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*Rotarian, Fred Gladstone is presenting awards to Eagle Scouts.*

## IFSR WORLD INITIATIVE – SOMETHING YOU CAN DO

**Editor's Note:** One of the easiest and best activities by Rotarians is to make public awards to scouts who have been awarded Eagle or Gold awards (or the corresponding award in your country). I EMPHASIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING AS SCOUTING ROTARIANS. Any of us can do this, and these are "feel good" events for everyone. One good way to do this is to invite the scout and his/her parents to a rotary meeting to make the presentation. This introduces the Rotarians to the scout and his/her family as well as the scout and family to the Rotarians increasing the possibility for much more interaction later. These kids are the best of the best and will make terrific Rotarians when they are old enough to join. Hal Daume <[haldaume@incg.org](mailto:haldaume@incg.org)> has taken this initiative to a very high level and sent us this report:

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### IFSR Certificate of Achievement To Eagles and Gold Awards

I'm delighted to report that, since initiating the position of Scouting Services Chair in District 7510 beginning July 1, 2008, over 80 individual Rotarians from 20 of our district's 41 clubs have to date presented 535 certificates to new Eagle Scouts and Gold Award Girl Scouts, and by the end of this current Rotary year that number will have increased to no less than 546. Moreover, hearing of our success, District 7490 (the New Jersey counties of Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic) has instituted this program as well! (Success does breed success!)



Hal reports further that every time a Rotarian stands before an audience of Scouts AND their parents AND community leaders (both elected and volunteer) AND elected officials in our towns, counties, and state, that Rotarian is spreading the Rotary message! Here's the script that's been the backbone of every presentation...

It's my pleasure to recognize the attaining of the Eagle Scout rank... A demonstration of commitment, achievement, leadership, and service. We in Rotary share many of the same values as Scouting; among them, vision for a better world, honorable dealings with our fellow man, and service to others – in the same way that Scouts promise to serve their God and country, their fellow Scouts, and those in need.

Rotary, like Scouting, is world-wide. Our motto is Service Above Self – A Scout might say, "To help other people at all times." Rotary's international presidents have been Eagle Scouts, and many of our Rotary Clubs sponsor Scouting units. On behalf of the Rotary Club of (TOWN) and the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, I'm pleased to present (NAME) with this Recognition of Outstanding Achievement, and a wish for your future: That you may continue on the path of achievement, leadership, and service that you have today so well exemplified. Congratulations!



**Editor:** Hal sent another email saying "In addition, Rotary District 7490, also in Northern New Jersey, under the leadership of Past District Governor Len Agrusti, has picked up on what we're doing here and has instituted a parallel recognition program." I challenge every one of you to make this happen in your district. Start by sending a copy of this newsletter to the correct person in your district showing them how easy (and effective) this effort is. Next stay on it. Make the phone calls. Send a few emails. Get your own and other clubs involved. Think about it: 1) You already have your Rotary meeting, so no special venue or date is necessary. 2) Your only extra costs are to pay for a few extra meals (the scouts and parents). 3) You can do the whole ceremony in 10 minutes or less.



4) The media loves these things and by getting the media involved you promote Rotary and Scouting to the public. 5) And there is room for growth with this effort. As you get more experienced you could invite scouts to bring their own color guards to present the colors and you can have a backdrop like you see in one of these pictures. But start simple. Just get it going. Send us pictures!

### Message From Our President PDG Harold Friend, MD



Fellow Scouting Rotarians,

I was sitting at a dinner and a very prominent orthopedic surgeon next to me leaned over and said “Harold, Scouting was the best time of my life.” As we look back to our experience of Scouting as a youth we can now understand how the Scouting program enabled our development into productive and successful adults. Our perspective is quite different now than it was years ago when we were just enjoying nature, hiking, camping and learning a few skills, that is, having fun. We know how important Scouting is in the development of youth and were fortunate to be able to have had that experience.

Our Fellowship brings together those Rotarians who understand the value of the Scouting program for youth. When attending Scouting events, local, national and international, there are often many Rotarians also there. By wearing the IFSR pin you proudly identify yourself as an IFSR member.

Whenever I have visited a Rotary club usually around 50% of the members had been involved with Scouting as there is a strong correlation with the values taught in Scouting and those of Rotary. We should work together to build a stronger, more vibrant Fellowship with many thousands of members. There are 1.2 million Rotarians, probably 5-600,000 have been involved in Scouting at some time in their life so we have great potential to increase membership.

