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## MID ARGYLL ROTARY CLUB (SCOTLAND)/19<sup>TH</sup> ARGYLL SCOUTS NEPAL HUMANITARIAN PROJECT



Mid Argyll Rotary Club supported the 19th Argyll Scouts trip to Nepal to work on a variety of humanitarian projects in two schools in Kathmandu impacted by the 2015 earthquake.

## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY AND URGENT NEED!

Editor's Note: All this is yet another terrific newsletter simply because it reports all that you as our members are doing. The worldwide growth of IFSR is truly exciting as you have seen in all our newsletters (and will see again in this one) and on our webpage. IFSR has gotten where it is at and has done so much for both Rotary and Scouting because of the many extraordinary leaders we have had through the years. One example of our success is how the newsletter has grown from 3 black and white pages 12 years ago to now sometimes almost 30 pages. You are the reason for that growth. For those of us who have been doing this for so long, it is amazing and satisfying to see these reports come in every month. But we are getting old and we need new leaders to step up. Check our 2023 – 2024 Leadership List to see where you fit in, then let us know you are ready. IT IS YOUR TURN TO MOVE THIS INCREDIBLE FELLOWSHIP FORWARD. STEP UP!



## **IFSR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS**

- **YOUR ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE, YOUR ZONE INSTITUTE & YOUR NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL MEETING (and REGIONAL MEETING)**

IFSR is such a vital part of the growth of Scouting and Rotary .. But it is still an (unintentional secret) from most Scouters and Rotarians.

YOU HAVE THE ANSWER to make us thrive and grow. AT YOUR Rotary District conference .. At YOUR Rotary Zone Institute .. At your National Scout Organization annual meeting - YOU and I need to set up a booth to present to those in attendance this wonderful organization and all that Rotarians and Scouts/ers all over the world are doing to strengthen their communities, provide critical help on vital projects, work with the youth and adults and provide special recognitions .... to make both organizations stronger.

We list international Scouting and Rotary events in other editions of this Newsletter.. But at this time we ask YOU to look for these opportunities in your Scouting Region and your Rotary District and Zone - and let us know about these opportunities.

Many Rotarians and Scouters LOVE TO TRAVEL and you and they may well be willing to travel to locations nearby or half way around the world to strengthen the ties that bind us. Please share with us any suggestions you have or any meetings you know are coming up in 2023 so we can get the word out and invite IFSR members to share the fun and fellowship in your area! Contact IFSR President Mark Kriebel ([markkriebel@prodigy.net](mailto:markkriebel@prodigy.net)) or International Rep Brian Thiessen ([bdtalamo@pacbell.net](mailto:bdtalamo@pacbell.net)) with location (not just the city and country but also the hotel/convention center name) and the dates and times of each so we can include it in our IFSR Newsletter.

Thank you



## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT PDG MARK KRIEBEL

**Happy New Year!**

It's hard to believe we welcomed 2024 just a few weeks ago, and with the new year many people resolve to try something new! I hope you can include the IFSR in your New Years resolutions by engaging with your fellow Rotarians and discussing the benefits of Rotary Fellowships and our Scouting Fellowship in particular. It's up to each of us to reach out to others who can be motivated to join our ranks with the ultimate benefit of growing the Scouting and Guiding movement.

Ask your Club if you can make a presentation on Scouting, and invite some Scouts to attend your meeting! The IFSR can provide you with certificates to recognize Scouts who achieve milestone ranks, such as the Eagle Scout Award or the Gold Award in Girl Scouting. We have certificates to recognize Scouts from across the globe. It makes for a great program for Rotarians to hear the accomplishments of these Scouts, and you may be hosting a potential future Rotarian!

In this newsletter you'll find a listing of IFSR District Coordinators. If you are a coordinator - Thank You! If your District does not have a coordinator, please consider stepping up to fill that role. A quick email to our Executive Secretary Randy Seefeldt ([ifsr@scoutingrotarians.org](mailto:ifsr@scoutingrotarians.org)) will get you on the list, and Randy will be happy to send you a box of supplies (brochures, Dochterman Award applications, etc). And think about someone you know who would be a deserving recipient for the Dochterman Award. It's important that we recognize those individuals who provide extraordinary service to both Scouting and Rotary, and the Dochterman Award was created for that purpose.

