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Rotary founder Paul Harris was himself a recipient of Scouting's prestigious Silver Buffalo award in 1934.

The **International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR)** is one of more than 50 Rotary Fellowship Groups established to bring together Rotarians with similar interests from around the world. It is made up of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, Interact and Rotaract members who are or were, also, members and/or supporters of the Scout and/or Girl Guide movements. For more information about this fellowship, view the **IFSR** website and become a member.

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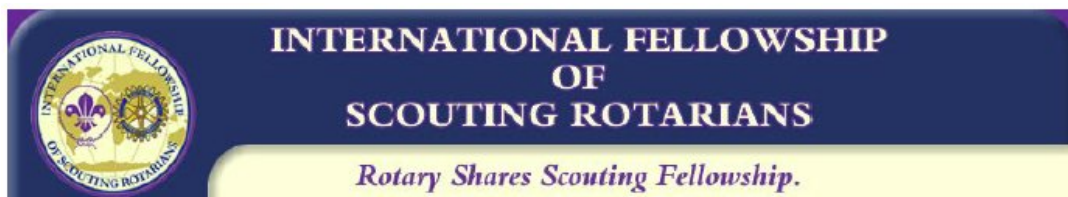
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(From left) David Cook, Jim Graves, Bobby Madison, Jerry Wall, Reginald Abrams, Merritt Chastain, Ray Owens and Vance Bailes. Not shown, many other club members who are Scout leaders or have Scout connections.



(From left) President Larry Evensky, Judy Madison, Bobby Madison and Jerry Wall, Rotarian representative from International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.



Editor's Corner—A Brief History of the IFSR

At the Rotary International Convention held in Mexico City in 1991, several Rotarians who were also Scouters met and discussed how to provide an outlet for both interests through a fellowship group within Rotary International. It was felt that because of these dual interests and involvement, there should be many opportunities for past and present Scouters to further the Scouting/Rotary ideals and relationships at local, regional, national, and international levels.

Thus was born the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR). Numbering over 1,000 members worldwide at the present time, IFSR promotes the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self". After approval from Rotary International, IFSR joined the over 90 different Fellowships and Action Groups sanctioned by Rotary International in which active Rotarians may share their interests and hobbies.

Like original Scouting, the first such group was located in the British Isles (RIBI) and is now throughout the Rotary and Scouting worlds. Canada, Eastern Russia, United States, Mexico and the Caribbean were formed into the Interamerican Region. The IFSR is structured along the lines of the World Organization of Scout Movement, which has six distinct regions of areas for administrative purposes – Africa, AsiaPacific, Arabian, European, Urasian, and Interamerican.

The IFSSR is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promote the Scouting Movement internationally. This Fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.



Keith Blackey – Afghan Scouting Campaign

Editor's note: I decided to run this exchange for several reasons. First because I think this effort bringing Scouting to Afghanistan is exactly what the world needs more of, and second, because I think some of you out there may want to see how these projects actually get started. Brian's comments should be studied. Like Scouter Keith Blackey says "bringing Scouting to the youth of countries like Afghanistan is better than bombing them!"

I am a member of the Marysville (WA) breakfast club. A BSA scouter friend of mine (we have known each other for several years in Bay Area Scouting – he served on my Sea Badge staff in 2005), Keith Blackey, is working with Afghan Scouting to start back up Scouting in that country. He is in Kabul working with orphanages. Recently NBC ran a news report on his efforts. <http://nbcnews.to/XrFOXf.US> He is in the Kabul Rotary club.

He says he's getting too much credit in the report .He is rather a humble Scouter. He told me a couple of weeks ago that they may need to furlough 3 of 5 employees without any further funds. I think this may be a good program for us to adopt with the Fellowship.

I asked what he needed...his response...if Rotary (maybe an individual club) would allow them to use their 501c3 as a conduit for donations. Though he would love any donations we could give...what he really needs is a non-profit avenue to solicit and accept donations. Is there a way we can help?

Brian Theisen answers: Would be interested in seeing it and learning the nature and extent of pass through funding Keith Blackey is seeking to raise ... for a month, a year, or 5 or more years?

As an aside, I have wanted for some time to go to Afghanistan to help with polio immunizations [have been to Nigeria and twice to India to do that] and wonder if he has any participation in that since he is in Kabul Rotary? Would love to try to pull together a handful of fearless Rotarians from my District to go and assist!

IFSR is not a 501(c) (3) entity so folks would have to donate through either a Rotary Club's own Foundation or through a Rotary District's Foundation if your District has a Foundation and a sympathetic Scouter Chair it might be possible.

