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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Early this year, the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) appointed Navy Rear Admiral, **Marsha Johnson Evans**, as their National Executive Director. After more than six months on the job, she has expressed great enthusiasm for her work on behalf of the largest girl serving organization in the World. "In addition to building positive collaborations with our national volunteers and staff members," she notes, "highlights of this period included visits to many of the 319 Girl Scout councils." Her first National Meeting of Presidents and Executive Directors held in Denver gave **Marty** (as she is called) and the National President, **Elinor J. Ferdon**, the opportunity to exchange ideas with these key leaders representing all of the Girl Scout Councils.



Prior to coming to GSUSA, **Marty** was Superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. She served concurrently as director of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany. A former White House Fellow and member of Phi Beta Kappa, she earned a master's degree in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford, MA, and a bachelor's degree from Occidental College in Los Angeles. She is married to **Gerard R. Evans**, a retired Navy jet pilot.

NEW NAME FOR NEWSLETTER

"**THE LINK**" has been chosen as the new name for the newsletter. This seems appropriate since IFSR should be the link between Rotary and Scouting. Through this relationship, we can make a difference in what happens in the lives of our youth.

Please keep sending in articles, photos and items of mutual interest for publication.

If your address is incorrect, please let us know **ASAP** in order to make changes for next NL. If the enclosed membership list is incorrect, please inform the chairman. **EXPECIALLY AS RELATES TO E-MAIL**. On some of the application forms...unless you print, it is difficult to read. Help us correct and update our files. **THANKS!**

THIS YEAR'S ROTARY THEME IS:
FOLLOW YOUR ROTARY DREAM

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED (1998-2000)

JOHN KENNY - International Chair
Dr. HAROLD FRIEND - Vice Chairman
BRIAN KIMBERLEY - International Secretary

NORTH AMERICAN SECTION MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO

The annual business meeting held in San Antonio at the National Council Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America during late May, was attended by over 42 members and guests. Several actions were taken which should aid IFSR in the year ahead.

Officers elected for two year term (1998 - 2000) were: **N.L. (Bud) Allison**, Chairman; **Brian Thiessen**, Vice Chairman; **Charda Bronaugh**, Secretary and **Chad Greer**, Treasurer. (Ed. Note: IFSR year is the same as RI year = July 1 to June 30).

The budget was approved. Anyone desiring a copy may contact the Treasurer or Chairman.

The membership stands at 204 in the NA Section with an additional 180 members in RIBI and elsewhere.

Next year's meeting will be in conjunction with the National BSA Council Meeting to be held in San Diego in May.

The Chairman and other members met with the members from RIBI and elsewhere at the Rotary Convention in Indianapolis in June.

A brochure has been produced to inform Rotarians and Scouters of possible projects. Copies are available for use throughout Rotary and Scouting.

We need photos and reports of activities especially as relates to cooperative projects between Rotary and Scouting.

Emphasis is still being placed on involving more ladies in our various projects.

Everyone needs to renew membership. If your mailing label carries any date except (98), (LM) or later, then you need to send it to the chairman.

Dr. Harold Friend is placing his name in nomination for vice chairman at IFSR International level for next year. We agreed to support him for this position, which means

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that he will be giving up his position as International Secretary.

Your chairman was selected to serve as moderator for one of the International Fellowship panels at the RI convention in Indianapolis. This should give us a good sounding board for IFSR.

Thanks to all those who assisted at the Booth. Many Scouters from throughout the US were interested in membership. Information regarding how Rotary and Scouting might be "linked" was distributed.

CHANGES MADE AT ROTARY CONVENTION

It was agreed at the annual meeting in Indianapolis that we change the **NORTH AMERICAN Section** to the **INTERAMERICAN Section** due to the close working relationship which has been developed between Canada, USA, Mexico, Caribbean, Central and South America.

The **Western Hemisphere** will now coordinate their activities and programs to strengthen IFSR ties among members throughout this area.

We were fortunate to have several scouts from the **Crossroads of America Council**, BSA assist us with our booth. These Scouts were a fine example of Scouting at its best. **THANK YOU SCOUTS!** We want to thank all those who spent some of their hours helping with the booth. Your efforts helped us spread the word about IFSR. We were busy the entire time answering questions, passing out flyers, handing out application forms and telling about IFSR.

Many were especially interested in the "**Eagle Certificate**". (Ed. Note: This can be used in any manner chosen by the presenting Rotary Club. Some clubs are using this for recognition of RC members who attained the Eagle in their earlier years.) We expect many requests for this recognition item.

NEW MEMBERS

Over 50 Rotarians joined in Indianapolis. We have new members from Chile, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico. Rotarians from Colombia, El Salvador, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Panama, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, the Soviet Union as well as New Zealand and Australia have expressed an interest. All of these contacts will be forwarded to the appropriate sections for follow-up. We now have over 250 enrolled in our section, **INCLUDING TWO new Associate members** (one wife and one granddaughter).

SCOUTS CANADA recently held a professional staff conference at which IFSR was discussed. Additional emphasis and members should be forthcoming from their provincial contacts.

TRAVELERS CHEQUES FOR FEES

In order to overcome difficulties with conversion of fees, it has been agreed that all fees outside of the RIBI and NA sections should be paid by **TRAVELERS CHEQUES** for the listed amounts. This will require adjustment in fees, which will be reflected in a new International Application that will be put into use shortly.

FELLOWSHIP BY-LAWS

The Rotary Fellowships operate under By-laws approved by RI. Being unable to secure an updated copy of the IFSR By-laws, Chairman John Kenny will be developing one for us. These will be distributed when approved and available. If you have any suggestions, please pass them along to John for consideration.

