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Photo courtesy of Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's office. West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin presents a West Virginia flag Tuesday, July 16, 2013, during the opening of the 2013 National Jamboree at Bechtel-Summit Reserve in Mount Hope, W.Va.

Boy Scout Jamboree 2013

The 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree kicked off this week in Mount Hope, W.Va. Some of the 30,000 Boy Scouts and their leaders arrived by bus and set up camp at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve near Glen Jean, W.Va. for Boy Scouts of America's national jamboree, Monday, July 15, 2013. (AP Photo/The Daily Mail, Craig Cunningham)





Past RI Vice President, Monty Audenart, Compliments IFSR

"From one Rotarian to another, I would like to simply thank IFSR for its efforts IFSR's members' hearts are in the right place.

I cannot count the number of times I have seen IFSR members at a booth at some International Rotary event continuing to encourage the relationships between Scouting/Guiding and Rotary. It was a pleasure to have IFSR present and participating at the Zone Institutes I convened.

I would guess that at any Rotary event, if a poll was taken, there would always be Scouters/Guiders in the audience. And rightly so, since we share similar core values.

"For all that IFSR does, and for all the times we miss thanking IFSR members regarding your team's efforts in the field, please accept my personal thanks. "

Monty Audenart, Past RI Vice President, RC Red Deer East, Alberta, Canada

Bring IFSR to the Regional World Scout Conferences

There are three WOSM Regional Scout Conferences coming up in the next 4 months and IFSR members are URGED to attend, set up our Exhibit and help world Scouters learn about the superb opportunities for Rotary and Scouting/Guiding to work together. No detailed training necessary - we can provide an instruction sheet explaining what needs to be done and how it works. Great opportunity for travel and service to Rotary and Scouting/Guiding.

I am attaching and also including below information regarding 3 of the 6 world Scouting Regions' Conferences .. hopefully IFSR members will want to staff an Exhibit and/or make a presentation in a plenary session at one of these.

[14th European Region Scout/Guides Conference - BERLIN, Germany](#)

16-21 August WAGGGS and WOSM combined

Opening session - 16 August evening

Closing session - 20 August evening

registration: <<http://registration.europeanconference.de/>>

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Exhibit inquiries: contact them and make arrangements for Exhibit and find set-up and take-down dates (probably 16/20 August)



25th InterAmerican Scout Conference - Buenos Aires, Argentina

WOSM only - 16-21 September 2013 arrivals 16 September
Opening Cocktail Reception 19 September Closing 21 September
venue: Catholic University of Argentina - Puerto Madero
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5th Eurasian Scout Conference - Kyiv, Ukraine

THEY HAVE SPECIALLY INVITED IFSR TO PARTICIPATE

WOSM and WAGGGS - 3-7 October 2013
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arrival expected: 3 October departure: 7 October
<<http://puscha-hotel.com.ua/>> <http://puscha-hotel.com.ua/>
Rates \$85/day up depending on room Registration: \$150 USD
conference web page: <<http://www.eurasia2013.ukrscout.org/>>
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From: Brian D. Thiessen, IFSR International Community

South Sudan Joins Scouting Community

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) welcomes South Sudan as its latest member. The membership became official on 1 May 2013. The National Scout Organization, South Sudan Scout Association, will be ceremonially welcomed at the 40th World Scout Conference in Slovenia (2014). World Scouting is one of the first global youth organizations to accept the full membership of South Sudan

Scouting was active since the 50s as part of Sudanese Scouting. After independence of South Sudan, 7 groups out of 10 states met and held elections of a constitutive Board to establish the new National Scout Organization recognized by the national authorities and submit an application to become a member of WOSM.

In becoming a member of WOSM, South Sudan Scout Association has become, as it desired, a member of the Africa Scout Region and will also be supported by the Arab Scout Region due to the linguistic reality of the country. The Association operates in English and Arabic (7/10 states are Arabic speaking but English is the official language of the country).

