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IFSR InterAmerican Region

Where are we now and where are we going?

IFSR has been around for quite a while now – about 15 years – but what has it accomplished? While it may seem that we have done little, there has been a lot done quietly, in the background where most people can't see it

In the USA, IFSR officers serve on the Boy Scouts of America's National Community Relationships Committee maintaining the links between the BSA and Rotary International. Currently, there are over 1,300 BSA units – Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturers – sponsored by Rotary Clubs across the USA. These units serve the needs of more than 45,000 youth, both male and female, by providing them with a program which teaches leadership and pro-

motes character and values. Over 17,600 adults serve as volunteers. In addition, many more clubs provide regular support to BSA programs with both human and financial resources.

Many more Rotarians who may or may not be members of IFSR at this time, serve as Scouting volunteers at the unit, district, council, region, and national levels. Harnessing the collective energy of all these Rotarian volunteers in Scouting is one of the major goals of IFSR. Getting more Rotarians and their Rotary Clubs involved with Scouting is an even more important one.

Over the next few years, the Relationships Division of

the BSA is going to have a focused initiative designed to increase the support of Scouting from Rotary. A major goal of this initiative is to increase the number of Rotary sponsored units by one per year per Rotary district. To accomplish this, IFSR and specifically its individual members need to help. Please do everything you can to support this effort as it develops.

We need to have individual IFSR members or small groups of members promote Scouting in their Rotary club and district as a program worthy of Rotary's ongoing support and participation. We need to educate our fellow Rotarians so that they under-

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David Judge, current World Chairman of IFSR has issued a Centennial Challenge to all IFSR members. With the agreement of the other IFSR officers, David has set a goal to have every country in the Scouting world represented at the 2007 Centennial World Jamboree in Great Britain by

sponsored by Rotary. He hopes to accomplish this by having each Rotary District in the more developed countries sponsor two scouts as participants in the 2007 Jamboree – one Scout from their own district, and one Scout from a Rotary District in one of the less developed countries. The cost of such an effort would be approximately US\$ 8,000 per dis-

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stand that the same values upon which Rotary is based are ingrained in the young people who benefit from participation in Scouting. We need individual IFSR members to step forward and volunteer to serve as IFSR coordinators within their Rotary District in order to make this happen.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a position description for the job of IFSR District Coordinator. Read through it, and if you think you can and will do the job, fill out the short application form

attached and send it in. The only way that IFSR can reach its goals is for individual members to step up to the plate and organize Scouting Rotarians locally.

Check the InterAmerican Region website frequently to stay informed and to find resource materials.

If any of you have any suggestions for IFSR, or if you have a good story to tell regarding Rotary's relationship with Scouting, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Jim Miller, Sr.
Inter-American Chairman



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district to sponsor the two Scouts. Since most districts have between 50 and sixty clubs, the cost per club if all were to participate would be less than US\$ 160. That doesn't seem like a lot given that many Rotary Clubs raise more than that in "fines" at a single meeting. We can do this if we just get the word out to all those districts and clubs.

Please take the time to promote this project in your club and district. Watch the website for more information and promotional materials.

Bits and Pieces

BSA National Scout Jamboree 2005 - IFSR will once again participate in the USA national jamboree in 2005. Plans have already been developed for a bigger and better exhibit and staff is currently being recruited. If you have an interest in serving on the exhibit staff, contact Jim Miller, at JJMSR@LSFCU.ORG.

RI Centennial Convention 2005 - Chicago - The 100th Anniversary convention of RI will take place in 2005. We are currently looking for a Chicago area IFSR member or members to take on the responsibility for staffing an exhibit and organizing a fellowship activity at that event. If you are interested, contact Jim

Miller at JJMSR@LSFCU.ORG.

BSA Annual Meeting -Chicago - May 2004 - the IFSR InterAmerican Region will hold a meeting at the BSA annual meetings again this year. Time and place are yet to be determined. If you wish to participate please check at the Relationships Division booth in the exhibit area. We will post a notice of the meeting there and on message boards around the headquarters hotel.

Stories about Rotary/Scouting projects, especially with pictures are always welcome for this publication and for the website. Send them to the addresses listed on page 4.

Rotary International Convention - Osaka, Japan

Volunteers Needed

This year the Rotary International convention will take place from 23-26 May in Osaka, Japan. IFSR will be participating with an exhibit, and with an opportunity for members to get together.

