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Scouts Can Do It



Editor's Note: This story is a beautiful example of how scouting, worldwide, can help bring people together, something the world desperately needs. Your effort is needed more than ever.

When people think of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the automatic image for many is of a war torn country etched with ethnic complexities. On a recent World Scout Foundation field visit, our members found that whilst war is a thing of the past, the history of ethnic differences is a barrier that is still being broken down in modern day Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Many organizations and charities are working to break this barrier, but the project 'Scouts Can Do It' is having the greatest impact. Why? Because regardless of their individual nationality, belief or culture, Scouts the world over share the same value – the value of peace.

Four years ago, with the help of the US Embassy and Council of Scout Associations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the innovative project 'Scouts Can Do It' was launched. In its first year it brought together two Scout units from different Associations, different ethnicities and different sides of war and allowed Scouts to have the opportunity to talk, laugh and make lasting friendships. Its success resulted in its expansion and thus included troops from neighboring Serbia the following year.

Four years on and 5000 Scouts later the project is continuing to offer something no other organization does – the rare opportunity for Scouts to join with the same friends from historically conflicting communities to build peaceful, meaningful and lasting relationships through peace dialogue, learning by doing and determination.

This project is demonstrating that every argument, every war and every story has two or more sides. By bringing people together in the name of Scouting rather than in the name of politics, opinion and even history, creates an atmosphere that surpasses efforts of peace that have gone before. The camps and interethnic



activities have provided thousands of Scouts with the opportunity to see and hear stories from the 'other-side' of the barrier, and more importantly has given this Scouting generation the opportunity to nurture new cultures built through friendship.

New IFSR Youth Service Award Presented To 12 Rotary Clubs

The IFSR is dedicated to Service to Youth, and in particular to service to Scout and Guide units. Rotarians have found many ways to serve Scout and Guide units, and now there is an IFSR award they can receive for serving a Scout or Guide unit and having it mentioned in the media, any media outlet, the IFSR Youth Service Award.

The **IFSR Youth Service Award** may be awarded to any Rotary Club that renders service in support of Scout and/or Guide units which is publicized in the media, any media. The IFSR Webmaster may give the awards to a club annually. Recipients are selected from articles posted in media or online. Such articles may be brought to the attention of the IFSR webmaster [webmaster@scouters.us].

This is not a Scouting award nor a Rotary award, but an IFSR award and is intended to reward Rotary Clubs who support local Scout and/or Guide Units and have their support publicized in the media or online.

To insure that the award is available worldwide in a timely manner, it is only distributed electronically. The recipient club will be notified of the award and given instructions on how to download and print the certificate. The award can be downloaded and printed by the club themselves or at a print center.

It is hoped that these awards will stimulate Rotary Clubs to become more involved in service to youth and in particular to Scout and Guide units. Hopefully these Rotarians will become more aware of the IFSR and the services it provides to Rotarians in their support of Scout and Guide units.

The First IFSR Youth Service Awards

[The IFSR Awards page](#) lists the recipients of the IFSR Youth Service Award, provides links to the media reports that caused the award to be made, and a link to the pdf of the award. The following is a synopsis of the first IFSR Youth Service Award recipients:

[Abingtons Rotary Club](#), Clark Summit, PA

[June 8, 2015, Abington Journal](#)

The news story in the Abington Journal brought attention to the Abington Rotary Club's recognition of 8 Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 160, which they charter.



[Anaheim Hills Rotary Club](#), Anaheim, CA

[June 8, 2015, Orange County Register](#)

A sensory garden at Canyon Hills School was the brainchild and Eagle Scout project of Canyon High senior Matthew McMahan in partnership with the Anaheim Hills Rotary Club.

[Belconnen Rotary Club](#), Macquarie, Australia

[September 20, 2015, Canberra Times](#),

The Diamantina Scouts lost their meeting place when it was targeted by arsonists. The Scouts ACT branch, the Rotary Club of Belconnen and in-kind work made up the \$130,000 needed to start over.

