R I CONVENTION
GLASGOW 1997
THANK YOU..........

Thanks to Iain Fraser and the following member of the Scottish Jamboree Contingent who came in daily to staff the Rotary Scout Fellowship Display - Sandy Donaldson, Alasdair Mort and Paul Mason.

Thanks to World Fellowship Secretary Harold Friend and the following Members of the Fellowship who served on the Display - Alister Campbell, John Ford, Tony Freeman, Jim Gardiner, David Judge, Bill Lapham and Ian Wolkoff.

Thanks to Barbara and Christine who kept us all sane and added a feminine touch to the Display Stand.

Thanks to the Scout Association for providing all the materials for the Display.

A "great" team that working together produced a very successful result.

HONORARY MEMBERS

At the Annual General Meeting of the R I B I Branch it was agreed unanimously to invite the Widows of Past District Governor Norman Cooper and Past District Governor Paul Ungar to become Honorary Members of the Fellowship as a tribute to the work done by Norman as Secretary and Paul as Executive Committee Member of the Fellowship. We are delighted that both Margaret Cooper and Joan Ungar have accepted the invitation and are both now Honorary Members.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes and congratulations are extended to Fellowship Member Derek Hooton on receiving the O B E in the recent Honours List.
Sitting in a windswept caravan in Ullapool in the North of Scotland I have the opportunity to think back to the Rotary Convention in Glasgow and to ponder on the success of the Rotary Scout Fellowship and its future for both Scouting and Rotary.

Everything was in our favour from the start - the display produced by John Fogg and the Scout Association Public Relations Department in London featuring the Buffalo presented by the Boy Scouts of America to Gilwell Park to commemorate the Good Turn that sparked off Scouting in America - the team of Scouts from the Scottish Jamboree Contingent led by Iain Fraser their International Commissioner all in their kits which were required for hundreds of photographs - the dedicated work of members of the Rotary Scout Fellowship from England and Scotland, some of whom travelled from as far a Aberdeen and Inverness solely to help on the Stand - but most of all the overwhelming enthusiasm of Rotarians from all over the World proud to talk of their Scouting past and to join the Fellowship. - at one time no fewer than four filling out Membership Application forms at the same time !

Even as the Stand was closing after five days people were still coming up to join from far away places like Indonesia and Australia.

Part way through the Convention the Fellowship held its Annual General Meeting with reports from Branches in Australia and New Zealand, from North America, from the Philipines and the United Kingdom all reporting on the progress that has been made.

It seems certain that Canada will soon have a Branch of its own and Hong Kong has just appointed its first Branch Chairman.

At the Meeting R I Director John Kenny was reappointed World Chairman - an Office that will now circulate on a regular basis as more Branches gather strength in the Fellowship.

A new category of Life Member was approved and after some discussion, a category of Associate Member for families was also approved with an emphasis the Rotarian being the only voting member of the family.

The Convention was a great recruitment opportunity which we took with both hands but the thought that is uppermost in my mind is the challenge by R I Director Graham Money that Rotary Fellowships are primarily an opportunity for service. We are not creating a cosy old boys network but an opportunity to serve Scouting from which we have all come.

In the Phillipines, Scouting Rotarians have provided and helped Scouts to plant thousands of trees. In the coming year here in RIBI we should be looking for opportunities for Service. In this way I'm sure other Rotarians who have been Scouts will be proud to join us.

Now the wind has dropped and soon Barbara and I will be sailing out along the Loch to see the seals, dolphins and sea birds - lets hope it will stay calm.

Tom.

Thought for the Day
"Volunteers are like diamonds - hard to find and easy to lose."
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27TH APRIL 1997
HELD AT THE METROPOLE HOTEL BIRMINGHAM

The meeting opened with silent tribute to all Members called to Higher Service during the past year and mentioned Paul Ungar, Norman Cooper and Trevor Port.

1.0 PRESENT : Chairman Tom Cryer, Barbara Cryer, Christine Claydon, David Judge, Robin Walker, Bill Lapham, Beatrice Lapham, Secretary Brian Kimberley.

2.0 APOLOGIES : Treasurer Keith Edwards, Tony Freeman, John Kenny, Michael Francis, Subrahmanyam Ganish, George Purdy, Edward Robinson, John Williams.

3.0 MINUTES OF AGM 1996 :- The Minutes were approved and signed by Chairman Tom.

4.0 GREETINGS : A letter from Rotarian Harold Friend, International Secretary of International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, was read out by the Chairman. All agreed that the Letter be appended to the Minutes and return Greetings be sent to Rtn. Harold. See Appendix 1.

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT : See Appendix 2.

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT : Treasurer Keith was unavoidably absent and a Statement of finances for the period ending 22nd April 1997 was produced for information. Those present considered the financial state of the RIBI Branch and made a proposal that the Joining Fee be Reduced to £17.50 forthwith and should a Tie and First Year Membership Subscription.

