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ROTARY DISTRICT # 5510

Governor of Rotary District # 5510, Norma Taylor writes from Phoenix about Rotary support for Scouting. She indicates that through her District Newsletter all Clubs are being urged to send letters, reports and photos to us. We are anticipating several items for future use.

Ask your club to let us know about their involvement?
 As these are received, we will pass them along in the Newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR OWN

Area Coordinator for Arizona and New Mexico, IFSR member, **Zach Hirsch** in Prescott, was honored by the Grand Canyon Area Scout Council with the presentation of the Distinguished Eagle Award at a recent Board meeting. Our hearty congratulations are extended to him on this well deserved recognition.

ROTARY SPONSORED UNITS IN THE BSA

Local Rotary Clubs in the USA sponsor **1407 Scouting units** with **40, 563 Youth members** under the leadership of **15,573 Adult leaders**. Rotary Clubs are listed as number 16 among the top 25 sponsors of Scouting according to the Community Relationships Committee from the National BSA Office in Irving.

NE Region - 275 Units - 9384
Youths - 3513 Adults
Southern - 389 Units - 9182
Youths - 3469 Adults
Central - 360 Units - 10545
Youths - 3753 Adults
Western - 383 Units - 11543
Youths - 4838 Adults
Total - 1407 Units - 40, 563
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LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Since we announced the addition of life membership status, some

members are converting to this one time payment method. Some clubs are using this as a method of recognition for long -time Scouting service. Cost is only \$120.00 with no lapses or renewals during your Rotary "lifetime". This is an excellent way for us to maximize our efforts in recruiting new members.



THIESSEN ACCEPTS POSITION

Area Coordinator, Brian Thiessen from California has accepted the position of Vice-Chairman for the North American Section of IFSR. His volunteering for this will aid us as we move into a new year of operation. We are in hopes to add a vice-chairman for Canada soon.

I am sure you know, that all positions within the fellowship are voluntary. His acceptance will be reconfirmed at the annual election held in conjunction with our next official meeting in Indy.

AREA COORDINATORS

The North American Section of IFSR has been subdivided into several "areas" and several of our IFSR members have accepted the leadership role for those areas. These volunteers will assist with the Rotary Districts and Scout councils within their areas. They need your help in bringing the word of IFSR and cooperative projects to all of the clubs and councils within their areas. Please contact them-offer help and ideas.

ME, VT, NH, MA - David Meyer, Green Mt. Council, BSA, PO Box

557, Waterbury, VT 05676, Tel: 802 - 244-5189.

NY, CN, RI - William Thornton, PO Box 148, West Seneca, NY 14224, Tel: 716-674-5050.

PA, DE, NJ, MD - (need someone)
NC, SC, VA, DC - Dr. Bruce Trefz, 1041 X-Ray Dr., Gastonia, NC 28054, Tel: 704 - 853 - 2510.

OH, IN, MI - Scott Sandrock, 220 Market Ave, South, Canton, OH 44702-2116, Tel: 330-456-5756.

IL, WI - Gerhard Kaes, 5400 W. Eddy St., Chicago, IL 60641, Tele: 773-685-3903.

MN, SD, ND - Dick Olson, 969 E. Pike Lake Rd., Duluth, MN 55811-9743, Tel: 218-729-6050.

KS, NE, IA, MO - Thomas Black, 8460 Watson RD, # 112, St. Louis, Mo. 63119-5247, Tel: 314-842-4844

OK, AR - (need someone)

TX - (need someone)

LA, AL, MS - Dennis Griffith, 2410 Crestview SE, Decatur, AL 35601, Tel: 205-306-4067.

KY, TN, WVA - Robert Crowley, 718 Kenesaw Ave., Knoxville, TN 37919, Tel: 432- 523- 6795.

GA, FL - (need someone)

AZ, NM - Zach Hirsch, Jr., 3209 Tonto Ridge Rd., Prescott, AZ 86301-3941, Tel: 520-445-7641.

UT, CO, WY, MT - (need someone)

CA, OR, WA, NV, HI - Brian Thiessen, 100 Los Balcones, Alamo, CA 94507 Tel:510-820-1309.

CANADA COORDINATORS

In Canada, the coordinators will be working with groups and Regional Councils plus the Rotary Districts.

YUKON, AL, RUSSIA - George Sinfield, 1203 Spruce St., Whitehorse, Yukon, CAY 5L5, Tel: 403-393-6232.

BC - Dr. M.L. Marshal, 2291 Canterbury Lane, Campbell River, BC, V9W 3A, Tel: 403-6668-2610.