Today we each have a unique opportunity to support Scouting through IFSR by becoming active officers within IFSR.



The number of positions is without limit because the stronger we grow, the more positions are available for leadership. I ask that each of you volunteer to take on a position. There are many Rotary districts without a district representative and many Rotary Zones without a representative.

Yours in Rotarian/Scouting Fellowship, PDG Harold C. Friend, MD. President, IFSR

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## Scouting Rotarian Jack Mayo—Silver Wheel Award

**Editor's Note:** Each year IFSR recognizes IFSR members (Rotarians or Rotaractors) who have made unique and outstanding contributions through IFSR to Girl Guiding/Scouting or World Scouting and Rotary International. This is not a Scouting award but an IFSR award and thus we want to honor those of our members who have contributed in an outstanding fashion. Past RI President Cliff Dochterman makes the presentation with PDG Brian Thiessen assisting in this 2011 ceremony. We are correcting that omission with this well deserved article.



Pictures : Past RI President Cliff Dochterman, Past IFSR President Brian Thiessen. And Jack Mayo.

In a letter to me Jack gave a beautiful description how he and his wife, Nita Louise, met John and June Kenny. John was the President of IFSR and later became World President of Rotary. "With a passion for Rotary and a passion for scouting in common, we have remained in contact ever since" says Jack. (IFSR has an illustrious history of powerful leaders as our current President's credentials clearly support.) He went on to tell only a small portion of the extensive work that he has done over a long history of work in Scouting and Rotary focusing instead on his work in IFSR. Jack and his friend PDG Del Raby produced the Scouting Rotarian through 2002. For years Jack arranged, set up, and manned information tables promoting IFSR and handed out thousands of newsletters to Rotarians in many areas of the country.

This effort to strengthen the relationship between Scouting and Rotary lead to his appointment by N. L. "Bud" Allison, IFSR's 2007-08 International Vice President and Interamerican Region Chairman, to create a State Section of IFSR in Texas. While Bud was IFSR's 2008-09 World President, Texas State Section officers and members represented Scouting at Lone Star PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) and at leadership Assemblies and Conferences of several Rotary Districts in the state. The popularity of the Texas Section's participation in the 2008 Lone Star PETS confirmed the value of State Sections and Jack agreed to encourage additional states to form IFSR sections and to be the administrative link between those State Sections and IFSR.

With a lot of support from 2009-2012 IFSR World President Brian Thiessen, we had representatives at over a dozen PETS and GETS when IFSR Life Member Bob Preston assumed responsibility for recruiting and supporting those PETS & GETS representatives so Jack could accept another Rotary assignment outside of IFSR. President-Elect and Governor-Elect Training Seminars are highly effective ways to remind incoming Rotary leaders that supporting scouting is a vital part of Rotary's community service. Together we thank PDG Jack Mayo for his extensive and effective service. Thank you Jack!



# Scouting Around the World

July 2014

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: July 17, 2014 Dinner

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### BP Bits:



The kudu is one of the largest and most beautiful antelope in Africa. It is also the origin of an obscure tradition in Scouting: all over the world, the elegant spiral horns of the kudu, hollowed out as a wind instrument, are used as signal horns to call Scout camps and training courses together.

In the 1890s, Baden-Powell fought in the Matabele campaign in what is now Zimbabwe. The Matabele warriors had a unique method of military signaling, using the deep note of a kudu horn to carry coded signals over long distances. After the campaign, B-P took one of these horns home as a trophy. At the Brownsea Island camp in 1907, the first Scouts were woken every morning by the sound of B-P's kudu horn. The Brownsea Camp led on to the birth of the Scout movement, and later B-P gave his kudu horn to the new Scoutmaster training ground, Gilwell Park outside London. In 1929, the 21st birthday of Scouting was celebrated in a World Jamboree at Arrowe Park. Baden-Powell used the same kudu horn to call the Jamboree together.

### Collectors' Corner: World Bureau and World Crest Insignia



10 June 2014

Venture Scout Phurba Tenjing Sherpa (first on the right side, wearing the scarf of Vienna's 8th Scout & Guide Group) and fellow mountaineers proudly displaying the flag of the Venture Scouts and Guides of Wiener Pfadfindergruppe 8, in the base camp shortly after having returned from the top of Mount Everest.