**South Sudan Scout Association today:**

- About 2,000 members and covers all the 10 states of the country.
- Good experience on community services like polio eradication campaign; sensitization against river blindness; burying the dead and healing the wounded during the war; tree planting and canal building, going to hospitals, cleaning campaigns, leprosy elimination, first aid, etc.
- The Association has been working on its policies and strategic plan – drafts of its Youth Policy (including child protection), the Association Strategic Plan and programs are under development.
- Strong support by Government and local authorities, community reliance on Scouting, families seem very proud to be parents of Scouts.
- Leadership and management teams comprised of people of high caliber, an excellent approach regarding youth participation, gender balance as well as religious, languages and ethnic origins.
- Already a partnership with neighbors' NSOs (Uganda, Kenya and Sudan) to get more exposure and is planning to attend wood badge training there
- The South Sudan Scout Association has relatively decent headquarters and a number of properties.

IFSR in Mexico

District 4110 encompasses 1/3 of Mexico and includes 6 states in Northern Mexico. Its District Conference was held 1-4 May in Chihuahua and we were invited to come and participate in a singular historic event whereby IFSR would enter into an accord with the Scouts of Mexico for joint activities, projects, etc. - consistent with the Agreement reached with the World Organization of Scout Movements in 2012.

The District Governor of District 4100 is Oscar Garcia - a committed, dedicated, highly respected and charismatic leader. His son Oscar Garcia Ramirez is a very active Rotarian and Scouter and is now a Life Member of IFSR. He is the Spark that is creating an exciting new relationship between IFSR and Association of Scouts de Mexico that may prove the model for all of Central and South America. He has been nominated as Coordinator of all Mexico IFSR activities.



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Oscar invited the Chief Scout of Mexico to come to Chihuahua and she flew in specially to meet with D 4110 Scouters and enter into this Agreement. She knew little about Rotary but at the District conference was invited to spend a full time meeting their hundred plus exchange students, and also spend an hour in the Conference's first Plenary Session presenting the vital relationship that Scouting and Rotary will hereafter enjoy in Mexico, based on the accord we signed -- she made a magnificent impression on the 800 or so Rotarians present (of about 1700 in the District that is almost 1000 miles long and 800 miles wide!)

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After her presentation - which received enthusiastic response from the assembled Rotarians, she then met separately with a couple of dozen active Scouters from the Chihuahua area (many of whom are Rotarians) and we entered into the formal Agreement - after which she presented national Scouting recognitions to many of the area Scouters and then we had lunch together before she flew back that evening for the 'Summit' of the Mexico Scout Association leadership at Camp Meztitla. We gave her a California redwood tree to plant at Meztitla as a symbol of the growing relationship between Rotary and Scouting .

A copy of the accord will be sent to us with signatures for our archives. But it basically assures that for the term of the agreement (3 years, automatically renewed unless either party elects to terminate it) IFSR will



be able to be at all Mexican Scout Assn activities (not just D-4110 but throughout the country) with booths and exhibits to explain to Scouts/Scouters the opportunities for Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract, joining Rotary, Peace and Conflict Resolution Fellows, etc. And Scouts of Mexico can be present at Rotary events throughout Mexico (not just D 4110) to discuss joint activities and projects, leadership support, etc.

Oscar Garcia Ramirez will seek to expand the active IFSR involvement throughout Mexico and enlist Rotarians who are active Scouters to become IFSR members and expand Rotary's outreach into the Scouting movement. He is highly regarded as a Scouter (Commissioner of his Council) and in Rotary as well. He is actively working on the next District Governors in that District to have a Scouting/IFSR Chair.

Oscar was delighted that IFSR was able to be actually present to enter into this accord that should signal a new birth of IFSR in Mexico. We gave him a supply of our Spanish language IFSR materials, Dochterman applications and other materials and he will be in touch with Randy to get additional materials as needed.

Luck and love, Brian

Interamerica Region Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dan O'Brien at 4:35 p.m.

Everyone in attendance was reminded to sign the sign-in sheet copy for attendance roster. A copy of this sign-in sheet accompanies these minutes.

Chair Dan led those assembled in reciting Rotary's 4 Way Test followed by a brief introduction of Rotary Fellowship's and special introductions of our current World Chair, Fred Brenner and Past World Chair, Brian Thiesen.