As you may recall, I am not a tax attorney and would want to run this by one but my belief is that if a Club's Foundation included in its mission the desire to assist developing Scouting in a particular area it could receive those donations and handle transfer of the monies for Afghan Scouting (so long as the use of the funds was monitored appropriately to make sure the funds were being used as planned). I am assuming the Scouting Afghan he is assisting is part of (or being developed in some coordination with) WOSM's Arab Region .. headquarters is in Cairo, Egypt. And am also wondering if he has investigated the Messengers of Peace program through the World Scout Foundation/Baden Powell Fellowship – that organization (co-sponsored by Saudi Arabia and Sweden) seeks to expand direct support to Scouting growth.. .. I know they are open to development of Scouting organizations – they are currently helping regenerate Scouting in Nicaragua.

Monies could be funneled to BSA's US Foundation for International Scouting (USFIS) through BSA headquarters in Irving, Texas - but they will not accept targeted funds to a specific country .. though they try to funnel as much as possible of such funds to that country if appropriate applications have been received from that country for such funds. Much like one cannot give money to a specific college with direction that the monies be used to provide a scholarship to a particular student.

Let me try to look into that a bit more but I would think (off the top of my head, though I may be wrong) that if a RC had a focus on helping Scouting on either a global or country focused basis and if the recipient organization there can show the proper stewardship and use of the funds that the RC could use its 501 c 3 foundation to make this happen.



Help me understand the length of time he would like to have such a foundation use (if you know) and the magnitude of what he hopes to get in contributions (\$10, \$1000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$1,000,000 or ____).

A magnificent effort and hope I can see the video if you can get it

Once a channel is established, IFSR can certainly use its Scouting Rotarian newsletter and web site to trumpet the contribution opportunity.

Dan'l Adams answers back: Good morning all! Let's try this link for the NBC news report: <http://nbcnews.to/VXINtD>

Keith has committed himself to be there for about 2 years. I think he is getting close to his one year "anniversary". I think he would like the funding to continue through the time he is there...so another year, year and a ½. No set amount...but whatever is donated can help with expanding Scouting into other orphanages etc.

He is checking with his club about the Polio project. I think that may be a GREAT opportunity to go over and accomplish 2 projects at once representing Rotary AND Scouting!!!

Yours in Rotary, Scouting and Service—Dan 'L Adams

Cliff Dochterman Award / Bobby Madison

On Tuesday, **Bobby Madison** was surprised when he was presented with the Cliff Dochter-man Award. This is an honor available to recognize an individual Rotarian who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to his Scout Association. This award is named in honor of distinguished Rotarian, former RI President and dedicated Scouter Cliff Dochter-man of California.

President Larry learned of this award at a Rotary conference and set the wheels in motion to have Bobby recognized. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry Wall, Rotarian from the Monroe club who is area representative for the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians and Rotary District 6190's District Governor for 2015-2016.



Jerry Wall presents Cliff Dochterman Award to Bobby Madison.



Editors Note: The next three articles come from the January 2013 issue of the Global BSA Newsletter

JOIN THE BADEN-POWELL WORLD FELLOWSHIP BEFORE THE 2013 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

The Baden-Powell World Fellowship recognizes individuals for their contributions to the World Scout Foundation to help support Scouting. Membership is open to individual men and women throughout the world. Each member receives a special medallion, certificate, and lapel pin in recognition.

The BP Fellowship receptions are periodically held in different parts of the world to both inform members about Scouting and to welcome new members. There will be a reception at the BP Fellowship event to be held in conjunction with the 2013 National Scout Jamboree this July. There has not been a BP Fellowship event in the United States since 2009; this would be an excellent time to become a member and be recognized in West Virginia this summer!

You may join the Baden-Powell Fellowship with a payment of \$10,000 (or \$5,000 and balance payable over a period of up to three years), and people under 30 may join with a single payment of \$1,000 and decide at the age of 35 to continue their membership by pledging to pay the remaining \$9,000.

Contact us at international@scouting.org if you have any questions about the program

Messengers of Peace



The BSA's two millionth Eagle Scout, Anthony Thomas from Northern Star Council in Minneapolis, traveled to Saudi Arabia in September as a guest of King Abdullah. The king invited youth and leaders from Scout associations around the world to participate as Messengers of Peace. Anthony traveled with Rabbi Peter Hyman, the chairman of the BSA's Messengers of Peace program and John Geoghegan, director of the World Scout Foundation located in Geneva. As guests of the king, they joined 3,000 other Scouts in a celebration of that country's National Day on September 23.

The king of Saudi Arabia has been a major supporter of the World Scout Movement. Last year he initiated the Messengers of Peace program to encourage everyone worldwide to do service projects and to let others know what those projects are, so others might do the same. He made a significant financial contribution to encourage Scouts around the world to participate.

