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## New Dragon Boat in Marlow, UK

The 10 local Rotary Clubs to Longridge Boating Centre in Marlow UK ( which is a Charitable Trust owned by The Scouts ) organized the purchase of a new Dragon Boat for the centre. Prince Edward opened the new Centre & launched the New Dragon Boat. The Rotary Logo is on the side of the boat & the new boat enables the centre now to race against their other boat creating great fun for the young people & adults who use the centre.



## Remembrance Service at Windsor Parish Church

Each year Rotarians join the Remembrance Service at Windsor Parish Church to lay wreaths & carry Standards. This was introduced by David Shaw Scout Leader & Chairman Of Windsor Parish Church in 2005. Other Clubs in 1090 district have followed in their area. Inner Wheel also takes part. The Scouts can help arrange the purchase of Flags for Rotary Clubs to carry but the complete Flag Standard kit is quite expensive with Rotary Flag, holder & carrier. Details are available from David Shaw - Windsor & Eton Club PR Officer [david.a.shaw@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:david.a.shaw@blueyonder.co.uk)



## To Help Other People at All Times...

Such is the burden we carry as Scouters and Guiders. Coupled with our commitment to “Serve Above Self” as Rotarians, the opportunities to give of ourselves are endless. Many of us give of our time and talent on a local basis. Virtually every one of us has shown an interest in reaching out beyond our own borders through our affiliation with this fellowship.

For some, that includes international travel, attending international Scouting functions, distributing polio vaccine, building housing in countries that have suffered natural disasters, or a host of other activities.

Others are tied to their home base, due to jobs, family obligations, age, or health. That doesn’t mean that we cannot help. As the home handyman says on the radio, the most powerful tool in our tool box is our checkbook. Here are just a few ways that we can make a difference:

- Past IFSR World President Harold Friend is serving as the campaign chair to complete the new Interamerican Region of WOSM Headquarters in Panama City, Panama. The building is there, but it is currently bare concrete and walls. It needs wiring, utility pipes, a communication system and furniture. Contributions to this effort are through the Interamerican Scout Foundation, a US 501c3 corporation. Gifts large and small are welcome, as we create an office that will serve all 36 Scout Associations in North, South, and Central America as well as the Caribbean.
- Scouts Haiti: The size of the gift doesn’t matter. The act itself is priceless. Gifts are encouraged to the BSA’s World Friendship Fund, earmarked Haiti Relief or to the Rotary Foundation, marked the same. Of course, the Red Cross and other relief organizations are working tirelessly to restore a life to this poor country, and contributions are welcome.
- Chile Earthquake Relief: The Boy Scouts of America has recommended contributions to the Red Cross or Salvation Army for support of the rebuilding efforts in this country.
- Support your local Scout Council as best you can. The work they do is more critical than ever, as we build tomorrow’s leaders as individuals with a strong set of ethics and values. Support of friends and alumni is essential to the financial health of the local council.

Contributions to any of these causes are welcome, as well as to the Rotary Foundation. Again, the size of the gift doesn’t matter, what matters is that it is given with a sincere desire to help. If you have questions or need more information, send a note to the editor and it will be passed to an appropriate source for reply.

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## All Members of IFSR—Current email address needed

For budget and communication reasons, it is important that we have your latest email address. Some of our communications lately have bounced back due to incorrect or outdated email addresses. Please send us your latest contact information-especially if you have not received information from us lately. You may email your information to us at [ifsr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ifsr@sbcglobal.net)



## Volunteers Needed to Staff IFSR Booth at BSA Centennial Jamboree

IFSR will once again have a special Exhibit at the Centennial BSA Jamboree at Ft. A. P. Hill, Virginia – July 26 to August 5. We will also work to organize make up Rotary meetings for Rotarian staff persons who are working at the Jamboree. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to commit to staffing our Exhibit area. Please contact IFSR Convention and Jamboree Chair Fred Brenner at [brenecol@zoominternet.net](mailto:brenecol@zoominternet.net) - in Pennsylvania at (724) 458-2113 and let him know your availability to help set up the Exhibit and also staff it. Or contact President Brian in California at [BDTAlamo@pacbell.net](mailto:BDTAlamo@pacbell.net) or (925) 837 3355. For IFSR members who can help with setting up the make up Rotary meetings on site, working with the Fredericksburg Area Rotary Clubs, and the BSA staff, contact Phil Pfeffer at [phil@pfeffer.org](mailto:phil@pfeffer.org) or his office in Tennessee at (615) 269 3355.

