



# Why Scouting?

## ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS

In the early 1990's, several Rotarians who were also Scouters met and discussed how to provide an outlet for both interests through a fellowship group within Rotary International.

A group of British Rotarians, interested in Scouting, formed the basis for this original impetus. An organizing meeting was held at the RI Convention in Mexico City in 1991. The necessary requirements of RI Rotary Fellowship formation were met and the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) was approved. The first formal meeting was held in France at Marseilles.

Thus was born the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR). Numbering over 1000 members worldwide at the present time, IFSR promotes the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self". After approval was received from Rotary International, IFSR joined the 100 Fellowships and Action Groups, sanctioned by Rotary International, in which active Rotarians may share their interests and hobbies.

Like original Scouting, the first such group was located in the British Isles (RIBI) and is now throughout the Rotary and Scouting worlds. The IFSR is structured along the lines of the World Organization of Scout Movement, which has six distinct regions or areas for administrative purposes - Africa, Arab, AsiaPacific, Europe, Eurasia, Interamerica.

The IFSR is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promote the Scouting Movement internationally. This Fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

# Who are we?

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) is one of more than 100 Rotary Fellowship and Action Groups established to bring together Rotarians with similar interests from around the world. It is made up of Rotarians who are or were Scouters or members of the Worldwide Scouting/Guiding Movement.

## AIM

The aim of IFSR is to develop a strong association internationally between Rotarians and associates who are, or have been, active members and/or supporters of the Scout Movement including national organizations that are members of the World Organization of Scout Movements (WOSM) or the World Association of Girl Guide and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

## OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of IFSR include the following:

1. To encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians to promote the growth and development of the Scout movement.
2. To provide opportunities for social and fellowship interaction among IFSR members
3. To give active encouragement to Scouting at local, national and international levels.
4. To recognize individuals who have provided exceptionally unique service to Scouting and Rotary

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of IFSR is open to any Rotarian, Rotary spouse, or Rotaractor who is presently (or has formerly been) a member and/or supporter of WOSM or WAGGGS organizations.

# Where do I go for information?

All available at [www.ifsr-net.org](http://www.ifsr-net.org)

- Cliff Dochterman Award Nomination Package
- IFSR Membership Application
- BSA Eagle Scout Certificate & Order Form
- GSAUSA Gold Award Certificate & Order Form
- Silver Wheel Award Certificate & Order Form
- Scouts Canada Queen's Venturer Certificate
- Scouts Canada Chief Scout's Certificate
- IFSR/ROTARY Brochure
- IFSR Brochure (English & Spanish)
- 'Avenues of Service' (English & Spanish)
- 'SCOUTING ROTARIAN' IFSR Newsletters
- IFSR Officers & Contacts
- Current & future events
- Rotary and Scouting Information Sheets
- Links to Scouting Organization Sites
- Links to Rotary International Sites



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# What are benefits of membership?

- Categories of Memberships
  - ❖ Annual (Rotarian, Rotaractor, Spouse)
  - ❖ Life
  - ❖ Honorary
- Quarterly Newsletter of events & information on Rotary International, IFSR & Scouting around the World
- Networking with fellow Scouting Rotarians
- Take on a leadership role
- Making new friends by sharing interests
- Certificates and Awards for presentation locally
- Materials to promote IFSR awareness and membership
- Awareness of Scouting around the world
- Rotary and Scouting information
- Enrichment of local Scouting programs
- Opportunity to meet new friends and participate at RI Annual Convention
- Information on joint international Rotary Scouting projects