7.0 MEMBERSHIP : Secretary Brian confirmed the present Members numbered 98. A unanimous decision was made to invite Joan Ungar and Margaret Cooper to receive Honorary Membership in token respect for the contribution made by Paul and Norman respectively to both Scouting and Rotary. It was felt that considerable value could be added to the Fellowship if close adult members of Scouting Rotarian Members be invited to join as Associate Members should they wish. They would be non voting and named on the original application or renewal of Membership. Only one Membership Fee or Subscription would be required. It was further proposed that a Life Membership category be available for payment of ten times the current subscription of the day. It was agreed that the two proposals be put to the World Fellowship at the Glasgow Meeting.

8.0 THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORTS : Was proposed by David Judge and Seconded by Bill Lapham and carried.

9.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS : In the absence of other Nominations, CHAIRMAN, Tom Cryer, SECRETARY, Brian Kimberley and TREASURER, Keith Edwards were re elected on block following a Proposal by David Judge Seconded by Bill Lapham.

10.0 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE : The present Members accepted re election.

11.0 R I ROTARY SCOUT FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS : The Meeting was unanimous that Rotary Director John Kenny be proposed by RIBI as World Chairman. No Nomination will be made for Secretary or Treasurer.

12.0 THE MEETING CLOSED AT 15.15 HOURS.
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1997**

**INCOME**

£1,000.00  'START UP' From International Fellowship

Members Contributions
Joining Fees  £330.00
Annual Subscriptions  £585.00
Badges and Ties  £43.00  £958.00

Paul Ungar Memorial Donation  £125.00

£578.00  Charity donations

£2,868.00  £1,083.00

**PAYMENTS**

£265.00  RIBI Conference Stand  £85.49
£70.00  International Fellowship
Charity Payment-Sunrise City  £600.00
£95.00  Wheel and Woggle* News Letter  £112.80
£77.00  Postage  £128.79
£35.00  Stationery  £105.00
£40.00  Membership Forms
£10.00  Membership Lists  £1,192.00  £900.00  £1,332.08

£1,676.00  Excess Income over Expenditure  (£249.08)

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1997**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

£1,675.00  NATIONAL WESTMINISTER BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT  £1,868.82
Less Sundry Pre Payments  £442.50  £1,426.32

Represented by

**ACCUMULATED FUND**

Balance 30 June 1996  £1,675.40
Excess of Income over Expenditure  (£249.08)

£1,675.00  Balance at 30th June 1997  £1,426.32

**Note**

Accumulated Funds

Paul Ungar Memorial Fund  £125.00
RIBI Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians Fund  £1,301.32

G K Edwards
Hon.Treasurer  £1,426.32
LIFE MEMBERS
(an extract from the World AGM Minutes 17th June 1997)

Following a proposition by Rotarian Bill Latham, seconded by Rotarian Tony Freeman it was agreed unanimously to institute a category of Life Member with a Subscription set at ten times the Annual Subscription (currently 10 times £7.50 = £75.00.) From this the Development Levy will be paid annually by the Branch Treasurer. It was further clarified that “Life” means “Rotary Life” and would cease when a Member ceases to be a Rotarian.

FAMILY MEMBERS
(an extract from the World AGM Minutes 17th June 1997)

Following a proposition by Rotarian Tom Cryer, seconded by Rotarian David Judge it was agreed with two dissensions to institute a category of Associate Member for Spouses of Rotarians and Adult Members of their Families who wish to be associated with the Fellowship. A decision as to the charge for Associate Members was deferred to Branches but would include the annual Development Levy.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT FUND
(an extract from the World AGM Minutes 17th June 1997)

It was unanimously agreed that each Branch will make an annual contribution to a World Development Fund. Therefore a levy of £2.00 for each joining Member and £1.00 for each renewing Member will be sent to the World Treasurer from Branch subscriptions in July each year for development purposes.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

SUBSCRIPTION RECORD
Your Subscription for 1997/98 has not been received. Please make your payment payable to "RIBI Scout Fellowship"

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1997 - 98
Members are reminded that Subscriptions for Rotary Year 1997-8 were due 1st July 1997. Please send your Cheque for £7.50 to the Secretary to avoid the expense of further reminders if you have not paid yet. Members joining after 31 March 1997 are covered for 1997/8 and need not take any further action.
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The following have joined the Rotary Scout Fellowship since the 1st December 1996
A warm welcome to you all.

David Brann Cuckfield and Lindfield
John A H Ford Dingwall
Jim Gardiner Paisley Callants
Peter LTaylor Edgbaston Convention
Dennis G Pike The Sussex Vale
John H Booth Derby South
Robin Walker Laurenkirk
Derrick J Bushill Midsomer Norton and Radstock
Michael M Loomes Blackpool Palatine
Norman Elliott Derby South
Frank Milner Ossett
John M Deans Grangemouth
James E Sheard Leeds
Duncan E A MacLean Govan
John W Draper Banstead
Colin H Kidby Newport Pagnall
John R Kennedy Whitehaven
Thomas R Evans Thornaby Yarm
Edward W Simpson Clydebank
Gordon I Rowling Leeds
W Raymond Wilkinson Monaghan
William D Potts Crook
Roy A Parker Blackburn Borough
Roger J Edington Edinburgh
Alex P Laughlan South Queensferry
Sidne H Jagger Ponteland
W Gerrard Lyall Banff
James M Peppiete Turriff
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