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Scouting in Koprivnice, Czech Republic

On 4 December, 2009 the Scout leadership of Koprivnice, Czech Republic, dedicated an amazing Scout Center in Koprivnice – Rotarians in Ostrava working with Scouting leadership and the European Union generated the approvals and funds to open a Center that sits on many acres, has computer classrooms and library, kitchen, great room and dormitory rooms for Scouts and Scouters. It is also available to the public to use for literacy and other projects. Leadership was by IFSR member **Zdenek Michalek**, assisted among others by Rotarians Dr. **Jiri (George) Navratil** (Vice President of Czech Scout Assn), **PDG Roman Gronska**, **Ingr Jiri Vobrazek** and many others! IFSR President Brian participated in this amazing dedication!

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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. 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.



JOTI, 16-17 October 2010

JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all youth programme sections, although members may participate individually. For more information visit their website at www.joti.org

IFSR at WORLD JAMBOREE SWEDEN, 27 July - 7 August 2011

IFSR expects to have an Exhibit at the World Jamboree near Kristianstad, Sweden, 27 July - 7 August 2011. IFSR members **Dag** and **Christine Ivarsson** of Osby, Sweden have enlisted many Rotarians to help.. and **Holger B. Dybdahl** of Denmark will help. Those who wish to also work there can contact **Dag** at dag.ivarsson@cedela.se to see what further help will be needed to cover all days with full complement of assistants. Also contact President Brian at bdtalamo@pacbell.net or Convention and Jamboree Chair Fred Brenner in Pennsylvania at (724) 458-2113 or brenecol@zoominternet.net.

EarlyAct FirstKnight

Imagine...Knights in Armor...Live Jousting...Warhorses...Lessons about "Service Above Self"...and 700 students at each performance reciting Rotary's Four-Way Test *from memory!*

Did you know that there is a character education program that, for the first time ever, puts Rotary into mainstream public education each and every school day, and that entire school campuses recite the Four-Way Test? It is called [EarlyAct FirstKnight](#) (EAFK), and it is happening in District 5890 at Huffman ISD, sponsored by the Kingwood Rotary Club.

Each and every day, **all 2,243 elementary and middle school students in Huffman ISD recite Rotary's Four-Way Test**. The daily 10 minute curriculum teaches students about "Service Above Self", truth, fairness, building goodwill, friendship, fairness, and integrity. At monthly knighting ceremonies, knights in armor, alongside Rotarians and proud parents, present students with medals in recognition for exemplifying the qualities taught in the EAFK curriculum.

EAFK research data shows that **100% of participating campuses** agree that since starting the EAFK program: **student behavior has improved**; it has **positively impacted student academic achievement**; and it has **proven to be an effective Character Education program for their students**.

Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdAlOzdIhzM to watch a 3 minute video to see what it's all about.

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



Harold Friend, MD presented the Youth In The America's Award



Left: Harold Friend. Right: Luc Panissod, Secretary General of World Organization of Scout Movements.

PDG Harold Friend, MD, was the 179th recipient, since 1972, of the Youth in the America's award presented by the Interamerican Region of WOSM for service to the youth in the America's (North, Central & South America and Caribbean). Dr. Friend of Boca Raton, FL, an Eagle Scout and Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, has received, as an adult, the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo Awards from the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Friend was past World President of IFSR. For the past 6 years he has served as a Trustee of the Interamerican Scout Foundation and currently is President of IASF. He recently led the successful campaign to raise the funds for development of the new regional office in Panama City, Panama.



Left: Harold Friend. Right: Ronaldo Castro, President of Interamerican Scout Committee.



