Our Chairman’s Column

My wife and I have been very fortunate recently to travel within the Rotary World and meet with members of The Rotary Family in different countries. On 1st January 2004 we were proud to be the only “Brits” in the Rotary Float Team at the Pasadena Rose Parade USA. Having spent 3 days helping to build the float is was great to see it pass by in the famous Parade, having won a Class Prize. A lasting proud memory was of the smart, smiling Eagle Scouts leading each section with a name board.

We really must try to have Scouts and Guides in Rotary’s Centennial Parade in Chicago on Saturday, June 18, 2005. Any contacts, ideas or help from you, our members, will be valuable. While in Chicago we made arrangements reserving more rooms for the 2005 Convention.

(Caption) Christine & David Judge with the young “Scout Leader” Director and some Scouts at Joe Homan’s Athoor Boys Town, Southern India

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS

Who Are We? The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) is one of more than eighty Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships established to bring together Rotarians with similar interests from around the world. It is made up of Rotarians who are or were, also, Scouters.

Aim IFSR’s aim is to develop a particular association Internationally between Rotarians who ARE or HAVE BEEN active members of any Scout Movement, (Boy Scout or Girl Scout or Girl Guide).

Objectives The principle objectives of IFSR are: To encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians between Rotary International and the World Scout Movement; To provide opportunities for social interaction between members; To give active encouragement to the Scout Movement at local, national, and international levels.

Membership Membership is IFSR is open to any Rotarian, in any country, that was formerly or is presently a member of any recognized Scout or Guide Association.

Procedure The IFSR is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting Scouting through Rotary for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

Our thanks to the Jersey City Rotary Club for this article

IFSR Membership Meeting at the BSA National Meeting in Chicago - May 20th 5 to 6pm in the Stetson F Room - Hyatt Regency Hotel

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THE 7 HABITS OF AN EFFECTIVE ROTARIAN
by Niels Colov, Rotary Club of Pattaya, Thailand

1. ATTENDANCE: Effective Rotarians always try to attend their club meetings or make up at other clubs as much as possible. They are aware that regular attendance is an important part of their membership commitment and do not miss a chance to attend. They participate on committees, which they are members of, plus others if invited. They are keen to attend all club events and district functions. They participate in the District Assembly and District Conference each year, and have attended a recent Rotary International Convention.

2. FELLOWSHIP: Effective Rotarians enjoy meeting other members and often feel this fellowship is as important to Rotary as the actual business part of a meeting. They go out of their way to talk to those whom they do not know and believe a stranger is just a friend they have not met yet. Outside of Rotary they also enjoy meeting people and getting acquainted with them. At large Rotary gatherings they make and effort to meet others, rather than just fraternizing with friends from their own club.

3. VOCATION: Effective Rotarians respect every vocation and understand how the classification system is the basis of Rotary. They firmly believe that each vocation provides a cog in the wheel and is important, however insignificant it may appear. They firmly believe each member should try to excel in their job and they try to support and help others to reach their full potential.

4. DISCIPLINE: Effective Rotarians understand the value of self-discipline and know that productive accomplishments are hard to achieve without it. They realize that both inner and outer discipline must be maintained in a proper balance and can enforce both disciplines when and where required.

5. TIME, MONEY & ENERGY: Effective Rotarians know they have a purpose in Rotary and fully realize they must earmark a certain amount of time, money and energy to maintain this commitment. They also realize these three things should be shared in proper balance between their family, vocation and community.

6. EMPATHY: Effective Rotarians put themselves in the position of the other person, especially if that person is in difficulty. They know that mere sympathy may not be enough, can be empathetic and feel compassion for the difficulties of others. They believe that what they are doing for their community is merely returning a small part of what they have already received from it. While they may appreciate recognition for their efforts they do not hanker for it.

7. IMAGE OF ROTARY: Effective Rotarians may sometimes feel that all is not right with Rotary or there are too many ‘politics’. They know some elements in Rotary need improvement but rather than be negative they use a positive approach to help rectify things. They maintain a positive attitude and portray a good image of Rotary, both inside and outside the organization.

WOSM Has New Leader

At the time of his 65 birthday Secretary General Dr. Jacques Moreillon officially retired after 15 years of dedicated leadership to the World Scout Movement. Replacing his as our new G. S. is Dr. Eduardo Misoni. This dedicated Scouter was an excellent choice to lead WOSM with the input and guidance from the volunteers on the World Scout Committee. Dr. Moreillon’s creative leadership will be missed as he focuses on retirement and new activities for his Substantial energies. Dr. Misoni stated “I’ll do my best to give continuity to the good relationship built by Jacques Morellion during his long mandate. Let me thank each of you for your support and please extend my thanks to all the Members of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians”.

