANK YOU COLCHESTER SCOUT BAND.

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The Olave Baden –Powell Society (OB-PS) was established in 1984 for the purpose of providing financial support and stability to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The society was named in honor of the World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell, wife of Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of Boy Scouting. Beginning with an initial 54 members, the OB-PS today has 1046 members in 55 countries. The patron of the society is HRH Princess Benedikte of Denmark who presents the new members with their insignia and certificates at the annual meetings. She is also an active participant with the members of the Board.

The Board of Directors of OB-PS has the responsibility of directing the policy of the Society, taking care of business in between meetings and giving reports to the members during the annual meetings. The mission of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. The financial support given by the OB-PS has helped to fund many special WAGGGS projects such as helping in Honduras to train young women as advocates, in Jordan to help Girl Guides develop handicraft skills to support income generation and in Portugal to help improve the lives of young women in two local communities facing problems with unemployment, alcoholism and domestic violence. For 2010, WAGGGS has created the Global Girls Fund which is dedicated to equipping girls with leadership skills, growing the global voice of girls and young women and supporting them in making a difference and investing in girls and their communities and enabling the development and delivery of global education, training and support. OB-PS funds help sponsor young women to take part in the WAGGGS Leadership Development Program held at the four World Centers in Switzerland, England, Mexico and India.

Membership in the Olave Baden-Powell Society is given to an individual who has donated the equivalent of 6,000 GBP or approximately \$9,600. In the United States gifts may be given to the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc. - 501c (3) . Online giving is at [www.worldfoundationgggs.org](http://www.worldfoundationgggs.org)



## World Scout Foundation, the Baden-Powell Fellowship

By PDG Harold Friend, MD



A contribution to Scouting is an investment in the future! The Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation, His Majesty, The King of Sweden, is a strong supporter of Scouting throughout the world, and usually attends the twice yearly Baden Powell events when contributors gather to recognize new members of the Baden-Powell Fellowship. The last event occurred in Ottawa, Canada in September 2010 and 121 new Baden-Powell Fellows were recognized.

The World Scout Foundation is associated with the World Organization of the Scout Movement, whose office is located in Geneva Switzerland, and provides the framework to raise the funds and maintain strategic investment policies for long-term growth. In addition, the Olave Baden-Powell Society provides the same framework for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

The next Baden-Powell Fellowship event will occur in The Hague, Netherlands, from April 7-10. There will also be a Baden-Powell event occurring from August 4-7 at the 22nd of World Scout Jamboree outside the city of Kristianstad, Sweden. Participation is invited for any Scout who becomes a Baden-Powell Fellowship member. This requires a donation of \$10,000, which may be given at one time or with periodic contributions. For those living within the United States, the contributions are handled through the BSA International Division.

### IFSR at WORLD JAMBOREE SWEDEN, 27 July - 7 August 2011

IFSR expects to have an Exhibit at the World Jamboree near Kristianstad, Sweden, 27 July - 7 August 2011. IFSR members **Dag** and **Christine Ivarsson** of Osby, Sweden have enlisted many Rotarians to help.. and **Holger B. Dybdahl** of Denmark will help. Those who wish to also work there can contact **Dag** at [dag.ivarsson@cedela.se](mailto:dag.ivarsson@cedela.se) to see what further help will be needed to cover all days with full complement of assistants. Also contact President Brian at [bdtalamo@pacbell.net](mailto:bdtalamo@pacbell.net) or Convention and Jamboree Chair Fred Brenner in Pennsylvania at (724) 458-2113 or [brenecol@zoominternet.net](mailto:brenecol@zoominternet.net).



## Giving thanks for the holidays

*A ShelterBox Deployment*

By Alan Monroe

Whenever you get the call to go on deployment for ShelterBox, it's never a *great* time to go. ShelterBox is an international relief charity that delivers emergency shelter and other equipment to survivors following a disaster. As a ShelterBox Response Team member, I am tasked to mobilize at a moment's notice to escort this aid through customs and ultimately into the hands of the most needy. While becoming a response team member can be a trying and rigorous task, I feel the skills and values I learned while on my path to become an Eagle Scout fully prepared me for the duties I would fulfill as a ShelterBox Response Team member later in life.

When I got the call this time around, it was 6 days before Thanksgiving holiday. After speaking with my wife and family, we decided the best way to be thankful for what we have is to give back to those who could use a hand. After an emergency Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday night, I packed my bags and got on a plane the very next morning to deliver ShelterBoxes to those who lost everything after the multiple eruptions of Mt. Merapi.

Upon joining my team in Indonesia, we immediately went to work. From coordinating with community groups and government bodies and arranging for transport of our boxes to the affected areas, there was a lot to do. Within a matter of a day or so, the team had lined up several safe sites for ShelterBox camps and met with the families who would both help set up the camps and live in them.

