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OUT OUR WAY

Lots of activity throughout the Interamerican Region. Some of our friends at the National Office of the BSA have retired, as well as changes have been made in Scouts de Mexico, and Scouts Canada.

If you will let us know, we will pass along the changes taking place in your area. A note or E-mail will aid us in securing this information. Thanks.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED Scouts Canada

In April, Scouts Canada, selected Mr. **Phil Newsome** as their new Executive Director. Phil has a wide and varied background in Canada. He served as Field Executive in Nova Scotia, Quebec Provincial Council and was Director of Program Services at the National Office. He became Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Provincial Council and was appointed the National Chief Executive Officer.

He is a member of Rotary International and has been active in his church in various capacities. He is married and has two sons. His hobbies include swimming, camping, scuba diving and he holds a private pilot license.

We congratulate Phil on his new position and wish him well in the years ahead. IFSR is looking forward to working with him on behalf of the Scouts and Rotary Clubs in Canada.

NEW DIRECTORS APPOINTED Boy Scouts of America

Chief Scout Executive and IFSR member, **Jere Ratcliffe** recently announced two important appointments which effect IFSR. We congratulate these two individuals on their new assignments. they assume new responsibilities and continue to influence Scouting serve the Boy Scouts of America

Donald Oblander, formerly Associate Director of the Relationships Division was named to replace retiring Director, Tom Diemler effective November 1, 1999 as Director. Don is a member of IFSR.

Scott A. Teare, formerly Administrative Assistant to the Chief, was named to replace, **Al Morin** who was promoted to Director of Personnel for the BSA.

Both of these positions are important to IFSR because of the close working relationship which assists us in meeting the goals of IFSR.

NEW LEADERS "South of the Border" Scouts de Mexico, AC

The Scouts de Mexico, AC selected leaders for major positions. We wish them well in their respective duties and pledge to assist them in anyway possible.

National Executive Director- **Jorge Guzman Huerta**
National Chief Scout - **Enrique A. Leon Langridge**
International Commissioner - **Carlos J. Ruiz Gonzalez**
National Program Commissioner-**Marcelino E. Garcia Gasca**
National Operations Commissioner - **F. Salvador Padilla Dominguez**

CENSUS 2000

The US Census will be taken in April 2000. All members of IFSR in the USA should be involved in seeing that this is a most successful venture. By volunteering to assist in whatever way possible will help it succeed.

Future funding, community planning, school determinations, etc. are based on the census figures and are of great importance to all of us. This can be a great opportunity to be of service to your community.

IT'S HAPPENING IN DETROIT

This past Spring, "**THE ECCENTRIC**", a suburban Detroit newspaper published an article regarding **Graham Ives**. Graham is a 12 year old Scout from Troop 1702 of Troy, MI and has been working with Rotary International for over 8 months to secure books for shipment to Ghana.

He collected over 1,500 pounds of books and during the summer, he helped to raise part of the \$3,000 needed for shipment. What a great project between Scouting and Rotary.

CHANGES IN ROTARY

We have access to all the actions of the Rotary Board by way of "THE ROTARIAN" MAGAZINE. Each issue mentions results of the Rotary International Board and Committee meetings.

Each member should make it a practice to keep informed because the impact of these actions effect all of us. Each issue gives Rotarians a chance to be informed of the important plans and procedures of Rotary .

RI CONVENTION IN BUENOS AIRES

The Interamerican Region has been given the responsibility of hosting the IFSR booth in Friendship Hall at the RI Convention in Buenos Aires next June. **Bud Allison** along with other IFSR members attending and hopefully with local Scout/Girl Guides will "staff" the booth.

If you plan to attend the convention, you are needed to assist in the booth with one or two hours of service. You are needed.

This is a great way to tell about IFSR and meet Rotarians from around the world. Let Bud know if you will be **ATTENDING AND WILLING TO ASSIST**.

ANNUAL MEETING OF IFSR

The annual meeting of IFSR will be held at the RI Convention in June. **EXACT DETAILS** of where and what time will given in an upcoming issue or on the RI Convention Information Board.

It is most important that you (if you are in Buenos Aires) attend this once a year meeting. Business items will include reports of the various sections as well as election of officers.

Our "new", updated Constitution will be ready for approval. Once this is approved, it will become the document under which we will operate in the immediate years ahead. *(The process for renewal and update includes approval by the RIRVF Committee prior to presentation to our membership).*

Should there be enough members present from the various sections, we will hold Sectional meetings to handle any business as necessary.

Items for inclusion on the agenda should be sent to the International Secretary or your Section Chair.

These will be relayed to the Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS (99-2000)

CHAIRMAN — Dr. Harold Friend, 1500 NW 10th Ave, # 105 Boca Raton, FL 33486
VICE CHAIRMAN - David A. Judge, 28 Cottage Dr. , Colchester, Essex, England C02 8DE
SECY — Brian Kimberly, 43 Hither Green Lane, Abbey Park, Redditch B98 9BN UK

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

There seems to be some confusion regarding RENEWALS. Hopefully this will aid you as you consider renewing your membership.

IFSR MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS THE SAME AS THE ROTARY YEAR (July 1 through June 30). There are no partial fees. One way to preclude an annual renewal, consider the Life membership of (a one time payment of \$120).

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED for 99-2000, need to update their membership. There are some, who did not renew for 98-99 and so are two years behind - **REMEMBER THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST AS WELL AS THE SCOUT LAW!** Your fees go to cover the costs of doing business as IFSR. We receive no funds from ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

Members in the InterAmerican Section (Canada, USA, Mexico, Central & South America and the Caribbean send renewals to N.L. Allison, at 6042 Warm Springs, Houston, TX 77035.

