

# *The* SCOUTING ROTARIAN

Summer 1997

Volume 4, Number 3



A Quarterly  
Publication of the  
International  
Fellowship of  
Scouting Rotarians

R.I. Director John Kenny  
International Chairman

DGN Harold C. Friend, M.D.  
International Secretary

William Fairman  
International Treasurer

Bud Allison  
North American Chairman

Mark A. Ray  
Editor



## Leaps and Bounds

By Bud Allison  
North American Chairman

Over the last Rotary year, the membership and programs of IFSR have been growing by leaps and bounds. Here's a wrap-up of some exciting happenings:

### Canada Recruitment Up

New members are beginning to join from Canada, thanks in great part to new coordinators in the Yukon area and British Columbia.

From the Yukon, George Sinfield of Whitehorse has agreed to serve

the area of Yukon, Alaska, and Eastern Russia. In British Columbia, Dr. Layne Marshal, president of North Isle College, is well underway with his plans to contact Rotary Clubs and Scout groups in that province. We have also contacted representatives in Alberta and Ontario. More details later.

As membership grows in Canada, we will endeavor to have a column and eventually a page in the newsletter regarding Scouting in our "northern neighbor." (However, we will need someone to write it!)

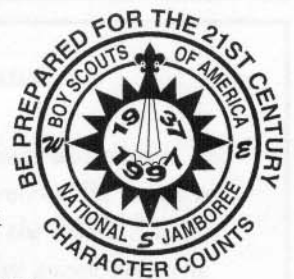
*Continued on page 2*

### IFSR at the Jamboree

One of our major projects is to sponsor a booth at the BSA National Scout Jamboree this summer. We hope to share the story of Rotary with up to 10,000 Scouts. A big part of that effort is to provide some sort of souvenir (probably a patch) to those who visit the booth. (If you've ever been to a Jamboree, you know that patch collecting

and trading is a big part of the experience.)

In order for IFSR to provide a patch, we must secure some funds to



*Continued on page 2*



## Leaps and bound, continued

### Mexico Beginning to Join In

We're making progress at the southern end of North America as well.

At a recent Scouting meeting in Mexico, Brian Theissen, coordinator from California, and I were able to make contact with a Rotary Club in Chapala, Jalisco. Several Rotarians from the BSA national office and from the Scouts de Mexico met with this relatively new club and helped them understand the benefits of Rotary and also to help them realize that the various avenues of service through Rotary can be used to aid local Scout groups. Before the weekend was over, we were able to convince them to work with the local Cub Scouts and the district in

sponsoring some joint activities. The leaders of the club had never given any thought to this in the past.

*This is one of the most important things we in IFSR can do: spread the word and come up with specific projects!* Just a little encouragement will make a big difference in the lives of all those who are involved.

We should see several new members from the Mexican Rotarians for IFSR in the very near future. The former head of the World Scouting Committee, Mr. Ivo Stern, will be sending in his application. This should help raise the prestige of IFSR to a new level for all of us. Ivo will be helping to promote dual projects in Mexico.

### Girl Scout Emphasis

It has been pointed out that most of our emphasis has been on Boy Scouting, and that Girl Scouting should have items regarding their part in IFSR. We couldn't agree more!

We would welcome someone to aid us in getting former Girl Scouts/Girl Guides active in IFSR by providing articles for the newsletter and helping us spread the word among Girl Scout councils that IFSR encourages assistance to all those involved in any phase of Scouting with projects, manpower, and the involvement of others with IFSR. Volunteers are needed. Let me know if you are interested (or know someone who might be).

## Jamboree, continued

cover the cost. It is estimated that we need about \$5,000 to provide enough items for just a third of those attending the Jamboree.

Do you know of any sources that we might reach and secure help from? The fee that we are charging for membership does not cover the cost of any of our projects.

One suggestion is to ask your Rotary Club to assist with a small amount for IFSR in their International budget. This would help generate money for the materials we are using at the display, as well as help offset some of the expenses for the souvenirs.

Any suggestions you may have—and any amount of contribution—would be appreciated. We have already had several contributions, but we still have a long way to go.

Please let International Secretary Dr. Harold Friend or Bud Allison know of any ideas you may have. Any contributions should go directly to Treasurer Bill Fairman, 1000 S. 18th St., Boca Raton, FL 33486.

If you are going to be at the Jamboree, and would be able to work at the booth during that week, please contact our booth chairman, Jimmy O'Neal at 800-258-1494.

## IFSR Kudos

Congratulations to Dr. Harold Friend for receiving the Silver Antelope (the highest award a BSA region can bestow) at the 1997 Southern Region Meeting. Harold also recently received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, another great honor.

Also, congratulations to Joe Yoke, who has just retired from the BSA's Relationship Division. Joe was instrumental in securing BSA support for IFSR. He will be replaced by Donald Oblander.

## Mission of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

*It is the mission of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians to develop a particular association internationally between Rotarians who were members of, or have a link with, the Scout movement. We strive to:*

- 1) encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians between Rotary International and the World Scout Movement,*
- 2) provide opportunities of social interaction between members, and*
- 3) give active encouragement to the Scout movement at local, national, and international levels.*



## Where Do We Go from Here?

By Bud Allison  
North American Chairman

In talking with some of you, one of the questions being asked is "What now?" We signed up, but we don't seem to be doing anything. Right?

