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The New Jersey State Police and National Guard host the 2014 Boy Scout Camporee at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt. Quinn Sullivan, 10, of Troop 55, Somers Point, looks over patches offered for sale to scouts at the outing on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

(Photo: Doug Hood/Staff Photographer)

## Growth Issue

Editor's Note: IFSR has passed the 1000 member mark, a solid achievement for Rotary Fellowships and Action Groups of which we are. I believe we can double that number over the next two or three years or maybe even before. This issue will have a number of "notes and discussions" on how all of us working together can achieve that. First we will have a report on "Scouting Around the World" then a letter from our incoming World President, PDG Harold Friend, MD followed by a note from Joie Hain, one from PDG and past IFSR World President Brian Thiessen, and finally, a copy of a Rotary/IFSR Brochure that has been used very successfully for the promotion we are asking all to do. These brochures are available from Randy Seefeldt, our Executive Secretary whose contact information is on this front page.



Baden Powell Bits



Having had a military career, Baden Powell earned many medals and decorations. These included 16 British honors including a baronetcy and a peerage. Scouting honors include the British Silver Wolf in 1909, BSA's Silver Buffalo in 1926, and the World Scouting Bronze Wolf in 1935. B-P received 21 foreign decorations including the Wateler Peace Prize in 1937. Honors came from Chile, Spain, Portugal, France, Greece, Denmark, Poland, Hungary, Afghanistan, Belgium, Austria, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Estonia. Six Universities also bestowed honorary doctorate degrees.



Collectors' Corner: Australia-National Issues, Districts, Nat'l Jamborees, Local Events, Ranks, etc.



Aboriginal badges



Essendon District Western Australia Yearly XMAS badge



National Jamboree



Local Events



Highest Award for Scouts



Anniversary /Misc



Joey Scouts



Scout skills



Queensland





## Scouting in Costa Rica



The Asociación de Guías y Scouts de Costa Rica is the national [Scouting](#) and [Guiding](#) association of [Costa Rica](#). Scouting was founded in Costa Rica in 1915 and became a member of the [World Organization of the Scout Movement](#) in 1935. Guiding started in 1922 and became a member of the [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts](#) in 1946. The association has more than 11,000 members of both genders.

An interesting aspect of Scouting in Costa Rica is a University course on Scouting. This course is mandatory for all future teachers. The course highlights the educational value of Scouting.

Scouting in Costa Rica has an emphasis on community service, rural Scouting and nature conservation projects. The Association has a National Office and 8 regional offices throughout nine regions of Costa Rica.

Program: Lobatos (Cubs)-ages 7 to 11, Scouts-ages 11 to 15, Tsurí/Senior Scouts-ages 15 to 17, Rovers-ages 18 to 21. The [Scout Motto](#) is *Siempre listos para servir, Always ready to serve.*

## Incoming World President- PDG Howard Friend, MD

**Editors Note:** Many of our already know that IFSR has a history of incredible leadership. You may know names like PDG Fred Brenner, PDG Brian Thiessen, Bud Allison, Dan O'Brien, and PDG David Judge, a few which immediately come to mind, but there are many more. Joining and being a member of IFSR puts you in rare company – folks with amazing achievement even by world standards. PDG Howard Friend, MD is one of our best.



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Dr. Friend is Rotary International Past District 6930 Governor, 1998-9, and Past President of the Boca Raton Rotary (95-6). He has served as District World Fellowship Chair, District Conference Chair ('95), Governor's Group Representative, District Foundation Annual Giving Chair, Chairman of the D6930 College of Governors, Zone Coordinator for Children at Risk (99-00) & Community Service (00-01), Zone Director Nominating Committee (2004), District 6930 PolioPlus Chair (09-11). International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, International President 99-02, International Commissioner 02-05 and Chair Nominating Committee 98-12. He served 12 terms, over a 21 year period, as International Chairman of the International Fellowship of Running and Fitness Rotarians. In this position he helped to sponsor 100s of health and fitness events including building a fitness park in India, after school fitness activities in 5 Asian countries, 15 annual run/walks on Mt. Missen, a sacred mountain in Japan, and numerous road races that financially benefited organizations that involved children world-wide. International Chair, Rotarian Wellness and Fitness Fellowship, 2010-2012. In 2004-5 he was a member of the Rotary Fellowships Committee. Twenty-seven years of perfect Rotary attendance. Rotary District Foundation Service Award in 1992 and 1995, Presidential Commendation for Service to the Programs of Rotary in 1993 and Presidential Citation for Leadership in 1999. His photo appeared on the front cover of the May 2003 edition of "The Rotarian." Paul Harris Fellow. Major Gifts Benefactor, Rotary Foundation

