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The Silver Buffalo Award is the BSA's highest recognition for adult volunteers, presented annually to those who give noteworthy national-level service to youth. The award was first presented in 1926; it comes with a red-and-white Silver Buffalo Award medal and a square knot for wear on the uniform. It has been bestowed to the founders of Scouting, professional athletes, business leaders, presidents, musicians and astronauts. In almost 100 years fewer than 800 men and women have been so recognized.

**Brian Thiessen, Alamo, Calif., NESA Distinguished Eagle**

### Scout, attorney

With over 60 years devoted to Scouting, Thiessen was not content just to volunteer locally and nationally, but also served as a Scoutmaster at the World Scout Jamboree in Australia, led Scouts to inter-American camporees and Jamborees in Guatemala and Brazil, and took Scouts to an international encampment in Siberia. Nationally, he has served on national BSA committees and led Scouts on two Philmont treks, to Florida Sea Base, and to Maine's Matagamon. Thiessen has also staffed several National Jamborees and World Scout Jamborees.

As past president of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, he has participated in Rotary conferences in the Americas, Asia, Eurasia and Europe, showing Rotarians how they can connect with their local Scouting organizations to better serve their communities. A Second Century Society member, Thiessen is most proud of having received the God and Country Award as an adult. He has been recognized as an Order of the Arrow Distinguished Scoutmaster and a Distinguished Eagle Scout and has received the Silver Beaver, Scouter's Key and Cliff Dochterman awards. He is also a Baden-Powell Fellow and member of the European Scout Foundation, Olave Baden-Powell Society, Africa Scout Foundation and Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Foundation.

He served with the Strategic Air Command in the U.S. Air Force. He has also been named Citizen of the Year twice in his community. An attorney in private practice, Thiessen is the past president of the Contra Costa County Bar Association, was named alumnus of the year in 2000 by the University of California Hastings



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**Editor’s Note:** Many incredible people have been a part of the success that is IFSR, now for almost 30 years, but Brian Thiessen has been a major part of that success for most of that time, and stands out even in this illustrious group. The summary of his massive contributions above, as amazing as they are, cannot express how those contributions feel to each of us who have had the pleasure of working with and knowing this man. All of us at IFSR salute this incredible human being and thank God that he has been in our lives.

## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT PDG MARK KRIEBEL



I hope that all of you reading this are still managing to attend your Rotary meetings, either online or in person, as we all find new ways to conduct our lives in this era of Covid 19. Both Rotary and Scouting have had to re-invent the way we conduct our programs, as both organizations recognize the need for our services has increased as have the challenges of retaining and growing our membership and fund raising.

The IFSR relies on membership dues to continue to carry out our mission of supporting and strengthening both Scouting and Rotary, and new members typically join us after visiting with us at the Rotary International Convention, one of the many Rotary Zone Institutes, or Scouting events worldwide. These in-person events stopped a few months ago, and none of us know when they will resume: The Boy Scouts of America’s National Jamboree for 2021 has already been postponed! Given that difficult reality, I’d like to challenge you to invite one of your fellow Rotarians who love Scouting to join our fellowship. If we all can do that, we’ll have a record year, even without our in-person recruitment. It’s simple to join the IFSR



online ([www.scoutingrotarians.org](http://www.scoutingrotarians.org)) or by using the member application attached to this newsletter. THANK YOU in advance for helping us in this membership recruitment challenge, and I will personally award the top 5 new member sponsors with a special memento!

As you know, the Hawaii Rotary Convention was canceled, but the virtual Rotary Convention was a success, including the virtual House of Friendship. The IFSR “booth” was one of the most popular and well done, thanks to Steve Henning, our webmaster and general IT guru. Steve has also redesigned our landing page at our IFSR website ([www.scoutingrotarians.org](http://www.scoutingrotarians.org)), so I’d like to thank Steve for his great work on behalf of the IFSR. Finally, let me thank all of you for helping both your Rotary Clubs and Scout Units thrive and grow during these uncertain times. Your individual efforts make a difference!

