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DOWNHAM MARKET ROTARY CLUB ENGLAND & SCOUT AND GUIDE



Downham Market Rotary Club will be hosting an ABBA night for renovation of Downham Market Scout and Guide Association hut which is in desperate need. Scouts, Brownies and Girl Guides will run a raffle and the proceeds will be made towards their facilities.



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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT PDG MARK KRIEBEL



As I write this from my home in New York, the current epicenter of the Covid-19 pandemic, I hope that you and your families are safe and supporting your Rotary Club and Scouting in new and creative ways.

Just this evening I saw a moving tribute to a fallen hero by a Scout, covered on the evening news. You can view it here: <u>https://youtu.be/X9jI4bE -qo</u>

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My friends, this is why we do what we do.

As I'm sure you all know, both our annual meeting at the Rotary International Convention In Honolulu and our Inter-American meeting at the BSA National Annual Meeting have been canceled. We do plan on holding our annual meeting electronically sometime in June, with details to follow.

As we all discover new ways to make Scouting and Rotary survive and thrive at this challenging time; I'd like to share a couple of success stories:

Last week, the World Organization of the Scout Movement held a special "Jamboree On The Internet" with participation from around the World! You can visit www.jotajoti.info to see some of the amazing international interaction that has taken place by and between Scouts in cyberspace. There is also a YouTube channel devoted to many of the presentations that took place during the JOTI.

In June, Rotary International is planning a "Virtual Convention", which will strive to give us a meaningful alternative to our in-person Convention. Stay tuned for details, which will be announced at the Rotary.org website.

What is your local Club or Scout unit doing to keep relevant and engaged during these days? You can share stories with IFSR at ifsr@scoutingrotarians.org

Thanks for all you do, and stay safe!

Mark

YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS 1ST QUARTER 2020

The IFSR is dedicated to Service to Youth, and in particular to service to Scout and Guide units. Rotarians have found many ways to serve Scout and Guide units, and they can receive the IFSR Youth Service Award for serving a Scout or Guide unit and having it mentioned in the media, any media outlet.

The IFSR Youth Service Award may be awarded to any Rotary Club that renders service in support of Scout and/or Guide units which is publicized in the media, any media. The IFSR Webmaster may give the awards to a club annually. Recipients are selected from articles posted in media or online. Such articles may be brought to the attention of the IFSR webmaster [webmaster@scouters.us].

This is not a Scouting award nor a Rotary award, but an IFSR award and is intended to reward Rotary Clubs who support local Scout and/or Guide Units and have their support publicized in the media or online.

To ensure that the award is available worldwide in a timely manner, it is only distributed electronically. The recipient club will be notified of the award and given instructions on how to download and print the certificate. The award can be downloaded and printed by the club themselves or at a print center.

It is hoped that the example provided by the clubs earning these awards will serve as an example on how Rotary Clubs can become more involved in service to youth and in particular to Scout and Guide units. Hopefully these Rotarians will become more aware of the IFSR and the services it provides to Rotarians in their support of Scout and Guide units. More information on the IFSR Youth Service Award is available at: http://scoutingrotarians.org/pages/awards.html#anchorYOUTHSERVICE

Brigham City Rotary Club (UT) March 8, 2020, Cache Valley Daily. (award)

The Brigham City Rotary Club and the National Guard are helping the area Boy Scouts with their Scouting For Food drive. The LDS Church, Utah Trucking Association, Associated Foods and Just Serve are deeply involved this year as well.



Chivilcoy Rotary Club (Argentina) January 21, 2020, La Razon de Chivilcoy. (award)

At the Rotary Club of Chivilcoy, a talk was held regarding donation day at Club Racing organized by the Civil Defense of Chivilcoy. Gerardo Pache from Grupo Scout Cura Brochero helped answer questions about blood donation, the registry of bone marrow, organ, hair and cap donors.

Elkins Rotary Club (WV) January 7, 2020, The Inter-Mountain. (award)

Candace Nelson, director of marketing for the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond, presented to the Elkins Rotary Club on Monday at the group's first weekly meeting of 2020. Nelson spoke about the importance of Girl Scouts for girls and young women.

