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Special Airfares to R. I. Centennial

The Star Alliance airline network is offering a series of discounts to Rotarians traveling to the Chicago Centennial Rotary Convention, 18-22 June 2005. Participating airlines are Air Canada, Austrian Airlines, Asiana, British Midlands, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, SAS, Thai Airways, United Airlines, US Air, and Varig.

Event Code to access the discounts is UA002S5. This code must be used when reservations are made with participating airlines or any travel agent. Discounts cannot be taken on senior citizen or youth fares, Web fares, industry discount, or round-the-world fares. The following interlinear discounts are offered: Business Class: 20 percent discount for “C” class (Air Canada’s “J” class), and 10 percent “D” class, Air Canada’s “C” class) Economy Class: 15 percent discount for “Y” and “B” class (Air Canada “Y/W” class), and 10 percent for “M/H/Q/V/W” class (Air Canada “B/H/V/Q/L” class)

Our IFSR Chairman’s Column

IFSR is a great Rotary Fellowship, linking two of the world’s greatest voluntary service organizations, Rotary and Scouting. I am very fortunate to have been a Scout for 54 years and a Rotarian for 30 years and as IFSR World Chairman have combined two of my major voluntary interests.

On 30th June I shall have completed three years as IFSR World Chair and will pass on the baton to my successor, as yet unknown. I would welcome suggestions from members for this role, within the requirements of IFSR Constitution: which has recently been revised. Copies have been circulated to all officers who can forward a copy to members upon request, or access the temporary IFSR Website www.davidjudge.me.org

The R.I. Osaka 2004 Convention was disappointing in terms of the actual numbers of visitors to Fellowship booths/stands, which were poorly located and difficult to access. Although we had IFSR name sign and literature in Japanese, we only had 3 Japanese Rotarian visitors and recruited one. We did recruit several other nationality Rotarians, thanks to the efforts of my wife Christine, Brian Thiessen, Del Raby, Nieh Colov, Randy Seefeldt, and a couple of others; Thank You Folks.

At the annual Wood Badge Reunion at Gilwell recently we said farewell to Chief Scout Rotarian George Purdy and installed actor Peter Duncan. Christine and I were happy to host IFSR World Treasurer Bud Allison and his wife Jeanne at Gilwell and after at our home in Colchester.

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Rotarians and IFSR at World Scout Foundation Event

About 100 Scouts and their guests from 28 countries participated in the 48th Baden-Powell Fellowship event in Geneva, Switzerland on the 16-18th of September 2004. During this event PDG World Chair David Judge pre- sided over a combined Rotary and IFSR meeting. Becoming a B.P. Fellow is an exciting opportunity to financially support world Scouting. The Foundation meets twice a year in major cities around the world. Once becoming a B.P. Fellow you are entitled to attend any of these events as often as your schedule permits. 2005 Foundation meetings will be in Rome in April and in England in September.

Of particular significance is that His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is the Foundation’s Honorary President and personally attends each event, often with his wife Queen Silvia. The King personally presents your credentials as a B.P. Fellow. Site seeing and special meal functions are a routine part of these exciting events as well as fellowship. (far left Dr.Missoni; center His Majesty; and B.P. Fellows)
Brownsea Island still Needs Help

By Ken Stevens

The largest of a number of islands in Poole Harbour on the South coast of the United Kingdom, Brownsea is a World Scout and Guide Heritage site. Each year many hundreds of members of both Movements from across the world camp, visit or stay in the small hostel close to where Baden-Powell held his experimental camp of 20 boys in 1907.

The campsite itself, although marked by a Memorial Stone, has never had a proper camp centre. The World Scout Conference in Durban in 1999 approved the building of a purpose built, environmentally sustainable Camp Centre to mark the Centenary. The Chairman of the World Scout Committee, Dr. Marie-Louise Correa invited all National Scout Organizations to mark this Centenary by contributing to the cost of building the new centre. In addition Brian Kimberley, IFSR RIBI Chairman has chosen this project as one of his objectives. Contributions and enquiries to kimbo@euphonyzone.net

Although there may seem to be plenty of time to raise the funds it should be remembered that Brownsea is an island only open to visitors during the summer months. For safety reasons major work can only be undertaken while it is not open to the public. There had been a hope that building could commence this fall but there is not yet sufficient funding to allow contracts to be signed.