So, what we need for everyone to do is to find a local, district, unit, or other Scout/Rotary-related project and get those in your Rotary Club involved. We have made suggestions in the newsletter and will continue to do so. We are constantly in need of more projects for both Rotary Clubs and Scout groups to do together. Here are two areas of service:

1. Rotary needs students for Interact. Scouts need members for high-school programs. The same students can belong to both; just meet separately.
2. Scouts need merit-badge counselors and Rotary needs to have projects in the Vocational field. Work the two together.

Take each avenue of service, and I believe you will find some correlation between what Rotarians can do and what the Scouts should be doing. All it takes is a little bit of imagination. We don't have to keep reinventing the wheel. Invite Scouts to your Rotary meetings and have them explain what they are doing in their units.

Meetings of IFSR can be held at national meetings, Jamborees, Rotary district meetings, etc., wherever there is a group of like-minded individuals coming together. We do not want to hold meetings just for the sake of meeting, but to work for the good of Scouting and Rotary.

If you have any ideas, pass them along and we'll publish them.

## Rotary Sponsors Scouting

Rotary is the 16th largest sponsor of Scout units among the Top 30 Chartering Organizations of the BSA, according to the 1996 BSA Annual Report just released.

As of December 31, 1996, Rotary International had 1,443 Scout units and a membership of 51,752 youth members. The top sponsor was the United Methodist Church with a total of 11,587 units and 407,243 youth members.

Imagine for a moment what would happen if Rotary knocked the Methodists out of the number-one spot—not by siphoning of their mem-

bership, but by recruiting that many new members and starting that many new units. What effect would that effort have on your community? On your Rotary Club? On those 35,000 additional boys who would benefit from the Scouting program?

How many Rotary Clubs in your district sponsor Scout units? How many units does *your* club sponsor?

And don't forget about Girl Scouting. While Girl Scout troops aren't sponsored as Boy Scout units are, they still need support. And they can still benefit from a relationship with a Rotary Club.

## News from All Around

In the last issue of *The Scouting Rotarian*, we asked what your club was doing to support Scouting. Here's what's happening in two areas:

### Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge has maintained an active Inner City Scouting Committee for several years. But recently this group took on perhaps its biggest project yet.

Last fall, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System implemented a desegregation plan that included establishing extended-day programs in 30 elementary schools. Several of the schools contacted the Istrouma Area Council about having Scouting become part of these programs, and the council called out the Rotarians to establish funding and recruit adult leadership. To date, After School Scouting programs have been started in nine schools.

Many Baton Rouge Rotarians also serve as mentors for new Eagle Scouts. (In the Istrouma Area Council,

each new Eagle is matched with an adult in his chosen career field.)

On the Girl Scout side, the club has recently sponsored an educational health fair as well as participating in several other programs for inner-city girls. As Club President Charles L. Spencer emphasized, the club does a lot more than just cut checks!

### Duluth, Minnesota

The Duluth club has been active in support of the Learning for Life program, an in-school BSA program.

Rotarians also play a major role in the Voyageurs Area Council's operations. Rotarian Peter Bagley chaired last fall's Popcorn Sale, which raised about \$160,000 each for the council and participating units. Rotarians make up most of the committee for this summer's Jamar Boy Scout Golf Classic. And Rotarian Jon Welles is serving his second term as council president.

Thanks to Rotarian Don Olson for sending in this information.



# Membership Application



To start or renew your membership, complete the application below. (Renewing members need only enter name and any changes or additions.)

Family/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Classification \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  New (\$25 or £17.5)  
 Renewal (\$12 or £7.5)

Mail application with payment to:

New members receive either a pin or a tie. Check below:  
Pin \_\_\_\_\_ Blue tie \_\_\_\_\_ green tie \_\_\_\_\_

DGN Harold C. Friend, M.D.  
International Secretary  
International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians  
1500 NW 10th Ave. #105  
Boca Raton, FL 33486 USA

Additional  Lapel pin (\$3 or £2)  
Items:  Tie (\$8 or £5) Blue \_\_\_\_\_ Green \_\_\_\_\_

Fees may be sent in U.S. dollars or British pounds equivalent by check, money order, or traveler's check. New member confirmation will be sent with your pin or tie. Renewals will be confirmed by a notation on your next International newsletter.

Our Fellowship, like all Rotary activities, functions only as well as our volunteers' efforts. If you would like to volunteer for a position within the Fellowship (international or section positions, newsletters, etc.) or for a specific activity (National or World Jamboree, RI Convention, national Scout meetings, etc.), please indicate your interest when you return this application.



**International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians**  
DGN Harold C. Friend, M.D., International Secretary  
1500 NW 10th Ave. #105  
Boca Raton, FL 33486  
(407) 392-8533

If renewal year is 1996, you must pay your \$12 renewal fee to continue receiving *The Scouting Rotarian*.