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GILWELL REUNION 2012



Once again we provided an information stand at the annual Gilwell Reunion. This time we were not in the usual large and crowded International Marquee, but had our own event shelter provided by our Chairman, Colin Jones, and we promoted the opportunities for young people through Rotary and explained the fundamentals of IFSR as an organization for Rotarians and Scout Leaders to work together. We had numerous visitors, many of whom had not realized these potential opportunities, and we distributed several leaflets. Hopefully we have helped to put some Scout Leaders in touch with their local Rotary club.

Thanks go to Don Cooper and William Rhind, who helped Colin and me on the day by looking after the stand for the morning session. Photos we took have been sent for inclusion on the IFSR website, so please look for them there. One of them shows Colin Jones with BP's Jam Roll, which featured at the IFSR in RIBI's stand at Birmingham in 2009. This time it had Eccles the caravan in tow.

2012/2013 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Notices were issued by IFSR (USA) Secretary about subscriptions for this year, and some of you have paid. I shall issue a reminder shortly.

Best Wishes. Enjoy your Rotary and Scouting. Michael Francis



WorldInfo – News From World Scouting

Editor: WorldInfo is another source of Scouting activities and information worldwide which you will find particularly interesting if you are a key member of a Scouting organization at a national level, or if you have been elected or appointed to a position in which you serve Scouting at a world or regional level, or you are a key stakeholder or partner for World Scouting. You can find them on the net. Here are a couple of latest articles:

Scouting sows seeds of research in young minds and prepares future scientists

The International Book Fair in Buenos Aires is one of the most important cultural events in Argentina. One of the choices offered at the Fair is an area called “Young People’s Space” supported by the Soldyeus Foundation to bring together young people interested in science and technology. “Young People’s Space” frequently introduces scientists from Argentinean universities and from other countries who present models, discourses and different activities to promote scientific interest among the young people.

This year on 28th and 29th April, “Young People’s Space” introduced a delegation from Scouts of Argentina who presented something different. They had prepared an exhibition on how their knowledge, activities and skills acquired through Scouting could be of help in scientific research.

“Explore to learn” and “Learn to protect”



In the field of scientific investigation, there are different activities which involve outdoor studies requiring researchers to acquire new knowledge in the fields of biology, environmental impact, sustainable geographic development and many other areas. The protection of the environment requires responsible citizenship, vocational commitment to balanced human development as well as knowledge which can only be gained through investigation and responsible research into nature.

Through service, the youth can put into practice their knowledge and skills by getting actively involved in the defence of the environment and taking advantage of the possibilities offered by science and technology generating a sense of adventure and the opening of vocational opportunities. The excitement of exploring nature develops a sense of service and the interaction with dedicated professionals will promote interest in a novel and stimulating way encouraging them for higher studies in related areas.

A bridge between youth and science

At the International Book Fair in the last week of April, a number of young Scouts presented a project and shared their scientific experiences with hundreds of other young people, scientists and the general public. Since the launch of this project at the beginning of 2010, ‘Science Scouts’ have participated in 50 scientific programmes involving themselves in six other projects with various research activities. ‘Science Scouts’ have also involved over a hundred other Scouts from different Argentinean groups. Scouts are taking advantage of the Scout methodology with its challenging adventures involving the protection of the environment, association with other interested parties and the opportunity to take a leadership role in shaping a better world.

More Information

[The Soldyeus Foundation](#)



Life changing experience for a Rover Scout from the Arab Region

Ahmed Hashim is a 21-year old Rover Scout from El Kods Scout Group in Ismailia, Egypt. After attending the Messengers of Peace Global Network's Community Leaders training event in Singapore from 24-27 May 2012, Ahmed came back to his Scout Group all inspired. The training event had invited 70 participants from all corners of the Scouting world and Ahmed was one of the 9 Scouts from the Arab Scout Region. Since his return, Ahmed has been keenly working on bringing about a turnaround in his Scout Group's engagement with the community, and more importantly to help improve the image of Scouting in the society. He says, 'After the exciting experience of being at the Messengers of Peace training in Singapore I feel a new sense of belonging and pride with the Scout Movement'.



Upon his return from Singapore, Ahmed is now working hard to form a strong team of Scouts to visit nearby villages to conduct a study on the deep-rooted problems affecting the communities in those villages. Together with members of his Scout Group, Ahmed's goal is to contribute to solving the problems of the community, and to document the entire process through photos and videos, and to share them with the wider network of Community Leaders in the Messengers of Peace Global Network. This way, he hopes to not only contribute to positive changes in his local communities, but also to inspire other similar actions around the world.