In other changes the W.S.C. has created a new system to involve 12 youth advisors to provide input on matters related to its agenda. The move is in response to the World Scout Conference’s adoption of the Strategy for Scouting in 2002 and the high priority it set on youth involvement.

European Scout Foundation Needs Members

The Foundation’s mission is to: Provide financial support for the development of Scouting in Europe, with emphasis on projects of National Scout Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe. (An exhaustive catalogue of such projects is available at the European Scout Office). Also to develop the Friends of Scouting in Europe as a means of raising money to support Scout projects. The Friends of Scouting, acting as Ambassadors, also helps Scouting grow through their personal contacts and expertise.

A further mission is to increase the endowment capital in order to provide financial support for other activities of the European Scout Region, such as seminars, events, publications and operational support. There are many ways you can help Scouting grow in Europe. Join the Friends of Scouting in Europe Friends of Scouting in Europe, finance one of the projects from a National Scout Organization in Central and Eastern Europe, or make a direct donation to the Foundation. [Email contact is: foundation@euro.scout.org]

The Foundation is ruled under Swiss law and the Foundation Board is in full cooperation with the European Scout Committee of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Current Board members are: Jorgen Rasmussen Chairman, Rene Karia Vice Chairman, Frederic Baudin Treasurer, Members: Andreas Henrici, Christer Persson, Per Hylander, Gilles Vermot Desroches. Ex-officio members include: Therese Birmingham Chairman, European Scout Committee, Jocelyne Gendrin-Guinebault Director ESR, Claudio Burkhard Treasurer ESR, and Blaise Bachmann Secretary of the Foundation and Director, Administration & Finance, ESR.
INTERAMERICAN SCOUT FOUNDATION

An investment in the youth of the Americas

Interested Scouters recognized the need to establish a long-term source of funding for the InterAmerican Scout Region. The 12 Inter-American Scout Conference, held in Santiago, Chile, in 1980, created the InterAmerican Scout Fund in order to establish an endowment fund to support the development of Scouting in the InterAmerican Region. Tax-Exempt status was granted by the U.S.A. taxing authority (IRS) on July 29,1999 to the InterAmerican Scout Foundation, a non-profit incorporated in Texas. The Trustees are volunteers from throughout the Americas (with no professional staff) who devote hundreds of hours to ensure that the InterAmerican Scout Region can support the Scout organizations throughout South, Central and North America. The International Committee of the Boy Scouts of America further supports IASF and the BSA provides financial management and accounting functions including receipt and processing of donations. All monies received by the Foundation are handled through BSA bank accounts for further security. The capital is permanently invested and only dividends generated are used for annual projects.

The Order of the Condor program was designed to acknowledge and recognize those people who are donors to the IASF. Members receive a distinctive lapel pin and a personalized plaque appropriate to the level of membership. Commandador is recognized by a personalized certificate and medal.

Current Officers include: Harold C. Friend MD (USA) President, Anne Lucienne D. de Barrientos (Venezuela) Vice-President, Juan Antonio Alvarez (Uruguay) Secretary, William Finerty MD (USA) Treasurer.

Trustees include: Chip Clardy (USA), Charles Herrington (USA), Canio Lioi (Chile), Patrick Lyon (Chile), John Philpott (Bahamas), Ana Eloisa Piubello (Argentina), John Pyfer (USA), Luis Sabater (Dominican Republic), Bari Saunders (USA), Robert Sinclair (USA), Goeff Wheatley (Canada).

Ex-Officio Trustees include: German Rocha (Bolivia, InterAmerican Scout Committee Chairman), Pablo Rodriguez P. (Mexico, ISc Vice-Chairman), Gerardo Gonzalez E. (Chile, ISO Regional Director).

Webmaster Miller Updating

Jim Miller has agreed to be the IFSR Webmaster and is continuing the process of improving this important communication vehicle for our Fellowship. You may wish to visit this important website at: www.ifsr-net.org We are sure you join us in thanking Jim for his efforts in enhancing IFSR communications.

Check Your Mailing Label

Your Label will show your current dues status. Any delinquent members at year’s end will have their membership dropped for non-payment. Please stay current. We value your participation!

IFSR’s HISTORY

In the early 1990’s, several Rotarians who were also Scouters met and discussed how to provide an outlet for both interests through a recreational fellowship within Rotary International. It was felt that because of these dual interests, there should be many opportunities for Past and Present Scouters to further Scouting/Rotarian ideals and relationships at local, national, and international levels, depending on the interests of the individual.

A group of British Rotarians interested in Scouting formed the basis for this original impetus. Among those original members were Sammy Samuels, the late Norman Cooper, Edward Robinson, John Kenny and David Judge. The necessary requirements of RI for formation of a new Rotary Fellowship were met and at the RI Convention in Mexico in 1991 the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) was approved and IFSR took its place among the 70 plus interest groups in RI.