Full details of what is planned including pictures and diagrams which can be downloaded and reproduced, are available on www.brownsea@scouting.org - then click on Brownsea Island Camp Centre Fund. Your financial support of this historical construction project will be greatly appreciated.

IFSR Urges Centennial Project Support

All Rotary Districts are invited to join us in participating in the World Service Project designed to bring the youth of the developed and developing worlds together at the Centennial World Scout Jamboree in Great Britain in 2007.

Our IFSR Chair David Judge is urging our members to promote and participate in their District in order to see that this great opportunity first announced at the 2002 R.I. Convention in Barcelona becomes a reality. In every country that has Scouting we are asking each Rotarian to support Scouting by encouraging every Rotary District to sponsor two Scouts to attend the World Jamboree in 2007. Each of the 530 Districts in our Rotary World should sponsor at least one Scout from their District, and a second Scout from a Third World Country who would otherwise be unable to meet the cost of attending The Centennial World Scout Jamboree. The Theme of the Jamboree is “one World- One Promise”.

It is estimated that both Scouts could attend this wonderful opportunity for a combined sponsor cost of $8,000 (US). At Scouting’s 100th anniversary Rotary will have a high profile at this special event in England. Please advise our Chair David A. Judge, IFSR World Chairman, 28 Cottage Drive, Colchester, Essex CO2 8DE, U.K. or david.a.judge@virgin.net if your District will participate. Our goal is that every Rotary District of an IFSR member will participate!

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!

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IFSR By-Laws Under Review

Past World Vice Chair and current DGE Brian D. Thiessen along with others are reviewing the Fellowship by-laws for changes needed to make our operational rules more relevant. Most of the changes being considered are administrative in nature.

Members can secure a copy of the revised draft of the new rules from any of the IFSR officers. Adoption of the updated by-laws will be an agenda item at our meeting in June at the 2005 Rotary Convention. Suggestions for inclusion in our rules should go to the By-law Revision Committee Chairman Thiessen.

His email address is: bdatalamo@pacbell.net
The Quinipissa Lodge 479

The Quinipissa Lodge 479 (Order of the Arrow) and the Baker Rotary Club in Louisiana joined forces to provide funding for Scout uniforms for India Boy Scouts. After reading a plea in a recent Scouting Rotarian newsletter, Baker Rotary Club member Judge Mark D. Plaisance, and his son, Eagle Scout Marcus Plaisance, then lodge chief, discussed finding a way to provide uniforms for these Scouts. The lodge agreed to put up $100 and the Plaisances collected additional funds at the lodge’s annual banquet in January. Judge Plaisance got his Rotary Club to match the funds. Now, approximately $700 is being sent to India to help provide uniforms. Another example of how IFSR members can help Scouts in other countries and participate in Rotary’s “4 Way Test".

More information, Call IFSR member-Judge Mark D. Plaisance (225) 775 5297

District 2450 on the Move!

David Judge, with support from Bud Allison, has been actively developing IFSR in District 2450 that includes Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates. District 2450’s key person is AG Rtn Fahed Assaf who is very keen and enthusiastic and has a strong Scouting and Rotary background. He is greatly supported by District Governor 2450 Mourin Sabet. A large increase in active IFSR membership is expected in this and surrounding Districts.

Jack & Jack Two Great Volunteers

Two Rotarians who have done great service to Scouting and Rotary:

First, is Jack Rynn from District 9600 in Australia, an active Scouter and a member of Mount Coot-Tha Rotary Club near Brisbane. District 9600 has link projects in Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and Fiji where he knows Rtn. Ray Paris where he resides. Jack is trying to generate support for the Centennial Project.