The Messengers of Peace Global Network's Community Leaders training was the first experience for Ahmed out of the Arab Scout Region. His exchanges with local Singaporean Scouts have made a deep impression upon Ahmed, especially after seeing their high sense of commitment and attractive communication methods. Ahmed says that 'the hosts, Singapore Scouts, succeeded very well in connecting with the visitors during the training and have shown the way by bridging across barriers and building strong relationships with all participants'.

Ahmed Hashim also thanks all the trainers at the event who helped him (and others at the training) understand how to communicate to one's own community effectively and how to ensure that projects have a strong impact in the community. The most impressive learning for Ahmed was the powerful ways in which media can be used while working with the community.

Ahmed recalls that during the training, 'I took my camera and went down the street to meet with the public, and asked them questions about key problems connected with co-existence in a society with very diverse people. At the end of the event, using various media, all participants made presentations of the different issues they tried to address. The participants managed to dig into the causes of the problems and the various ways in which we can handle and solve the issues.'

For Ahmed, at the end of the training, there was a deep and sincere hope for creating and inspiring many Messengers of Peace Projects, especially in the Arab Scout Region. He felt confident that the training gained from this important event would help him achieve his dream. Ahmed understands the many issues plaguing the society in the Arab Region today. He knows that the other Scouts present at this training were also very well informed about the issues in their own communities.



Shelter Box



Tim far right ,Gage Leonard far left, Allen Devino back



Tim, Timothy & Melinda Osburn

I first got involved with ShelterBox through my father. Both he and my mom are Rotarians here in Lakeway which is my hometown in Texas. My Dad is an Scouter, Rotarian, and also an ShelterBox Response Team member. He is one of the people that Shelterbox sends out to actually deliver aid following a disaster. In 2011 I got to go the Rotary International conference in New Orleans to help man the ShelterBox booth along with another scout from Chicago he is also an Eagle Scout Eric Dyer. Oddly enough the year before both Eric and I climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise awareness for ShelterBox in 2010. He summited two days after I did with my group. Although we had never actually meet before it was pretty cool to finally meet him in New Orleans because I felt like we shared that common experience. During the three days at the convention I talked to dozens of people from so many different countries about how ShelterBox has actually used Scouts in forieign countries to help deliver aid. It was very educational to me for I got a chance to learn alot about Shelterbox's Tent and kit. They Brit's call there stoves and camping gear "kit. As the conference was ending my Dad had to leave unexpectly early one morning to deploy for ShelterBox to the town of Joplin Missouri which had been devastated by a massive tornado. On that deployment he finally ended up in Arkansas were they actually used local Rotarians and Boy Scouts to help deliver aid to some people whom's houses had been destroyed by tornadoes.

Later that year I participated in a ShelterBox training program in Mason Texas. That program is supported by funds and volunteers from the Rotary Club the Lake Travis/Lakeway Rotary Club and community. Me and two other Scouts (Allen Devino and Gage Leonard both Life Scouts actually Allen has completed his project) and one Scouter (Tom Woods an fellow Eagle Scout) competed against several other teams in a field exercise during the ShelterBox Area Leadership Training. We competed against a bunch of adult teams with the winning team getting to place their names on a plague. It was alot of fun and we won but a very big margin to the surprise of the other adult teams!

I had originally planned on doing some trail improvement for my Eagle Scout project. I even had meet with a gentleman from the Parks Department about a project but to be truthful my heart was not in it. Those projects are great and needed but I wanted to do something with ShelterBox. I worked with the ShelterBox/Boy Scout Coordinator Eric's Dad Mark Dyer and Alan Monroe ShelterBox's Ambassador Coordinator (both Eagle Scouts) and my Dad to develop a plan.



hind sight I thought it was going to be easier than doing a trail project trust me it wasn't. I decided to on an Awareness Campaign for ShelterBox as my Eagle Scout Project. It took nearly a year to complete. First I had to convince our local Eagle Coordinator on the concept which was pretty neat because he looked it over and just said do it.