International Chairman David Judge has asked that any member who is going to the convention and is willing to spend an hour or two "manning the booth"



please contact him. If you would like to participate, please send David an e-mail at david.a.judge@virgin.net.

This is a great opportunity to meet many of your fellow IFSR members as well as other Rotarians and establish worldwide relationships.

For additional information contact David directly.

IFSR Needs Your Help

Rotary District Coordinator

Position Description

Title: IFSR District Coordinator

Appointed by: Regional chairperson

Reports to: Area or country coordinator, or regional chairperson

Supervises: Assistant District Coordinators and District Committee members as needed

Qualifications: The candidate should:

1. be an active Scouter and an active Rotarian;
2. have the ability to work alone as well as the ability to work effectively within a group;
3. communicate effectively to both individuals and large groups;
4. have a working knowledge of and ability to effectively use e-mail and other electronic methods of communication;
5. have a desire to support and promote the goals and objectives of IFSR, and to recruit and organize others in the pursuit of IFSR's stated goals and objectives.

Responsibilities

The District Coordinator shall:

1. Actively promote the goals and objectives of IFSR in his/her Rotary District and its affiliated Rotary Clubs;
2. Recruit Rotarians in his/her Rotary District who are or have been Scouters or Scouts to become members of IFSR;
3. Promote cooperation between his/her District and its affiliated Rotary Clubs and the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout Councils;
4. Organize and/or promote service projects by Rotarians which support Scouting;
5. Organize and promote activities within his/her Rotary District which enable Rotarians who are also Scouters to become acquainted each other;
6. Organize, promote, and/or encourage projects by Rotarians that enhance the ability of the local Scout Councils to deliver the Scouting program;
7. To assist local Scouting professionals in having the opportunity to speak to and potentially become members of Rotary International;
8. Carry the message of IFSR to local Rotarians through presentations at Rotary Clubs, and through presentations and/or exhibits at Rotary events;
9. Carry the message of IFSR to local Scouters through presentations at Scouting activities, and through presentations and/or exhibits at Scouting events;
10. Generate support locally for IFSR global projects such as the IFSR Centennial Project to have Rotary sponsor local and third world Scouts at the Centennial World Scout Jamboree in 2007.
11. To participate when and if possible in regional and/or international meetings of IFSR at regional, national, and international Scouting and Rotary events such as RI Conventions, Jamborees, and Annual Meetings.

Term of Office

The appointee as IFSR Rotary District Coordinator shall serve for a term of one Rotary program year from July 1 to June 30. He/she may be reappointed for an unlimited number of terms.

Additional Responsibilities

It is incumbent upon the Coordinator to seek out and recommend suitable assistants and a replacement when appropriate.

IFSR Rotary District Coordinator Position Application

Yes, I would like to serve as Coordinator for my Rotary District.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST/Province _____

Postal Code/ZIP _____ Country _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Rotary District: _____ Club: _____

Rotary Positions held: _____

Scouting Positions Held: _____

Please provide the following information so that we can send a letter of introduction/appointment on your behalf.

District Governor Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST/Province _____

Postal Code/ZIP _____ Country _____

E-mail: _____

Application for Membership

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ LIFE MEMBER _____ ASSOCIATE _____

Name _____ DATE _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Zone _____

Tel:(H) _____ (B) _____

Email _____

Rotary Club _____ Rotary Dist. _____ Classification _____

Rotary Positions held _____

Scouting History _____

Present Scouting position (if any) _____

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ALL OTHER AREAS

Send to: BUD ALLISON
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Houston, TX. 77035
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Annual Dues

New US\$25.00 (includes blue or maroon or green tie or pin - CIRCLE ONE CHOICE)
Renewal= US\$20.00
Associate Member= US\$20.00

Life Member Dues

US\$200 (Only Life Memberships may be paid by Credit Card) Includes blue or maroon or green tie (CIRCLE ONE CHOICE) and pin.

Make checks payable to: INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS (In UK, send in POUNDS STERLING, Outside USA or RIBI, please send US\$ denominated checks, Travelers cheques, or credit card slip (below).

Credit Card Information - OPTION AVAILABLE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ONLY: (Mail to Brian Thiessen at address above) - CHARGE WILL APPEAR ON YOUR STATEMENT AS LAW OFFICES OF BRIAN D. THIESSEN

Indicate card type: VISA _____ MasterCard _____ Number _____ Expires ____/____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Do you know someone who is involved in both Rotary and Scouting? Are they members of IFSR? Why not ask, and if they are not give them a copy of the application above. Help promote IFSR.



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