2007: A Year of Opportunity and Service

2007 looks to be a year of amazing opportunity for fellowship and service through Rotary and Scouting.

Beginning with the Boy Scouts of America National Meeting in Atlanta, Scouters and Rotarians will hold the annual meeting of the Inter-American Region. Stop by the Relationships Booth in the Exhibit Hall to confirm the exact time and date. The National Meeting of the BSA will be held from May 30 through June 1st. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with the Relationships Booth during the meeting.

Later in June, IFSR Chair David Judge will be conducting the annual meeting of the International organization during the Rotary International meeting in Salt Lake City. The IFSR meeting will be held early on June 20th. The exact time and location will be available at the IFSR booth during the conference. Volunteers are also needed to help staff the booth.

Of course, the big Scouting event of the year will take place from July 27 through August 8th, as the World Scout Movement celebrates Scouting's Centenary at the World Jamboree in at Hylands Park, Chelmsford UK.

Visitors are encouraged to stop by the booth hosted by the Scouting Rotarians as well as do one or more of the following:

- Volunteer to assist staff the IFSR Scouting Rotarians booth/stand.
- Book a place to attend the Great Scouting Rotarians Rally on Monday, August 6th in the evening. Limited to 300, there will be a charge for the meal.
- Plan to attend the (free) IFSR Scouting Rotarians Onsite meeting provisionally scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd.

More information about the Jamboree is contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

BSA Chief Scout Executive Announces Retirement

At the meeting of the national Executive Board on February 7, 2007, it was announced that our Chief Scout Executive, Roy Williams, will retire September 1, 2007.

This is the fulfillment of the leadership succession plan that was adopted in 2004 to facilitate the orderly transition of the BSA's top professional leadership. Roy Williams has led this organization through controversy and perhaps its most challenging times, as well as some of Scouting's greatest successes.

During his tenure, The NonProfit Times twice selected Roy to its top 50 list of powerful and influential leaders.

The Boy Scouts of America is strong financially and our volunteer base continues to grow as does our membership. Roy's leadership has enabled us to move forward through potentially very dangerous waters.

BSA National President Rick Cronk has appointed a selection committee and they expect to complete their work by the first of June.

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Local Scout Council International Representatives

Did you know that every local Boy Scout Council has the ability to appoint one "International Representative"? Wayne Perry, the new International Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America is encouraging every council to have one. In fact, if a council wishes to participate in the International Camp Staff Program, they MUST have one.

What might this person do? Depending on the resources and interest of the council, the opportunities are endless. For instance, they might:

- Organize an International Committee for the council.
- Promote use of the International Camp Staff Program.
- Recruit a local Scout to volunteer in Europe.
- Promote participation in Jamboree on the Air.
- Promote participation in Jamboree on the Internet.
- Encourage support of the World Friendship Fund.
- Promote the World Scout Jamborees.
- Cross cultural events involving local exchange students.
- Arrange hosting Scout groups from other countries.
- Arrange visits to Scouts in other countries.

Remember, this is a bit of a "lucky strike extra" for most councils. Approach your Scout Executive to express your interest, and emphasize that you will not let it become a burden on the staff, and that you will keep the Scout Executive or appropriate board officer informed of what is going on.

It can make a tremendous difference in opening up your eyes to the World Brotherhood of Scouting, but more importantly, it can expand the horizons of the Scouts in your council.

International Scouting Conference at Philmont Scout Ranch

The International Scouting Conference at the Philmont Training Center was the largest ever held, with more than 70 participants, staff and presenters. Over the years, the International Division's international conference has grown from a small, one-room meeting to an exciting, two-dimensional adventure.

One dimension of the 2006 conference was for Scouters who have developed a new interest in international Scouting and would like to learn how to participate in international Scouting events.

The second dimension was for Scouters who are experienced in international Scouting programs, tours, and exchanges but would like to become involved in more advanced projects with other countries.

Of course, the specially invited international faculty from other Scouting associations or regions of the World Organization of the Scout Movement gave the conference a very special flavor.

Sharing in the fellowship of international Scouting, the special guest faculty for 2006 included Stephen Peck, director of Program and Development, The Scout Association, United Kingdom.

Subjects covered revolved around the latest plans to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting at the World Scout Jamboree, and how to involve your council in international activities.

Marshall Hollis of Ripley, Mississippi, and treasurer of the Inter-American Region of the IFSR was the conference chairman.

Inter-American Region Annual Meeting: May 30, 2007, Atlanta, GA.

The Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Region of the IFSR will take place on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 during the National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in Atlanta, Georgia, USA from 4:00 until 5:30 pm.

The agenda will include the election of officers.

Check with the Relationships Booth for the exact location.
ARE YOU ATTENDING OR VISITING THE WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREEE 2007 (WSJ 2007)?

The World Scout Jamboree 2007 will take place July 27th through August 6th at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, United Kingdom. A total of 40,000 Scouts and leaders from throughout the world are expected to attend.

If you are a Rotarian and plan to attend the World Scout Jamboree, as a visitor, or have been selected to serve on IST (International Service Team) we would be pleased to meet you at The Jamboree where IFSR will have a stand/booth.

If you are able and willing to serve as a volunteer for the IFSR, you are most welcome to spend some time at our booth.

Scouting Rotarians are also invited to attend the Great Scouting Rotarians Rally on Monday, August 6th. The event is limited to 300, and there will be a cost for the meal.

All Rotarians are invited to attend the IFSR Scouting Rotarians Onsite Meeting, provisionally scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd. Updated information will be at the booth.

For more information, or to indicate your plans to participate, please notify Bud Allison at IFSRNA@verizon.net, (IH) 281-334-5924 or David A Judge david.a.judge@virgin.net.

2006 Ends Successfully for Boy Scouts of America

Chief Scout Executive Roy Williams reports that 2006 was a very good year for the Boy Scouts of America. First and foremost, the total youth members and participants in the Boy Scouts of America showed growth for the first time in three years.

Total youth members and participants grew to 4,619,730, an increase of 32,699.

This reflects 1,006,218 new members in the traditional programs of Scouting, an increase of 11,937 over 2005.

“The greatest achievement this fall has been the re-involvement of our volunteers in membership recruiting,” stated Roy Williams.

Other highlights of the year include a record number of Eagle Scouts (51,728) and a 6.2% increase over 2005 at the National High Adventure Bases (Philmont, Northern Tier, the Florida Sea Base and their various satellite operations).

Baden-Powell World Fellowship

Baden Powell Fellows will gather in South Africa in April 2007 for fellowship and for the induction of new members by His Majesty, the King of Sweden.

H.M. the King, Carl XVI Gustaf, who serves as the honorary president of the World Scout Foundation.

If you are, or will be becoming, a Baden Powell Fellow, and are attending the South Africa event, please contact our IFSR World Chairman, David A. Judge at david.a.judge@virgin.net or telephone 44-1206-799222.

This fund-raising event for the World Scout Foundation helps the growth and development of Scouting worldwide by providing financial support for the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Invitation to this event was extended to all Baden-Powell members by W. F. “Rick” Cronk, chairman of the World Scout Foundation and president of the Boy Scouts of America.

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

Annual Meeting: June 20, 2007, Salt Lake City, Utah
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- [ ] I wish to become a member of IFSFR ($20)
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