The first group was formed within RIBI (Rotary International in Britain & Ireland) although IFSR quickly spread throughout the Rotary World, particularly North America. Sammy Samuels of London, England was selected as the first World Chairman. During his term coordinators for the USA and other countries were selected and the membership began to grow. To this day, the two largest groups are in the UK and the InterAmerican Region (USA, Canada, Mexico, and Caribbean Central and South America).

Past RIBI President, RI Director & current RI Trustee John Kenny from Scotland became the second World Chairman in 1996. Under John’s leadership IFSR doubled its membership and expanded to 18 countries. Groups formed in Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South America, Philippines, Thailand, Japan and the Mediterranean areas. Special IFSR membership fees were adopted. (The Fellowship does not receive mone tary support from Rotary International.) The present membership fee covers a quarterly newsletter, various mailings, phone calls, purchase of membership recognition items and other miscellaneous costs related to operation of the Fellowship.

PDG Harold Friend from Boca Raton Florida became World Chairman in 1999. Harold did much to formulate IFSR procedures, expand membership into 31 countries and was responsible for drafting the current IFSR Constitution.

July 2002 saw PDG David A. Judge of Colchester England become Woorld Chairman. David has urged support so Scouting by Rotarians around the world. Particularly the restoration of Brown Sea Island in time for the Centennial. He also urges support by IFSR groups and individuals of the following:

Former World Scout Secretary General Jacques Moreillon, as keynote speaker at the 2002 RI Convention in Barcelona urged Rotarians to support “Operation One World.” He urged that each Rotary District sponsor 2 Scouts to the Centennial World Scout Jamboree in 2007. One from their own District and one from a developing country.

Through contributions by Rotary Clubs, individuals and other interested groups IFSR hopes to increase Rotary’s direct support for and involvement with Scouting and increase the awareness of Rotarians throughout the world of the special relationship these organizations have had. In addition, we hope to develop special program items, a display for use at Rotary & Scouting events, plus other public relation tools to spread that message. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.
(Continued from Our Chairman’s Column)

Then on to Florida, where we were pleased to meet up with PDG Harold and Karenanne Friend. We then cruised to the Caribbean before returning to UK for a few cold days.

In Sri Lanka we did not achieve much progress in establishing IFSR but in India we met with several Rotary Clubs in the Madurai area of District 3000. There we met up with our long time friend “Brit” Rotarian Joe Homan who 40 years ago founded Joe Homan Boys & Girls Towns in India, of which there are now 14 in India and Thailand. Joe told us he had three Scout Troops in Boys Towns and we met with a small Scout Troop run by a 15 year old at Athoor Boys Town. We had a happy time with the boys, contributed to their meager funds, and since coming home have corresponded and sent them badges/patches from our local Scout District.

Looking to the future, our largest section, InterAmerican Region, in May has its Annual Meeting in Chicago and elects Officers. I hope while in Chicago to also make the right contacts for Scout involvement in RI 2005 Convention. My wife Christine and I cannot be there in May, as we will be in Osaka setting up the IFSR stand/booth at RI Convention 2004; where we will hold the IFSR World Annual Meeting on Wednesday 26 May at 07:30 at a venue to be advised, possibly The Comfort Hotel Osaka Shinshaihashi, tel 06-6258-3111, if you’re in Osaka, please join us.

I urge all IFSR members worldwide to redouble your efforts to tell your Elect and Nominee District Governor’s about IFSR’s Rotary/Scouting Centennial Project and encourage them to endorse and support it in YOUR District. Together let’s give Rotary & Scouting one aim – To Work Together.

Be Prepared to put Service Above Self, David A. Judge

INCLUDE ROTARY ON YOUR EMAILS

Joseph F. Wade IFSR District Coordinator for 6670 reminds us that some time ago Rotary International suggested that the name ROTARY appear on each subject line on email. Joe suggests we all follow this RI recommendation. He advises even after setting up an email address specifically for IFSR mail, he still gets junk mail every day. With the word Rotary in the subject line this will avoid accidentally deleting relative emails.

INTERAMERICAN FOUNDATION WEBSITE

IASF President Harold Friend is pleased to announce the introduction of the website for the InterAmerican Scout Foundation, courtesy of the Boy Scouts of America International Division. This is a major step forward in achieving one of our strategic goals said Friend. I encourage you to send this link to your Scouting friends so they have the opportunity to learn more about IASF and participate in the InterAmerican Scout Foundation’s Order of Condor membership program. The address is: www.interamfoundation.org

IFSR-MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE COPY AND SEND)

Membership year is same as Rotary year (1July-30 June)
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