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## Lunch With The Chief



BSA Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock joined more than 80 Rotarians for a meeting hosted by the Interamerican Region (IAR) of the IFSR on Monday, July 22, 2013 during the BSA's National Scout Jamboree.

### The Meal

IAR Chair Dan O'Brien (Rotary Club of Springfield South, IL) chaired the luncheon. A fabulous lunch buffet was prepared by the jamboree and included a wide variety of options... brisket, chicken, tofu, pork tender, sandwiches, soft drinks and tasty desserts.

### The Opening

Scouting Rotarians from across the country took part in the luncheon:

Pledge of Allegiance led by Angus McFarlane (RC of Ada OK Sunrise)  
the invocation given by J. Houston Costello III (RC of Picayune, MS)

The Scout Oath and Law led by Robert O. Jackson (RC of Anniston, AL Morning)

The singing of God Bless America was led by an unknown member (please identify yourself)

Greetings were given by:

IFSR World President & PDG Fred Brenner  
IFSR International Commissioner & PDG Brian Thiessen  
West Virginia Rotarian John Powell



### The Chief

Chief Wayne Brock related some of his own experiences with Rotary, as well as the values that he received growing up in a Scout troop in a small town... where joining Scouts wasn't much of an option. Wayne also told of a volunteer who stopped in to see him at the time the volunteer was stepping down as Scoutmaster and shared that he had never been thanked by the boys in his troop, their parents or even the council. That hit home and Wayne realized how important it is to thank volunteers who give so much, including thanking the Rotarians and others present for what they do for young people.

Wayne shared that when he became Chief Scout Executive, he went a step further and tracked down his own Scoutmaster from 50 years ago, found that he was still alive, and brought them to a national meeting as his guests to publicly thank them for what they did for him.

### Awards

World President Fred Brenner & International Commissioner Brian Thiessen then presented **the Chief with the Cliff Dochterman Award**, recognizing his years of service as a Rotarian, his generosity to the Fellowship by allowing our displays at national meetings and the jamboree, and his decades of service to Scouting. Special presentations were also made, including the **Silver Wheel to IFSR Webmaster Steve Henning** in appreciation of his years of service to the fellowship. IAR Dan O'Brien presented **jamboree travel mugs to Suzanne & Angus MacFarlane** in appreciation for their leadership and hard work preparing the jamboree booth. In turn, the MacFarlanes presented Fred Brenner, Brian Thiessen and Dan O'Brien customized walking sticks in thanks for their support.

### Door Prize

Steve Henning was the lucky winner of a Jamboree Pocket watch, donated by our International Commissioner.

### The Closing

IAR Chair Dan O'Brien thanked everyone for coming. He urged anyone who was not already a member of the fellowship to join, to have an enjoyable finish to the jamboree and a safe trip home. Suzanne McFarlane (Ada, OK Sunrise) led the 4-Way test.

## About the BSA Jamboree and the Summit

The jamboree, held at the Boy Scouts of America's newest high adventure base in Beckley, West Virginia, showcased Boy Scouting and Venturing to 40,000 Scouts, leaders and volunteer staff. The 11,000 acre camp, known as **The Summit: Bechtel Family Scout Reserve** definitely raises the bar for modern extreme activities, including zip lines, canopy tours, whitewater rafting, mountain boarding, a skate park and much more.





Largely a walking camp, staff and scouts alike generally walked five miles or more each day, traversing up and down the mountains of West Virginia. Visitors were shuttled in via a 20 minute bus ride and were required to participate in a Youth Protection orientation. Unfortunately, that made a quick drop in for lunch by local Rotarians a challenge. Much was learned as we were introduced to a new paradigm and we begin thinking about the next BSA jamboree in 2017, followed by The Summit hosting the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

### Rotary Booth at 2013 BSA Jamboree



Angus & Suzanne McFarlane, lifetime IFSR members from Ada, Oklahoma, were so well prepared in establishing our booth at the Bechtel Summit Reserve for the BSA 2013 National Jamboree that they made it look easy to handle! The booth saw thousands of Scouts, Scouters and Visitors during the BSA 2013 National Jamboree. There were three goals of the booth:

- Introduce Rotarians to the fellowship if they were not aware of it.
- Introduce non-Rotarians to Rotary and the fellowship.
- Introduce Scouts and visitors to Interact, Rotaract, and the fellowship.
- Welcome Fellowship Members to the jamboree.