One of the most memorable experiences on my deployment came one week later where our team was in the midst of setting up camp for more than 100 families. A nearby school that was acting as a temporary shelter told our translator that they would be forced to evict the disaster survivors soon since they had to begin classes again. This caused widespread tension among the survivors as they had no place else to go, many of their homes were in shambles up the mountain.

Our team had six teams working concurrently to set up the tents as quickly as possible. We knew we needed to have this tent ready by the end of the day so the disaster survivors could have a place to stay when the school had to force them out. As it was in the rainy season, we needed to "get the job done" by early afternoon or when the rains typically began.

Throughout the morning, a little boy about 8 years old hung close to the tents being set up, obviously wanting to help but too shy to ask. Knowing that we were under a tight deadline, I wasn't about to waste the opportunity of more help. I did my best to ask him if he wanted to help using hand gestures and he jumped right in, pounding stakes here or jumping on my shoulders to give the assist with the roof poles.

By 1pm, our six teams had 90 tents up when the families started arriving. A speaker phone clicked on a started shouting over the tents letting people know where to find their specific tent. Families carrying all of their worldly possessions began moving into the finished tents immediately.



As I am inspecting a line of tents to ensure they are set up correctly, I can't help but to stop and look into a tent in which I had just finished but ten minutes ago. Prayer mats have already been laid out just so. A child is happily playing with her stuffed toy. The mother is laying out blankets and inspecting the cooking pots. Then it hits me... This tent, which was just a tent but moments earlier had become a home. I suddenly feel like I'm intruding and decide it's time to get back to work.

About that time, an older man who steps out of the tent and grasps my hands with both of his, a wide smile on his face. He starts talking to me in Indonesian smiling the whole time and pointing back to the tent. I catch the phrase "terima kasih" or "thank you" about a dozen times. I have no idea what the man said but I was truly touched. I am sure he was saying "thank you for helping my family and bringing them a shelter."

The next realization that hits me is that we had better finish quickly. A nasty rain cloud is forming promising the day's rain is not too far off. We make it to tent 95 before sky unleashes nasty rain and lightning. After seeking shelter inside an unstaked shell of a tent for an hour, the rains cease and we finally get back to work.

As we were working on the last row of tents, a family stands in front of our team and tries to move into the tent before we fully set it up. I grab the nearest person I know who speaks a bit of English and ask for a hand explaining that we need to complete the tent before they can move in. The family gives us a respectful distance and lets us get back to work. When we finish, I wave to the family that its ok to move in and the mother bows, says thank you and begins to unpack.

The team walks down the camp one final time, adjusting guy ropes here or giving a stake the final few taps. We're clearly spent but it was the best and most rewarding day of work in my life.

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Providing shelter, warmth and dignity to disaster survivors worldwide.



## All Members of IFSR—Current email address needed

For budget and communication reasons, it is important that we have your latest email address. Some of our communications lately have bounced back due to incorrect or outdated email addresses. Please send us your latest contact information-especially if you have not received information from us lately. You may email your information to us at [ifsr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ifsr@sbcglobal.net)

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Dear Fellow Scouting Rotarians,

The Nominating Committee is responsible each year for submitting a slate of proposed officers for IFSR at the Annual General Meeting. As you know, one of the traditions in Rotary is the rotation of positions so that new leaders may emerge. According to our constitution, our World President has a three year term and PDG Brian Thiessen is approaching the end of that very productive term. His shoes will be difficult to fill and his successor is the most important decision that our Fellowship must make in the next few months. World President should be a PDG so that he has sufficient knowledge of and stature within Rotary to be effective.

All other positions within IFSR are open for nominations as well. Any member may submit his/her name or the name of any other member (by email to me) to be considered for any position within the Fellowship. If you have not previously served in an IFSR elected position please accompany your email with a short bio including your Rotary and Scouting background.

To comply with the RI rules regarding submission of information for the annual directory this process must start now and be completed within just a couple of months. I would appreciate your consideration and quick response. Email: [hfriendmd@gmail.com](mailto:hfriendmd@gmail.com)

Yours in Rotarian/Scouting Fellowship,

PDG Harold Friend, MD



## Scoutmaster's Minute: "Bank Account"

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest:

Each morning your bank would deposit \$960.00 in your private account for your use. (That is \$350,400.00 per year) However, this prize has rules, just as any game has certain rules.

The first set of rules would be:

Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you. You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$960.00 for that day.

The second set of rules:

The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Its over, the game is over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, right?

ACTUALLY This GAME is REALITY!

Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank.

We just can't seem to see it.

The MAGICAL BANK is TIME!

Each morning we awaken to receive 960 seconds or (16 hours the average person is awake) as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.

What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost.

Yesterday is forever gone.

Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time....WITHOUT WARNING.

SO, what will YOU do with your 960 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about that, and always think of this:

Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day.