Second, is Jack E. Polen DGE for 6650 (Ohio). He is actively promoting The Centennial Project and the IFSR. An active Scouter himself Jack has 2 sons who are Eagle Scouts in troop 155 which has nearly 100 Eagle Scouts in that troop

Special Thanks to Three Ladies

First, as “Scouting Rotarian’s” Editor I’d be remiss if I didn’t share publicly as special thanks to Pat Metcalfe for her tremendous help with our Newsletter. Her grammar skills and spelling talents have, I’m sure, saved me a volume of emails asking if I didn’t know how to spell this or that.

Secondly, is WOSM Officer Kirsty Brown from Australia. Her fantastic help with the IFSR booth/stand at the Brisbane Convention was way beyond what one might expect from a volunteer.

Third, is our World Chair’s wife Christine Judge. People have no idea the number of miles and countries our Chairman has logged during his tenure as our leader. Virtually every IFSR or Rotary meeting David attends Christine is by his side often the one taking notes, the photography, and the like.

I’m sure this list could and should go on for pages of the literally hundreds of ladies both Rotarians and spouses who spend untold hours helping make Scouting and Rotary a success in their areas of activity as volunteers. Our hat’s are off to all of you and especially these 3 ladies.

Gilwell Celebrates Another Reunion

The 78th Gilwell Reunion of Scouters worldwide was held recently and the 2000 plus Scouts and guests were welcomed by the retiring Chief Scout of the British Association, George Purdy (with hiking stick). Attending this weekend of activities and ceremonies were David A. Judge, and N.L. (Bud) Allison, International Treasurer from Houston, Texas. An important part of the activity was the Investiture of the new Chief Scout, Peter Duncan. Peter is well known in the UK for his many roles in the movies and this should have great appeal to the general public as well as the Scouting movement.

The Scouts from the youngest Beaver through the most Elderly of leaders (Mr. Laurie Pears (far right) from Westcliff, England attending his 60th reunion) shared new ideas, enthusiasm and exchanged badges and friendship during the three-day event.

A memorable part of the event for Judge and Allison was meeting Baden-Powell’s granddaughter, Mrs. Gill Clay who spoke at the Gilwell Campfire. His great grandson, Rowley Clay was also in attendance. The lengthy conversations held with both were well worth the trip to the Reunion and marked this as a “once in a lifetime experience”.

In Memoriam

Betty Clay 16 April 1917–24 April 2004

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of our Vice President the Honorable Mrs. Betty Clay, CBE, the youngest daughter of our Founder Lord Baden-Powell. She died peacefully in her sleep in Somerset. In mourning her passing we give thanks for a life lived to the full, committed to the ideals of Scouting and Guiding and the vision of her parents. She was and remains an inspiration to the youth and leaders of today’s movements.

Derek Twine, Chief Executive Scout Association.
Scouting Rotarians in Action Continued

Rotary’s Centennial Bell

Five Rotary Centennial bells, similar to the traveling Olympic torch, are circulating to clubs in every Rotary Country, starting at the R.I. Convention in Brisbane, Au., June 2003. The bells’ journeys will symbolize the internationality of Rotary as they crisscross the globe. One bell will travel to the first 100 clubs to join R.I., while the others will travel to the first Rotary club formed in each country of 4 regions, according to R.I. archives: Asia and the Pacific; Latin America and the Caribbean; Africa; and Europe. Due to differences in shipping systems between countries in Africa, individual bells will be delivered by the district governors to the first clubs chartered in each country. The bells’ journeys will end in Chicago in June 2005 when they ring in the start of the centennial RI Convention. World Record?

Special Needs Awareness in New Zealand

The Scout Assn. Of New Zealand has published a new 220-page book “Special Needs Awareness—a resource for youth leaders and teachers”. The book is compiled by Alan Kemp and has become popular to other youth organizations and private and government agencies as well.

It describes more than 15 special needs situations, and focuses on what young people in those situations can do, not on what they cannot do. There is a section on games, which are well suited to groups whose members include young people with special needs. Throughout the book the benefits of integrating children with and without special needs are stressed. Details at http://www.scouts.org.nz

IASF Region Meets in El Salvador

Several IFSR members attended the recent meeting of the InterAmerican Region in El Salvador on August 1-5, 2004. Those attending from the 36 member countries included IFSR members: Jorgen Rasmussen (Denmark), Louis Sabater (Dominican Republic), Bill Finerty (Ohio), PDG Richard Burdick (Texas), Bob Sinclair (Washington), John Phillpot (Bahamas), and PDG Harold Friend (Florida).

Sinclair, Finerty, Phillpot and Sabater were elected as Trustees of the InterAmerican Regional Scout Foundation and Harold Friend was elected President. (the IASF is a foundation independent of IFSR)

Richard Burdick was presented with the “Youth of America Award”. All of these members are to be congratulated on accepting new challenges and their continued work on behalf of Rotary and Scouting.

Region & Section Elected Officers

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Philmont World Meeting Highlights By Bari Saunders

During the 2004 International Conference held at the BSA’s Philmont Scout Ranch members of the IFSR in attendance met to discuss Fellowship items. Mr. Keith Gallaway, the BSA Director of High Adventure, also a Rotarian from the Raton, New Mexico Club, was their guest speaker. Attendees of the breakfast meeting included PTC participant Rotarians attending the International Conference as well as other Scout Training Conference attendees at Philmont that week.

Presiding for the IFSR were InterAmerican Chairman Bari Saunders, and Dr. Bruce Trefz, InterAmerican Vice Chair and Chairman of the 2004 PTC International Conference.
**An Ireland Expedition**

By Carter Hallmark

Scouts think international - In late June 2004 12 outstanding Eagle Scouts and 2 Adult leaders from Circle 10 Council in Dallas Texas, traveled to Ireland to meet Chief Scouts from Ireland and their leaders. The USA Eagles met 12 outstanding young men who were selected from many area Irish Eagle Scouts. Upon arriving in Dublin they were met by Collie Kavanagh and Mary Farrell. Mary is the Director of Development for the Castle Saunderson project.

Castle Saunderson is the new Scout camp on the border between North and South Ireland. In January 2004 the two organizations, Scouting Ireland (CSI), an all-Ireland organization, and Scouting (SAI), a Republic of Ireland organization, have formed one new Association called “Scouting Ireland”.

While in Ireland they went to Larch Hill (Dublin), Castle Saunderson, and Crawfordsburn (Belfast) Scout camps. The groups kayaked, sailed, and rowed, toured Dublin and Belfast, went to Newgrange, hiked the ancient burial grounds, and hiked up the Mourne Mountains. Hiking up and camping at the famine wall on the Mourne Mountains was definitely a highlight of the trip. However the new friendships made and camaraderie was the best parts of the trip.

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This trip certainly exemplified the Rotary ideal of promoting the best parts of the trip. However the new friendships made and camaraderie was the best parts of the trip.

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**Plan Now for the 2007 World Jamboree**

Each member needs to NOW get their District or District Governor to begin planning and promotion and support funding of the Centennial Scout Project for the World Jamboree in 2007. This project can have a big impact on the Rotary-Scouting relationships. For further information, contact the IFSR Chairman, David A. Judge at david.a.judge@virgin.net.

**Have an article about Scouting Rotarians in Action?**

Your editor is always looking for interesting articles of S/R’s in action that may give fellow IFSR members in other countries or cities an idea to be repeated in their area. When possible an adjoining photo to go with the article will be most appreciated. Send your items to Ted Olson, Scouting Rotarian Editor at: TedO@gries.com Your help in making our Newsletter more valuable to our readers will be greatly appreciated.

**IFSR has its A.G.M. in Japan**

By Brian Thiessen

The IFSR held its annual meeting at the largest ever Rotary International Convention in Osaka, Japan. Over 45,000 Rotarians were in attendance and the IFSR met on May 26th at the Rihga Royal Hotel Present were Niels Colov of Pattaya Thailand; International Chair David A. and Mrs. Christine Judge of Colchester Forum, England; USA attendees included Marcus B Crots of North Carolina; Mark Francis of Nevada; Kim McLeod of Illinois; Del Raby of California; IFSR IAR Secretary Randy Seefeldt of California; International Vice Chair Brian D. Thiessen and our host member, Atsushi Yasukawa of Funabashi South, Japan.

International Chair Judge extended greetings and the minutes from the Brisbane Round AME were presented and approved. The Financial Report was presented which advised that the IFSR account itself has approximately $5,800 (US); IFSR IAM has about $15,000; RIBI IFSR has about $2,000; Australia IFSR approximately $400. The report was then approved.

Chair David Judge reviewed the past years activities which included his travel, membership growth, financial accountability, and the appointment of Marcus Crots and Richard Burdick to assist in the strengthening of our organization. Chairman David Judge then congratulated Harold Friend for Charming the Nominating Committee and Ted Olson our Newsletter Editor. He urged members to regularly submit identified photographs and articles for our Scouting Rotarian newsletter.

A list of the International IFSR leadership for 2004-2005 was distributed. Vice Chair Thiessen reported progress on updating the IFSR Constitution. The new version will detail our relationship with WOSM and Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS). Then each Region/Section was called on to make their report.

An election was then held for IFSR Officers; Chair David Judge was re-elected to his final year’s term (maximum allowed). The two new Vice Chairs are Marcus B. Crots as V.C. for Administration and Richard Burdick as V. C. to promote the Centennial Scout Project. Marshall Hollis as IFSR Secretary and Norlyn “Bud” Allison as Treasurer.

Chair David Judge then appointed the following to one-year terms: Dr. Harold Friend as IFSR Commissioner, Brian D. Thiessen as Chicago Convention Coordinator, H Ted Olson as our Newsletter Editor, and James J. Miller as IFSR Webmaster.

Lastly, it was unanimously voted effective July 2004 that each new member will receive a pin with Life Members receiving both the pin and a necktie or scarf. Members may purchase additional pins at $5 or scarves or ties at $15 each. No sales to non-members or collectors. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Keep in Touch with IFSR**

Soon to have a Website of our own

Did you know that information about IFSR can soon be found at a new IFSR website? You will be able to find resource materials, news and more by clicking on the menu items on your computer screen. When up and running, this website will be of great help to you in keeping up on Rotary/Scouting information of value to IFSR members. We’re grateful to our Webmaster Jim Miller Sr. for his efforts in developing this added communication opportunity. Jim’s email address is jimsm@lsfcu.org and he hopes the service may be available within the next few months. However, in the mean time contact David Judge at david.a.judge@virgin.net for current information.
RIBI Rotary Scout Fellowship
Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland
By Brian Kimberley, Chairman RIBI Branch

Our Branch held its Annual General Meeting on 25th September in Rotary House in London. Those present paid respects to fellow Scouts and Rotarians having passed to higher service during the year. Special mention was made of P.D. G. Bill Lapham a very active member who passed away in February of this year. Reports confirmed that we are maintaining a membership of around 120 and our finances are in good shape. The existing Officers were re-elected for a further 12 months. Brian Kimberley as Chairman, Ken Scott Secretary, and David Astin Treasurer. Two members attending their first AGM found themselves elected to the Executive Committee. Sterling work by Ken Scott and other members has meant that the Fellowship has had a promotional stand at many District conferences and the RIBI Conference as well.

There has been participation in County, Regional and National Jamborees. Frinton on Sea Rotary Club staffed the International Hospitality tent at the Essex International Jamboree, another example of Rotary in partnership with Scouting. Our thanks to Frinton Rotarians.

The Executive Committee met twice during the year. One meeting at the Chairman’s home and another on a canal boat around Birmingham organized by Executive Committee member John Phillips. The Annual Meeting gave its approval to a promotional power point presentation designed by Executive members Adrian Faiers and Ken Scott. The CDs will be available for Fellowship members to promote the activities of the Fellowship in their own Club and at District Events. The main thrust being the similarities in both our Movements in delivering ‘Service above Self’ either separately or in partnership. Remember every Scout is a potential Rotarian.

The meeting confirmed its commitment to raising funds to support the Brownsea Island Appeal and hoped this will receive similar support from all the branches of the Fellowship worldwide. In addition we will be supporting and promoting within Rotary the Rotary and Scouting Centennial Project.

The Picture on the right is of IFSR/RIBI meeting underway on the canals around Birmingham. In the foreground is then DG 1060 Tom Cryer, a past IFSR/RIBI Chairman.