Suzanne created a special slide presentation put together by her from prior Scouting Rotarians and other sources - a wonderful addition to our information program. Anyone wanting a copy can get it by thumb drive from Suzanne. Those in the booth invited Scouts to 'tie a knot and get a piece of candy' as the Scouts learned about Youth Exchange, Interact, etc; adults learned of Scouting and Rotary joint opportunities and activities.

Full time IFSR assistants included PDG Del Raby of Santa Rosa, California (who celebrate his 75th year in Scouting and 87th birthday on 21 July), Brad Lundberg of Stevensville, Maryland and Jonathan Richmond.

Others who volunteered in the booth, as their schedules allowed, included IFSR President Fred Brenner, IAR Chair Dan O'Brien, William Davies, Robert Jackson, Patrick Lesley, Mark Milby, BDT, Bill Walker, Bob Westfall, Jack Young and Channing Zucker

While it is impossible to know if anyone left the jamboree, went home and joined or started a club, we do know that 18 new Annual Members were recruited and 11 new Life Members joined as well. Welcome aboard to our new members!

**THANKS TO YOU ALL for a great job!**

### Rotary and Scouting in Nepal/Bhutan



On the occasion of Children' day ,Rotary Club Of Madhyapur ,District 3292 Nepal/Bhutan has recently organized a group drawing competition among Interactors and Scout boys and girls yesterday . All together 25 groups were participated and made different pictures on the titled "student & social service ". The main aim of the drawing competition is to aware the responsibility of the students.

Thanks a lot to everyone for their kind cooperation.

with regards

Rtn,Surendra Bikram Prajapati

RC Madhyapur,District 3



## In Fond Remembrance

With deep regret for having to bear sad new for IFSR, Past RI President Cliff Dochterman's wife Mary Elena passed away 8/9/13. Please share this with anyone you feel would want to know

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## Henning Awarded IFSR Silver Wheel at National Jamboree



Our IFSR Web Master Steve Henning, of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, was surprised at the Rotary Meeting held at the 2013 BSA National Jamboree at Bechtel Summit Reserve by being presented the SILVER WHEEL certificate on behalf of IFSR Leadership. Steve was nominated for his history of regular active support of IFSR and the nomination was approved by the IFSR Awards and Recognitions Committee, chaired by Past IFSR President Bud Allison.

The SILVER WHEEL is for outstanding service to the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians over years of effort.

Steve is not only active in IFSR within his home Hawk Mountain Council, but has served in IFSR Exhibit booths at national and international Jamborees, is the author of the widely read and appreciated "On My Honor .. The Hawk Mountain Council story 1908-2010" hardbound book, is one of our nation's leading experts in rhododendrons and azaleas (so much so that his email tells it all: <mailto:rhodyman@earthlink.net> rhodyman@earthlink.net) ... and has also served as IFSR's Web Master ( <<http://www.ifsr-net.org/>> [www.ifsr-net.org](http://www.ifsr-net.org/)) for more than half a decade IFSR salutes you, Steve, and thanks you for your tireless efforts on our behalf! You are indeed one of the Silver Wheels that makes IFSR roll smoothly! .



Dan O'Brien thanking Susan and Angus McFarlane of Ada Sunrise, Oklahoma for co-chairing the Jamboree IFSR Exhibit



Photo of Dan O' Brien



### Thanks to You Scouting Rotarian

Greetings Brian,

Great to see you and my fellow Scouting Rotarians on Sunday interacting with Scouters from across the country as we celebrated the opening event of the new jewel of Scouting - The Summit. Rotary and Scouting have such a strong tie that I shouldn't be surprised when I see so many from across the country sharing these mutually respected platforms of Service. As I toured the BSA National Jamboree this past weekend the opportunity to interact with fellow Scouting Rotarians became a routine event even before I had the opportunity to visit you at the IFSR booth. Scouting Rotarians were running sub-camps, managing the stage shows, present in the philanthropy that makes Scouting strong and leaders at every level. Today the Scouts and adult leaders are packing up the Summit to return to their homes as I am off to my Rotary meeting. How blessed we all are to be able to serve two great leadership and character development organizations that serve humanity at every level.