Thanks for your help!

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## IFSR Interamerican Region Annual General Meeting May 26, 2010

Our Annual General Meeting of IFSR for the Interamerican Region (north to South pole of the Americas) will be held at BSA's National Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, on Wednesday 26 May from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. There will be sharing of IFSR stories and the election of officers for 2010-2011. Venue is the Hilton Anatole, 2201 North Stemmons Freeway at Market Center (Highway 35E) Dallas. Meeting room is not yet identified but will be posted. You do not have to register for the BSA National Annual Meeting to attend the IFSR meetings but we encourage you to do so. Any questions, contact IFSR IAR Chair Mike Birkholm at [mbirkholm@birkholmdirect.com](mailto:mbirkholm@birkholmdirect.com) in California (626) 445 4712

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## IFSR World Annual General Meeting – June 23

At the Rotary International Convention in Montreal (20-23 June) IFSR will have its Annual General Meeting. The Agenda will include many topics of interest, exchange of stories and election of officers for 2010-2011. The meeting will be on Wednesday, June 23 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Palais de Congres, Room 521. **WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE IFSR EXHIBIT BOOTH** that will be up in the House of Friendship throughout the Convention. **Please contact** IFSR President Brian in California at [bdtalamo@pacbell.net](mailto:bdtalamo@pacbell.net) or (925) 837-3355 or Convention and Jamboree Chair Fred Brenner in Pennsylvania at [brenecol@zoominternet.net](mailto:brenecol@zoominternet.net) or (724) 458-2113 to sign up to help staff our Exhibit booth. BSA's Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca will be one of the keynote speakers and we need a big turnout for his presentation at this Convention .

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## 2010 BSA National Jamboree

“Calling all USA Scouting Rotarians!” Would you like to attend the 2010 Centennial Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia, USA, as a staffer in the IFSR booth? Let Howard Dutra, [hdutra@roadrunner.com](mailto:hdutra@roadrunner.com) , know if you are interested. To attend the Jamboree, Scouters must be registered with a Boy Scout Council, be a member in good standing of a Rotary Club and be a member of IFSR. Scouters should first register for the Jamboree by visiting [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org), and filling out the adult staff application form. Next, interested Scouting Rotarians should email Howard or call him at (714) 525-1175. We should have room for 5 to 8 Scouters. Don't delay! This is going to be a Jamboree no one will want to miss!



## California, USA - Scouting Rotarians Want To 'Be More Prepared To Move Quickly'

The only condition better for a Scouter than to 'Be Prepared' is to 'Be More Prepared'. In California, USA, the Cahuenga District WLACC BSA and Verdugo Hills Council BSA have joined the Rotary Club of Granada Hills and Rotary Clubs of District 5260 Zone 26 in a Disaster Preparedness, Training & Relief (DPTR) Program of Community disaster awareness, involvement and fundraising. Over the last year, Scouting Rotarians and Eagle Scout Parents (ESP) have provided organization, leadership and direct community involvement to Scouting Rotarians to take the LAFD Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training; Participate in the Cahuenga District WLACC BSA Centennial "Emergency Survival Preparedness (ESP)" Camporees 2007-2010; Become Registered Participants in The Great California Shake Out Earthquake Drill; Help at the Rotary/AYSO Community Blood Drive & Health Expo and help raise funds for Community DPTR with Individualized Emer-