Start spending!!

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## A Call to Share

To all IFSR members, A CALL TO SHARE. We are always looking for stories describing how Rotary and Scouting work together to positively impact the lives of youth. Please continue to send us your examples. Please share your stories by sending them to our IFSR Newsletter editor, Steve Kesler, at [keslergroup@gmail.com](mailto:keslergroup@gmail.com).



## Scouts of Paraguay, Building Citizenship

On November 19th, in the National Congress of Paraguay, was held the conference: "Scouts, building citizenship", which had as its keynote speaker Hector Carrer from the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Region.

This activity was sponsored by the National Congress through the Chamber of Deputies together with the legislative office of Congressman Dr. Dionisio Ortega, Chairman of the Committee on Education, Culture and Religion. The conference was part of celebrations for the fiftieth anniversary of the Scout Association of Paraguay.

The audience in the conference was formed by members of the Chamber of Deputies and Senators, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Religion, people from municipalities, political parties, universities, the Superior Institute of Education, civil society organizations, authorities, leaders and youth of the Scout Association of Paraguay, students and the public.

In opening ceremony of the conference, the Minister of Education Dr. Luis Alberto Montaner Riart, expressed his interest "To define policies designed to facilitate strategic partnerships with youth organizations such as the Scout Association of Paraguay, targeting students in the final year of secondary education as potential scout leaders. "

It was exciting to watch young scouts and non-scouts occupy the seats that usually are occupied by representatives of the people of Paraguay, carefully following the exposure of a subject so close to the aims of Scouting.

It is noteworthy that the whole conference was live broadcasted by the website of the National Scout Organization: [scouts.org.py](http://scouts.org.py). This established a true milestone in the history of communications for the Scouts of Paraguay. After the event an exhibition was organized by the scout groups at the reception of the Congress.



## WOW!! WONDERFUL NEWS...

IFSR Mail List Now Over 1000. This was our 2010 goal that at times seemed much too far off ... but you, each of you (and many others) played a huge part in reaching this goal! Congratulations to you on making this happen! On to 1111 in 2011 !!! (do I hear a goal of 2011 in 2011??) Thanks for all you all do.

IFSR President Brian





## All eyes on Burundi as the country prepares to host Africa Scout Day

By Susan Otieno



**Journée Africaine du Scoutisme**  
13 March / Mars

The Africa Scout Day, established following a 1995 resolution by the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) now the Africa Union (AU), seeks to recognize the past and ongoing contribution of Scouts in the development of Africa through community service projects. This Day is marked on the 13th of March every year. This is because on the 13th March 1961, in Nigeria, African Scout Leaders met for the first time to discuss the organization of the Africa Scout Region.

With only a few weeks to go, as the host of the 2011 Africa Scout Day, the Burundi Scout Association, is putting their best foot forward as preparations for this once in a year event get in high gear. With support from the Burundi Government as well as their sister project known as "Amahoro Amani", the host is hopeful for a successful event. The guest of honour will be H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza, the President of the Republic of Burundi.

The 2011 Africa Scout Day, will carry the theme: "Scouting: building bridges not walls." Seeking to unite 200 Scouts from Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola and Burundi for a five-day camp where the participants will have an avenue for intercultural exchange and peace promotion for African Youth. In addition, about 1 million Scouts from all the other 37 African National Scout Organizations will also mark this day at a national level.

The event will also act as a build up to the upcoming Africa Scout Jamboree in 2012 to be held in Burundi, giving partners an opportunity to work with the Scout Movement and as a pace setter for subsequent Africa Scout Day Celebrations. It is expected that Africa Scout Day 2012 will be held in Angola.

## RI Convention in New Orleans

As we start this new year, I am hopeful that our members will now take the time to register for the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, and let me know that they are willing to sign up for a two (2) hour shift in our IFSR Booth in the House of Friendship. As Booth Chair, it will be my goal to make the experience as non-taxing as possible, and fun for everyone involved. *Rotary and Scouting - what a terrific combination!* Gary Moore, Past District 6910 Governor 770 929-2831(Office) or 404 790-9066(Cell) or [garlandmoore@bellsouth.net](mailto:garlandmoore@bellsouth.net)

## New Generations

District 5320 and Orange County Council BSA incorporate Scouting into New Generations programming. PDG Lane Calvert of D-5320 (who is also New Generations Director of D-5320 and a Scout Executive himself, has created an excellent Power Point presentation on blending Interact, Rotaract and Youth Leadership Workshops (including RYLA) with Scouting, Youth Exchange, etc. This can be used by any District or any IFSR member. Contact Lane at [lanec@ocbsa.org](mailto:lanec@ocbsa.org) or his phone (714) 906 0929 for more information on what you and I can do in our Districts to enhance Scouting/Rotary networking, service and fun!



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