Dr. Friend received the Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm, Air Explorer Silver Award and Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor. Adult positions in Scouting including Scoutmaster (14 Eagle Scouts in 3 years), Gulf Stream Council President, Area Vice-President and President (Scout Councils in Florida and Georgia), Southern Region Board, Chairman of the BSA Direct Service and International Representative sub-committees of the BSA International Committee, BSA National Advisory Board and President of the Inter-American Scout Foundation (North, Central and South America). He has received numerous adult Scouting recognitions including Silver Beaver, Woodbadge, Distinguished Commissioner, International Scouter's Award, Distinguished Eagle Scout, Silver Antelope, Commodore level of Order of Condor, Baden Powell Fellow (Presented by the King of Sweden) and International Benefactor of the World Scout Foundation. He has served on the staff of National Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences and the National Training School at the Philmont National High Adventure Scout camp. In 2008 he received the Silver Buffalo Award, the highest national honor presented by the Boy Scouts of America to an adult.



In 2010 he received the Youth in the Americas Award, highest adult honor presented in the Inter-American Region (North, Central and South America), WOSM.

Dr. Friend has been on the Executive Board of the United Way of Palm Beach County and past president of the Boca Raton Road Runners Club. His hobby is fitness and has completed 29 marathons including 3 Boston Marathons. He still runs 3 miles every morning, works out at a gym 3 days a week and plays tennis regularly. He was listed in numerous editions of Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World.

His children attended St. Andrew's High School in Boca Raton. His daughter, Reed, BA, George Washington University; MD with honors, '09, Ross U. '09-'12 Medical resident. '12-'13 Chief resident in Internal Medicine, ECU. Hematology/Oncology fellowship 2013-6, ECU. His son, Chad, '10 graduate of UCF, '13 Nova Law School (with honors) and 2013-4 Master of Law in securities at Georgetown University. He has two grandsons, Carter, born 2010 and Lincoln, born 2013.

### **Opening Letter from incoming IFSR World President, PDG Howard Friend, MD**

Dear Fellow Scouting Rotarians. Our International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians was established with the goal of fostering the idea of service by Rotarians to advance the growth and development of the Scout movement around the world. Many of you have made major contributions to the success of our Fellowship over the years. Thank all of you for your past efforts and support.

Now is the time to look forward to the next year or two and discover new and innovative ways that we can improve and enhance the Scouting experience for the youth all over the world by assisting Scouting at the local, national and international level.

How can we strengthen the relationship between Scouting, Rotary and IFSR? First, we must focus on retention of those who are already involved in IFSR and enhance recruitment of new IFSR members. I ask each of you to recruit at least one additional member during the next year. Considering that over 50% of Rotarians have either a direct or indirect relationship to Scouting, it should be easy but I understand how difficult that can be oftentimes. I am proposing all members who pay annual fees should have a \$10 reduction in their renewal fee for each new member that they have recruited during the past year. Recruit three new members and your renewal fee will be waived for the following year.

Second, an important idea learned during my tenure as an Adult Scouting leader, "two deep leadership." Every year we rely on the Nominating committee and only a few members to make an effort to recruit officers. It is time to expand our officer recruiting. We all are very experienced in developing new leaders as every position in Rotary, e.g. Club President, District Governor, each one year. If you have suggestions send them to the Nominating committee chair or your Regional chair. Recruit a Rotarian to take a position with IFSR and ask the Nominating committee chairs to move you to a new position. As part of this process, Past IFSR President PDG David Judge, upon my request, has accepted the position of RIBI Section Chair for '14-'15.



Third, returning to our goal, what can you do to enhance the Scouting experience for youth. There are so many ideas and each of you has the unique ability to make at least one idea happen. This may be involve your local unit or anywhere in the leadership. From the more global perspective I invite each of you to become a Baden-Powell Fellow (World Scout Foundation), Olave Baden Powell Society (WAGGGS Foundation), James West Fellow (Boy Scouts of America) and/or pledge your support to one of the regional Scout Foundations (each WOSM region has a Foundation). You will see more information regarding these opportunities in subsequent editions of the Scouting Rotarian newsletter.