gency Survival and First Aid Kits. The mission has always been to have Scouting Rotarians coordinate The DPTR program to the needs of the local community. This Rotary District 5260 Zone 26 Special Projects: Disaster Preparedness Program has been coordinated with Rotary District 5260 Leadership by two IFSR Members: Nathan A. Wolfstein IV, Chair, Rotary District 5260 Zone 26 Disaster Operations Committee (D-DOC) with WLACC BSA and Bernie Snider, Club Disaster Operations Officer (C-DOO) Rotary Club of Granada Hills with Verdugo Hills Council BSA. The mission is to develop a DPTR Program that Scouting Rotarians throughout the United States can introduce and coordinate with their local BSA Council and Rotary District and Zone. For Rotary District 5260 Zone 26 DPTR Program details, stories and photos, go to [www.rotary5260.org](http://www.rotary5260.org) and [www.granadahillsrotary.com](http://www.granadahillsrotary.com)



## A Call to Share

To all IFSR members, A CALL TO SHARE. We are always looking for stories describing how Rotary and Scouting work together to positively impact the lives of youth. Please continue to send us your examples. We may have a special opportunity for a powerful presentation of such work at the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal. Please share your stories by sending them to our IFSR Newsletter editor, Steve Kesler, at [keslergroup@gmail.com](mailto:keslergroup@gmail.com).

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## IFSR at World Jamboree Sweden - July 27 to August 7, 2011

IFSR expects to have an Exhibit at the World Jamboree near Kristianstad, Sweden, July 27 to August 7, 2011. **We need volunteers** for this special event - and to help organize the Exhibit. If you can help please contact IFSR President Brian in California at (925) 837-3355 [bdtalamo@pacbell.net](mailto:bdtalamo@pacbell.net) or Convention and Jamboree Chair Fred Brenner in Pennsylvania at (724) 458-2113 or [brenecol@zoominternet.net](mailto:brenecol@zoominternet.net)

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## JOTI - October 16 & 17, 2010

JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all youth programme sections, although members may participate individually.

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## Fellowships First at RI Assembly in San Diego

IFSR Scouting Rotarians had the opportunity to exhibit at House of Friendship at the recent RI Assembly 2010 in San Diego, thanks to the hard work of IFSR-InterAmerican Chair **Mike Birkholm** and the support of Rotary District 5340 **Governor Marjorie A. Cole** - whose District is a strong supporter of Scouting. IFSR President PDG Brian Thiessen agreed to share the booth with Rotary Fellowships which David and Christine Judge helped staff. They also set up and staffed a booth at RI Past Officers Reunion. At both they handed out a wide range of "Fellowships" information to DGE's and RI Officers.

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## Cliff Dochterman Awardee gatherings in D-5320

PDG **Lane Calvert** has built a strong cadre of Rotarians who support Scouting and 24 who have received the **Cliff Dochterman Award** through IFSR. Check out our website for pictures! D-5320 also has a "Rotary Family Day at the Scout Education Center - next one is 22 May 2010. A recent gathering included talks by Past IFSR President and IFSR RIBI Chair **David A Judge** and his amazing wife **Christine**!

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## Czech Republic Scout Center - Koprivnice

On 4 December the Scout leadership of Koprivnice, Czech Republic, dedicated an amazing Scout Center in Koprivnice – Rotarians in Ostrava working with Scouting leadership and the European Union generated the approvals and funds to open a Center that sits on many acres, has computer classrooms and library, kitchen, great room and dormitory rooms for Scouts and Scouters. It is also available to the public to use for literacy and other projects. Leadership was by IFSR member **Zdenek Michaelek**, assisted among others by Rotarians Dr. **Jiri (George) Navratil** (Vice President of Czech Scout Assn), **PDG Roman Gronsky**, **Ingr Jiri Vobrazek** and many others! IFSR President Brian participated in this amazing dedication!



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### Morocco Section Organizing

IFSR member **Mosud Mannan** (Ambassador to Morocco) has organized a new IFSR section in Rabat Morocco for all Scouting Rotarians in Morocco. Excellent leadership showing the IFSR model works all over the world! Congratulations to our newest group.