[Berkeley Heights Rotary Club](#), Berkeley Heights, NJ

[June 21, 2015, TAP into Berkeley Heights](#)

Boy Scout Troop 368 partnered with the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club to host their 12th annual Rubber Ducky Race at Passaic River Park in Berkeley Heights for its annual fundraiser.

[Blandford Rotary Club](#), Dorset, UK

[August 5, 2015, Blackmore Vale Magazine, UK](#)

Blandford Rotary Club's chairman Dave Smith is making the refurbishment of the 90-year-old Blandford Scout Hut off Bryanston Street a top priority for the next two to three years.

[Kennett Rotary Club](#), Kennett, MO

[September 26, 2015, Daily Dunlin Democrat](#),

For the Kennett Rotary Club's Little Free Library program, Life Scout Scott Luke Hellebusch built three libraries to be placed at the St. Francis Park Assisted Living facility, the Regional Activity Center and Kitchen at the Dunklin County Caring Council, and Kennett Community Garden

[Kidderminster Rotary Club](#), Kidderminster, UK

[August 24, 2015, Kidderminster Shuttle](#),

Kidderminster Rotary Club has donated £500 for an archery shelter to be built at the district scouts' outdoor centre in Bewdley in memory of David Pagett, a dedicated Rotarian and scout leader.

[Northville Rotary Club](#), Northville, NY

[September 15, 2015, Leader-Herald](#),

The Northville Rotary Club presented a check for \$915 to the Northville Boy Scout Troop 55 at a Rotary meeting Sept. 3.

[Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club](#), Redlands, CA

[September 2, 2015, Redlands Daily Facts](#),

Mark Woodhall, of Boy Scout Troop 3, Mentone, organized a children's book drive for his Eagle Scout project. The drive added 3,247 books to Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club's Read for Life program.



[Roselle-Roselle Park Rotary Club](#), Roselle-Roselle Park, NJ

[June 21, 2015, TAP into Roselle/Roselle Park](#)

The Rotary Club of Roselle-Roselle Park (NJ) met for a luncheon prepared by Girl Scout volunteers at Camp Letico, which was established in 1953 by the Rotary Club for the Girl Scouts. Scout leaders reported on the activities that took place at the camp and future plans. The ceremony concluded with the presentation of the Rotary Club's donation to the Girl Scouts of Camp Letico.

[Southern Ocean County Rotary Clubs](#), Barnegat, NJ

[The September 23, 2015, SandPaper,](#)

The Boy Scouts of the Jersey Shore Council and the Rotary Clubs of Southern Ocean County joined forces for Operation Halloween at the Joseph A. Citta Boy Scout Camp.

[Southside Rotary Club](#), Corpus Christi, TX

[June 6, 2015, Caller Times](#)

Members of Boy Scout Troop 232 and Southside Rotary honored fallen servicemen and women by placing flags around the Country Club Townhomes area May 23 in observance of Memorial Day. The Flag Project helps fund camp scholarships and other troop projects.

New Award For Rotary Clubs To Recognize Scout & Guide Units For Community Service

One thing Rotary and Scouting have in common is their sense of community service. Now there is an award Rotary Clubs can use to recognize Scout and Guide units for their community service. This award is a way for Rotary Clubs to provide Service to Youth.

There are many ways a Rotary Club can provide service to youth. Here are three:

- Charter/sponsor a Scout and Guide unit. . The [IFSR Website](#) and the [December 2014 Scouting Rotarian](#) have discussed how this is done.
- Recognize Eagle Scout, Gold Award, Chief Scout Award, etc. recipients. The IFSR has [Certificates of Achievement](#) for Rotary Clubs to present to recipients of the BSA Eagle Scout Award, GSUSA Gold Award; Girl Guides of Canada Chief Commissioner's Gold Award; Scouts Canada Chief Scout's Award; and Scouts Canada Queen's Venturer Award.
- Present the new IFSR Community Service Award to a Scout or Guide unit.