Stay safe,

Mark

## SCOUTINGROTARIANS.ORG HAS A NEW LOOK

The new IFSR website, [ScoutingRotarians.org](http://ScoutingRotarians.org) is compatible with most mobile devices. It was tested extensively on the smallest iPhone and also on computers with large monitors. The navigation bar at the top stays fixed so you can always jump to another page or go to the website directory. The upside down ‘V’ in the menu bar at the top-left takes you to the top of the current page from anywhere on the page. The ‘3-bar’ symbol in the menu bar at top-right takes you to the drop-down menu of pages where you can jump to the page of your choice.

The first page is the Welcome page and, in brief, has the latest and most basic information for newcomers. The Home Page is similar to the Welcome page, but has much more detail.

The last entry on the drop-down menu is the Website Directory which looks like:

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## YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS 2ND QUARTER 2020

### Chesterland Rotary (OH); April 27, 2020, [Geauga Maple Leaf](#) (award)

Chesterland Rotary Club provided 40 sheet pizzas and the local Girl Scout parents purchased unsold Girl Scout Cookies and donated them to feed the entire hospital staff at Geauga Medical Center in recognition of their service.



### Chilliwack After Hours Rotary (BC, Canada); April 16, 2020, [The Chilliwack Progress](#) (award)

Chilliwack After Hours Rotary delivered Girl Guide cookies to the Crystal Ridge Manor Retirement Home as part of the club's random acts of kindness. The cookies were donated by the Aldergrove Credit Union.



### Cincinnati Rotary (OH); April 23, 2020, [Fox 19 Now](#) (award)

Cincinnati Rotary Club offered to match donations to the Girl Scouts for Girl Scout cookies through the end of April and donate the 10,000 boxes of cookies to families in need.

**Dryden Rotary (ON, Canada); May 19, 2020, [CKDR Dryden](#) (award)**

As part of Dryden Rotary Club's 'Colour With Kindness' campaign, the 3rd Dryden Girl Guides and Pathfinders decorated the Princess Court and Patricia Gardens residential care facilities.

**Fingal Rotary (Ireland); May 9, 2020, [Fingal Independent](#) (award)**

Fingal Rotary Club and Rush Scout Group, along with others, organized a trolley drop of healthcare and hygiene products for vulnerable families around the Fingal area.

**Great River Rotary (MN); May 29, 2020, [The News Leaders](#) (award)**

Great River Rotary of Sauk Rapids donated to Sartell Boy Scout Lucas Hintgen's Eagle Project to install a new storage shed at the Sartell Community Garden.

**Ilfracombe Rotary (UK); May 13, 2020, [Devon Live](#) (award)**

Ilfracombe Rotary Club meeting using Zoom agreed to donate to various groups including Combe Martin Girl Guides.

**Jacksonville-Oceanside Rotary (FL); May 8, 2020, [The Florida Times-Union](#) (award)**

Working with the Jacksonville-Oceanside Rotary Club, Emma Hamilton, in pursuit of the Girl Scout Gold Award, helped secure a historical marker commemorating the Beaches Little House, a Girl Scout activity center built in 1952 at Jarboe Park, Neptune Beach.

**Kapa'a Rotary (HI); June 17, 2020, [The Garden Island](#) (award)**

Kapa'a Rotary Club purchased 67 pounds of Girl Scout Cookies to donate to the Kaua'i Independent Food Bank. These cookies were unsold cookies due to the pandemic.

**Lewisville Morning Rotary (TX); May 7, 2020, [The Cross Timbers Gazette](#) (award)**

The Lewisville Area Flag Program is the Lewisville Morning Rotary Club's primary fundraiser in support of local Boy Scout troops and local community projects.



**Lochaber Rotary (Scotland); May 12, 2020, [The Oban Times](#) (award)**

Lochaber Rotary gave the newly established Acharacle Brownies funding for new equipment that will be used for years to come.

**Los Alamos Rotary (NM); [May 20](#) and [May 23](#), 2020, [Los Alamos Reporter](#) (award)**

Los Alamos Rotary Club picked Girl Scout Natalie Aulwes and Boy Scout Miguel Chacon for the 2020, Community Service Award. Natalie created an all-girls engineering. Miguel created an outdoor classroom and garden at Mountain Elementary School.



**Manhattan Beach Rotary (CA); May 28, 2020, [Easy Reader News](#) (award)**

Pack 275 Cub Scout observed the Scout National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day. Pack 275 is chartered to the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club.





