Scouting Around the World

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National Capital Area Council International Committee

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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting date: July 16, 2015 Fellowship Dinner

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B-P Bits:

“If our lads were trained to see the other fellow’s point of view before passing their own judgment on a dispute, what a difference it would at once make in their manliness of character. Such lads would not be carried away, as is at present too commonly the case, by the first orator who catches their ear on any subject, but they would also go and hear what the other side has to say about it, and would then think out the question and make up their own minds as men for themselves. So it is in almost every problem in life, individual power of judgment is essential whether in choice of politics, religion, profession or sport. We want our men to be men not sheep.” 1912

Collectors’ Corner: Non-WOSM Scout Groups

World Federation of Independent Scouts
B-P Service Association
Confederation of European Scouts
International Scout & Guide Fellowship
Order of World Scouts

Skolta Esperanto
Int’l Union of Guides & Scouts of Europe
World Org of Independent Scouts
BS of the UN
Bleimor until 1962
Sturmtrupp until 1934

The contest is to design a logo that will be used in official correspondence, on official websites, and be the uniform badge for JOTA-JOTI 2015. This is the largest Scouting event and involved over 1.3 million people last year. The purpose is to encourage and enable Scouts around the world to communicate with one another providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a world-wide Scout movement. The theme is “The Earth is Yours” and you can go to the World Bureau site to enter.
UGANDA SCOUTS ASSOCIATION:

Scouting was founded in the British protectorate of Uganda in 1915. Church missionary Rev. Canon H.M. Grace was sent to Ankole in western Uganda to start Mbarara High School. He also started the first troop in Uganda. The movement took time to spread over the country during World War I, as the public thought Scouting was too military. In 1918, the Rev. Grace was transferred to Namirembe, where he started a second troop of Scouts. During World War II, Scouts served their community by working in post offices sorting mail, directing traffic and other meaningful duties.

Until 1971, Scouting grew very popular in Uganda and membership was spread all over the country. This all came to a halt between 1971 and 1981, due to the political situation in Uganda. Scouting suffered again in 1985 due to the wars and instability in the country. In 1986, Scouting resurfaced, and the Ministry of Education formally became the overseer of the Uganda Scouts Association. Although Scouting is a non-governmental organization, the Ugandan government has taken a keen interest in the movement. Unlike other countries, the Ugandan government has appointed a full-time worker in every district, called district executive commissioners, to co-ordinate activities of the Scouts, in recognition of the immense contribution the movement makes and can make towards the education of the youth education outside the classroom. A few years later, probably due to economic pressures the Government withdrew its funding for the paid District Executive Commissioners and they became volunteer posts.

This is the largest and most prominent values-based youth organization in Uganda and provides a program that builds character, trains youth in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For over a century, the Association has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.

Interesting historical picture:
Gen Douglas MacArthur after WWII with Philippino Boy Scouts