Ellwood City Rotary (PA) February 11, 2020, Ellwood City Ledger. (award)

Ellwood City Rotary Club and Scout Troop 806 are partnering on a program to build nest boxes for local wood ducks. Rotary will pay 50 percent of the cost and a grant from Rotary District 7280 will match the amount. Rotary Club members and Scouts will work together to build the nest boxes.

Esperance Bay Rotary Club (Australia) January 1, 2020, The Esperance Express. (award)

The Esperance Foreshore Festival and Fireworks was a roaring success. The New Year's Eve event, hosted by the Esperance Bay Rotary Club, enjoyed a record turnout of about 3000 people. The club received support from other community groups including the Esperance Scout Group.

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Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club (DE) March 9, 2020, Cape Gazetter. (award)

Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club presented its 2020 community grant. The club shared \$12,198 with seven nonprofit agencies doing community work that reflects the ideals of Rotary. Boy Scout Troop 95 received \$1,000 to help provide camper scholarships to Boy Scout summer camp.



Great Falls Rotary Club (MT) February 26, 2020, Great Falls Tribune. (award)

Great Falls Rotary Club honored 32 Eagle Scouts and 1 Gold Award Girl Scout recipient at the Central Montana Recognition Luncheon for the 25th year. These Scouts in total, contributed 5,000 hours of service in 2019 to north-central Montana communities.



Kimberley Rotary Club (Canada) <u>March 30,</u> 2020, Kimberley Bulletin. (<u>award</u>)

Kimberley Rotary Club heard the Girl Guides had 696 boxes of Girl Guide cookies and COVID-19 had stopped them in their tracks. The Club purchased 120 boxes to donate to the local food bank and Rotarians bought 65 boxes for themselves. Rotary is challenging other clubs to do likewise.



Launceston Rotary Club (England) February 19, 2020, Cornish & Devon Post. (award)

Launceston Rotary Club and Girl Guides UK are supporting Jess Hill's effort to empower women in Uganda. Jess is aiming to take 800 empowerment bags with basic toiletry items and sanitary products. She wants to buy sewing machines so that the girls at the school can earn an income.

Madera Rotary Club (CA) February 8, 2020, Madera Tribune. (award)

Madera Rotary Club presented a check for \$1,000 at the Sequoia Council Thunderbird District annual Civics Day luncheon. "This is the longest continuous running Boy Scout Civics Day in the world," said Steve VonFlue master of ceremonies for the event.

Marshall Rotary Club (TX) February 7, 2020, Marshall News Messenger. (award)

Marshall Rotary Club invited Daniel Anderson, Chief Operating Officer of the East Texas Council of the BSA, as their guest speaker. Anderson touched on changes to the organization over the last few years both on the national level as well as locally.

Middleton Rotary Club (England) January 20, 2020, Rochdale Online. (award)

Middleton Rotary Club have given donations totaling £5,650 to local groups, charities and individuals through their Dragon's Den initiative. Including funding to help St. John Fisher Scout Group buy lightweight and waterproof kagools for their younger members – the Otters aged 5-7.

Midhurst & Petworth Rotary (England) March 16, 2020, Chichester Observer. (award)

Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Club organized a special performance of an Elvis impersonator to raise funds to refurbish the Easebourne Scout and Guide hut. The Rotary club raised more than £2,000 to refurbish the Hut and to fund other Rotary charities.



Newton-le-Willows Rotary Club (England) February 5, 2020, St. Helens Reporter. (award)

Newton-le-Willows Rotary Club and Santa presented £1,400 in checks from donations to the sleigh on its Christmas float. On check was given to the 16th Warrington (1st Burtonwood) Scout Group and other community groups.



North Richmond-Kurrajong Rotary (Australia) January 28, 2020, Mirage News. (award)

City Council proudly hosted this year's Hawkesbury Australia Day Citizenship and Australia Day Awards. They welcomed 45 citizens from 15 countries. Council thanks North Richmond-Kurrajong Rotary and Windsor Girl Guides for hosting the BBQ lunch for both ceremonies.