Annual General Meeting, Montreal, 23 June 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Invocation was led by President Brian D. Thiessen
2. Self Introductions proceeded for all those in attendance
3. Minutes of Last Meeting were circulated and approved.
4. Treasurer's Report was reported and approved.
5. PRIP **Cliff Dochterman** and BSA Chief Scout Executive **Bob Mazzuca** offered brief comments regarding the Scouting and Rotary combinations and the imperative that IFSR members continue to work on that goal.
6. Business Items
 - a. A Motion was made and seconded to modify the Badge Design to include the WAGGGS Trefoil if RI OK's it. Passed unanimously. We await Rotary International review and approval.
 - b. A Motion was made and seconded not to change the Fellowship name to International Fellowship Scouting/Guiding Rotarians but to leave it as is. Spirited debate and discussion for 15 or 20 minutes and the eventual vote was taken to keep the current name; majority in favor
 - c. Newsletter - All members were urged to contribute to the Newsletter with topics, articles, pictures - and also provide Web page input through www.ifsr-net.org . Direct all to our Publications Chair Dan O'Brien, at daobrien@bsamail.org
 - d. Special Projects of Interest to Members were discussed and folks were urged to send information about them also to Dan O'Brien
 - e. Membership recruiting – was discussed including the new members recruited at this Convention Members are also urged to represent IFSR at Zone/Dist Conf/Scouting meetings - and to sign up to participate at any of these future events detailed in the handout **and several did!**
 - f. Elections. The Nominating Committee report was presented on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The President did not stand for election as he is currently in the middle of a two year term for which he was elected last year. Each other position is for one year and the following officers were unanimously elected for the period 1 July 2010 through 30 June 2011:

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6. Next Annual General Meeting: New Orleans 21-25 May 2011.
7. Words for the Good of the Fellowship were exchanged
8. Souvenirs of the IFSR AGM were presented by President Thiessen - Commemorative US Native American Indian Dollars from the US Mint.
9. A drawing was held for one BSA Centennial Proof Coin - winner was a member from Nigeria.

IFSR Exhibits at Zone Institutes

All Members: We have a number of Zone Institutes coming up around the country and world at which we would like to have IFSR Exhibits. The events are:

Valdivia, Chile, 20-24 October 2010

Osaka, Japan, 25-27 November 2010

London, Ontario, Canada, 12-14 November 2010

Perth, Australia, December 3-5 2010

Tauranga, New Zealand, 19-21 November 2010

Curitiba, Brazil, World Scout Conference, 10-14 Jan. 2011

Bangkok Thailand, 26-28 November 2010

San Diego, International Assembly, January 2011

It is amazing how many Rotary and Scouters do not know of IFSR. Our current membership is 868. Our goal by this time next year is 1000. But we can only get there with the help of all our members recruiting thru Exhibits at District Conferences, Zone Institutes, and Scouting events like the upcoming Inter American Scout Conference in Panama and the World Scout Conference in Brazil. Exhibits at these events are crucial to telling folks who we are and the interaction we promote between Rotary and Scouting. Any of you attending any of these events could help us man a booth or even head up an exhibit. Please contact Brian Thiessen, Mike Birkholm, or Fred Brenner if you can help.

2011 Philmont Training

NEXT SUMMER THERE WILL BE A PHILMONT TRAINING SESSION FOR THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY "I.E. ROTARY" SPONSORED UNITS. any of our members who want to attend are encouraged- it will be limited number - other sponsoring groups will be attending as well) AND THIS A GREAT WAY FOR ROTARY SPONSORED LEADERS TO GAIN FIRST HAND KNOW HOW IN SUPPORT OF ROTARY SPONSORSHIP! WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE A GOOD TURN OUT!!

Our main contact will be through George Sparks at the BSA National Office. -- BUD Allison

In Fond Remembrance

Herbert Theodore (Ted) Olson, Jr. On April 28, 2010, "Ted" Olson one of the IFSR pioneers and former World President and International Commissioner passed from this life to his heavenly reward. Ted will be long remembered for his many kindnesses and support to Scouting, Rotary and his community during his 80 years of "Service Above Self". He received the Distinguished Eagle Award, the Silver Beaver, Silver Buffalo, the Spurgeon Award and was a Baden-Powell Fellow. He served on many boards and committees among them the Advisory Council of the Salvation Army, the Irving(TX)Rotary Club, and served many years on several National Council BSA committees. He will be deeply missed by his many friends and family around the world.

Condolences may be sent to his loving spouse of many years, Mrs. Kathleen Olson at 2910 Pacific Ct, Irving, TX 75062



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BSA Eagle Project in El Paso, TX

Starting in may 2010, Life Scout Wesley Perez, BSA Troop 682 in El Paso, Texas, was searching for a worthy Community Service Project to help in his quest to become an Eagle Scout. To his good fortune, LTG Jimmy Melver, D-5520, who sits on the Board of Directors for the Highland Presbyterian Church supporting the Troop contacted Wesley and offered him the opportunity to complete his quest.