Recently, the IFSR added a new award that Rotary Units can present to a Scout or Guide unit. It is the IFSR Community Service Award. Any Rotary Club may award the IFSR Community Service Award to a Scout or Guide unit of their choice they wish to recognize for performing community service. Any Rotary Club may give the award annually to any Scout or Guide unit. The Rotary Club selects the recipients.

This is not a Scouting award nor a Rotary award, but an IFSR award and is intended to permit Rotary Clubs to recognize Community Service performed by local Scout and/or Guide units. This award is created in the spirit of Rotary service to youth and community service.



To help Rotary Clubs create and print the award locally, the IFSR website has a fillable PDF version of the certificate which is easy to fill out and print:

- 1) Open the form [CommunityServiceAward.pdf](#)
- 2) Enter the name of the Scout or Guide unit (such as, Troop 101, Metropolis)
- 3) Enter the name of the Rotary Club (such as Metropolis Rotary Club)
- 4) Enter the date of the Award presentation
- 5) Then print the award, or save and print at a print center.

Many requirements for rank advancement include a requirement for community service. Hence, just about every Scout or Guide unit has earned this award. This award can be presented by a Rotary Club, or presented in partnership with a community organization that was the beneficiary of a Scout or Guide service project. Many Rotary clubs partner with Scout or Guide units when performing community service.

An example of this was when Girl Scout Troops helped Rotarians from five Rotary clubs harvest over 24,000 pounds of potatoes for the Potato Project near Kutztown, PA. The potatoes were distributed to several local food banks. This was just the harvest from one of several fields donated for use by the project. Typically the total harvest is between 150,000 and 200,000 pounds each year.

Each of the Girl Scout Troops will be presented an IFSR Community Service Award.

A German Call For More IFSR Members



This huge tent city was home to about 32,000 scouts and assistants [Johannes Winter]

JAPAN: THE UNNOTICED INTERSECTION—Parallels between Rotary and the Boy Scouts are numerous, and the potential remains unused in this country (Germany). The 23rd World Scout Jamboree (Jamboree) was held in Japan in August. 32,000 young people and volunteers came together from all over the world in a giant tent city for 14 days. Friendship Badge, Cultural Days, International Markets - these are examples of the wide-ranging program. A central undertaking was to visit the Peace Park in Hiroshima. The Scouting educational goals - based on a system of values established by the Scout Law and Promise - will help to promote the development of young people



to be responsible citizens who play an active and constructive role of their community ("creating a better world"). The Scout Slogan, "Do A Good Turn Daily", represents the social commitment of service in society. The parallels between the Four-Way Test and the Scout Law, Promise and Motto "Be Prepared!" are significant. So it is not surprising that at the suggestion of British Rotarians who were also scouts, in the early 90s, the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) was launched. The IFSR goal is a strong international forum of Rotarians who are also Scouts to promote Scouting at local, national and international levels – there are around 1,300 US Rotary clubs actively involved. Unfortunately, Germany has only a small number of members in this Rotarian brotherhood of scouts, though certainly, in their youth, very many Rotarians were in the Boy Scouts. From the Rotarian viewpoint, the Scout Movement is definitely worthy of support – in part because of the many substantive commonalities. The IFSR is looking forward to having even more members from Germany. By **Johannes Winter**

Remembering the 9th Chief Scout Executive, Jere Ratcliffe



The Boy Scouts of America reflects upon the legacy of former Chief Scout Executive Jere Ratcliffe, who passed away on Friday, August 21, 2015. Jere led the organization from February 1993 through May 2000 as the 9th Chief Scout Executive. Jere's love for Scouting was evident throughout his life. Well beyond his retirement, he stayed close to Scouting volunteers and professionals, both locally and nationally.

He earned the Eagle Scout rank from Tecumseh Council in 1955. After graduating from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, he volunteered at North Florida Council in Jacksonville. While there, he pursued a career as a Scouting professional and attended the National Training School.

