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Boy Scouts Pitch-In with Local Rotary Club



Boy Scouts from Troop 1 in Mill Valley, California joined up with their Chartered Organization, the Mill Valley Rotary Club, to assist in their annual fund raising event. The Mill Valley Rotary Club sells ice cream and soft drinks to the guests enjoying a Mountain Play, performed in a nearly 100 year old amphitheater, located in Mt. Tamalpais State Park, in Marin County, CA.

Each year, the Rotary Club raises nearly \$10,000 to help with its various charity programs. This includes providing college scholarships to needy local high school graduates, funding a bus for the local retirement home, a solar oven for a hospital in Monrovia, Africa and countless other projects. With free ice cream and soda, it didn't take much for the Boy Scouts to help out.

Scouting in Los Angeles, California, USA

The Rotary Club of Los Angeles is seeking a Rotary Club in any country outside of the United States of America to share a project with. Specifically, they are looking for clubs working on Scouting projects. The club's support for their Scouting project could be as much as US\$5,000. Please contact Tim Gilmore TOGBulldog@aol.com for more information.



Scottish lawyer and Life Member of IFSR to lead Rotary into its 105th

John Kenny, a former president of IFSR, is the new president of Rotary International. The following article provides background information on who he is and what he has planned during his presidency.



BIRMINGHAM, UK (29 June 2009) – John Kenny, a retired judge and notary from Grangemouth, Scotland, took office as president of Rotary International on 1 July, becoming the first Scotsman to head the international humanitarian service organization in its 105-year history.

For more than 20 years, the eradication of polio has been Rotary's top priority, and Kenny says he will devote his one-year term to the final push needed to vanquish the crippling, potentially deadly disease once and for all. Since Rotary vowed to end polio in 1985, cases have plunged by more than 99 percent, but Kenny says that's not good enough.

"Until the day the earth is declared polio-free, this work must be our first

priority, and our main focus," Kenny told nearly 20,000 Rotary club members from more than 150 countries at Rotary International's annual convention in Birmingham. "It is up to us to finish the job."

Kenny has traveled to India to immunize children against polio, a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in Africa and the Middle East.

Since the launch of Rotary's PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary members -- who now number more than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas -- have helped to immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries. As the lead private sector contributor and volunteer arm of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative -- a public/private partnership spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNI-CEF -- Rotary has contributed US\$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the cause.

Rotary is now working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise an additional \$550 million in vital funds needed to finish off polio for good.

During his term, Kenny will also encourage Rotary clubs around the world to partner with local governments and nongovernmental organi-

zations to initiate projects that improve literacy rates, eliminate hunger and malnutrition, and provide clean water and sanitation to communities in developing countries.

"We in Rotary have potential that is unmatched by any other humanitarian organization in the world," he said, adding that the water and sanitation issue is particularly important. "We must work to bring clean water to those who lack it, as well as ensure the safety of existing supplies. This is an area in which I have believed strongly, and worked consistently, for the last 20 years."

Kenny joined the Rotary Club of Grangemouth in 1970 and has served Rotary International as a member of the Board of Directors and as a Rotary Foundation trustee. He is also a past president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

A graduate of Glasgow University, Kenny is a past dean of his local law faculty and a retired judge and notary. He is past president of the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chamber of Commerce and past general legal counsel of Jaycees International. He was also appointed deputy lieutenant of his district by Queen Elizabeth II. Near the end of his term, he will preside at Rotary's 2010 international convention, set for June 20-

All Members of IFSR—Current email address needed

For budget and communication reasons, it is important that we have your latest email address. Some of our communications lately have bounced back due to incorrect or outdated email addresses. Please send us your latest contact information—especially if you have not received information from us lately. You may email your information to us at ifsr@sbcglobal.net



Comments by Past President - Bud Allison

Dear IFSR members:

As a new Rotary year begins and new officers take over the helm of IFSR, I would like to say THANKS to all of you for what you are doing for Scouting and Rotary! The efforts which each one of us has put forth this year has brought many happy memories to those whom you have touched with your projects and encouragement.