Thank you for maintaining your membership and interest. I look forward to hearing from you with ideas and your personal thoughts about what position you would consider taking for the next year. Let us proceed to the '14-'15 year with great expectations and confidence.

Yours in Scouting and Rotarian Fellowship,

*PDG Harold Friend, MD '14-'16 IFSR President Nominee*

### Interamerican Region Nominations are Open

Individuals who are interested in being more involved with our Fellowship should send an email to Dan O'Brien, Interamerican Chair, at [Daniel.obrien@scouting.org](mailto:Daniel.obrien@scouting.org). Be sure to put Rotary or Fellowship in the subject line so it doesn't "get lost in the mail." If you have a specific role in mind, share it. Elections will take place on May 22, 2014. Offices begin on July 1, with the rest of the Rotary world.

Spreading the word about the fellowship, helping to strengthen the relationship between Rotary, Boy Scout Organizations, as well as Girl Scouts and Girl Guides and helping all three organizations grow is what we are all about. Promoting the fellowship at PETS, Zone meetings and Scouting functions always needs help and interested volunteers

### Interamerican Region Annual Meeting

The Interamerican Region Annual Meeting will take place during the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2014. The location will be the Opryland Hotel and the time will be 4:30 until 5:30. The meeting room will be announced at a later date. Watch for news on a guest speaker.

While attendance at the BSA National Meeting is not necessary to attend the Interamerican Region meeting of the Fellowship, it is an option. Registration will open online in mid-February. Contact your local Scout Executive for details.

**Editors Note:** We are including the leadership list for 2013 – 2014 to give all of our members a chance to see how we lay this out. Please understand this list is now NOT UP TO DATE. The new list will come out in the next issue. Per everything you have read so far in this newsletter we are actively seeking folks to fill these positions who really want to make an effort. Take a look where you might fit in and contact us. We will find a place for you.

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## 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. Please share your stories by sending them to our IFSR Newsletter editor, Steve Kesler, at [keslergroup@gmail.com](mailto:keslergroup@gmail.com).



## Letter From VP WAGGGS, JOIE HAIN

**Editors Note: Joie's note here is to update us on what she has been doing to promote IFSR along the lines discussed by Howard above – more good examples of what the rest of us can do.**

I am not in a position to travel as much as our dear friend and major supporter Brian. Brian and I, traveling for IFSR, made tremendous inroads when we attended the WAGGGS conference three years ago in Scotland (it is only held every three years). We also started making some impact with GSUSA, here in the U.S. by conducting the same booth effort at the national conference, again only held once every three years.

I have not had an invitation to this year's WAGGGS event. Space is extremely limited and it is in Hong Kong. Because of timing and distance, I cannot attend and have not pursued that option.

I do intend to pursue the GSUSA conference this fall in Salt Lake. This is the national meeting of all councils. Within the next couple of months, GSUSA will start putting together their exhibit area. I will be pushing once again, to have that as a donated space by GSUSA. Because of additional conference obligations, I cannot do a booth by myself. If we can get group support, then let's get the visibility to the "core" Girl Scout council folks. Who is chartered to help gather volunteers? It would be even more special, if we have some IFSR/Girl Scout volunteers helping!

Additionally, I have been provided a great honor to speak at the end of this month to a national GSUSA gathering of approximately 240 attendees made up of council Girl Scout CEOs, marketing and fund development teams. Obviously not all CEOs or all marketing folks will be available, but most if not all councils will be represented in some capacity. I would like to take enough tri-fold brochures to hand out to everyone, as again, many of those executives are members of Rotary.

Each year at our district conference, I have an exhibit showcasing both IFSR and Girl Scouts. Typically there is a Boy Scout display and we are side by side with IFSR in the middle. I think that is something we could do at every district conference, if the members take it on. There is no cost, just visibility!

Ok – just a few thoughts to perhaps move the conversation forward.

Yours in Rotary and Scouting, Joie      Linda (Joie) Hain Vice President WAGGGS

## LETTER FROM PAST WORLD PRESIDENT, PDG BRIAN THISSEN

**Editors Note: Brian has been IFSR's real champion for many years, but especially during the last four when he has set a very high standard for promoting and supporting IFSR in his travels all over the world. Here are some of his thoughts:**

Our traditional membership efforts have been based on one on one efforts for a couple of reasons. Members are usually best at convincing folks to join if they can openly explain to others who and what we are and what we do. Inviting members to do this kind of work gets them involved in the organization and identifies future IFSR leaders.



