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Scouting Rotarians formalize link with World Scouting

Since its founding at the 1991 Rotary International Convention in Mexico City, the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians has grown to 1045 members in 26 countries, according to IFSR Publicity Director Bruce Trefz.

During the 1999 RI Convention in Singapore, a formal linkage between Rotary International and the World Organization of the Scout Movement was made when Secretary-General Dr. Jacques Moreillon of the World Organization invited heads of all National Scout Organizations to actively seek relationships with Rotary in their countries.

Dr. Moreillon also invited Rotary representatives to the World Scout Conference in Durban, South Africa. Rotarians PDG Keith McKusker of South Africa and Anthony Thng of Singapore did attend. Their detailed notes from that conference “Report from Durban” appeared in the previous issue of our Scouting Rotarian newsletter. See an item in the lower right hand corner on page two of this issue for a quick review of the overall numbers.
Scouting Rotarian John Kenny becomes RI Foundation Trustee

A ripple of pride and excitement is spreading throughout the worldwide fellowship of Scouting Rotarians with the news that John Kenny, Immediate Past Chairman of this fellowship, begins a 4 year term as a Trustee of the Foundation of Rotary International on 1 July.

John is a former member of the Board of Rotary International. His term as Director was 1995-1997. His second year he was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Rotary International.

A graduate of Glasgow University and senior partner in his law firm, John is a Past Dean of his Law Faculty and Honorary Sheriff (Judge) in his local Court.

He joined Rotary in 1970, was the President of the Grangemouth (Scotland) Rotary Club in 1977/78, and in 1984/85 he served as Governor of District 102. For 4 years he chaired a 3H Committee administering an aflorestation project in the Sudan.

Within RI, John served as a member of the International Service Committee, then 2 years as Chair, thereafter 3 years as Chairman of the RI Constitutional and Resolution Committee. After serving as Vice President, he was President of RI in 1992/93. He has attended the Council on Legislation on a number of occasions.

John has served as a member of a number of RI committees, including World Community Service, Vocational Service, RI/RII Ideas Exchange Committee, the RI Standing Committee, Constitution and Bylaws and as Chairman of

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100 YEARS OF PROMISE

In 2007, Scouting will celebrate its centenary—one hundred years during which about half a billion young people in virtually all countries and cultures will have pledged to live by the Scout Promise and Scout Law.

2007 is a year for all Scouts to celebrate—even if Scouting in your country is not 100 years old. There are three anniversaries to consider celebrating.

1st: The Founding of Scouting

At 8 o'clock in the morning of 1 August 1907, our Founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell blew on the kudu horn to open his experimental camp on Brownsea Island for boys from a wide range of social backgrounds in the United Kingdom. The World Scout Committee has declared this to be the moment when Scouting was founded.

1 August 2007 is a special day to be celebrated around the world. It is a day to join hands in a tribute to the past achievements and to the future of Scouting.

Its also the day the 21st World Scout Jamboree will open in the United Kingdom. A recreation of that first camp on Brownsea Island will also be opened. A representative from each Scouting country will be invited.

2nd: The Founders Birthday

2007 is the 150th anniversary of the birth of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, our Founder. Robert Stephenson Smyth Powell (the Baden came later) was born in London, England, on 22 February 1857. His wife was also born on 22 February. This date is celebrated annually in many countries, frequently with the Girl Guide movement as Thinking Day. Perhaps on this special Thinking Day in 2007 we might want to think how we can contribute more to peace? This issue was close to both Robert and his wife Olave.

3rd: The Founding of Scouting in Your Country

Whenever Scouting was founded in your country—whether it is old or new—you should do something special on that date in 2007. Some possibilities are: a special camp, a religious celebration, or a special activity which links with the world theme.

What an opportunity 2007 holds for Scouting Rotarians! Contacts can be made with your local Scouting organization to discover their plans. Individual Rotarians and Rotary Clubs can participate and indeed help organize anniversary activities.

Thai Rotarians to be Thai Scout Leaders

Rotarians from various districts of Thailand participated in a week long Advanced Training Course (ATC #165) at the Daruna Scouting Camp in Rachburi west of Bangkok to become Thai Scout Leaders.

During the course a meeting was held to elect a committee to lead the development of IFSR in all four Rotary districts (3300, 3400, 3500 and 3600) in Thailand.

PDG Vuttichai Wanglee (D-3350) was elected local Chairman of the Thailand committee of IFSR and PP Niels Colov (D3340's International Service District Chairman) was elected to continue to be the representative for Thailand at IFSR.

During the coming Rotary year the local Thai committee for IFSR will organize supporting activities for Scouting in Thailand, having many more Rotarians join as members of IFSR and encourage these new members to attend the Thai Scout leadership courses.

New IFSR Chair in RI

Tony Freeman has accepted the chairmanship of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians RI, replacing Tom Cryer who has served for four years.