**North Hunterdon Rotary (NJ); June 5, 2020, [Hunterdon County Democrat](#) (award)**

North Hunterdon Rotary presented a scholarship to Eagle Scout Edison Arabia-Meyer of Bethlehem Twp. whose Eagle Project was to build shelving and refurbish the back patio of the North Hunterdon Community Food Bank.

**Oak Ridge Rotary Clubs (TN); April 25, 2020, [Oakridge Today](#) (award)**

The three Rotary Clubs in Oak Ridge provided funding for the purchase of supplies for the Sew Good Mask Project and volunteers including local Girl Scouts make face masks which are donated to health care workers.



**Patterson Rotary (CA); May 27, 2020, [Carmel's Hamlet Hub](#) (award)**

Patterson Rotary Club presented a Community Service Award and scholarship to Noah Wahl whose Eagle Scout project was to build a 14-foot gazebo for his church.

**Polistena Rotary (Italy); April 16, 2020, [Strill.It](#) (award)**

Polistena Rotary Club joined the Scout group of Polistena 1 to collect PCs, tablets and mobile hotspots and distribute them to children and teenagers who do not have them and need them to follow distance learning.



**Rappahannock–Fredericksburg Rotary (VA); May 16, 2020, [Fredericksburg.Com](https://www.fredericksburg.com) (award)**

Rappahannock–Fredericksburg Rotary Club recently delivered 545 cases of Girl Scout cookies, which totals 6,570 boxes of the treats, to local hospitals, nursing homes, first responders, nonprofits, food banks and other organizations.

**Springfield Rotary (VA); June 20, 2020, [IFSR Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IFSR) (award)**

Springfield Rotary Club supplied funds and manpower to support Boy Scout Mathew Norsky’s food drive for the Fairfax County food bank. Mathew is in Troop 1131B.

**St. Marys Rotary (PA); May 28, 2020, [The Courier Express](https://www.courierpress.com) (award)**

St. Marys Rotary Club assisted Jacob Carnovale with his Eagle Scout Project to *display* the flags of all 50 states in St. Marys downtown park and then give them to the City for safe keeping.







Tres Arroyos Libertad & Tres Arroyos Rotary Clubs (Argentina); April 8, 2020, [La Voz Del Pueblo](#) (award); (award)

Tres Arroyos Libertad & Tres Arroyos Rotary Clubs, Scout Group Young Spirit, and other organizations will collect and distribute food and cleaning supplies to families in need.



Walla Walla Noon Rotary (WA); April 12, 2020, [Union-Bulletin.com](#) (award)

Walla Walla Noon Rotary Youth Services Committee chairman Bill Erickson presented a check to Cub Scout Pack 306, accepted by Scout leader and Rotarian Peter Early and his sons.

## IFSR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS FOR YOUR CLUBS TO PRESENT

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](mailto: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.



## EXTRAORDINARY ROTARIAN/SCOUTER CLARENCE MURPHY STROUDSBURGS ROTARY / DISTRICT 7410

(Editor's Note: Clarence sent in his annual membership renewal with a small note penciled at the bottom. I quote, "I have been a Rotarian for 48 years and in Scouts 75 years, am an Eagle Scout, and have represented [Stroudsburgs Rotary / District 7410](#) at over 400 Eagle court of honors." What a powerful legacy Clarence has left from this decades of work! As I said earlier being involved in Scouting activities like Eagle projects and Eagle courts of honor are a terrific way for our Rotary clubs to support Scouting and to bring awareness of all things Rotary to the Scouting families involved. WAY TO GO CLARENCE!)

## EAGLE PROJECT SPONSORED BY ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA MATTHEW NORSKY BSA TROOP 1131B

(Editor's Note: All, these Eagle projects are terrific ways for Rotary Clubs to get involved with scouting. Let your local troops know that you want to help support the extraordinary efforts made to do these projects.)