Don Oblander of the National Office, BSA has provided us with a listing of Rotary sponsored units in USA. These are being distributed to the Area Coordinators for local follow-up. This will provide Rotary Districts and IFSR member's information where cooperative programs can be helpful and new ones established.

ON TO SINGAPORE - 1999 CONVENTION

It is not too early to consider attending the 1999 Rotary International convention to be held in Singapore.

This will be an outstanding opportunity to visit a beautiful city, and meet and enjoy getting acquainted with many wonderful Rotarians/Scouters.

Mr. Anthony Thng, Assistant Chief Commissioner and International Commissioner of the Singapore Scout Association, has promised a chance to meet with local Scouts and Scouters during the time we are there. He is planning a campfire program as an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with their members and each other.

The Singapore Scouts will assist us with the booth and other amenities while we are there.

K2BSA - JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

K2BSA/2 - call letters for the BSA ham radio station. During the 3rd weekend in October,

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the International Jamboree-on-the-Air will take place. All Scout councils and areas should begin to contact local ham operators to make available their expertise and equipment to give local Scouts the opportunity to contact "brother" and "sister" Scouts around the world.

IFSR members can assist with this effort and enjoy the contacts, which are made during the 48 hours of non-stop activities.

Usual communication methods call for speaking into a mike, but special techniques are also used. These may consist of Slow Scan TV or SSTV, Amateur TV or ATV, Orbiting Satellite or OSCAR, Pocket radio or modem, Teletype or RTTY or Earth-Moon-Earth, EME contacts.

A flyer is available from the National Council, BSA, International Division, S221, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, PO Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

The World Station is HB9S in Switzerland, GB2GP at Gilwell Park, K2BSA/5 at Camp Wisdom in Dallas, TX,

SCOUT FREQUENCIES:

Band	SSB(Phone)	CW(Morse Code)
80 Meter	3.740* and 3.940 MHz	3.590 MHz
40 Meter	7.090* and 7.290 MHz	7.030 MHz
20 Meter	14.290 MHz	14.070 MHz
17 Meter	18.140 MHz	18.080 MHz
15 Meter	21.360 MHz	21.140 MHz
12 Meter	24.960 MHz	24.910 MHz
10 Meter	28.990 an 28.350**MHz	28.190 MHz

* Not authorized to transmit in US (Region 2) however you may listen

** For US, to allow novices to participate in JOTA on the phone

There is a recognition card available for nominal cost through International Division of the BSA.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We have been asked to assist (if possible) in sending 30 young people and leaders from Budapest to the World Jamboree in Chile. So far, they have raised over \$10,000 of the nearly \$24,000 that it will take to provide the means for them to attend. THE FEE FOR EACH PERSON IS only \$800.00 and this INCLUDES uniforms, equipment and AIRFARE! The Chilean organizers of the first-ever in South America Jamboree have levied the fees according to a standard, so every country that participates is paying a slightly different fee based on each country's financial situation.

Scouting is just now getting a foothold in the former Iron Curtain countries of Central

Europe and these newly organized programs are in need of extra help. SHOULD ANY INDIVIDUAL

MEMBER OR CLUB(S) or some of your friends BE WILLING TO ASSIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN ASAP. SEND A CHECK (whatever amount is up to you) MADE OUT TO: BUDAPEST SCOUT JAMBOREE FUND. THESE WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE SCOUT OFFICIALS FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR EFFORTS. Whatever we can raise will be added to what they are CONTINUING TO raise. (These need to be received before Sept. 15th if possible).

The participants were selected from National screening and the 30 finalists (12 Girls and 12 Boys plus 3 Women and 3 Men were selected from hundreds of applicants).

NONE of the youth participants have ever attended any kind of function outside their country, most have not traveled very far from their home villages.

This is an opportunity for us to aid in providing an experience in International living and learning that will help cement friendships and lifelong ties with over 30,000 participants worldwide.

One of the leaders is Sophie Hazli, from Budapest. She was a Rotary Exchange Student in California and is now returning some of the values and knowledge of freedom which she learned as a member of a home in the states to the young people of her country! HELP SHOW THAT ROTARY DOES CARE AND ROTARY DOES HAVE DREAMS FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.

EXCHANGES CAN BEGIN AGAIN

Word has just been received from the World Secretary General, JACQUES MOREILLON that the ban on KENYA and GHANA SCOUT ASSOCIATIONS to participate in International events has been lifted.

Some "psuedo" Scouting groups were visiting International events and taking this opportunity to become illegal immigrants in the countries visited. The problems have been addressed. ALL CONTACTS WITH THESE COUNTRIES MUST BE THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATIONS OF THESE COUNTRIES.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

Chairman-John Kenney, Vice Chairman-Dr. Harold Friend,
Secretary-Brian Kimberley, RIBI Chairman-Tom Cryer
Interamerican Chairman- N.L.(Bud) Allison, Philippines Chairman-
Betty Guia, ANZIO Chairman-John Hardy, Hong Kong Chairman-
Jones Wong, Thailand Chairman- Neils Colov

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) _____

Make checks payable to: INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS *(In UK, send in POUNDS, Outside USA or RIBI, please send Traveler's CHEQUES). Check with your local banks regarding exchange rates.*

INTERAMERICAN REGION - USA , SOUTH and CENTRAL AMERICA , CANADA , MEXICO, CARIBBEAN areas 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. Vice Chairman, 1500 NW 10th Ave. #105, Boca Raton, FL 33486

MEMBERSHIP: New = \$ 25.00 (US)/ L17.50 (RIBI) \$35 (others) [Includes blue ___ green ___ tie or pin ___]
 (As of 7/98) 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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