The first thing my team did was sit up at an big Rotary Event that the Lakeway/Lake Travis club holds every year. Everyone had to walk through a ShelterBox tent escorted by a Boy Scout to get into the event. Then a local sporting goods store "Backwoods" allowed my team to place a ShelterBox display in their window for three months. This was followed by a social media blitz by on Facebook. We got several hundred people to like ShelterBox We had people as far away as the Phillipines helping with the Social Media Blitz that which was pretty exciting. Plus I got an article in the local newspaper about ShelterBox. Then finally we set up one evening at a Pack Crossover were I had a Rotarian Jeff Lamb speak about ShelterBox/Rotary and Scouts. I look at back my path to Eagle and it took me 10 years and 7 days to make it from the first night I walked into a Cub Scout meeting. It was always my goal to be an Eagle and to all the hundreds of people that helped me I thank you. I am pretty sure that one day I too will be an Rotarian. Tim Osburn Troop 52 Eagle Scout

ROTARY DISTRICT 5280 Community Service

About Operation Gratitude: [Operation Gratitude](#) annually sends 100,000+ care packages filled with snacks, entertainment items and personal letters of appreciation addressed to individually named U.S. Service Members deployed in harm's way, [to their children left behind](#), to [Veterans](#), to [Military families and Veterans](#) in financial distress due to unemployment, to [Emergency First Responders](#) and to [Wounded Warriors](#) recuperating in transition units. The organization's mission is to lift morale, bring a smile to a service member's face and express to our Armed Forces the appreciation and support of the American people. Each package contains donated product valued at ~\$125 and costs the organization \$15 to assemble and ship. For safety and security, assembling of packages occurs at the Army National Guard armory in Van Nuys, California. Since its inception in 2003, Operation Gratitude volunteers have shipped more than 800,000 packages to American Military members and their children.



Rotarians & Scouting Rotarians at an Operation Gratitude Soldier Care Package Packing Day at the CA Army National Guard Armory in Van Nuys



Following is the Operation Gratitude email "Meet Our 800,000th (Soldier) Care Package Recipient".

Looking forward to having a Rotary District 5280 Assembly Day and Supporting Operation Gratitude in obtaining products (by Direct Donation and/or Goods-In-Kind) on the Operation Gratitude Wish List; online at: <http://www.operationgratitude.com/get-involved/wishlist/>. Looking forward to working with the 66 Rotary Clubs & 2,700+ Rotarians in Rotary International District 5280 Zone 26 in Support of Operation Gratitude, CA Army National Guard and Our Soldiers, Their Families and Our Veterans.

Meet our 800,000th Care Package Recipient...

CAMP DEHDADI II -- Surrounded by cheering and clapping comrades, Spc. Samuel Mancilla, a motor transport operator assigned to the 1072nd Transportation Company, 378th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade received Operation Gratitude's milestone 800,000th care package on August 15, 2012!

Our hope has always been to lift morale and put smiles on the faces of deployed troops, and Operation Gratitude



founder, Carolyn Blashek, was able to hear first-hand how the package received by Mancilla did just that.

"He was so excited about the package, that he called me from Afghanistan, right after he received it, to say 'thank you,' and he asked me to thank every single Operation Gratitude volunteer and donor," Blashek said.

"It puts a smile on my face because it's more than an honor to be a recipient of something like this," Mancilla said. "It's uplifting to see the support and feel the love."

Mancilla, a Simi Valley, California resident, deployed to Afghanistan in March 2012 from his home state. To him, the package is more than just a gift; Mancilla said it is a blessing.

Interamerican Regional Chair Vacancy – Nominate Please

Our InterAmerican Region IFSR Chair, Phil Pfeffer, has advised that press of business and other personal commitments requires him to step down as Inter American Chair. We are saddened to lose his great leadership but respect his needs also.

The Regional Chair should be a Rotary Past District Governor from anywhere in the Americas who will help us expand the huge opportunities for IFSR throughout North and South America, the Caribbean and Central America. It is a one year term that expires June 2013, subject to renewal for another year to complete your goals for IFSR.

If you are interested and willing to take on this challenge, please contact President Fred Brenner (brenecol@zoominternet.net or fjbrenner@gcc.edu) – or Nominating Committee Chair Brian D. Thiessen at (925) 395-1186 at bdtalamo@pacbell.net with your resume. We need to fill this position promptly and all past IFSR Presidents are willing and eager to help provide any guidance and training.

Or, nominate someone you know in IFSR who is enthusiastic about Rotary and Scouting/Guiding . We need to get geared up for the IFSR Exhibit at the Summit Reservation July 2012 and Rotarians in the area are anxious to help us... this is usually the largest membership development activity of any Rotary year!

Thanks folks

Brian

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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.



Silver Antelope Awardees



Stephen J McCollister

Steve, with over 43 years of service, has served as assistant Scoutmaster, chartered organization representative, and Scoutmaster. At the district and council levels, he has served as district commissioner, district committee member, council jubilee chair, council commissioner, council executive committee member, tornado volunteer/donations coordinator, district operations chair, and as a board trustee. He has also served as Area 5 mission impact chair, Area 5 president, Central Region board member, regional membership standards committee chairman, and Eagle Scholarships Selection Committee member.