The Singapore Rotary Convention is just around the corner, and we need your help in serving a shift or two in our booth #1500 in the House of Friendship. Please promote our attendance at the Convention and help if you can. And thanks to each of you for all you continue to do for both Rotary and Scouting in 2024!

**President Mark**



## 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN BASSANO, ITALY



The Bassano Castelli Rotary Club celebrated its 100 years of Scouting in Bassano, Italy.

The event, organized by the Bassano Castelli Rotary, celebrated the important anniversary with numerous members of the community participating. They started with 25 Scouts in September of 1923. Under the leadership of Bortolo Zonta, Don Giovanni Pacchin and Pietro Facchinello, the little group began to live the adventure based on Baden Powell's educational method. Now, 100 years later, they have reached out to over 1,000 Scouts.

When Mario Baruchello, Coordinator IFSR-District 2060, read the Scout Promise of Agesci, the largest of the Italian scouting associations, it created a moment of strong emotion and reflection on the fundamental values that guide the action of Scouts in every part of the world. Afterwards, Enrico Marin, President Bortolo Zonta Association and President Rotary Club Bassano Castelli, presented the Rotarians present who had a past as Scouts the centenary scarf, a symbolic gesture which further strengthened the bond between Rotary and the world of Scouting.

A highlight of the evening was when Prof. Tessarolo was presented both the Paul Harris Fellowship and the Silver Rotary Scout Award. The evening represented a moment of celebration, but also of renewed commitment to the values of scouting and solidarity, confirming once again how close Rotary and the Scouting world are and how much their joint commitment can make the difference in our society.

<https://www.ifsr-italia.it/wp/author/admin/>

Bassano Castelli Rotary Club (Italy) was awarded the IFSR Youth Service Award for reaching its 100 years of service to Scouting and its renewed commitment to Scouting on November 1, 2023.



## IFSR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS FOR YOUR CLUBS TO PRESENT

**Editor's Note: All, when sending articles in to us, it is best to give us pictures of the event that show scouts in uniforms and Rotary members, and even better if the Rotary logo is also visible.**

On our website, we have [certificates](#) that Rotary Clubs can award Scouts and Guides and an [award](#) 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.

## IFSR YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2023

Ashby Castle Rotary Club (England), July 10, 2023, [Ashby Nub News](#), ([award](#))



Ashby Castle Rotary Club has made a £300 donation to 4th Ashby Scouts Group to help with modernizing their base in Donisthorpe.



Ellesmere Rotary Club (England), July 7, 2023, [Oswestry Life](#), (award)



Ellesmere Rotary, thanked all of them and the many other volunteers and groups that loaned equipment for the day, in particular Cheshire Scout Group for the two Bell Boats.

Gore Rotary Club (New Zealand), August 16, 2023, [Otago Daily Times](#), (award)



Gore Rotary Club is offering financial assistance to young people wanting to join the Scouts. They Scout do fund raising, but Scouting costs \$10 each week.



**Great Neck Rotary Club (NY), July 14, 2023, [Great Neck Patch](#), (award)**



Great Neck Rotary Club recognized Grace Fong for her Girl Scouts of Nassau County Gold Award project “Step by Step Tutoring” to connect low-income student with tutors.

**Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunrisers Rotary Club (LA), July 4, 2023, [ANI7](#), (award)**



Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunrisers Rotary Club invited Boy Scout Troop 170 to join them for their annual July 4<sup>th</sup> flag-raising event on Hammond Square.



**Hucknall and Linby Rotary Club (England), September 28, 2023, [Yahoo News](#), (award)**



Hucknall and Linby Rotary Club members visited the Ashfield Scout Weekend campers and made a donation to support the weekend's activities.