On Saturday, June 20, 2020, ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others), a non-profit agency helping the needy in Fairfax County, Virginia, received two tons of donated food as part of a food drive conducted by Life Scout, Mathew Norsky, a youth leader in BSA Troop 1131B. Mathew organized this Eagle Project and he recruited twenty-two scouts from Troop 1131, members of the Patriot Chapter in the Order of the Arrow, and members of other troops in the Patriot District of the National Capital Area Council, BSA. Mathew organized his volunteers into three teams dispatched to two collection points, churches in the area, and to ECHO's warehouse/headquarters. Personally leading the operation, Mathew went to each location to coordinate activities, insure health and safety compliance due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Mathew obtained support from seven units in the Patriot District: Pack 873, Pack 1344, Troop 50, Troop 1131, Troop 1344, Troop 1345G, and Troop 1347. The food drive was a great success and took place on a day when the weather included both rain and sunshine. "Together, we made it happen. We did our "Good Turn" that day."

The Rotary Club of Springfield, Virginia, participated in Matthew's Eagle Project and provided direct monetary support to ECHO.



Three of the adult volunteers at the food drive were both Scout Leaders and Rotarians: Mr. Gary Black, Mr. Mark Blanchard, and Mr. Philip Sternberg. Other Rotarians from the Springfield Rotary Club who provided additional support to ECHO's overall activities include Mr. Wayne Chiles and Mrs. Joan Ledebur.



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### 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 [ifsr@scoutingrotarians.org](mailto:ifsr@scoutingrotarians.org)**

### MEETING SCHEDULES FOR BALANCE OF 2020 UNCERTAIN

**Editor’s Note: Your editor has not heard of any meetings to be held for the balance of 2020. Keep the lines of communication open, and pray this pandemic ends. We are sharing a small bit of information about the Rotary International Convention in Taiwan 2021.**

Rotary International Convention June 12-16, 2021 To register please visit [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org). Toby Suzuki is our IFSR Asia Pacific Region Chair. His email is [tobysuzuki@gmail.com](mailto:tobysuzuki@gmail.com)

The goal of the conference is to bring together members of the Rotary International family from around the world and give them a platform to exchange ideas and come together in friendship. The conference takes place in a different country every year. In 2021, 12 districts in Taiwan have the unique opportunity to host the Convention in Taipei!





## PAST INTERNATIONAL ROTARY PRESIDENT AND SCOUT ICON CLIFF DOCHTERMAN



On July 8, our Zones 30 and 31 had set up a zoom meeting with Past Rotary International President and Scout Icon Cliff Dochterman from his retirement home in Moraga, California. His presentation was about his experiences as a Rotarian and Past Rotary International President in 1992-93. After the meeting, Cliff and I talked further about some of his experiences, -- he had lived in Ohio for several years. Marsha and I have known for a number of years and he is one of the finest and down to earth persons that I have known.

Since he had lived in the Buckeye State for several years, it was great to go over some of the memories. Cliff later became a club member of the RC of Berkley, California and it so happened that I lived in Barstow, California for several years when I was in the Air Force.

Cliff at the age of 94, shared several additional comments about his time in Rotary and serving the world. AS everyone knows, he was not only a Rotarian but a youth and adult leader in Scouting, receiving a number of honors and awards. Just listening to his sharing stories is an honor and time that I will always remember. When I do a new installation of Rotary Club Officers, I use several of Cliff's comments share with the club regarding his devotion to Rotary and Scouting.



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If you have anyone in your Rotary Club who has gone above and beyond in serving both Rotary and Scouting, may I suggest you consider nominating that person to receive the special Cliff Dochterman International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian award. If selected that person will always have a cherished piece of history and it will be a special part of your life.

There is no question that everyone in the IFSR loves and admires Cliff and is grateful for the selfless example Cliff sets for "Service Above Self" He continues to live his RIP theme – "Real Happiness is Helping Others". From the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians from all over the world, we wish Cliff all of the best and thank him for his service to Rotary and our youth.

**Jack**

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### SCOUTING AROUND THE WORLD

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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: November 15, 2018

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#### B-P Bits:



"I expect that every Scout has heard of Dan Beard, one of the Chiefs of the BSA. He is a real backwoodsman, and though getting on in years is a real boy at heart. He writes ripping books of Campcraft, woodcraft, and pioneering. And this is what he wrote to me on my last birthday: 'Tell the English Boy Scouts that the National Commissioner of the BSA fully realizes the debt he owes to old England, for the splendid sportsman spirit which they have inherited from her, which in itself is the soul of Scouting. Our American pioneers would never have been the wonderful men they were but for the inheritance from their Mother country. Because the Boy Scouts of England live up to the best traditions of their native land, they can count on the love, friendship, and esteem of the Boy Scouts of America. Very Cordially your friend and brother Scout, Dan Beard.'"

