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Cliff Dochterman Award



The growth and viability of IFSR is first dependent on how effectively we pursue our mission. We all understand that success comes in our more everyday activities which also better prepare us for the less frequent important events that arise occasionally. It helps us to be aware of (and frequently participate in) activities promoting Scouting and Rotary initiated by likeminded folks. When those activities are noteworthy sometimes some of those folks should be recognized. The Cliff Dochterman Award is one way to thank folks for their efforts. It is also important to bring attention to what IFSR is doing, which, in turn, helps everything we do. Applications for the award can be found on the IFSR website. After you complete the application please send it to Bud Allison.

Featured in the photo is Nathan A. Wolfstein IV receiving the IFSR Cliff Dochterman Award at the Troop 139 Court of Honor. Troop 139 is part of the Western Los Angeles County Council, BSA. The award was presented by the Rotary Club of Granada Hills President Janet Hartley and High Honors Chair Wayne Shaphran.



2011 RI Convention in New Orleans

At the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans IFSR will have its Annual General Meeting. The Agenda will include many topics of interest, exchange of stories and election of officers for 2011-2012. The meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24 from 7 to 9 am in the Morial Convention Center, Room 384. **WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE IFSR EXHIBIT BOOTH** that will be up in the House of Friendship throughout the Convention. **Please contact** IFSR President Brian at bdtalamo@pacbell.net or Garland C. "Gary" Moore at garlandmoore@bellsouth.net.

IFSR Interamerican Region Annual General Meeting

Friday, May 27, 2011

Our Annual General Meeting of IFSR for the Interamerican Region (north to South pole of the Americas) will be held at BSA's National Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, on Friday May 27 from 2 to 4 pm. There will be sharing of IFSR stories and the election of officers for 2010-2011. The meeting will be held in the America's Cup CD. You do not have to register for the BSA National Annual Meeting to attend the IFSR meetings but we encourage you to do so.

BSA Alumni Program

Scouting has been making a difference in the lives of men and women for more than a century. In fact, today there are more than 50 million living Scouting alumni in the BSA. Whether you were a Scout, leader, volunteer, parent, or supporter - you are an alumni.

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Visit www.scouting.org/alumni for more information.



IFSR at World Jamboree Sweden, 27 July - 7 August 2011

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: All IFSR Members	RE: Rot IFSR
FROM: BDT	World Jamboree Sweden
DATE: 21 April 2011	IFSR Booth/Exhibit

Greetings to all IFSR members

If you would like to help us staff the IFSR Exhibit at the Swedish World Jamboree this Summer (27 July - 7 August 2011), the Swedish Scout organization has made it a requirement that anyone working in our Exhibit be an approved and accepted member of the International Service Team (IST).

This means that you must apply to be selected as an IST member (indicating the IFSR Booth/Exhibit as your area of work at the Jamboree). Once approved as an IST member, then we understand the Swedish Scout Association will assign you to work on the Exhibit. IST members will need to be at the Jamboree by 25 July to help set up the Exhibit Booth.

I have recently applied, and been accepted; our BSA International Division has been very supportive but the applications for IST are normally closed by now - so there is a need to indicate (within BSA) that you are specifically applying for that position.

Other National Scout Organizations have their own processing procedures for approval before sending the application on to the Jamboree headquarters in Sweden.

Dag and Christine Ivarsson, IFSR members in Sweden, are organizing Rotarians in the Jamboree area to assist in the IFSR Exhibit Booth but many are unfamiliar with IFSR and its activities so they have room for a few IFSR members from other countries.

If you are going to apply to help us in this extremely important activity, please contact your own National Scout Organization and process your IST application. And please let me know of this so we can coordinate assignment to the IFSR Exhibit.

I hope to see you in Sweden at what promises to be a superb World Scouting event!