Pontllanfraith Rotary Club (Wales) January 6, 2020, Caerphilly Observer. (award)

The scout hut of the First Sirhowy Scout Troop has been renovated thanks to help from Pontllanfraith Rotary Club. After being approached by the scouts for help, the rotary club provided new electrical wiring and eight new electrical heaters.

Rome Rotary Club (GA) January 30, 2020, Rome News Tribune. (award)

As a community service project, Rome Rotary Club has joined Scout Troops and Packs in Northwest Georgia Boys Scout Council with the collection effort of their Scouting for Food campaign. They will be collecting non-perishable food items or unopened toiletries.

Rowan Rotary Club (NC) February 2, 2020, Salisbury Post. (award)

Rowan Rotary Club awarded Eagle Scout Spencer Jarett Chandler of Troop 379, in Granite Quarry, the 2020 First Place Service Above Self Award for his volunteer activities in the High School age category. His activities include community service and international mission trips.

South Holland Rotary Club (England) February 11, 2020, Spalding Today. (award)

South Holland Rotary Club has given £4,670 to a host of good causes who helped with their Santa Sleigh collection including Pinchbeck Girl Guides – (5th Spalding Brownies). All attendees enjoyed a buffet supper and the visitors explained how they intended to use the cash donated.



St. Helena Rotary Club (CA) February 12, 2020, St. Helena Star. (award)

St. Helena Rotary Club and it Troop 1 are raising money for exterior improvements to their Scout Hall including a new roof, new siding and new paint. The building is in terrific condition, but the exterior hasn't been treated in 38 years.

Tallassee Rotary Club (AL) February 26, 2020, The Tallassee Tribune. (award)

Tallassee Rotary Club invited the CEO of the Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama (GSA), Karlyn Edmonds, to speak about the GSA. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the nation's largest girl-led business and the leading financial literacy program for girls.

IFSR Certificates and Awards for your club to present

On our website, we have <u>certificates</u> that Rotary Clubs can award Scouts and Guides and an <u>award</u> that Rotary Clubs can award a Scout or Guide unit that has performed community service. The IFSR Community Service Award may be awarded by any Rotary Club to a Scout or Guide unit of their choice they wish to recognize for performing community service. The award may be given annually to any Scout or Guide unit by any Rotary Club. Recipients are selected by the Rotary Club.

This is not a Scouting award nor a Rotary award, but an IFSR award. It is intended to permit Rotary Clubs to recognize Community Service performed by local Scout and/or Guide units.

To help Rotary Clubs create and print the award locally, the IFSR website has a fillable PDF version of the certificate which is easy to fill out:

1) Open the form at http://scoutingrotarians.org/downloads/CommunityServiceAward.pdf

- 2) Enter the name of the Scout or Guide unit (such as, Troop 101, Metropolis)
- 3) Enter the name of the Rotary Club (such as Metropolis Rotary Club)
- 4) Enter the date of the Award presentation
- 5) Then print the award or save and print at a print center.

Please notify the IFSR webmaster [webmaster@scouters.us] of the Scout or Guide Unit Name, Rotary Club Name and Date and a record of the award will be posted on the IFSR Awards webpage.

CLIFF DOCHTERMAN

Cliff has had some physical problems lately, had surgery, and has completely recovered. He might appreciate hearing from you if you would like to send him a card or letter. His address is: Cliff Dochterman, 1600 Canyon Road #241, Moraga, California 94556

Submitted by: Tina Akins, District Governor 2019-20 Rotary International District 5160 925-260-8462



IFSR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE

Editor's Note: The Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights lead by Hal Daume regularly sends us pictures of multiple new Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Awardees to whom they take the time to present our IFSR Outstanding Achievement Certificate. These awardees are great potential future Rotary members and their parents may be immediately. Any of you can do this and to great positive impact for your Rotary Club, the scout and the parents.



