EDITORIAL

SCOUTING BELIEVES

Scouting believes that today's young people should have fun. To accomplish this the BSA offers camping, canoeing, boating, fishing, and many other outdoor activities. Scouts are given the chance to play, laugh, mature, and just have fun - things every child deserves.

Scouting believes that all children should have the opportunity for a good future. As a Scout, a child learns about ethics, decision making, the difference between right and wrong, and develops the self-esteem to carry him through life's difficult situations. For that, they are recognized for setting and meeting their goals.

Scouting believes that youth should participate in their community. That's why chartered organization include religious organizations, school, businesses, and civic (including Rotary), social, and fraternal groups.

Scouting believes in helping young men and women to develop the three principles that they will need to grow into responsible, caring adults: strength of character, physical and mental fitness, and the presence of mind to make ethical decisions.

Scouting believes in young people!

John Ackerman, Scout Executive, Southwest Florida Council, Ft. Myers, Florida

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS

ORIGIN OF SCOUTING

Scouting began in England in 1907 based upon Lord Baden-Powell's book, Scouting for Boys. The book and program proved to have a great appeal to boys and quickly spread worldwide. While Scouting's purposes, and the Scout Promise and Law, are timeless and universal, Scouting's flexible program adapts to meet the needs of youth and their society wherever they live.

ROTARY AND SCOUTING AROUND THE WORLD

The World Organization of the Scout Movement is an international, nongovernmental organization. There are more than 16 million Scouts and leaders and 125 national Scout organizations in more than 120 countries around the world. For information on any local Scout organization, contact the world Scout Bureau, P.O. Box 241, 1211, Geneva 4, Switzerland.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

WHY IFSR?
NORTH AMERICAN SECTION

As Rotarians and also Scouters (or as Scouters and also Rotarians) we have a unique perspective and commitment to service above self and the "Four Way Test." For many of us that commitment began as a young Scout advancing through the ranks toward Eagle. The memories of our experiences as a youth evoke the weekends in the outdoors, the long hikes through the wilderness of a Scout camp or park and the weekly meetings with dedicated Scout leaders and our friends. Those experiences are as vivid today as when they happened. What was the result? Certainly at the time we could not fully appreciate the important principles we were learning. Indeed, we thought we were there to have fun.

Our leaders, including parents, gave us the gift which molded our lives. Just think about these few words: "On my Honor," "Do your Best," "Be Prepared," "Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent."

For those members who only became familiar with Scouting as adults, the merits of the program were obvious from the beginning.

It is for these reasons that we rededicate ourselves. This is the ultimate purpose of furthering this Fellowship. Together we will bring together the principles of Rotary and Scouting!
ROTARY & SCOUTING

Rotary and Scouting work to bring together people of all races, religious faiths, and political beliefs in a friendly, impartial atmosphere.

Rotary cultivates understanding and cooperation by emphasizing common interests and avoiding commitment on partisan measures or activities in which persons are so often divided. Scouting is one of the ways that Rotarians and the Rotary Club can serve youth and the community while serving rotary.

The challenges and problems confronted by today's generation of young people are often seen as insurmountable. By using the Scouting program, your club members will be in a position to answer questions from youth. You will be in a position to answer questions from youth. You will also help direct the youth of your community on the way to becoming knowledgeable, trained, participating citizens. Scouting develops character, citizenship, and fitness, while providing the means to train youth in leadership skills. A Rotarian can help young men and women of the community by getting involved in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venture Scouting, Exploring, Learning for Life, Daisy Scouts, Brownies, and Girl Scouting.

PURPOSE, PRINCIPLES, AND METHODS

Scouting is an educational movement for young people, the purpose of which is to contribute to personal and social development. It is a voluntary, nonpolitical movement that is open to all. The Scouting program is based upon:

* Adherence to religious principles and loyalty to one's religion.
* Loyalty to one's country.
* Harmony with the promotion of peace, understanding, and cooperation.
* Participation in the development of society.
* Recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellowmen and for the integrity of the natural world.
* Responsibility for the development of oneself.
* Progressive self-education composed of programs adapted to various age groups and based on the Scout Promise and Law.
* Learning by doing, with membership in small groups.
* Provides the scheme of personal progressions and activities taking place in contact with nature.

HOW SCOUTING CAN BENEFIT YOUR ROTARY CLUB

Working with Scouting offers Rotary Clubs many benefits. By operating a scouting unit, your club will:
* Help build a national spirit in youth.
* Encourage respect for law and order.
* Strengthen the Rotary Club's community image.
* Stimulate an understanding of the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy in youth.
* Aid in developing future leadership and membership for Rotary.
* Provide a vehicle to interpret the Rotary Club's objectives and purposes to youth and their families.
* Provide a program with individual growth and recognition for youth in your community.
* Build better boys, young men, and young women.