Can you design a T-shirt that Scouts worldwide will love, shows the fun and educational Scouting experience and promotes the sense of belonging to a worldwide Scouting movement? We have just launched a contest to design a special T-shirt to be sold worldwide! The theme for the T-shirt is "Creating a Better World" and the winning design will be sold through World Scout Shops website. Submit your designs below by attaching your logo as a file before 13th July but make sure that you read and understand the rules before you do! You can view the full details of the rules for the contest and how to enter from the link below. If you like a design, remember to like it as it will contribute to judging the winner! The winner will be announced in August!

[2014 World Scout T-shirt Design Competition.pdf](#) [WSB T-SHIRT TEMPL.zip](#) - [log in](#) or [register](#) to like this. |

### Scouting in Lebanon:



The Lebanese Scouting Federation (LSF), the national federation of **28** Scouting organizations of Lebanon, was founded in 1961. Lebanon became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1947. Scouting was introduced in Lebanon by two teachers, Abdul Satar and Mohammad Abdul Jabbar Khairy who received support from Toufik El Hibri. They came to Lebanon from England in 1912 and established the first Scout troop in the school owned by El Hibri, where they worked. In 1973, Muhammad Toufik El Hibri was posthumously awarded the *Bronze Wolf*, the only distinction of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, awarded by the World Scout Committee for exceptional services to world Scouting.

During the years of war in Lebanon, Scouts, from all association played an important role in helping civilians. They distributed food, medicine, and other forms of aid to refugees. Some Scouting associations formed First Aid groups that helped the wounded. Scouts also participated in peace campaigns to help put an end to that war. During the war, Scouts from all sides of the conflict remained brothers and remained in contact with each other. Their unity was a good example for all Lebanese. All this helped create a good image for Scouting in Lebanon. People here tend to respect Scouts and encourage their children to join the Scouting movement.

Today, years after the war had ended, Scouting in Lebanon still faces great tasks. Lebanon is now involved in a large reconstruction plan aimed to erase all the effects of the war and to enable it to regain its advanced role in the world. Scouting organizations around the world teach children about unity, service, and country. While they also do so in Lebanon, Scouting groups here perpetuate sectarian divisions under one unified entity. "Each political party has Scouts because, to continue their party, they need young people to grow up with the spirit of their group," says Sami Abou Jaoudi, former president of the LSF which oversees the associations.



**18 June 2014 – The World Scout Bureau opened its new office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.** Scott Teare, Secretary General, said at the opening: "We are delighted to be here in Brickfields, in a modern office connected to easy and fast moving means of transportation to the city and to the KL International Airport. This is very important for us as we will welcome our volunteers and staff from across the globe more or less on a daily basis."



**Editor's Note:** Our President, PDG Harold Friend, MD has spent much of his extensive career in Scouting working on an international level. Many of you may not be aware of the many opportunities there are for Scouting work at that level. While we have articles of international interest because we are an international organization, we also show them to encourage your exploration into service at that level. The World Scout Foundation is just one of those.

### "Over the Edge" IFSR in Action



Rappelling "Over the Edge" of the tallest building in Contra Costa County (only 13 stories) was conceived to raise money for Mt Diablo Silverado Council (with "Edgers" obtaining pledges of money for their daring-do). Several Rotarians were involved in the activity -- IFSR members Gene Voelkel, and Al Kappadah! helped with the logistics and support and past IFSR President Brian D Thiessen took on the challenge of going Over the Edge for the Old Guys' Team - to show that even old guys can have fun and escape reality!. With a pledge goal of \$1939, at last report he had nearly doubled that goal with a few contributions still coming in!

*Photos by IFSR member Al Kappadah!*



**Editors Note:** This is Brian and friends proving we are never too old to help out Scouting!



**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.



Thank you Brian for sending the pictures of Lindell and Ross McConnell – our new IFSR Section Co Chairs and Life members of IFSR!

**Miniature Rotary Pin of Dochterman Award**

The Chiefs at the Great Silver Teepee, also known as the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, have **ap-proved** the wearing of the small Rotary device on the Community Service Knot for those that have been awarded the Cliff Dochterman Award [see next article]. Please notify all Cliff Dochterman Award recipients of their ability to wear this device if they choose to do so. Thanks. Bill Kuryla- *Central Region Advancement & Special Recognitions Chairman*

**Editor's Note:** We were also asked to tell you it must be the very small "Miniture" Rotary pin. The special miniature pins are available through IFSR Exec Secretary Randy Seefeldt at \$6 each plus shipping .. or one can get them from other sources as well – but be sure it is the ¼ to 3/8" size only. 1/4" Rotary Pin device really looks great on the Cliff Dochterman knot! Email [ifsr@cox.net](mailto:ifsr@cox.net)

**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).



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## Cliff Dochterman Award



Harvey Hales was recently presented with the Cliff Dochterman award commemorating his service to Rotary and BSA. Attached is a picture of Mr. Hales and Jerry L. Wall, DGE 6190 and IFSR Coordinator 6190.