In the RIBI memberships should be sent to: Brian Kimberly,

All others send your renewals to: Dr. Harold Friend , 1500 NW 10th Ave, Suite # 105, Boca Raton, FL 33486

PUBLICATIONS OF IFSR

There are three major publications within IFSR.

"THE SCOUTING ROTARIAN" - INTERNATIONAL ISSUE - published in USA (Spring and Fall)

"THE WHEEL AND WOGGLE" - RIBI Issue published in UK

"THE LINK" - INTERAMERICAN Issue published in USA (Summer and Winter)

If other sections are publishing newsletters of any type, please include the Chairman of each section on your mailing list. If you do not publish a NL, and want to have an article or column in either the International issue or the Interamerican issue, send items to Bud Allison.

If you would like to write an article for "The Link", please send it to us for publication. Rotary and Scouting items are welcome. We need photos of Scouting and Rotary events. Send them to the Editor % the Chairman.

ROTARY SPONSORSHIPS

Since 1908/1910, Rotary and Scouting (Boy and Girl) have cooperated to make the community a more livable place. What is your Rotary Club doing for the young people of your town./area? Let us know. If there is nothing going on, maybe you should look to your club members to become involved in helping our young people. That is what IFSR is all about.

YOU CAN HELP KEEP "THE LINK" ALIVE BY PASSING THIS COPY ALONG TO A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER and have you asked someone to join lately? Use application form attached to this copy! You may reproduce this if you so desire.

ROTARY ORGANIZATION IN RUSSIA

A meeting will be held in Seattle, WA in late January to discuss and determine where additional Rotary Clubs can be organized in Russia.

The area East of the Ural Mountains is a large part of Rotary District 5010 (Alaska, East Russia, and the Yukon) and is one of the many in the Interamerican Region.

We are hoping to assist in this effort and to spread the word on how other Rotary Clubs and Districts might be of help in the ongoing efforts to spread Rotary in the former Soviet Union. Joint projects and event matching grants programs can assist local Rotary Clubs and Scout Units meet the challenges of working and playing in today's hectic world.

KNOWN WEBSITES/EMAIL

World Bureau = worldbureau@world.scout.org
International BSA = www.bsa.scouting.org/international
Scouts Canada = www.scouts.ca
Brian Kimberly (Int. Secy IFSR) = kimbo@ephony.net
Dominican Republic = lsabater@codtel.net.do
Dr. Harold Friend = hfriend@pol.net
Bud Allison = IFSRNA@prodigy.net (new)
Should any of you have information regarding additional e-mails that should be posted, please pass them along to the editor. We will add them as they are received.

(Latest membership in IFSR Interamerican Section=332)

PROMOTE IFSR AT YOUR DISTRICT ROTARY CONFERENCES AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Attend your Rotary District Conference, please reproduce additional application forms, the project brochure and the information sheet. (If you are needing copies, contact the Chairman and he will send you copies. (All of these can be reproduced locally).

Tell the story of IFSR to ALL ROTARIANS and tell your local SCOUT COUNCIL MEMBERS, volunteers and professionals.

A RECENT QUERY AND A QUESTION FOR US

This was recently received from a member and it has some thought provoking items for all of us to ponder regarding our place in the scheme of things.

"The younger Scouters are doing everything they can to get rid of the older Scouters in the movement. They want to assume positions of leadership without any prerequisites regarding training, and "doing time (serve as an apprentice) getting ready for the responsibility" of a specific leadership role."

Is this a problem in your area? If so, we would like to hear from you regarding how your local Scouters are facing such situations and any recommendations which might be made concerning a "lessening of standards" and attitudes of "dedication" among our younger leaders today. Is this a sign of the times?

Obviously changes are always taking place, especially in programs like Scouting and Rotary. If things did not change, the programs would stagnate and eventually go out of existence. As B-P intimated early on, Scouting is a MOVEMENT and as such will change as the leaders, members and society grow in experience and in meeting the challenges that face us. All of us may not agree with the changes but must recognize that they are vital in the process as we move to maintain high standards and keep the basic tenets of Scouting.

WE KEEP ASKING

In order for us to inform our members of the opportunities for service, we are still in need of photos, articles and input from your clubs/scouting units, etc. Please keep us informed and we will pass information along to others.

TRY THIS - YOU SHOULD KNOW

A Rotarian in Portugal has placed many of the Fellowships on a webpage. We are included:
<henriquez@mail.telepac.pt>

IFSR - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT)
Membership year is same as Rotary year (1 July - 30 June)

RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ LIFE MEMBER _____ ASSOCIATE (Family Member) _____ Date _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Tel: (H) _____ (O) _____
Email _____

Rotary Club _____ Rotary District _____ Classification _____
Positions held _____
Scouting History _____

Present Scouting position (if any) _____

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send to: **BUD ALLISON, 6042 Warm Springs, Houston, TX 77035 USA**

In RIBI, send to: BRIAN KIMBERLEY, 43 Hither Green Lane, Abbey Park, Redditch, Worcs. B98 9BN U.K.

ALL OTHER AREAS send to: DG HAROLD C. FRIEND, MD, Inter. Chairman, 1500 NW 10th Ave. #105, Boca Raton, FL 33486

MEMBERSHIP: New = \$ 25.00 (US)/ L17.50 (RIBI) \$35 (others) [Includes blue tie and pin (s&h)]
Renewal = \$ 12.00 (US) or L 7.5 (RIBI) or \$15 (all others)
Associate Member = \$ 10.00 (US) or L 7 (RIBI) or \$12 (others)
Life Member = \$ 120.00 (US) or L 75 (RIBI) or \$130 (others)

Separate items -Necktie = \$10.00 (US) L7.5(RIBI) \$12(Others) PIN = \$4.00(US) L2(RIBI) \$6 (others) (incl S & H)

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