HOW YOUR ROTARY CLUB AND SCOUTING CAN WORK TOGETHER

Organize a Scouting unit. Many youth in your community would like to become a Scout, but cannot because there is no local unit for them to join. Form a relationship with the local council, and they will help you organize one or more Scouting units.

Adopt a special project. The Rotary Club can adopt a needed project with the local council, district, or unit, such as providing audiovisual aids and other support material, helping with special Scouting events, or by sponsoring special activities or events.

Help meet financial needs. Many Rotary Clubs assist their local council in raising annual operating funds.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN SCOUTING

Check your local Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts of USA Council, listed in your phone book. Ask to speak to the Scout executive or director. You may want to request information on council needs in advance so that you can be specific in your discussion.

*** ROTARY/SCOUTING AWARD

It has been suggested that we develop an award to promote common themes in Scouting and Rotary. The award could be presented by District Governor's or individual Rotary Clubs or by IFSR. Specific requirements would be established. Send your comments regarding this proposal.
SILVER BUFFALO

ROBERT A. CUNNINGHAM

Robert Cunningham, an active member of the business and youth communities in Kansas City, MO, has devoted 34 years to the development of young people through the Boy Scouts of America.

Cunningham has served on the Executive Board of the Heart of America Council since 1968 and is a member of the National Executive Board and the Central Region executive Board. He also serves on the relationships and Cub Scout National Committees.

He has received the Scouter's Key, the St. George Award, the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope. He is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow and a Chieftain in the tribe of Mic-O-say.

Cunningham is actively involved in the Sierra Club, the Kansas City chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and was a Jaycee for five years. He is a former member of the Mayor's Committee, past president of the Kansas City Motor Car Dealer's Association and former board member of St. Joseph's Hospital.

He is former chairman of the Board of Regents at Rockhurst College, his alma mater, and a member of the National Jesuit Honor Society at Rockhurst. Rockhurst also named him Alumnus of the Year in 1994.

It is with great pleasure that IFSR recognize Robert Cunningham, a Rotarian and Scouter who received the Silver Buffalo Award in 1995 at the National BSA meeting in Chicago.

IFSR N. Amer. Section

The below listed officers of the North America section of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians are dedicated to the principles of both Rotary and Scouting. All members are encouraged to become officers. As with all positions in Rotary there is a constant turnover of officers and positions. If your name is not on this list and you wish to participate in a meaningful way please write the Chairman. If you are able to assist any officer please write the individual directly. If you write and do not receive a response within four weeks send a copy of your letter to the Chairman.

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JAMES E. WEST

The first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America was James E. West. His leadership of the movement in the US extended over three decades. He exemplified Ralph Waldo Emerson's observation that "an institution in the lengthened shadow of one man." Scouting today is the "lengthened shadow" of the farseeing and dedicated leadership of Dr. James E. West.

The James E. West Fellowship Award is a national BSA recognition for individuals who contribute $1,000 or more to a local BSA Council endowment trust fund. This contribution is in addition to, and does not replace, the donor's annual funding gift to the council's Friend's of Scouting Campaign. This program is similar to the Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary. It helps to ensure the Scouting legacy for future generations of young people and create financial stability of the program in the twenty-first century for local BSA councils.

Individuals (or organizations) may contribute an award in honor of someone—an eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver recipient, Council president, district chairman, scoutmaster, special Scouter or in memory of a departed loved one, associate or Scouter.

The fellowship award is an attractive 8x10 certificate, personalized with the honoree's name, date of recognition and the council name. In addition there is a distinctive lapel pin/charm and an embroidered square knot for uniform wear. This is a national recognition which is presented by the local council. a special reception is given at each National BSA Council Annual Meeting.

It is encouraged that each and every member of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians in the US become a James E. West Fellow and a Paul Harris Fellow. It is our legacy for the future!
JOINING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AIM TO DEVELOP A PARTICULAR ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALLY BETWEEN ROTARIANS WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT.

OBJECTS

1. To encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians between Rotary International and the World Scout Movement.

2. To provide opportunities of social interaction between members.

3. To give active encouragement to the Scout Movement at local, national and international levels.

MEMBER IDEAS

Membership Lists — will be available upon request.

Display in Calgary — BSA has an exhibit ready to go, courtesy of Joe Yoke, BSA National Director, Relationships/Marketing Group. Joe may possibly be able to attend as well.

Newsletter contains mainly Boy Scouts of America information because this was made available immediately. We have written Girl Scouts of USA and Canadian Scout Movement as well.

Ties: Our supply of ties has been exhausted. As soon as more are available they will be mailed out. We have communicated with Sammy Samuels, IFSR World Chairman regarding this issue.

Patches: We should have these available for RI Convention and National Jamboree.

We need members for the booth in Calgary (1996) and for the Jamboree (1997). If you plan to attend please write.

If you have ideas or a short article for publication send them to our newsletter editor.

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