**Key Biscayne Rotary Club (FL), August 24, 2023, [Islander News](#), (award)**



Key Biscayne Rotary Club worked the Cub Scouts Pack 149 recruitment pool party and set up a table with engaging and educational activities for children.



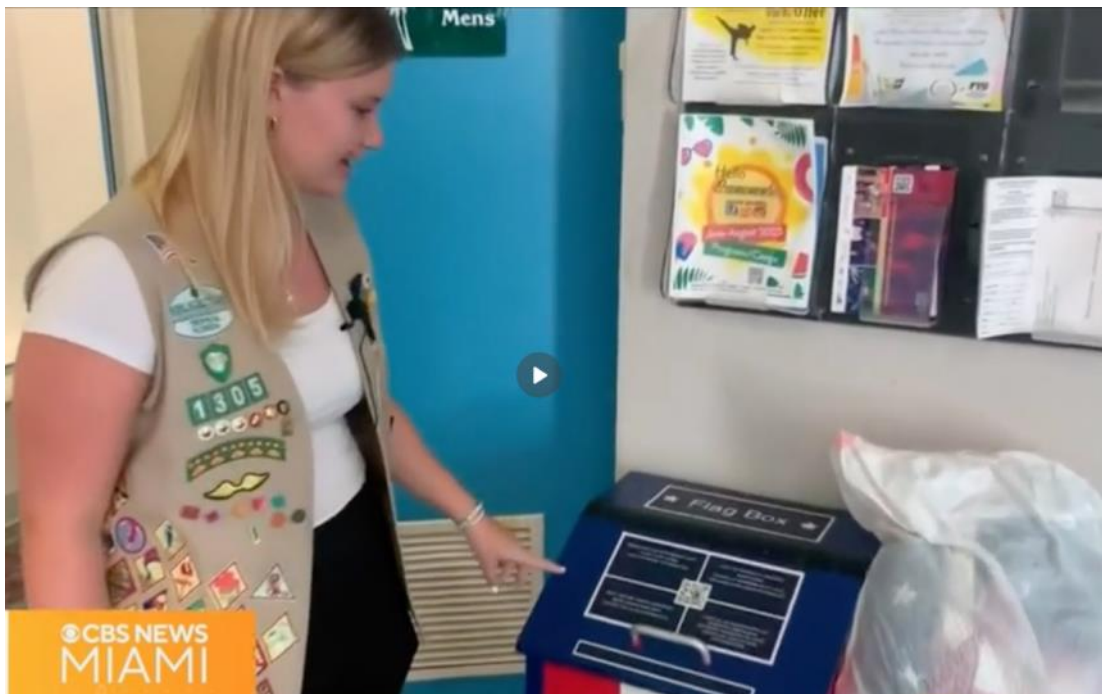


**Mankato Rotary Club (MN), September 2, 2023, [Yahoo News](#), (award)**



Mankato Rotary Club joined with the Boy Scouts to provide a Summer STEM Camp at Jack McGowan's Farm for students going into first through fifth grade.

**Miami Shores Rotary Club (FL), July 13, 2023, [CBS 4 News Miami](#), (award)**



Miami Shores Rotary Club helped 18-year-old Girl Scout Amalie Ise to create her flag-retirement program agreed to keep the program going when Ise heads off to college



**Moss Point Rotary Club (MS), September 4, 2023, [WLOX](#), (award)**



Moss Point Rotary Club received help from Troop 211 and Troop 229 Boy Scouts in their efforts to rejuvenate the vegetation at Sawmill Landing Park by removing invasive plants

**New Bern Rotary Club (NC), September 17, 2023, [New Bern Live](#), (award)**



New Bern Rotary Club provided Scout George Casciello \$3,000 toward his Eagle Scout Project in the Pembroke community, the building of the basketball court.



New Bremen/New Knoxville Club (OH), August 19, 2023, [Wapakoneta Daily News](#), [\(award\)](#)



New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club invited Senior Girl Scout, Emma Henley of Wapakoneta to speak about her Gold Award Project to purchase of a DARE vehicle for the Sheriff's Office.