Safe travels home and my best to you,

*Steve Wilcox, VP of Operations of North Star Council BSA*

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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](mailto:keslergroup@gmail.com).



## Jamboree Patches

A limited supply of patches and pins are still available from the BSA Jamboree at \$5 each, plus \$2.50 shipping per order.

They should send a check to me, made payable to IFSR for the correct amount and what they want, with their address and email address to me at:

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## Zone 25/26 Institute in Phoenix recruits new Members

The Zones 25/26 Institute was just held 24-29 September in Phoenix. Zone Director Steve Sawyer (IFSR member) and IFSR Icon PRIP Cliff Dochterman exemplified the best of IFSR.

The IFSR Exhibit was chaired by Harry Short of RC Kyrene Corridor (Tempe AZ) who enlisted PDG Jay and Carol Jones (Gold Canyon Arizona RC), Lane and Connie Calvert (Anaheim California RC), Chris LaBarge (e-club of the Southwest), Tim Smith (RC of Litchfield Park, Arizona) and Carolyn and Brian Thiessen (RC of Alamo, California).

The team signed up 5 new life members (Eric Schmautz DG 5150, PDG Brenda Cressey D-5240, PDG Don LaBarge - D-5570, DG Jay Jones D-5510, and Avis LaGrone of D-5170) and annual members (Sylvia Whitlock D-5300, PDG Nina Clancy D-5230, Len Kalfuss (D-5330), and DG Ezra Teshome D-5030). IFSR

## Scouting Cycling Hike to Changunarayan Temple



Dear All Namaste! I am very pleased to inform you that Vinayak Shiksha Niketan organized a scout cycling hike to Changunarayan Temple, Bhakatapur( 15 KM) inaugurated by the school principal Mr. Surendra Bikram Prajapati, which aimed to motivate the public for riding of bicycle and save environment. 30 scout boys and girls and 3 scout teachers participated in a cycling hike to Changunarayan temple from Thimi .We found that it encouraged the students to ride bicycles instead of motorcycles and buses.



## Nominations Needed For IFSR Leadership Positions

We must complete the selection of our next year's leadership by 1 January so we need your nomination (or self nomination) NOW for each IFSR leadership position (go to our web site <<http://www.ifsr-net.org/>> [www.ifsr-net.org](http://www.ifsr-net.org) and click on "Constitution" to see job descriptions of each):

International President

International Vice Presidents (WOSM, WAGGGS),

Secretary

Treasurer

International Commissioner

If you are interested in serving on one of the IFSR Committees - please advise also: Nominating, Convention & Jamboree, Membership Development, Archivist/Historian, Publication & Web Site, Webmaster, Newsletter Editors

And within each of the six world Regions (Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Eurasia, InterAmerica) positions include:

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

If you are willing to serve as a

Zones Coordinator (for each Zone Institute),

Chairs of Membership, Technology,

District Coordinator or Section Chair (your District/state) let us know that as well.

Send self-nominations or nominate others to Nominating Committee Chair PDG and past IFSR President Brian D Thiessen at <<mailto:hfriend2@gmail.com>> [bdtalamo@pacbell.net](mailto:bdtalamo@pacbell.net).

Thank You







## IFSR at Interamerican Region Triennial Scout Conference



Photo Brian Thiessen with new member Rotaractor, Conrad Acton of Surinam

For the first time ever, IFSR had an Exhibit throughout the Interamerican Regional Scout Conference held every three years -- in mid-September in Buenos Aires. Scout leaders from the 30+ national scout organizations of the Americas were present. Representing IFSR were Rafael Bustilos of California and our International Commissioner Brian D. Thiessen.

Although very few Scouters present were Rotarians, IFSR officer Michael Bradshaw (Trinidad and Tobago) who just stepped down as InterAmerican Region Scout Committee Chair was present and encouraged Scouters to work with their local Rotary Clubs as did incoming InterAmerican Region 1st Vice Chair Steve Kent (IFSR - Canada).

Rotaractor Conrad Acton - A giant of a - of Paramaibo, Surinam joined IFSR, our first Surinam member -- see his picture with this article!

And we thank our Interamerican Region Executive Raul Sanchez for his strong support of the Scouting/Rotary connection!