National Day in Saudi Arabia, similar to our Fourth of July, was the 82nd celebration of the unification of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Scouts gathered in Al Jouf province in northwestern Saudi Arabia, including representatives from the World Scout Bureau and from Scout associations in countries such as Haiti, Kuwait, Indonesia, France, Ireland and the Netherlands. The history of Al Jouf dates back more than 4,000 years and has almost all historical periods and human civilizations that have left their mark there.



The trip gave Anthony a unique and rare opportunity not only to witness a culture dramatically different from our own, but also to see Scouting from a different perspective. But what became very clear is that Scouts around the world are linked by a shared set of values that transcend culture and borders. Languages may differ and local customs may appear strange and unfamiliar but the Scout sign, the motto of “Be Prepared” and the desire to make the world a better more peaceful place connect Scouts across the globe. The Scouts they met were warm, gracious, enthusiastic, smart, interesting and engaging. Anthony was often approached by Scouts wanting to meet and have a picture taken with him.

SECOND INTERAMERICAN SCOUT MOOT TRAMANDAÍ, BRAZIL 2014

In less than two years, the Rovers of the Interamerican Region will meet in Brazil for the most important Rover event of the region: the Interamerican Scout Moot!

The Interamerican Scout Moot mirrors the Scout world. All the diversity and knowledge from different Scout cultures around the world is gathered in one place. The event is inspiring and contributes to the development of the Scouting movement.

Its main objective is to promote cultural, ecological, recreational, spiritual, touristic and, especially, community activities that aim to facilitate the exchange of experiences, integration, discussion, intellectual growth and development of young people, strengthening their participation in the communities where they live.

An enormous variety of stimulating and exciting activities are being designed for the participants of the Second Interamerican Scout Moot in Brazil.

This event will offer an excellent opportunity for all participants to enjoy themselves while having fun and learning more about Scouting in their groups, country and other countries throughout the world.

This is a great opportunity to show how Scouting can “make a difference” at local, national and world levels. It will be a great opportunity for all participants to change the world for the better— to be SCOUTS!

Four days in the Paths

The first four days of activities will be developed in the paths. On the first day, arriving in Porto Alegre, participants will be sent directly to different regions.

Two of these days will be devoted to community activities. At this time Rovers will have an important mission: to know, share and help realize the dreams of the local communities in which rovers will be inserted.

This will be accomplished with the participation of the people who live in communities that are served by the Moot, working together with them to promote a great action that generates a transformation in the lives of everyone. Path participants will also have the opportunity to live moments of leisure, relaxation and tourism.

Five days in the Base Camp

From the fourth day all participants will leave the paths and will meet at the base camp for a second round of the event, where they can exchange experiences with young people who were in their different paths.

During these five days we will have a large community action involving all the Rovers and aimed at generating positive actions with an immediate and substantial impact.

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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.



Walk For Peace

In the city of Santa Ana, El Salvador, the Catholic Diocese organized a walk for peace, whereby all city parishes, institutions and associations marched through the city, asking for peace for their country and their city; Together, they sang and danced and walked in prayer.



The crowd and the Scout Group San Jorge # 143 of the City of Santa Ana were invited to participate in the said walk and as Messengers of Peace they answered the call, carrying banners, and to make themselves more visible, they used white scarves, a symbol of their faith and petition for peace. Moreover, they wore bracelets, also symbolic of the Messengers of Peace. They walked together under one motto "We are Scouts, we are Messengers of Peace".

Coming Events

14th World Scout Moot

Date: Aug. 8-18, 2013

Country: Canada

Institute 21 A *(includes all of Mexico, most of Texas, goes all the way to Ecuador without Brazil and the countries south of Ecuador.*

Date: Oct 17-19, 2013

Country: Merida Yucatan

Interamerican Scout Moot

Date: Dec 27, 2013-Jan 4, 2014

Country: Brazil

See last page for more events



Editors Note: This article was submitted by Lloyd Navarro. We love hearing about our IFSR brothers who have done so much for Scouting, Rotary, and the World. Mr. Atherholt has also been awarded the Cliff Dochterman Award. Lloyd Navarro submitted this article. Thanks Lloyd.

Distinguished Citizen— 83 Yrs in Scouting— Oldest Living Scouting Rotarian?



George H. Atherholt

- 1936 Olympic Swimmer
- US Army 1942-1946 1st Sergeant
- Normandy Invasion
Battlefield commission to 2nd Lieutenant
- Korean War, 1950-1953, Captain, Artillery
- V.P. Edgecomb Steel
- Presbyterian Church Session
- President, Chamber of Commerce
- President, Salvation Army
- Rotary International Governor
- Mason and Shriner
- Three different hospital boards
Four local hospital committees

- **83 years of scouting to date:** Life Scout, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Sea Explorer Skipper, Troop 7 Advisor, Council Commissioner, Council President, Southern Region Executive Board, Area Five President, Occoneechee Executive Board, Order of the Arrow Arrowman, Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope, James E. West Society, Six National Jamboree Staffs, Korean World Jamboree Staff, Seven Family Members Eagle Scouts

The Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner is an excellent opportunity for you to invest directly in our 16,000 young people who participate in the Occoneechee Council and to honor Scouting.

The recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Citizen Award is George H. Atherholt. George was born in Ardmore, Pennsylvania and attended the University of Pittsburgh. His career was spent in the steel industry. Even in his 34th year of retirement, he remains very involved in our community.

George has 3 sons: Jeff, Pete and Tyson. He and his wife Sheila live in Southern Pines.



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In Fond Remembrance

**Norman H. Haines****December 02, 1939 - March 23, 2013**

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Norman Harold Haines, aged 73 years, beloved husband of 50 years to Linda Rae (nee Preston), father to Ruth Ann Minions (David), N. Robert Haines, and grandfather to Sarah, Patricia, and Christina Minions.

Norman was born in Fredericton, NB and spent his early years in Charlottetown, PE & Kitchener, ON. Once married and beginning a family, he spent time in Montreal, QC, Chatham, ON and then west to Calgary, AB in 1973.

Norman was larger than life, having many careers starting at the age of ten until his passing; retirement was not in his vocabulary. His many careers included newsman, broadcaster, sales director, management consultant and fundraising strategist.

In addition to his working life, Norman was a life-long member of the Scouting movement and dedicated volunteer with over 50 years of service, who led the team that put together the Canadian (1981) and the World (1983) Jamborees in Kananaskis Country for more than 16,000 youth from around the world. He was a board member and past president of Heritage Park, a long time Rotarian, and participated as an elder and choir member for many years at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Norman received many accolades and awards over the years but the ones he treasured most were the Silver Wolf from Scouts Canada, the Paul Harris Fellow and Cliff Dochterman awards from Rotary, and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

Norman valued his leisure time and nothing gave him more pleasure than to enjoy the company of his friends in the South Bank Short Line Model Railway Club every Monday night. He especially enjoyed weekends away in his motorhome with his wife, family, and friends.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Dr. Mark Grainger and Dr. George Barr, Calgary EMS and the attending staff at Rockyview & Foothills hospitals for the excellent care Norm received.

A Celebration of Norman's Life will be held on Saturday, April 6th at Heritage Park in Gasoline Alley, Calgary, AB at 7 pm.

Friends and family may wish to remember Norman with a donation to a charity of their choice.

Zones & Zones Institutes 2013-14

ZONE INSTITUTE DATES/LOCATIONS/OTHER EVENTS SECOND HALF 2012

IFSR Members are URGENTLY needed to staff Exhibits at each of these Zone Institutes - PLEASE contact IFSR President Fred Brenner (brenecol@zoominternet.net) or fjbrenner@gcc.edu or IFSR Past President/International Commissioner Brian D. Thiessen at BDTAlamo@Pacbell.net IF YOU CAN HELP AND VOLUNTEER to set up and organize staff of an IFSR booth at these Institutes.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Zone(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>RI Director</u>
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June			
23-26	ALL	RI Convention - Lisbon, Portugal	ALL

July

6-13 July *Norwegian International Jamboree Stravanger (need booth)*

***15-24 Jul 2013 BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE- SUMMIT SCOUT RESERVATION
And contact Ian Greig (ianscout@gmail.com) to help staff it

FOLLOWING ARE THE ONLY ZONE INSTITUTE DATES/LOCATIONS WE NOW HAVE; SEND US THE INFORMATION RE THE ZONE INSTITUTE FOR YOUR AREA OF THE WORLD!

August

25-28	4+5+6A	SAIL Aboard SUPER STAR VIRGO frm Singapore	P.T.Pabhakar
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September

5- 8	33+34	Boca Raton, FL + Boca Raton Resort	Anne Matthews
13-15	15+16	St Petersburg, Park Inn Pribaltiyskaya	Ann-Britt Asebol
16-22	24+32	Cherry Hill, NJ + Crowne Plaza	Bryn Styles
19-22	30+31	Lexington, Ky + Griffin Gate Marriott	K. Schuppert
27-29	25+26	Phoenix, AZ + Resort Squaw Creek	Steve Snyder

October

1- 5	28+29	Pittsburg, PA + DoubleTree by Hilton	Jack Best
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November

8-10	17/18a	Buckinghamshire, England Horwood House Hotel	A.Jagger
12-17	7B	Auckland, New Zealand	
19-24	8	Canberra, Australia + Rydges Lakeside	John Boag

December

6- 8	6B+7A+10B	Taipei, Taiwan + Taipei Grand Hotel	
10-15	21B+27	Bastrop, Texas - Lost Pines Hyatt	Andy Smallwood

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