## Virginia Brothers Each Earn 135 Boy Scout Merit Badges



Two brothers in Virginia have already accomplished at the ages of 11 and 13 what most boys will never do. The pair, Sean and Eric Grapin, have each earned all 135 of the merit badges sanctioned by the Boy Scouts of America.

“What the Grapin brothers have accomplished is outstanding,” Les Baron, CEO and Scout Executive of the National Capital Area Council of BSA, which oversees the brothers’ troop, told ABC News. “They set a great example, not just for Scouts, but for young people everywhere about how to work towards your vision.”

The brothers, both members of Troop 345 in Vienna, Va., were inspired to complete the Herculean task after seeing a poster in a local Boy Scout shop, according to their dad, Mark Grapin, a volunteer adult leader with the Boy Scouts. “The boys made a beeline to the back of the store where there was a poster named ‘Merits of Scouting’ that had all the merits and badges,” Grapin told ABC News. “The boys kind of fell in love with the poster and both said, ‘I want to accomplish them all.’”

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

Annual General Meeting - Sydney

4 June 2014

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

1. Invocation was done by Brian Thiessen, International Commissioner

2 Self Introductions proceeded for all those in attendance - 29 members in attendance - past RI President and Past IFSR President John Kenney sent his regrets he could not join us. Members present were from Australia, New Zealand, Nigeria, USA, Ghana, Uganda, and UK. Present were Francis Acquah, Bev Poor, Alan Thomson, Steve Wilcox, John van den Burg, Rod Mclean, Lindell McConnell, Ross McConnell, David Wriedt, John and Marti Bradshaw, Marg Broadbent, Kabunga Charles, Carolyn Thiessen, Alan Ford, Agharese Idubor, Brian Thiessen, Stack Haycock, Bill Oakley, Rebecca Beamer, Jane Pennington, Mary Batik, Emma Crowgey, Usha Fountain, Pat Fountain, Nathan Fountain, David Shipston, Christine Judge, David Barton, David A. Judge.

3. Business Items

a. Report on Exhibit Area

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Great participation by several IFSR members staffing the booth; over 37 new or renewing members from many different countries. We have recruited enough new members to have a separate Australia-New Zealand Section of IFSR. **New Life Members Lindell and Ross McConnell of Macarthur, ACT, Australia have been appointed initial Co-Chairs of the Section.** We look for exciting things to happen. Special thanks for Booth helpers who included, John Bradshaw, David and Christine Judge, Jane Pennington, Bev Poor, Brian Russell, Carolyn Thiessen, John van den Burg. Jane and Bev brought us photos of Australia Guiding and Scouting to use in the Exhibit booth as well.

Also had two other husband and wife teams join - Ana Cecilia Lopez Salazar with Raul Ponce de Leon Ponce (Arequipa, Peru) and also Camille and Robert Marshall of Novato, California!

b. Election of Officers. PDG Harold Friend, past IFSR President, was elected President for a 2 year term; Ralph Winter was reelected treasurer and BDT International Commissioner.

c. 23<sup>rd</sup> World Jamboree Japan - we will be present there with an Exhibit and folks are urged to come and staff our Exhibit booth 28 Jul - 8 Aug.

d. Input re Newsletter - Special thanks to **our Newsletter Editor Steve Kesler and WebMaster Steve Henning for keeping us informed. Each member is urged to write stories of Scouting and Rotary projects and send in photos to our newsletter editor and webmaster.**

e. World Scout Conference Slovenia - 11-15 August 2014. Any member who will be there is urged to help at the IFSR booth.

f. Membership recruiting - In addition to those joining IFSR at this Convention, we need members to set up similar IFSR Exhibits around the world at District Conferences, IFSR Zone Institutes (a list of those pending was distributed to participants), PETS and GETS training programs, national and international Guiding and Scouting events - members are urged to contact your President or our Executive Secretary to volunteer to help - URGENTLY NEEDED!  
BDT

g. Next IFSR AGM: RI Convention in SAO PAULO 1-4 June 2015

4. Drawing. A drawing for several prizes was held and the winners included both new members and long term members

Respectfully

Brian D. Thiessen  
(Acting) Secretary

Certified as Minutes of the Annual General meeting

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