The Community Service project was offered by the El Paso Archaeological Museum (AMEP) - preparing and installing identification signs throughout the Museum environs. The Franklin Mountains Rotary Club secured a Simplified Grant to cover the costs. Wesley wasted no time in following up. He and his Dad visited the Franklin Mountains Rotary Club, arranged visits with the Museum Curators, to get acquainted with the people involved, and enlisted the help of the Scouts in his Troop.

The nature of the project was quite involved and some background on the need is included herein. The El Paso Museum of Archaeology (AMEP) provides a unique perspective on the culture of El Paso through its interpretive displays and artifacts of ancient cultures of the Southwest and Mexico. Throughout the grounds flora native to the Chihuahuan Desert is in great abundance and visitors are greeted with signs telling them the plant names in English, Spanish and Latin. Trail signs and signs warning to "Watch for Snakes" help visitors find their way around the fifteen acres of grounds.



Over the years, the plant and trail signs had faded and succumbed to the ravages of the weather and intense sun. They needed to be replaced and upgraded. The cost to do so, during this economic recession, proved to be more than the Museum and the City of El Paso could afford. Therefore, in May 2009, the AMEP Director, Marc Thompson, turned to the Franklin Mountains Rotary Club for assistance.

PDG Dan Schulte, the RI Foundation Director for the Rotary Club, met with the AMEP Director, Marc Thompson and his Educational Curator, Marilyn Guida, to determine how the Museum could reach its goals. Several approaches were discussed and all agreed that the best instrument for a quick and reasonable amount of funding would be the Simplified Grant. Consequently, on Jun 1st 2009 the amount of \$1,625 was requested – 50% from District 5520 and 50% from the Rotary Club. The funds were granted in July 2009.

When the funding was established, the next phase was ordering the signs and planning the work effort. The Educational Curator for the AMEP, learned that Community Service projects were needed by Boy Scouts advancing toward Eagle Rank. Through the efforts of LTG Melver, a suitable candidate for the Eagle Rank was identified. Scout candidate would organize the effort, raise funds and under the guidance of the FMRC install the signs.

LTG Melver stepped in and contacted the Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 682, Richard Lavigne, to identify a worthy candidate. Life Scout Wesley Perez accepted the challenge and began the process.

As the signs began arriving, Wesley and his troop busied themselves to support the project. Wesley personally raised \$178 and recruited troop members and parents to help. The Scoutmaster insured that the Scouts were employed to their best advantage.

On June 5th, BSA Troop 682 arrived at the AMEP. Under the direction of five Rotarians and the AMEP Education Curator, nine Scouts and 16 parents began installing the signs. Eagle Scout Candidate Wesley Perez and his parents started work at 6:00 am to avoid the predicted 104 degree high for the day. Troop members arrived at 8:00 am. AMEP volunteer Keith Rihn contributed four hours of his time to work with the scouts to ensure the proper placement of the plant signs. Ninety plant and trail signs were installed by 12:30 pm. Everyone was rewarded with plenty of water, soft drinks and a pizza party courtesy of the Rotary Club. By 12:30 pm, the project ended and Wesley Perez completed his project leading to Eagle rank.

The AMEP is grateful to Franklin Mountains Rotary Club, District 5520, Wesley Perez and his parents, and Troop 682 for making this project possible. They are pleased and proud to have the new signs enhance the visitor experience for over 30,000 people each year.



Silver Antelope Award Presented



The Silver Antelope Award was presented to Bud Allison for 71 years of tenured service to the Boy Scouts of America at the National Council Boy Scout Meeting held in May 2009 in Orlando, FL, the highest award granted by a Region. His Scouting journey which begun in Troop 38 in Tulsa, OK in 1938 has taken him to over 30 countries including Chile, Thailand, Kenya, the UK, and Canada where he has served on the staff for World Jamborees and other assignments. Bud is an Eagle Scout with three Silver Palms, a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and has received the Silver Beaver Award in addition to serving as staff member and director of over 19 Wood Badge Courses.