His Scouting recognitions include the James E. West Fellowship Award, Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, Doctorate of Commissioner Science Award, Community Organization Award, and he is an Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor member.

When asked what one Scouting achievement he was most proud of, he said it was being able to serve for three solid months after the tragic tornado at the Little Sioux Scout Camp helping to organize volunteers, receiving and recording offers to help from all over the world, and then prioritizing the offer of money and resources to aid affected families.

Stephen and his wife, Pat's, blended family include four sons, Scott, Todd, Matt, and Nate, and a daughter, Angela, plus eight grandchildren. He is the president of McCollister-Stokes, having earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration, from the University of Nebraska.

He is active in his Lutheran Church, having served as deacon, ruling elder, and director of safety and securities ministries. He has served on the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, as chairman of the Metro Omaha Area Planning Agency, president of the Douglas County Board of Health, chairman of the economic development committee, as a trustee for the Douglas County Hospital, board member of the Omaha Children's Museum, past president of the Omaha Downtown Rotary Club, and Creighton University Medical Center board member.

**Bob Stuart**

Bob is a partner in Brown Hay & Stephens which was founded by his great-great grandfather John Todd Stuart in 1828, the oldest law firm in the state of Illinois. He chaired the ISBA Estate Planning Section Council. He is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and of the American Bar Foundation as well as advisor to Leading Lawyers Network. In Springfield, he has chaired the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way Campaign and the United Way Foundation. He is Vice President of the National Recreation Foundation and of the Abraham Lincoln Association. For service in masonry, he has been awarded the 33rd degree. The Illinois Association of Park Districts presented him its lifetime appreciation award.

Bob has served as trustee and elder in his church.

Bob has been Rotary club president, district governor and one of 17 directors on the international board of Rotary International. He chaired RI's constitution and bylaws committee, raised funds for Rotary's 7 global Peace Centers and sits as vice chair of the Operations Review Committee which provides global oversight for its secretariat operations in over 200 countries in 7 offices. The Rotary Foundation has awarded him its Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Awards

Bob received attained the rank of Eagle Scout in December 1962. He has served as President of the Abraham Lincoln Council and a Trustee of its endowment. He is currently Co Chair of the Council's NESA chapter. For the past 3 years Bob has served as Area President assisting 12 councils in 4 states receiving the outstanding area trophy out of 7 areas for 2 of the 3 years. He has been awarded the Distinguished Eagle, the Silver Beaver and has been nominated to receive the Silver Antelope

Coming Events

JamCam – Colombia

Jan. 4-11, 2013 *(A BSA contingent will attend.)*

14th World Scout Moot

Date: Aug. 8-18, 2013

Country: Canada



Cliff Dochterman Award Winners

Laguna Beach Rotary



Left: Honorees Dick Maxwell and Rick Lang



Left: The two honorees are Dick Maxwell and Rick Lang others are Howard Dutra , Lane Calvert and Jim Peterson Cliff Dochterman Award winners and our Rotary 5320 Governor Greg Owen

Mill Valley Rotary



Left: Mill Valley Troop 1 Scoutmaster Robert Del Secco presents the award to Jim Simkalo during ceremonies at Mill Valley Rotary's Annual Installation Dinner, June 29.



A highlight of the recent changing of the guard at the Rotary Club of Mill Valley was the presentation of the Cliff Dochterman Scouting Service Award to retiring President Jim Simkalo. Robert Del Secco, Scoutmaster of Mill Valley's Troop 1, did the honors assisted by several members of the troop.

Jim's energies over the past decade have been equally devoted to Rotary and Scouting. He became an adult leader for the Boy Scouts of America in 2000, initially serving as Cubmaster for Pack 1 in Mill Valley. A year later he joined the Rotary Club of Mill Valley.

While moving up the chairs at Rotary, Jim was expanding his scouting talents by completing several key leadership training programs. A recipient of the Marin Council District Award of Merit, he has served Marin County Scouting as District Commissioner for Southern Marin.

Fellow Scouter Chip Patten, president of Mill Valley Scout Hall, noted that Jim "is an excellent ambassador for both Scouting and the Rotary club."

Patten remembered that when the local Scouting program lost its chartering sponsor, Jim was instrumental in getting the Rotary Club to become the new chartering sponsor, which it remains today.

Jim's history of working with youth at Rotary is pretty impressive, too—Interact Club Advisor from 2001 through 2008 and Youth Service Director from 2003 to 2009 prior to his service as Club President in 2011-2012.

The Cliff Dochterman Award, named after the popular 1992-93 President of Rotary International (who earned his Eagle Scout badge before he reached the age of 14!), is administered by the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. Jim has been a member of the Fellowship since 2007.