To do this we have tried to identify IFSR leaders in different sections around the world or different regions of the world – who saw the absolutely vital need to get out and grow our membership for us to succeed in strengthening Scouting and Rotary.

We had a strong IFSR RIBI group at one time but we need to strengthen that again. We also need more help in Asia Pacific and in Regions of Europe, Africa, Eurasia, and Arabia. We have some active IFSR folks in each, but we need more help there too.

As you know, within the InterAmerican Region we have had folks to focus on geographical areas (zone institutes/district conferences)

- Vice Chair – Central American and Caribbean Hispanic

- Vice Chair – Caribbean English

- Vice Chair – Canada

- Vice Chair – northern South America

- Vice Chair – southern South America

- Vice Chair – Girl Scouts/Guides Liaison

- Vice Chair – Membership generally

And also we have had

- District Coordinators for as many Districts as we could get volunteers

- Vice Chair to coordinate District coordinators (identify and strengthen role of each District Coordinator)

- Section Chairs where appropriate (states with several districts and large IFSR membership) to encourage IFSR booths at District Conf/Zone Institutes

  - California

  - Florida

  - Illinois

  - Texas

  - Virginia

These slots were filled by guys/gals who showed up at District Conferences and Zone Institutes and BSA AGM and Jamborees (national and International) or RI Convention or RI International Assembly or Zone Institute booths and volunteered to help.

These are the folks who when actively functioning develop and become the leadership we need around the world to grow IFSR. It takes effort to manage, but it makes an organization with many hands doing the work.

That is how it has been done.. labor intensive (particularly for Exec Secretary Randy Seefelt to send out the “Exhibit kit” to staff District Assembly’s and Zone Institutes, etc.) but very successful when time spent.

Hopefully with your forward thinking, other vehicles can be found which will be even more effective to allow us to maintain and strengthen the amazing historic relationship between Rotary and Scouting/ Guiding around the world.



Perhaps our biggest problem is that neither Rotary nor Scouting recognizes and supports financially the work we do yet it is extremely important for the future of each.

*PDG and Past IFSR World President Brian Thiessen*

### 2015 World Jamboree Approaches

The 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by Japan in July, 2015. Selection of contingent leaders around the world will be happening in the coming months. Contact your local Scout Association for details. Rotarians usually meet and have a display at the Jamboree, so if you are interested in taking part, email our secretary at [ifsr@cox.net](mailto:ifsr@cox.net).

### IFSR OFFICERS MEETING

For all who will be attending the BSA National meeting in Nashville, I would like to have an IFSR officer's meeting at 3 PM on Thursday, May 22. The meeting should last no longer than 45 minutes so that it does not interfere with preparations for the IFSR Interamerican Region that will be held at 4:30. These are two different meetings! The focus will be on IFSR international structure and future activities. I hope you will be able to attend. Harold

### Potential Booth at BSA National Meeting

We are still waiting for confirmation, but we expect to have a table in the Community Alliance booth area in the BSA National Meeting Exhibit Hall on May 20-22, 2014. If you are interested in spending some time assisting in the booth, send an email to Dan O'Brien at [Daniel.obrien@scouting.org](mailto:Daniel.obrien@scouting.org)

### BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL AND ROTARY DISTRICT 8080 POLIO PLUS

**Editor's Note: This piece was submitted by our IFSR member, Gary Troyer who is the acting chair of the District 5080 Polio-Plus subcommittee and Vice Chair of District Operation, Blue Mountain Council. Great work Gary and thank you!**

Our two groups will participate in joint fundraising effort for community awareness about the endgame for [Polio Eradication](#). Scouts will [prepare donation containers, perform community canvass, visit businesses, augment the Public Health Merit Badge, and receive a Rotary sponsored activity badge](#). The time encompasses both organization's birthdays. Rotarians are encouraged to work with the local BSA Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews, Posts, and Order of Arrow regarding the [End Polio Now](#) program. See the [downloads](#) section for further information. (Contact Gary or Kris Troyer at 509-946-3425 or the Blue Mountain Council office 509-735-7306 for information.)

As of the end of 2012, the effort was down to 3 countries and about 200 cases: Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. India showed a year of no new cases at the beginning of 2012 (Polio free declaration requires 3 years of this performance.) Alarming, the incidence of polio has resurged in 2013 in areas of recent upheaval. Once free, Syria, Somalia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, and Kenya have reported new wild cases. Even Israel has detected a few cases through displaced citizens in the region. Clinical description is at [WHO](#) website. The current tally of 372 cases and locations is shown [on this map](#). However, these areas have been shown to be the most difficult and expensive due to remoteness, culture, and social upsets. Since 1985, Rotary has been instrumental in the effort worldwide.