Our featured guest speaker Mr. Bill Steele, National Director for the BSA Alumni Association & Eagle Scout Association was then introduced. He shared a brochure and informed those in attendance that ~210,000 Alumni have self identified themselves as Scouting Alum. The associations produce a quarterly newsletter with "Feel Good Stories."

Membership benefits include: cell phone ring tone #, lapel pin, retail purchase discount card with selected retailers and window decal.

NESAA offers \$50,000 & \$25,000 Scholarships and 218 scholarships have been awarded to date. Each local Council can receive a local area resident Eagle Scouts Database.

Local Council's are encouraged to hosting Annual Eagle Scout Alumni Association Dinners and the Baltimore Area Council's Annual Dinner was suggested as a model program. We were also encouraged to share our local activities and programs on the National Council website Best Practices Portal.

An Eagle Scout Paper Weight was shared by Chair Dan as a token of our appreciation for Bill taking time to share with the Scouting Rotarian's present.

Dan also encouraged those in attendance to purchase a polio "shot glass" for \$5.00 with 100% of the proceeds going to Rotary's Polio Plus Program.

All were reminded that our most recent Newsletter is available. We should share it with fellow Rotarians and encourage those interested in Scouting to join our fellowship.

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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.



Our IFSR National Jamboree Chair encouraged Rotarians to sign up to volunteer to serve at the IFSR Jamboree Booth. Information Brochures will be available to promote IFSR.

Past World Chair Brian Thiessen reported on an Afghanistan Scout initiative. The Rotary Club of Kabul is spearheading this program. Contact Brian Thiessen for more information on how you can assist.

Brian also shared the Nominating Committee Report

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It was duly Moved, Seconded and Approved by all in attendance to approve this slate of officers for the 2013 – 2014 Rotary year. Our new Officers were duly sworn in.

Ross Hallett and Wayne Winter Good Deed



In April 2013 before the Canadian Jamboree being held this year July 6-13 at Camp Woods, Sylvan Lake, Alberta IFSR Canada Coordinator Ross Hallett received a phone call from the Rotary District 5370 office.

" A Rotarian Scouter from Toronto, Ontario is looking for some assistance when his Scout Troop arrives in Edmonton July 5. The Scout Troop wants to visit the Edmonton Mall and they are looking for accommodations one night before proceeding to Camp Woods."

IFSR stepped in and Ross Hallett, his sister Dawn and Scouter Wayne Winter picked the group up at the airport and drove them to the Edmonton Mall where they spent all day in the Water Park. In the evening they were taken to Scouter Winter's house to sleep. The next day they were put on the bus to the Canada Jamboree at Camp Woods.



Camping Opportunity in the Pocono Mountains

From: Ross Hallett [mailto:ross@hallettfinancial.ca]

The following lady stopped by our booth (in Lisbon) and wanted me to notify Scout leaders in Northeast and elsewhere of her property near Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania, in the Pocono Mountains. She happily makes it available to Scouts at no charge to use for camping—her deceased husband was an Eagle Scout and this is her way of giving back: She has more than 100 acres of hills, a stream, horses, showers and no charge for Scouts to camp. Just call her to make arrangements. Very nice lady!

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Coming Events

14th World Scout Moot

Date: Aug. 8-18, 2013

Country: Canada

Messengers of Peace

Launched in September 2011, Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women to work toward peace through personal, community, and relationship service projects. Using state-of-the-art social media, the initiative lets Scouts from around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities.

In conjunction with North Carolina Big Sweep, the Johnston County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Messengers of Peace, Venturing Crew 122 led Venturers of Crew 122 and Scouts of Troop 33 in an air and water pollution conservation effort to clean up nearly half a ton of trash from the Neuse River.

The North Carolina Big Sweep was founded as "Beach Sweep" in 1987 by Dr. Lundie Spence of the North Carolina Sea Grant College Program. In that seminal year, the Sweep was little more than a hastily planned coastal cleanup. However, their success that year, attracting over 1,000 volunteers and collecting over 14 tons of debris, allowed the Sweep to grow and rapidly expand inland.