Jim Simkalo poses with wife Karen Betzner and his Cliff Dochterman Scouting Award medal and certificate.

Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi

Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi, TX president Debbie High received the "Rotary International Cliff Dochterman Award" at the clubs' regular noon Wednesday meeting at the Corpus Christi Country Club on April 11, 2012.



The award by the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is recognition for exemplary service to both Rotary and Scouting. Rotary 5930 District Governor, Lauro Solis and Scout Executive, John Beauregard presented the award jointly in recognition of Debbie's numerous leadership positions over several decades in both Rotary International and Scouting.

Pictured left to right; Lauro Solis, David Walker, Debbie High, Elain Barnes, and John Beauregard.

**RI PRESIDENT ELECT RON D. BURTON BECOME LIFE MEMBER OF IFSR**

Little did Ron Burton realize as he walked down the hall at the Zone 33/34 Institute in Hilton Head, South Carolina recently that the IFSR team of Batman (Brian Thiessen) and Robin (Louis Venuti) were waiting for him. Louis sprung from the booth and presented RIPE Ron a life membership application all completed except the formalities of the credit card charge information. Ron – who has a long history of active involvement with Scouting in his Last Frontier Council – was pleased to fill in the missing information and join IFSR. One of his real mentors is IFSR Life member and PDG DON ADKINS of his Norman, Oklahoma, Rotary Club in D 5770 -- retired Scout Executive at Council, Regional and national levels!

WELCOME Rotary International President Elect RON D. BURTON to IFSR life membership!



ZONE INSTITUTE DATES/LOCATIONS/OTHER EVENTS SECOND HALF 2012

IFSR Members are **URGENTLY** needed to staff Exhibits at each of these Zone Institutes - **PLEASE** contact InterAmerican Region Chair Phil Pfeffer - (phil@pfeffer.org) for Interamerican Region and IFSR President Fred Brenner (brenecol@zoominternet.net) or fjbrenner@gcc.edu for other Regions or IFSR Past President/International Commissioner Brian D. Thiessen at BDTAlamo@Pacbell.net IF YOU CAN HELP AND VOLUNTEER to set up and organize staff of an IFSR booth at these Institutes. MANY thank to **Louis Venuti** and **Bill Walker** for helping at Zones 33/34 in Hilton Head, South Carolina 20-22 September! And to **Holger Dybdahl** for helping **Rafael Bustillos** and BDT at the Denmark Jamboree July-Aug 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Zone(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>RI Director</u>
October			
4- 7	30, 31	Huntsville, Alabama	Schuppert
4- 7	23B, 23C	Punta del Este, Uruguay	Antiorio
12-14	7B	Invercargill, New Zealand	Boag
12-14	9, 10A	Yeosu, Korea	Park
18-20	24, 32	Vancouver, British Columbia Westin, Bayshore	Styles
18-20	21A	San Andres Island, Colombia	Salazar
November			
9-10	25, 26	Lake Tahoe, California Inn at Squaw Creek	Ken Boyd
10-11	11-14, 17-19	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Knyff, Jagger, Peiper, Chateigner
16-18	6B, 7A, 10B	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Mehta
16-18	20B	Izmir, Turkey	Owori
24-25	4, 5, 6a	Hyderabad, India	Das
28-29	1, 2, 3	Tokyo, Japan	Matsumiya
30-2 Dec	8	Adelaide, Australia	Boag

And contact Ian Greig (ianscout@gmail.com) to help at:

***late Jul 2013 BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE- SUMMIT SCOUT RESERVATION

LET PRESIDENT FRED or BDT know of other Scouting or Rotary events where YOU can set up and staff an IFSR booth, please

Nominations needed for IFSR leadership positions.

We must complete the selection of our next year's leadership by 1 January so we need your nomination (or self nomination) **NOW** for each IFSR leadership position (go to our web site www.ifsr-net.org and click on "Constitution" to see job descriptions of each):

International President
International Vice Presidents (WOSM, WAGGGS),
Secretary
Treasurer
International Commissioner
Committee Chairs: Nominating, Convention &
Jamboree, Membership Development,
Archivist/Historian, Publication & Web Site,
Webmaster, Newsletter Editors

And within each of the six world Regions (Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Eurasia, InterAmerica) **positions include:**

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

If you are willing to serve as a
Zones Coordinator (for each Zone Institute),
Chairs of Membership, Technology,
District Coordinator or Section Chair (your District/state)
let us know that as well.

Send self-nominations or nominate others to Nominating Committee Chair PDG and past IFSR President Brian D Thiessen at bdtalamo@pacbell.net.

Thank you