Scouting Services Initiative in Rotary District 7475 (New Jersey, USA)

The photo with this article is completely impromptu. PDG and Distinguished Eagle Scout Hal Daume as usual wasn't the "presenter" at this five-Eagle court of honor at Troop 68 of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. Instead, this honor went to Jim Ramentol, fellow Eagle Scout and president of the Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights, so just having a photo of Hal is very unusual.

Hal is the founder of the "Scouting Services Initiative" (Editor's

Note: We call it the IFSR Outstanding Achievement Certificate) in Rotary District 7475, of north-central New Jersey. He began this initiative in 2008, but uniquely. Instead of Hal, as chair, making presentations throughout his Rotary district, whenever a Boy Scout troop had an Eagle court of honor, or Girl Scout troop had a Gold Award ceremony, Hal would reach out to the Rotary Club in that troop's town, and re-

cruit a local Rotarian to make the presentation. In the past 12 years, close to one hundred Rotarians from more than sixty different Rotary clubs have made personal presentations on behalf of Rotary and the IFSR to 955 outstanding young men and young women throughout the district.

New Eagle Scouts (left to right): Cole Wolfram, Nicholas Kwan, Timothy Koubek, Douglas Ladzinski, and Ethan Kan. (It is worth noting that Hal was their guest because he had helped all of these Scouts complete at least one merit badge each.)





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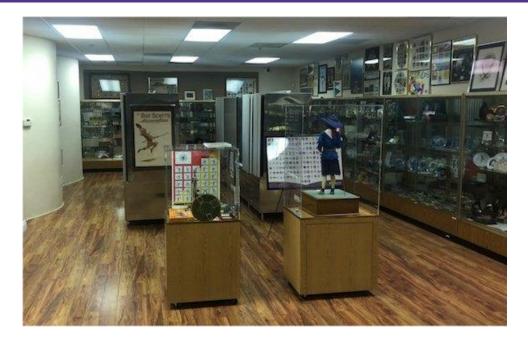


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SCOUTING MUSEUM IN LAS VEGAS



Several weeks before attending the 20th Anniversary celebration of Shelter Box International, Ohio Rotary District 6630 PDG Jack Young, Chair of the International Region (North, Central and South America) was informed of a scouting Museum located Las Vegas. Since he was speaking at the conference celebration of SB in Las Vegas and was not aware of the scouting Museum, he contacted Rotarian Robert Lynn Horn in Las Vegas.

Jack learned that Lynn was also a scout, Executive Director and Founder of this Scouting Museum in Las Vegas. The museum is home of the World's largest collection of Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Girl Guide Memorabilia. Jack indicates that the two story, 3,500 Square foot building on West Sahara Avenue could hope to see.



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There were items such as the Scouting Patch which went around the Moon on Apollo 8 with James Lovell; a scouting belt buckle that saved the life of a scout; an Extensive Display from all 23 World Jamborees 1920-2015; Lady Baden-Powell 1924 World Jamboree; over 450 Girl Scout Dolls; 4 Automatons of Scouting dolls from the Swiss Marchal Museum; the Golden Eagle of Merit Top Girl Scout Award 1916-1919 (Only 1 known to Exist), a scouting crocheted emblem done by an Austrian Scout while in Auschwitz and scouting uniforms from 165 countries are on display.

There are also the largest collection of the Order of the Arrow patches ever assembled; individual name patches of those who lost their lives responding to 9-11 helping others; the actual Silver Buffalo Awarded to Burl lives in 1986 along with thousands of other items and signed paperwork, scouting books and other items that are meaningful to scouts and scouting leaders throughout the world.



In addition, there are at least 3 other rooms that have items are being planned for future display. Lynn spent over 3 hours going through the museum and with his knowledge and experience in scouting I could have easily spent another 3-4 hours looking at and hearing about what he has collected over the years to preserve scouting history and its impact on the world. As a final comment, the museum is a first-class facility, well maintained by the people who work there and certainly is a credit to both Scouting and Rotary. I also saw one document that had the name of Brian Thiessen on it. If you or others are in the area of Las Vegas, I

would recommend you take time to visit this facility.