He first served as district executive in the Blue Ridge Council and later served as Scout executive in West Palm Beach, Florida; Clarksdale, Mississippi; Birmingham, Alabama; and Kansas City, Missouri. Prior to his selection as Chief Scout Executive, he was director of the BSA's Central Region, headquartered in Illinois. Jere was a Distinguished Eagle Scout and the recipient of Exploring's Silver Award, the Scouter's Award, and the God and Life Award. During his tenure as Chief Scout Executive, he met overseas with leaders of the Boy Scouts of Japan to start an exchange program with the BSA. In Scouting magazine, Jere said Scouting "is one of the few programs that still focuses on values, and values seem to be a quality many of our young people lack today."

Under his leadership, the BSA created the Nationally Coordinated Endowment Emphasis to increase monetary giving to local councils. He also created the James E. West Fellowship, the 1910 Society, and the Founders Circle to focus on endowments. These efforts effectively doubled local council endowments. Under his administration, the Operation First Class program, now known as Scoutreach, was introduced. Its purpose is to provide training and to develop the resources necessary to serve all youth.

Jere Ratcliffe grew up in Springfield, Ohio, where he met his wife, Judy. Together, they had a son and daughter, Brian and Susie.

PDG Harold Friend - a great Rotarian and Scout leader! He once told me that he carried our IFSR newsletter (in those days written on my office computer and mailed out) with him when he spoke to many Rotary club meetings, and was the guest speaker at several IFSR AGMs.



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Letter From Our President PDG Harold Friend, MD



My fellow Scouting Rotarians, IFSR is over 24 years old, and we have to thank those in the UK who had the insight to start the process for RI recognition. In those early years the majority of members were in RIBI but soon shifted with the growth in the Inter-American section. Today our membership is worldwide with more countries included every year.

It is often stated that in every volunteer organization 90% of the work is done by 10% of the members. IFSR is no exception. Over the years there have been many members whose service was exceptional. I want to specifically recognize our International Commissioner, Brian Thiessen, whose efforts superbly exemplify Service Above Self.

Every month I hear from Brian at one or more Zone Institutes along with many District Conferences, somewhere in the world (I emphasize, **one or more**, sometimes several in one month), or attending another of the international Rotary events and conventions. His efforts on behalf of IFSR amaze me.

While I recognize how busy all of us are with so many worthwhile activities, consider how important supporting the Scouting movement is for the next generation of Scouts. We still have many openings for District and Zone Representatives as well as Section, Regional and International positions. Remember, Rotary positions are supposed to rotate frequently; Club President and District Governor change annually.



To volunteer for a position email these IFSR officers: For international positions Mark Kriebel " <markkriebel@prodigy.net>; Inter-American Section: Jack Young <Jack1Villa@aol.com>. and for the RIBI Section: <shirleykirk0@gmail.com>

To learn more about IFSR go to our website: http://scouters.us/ifsr/index_2.html

I am happy to report that since our last newsletter several members have expressed interest in becoming Baden-Powell and Olave Baden-Powell Fellows. I also want to mention that every region of Scouting has a Regional Foundation. The two that I have worked with the most are the Interamerican Region Foundation:

<http://www.interamfoundation.org/>; and, the European Region Foundation:

<http://europeanscoutfoundation.org/fose/>. However, there are other regional foundation and you may have an interest in becoming a member of one or more. For more information: <https://www.scout.org/wsbkl>.

<https://www.waggs.org/en/support-us/ob-ps/about-us/history-olave-baden-powell-society/>.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting worldwide and Rotary International.

Yours in Rotarian/Scouting Fellowship.

PDG Harold Friend, MD, IFSR World President '14-'16.

