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WOSM/IFSR Memorandum of Understanding

Per my recent email, this past week the World Scout Committee approved in concept the first formal memorandum of understanding between IFSR and WOSM. Committee members are refining the wording but as I understand it the concept was approved and it will not need to return to the WSC for further vote. The vote was unanimous thanks in part also to our own Michael Bradshaw who (as Chair of Interamerican Scout Committee) sits on WSC.

Once it is in final form we will disburse the information to our constituencies and I would hope that will be drafted for our review within the next couple of weeks.

FYIO

Brian

IFSR Silver Wheel award presented to Joie Hain



Windward Rotarian, Joie Hain, was presented the Silver Wheel award by International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's President Brian Thiessen and Girl Scouts of the USA CEO Anna Maria Chavez at the GSUSA National Conference held during November, 2011 in Houston, Texas. The Silver Wheel award is the highest award in IFSR and is presented to a Rotarian who renders exceptional and exemplary service in support of the activities of IFSR or the scout movement worldwide.



To all IFSR members. We want to do a special Newsletter this year on the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA. If you have information, events, etc. that you think should be in the Newsletter please send it to Steve Kesler at his email address keslergroup@gmail.com

IFSR participates in Centennial Girl Scouts – USA Convention in Houston



Pictured left to right are IFSR past president Bud Allison, Joie Hain, VP for WAGGGS of IFSR and President Brian Thiessen at the Centennial meeting of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

GSUSA invited the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians to share the Rotary story and how the two organizations currently are working together in support of youth. It was discovered that many attendees are members of both Rotary and Girl Scouts and joined the fellowship to support the two organization.

Visit to San Salvador South Rotary Club, El Salvador, to promote IFSR



On 24 February IFSR appeared with Alejandro Buseo, International Commissioner of Scout Association of El Salvador, to talk to the San Salvador South Rotary Club (District 4042) about working together with Scouting in the unique Messengers of Peace - Youth to Youth Project created in El Salvador. Scouts work with recently paroled juvenile offenders to show them alternate value systems and to incorporate them back into a positive community structure rather than returning to the negative life style that got them into prison in the first place.



Pictured right to left is Juan Caballero, President of the San Salvador Sur RC with Alejandro Buseo, International Commissioner of El Salvador Scouts and IFSR President who invited the two groups to get together.



Rotary Club of Wainwright, Alberta Canada presents IFSR Recognition Certificates



The Rotary Club of Wainwright, Alberta, Canada recently recognized presented IFSR recognition certificates to two of its Scouts who had received the Chief Scout's Award -- members of the Scout Group the RC of Wainwright sponsors. Congratulations to all!

Pictured, left to right are Wilma Anderson (President of Wainwright RC), Ross Hallett (Canada IFSR Chair), Chief Scout recipients Margaret Kloppenburg and Matthew Snow, and Scout Group Commissioner Ellis Jagoe.

IFSR Represented at 2011 Gilwell Reunion



The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians was ably represented within Rotarians of Ireland and the British Isles (RIBI) at the 2011 Gilwell Reunion last Fall. Here IFSR member Ken Scott discusses the opportunities within IFSR with Scouters attending the 2011 Gilwell Reunion

Nominating Committee Report 2012 / 2013

Here's the updated Nominating Committee Report. We are putting it in this Newsletter to give you time to volunteer if your District, State or Zone is not specifically represented. These are very rewarding positions already because of what IFSR does, and even more because so many folks do not even know about us. Serving is a wonderful way to help us get others involved who will love to hear about us. Just send a not to Harold Friend, M.D. at hfriendmd@gmail.com or Brian Russel (Interamerican Region) brussell@blaircommercial.com for inclusion.

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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.



Coming Events

MAY 6– 9 — IFSR AT THE BANGKOK CONVENTION

YOU ARE NEEDED FOR IFSR at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok -- PLEASE PLAN ON HELPING IFSR Booth in the House of Friendship. Contact Pres Brian at bdtalamo@pacbell.net or Asia Pacific IFSR Chair David Barton at southcon@iinet.net.au. We need folks to help at the booth each day the House of Friendship is open. Please sign up and help .

May 9 — IFSR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IFSR Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 9 May at 2 pm in Room 18. Election of next year's officers, reports from IFSR members present. If you can help please contact IFSR President Brian at bdtalamo@pacbell.net as well!

21-29 July — JAMBOREE DENMARK 2012 (Holstebro, Denmark)

IFSR members urged to join what may be Scouting/Guiding's largest world encampment ever!!!

Brownies/Cub Scouts ages 6-10 are WELCOME as well as older Scouts/Guides-- join over 35,000 Scouts at the JAMBOREE DENMARK. There will be age appropriate activities for scouts and Guides of each age group -- with 5 different sub camps for Scouts and Guides plus FLEXICAMP for volunteer workers, parents, former scouts and guides and anyone else willing to experience a Jamboree for the full period. Plan your IFSR Family's summer vacation around this Jamboree with all ages welcome!

