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IFSR CENTENNIAL PROJECT

YES, we will participate in the IFSR Rotary and Scouting Centennial Project

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International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

IFSR came into existence at the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City in 1991.

Several Rotarians who were also active in Scouting in their home countries met to discuss forming a Scouting Rotarians Fellowship.

After receiving approval from R.I., Sections were formed in Britain & Ireland (RIBI) and the United States. From this simple beginning, the influence and importance of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is finding a prominent place in the world today.

IFSR AIMS to develop a particular association internationally between Rotarians who ARE or EVER HAVE BEEN active members or supporters of any World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) or World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) affiliated Scout Movement.

IFSR OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage and foster the Ideal of Service by Rotarians between R.I. And the World Scout Movement;
2. To provide opportunities for social interaction between members; and,
3. To give encouragement to the Scout Movement at local, national, and international levels.

If you are not a member and wish to join, or find out more about IFSR, please contact one of the officers listed or visit our website at WWW.JC-ROTARY.ORG/IFSR.

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Centennial Project



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All Rotary Districts are invited to join us in celebrating the Centennials of Rotary and Scouting by participating in a worldwide service project designed to bring the youth of the developed and developing worlds together at the Centennial World Scout Jamboree in Great Britain in 2007

Scouting - for boys originally and later girls, just like Rotary - was the first voluntary service organization many of us ever joined.



The Scout Movement taught us to "Be Prepared", to be "Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent". By learning these worthy principles we were prepared to give service to others in our adult life. Perhaps half the Rotarians in our wonderful "Family of Rotary" were, or are Scouts or Guides.

IFSR's World Chairman, David Judge, conceived an idea: What better way to celebrate our two centenaries and acknowledge the link between our two great voluntary service organizations than this international service project proposed by the INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS.



In 2005 Rotary's Centennial Convention is at our birthplace, Chicago where Paul Harris started our great organization.

In 2007 The Centennial World Scout Jamboree will be in England - Scouting's birthplace - where Lord Baden-Powell (B.P.) planted the first acorn that grew into

the great oaks of Scouting. The Jamboree is to be held at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, England which is located in Rotary International District 1240.

IFSR is asking EACH Rotarian to support Scouting by encouraging every Rotary District to sponsor two Scouts to attend the World Jamboree in 2007. Each of the 530 Districts in our Rotary World should sponsor at least one Scout from that District, and a second Scout from a Third World Country who would otherwise be unable to meet the cost of attending The Centennial World Scout Jamboree. The Theme will be "One World - One Promise".

This project responds to a request, made at the R.I. Barcelona Convention in 2002 to Rotary from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) that Rotary support Scouting's project "OPERATION ONE WORLD", to have at least one Scout and preferably a Patrol at the Centennial World Scout Jamboree from each of the 216 countries where Scouting exists.

Once selected these two Scouts would become "buddies" by e-mail, fax or conventional mail in the year before the Jamboree and would meet for the first time at The Centennial Jamboree. They will enjoy activities and friendship together and be International Ambassadors for our two great movements. National Scout associations working closely with Rotary will help make selection and administrative decisions.

It is quite possible that in future years these Scouts will become Interactors, Rotaractors

and eventually Rotarians! The costs involved are indeed modest and the results will be immeasurable for Rotary, for Scouting, and for the World. A present estimate is US\$8,000 to sponsor both Scouts for The Centennial Jamboree.

Sponsoring Rotary Clubs or Districts will be recognized and are encouraged to similarly link up and form friendship links and projects. At the Rotary 2005 Convention in Chicago, and the following one in 2006 in Copenhagen, Scouting should have a high profile presence, which will also lead to recruitment of more adult leaders and Scouts.



At Scouting's Centennial World Jamboree 2007 in England, Rotary will have a similar high profile, which will lead to immediate and long term Rotary

membership recruitment. There are many more avenues along which this project will travel.

Please contact IFSR to notify us of YOUR DISTRICT participation in this vital project. There is plenty of time for Districts to reach this goal. We look forward to a unanimous Rotary participation! But first we need to hear from YOU on the enclosed form.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW!