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RI President Bhichai Rattakul says:

“Scouting taught me a great deal”

Like most of Rotary’s leaders, international president Bhichai Rattakul has close ties to scouting. When he stepped into an Austin Texas ballroom where he would be speaking later that evening, a color guard from Boy Scout Troop 30 was rehearsing. Instinctively, Bhichai went immediately to their uniformed adult scout leader and introduced himself as a Scout from Thailand.

Following his inspiring address to a sold-out gathering of Texas Rotarians, our global leader presented PHF medallions to about sixty people, including a uniformed Eagle Scout — who received the official scout handshake and salute as well.

“I became a scout when I was 8-years old,” Bhichai told *Scouting Rotarian*, “and scouting taught me a great deal. For example: when ladies climbed onto the bus I was riding, I jumped up and said ‘Please sit down.’ Already scouting had taught me manners — when I was just 8-years old. I have remained involved in scouting ever since.

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PHOTO: The President of Rotary International, Bhichai Rattakul, presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Eagle Scout Hal Hlavinka on behalf of his grandfather, PDG Neal Miller Jr. (left) during a Foundation Dinner held in Austin, Texas, by Tom Chamberlain (right), Governor of District 5870.

Greetings from the new IFSR

Chairman David Judge

My congratulations to John Kenny & Harold Friend previous Chairs that set us on a firm foundation. I see IFSR members as two-way ambassadors to and for Rotary & Scouting. Unlike other Rotary Fellowships we do not hold tournaments, cruises, fly-ins or similar Fellowship Events and the only occasions some of us meet one another are at RI Conventions & Conferences.

These are important events and we should meet to promote IFSR and increase membership. For the membership at large it is essential that we expand communication and information of IFSR projects and activities around the world. We should urge all members to report and contribute their activities and encourage others to do likewise in their Scouting/Rotary communities.

A personal idea I am proposing is a joint ROTARY & SCOUTING CENTENNIAL PROJECT to celebrate our centenaries in 2005 & 2007. I would like every one of the 630 Rotary Districts to sponsor a Scout from their own District and a Scout from a third world district who could not otherwise afford attending the 2007 Centennial World Scout Jamboree. These two would become buddies at the Jamboree and I believe become great ambassadors for both Rotary & Scouting. It’s up to you, the members, if this goes ahead.

Further I would like to invite all IFSR members to visit the 2007 World Scout Jamboree in my District 1240 of which I was proud to be the Millennium District Governor.

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(Christine Judge, David Judge, Jacques Moreillon)
At R.I. Barcelona Convention 2002

I am willing to be part of a team to arrange a tour program to include Gilwell, Brownsea Island, London and other places of general interest besides the Jamboree itself. Although there would be a Scouting theme I would aim to make the tour attractive to all.

The 2003 RI Convention will be in Brisbane and in the coming months I hope we can increase IFSR membership in Australia. It would be great if we can have a large IFSR attendance in Brisbane. Any help or contacts to achieve this objective will be welcomed.

My wife Christine joins me in wishing you success in your endeavors for Rotary, Scouting and the people of the world. We thank you for "Being Prepared To Put Service Above Self" Sincerely,
David A. Judge

THE HISTORY OF THE IFSR

By Harold Friend

In the early 1990's a group of British Rotarians interested in Scouting came together with the idea of forming a Rotary Scout Fellowship. Among those original members were Sammy Sameuls, 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.

The first group was within RIBI in Britain & Ireland although IFSR quickly spread throughout the Rotary World, particularly North America.

IFSR's first World Chairman was Sammy Samuels from London, followed by Past RIBI President, RI Director & current RI Trustee John Kenny from Scotland. Under John's leadership IFSR doubled its membership and expanded to 18 countries. PDG Harold Friend from Boca Raton Florida was Chair 1999-2002, having previously held the position of IFSR Secretary for several years. Harold did much to formulate IFSR procedures, expand membership into 31 countries and was responsible for drafting the current IFSR Constitution. On 1st of July 2002 PDG David A. Judge of Colchester England

took over as IFSR Chair.

IFSR has held Rotary meetings in conjunction with national Scout Associations, World Scout Conferences and various other World Organization of Scout Movement activities. A strong connection has been established between the international Scout organizations and IFSR. Working thru IFSR Dr. Jacques Moreillon, Director of WOSM, was invited to be a keynote speaker at a session on Youth at the 2002 Barcelona convention and he was able to attend the Annual General Meeting of IFSR.

The Silver Wheel is the highest international award presented by IFSR to individuals who have provided leadership to bring together Scouting and Rotary. Those presented with this award have been: Past RI President Cliff Dochterman, Past RI Director & IFSR Chair John Kenny, PDG & IFSR Chair Harold Friend and WOSM Director Jacques Moreillon.



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!

Our International Secretary's Report

By Norlyn "Bud" Allison

May I add my congratulations to the newly elected officers and a special **Well Done** to those retiring officers as of July 1st Including our retiring Editor Del Raby & Publisher Jack Mayo

Alas, someone is charged with the responsibility of discussing dues so here I go: The application for new members is on pg. 4. Note that our dues year is July to July- so if you haven't paid this year's yet your delinquent and we sure want to keep you as a valued member!

Check your mailing label to verify if your dues are current. Regrettably ALL that are in arrears will be purged from mailing list if fee is not paid by December 2002.

Our new dues schedule is as follows: Life **Member**=\$200 (US); **New Member**=\$25; **Renewal**=\$20; **Associate**=\$20 Dues form on pg. 4 & we take credit cards.

Our current membership numbers are **217 Life Members, 517 Members** and **17 Honorary & RI International** for a total of **751** participants I'm also proud to report that the **IFSR has members in 31 countries** and both Rotary & Scouting are the better for it!.

(from **Bhichai Rattakul** on page 1)

"Later on, as Deputy Prime Minister I became the vice chairman of the scout movement in Thailand. The Prime Minister was chairman, so I was second man for many things, but I took great interest in this duty because of my scouting experiences as a kid. His majesty the King of Thailand is also very keen on *Scouting Rotarian* encourages IFSR members to make sure scout activities in your area are "supported fully."

Whenever we have a Jamboree or a big event, he attends — and in scout uniform also. The scout uniform means so much to me."

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The next World Scout Jamboree runs from 28 December 2002 to 7 January 2003 at Sattahip, Thailand. The National Scout Organization of Thailand has approximately 75 IFSR members in leadership roles.

"Several years ago the Secretary General of the World Organization of Scouting, Jacques Moreillon, came to my office in Government House, Bangkok and had a meeting with me and my son Anatchai, Scout Commissioner in the Asia Pacific Region. It takes 6 or 7 years to prepare for such a big event as a World Scout Jamboree; Jacques needed to know what level of support it would receive from the government of Thailand. Of course I assured him it would be supported fully."

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(article by **Jack Mayo**)

Highlights of June 24th Barcelona IFSR Meeting By Brian Thiessen

IFSR Chair Harold Friend chaired the meeting and 29 members from 7 countries were in attendance. Minutes were approved and the Treasurer reported that our finances are strong with \$2,129 on hand as this IFSR year closes.

The meeting highlighted a very thoughtful address from Jacques Moreillon, the head of the World Organization of Scout Movements (WOSM). He discussed the particularly vital role Rotary must play in alternative education for the youth of today to become true leaders of tomorrow. He urged each Rotary District to sponsor one boy from their area and one from a 3rd world country to the 100th anniversary of Scouting in 2007. Jacques was also a keynote speaker at one of the Rotary plenary sessions and is an honorary life member of IFSR.

Regions: Reports were presented on activities and projects completed in Australia and the InterAmerican regions. Hong Kong/Asia Pacific reported that the Hong Kong Jamboree had 5,000 campers.

The Silver Wheel was presented to Harold Friend who then presented this award to WOSM's Jacques Moreillon. The two previous recipients; RI Past Presidents Cliff Dochterman and John Kenny.

(see **Brian Thiessen** on page 4)

ROTARIANS MEET AT WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

By Jergen G. Rasmussen, Rotary Club of Lenzburg, Switzerland



During the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece over 20 key world Scout leaders- all Rotarians- were guests of the city's Rotary Club. Bussed to the meeting from the Conference to the Club's own building which in many ways was likened to the good British Club.