Check www.jamboreedenmark2012.dk for registration and information... WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR IFSR MEMBERS TO SET UP AND STAFF AN IFSR BOOTH at this Jamboree. Contact President Brian at bdtalamo@pacbell.net or President Elect Fred Brenner at brenecol@zoominternet.net if you can help with the booth. For more information about the JAMBOREE DENMARK 2012 -- contact President Brian

WAGGGS Scotland Trip - International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians





In July, 2011, Windward Rotarian, Joie Hain - WAGGGS VP of IFSR along with the [President of International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians - IFSR, Brian Thiessen \(Rotary Club of Alamo, California\)](#) participated in the [Centennial World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts – WAGGGS](#), conference in Edinburgh, Scotland – [pictured here with a WAGGGS/Rotarian from India](#). This is the first time any Rotarians were invited to join this ‘by invitation only’ gathering of all of the world’s Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Brian and Joie shared with scouts and guides from over 145 countries the story of Rotary, Service Above Self and eradication of Polio.

ShelterBox and Scouts in Philippines





International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians - Cliff Dochterman Award to Goran Hagerdal



Cliff Dochterman Award to Goran Hagerdal, organizer of the 22nd World Jamboree in Sweden – he was presented the ribbon at the meeting we had on site but here he is being presented the Certificate by the Stockholm Rotary Club President Henrik Appelqvist.



The Duchess of Cambridge Joins the Scouts

MEET OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEER.

Image: Chris Jackson, Getty Images © St. James's Palace



Today we have been delighted to announce that [HRH The Duchess of Cambridge will volunteer with us](#). The Duchess will be volunteering with beaver scout colonies and cub scout packs close to where she is living.

The Duchess has chosen to volunteer with us because she has been so impressed by the impact that we have on young people and on our communities.

Like many people The Duchess is incredibly busy. What has made it easy for her to volunteer is that we offer a model of volunteering that she can fit around her other duties and obligations.

As an organisation we realised some years ago that we had to be accessible to all potential volunteers; not just the ones who could commit to regular weekly meetings. All the work we have done to encourage 'flexible volunteering' has been to support this.

The involvement of The Duchess is the most wonderful endorsement of the volunteering opportunities that we are able to offer – you must make sure that you seize it.

Over the coming days the news of The Duchess's involvement in Scouting will be a talking point with other volunteers, with parents, perhaps your friends or family. When you are speaking about the news, make sure you don't just talk about the news itself, but the different opportunities there are for everyone to volunteer.

We all know that we need more volunteers. By thinking differently and offering flexible opportunities we can make it easier for people to offer their time.

Think about how you can make it work in your area – you might not be able to recruit a Duchess, but you can get more people involved by being flexible.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Bulpitt
UK Chief Commissioner

BSA Contingents Being Formed for Korea and Ukraine Trips This Summer

Join BSA contingents for one of two trips in this summer: Korea & Ukraine. Please see attached flyers for more details. Don't forget to "like" our International Facebook for news and updates: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/International-BSA/202254869829537>

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**The 13th
Korea National Jamboree
Goseong, Gangwon**



Date: Aug 2-8, 2012

Country: Korea **Host:** Korea Scout Association

Age: 15-18 (Boy Scouts, Venturers & Adults)

IST: 18-26

Contingent size: 24 Scouts/Venturers + 6 adults

Contingent gathering: July 29, 2012, Dallas, Texas

Location: Jamboree site in Goseong 17th World Scout Jamboree campsite,

Gangwon Province, Korea (4 hours-247km by bus from Incheon Int'l Airport)

Cost: \$2100 (includes travel [round trip Dallas-Korea], lodging, food, event fee, tent, patches, bags and more fun!!)

Interested Scouts, Venturers and adults must be nominated by International Representatives and local councils.

BSA Contingent Nomination forms: <http://www.scouting.org/international>

Nomination Deadline: Mar 30, 2012





INTERNATIONAL JUBILEE PLAST (SCOUT) MEETING

100th Anniversary of Scouting in Ukraine

Date: Aug 18-25, 2012 + 2-3 days of home hospitality

Country: Ukraine **Host:** National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine

Age: 15-18 (Boy Scouts, Venturers) & Adults

Contingent size: 8 youths + 2 adults

Contingent gathering: Aug 16, 2012

Location: Ukrainian Theological Seminary in Lviv, the cultural capital of Ukraine

Cost: \$2000 (includes travel [round trip, US-Ukraine], lodging, food, event fee, tent, patches, bags and more fun!!)

Interested Boy Scouts, Venturers and adults must be nominated by International Representatives and local councils.

BSA Contingent Nomination forms: <http://www.scouting.org/international>

Nomination Deadline: April 30, 2012



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You will be able to experience the real Denmark by taking part in home hospitality for 2-3 days before the jamboree.

The jamboree will be structured like a city comprising five neighbourhoods and a number of housing estates where international guests will live in tents together with a local troop.

The jamboree fee is DKK 1775 (€ 240) inclusive of home hospitality and transportation from home hospitality to the jamboree, but not return ticket to Denmark. You may also have to pay transportation costs to your home hospitality hosts.

For further information and registration, please visit www.2012jamboree.dk
We look forward to seeing you and your fellow scouts/guides at Jamboree Denmark 2012.

Yours in Scouting/Guiding

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