In Fond Remembrance

Gary Troyer

We have received notification of the passing of IFSR member, Gary Troyer, who received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Idaho ('68) and a Masters in Computer Science ('76) from Washington State University. His specialty was nuclear and radiochemistry. He was a member of the American Nuclear Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Starting in 2002, he volunteered as a senior instructor in computer science for the Kenya Methodist University in Kenya, Africa, becoming a full time instructor in 2006-2007. He served as local District Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America for several years prior to tenure in Africa and continued as a scouting commissioner. He was Co-Chair, with his wife Kris, for the District 5080 PolioPlus program. Gary will be missed.

Jeanne Marie Allison 1928-2015 - wife of Past IFSR World President, Bud Allison

Jeanne Marie (Furst) Allison, 86, of League City, TX passed peacefully on Saturday, October 24, 2015, surrounded by her loving family. Born Nov. 24, 1928 in Topeka, KS to Guy and Esther Furst, Jeanne was the first-born of a surprise set of twins. She graduated from East Denver HS in 1946. Jeanne attended Colorado A & M meeting her future husband, Norlyn L. (Bud) Allison and they married on May 6, 1950. Bud's professional Scouting career saw them living in seven states and Germany. Their mutual love of travel continued well into retirement. Jeanne enjoyed 25 years as an Executive Secretary at Fluor-Daniel Corp. Jeanne excelled in all forms of sewing and quilting. She sang in the choirs at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church and Webster Presbyterian Church. An avid hostess, Jeanne cared for many foreign exchange students through Christmas International House. Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son Randy, and her twin sister Joanne. She is survived by her husband, Bud, and children: Greg Allison (Glynda) TX; Karen Jenkins (James) and Janet Allison, OR; two brothers, Larry and Jack Furst, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, November 7 at Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, TX at 2:00 pm, reception following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Jeanne M. Allison Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2760 W. Walker St, #126, League City, TX 77573. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/houstonchronicle/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=176294051#sthash.nZgBGS4y.dpuf>



Help Wanted—You Can Travel The World & Help IFSR!

Zones & Zones Institutes 2016

Following are upcoming zone institute dates/locations - great locations for you and your family to help IFSR - If you can handle our IFSR exhibit there please notify us. Send us information re other zone institutes or regional scout conferences in your area of the world! Please help! !

Zone	Date	Location	Director
August 2016			
25-27	22 & 23A	Recife, Brazil	Ubiracy Silva
September 2016			
2- 3	20A	Accra, Ghana	Owori
2- 3	7B, 8 30 Sep -2	Sydney, Australia	Trevaskis
Oct	28, 29	Cleveland, Ohio Jones	Jones
29 Sep -2 Oct	24, 32	Winnipeg, MB, Canada	Rohrs
October 2016			
6- 9	20B	Thessaloniki, Greece	Alpay
7- 9	15, 16	Stockholm, Sweden	Ahlberg
13-16	30, 31	Cincinnati, Ohio	Wentz
13-16	33, 34	Charlotte, North Carolina	Mulkerrin
20-23	21A	Dominican Republic	Aufranc
25-29	23B, C	Guyaquil, Equador	Ubiracy Silva
28-30	21B, 27	Salt Lake City, Utah	Podd
November 2016			
3- 5	9, 10A	Deagu, Korea	Yun
4- 6	19, 20B	Cluj, Romania + Bucharest	Dinca
10-13	25, 26	Santa Barbara, California	Howard
11-13	11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18	Madrid, Spain	San Martin, Offer Allonneau
21-24	1,2,3	Nagoya, Japan	Saito
December 2016			
2- 4	6B, 7A, 10B	Bangkok, Thailand	Saowalak, Lin

Let President Harold Friend or Brian Thiessen know of other Scouting or Rotary events where YOU can set up and staff an IFSR booth, please.



Scouting Around the World

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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting date: 19 Nov 2015

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B-P Bits:



1911 with King George

Voluntary Self-Education in Manliness is Possible

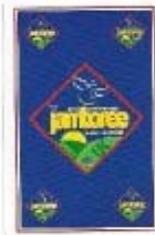
Are there no ideals we could offer to boys which without inculcating war and bloodshed would yet give them the manly aspiration, admiration of pluck and daring, of self-reliance and heroism, and self-sacrifice and chivalry?