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Newberry Rotary Club (SC), September 10, 2023, [The Newberry Observer](#), [\(award\)](#)



Newberry Rotary Club is no exception, as it actively supports initiatives such as Boy Scout Troop 1, Student of the Month, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and various community projects.



**Simi Sunrise Rotary Club (CA), July 1, 2023, [Simi Valley Acorn](#), (award)**



Simi Sunrise Rotary Club awarded a total of \$13,000 to 13 local charities including Boy Scout Troop 662 Simi Valley and Ventura Crew 9622.

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**Washburn Rotary Club (ME), August 25, 2023, [The County](#), (award)**



Washburn Rotary Club's community festival in the Veterans Memorial Park that was started by 3 Eagle Scouts. This year an Eagle project installed 5 flag poles for the 5 military branches.



**Wellington Rotary Club (FL), September 8, 2023, [Town-Crier](#), (award)**



Pack 125, chartered by the Wellington Rotary Club, provides Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Executive Director Lynelle Chauncey Zelnar with the many donated items collected by the pack.

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**Winter Garden Rotary Club (FL), July 5, 2023, [Orange Observer](#), (award)**



Winter Garden Rotary Club invited Boy Scout Raj Sambandamk of Troop 148 to describe his Eagle Scout project to create a space for memory care residents to spend quiet time in nature.



**IFSR YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS IN FOURTH QUARTER OF 2023**

**Bainbridge Rotary Club (GA), [December 2, 2023, Post-Searchlight, \(award\)](#)**



Bainbridge Rotary Club invited Margueritte Jackson, leader of the girl's Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack, and assistant leader of the Boy's Scout Troop to give an update on the units.

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**Berkeley Heights Rotary Club (NJ), [November 2, 2023, Patch, \(award\)](#)**



Berkeley Heights Rotary Club's Light Up the Heights Luminary Project raises money for Boy Scout Troops 68 & 368, Girl Scouts 55, and other charities by selling luminary kits.



**Calverley Rotary Club (England), [October 16, 2023, West Leeds Dispatch, \(award\)](#)**



Calverley Rotary Club was joined by local scout groups, Brownies, Boys' Brigade and Girls Association to fill boxes for unfortunate children, adults, and babies in other countries.

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**Corning Rotary Club (CA), [November 10, 2023, Daily News, \(award\)](#)**



Corning Rotary Club charts Corning Scout Troop 5 which honored Bryson Meridith, Alexander Houston and Liam Houston for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.



**Cowdenbeath Rotary Club (Scotland), [October 3, 2023, Central Fife Times, \(award\)](#)**



Cowdenbeath Rotary Club invited Matthew Thomson, one of three young people sponsored by the club to attend the RYLA camp at Nethy Bridge to tell the club who RYLA made a difference in his life.

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**Dolphin Pattaya International Rotary E-Club (Thailand), [November 14, 2023, Pattaya Mail, \(award\)](#)**



Dolphin Pattaya International Rotary E-Club raised over 32,000 Bhat to provide Scout uniforms and musical instruments to underprivileged students in Sattahip.





**Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary Club (NJ), [December 13, 2023, TapInto Fair Lawn/Glen Rock, \(award\)](#)**



Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary Club congratulated Scouts Aram Bohajian and Jacob Olshefski of Boy Scout Troop 53 on earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

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**Hicksville- Jericho Rotary Club (NY), [December 14, 2023, Bethpage Newsgram, \(award\)](#)**



Hicksville- Jericho Rotary Club annual tree lighting ceremony featured a flag ceremony performed by the Cub Scouts of Pack 381 and caroling led by the Girl Scouts of the Hicksville Service Unit.



**Hillsborough Rotary Club (NJ), [December 3, 2023, TapInto](#), (award)**



Hillsborough Rotary Club's Operation Shoebox had over 150 from Hillsborough Service Unit 72 and Somerset Scouts Troop 185 pack boxes for US troops deployed overseas..