I challenge each of you to put forth the effort in the coming days to strengthen the linkage between Rotary and Scouting. This can be your legacy to our fellowship. There are many things left undone, many lives to reach and many roads to travel, and by seeking opportunities for "Service above Self" we can help move towards the important goals we all seek

IFSR has grown slowly and our story is slowly finding new ears to listen. We have not been as aggressive as we should be considering the number of ex-scouts who live everywhere and are members of Rotary. How many have honestly tried to recruit a new member? Talk up IFSR to your Scout councils. Do you know your Scout Executive? Have you invited the executive staff members in your area to participate in your Rotary Club? Do you know who they are? Certainly don't overlook the Girl Scouts as well!

Many clubs are using the GSUSA Gold Award and Eagle Scout Certificates to recognize local youth who

attain these highest honors. What better way to encourage young people to learn about Rotary than through personal contact with your members?

While attending the recent convention in Birmingham, it was a delight for me to visit with Rotarians from around the world who are eager to find out more about our fellowship. We need to go "tell it on the mountain" and in the valleys and towns. **ONLY YOU CAN COVER THE LOCAL AREA**-so I challenge each one to begin to share Rotary and the Fellowship with everyone you meet. By spending just a few minutes with them, it will be easy to see that we have a lot of prospects for giving service at a local level.

Many times I know you have heard the question (which Cliff Dochterman often asked) "**WHEN DID YOU BECOME A ROTARIAN?**" This relates to when Rotary ideals and Rotary actions took over your outlook and actions - not the day you joined your club. We could ask the same kind of question about our involvement in the fellowship. Have we really gotten involved in making the fellowship viable in our club or Scout council? if not, how can we make it happen?

There is a brochure available from IFSR called - "*Avenues of Service Opportunities*" which has many helpful ideas. Hopefully they will stimulate additional ideas for you to use. If just one of these ideas helps strengthen the Rotary and Scouting link, then all our efforts during the

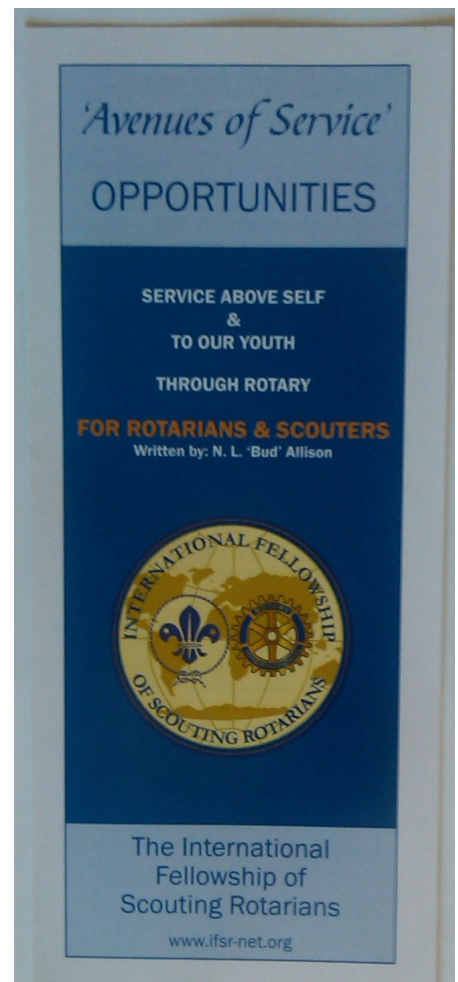
past 18 years will have been well worth it.

Again, Thank you on behalf of all the thousands of youth and all those families they represent for what you are doing and what you are planning to do for Rotary and Scouting.

God Bless.

Yours in Rotary Service and Scouting Fellowship,

Bud Allison, Immediate Past World President IFSR





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. We may have a special opportunity for a powerful presentation of such work at the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal. Please share your stories by sending them to our IFSR Newsletter editor, Steve Kesler, at keslergroup@gmail.com.