Rotarians from 15 countries as well as the son and grandson of RI President Bhichais Rattakul enjoyed the Greek hospitality and listened to brief remarks from a number of world Rotary and Scouting leaders. Our principal speaker was the Hon. Suwit Khunkitti, Thailand's Minister of Education and Leader of the Scout delegation. He indicated they were expecting 30,000 Scouts to the World Jamboree 2003. World Scout Secretary General Jacques Marillon challenged each Rotary District to help sponsor 2 boys to the 2007 One-Hundredth Anniversary of Scouting near London. One Scout from the Rotary District and one from a 3rd World country that couldn't go without financial help.

Other speakers included the Chairman of the Boy Scouts of Greece Dr. George Asimakopoulos, the Governor of District 2480 Kostas Angouridakis. Thessaloniki Club Vice President presided. Our thanks to newsletter editor, Ted Olson, who personally made the arrangements with the host club for the event. He also spoke about the IFSR and handed out applications for membership. An extra special thanks also goes to Tony Papageorgiou for all his work to make local arrangements in his Rotary Club.

Taking this opportunity the Rotary Club of Thessaloniki sent a copy of an ancient Hellenic statue of land of Macedonia to the RI International President via his son.

Visiting club banners were exchanged and like most Rotary meetings this one also finished far too soon. We then all rushed back to the World Scout Conference a warm Rotarian/Scouting experience richer....

IFSR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

In Barcelona the following officers were elected:

Chairman- David Judge of Colchester, England; Brian Thiessen of Alamo, California Vice Chair; Norlyn 'Bud' Allison of Houston, Texas as Secretary; Brian Kimberly of Abbey Park, England as Treasurer; Bruce Trefz of Gastonia, North Carolina as Public Relations. Officers in the various Regions will be covered in our next issue



The IFSR Booth in Barcelona

The IFSR booth at the Barcelona Convention was well organized and staffed throughout the Convention. It was well located and included not only a wide variety of IFSR literature but also special materials provided by the Scouts of Spain—posters, calendars, newsletter, booklets on Spain Scouting, etc.

IFSR members who helped staff the booth included George & Pauline Meekins of Hartford (D-1260), Harold Friend of Boca Raton (D-6930), Del Raby of Santa Rosa (D-5130), Tom Swearingen of East Portland (D-5100), David & Christine Judge of Colchester (D-1240), Carolyn & Brian Thiessen of Alamo (D-5160), Dorothy Savok of Barrow (D-5010), and Jack Mayo of Austin (D-5870) and others.

A great big Thanks for your participation! We will also need IFSR members to staff the booth at the next RI Convention in Brisbane 1 to 4 of June 2003. We urge YOU to sign up and assist. To volunteer contact David Judge (david.a.judge@virgin.net) or Brian Thiessen (bdtalamo@pacbell.net)

Pictured here from LtoR= Spanish Scouters including Elena Jiminez, IAR Chair Brian Thiessen, RI President Rick King & IFSR World Chair David Judge

(from **Brian Thiessen** on page 3)

The Annual General Meeting approved in concept a new recognition to be made available to members of the Girl Scouts of America-- an IFSR Certificate recognizing recipients of their highest honor, the "Gold Award"-- the proposed certificate will be forwarded to RI and GSA Rotary for final Approval. A special thanks to Bill Keinburg and his committee for creating the certificate.

The election of IFSR Officers for the coming year resulted in David Judge of Colchester, England being selected as World Chair, Brian D. Thiessen of Alamo, California as Vice Chair, Norlyn "Bud" Allison of Houston, Texas as Secretary and Brian Kimberly of Abbey Park, England as Treasurer. The next General Meeting will be held in Brisbane Australia at the 2003 RI Convention June 1 to 4.

Members attending this meeting were: Atsushi Yasukawa of Japan; Brian Stanfill of Delaware; Kris & Curtis Wilson of Ohio; Jordi Chapps of Spain; from Florida K.Thompson & Harold Friend; William Sato of Phillippines, from Texas Charda Bronaugh & Jack Mayo & Ahnise and Hugh Summers; from Mexico Victor Martinez & Ivo Stern; Tom Swearingen of Oregon; Lucia Meylong, Karel Breitingner and Theo Forgens of Netherlands; Dave Cairns of BC Canada; James Wong of Hong Kong; David & Christine Judge of England; Californians were Brian Thiessen & Tom and Lorraine Sawyer & Del Raby & Ed C. Wong; Ellyn Schleiffarth of Arkansas and Deirdre DiCara of Connecticut.

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