#### Collectors' Corner: 2019 WJ UK Contingents



#### WATERBORNE ILLNESSES DROP IN FIVE SOUTH SUDAN SCHOOLS THANKS TO SCOUT INITIATIVE



Only about half the population of South Sudan's capital has access to safe, clean water leaving thousands of people vulnerable to outbreaks of dangerous waterborne diseases like diarrhea and cholera. After visiting a primary school in Juba and seeing first-hand the filthy water that children were drinking, Patrick Kilo Evans, 22, decided to do something about it. Funded by the Messengers of Peace Support Fund, Evans' Water for Child project makes sure schools have clean water tanks, and that children and teachers understand the importance of hygiene. It now operates in five schools in Juba and has trained scores of Scouts to educate people about clean water. As a result, Evans says incidences of waterborne illness have dropped sharply. Evans, who started in Scouting in 2002 before South Sudan got its independence, has just been named one of 12 Messengers of Peace Heroes for 2018.





### Scouting in Hungary



Magyar Cserkészszövetség the primary national Scouting organization of Hungary, was founded in 1912, and became a member of the WOSM in 1922 and again after the rebirth of Scouting in the country in 1990. In 1909 Hungarian newspapers reported about Scouting in England, and some chapters of *Scouting for Boys* were published as well. István Kanitz bought Baden-Powell's book *Scouting for Boys* and started the first unofficial Scout troop with friends. The first official troops were founded in 1910 in schools and Christian youth associations. During World War I Hungarian Scouts cared for the wounded.<sup>[7]21</sup> After World War I Scout groups were founded in many schools and the first student Scouting groups appeared. Troops were also founded in factories. In 1922 Teleki Pál, a prime minister, was elected as Chief Scout. Air Scouts were introduced in Hungary and a National Scout Brass Band was founded. Before the end of World War II, the national Hungarian Scouts were ordered to merge with the extremist right-leaning youth organization *Hungarista Őrszem*, but it was never really executed. In 1948, Scouting was officially abolished in Hungary by the Communist regime but it remained nascent underground. In 1989, Scouting was again legalized, and during that year Scouting groups appeared as though spontaneously, surprising many by how quickly it returned. In 1994, after democracy and Scouting was reestablished in Hungary, the community around Gödöllő moved to locate and re-erect a statue commemorating the 1933 World Jamboree held there. With the growth of Scouting in Hungary, changes to the organization include girl membership, who have their own patrols, and the expansion from towns into villages, allowing otherwise isolated children to participate.

### AFRICA SCOUT FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE ON AFRICA YOUTH DAY



**Nairobi – Kenya:** For the first time in 23 years the Africa Scout Foundation has launched its own website. Previously hosted on the [scout.org/africascoutfoundation](http://scout.org/africascoutfoundation), news, stories, projects and other information about the foundation will from 1st November 2018 will be accessible at [africascoutfoundation.org](http://africascoutfoundation.org). General correspondences with foundation will henceforth be managed through [info@africascoutfoundation.org](mailto:info@africascoutfoundation.org). Other general enquiries about Scouting in Africa will continue to be addressed to [africa@scout.org](mailto:africa@scout.org). This is part of the efforts to enhance visibility and promotion of the Foundation to drive growth of its financial base. Through it, we hope that many more people will be able to better understand the role of the foundation and support its cause of ensuring a future for Scouting in Africa. We invite you to visit the website and learn more about how you can support the development of young people in Africa, through Scouting.

### SPANISH SCOUTS LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AGAINST PET ABANDONMENT



Scouts de España and Royal Canin have cooperated to raise awareness about pet abandonment. About 500 food rations have been donated to Arca Sevilla, an animal shelter. This is the third time that *Scouts de España* promote the campaign #Scoutsnoabandonan (Scouts don't leave them behind) that aims to raise awareness about a huge problem in Spain: pet abandonment especially during summer time. Royal Canin and Scouts de España have worked together to promote the campaign through encouraging people to post pictures with their pets on social media.