## Shelter Box Update

Our vision at ShelterBox is a world in which all people displaced by disasters and humanitarian crises are rapidly provided with emergency shelter and vital aid, which will help rebuild their communities and lives. To help us try to achieve this, we aim to rapidly provide emergency shelter and vital aid to stabilize, protect and support communities overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis. What underpins these aims though is our organizational values which are intrinsic across all of our work from fundraising right through to the delivery of aid: Respect, honesty and integrity, accountability and resourcefulness while always acting in the best interest of our beneficiaries.

ShelterBox currently has response teams operating in the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan, nearly six months on since the Typhoon first struck, and in the Masvingo Province of Zimbabwe in response to flash flooding. Working with partners, distribution of aid also continues for the charity in Syria. Logistical pipelines in this region are constantly changing and our Operations team is working to deliver an agile response, which means we are able to adapt to the changing situation and ensure aid gets to the families who need it the most.



*HELSTON, CORNWALL. NOV 20 2013. ShelterBox Warehouse Coordinator Alan Johns helps to pack a ShelterBox destined for the Philippines. (Matthew Stone/ShelterBox).*



*IRAQI KURDISTAN. OCT 29 2013. SchoolBoxes have been distributed at the Quashtapa refugee camp near Irbil. Over 2.6 million refugees have fled across the Syrian border into neighboring countries. (Simon Clarke/ShelterBox).*

### **Flooding in Afghanistan**

Flash floods in northern Afghanistan have forced hundreds of people from their homes in Sari Pul, Zawzjan, Faryab and Badghis provinces. The Operations team are currently liaising with other aid agencies active in the region to see if we are able to help aid families affected by the flooding.

### **Wildfire in Chile**

In Chile, more than 10,000 people were evacuated from the port city of Valparaiso following a fire earlier this month. We are currently monitoring the situation and, through one of our Chilean response team members, are in contact with the local government who are coordinating the response.

### **Earthquakes and flooding in the Solomon Islands**

Two earthquakes struck the Solomon Islands on the April 12 and 13 after flooding also hit the region earlier the same week. Similarly to the aid effort in Chile, the local government is coordinating the disaster response in the Solomon Islands. ShelterBox are in discussions with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) to see how best we could assist in the recovery process.



## CLIFF DOCHTERMAN—CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**Editor's Note:** A lot of us are past "retirement" age. Cliff is again showing us that we still have much to offer. And where better to put some effort than promoting both Scouting and Rotary by helping us to grow IFSR? We need all that wonderful, hard earned experience and wisdom you paid for with years of hard work and hard knocks. Check out the various articles in this issue, contact some of the leaders shown and do whatever part you are comfortable with – but do something! Get going!

Here is a little bit of Moraga news. This old man was selected last week for the Moraga 2014 Citizen of the Year. (No laughing, please!) Someone told me that it may be a sad commentary on our community, when they have to pick an 88 year old guy to be Citizen of the Year. In any event, the persons who nominated me pointed out the leadership to get a new clubhouse for the Moraga Country Club which is greatly used for community events; initiating a successful fund campaign to provide handicapped access to the second floor of our local theater where the elevator had been in disrepair; for starting the Rotary Moraga Employee of the Month recognition and gifts for exceptional employees who work in our town; and for a number of other things in the community and world.

## Rotary International

### International

Rotary is a worldwide organization of caring individuals from every walk of life- business, professional and community leaders- who help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries, with 1.2 million members. Rotary Clubs determine their own priorities on projects to participate in, though they are encouraged to be involved in projects such as youth development, clean water, and other projects as they desire.

### Polio Plus

Since the mid 90's, Rotary has led the world in eradicating polio. In cooperation with the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as many governments and other groups, polio has now been reduced to new cases in only three countries of the world. With the continued help of Rotarians and our partner groups, the effort is "this close" to success.

### Rotary Membership

Prospective members are encouraged to seek out a local club and share your interest in membership. Most clubs welcome new members with open arms. Generally, a prospective member fills out an application that is then shared with the members of the club. Barring something that causes a concern, new members are approved by the club's board of directors. All clubs have dues, but the amounts vary by club. Most meetings are centered around a meal and the cost is often included in the dues. Members are expected to attend the weekly meetings as often as possible. There are avenues of "making up" a missed meeting, but your club can share how they handle that.