One final comment, in the two pictures with this article shows a special frame of pictures of patches from Ohio and sent to me from Brian and I presented them on behalf of all of you who are in the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. Therefore, this picture frame and patches from the IFSR is now in this historical museum. Thank you for all that you do for our young people throughout the world. And thank you to Lynn who started this remarkable Museum.

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,

Jack A. Young, PDG 2005-06 Ohio Rotary District 6630 Fellowship of Scouting Ro-

tarians - Chair InterAmerican Region (North, Central & South America) 2018-20

MEETING SCHEDULES FOR BALANCE OF 2020 UNCERTAIN

Editor's Note: We have the following note from Brian Thiessen which confirms that pretty much the rest of this year's meetings are up in the air. We just do not know which meetings will be held when. Best to just keep the communication lines open, and pray this pandemic ends.

From Brian: My best BSA contact tells me the situation re Egypt and the World Scout Conference currently on calendar late 24-28 August 2020 in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt, will resolve soon, but there are 3 main options:

- Go ahead with it as scheduled
- Postpone it until next year (recommended by WOSM BSA is probably in favor of this option)

• Handle it instead by zoom or similar – since many 3rd world Scout units have poor/lousy internet, this would cut out meaningful participation by those countries Also the personal dynamics are lost.

The 'bigger boys' expect #2 to occur and the decision to be made soon (definitely before end of this month). It seems likely #1 will not occur – once Olympics were postponed a year, the stage was set for Scouting to do the same.

It is 'extremely unlikely' that #1 will happen and folks should count on it not happening.

NEED FOR STORIES AND ROTARY/SCOUT INTERACTIONS

Editors Note: Per our President's Letter, we are looking for stories and pictures of interesting Rotary/Scout interactions to share with everyone. Given how so many of the larger meetings are likely to be affected this year, your stories – while always important to us – will now be even more important. Let us know what you are doing! You can share stories with IFSR at <u>ifsr@scoutingrotarians.org</u>



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202-468-1029, ir.ncac.je@gmail.com The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting date: 19 MAR, 2020 Newsletter editor: John Scheirer, 1Scouter8@gmail.com



B-P was free to concentrate on writing from 1907, as his time as Inspector General of Cavalry finished after he had completed a tour of Egypt and the Sudan. The first third of his original manuscript survives as handwritten scraps of paper. In June 1907, he spent time writing at the Izaak Walton Hotel in Dovedale, Derbyshire, and met with Arthur Pearson, his publisher, to discuss the best way of spreading his ideas to the wider public. Together they worked out a program for the next 12 months. If B-P's experimental camp was a success, he would tour the UK explaining his scheme. In the meantime, Pearson would publish "Scouting for Boys". He also provided 1000 pounds to cover initial expenses and provided office space in Henrietta Street, London. B-P noted expenses would be small, "no apparatus of uniform is absolutely necessary beyond badges".

Collectors' Corner: Life Saving Awards



Lifesaving Award 1915-1925



1923-2012 Reinstated 2020







Bronze Cross for Gallantry Highest in the UK

In the UK, the Highest Gallantry Award is the Bronze Cross, then the silver Cross, then the Gilt Cross and then the Chief Scouts Commendation for Gallantry which is given as a knot without medal.

Honor Medal knot



At the Opening Session of the JamCAm 2020 in Brasil, Daniel Corsen, Chairperson from the Interamerican Scout Committee made the following comments.

"Today is the first day of this great adventure and I'm sure that you already made some friends. You are coming from 20 countries and we're in total almost 8000 people. If you look around there are many people you've never seen before. But somehow you feel safe and you feel at home. This is magic we call the Scout Movement; the big kinship of more than 50 million people who share the same values. Throughout this week we will celebrate the magic of this movement. We come from all walks of life, yet we share a common path. I ask you these days to look out for people that are different than you, come from a different country, have a different belief system, or simply look very different than you and build a connection. Let our diversity unite us."