The craft of the Indian and Zulu has its appeal for every lad; the adventure of actual boat management, or exploration of a strange country, the clambering over wild mountains, naturalist research, the pioneering skill, the camping and woodcraft lore, all have their fascinations for him. It is by using these attractions as the gift that the pill of education can be administered. And such training would be voluntary on their part, carried out with all the energy and enthusiasm of youth.

Collectors' Corner: Scouting Card Decks



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A Scout Centre of Excellence for Nature and Environment (SCENES) is a very special place. It is a center that has made a long-term commitment to protect the environment and promote environmental understanding. A SCENES Centre is committed to protecting its natural environment, minimizing its environmental impact and enabling all who are connected with the center to engage with nature and become empowered to make their own personal commitment to the environment. A SCENES Centre leads by example and acts as a positive role model to other Scout and non-Scout centers, and to its local community. It can provide real hands-on educational activities for Scouts and training opportunities for leaders, equipping them with an enthusiasm for nature and a desire to do something positive for the environment in their home-life.



Scouting in Romania:



Cercetașii României

The membership badge features stylized fir branches.

Romania was a founding member of the WOSM, having formally had Scouts between 1913 and 1937. Influenced by reading Baden-Powell's "Scouting for Boys", the first informal patrol of Boy Scouts was established in Romania in 1913 at Gheorghe Lazar high school by Dimitri Dimancescu, his brother, Ion, and classmates. The translation of Baden-Powell's book *Scouting for Boys* into Romanian was published in 1915.

During World War I, Romanian Scouts were very active in defense activities. Many Scouts who helped the transporting of the wounded were killed during air attacks. On September 29, 1916, Baden-Powell sent a message expressing regret to the Scouts for the death of their fellows. At the end of the war, the Boy Scouts marched in the front of the Victory Train, under the Triumphal Arch in Bucharest.

With the growing influence of fascism in the 1930s, Romanian Scouting officially preserved its apolitical character, only to be replaced in 1937 by a totalitarian organization, *Străjeria*, as part of the dictatorial measures initiated by King Carol II. After World War II, there were attempts to restore the Scout Movement in Romania, but the emergence of the communist regime brought a ban on all alternative youth movements, which were replaced by the Pioneer Organization and Union of Communist Youth.

After the Revolution of 1989, former Scouts and others acted for the revival of Scouting in Romania. *Cercetașii României* was again established in 1991, and in 1993 gained recognition by WOSM.

- *Lupișori*: Wolf Cubs-7 to 10
- *Temerari*: Pioneers/Scouts-12 to 14
- *Exploratori*: Explorers/Venturers-15 to 18
- *Seniori*: Seniors/Rovers-18 to 24
- *Lideri*: Leaders-24+

The Scout Motto is *Gata Oricând*, translated as *Always Ready* in English; the Romanian noun for a single Scout is *Cercetaș*.

Lebanese Scout Federation helps Syrian refugees

Since 2013, Scouts from Lebanon have been working to support the integration of thousands of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, as well as helping towards improving their well-being and living conditions within the country. Working closely with the national authorities and local communities, Lebanese Scouts have focused on the basic needs of families fleeing the war in neighboring Syria; providing winter supplies, warm clothing and helping the children in particular to feel at home in their new communities. With more than 2 million refugees fleeing Syria, and some 840,000 in Lebanon, local Scouts have been extremely dedicated volunteers doing vital and outstanding work throughout the country. And in order to support their operational actions and young leaders training, Messengers of Peace Support Fund handed over extra resources that will enable Scouts and local communities to help create a better world for all Syrian refugees.



What Is Your Scouting Rotarian Story?

Editor's Note: We would love to hear from any of you who have a favorite scouting story you would like to share with us. If we get enough interest we will make it a regular column. If you remember a story that makes you smile decades later, then we want to hear it too. Get busy and get it to us!





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