Brian D. Thiessen
President, IFSR
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Zone Institute Dates/Locations Latter Half 2011

IFSR Members are needed to staff Exhibits at each of these Zone Institutes - PLEASE contact InterAmerican Region Chairs Mike Birkholm (mbirkholm@birkholmdirect.com); and Chair-designate Phil Pfeffer - (phil@pfeffer.org) for Interamerican Region and Fred Brenner (brenecol@zoominternet.net) or Membership Chair Tom Hogsten at (thogsten@aol.com) for other Regions or IFSR President Brian D. Thiessen at BDTAlamo@pacbell.net **if you can volunteer** to set up and organize staff of an IFSR booth at these Institutes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Zone(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>RI Director</u>
August			
25-27	24 and 32	Boston, Massachusetts	GRABEAU
September			
8-10	28 and 29	Lombard, Illinois (Jack Young)	DEMARAY
8-10	22 and 23A	Goiania. Goias. Brazil	ANTIORIO
October			
7- 9	15 and 16	Lillestrom, Norway	MATHESON
14-16	11-14, 18B, 19	Milan, Italy	CERINI/KNYFF
14-16	20B	Cairo, Egypt	OWORI
19-21	9 & 10A	Daejon, Korea	PARK
20-23	33 & 34	Reston, Virginia	SMARGE
27-30	30 & 31	St Louis, Missouri Millenium H	SCHUPPERT
27-30	23B & 23C	Mendoza, Argentina	ANTIORIO
November			
4- 6	20A	Port Louis, Mauritius	OWORI
10-13	GS USA Convention	Houston, Texas	
11-13	25 & 26	Palm Springs	KEN BOYD
11-13	21 & 27	Rockwell, Texas	BAJAT
18-20	4, 5, 6A	Calcutta, India	MEHTA
19-20	17 & 18A	Leicester, UK	JAGGER
25-26	1, 2, 3	Osaka, Japan	KONDO
25-27	7B & 8	Brisbane, Australia	HEAL
December			
2- 4	6B, 7A, 10B	Bali, Indonesia	HSIEH

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 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



ShelterBox USA Joins Hands With Boy Scouts of America, Launches Youth Site



In the photo – Fifty Scouts from the West Department International Scouts d’Haiti help set up 70 tents in four hours for survivors of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in January 2010.

LAKEWOOD RANCH, Fla., March 10, 2011—ShelterBox USA, a disaster relief charity that provides shelter and equipment to disaster survivors around the world, is pleased to announce its official relationship with the Boy Scouts of America and has launched a site for Scouts and other youth—www.youngshelterboxusa.org.

“ShelterBox already has a strong history of working with Scouts in the field,” said Emily Sperling, ShelterBox USA interim executive director.

While delivering aid in countries such as Haiti, Brazil, Guatemala, the Philippines, Kenya, and Italy, local Scouts have helped ShelterBox response teams with the distribution of tents and the set-up of camps.

Sperling adds, “This partnership is a natural fit, and we are so pleased to work with one of our nation’s most notable youth leadership and development organizations.”

ShelterBox USA and the Boy Scouts of America will work together to promote the importance of shelter and humanitarian action following disasters, as well as how critical traditional Scout skills, including leadership, emergency preparedness, camping, safety, communications, and citizenship in the community, nation, and world, become during a disaster.

“For more than 100 years the Boy Scouts has worked to prepare its members for life—which includes a life of service,” said Alf Tuggle, assistant Chief Scout Executive of the BSA. “We’re excited to work with ShelterBox, which meets a critical world need and provides our Scouts excellent opportunities of service.”

Mark Dyer, ShelterBox USA’s Scout program coordinator and ShelterBox response team member, is developing a program to educate Scouts in the U.S. about ShelterBox’s humanitarian relief work, using real-life examples of Scouts working alongside response teams in disaster zones.

“We’ve been working to create activities for leaders to use in their meetings,” said Dyer. “The activities are fun and simple to run, while exploring all the interesting global themes of our humanitarian aid work.”

Scout groups and leaders can find fun activities and information on www.youngshelterboxusa.org. For more information about the ShelterBox USA Scout program, contact Mark Dyer at scouts@shelterboxusa.org.



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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.