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**Long Bennington Rotary Club (England), [October 20, 2023, LincsOnline](#), (award)**



Long Bennington Rotary Club distributed funds raised at their Party In The Park to Long Bennington and Foston Girl Guide Association, the Foston Scout Group and other charities.



**Milano Castello Rotary Club (Italy), [October 3, 2023, Milano Today](#), (award)**



Milano Castello Rotary Club was joined with volunteers of the Agesci Boy Scouts and Rotaract Milano Castello, for the "Cleaning day" weekend in a public housing community.

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**Moraga Rotary Club (CA), [November 8, 2023, Lamorinda Weekly](#), (award)**



Moraga Rotary Club's Interact Club president Nia Ho chose to work with a Rotary Club in India for her Eagle Scout Project to make educational videos for schools for disadvantaged children in India.



**Ridgefield Rotary Club (CT), [November 21, 2023, Hamlet Hub, \(award\)](#)**



Ridgefield Rotary Club contributed to Caden Fincham’s Eagle Scout project to erect a Memorial to Veterans of Modern Wars, attractive granite monument, in front of the police station.

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**White Bear Lake Rotary Club (MN), [November 29, 2003, Press Pubs, \(award\)](#)**



White Bear Lake Rotary Club invited Scout Troop 494’s Senior Patrol Leader J. T. Baltzer to report on the Troop at a recent Rotary Meeting. The Rotary Club gave the Troop a donation .



## WELCOME BOB SOMMERFELD, OUR NEW DISTRICT 5500 REPRESENTATIVE

**Editor's Note:** Here is the great note Bob sent us wanting to join our leadership ranks: "I just heard back from our Council Chairman who brought up my role as the District 5500 liaison to scouting at last night's Key 3 meeting. They approve and support this completely. I am asking our Club President to endorse a notice in the District's weekly e-newsletter "Engage" about this and my availability to attend the club meetings in District 5500 (52 clubs) to discuss IFSR and scouting in the district". We welcome more of you who also want to join us to share with other clubs all that IFSR is doing.

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## The ROTARY CLUB OF MADISON COUNTY AIDED THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL



The Rotary Club of Madison County aided the Northeast Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America at Camp Rainey Mountain in Clayton Georgia overhaul their Rifle Range to be handicap accessible for the disabled scouts that use that facility for gun safety instruction. Summer Camp is held there annually, and 4500 to 6000 scouts attend that camp annually during the summer. A 16 ft handicap ramp #901 with a 4X30 ft landing and a 4X90 ft handicap ramp landing was constructed for range and target access. Scout volunteers that helped with the demolition of the old range access and construction of the new range access over a 3-week period and completed on April 19, 2023, under the direction of Rotarian Ed Brown were Dr. Jim Sweeney, Retired Ranger Doug Hooks, Mike Hulsey, Ranger Alex Foster, Michael Hyde and Patrick McNair. Presenting the IFSR Award on August 4, 2023 to the Rotary Club of Madison County President Andrew McCannon (center) is Past District 6910 Governor Bruce Azevedo (left), and Vice President of Properties Northeast Georgia Council BSA and Life Member of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians Ed Brown (right), all are members of the Rotary Club of Madison County



## RI CONVENTION SINGAPORE



The IFSR (International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians) booth at the RI (Rotary International) Convention in Singapore will enable Rotarians to explore the unique opportunities for collaboration and engagement between Rotary and Scouting. The booth provides a platform to learn about and join the shared initiatives, projects, and impact that combining the strengths of both organizations can have on local and global communities. It's a chance to foster connections, exchange ideas, and discover how the intersection of Rotary and Scouting values can create meaningful change.

TO REGISTER; CLICK on: <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>

IFSR WILL HAVE A BOOTH/STAND AT RI SINGAPORE. We always welcome IFSR members to work the booth /stand whenever can. Request widest dissemination. Send comments to [ifsr@scoutingrotarians.org](mailto:ifsr@scoutingrotarians.org) Thank you for your support.

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