### Rotary Motto

"Service Above Self"



### **Finding a Club**

It is easy to find the club that is closest to where you live and work. Simply visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on the club locator. Simply enter your town, country and state. It may be necessary to enter the biggest city near you if there is not a club in your immediate town.

Depending on where you live, there may be a single club nearby or half a dozen. If there are several, pick one to visit that best fits your schedule- or visit several clubs. If you are not comfortable “inviting yourself” to a meeting, contact the IFSR and we will do our best to help you get invited and hosted by someone else.

### **Scouting Tie Ins**

Rotary was first established in Chicago, Illinois in 1905. Scouting was founded in England in 1907 and the United States in 1910. Paul Harris, the founder and first President of Rotary worked side-by-side with James E. West, the BSA’s first Chief Scout Executive, traveling the country establishing Boy Scout Councils, often with the assistance of the local Rotary Club.

Rotary Clubs often sponsor Scout Units-Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, or Venture Crews. They have also been known to sponsor Interact Clubs (Rotary’s youth program for high school students) and co-registered the club as a Venture Crew.

### **The Rotary Four Way Test**

Like the Scout Oath & Law, Rotarians live by the Four Way Test:

First, is it the truth?

Second, is it fair to all concerned?

Third, will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Fourth, is it beneficial to all concerned?

## **INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS**

### **The Fellowship**

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is one of nearly 100 Rotary Fellowships and Action Groups established to bring together Rotarians of a particular interest. In the case of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, we bring together Rotarians who are or were that are part of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) or the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

### **The Objectives of the International**

Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians:

1. Promote the growth & development of Scouting & Guiding through the Rotary Ideal of Service.
2. To provide opportunities for friendship & fellowship among IFSR members.
3. To give active encouragement to Scouting & Guiding at local, national and international levels.
4. Recognize individuals who have provided exceptionally unique service to Scouting and Rotary.
5. To educate Scouters & Guiders about Rotary and encourage membership in local Rotary Clubs.



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**We're on the web:**  
[WWW.IFSR-NET.ORG](http://WWW.IFSR-NET.ORG)

### Application for Membership & Renewal: International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

**Annual Membership**  
(IFSR pin)

**Renewal all**  US\$25

**New Member**  US\$35

**New Rotaract**  US\$35

**New Associate**  US\$35

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## Membership

Membership in the IFSR is open to any Rotarian, Rotary spouse, or Rotaractor who is or has been a member or supporter of WOSM or WAGGGS organizations. While this Fellowship operates in accordance to Rotary International policy, it is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

## Cliff Dochterman Award

Each Rotary Club and Rotary District is allowed to nominate and select one individual per Rotary Year to receive the Cliff Dochterman Award for Distinguished Service to Rotary and to Scouting or Guiding. Mr. Dochterman is a former president of Rotary International and a dedicated Scouter.

## History

In 1991, a group of British Rotarians with an interest in Scouting held an organizing meeting during the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City, spearheading the drive to form the fellowship. The requirements for a Rotary Fellowship were met and the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians was born. The first formal meeting was held in France at Marseilles. Like WOSM, IFSR is divided into six regions- Africa, Arab, Asia Pacific, Europe, Eurasia and Interamerica.

## Recognizing Youth Members

One way to plant the seed of Rotary within our Scouting youth members and to raise the awareness of adults is through certificates recognizing the Top Youth Awards in Scouting & Guiding. Current congratulatory certificates available for purchase through our website are the following:

- BSA Eagle Scout Award
- GSUSA Gold Award
- Scouts Canada Queen's Venturer Award
- Scouts Canada Chief's Scout Award
- Girl Guides of Canada Chief Commissioner's
- Gold Award

## The IFSR Silver Wheel Award

The IFSR Silver Wheel Award may be awarded to any Rotarian or Associate who renders exceptional and exemplary service in support of IFSR activities or the Scout Movement worldwide. Any member may nominate a Rotarian for this award. This is not a Scouting award but an IFSR award and thus we want to honor those of our members who have contributed in an outstanding fashion.

## Promoting Rotary & The Fellowship

Members are welcomed and encouraged to promote Rotary, Scouting & Guiding at jamborees, Rotary events and more. Visit our website for opportunities.