Registered adults and Scouts cleaned a 9.5-mile portion of the Neuse River by canoe. The trip took almost 10 hours. Thirty-four garbage bags of trash, a 55-gallon drum, a propane tank, and three tires were recovered. A sunken johnboat, a wheel barrow, and a golf cart could not be recovered. The top five items collected were plastic beverage bottles (400-plus), glass bottles (70), toys/balls (52), aluminum cans (37), and Styrofoam/paper cups (36). The group was briefed ahead of time about the riparian buffer and its importance, Leave No Trace, Safety Afloat, and Trek Safely. At the end, participants completed feedback forms.



Comments were very positive, and almost all responded that they learned something from the experience and said they would go again. The Scouts were 11 to 18 years old. All participants were surprised there was so much trash. The original plan was to cover 14.3 miles, but we ended short based on daylight and the volume of trash we had to carry with us. Two empty canoes were used as trash barges and towed behind. There were a couple of areas we could not collect from and a few isolated areas that would require several hours and many more people to clean correctly. The total project represents 217 man-hours of labor.

We are Messengers of Peace, come and join us!

www.scouting.org/messengersofpeace

Ambassador James B Smith is Guest of Honor at Troop 257 Court of Honor

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh is proud of its long-standing relationship, a kinship with Boy Scouts of America Troop 257, as the troop has visited the embassy on numerous occasions in the past four years for completion of various Scouting advancement requirements. Events have included Citizenship in the Nation merit badge completion, Fingerprinting merit badge completion, etc.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013, the embassy again warmly welcomed Troop 257 to Quincy House for a milestone event, an Eagle Scout court of honor.



U.S. Ambassador James B. Smith participated in the court of honor to award the prestigious Eagle Scout rank to Henry Johnson, Daniel Phipps, and Yajur Sondhi. Henry is a high school senior at British International School Riyadh (BIS-R), and Daniel and Yajur are high school seniors at American International School-Riyadh (AIS-R).

As for the significance of the Eagle Scout Award, Bill Steele, director of the National Eagle Scout Association, sums it up the best: "No matter what year the award is earned, its value is timeless. In 100 years of the Eagle Scout Award, the name and logo—a symbol of America, a bald eagle—has stayed the same. The name 'Eagle Scout' stands for something very powerful. It stands for kinship, fellowship, and a network of other men who stepped up to the challenge and achieved something great."

Ambassador Smith's court of honor remarks provided the 120 assembled guests and Scouts with a keen perspective of what it means to attain the Eagle Scout rank. The ambassador's remarks included reference to the following passage from *The Last Lecture*, a book that's been a best-seller that was written by a Carnegie Mellon University professor (Randy Pausch): "I'll take an earnest person over a hip person every time, because hip is short-term. Earnest is long-term. Earnestness is highly underestimated, it comes from the core, while hip is trying to impress you with the surface. 'Hip' people love parodies. But there's no such thing as a timeless parody, is there? I have more respect for the earnest guy who does something that can last for generations, and that hip people feel the need to parody."

"When I think of someone who is earnest, I think of a Boy Scout who works hard and becomes an Eagle Scout. When I was interviewing people to work for me, and I came upon a candidate who had been an Eagle Scout, I'd almost always try to hire him. I knew there had to be an earnestness about him that outweighed any superficial urges toward hipness. Think about it. Becoming an Eagle Scout is just about the only thing you can put on your resume at age fifty that you did at age sixteen-and it still impresses."

BSA Troop 257 is currently in its 34th year as a troop in Riyadh and is made up of approximately 50 Scouts and leaders from 16 different nationalities. Including Thursday's recipients, 26 Troop 257 Scouts have earned their Eagle Scout Award in these 34 years.





2013 Boy Scout Jamboree



Photo courtesy of Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's office. Thousands of scouts attend the opening of the 2013 National Jamboree Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at Bechtel-Summit Reserve in Mount Hope, W.Va.



Photo courtesy of Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's office West Virginia. Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin talks with scouts Tuesday, July 16, 2013, during the opening of the 2013 National Jamboree at Bechtel-Summit Reserve in Mount Hope, W.Va.