Tony reports that he and his wife had a very enjoyable visit with Bud Allison and his wife in London last September. Bud Chairs the Interamerican Region of IFSR.

Their visit included a tour of Gilwell where both Tony and Bud had attended Woodbadge at different times. They were joined later for lunch by International Vice Chairman David Judge and his wife.

World Scouting Leaders Meet in South Africa


Fifteen countries were welcomed as new members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement: Albania, Angola, Armenia, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Lithuania, The Former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Mozambique, Slovakia, Tajikistan, and Saint Vincent & the Grenadines.

This brings World Scout membership to 152 countries. For comparison, the latest figure from RI headquarters shows Rotary in 162 countries.
Scouting Foundations
are important too

As Rotarians we are familiar with The Rotary Foundation and its various forms of recognition for giving and/or bequeathing funds:

- Paul Harris Fellowship for $1000 to the annual program fund.
- Benefactor for at least $1000 either in cash or bequeathed.
- Major Donor for the Permanent Fund, with recognition of a Diamond Circle Pin and a stone added at levels of $10,000, $25,000, $50,000, $100,000 $500,000 and $1,000,000.

Because contributions are accumulated, donors are recognized as they reach each successive level. Paul Harris Fellowship recognition is not given for contributions to the Permanent Fund.

There are several Scouting Foundations

Your editor was recently invited to attend one of 16 Estate Preservation Seminars conducted by the Boy Scouts of America held throughout that country. In addition to the seminar, recognitions were presented to several donors to a Local Council Foundation:

The James E. West Fellowship for $1,000
The 1910 Society
- Ernest Thompson Seton for $25,000
- Daniel Carter Beard for $100,000
- Theodore Roosevelt for $500,000
- Waite Phillips for $1,000,000

The Founders Circle for deferred gifts:
- Bronze for $100,000
- Silver for $250,000
- Gold for $500,000
- Platinum for $1,000,000

It is interesting to note that these are recognitions for donations to a Local Boy Scout Council and not the National Council.

However, there is also a National BSA Foundation where a gift may be divided among multiple councils, programs or Scouting organizations chosen by the donor. The Foundation can receive and distribute gifts for Scouting both locally or internationally.

In addition, there is a World Scout Foundation with these levels of recognition:

- The Baden-Powell World Fellowship for contributions of US $10,000
- The Honours Programme with its levels of recognition:
  - The Benefactors' Circle — US$25,000
  - The International Circle — US$50,000
  - The Chairman's Circle — US$100,000

The Patron’s Programme is for individuals and corporations who make a gift of US$1,000,000 or more.

Your editor is not aware of other Scouting Foundations, but feels there are others. It would be interesting and worth publishing information about any others that exist, such as other Scout Associations around the world.

It would also be interesting to know if any of our Scouting Rotarians have received any of the above listed recognitions and if any are on the Boards of Directors of a Scouting Foundation.

eMail Address and Web Sites

Rotary International
www.rotary.org
World Organization of the Scout Movement
worldbureau@world.scout.org
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www.ushometown.net/ScoutingRotarian/Index.html

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the RI Codification Committee, Chairman of the Great Britain and Ireland Village Corps Committee and is currently a member of the Audit and Operations Review Committee of Rotary International. He has represented the President of Rotary International at several District Conferences.

John is a former member and a Past President of Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce. In 1971 he was President of the Federation of Scottish Junior Chamber of Commerce and in 1973 General Legal Counsel of Jaycees International.

An elder of the Church of Scotland, he was for 12 years Session Clerk of Bo’ness Old Parish Church and Presbytery Elder. For many years he was a Director of the local Building Society.

The Chief Scout awarded the Medal of Merit to this former Scout in 1993 for services to the Scout movement. In 1994 he was appointed by the Queen as a Deputy Lieutenant of the former County of Stirling now Stirling and Falkirk District.

John’s wife June has been active for many years in the affairs of her local Church as Sunday School Superintendent.

Rotary District 5340 establishes “Scouting Liaison” post

When William C. McDade, M.D. takes office as Governor of Southern California’s District 5340 July 1, Jerry Hetherington will be the first to serve as the district’s “Scouting Liaison.”

A past president of his Rotary Club, Jerry is a retired Navy Commander who has been a Scout, an adult scout leader, is an ISFR member, and has proudly watched his son attain Eagle Scout rank.

His first task will be to make his new position known as the district’s central point of knowledge and information on scouting, and as the person available to the local BSA Scout Council, the Girl Scout headquarters, and their Troops as a source of information on support possibilities from the Rotary District and its clubs.

Jerry says he plans to begin by assembling data on past Rotary support to Scouting and examine practical means of future support to and from Scouting and Rotary organizations in District 5340’s geographical area.

Governor McDade involved Jerry in District Assembly training sessions to advise incoming club officers and directors on possibilities for support, interaction and community service assistance.

Scouting Rotarian will be watching this new initiative with interest and would welcome information about other Rotary districts striving to enhance this special relationship between Rotary and the Scouting movement.

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