Rotary Club of Rockdale County sponsors Eagle Scout and Gold Award Scout Recognition Banquet

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, the Rotary Club of Rockdale County, Georgia, USA sponsored an Eagle Scout and Gold Award Scout Recognition Banquet. Since the club's founding in 1993, the Club has honored youth achieving the highest award in both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America with a banquet on 11 different occasions.



This year eighteen Eagle Scouts and eight Gold Award Scouts were honored from Rockdale and Newton Counties. Thanks to Georgia State Representative (and Rotarian) Pam Dickerson, all twenty-six scouts received a resolution from the Georgia House of Representatives recognizing their achievement and designating Saturday, February 26, 2011, as "Eagle Scout and Gold Award Scout Recognition Day" at the State Capitol. Both the Newton and Rockdale County Boards of Commissioners also proclaimed February 26, 2011 as "Eagle Scout and Gold Award Scout Recognition Day" in each county.

Not to be outdone, Club President Tom Harrison presented each scout with an International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, and fellow Rotarian and Rockdale County Sheriff Jeff Wigington presented each scout with a "Challenge Coin" to mark their special achievement.

In furtherance of Rotary's Avenues of Service, not only was the night focused on New Generations, but also on Vocational Service. Each scout had as a dinner mate a vocational mentor from an occupational field of their choice to join them and their parents for dinner. Many questions were posed and answered, and one scout left with a looming job offer! Vocational mentors included accountants, audio engineering, auto mechanics, business marketing, chef, engineering, film producer, firefighter, law enforcement, library sciences, military, nursing, and medicine. Mentors were Rotarians and non-Rotarians. *PDG Gary Moore couldn't believe there was no wannabe attorneys amongst the scouts!*

The evening's featured speaker was Georgia Army National Guard Lieutenant Colonel (Promotable) Lanita Kuhn who fascinated the attendees with a recap of her extensive military career. She serves as the Georgia Army National Guard's Chief of the Officer Personnel Branch and as Battalion Commander for the 110th Combat Service Support Battalion in Tifton, Georgia. LTC Kuhn has served in the military for 28 years, and recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan where she served as the Command Inspector General for Task Force Phoenix and the 82nd Airborne Division. LTC Kuhn has been branch qualified in Chemical, Aviation, Quartermaster, and most recently in Logistics.



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DG Gene Windham graced the evening with his presence and words, as did representatives of both the Boy and Girl Scouts. Club President Tom and DG Gene surprised PDG Gary Moore with the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's Cliff Dochterman Scouting Service Award for Rotarians and Rotaractors.



The evening's meal was prepared by Rotarian and Chef Alain Bouzoubaa, and with serving line assistance provided by Merrelyn and Irene (the better halves of Homer Lewis and PDG Gary respectively); music was provided by PDG Gary's daughter Carey, a classically trained flutist.

A good time was had by all. *We are already looking forward to next year!*

Become a Founding Member of a New Rotary Action Group to Fight Muscular Dystrophy

Do you (or anyone in your Club) know a family member or Rotary friend dealing with Muscular Dystrophy? A new Rotary Action Group is being organized to work with folks world wide who are challenged with this muscle disorder. You are needed - to be one of the founding members of this new Rotary Action Group.

Rotarians John and Jeanne Brunk of Groveland, California, USA, are developing the Muscular Dystrophy Action Group to help with the fight and treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a muscle disorder that affects 1 in 3500 boys worldwide. Their grandson Carter was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in 2005 at the age of one. Their drive to fight Duchenne has reached great momentum. John has served as past-president of the Groveland Rotary Club and ADG of District 5220. To organize the MD-RAG we need Rotarians in at least 3 other countries to join those in the USA in the fight against this fatal disease, so that international development of the group can support their goals.

If you want to help get this new RAG formed, or are interested in helping in some other way, or are looking to learn more, please email John and Jeanne Brunk at jcb41@hughes.net. Thank you for your support!

New Generations

District 5320 and Orange County Council BSA incorporate Scouting into New Generations programing . 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 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!