Scouting in Kuwalt



Scouting in Kuwait started in 1935, the KBSA was founded in 1952 and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1955. It has 6,061 members (as of 2008). Kuwait Scouting features out-ofschool education in character development, skills and traditions and clean living. Community service projects include participation in environmental services, World Health Day and conducting youth work camps. Scouts also assist several charitable organizations in co-operative activities. The Scouts have also offered considerable aid and assistance to other Scout organizations in the Persian Gulf area.

The Scout Motto is Kun Musta'idan and the noun for a single Scout is Kashaf.

The membership badge of the Kuwait Boy Scouts Association incorporates elements of the coat of arms of Kuwait in a seashell pattern.

Remembering Lord Robert Krause Baden-Powell



The World Organization of the Scout Movement was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Lord Robert Crause Baden-Powell, grandson of the first Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell and and Lady Olave Baden-Powell, who died peacefully at his home on 28 December, 2019 at the age of 83 following a long battle with cancer.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1936 as the eldest son of the 2nd Baron of Gilwell Arthur Robert Peter Baden-Powell and Carine Crause Baden-Powell, Robert spent most of his life growing up and living in the UK. Robert succeeded his father as the 3rd Baron of Gilwell in 1962 and married Patience Hélène Mary Batty a year later, taking a keen interest and active involvement in the Scout Movement his grandfather founded. Beyond his National Service in the Royal Navy and career in the finance and real estate sectors, throughout his life Robert showed an extraordinary commitment to public service, and advancing the mission of Scouting and Guiding in a variety of local, national and international capacities. As an avid outdoorsman and supporter of local charities, Robert will be remembered most fondly for his commitment and contribution to Scouting and Guiding communities in the UK and around the world. The title of 4th Baron of Gilwell passes to Robert's younger brother, The Honorable David Michael Baden-Powell who lives in Australia.

Afghanistan rejoins the Scout Movement, expanding its membership to 171 member organizations worldwide.



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Scouting has existed in Afghanistan for nearly 90 years, but activities halted in 1979, eventually resulting in the loss of official WOSM membership in 1981. However since 2004, the World Scout Bureau through its Asia-Pacific Support Centre has worked to re-enter Kabul with the support of Scout leaders from the region and in collaboration with the government's Ministry of Education and to establish an office that would support the reintroduction of Scouting in Afghanistan.

Today, Scouting has emerged once again at the local level as a result of the collaboration between World Scouting, the Afghan government and international non-governmental organization Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support to Afghanistan (PARSA). More than ten training courses have been organized in different provinces across the country thanks to the support of neighboring National Scout Organizations and their volunteers who aided in delivering the trainings. The courses have enabled Afghan Scout leaders to earn their Wood Badge and reintroduced Scout activities through the Messengers of Peace Program and the World Scout Environment Program. Scouting in Afghanistan dates back to October 1931 when King Nadir Shah founded the Scout Movement under the Education Ministry. Two years later, the Afghan Scouting Association joined the 7th International Conference (now called the World Scout Conference) in Gödöllö, Hungary. Scouting continued for several years and withstood challenges until the government dissolved the Association in 1947.

A Royal Decree re-established Scouting in 1956 with the strong support of King Zaher Shah and the Ministry of Education. Scouting expanded until the 1960s and membership grew exponentially. Afghanistan was readmitted to the World Scout Conference on 1 June 1964, and by 1977, it boasted a membership of 36,000. Following the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in 1979, Scouting eventually ceased and the World Scout Conference regretfully noted the dissolution of the Association in 1981.

After 2001, the transitional government of Afghanistan welcomed the possibility to reintroduce Scouting in the country and former Scout members came forward to begin the reconstruction. In 2004, the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre initiated visits to Kabul to collaborate with the Education Ministry. In 2008, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support to Afghanistan (PARSA), an international NGO founded in Afghanistan in 1996, initiated a similar campaign with WOSM and launched community-oriented activities for young people and training for adult leaders.

Welcome Back Afghanistan video - https://youtu.be/TQX0GjqbOrA



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