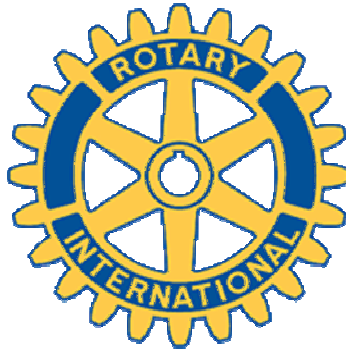
He has been recognized for his service to International Scouting by receiving the Joaquin Aguirre Los Hermanos Award and Paisano Award from the National Council International Committee. Scouts de Mexico presented him with the Carita Sonnrientada Plata Award. Among other awards presented to him have been: The God and Family Church Award and the Celtic Cross from the Presbyterian Church, The Masonic Community Service Award, the Cliff Dochterman Community Service Award from the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, The James E. West Fellowship and Ernest Thompson Seaton Endowment recognition.

Bud is continuing to give service to IFSR and Scouting in England, Germany and the USA. In June, he was a visitor at the opening of a TIME CAPSULE in Wiesbaden, Germany. In January of 1961, he and his son, Gregory attended the placing of the time capsule that contained many Scouting mementos from the era. In England, he was met by a Scout Group from Italy for a visit to the Maritime Museum, Greenwich Prime Meridian, and Buckingham Palace. Bud was the guest speaker at a 100th Anniversary Celebration of Scouting in Ottawa, Illinois (his home town) as well as the home of BSA founder, William D. Boyce. Bud was present at the dedication in 1941 of a McKenzie statue at Boyce's gravesite. During this eventful weekend in 1941, Bud was able to secure the autographs of many of the dignitaries present- among them were several of Boyce's family members as well as Dr. James E. West, Daniel Carter Beard, Walter Head and other local leaders. During the weekend activities held, Bud was interviewed by Voice of America and his remarks can be seen and heard on: [VOAnews.com/English/Boy Scouts-of-America-celebrate-100th-anniversary/Ottawa, Illinois](http://VOAnews.com/English/Boy-Scouts-of-America-celebrate-100th-anniversary/Ottawa, Illinois).

In early July, he spent several days in Eugene and Portland, Oregon where he was involved with Rotary members in promotion of closer ties with Rotary and Scouting through mutual projects to benefit Eagle Scout projects and Rotary cooperation as well as promoting the Cliff Dochterman Community Service Award for Rotarians and Rotaractors. Rotary and Scouting are lucky to have Bud.



Rotary and Scouting—From the IFSR Website



Rotary International has been a partner with the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in serving young people since their inception. As Rotary spread around the world, its support of Scouting and Girl Guiding also spread. In 1916, Rotarians in Edinburgh, Scotland, joined by 100 local Scouts, organized a special Christmas party for children whose fathers were serving in World War I. In 1922, the Rotary Club of Manila, Philippines, established a local Scout council. Rotary Clubs from Australia to Brunei built huts for Girl Guide groups.

The principles and goals of Rotary, Scouting and Guiding are closely allied. Character-building; service to country, to others, and to self; teaching leadership skills; and becoming aware of the world around us—these are all incorporated into the programs and activities of each organization. The values expressed in Rotary International's Motto and the Four Way Test greatly parallel those articulated in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan.

Rotarians have long served as role models, demonstrating leadership, character, and the value of selfless service to the community. Rotary founder Paul P. Harris was himself a recipient of Scouting's prestigious Silver Buffalo award in 1934. His and others' efforts represent to a high degree the slogan "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth."

One of the first interactions between Rotary and both Scouting and Guiding were in helping provide camps. Many early camps were called Camp Rotary and many such camps still exist. Rotary clubs also chartered or otherwise supported Scout and Guide groups. Today, Rotarians remain among the foremost sponsors of Scouting and Guiding, seeing it, like Rotary, as an excellent way to serve others. Rotary clubs in the United States charter over 1,400 Scouting units (Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venturing crews) serving about 45,000 Scouts.

Conversely, Scouting and Guiding has proven to be a strong partner in Rotary's mission "to help build a better world". One example is ShelterBox which provides supplies designed to help an extended family of up to 10 people survive a disaster for at least 6 months. This project was started in 2000 by a Rotary Club in Cornwall, England. It has spread to become the largest project of any Rotary club in the world. Scout and Guide groups quickly joined in supporting ShelterBox. In 2009, The Scout Association officially became a partner in Shelter Box. ShelterBox has worked on every continent, responding to earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, typhoons, hurricanes, volcanoes and conflicts.



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