Webmaster Needed

If you have skills in this area and would like to volunteer your time to assist with the IFSR website please email the World President of IFSR Brian D. Thiessen at bdtalano@pacbell.net

IFSR in RIBI Annual General Meeting

The 2009 IFSR in RIBI Annual General Meeting was held at Gilwell Park, HQ of Scouting in UK, on Tuesday 16th June. Members and guests assembled at The White House for lunch, and then held the meeting at 1400 (2.00pm).

We were pleased to welcome IFSR World President Bud Allison and his wife Jeanne and Incoming World President Brian Thiessen and his wife Carolyn Thiessen and also Pat and Jack Metcalfe.

IFSR in RIBI elected new officers for the Rotary Year 2009-10: Chairman - David A Judge MBE, Vice Chairman - Colin Jones, Secretary - Michael Francis, Treasurer - Ken Scott and Committee Members (subject to agreeing to attend pre-set meetings)-Malcolm Bell, Adrian Faiers, Shirley Kirk, Joan Murray Jones, Ossie Millar, John Phillips and Brian Kimberley.

The meeting noted with great pride that IFSR Life and Founding Member John Kenny is now the RI World President.

Richard Neville, Scout Association International Advisor, addressed the

meeting including giving details of a link between the Rotary Charity Shelter Box and the Scout Association which had recently held a highly successful project with Scouts running around London with Shelter Boxes. He urged Rotarians to support the Shelter Box Scouting linkup.

Following the meeting, in late afternoon, Scout Association Archivist Daniel Scott-Davis gave the group an informative tour of the Gilwell Estate.

In the evening members attended the regular meeting of Chingford Rotary Club, who hold their meetings at Gilwell. They made the IFSR group very welcome.

Just three days later on June 19th a small group from IFSR in RIBI assembled at RI Convention at NEC Birmingham UK. The main core team were Colin Jones, Michael Francis, Ken Scott, David Raymer and David and Christine Judge, plus a few others.

For the first time IFSR had a double stand 748/750 at an RI Convention, giving greater space for displays.

Also after many months of challenging negotiations, particularly over Health & Safety issues, we were able to separately display the historic Baden-Powell 1929 "JamRoll" Rolls Royce car, which proved a great attraction. IFSR thanks BP Jam Roll Ltd (a charitable trust) for making Jam-Roll available and particularly to Trustee Steve Hilditch and his colleagues for delivery and collection.

Overseas IFSR members helping on the stand/booth included Bud & Jeanne Allison, Brian & Carolyn Thiessen, Ted Olson, Del Raby, Dick & Debbie Thorn & Parval.

More IFSR members would have made the job easier for the few volunteers there.

Several new and renewal IFSR members were signed up.

During the Convention IFSR in RIBI made an agreement with Shelter Box Founder Tom Henderson to promote that program in conjunction with The Scout Association (UK) through IFSR and Rotary during the coming year.

On Wednesday, June 24th the IFSR World Annual Meeting was held.



Colin Jones, David Judge & Michael Francis around JamRoll at RI Birmingham Convention 2009



Outside The White House at Gilwell - Left to right -David Astin, Barry Smoothy, Brian Thiessen, Pat Purdy, Christine Judge, Alan Purdy, Bud Allison, Richard Oscroft, David Judge, Ken Scott, Ossie Millar, Michael Francis, Colin Jones.



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In Fond Remembrance

The following Scouting Rotarians have passed on— our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones:

W. Gerrard Lyall Macduff Scotland

Basil Morgan

Clacton-on Sea England



Scouts Canada Certificates now Available

These certificates will allow Rotary Clubs in Canada to honor Scouts that receive these two highest awards in Canada Scouting. Doug MacDonald, who spearheaded this project, is not only a member of our Fellowship but is also the Scout Executive for Alberta and is anxious to give Rotary a way to formally honor these Scouts. To order certificates send an email to Randy Seefeldt at ifsr@sbcglobal.net.

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