NWT - (need someone)

ONT - Dr. Ken Smith, 3272 Addison Ave., Niagara Falls, ONT, L2J 3K9, Tel: 905-356-8094.

ALB - (need someone)

SAS - (need someone)

MAN - (need someone)

NB,NS,PEI,NFLD - (need someone)

QUE - (need someone)

CANADIAN, ET. AL. COLUMN ?

We would like to have a column devoted to Canadian IFSR activities plus any others that would like to write and submit something regarding what is happening in your "neck of the woods". We want to include them in future editions.

Your Chairman has contacted Bryan Milliere at Scouts Canada National HQ and will be working with his Relationships division in order for us to establish closer ties to their efforts. Indications are that he and others there will become members of IFSR.

We have a Scout Group from BC that would like to establish Email contact with other Scout Units, especially in the BSA. Ask your units and/or Scouts to contact: Andy Leitch at his address: aleitch@island.net.

This is a project for one of their badges and the entire unit is involved. What a great way to make new Scouting friends!

GLEANINGS FROM THE "NET"

While chatting with some college friends recently, this little item came from one of the participants. It is amazing what the college age group is doing. Really makes one believe that campus life is not all parties, fun and games. Lots of good serious thought is going on out there. These folks could become involved in ROTORACT, maybe "online?" Anyone willing to start it up. Might be a very interesting project.

**"Around the Corner"
by Henson Towne**

*Around the corner I have a friend
In this great city that has no end
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone
And I never see my old friend's face,
For life is a swift and terrible race
He knows I like him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine.*

*We were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men
Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name*

*"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Jim.
Just to show that I'm thinking of him"*

*But tomorrow comes and tomorrow
goes,
And distance between us grows and
grows.
Around the corner! - yet miles away.*

*"Here's a telegram, Sir!"
"Jim died today."
And that's what we get and deserve
in the end
Around the corner, a vanished friend."*

(Why not take time this year to show your appreciation to those who make a difference in your life. Tell them you care and that they do have a place in your life! It's the Rotary and Scouting Way!)

EAGLE CERTIFICATE

The long awaited Eagle Certificate is in use. Several Rotary Districts and Clubs are availing themselves of this and recognizing Scouts in their areas that have or are attaining the Eagle Rank. *(We are in hopes to develop something which can be used for the Scouts Canada and the Girl Scouts/Guides).*

Contact the Chairman with your orders. Cost of the multicolored 8 X 11 Certificate is \$2.50 each from 1 to 10. If your order is for over 10 then the cost drops to \$2.00 each. Make checks to IFSR. They will be sent in return mail. A good project for some individual to do.

EAGLE CEREMONIES

Our former newsletter editor, Mark Ray in Louisville has authored a how-to guide for ceremonies and the overall planning which goes into this most honored recognition ceremony.

PO Box 22314, Louisville, KY 40252-0134. Cost is \$9.95. Has lots of ideas and helps. Why not present a copy to your District Advancement Committees.

FELLOWSHIPS "ON THE WEB"

We have just received word from Ms. Kate Dalton, coordinator at RI for the various Fellowships, telling us the Rotary Fellowships (some 84 strong) are going on the Rotary WEB. You who surf the web should use www.rotary.web.

Also, why not contact fellow IFSR members that have eMail. Check

the latest roster, some are listed. We could have a lot of fellowship via the net, with those who use it. A good way to exchange ideas and share project reports. If you would like to have it listed, we need your EMail address.

WORLD JAMBOREE

The 19th World Jamboree will be held near Santiago, Chile from Dec 27, 1998 to Jan 6, 1999.

Applications are now being accepted to fill the various regional and council contingents. Do you know of any Scouts that should be going? Get your Rotary Clubs together and help sponsor one or two of them. Good International project as well as helping a deserving Scout or Explorer.

This is the first time that a Jamboree is being held in South America.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
BOOTH**

IFSR will host a booth at the RI Convention in Indy in June. There will be representatives from all over the US, Canada, Mexico, RIBI, Australia, Brazil, etc. There will be an annual business meeting plus we will plan to have a get-together for the NA Section. The where and when of meetings will be posted at the booth.

Will need help at the booth. Scout Executive, Mr. Scott Clabaugh, of the Crossroads of America Council has offered us help from local Scouts units. Let us know if you plan to attend and we will set up a schedule.

PHOTOS AND REPORTS

Have just received word from RI that they want to do a story about IFSR in an upcoming issue of the Rotary NEWS (this is published monthly by RI and goes to all the Presidents!). WE NEED, photos and other items of interest regarding your activities. PLEASE GET THEM TO US POST HASTE. Thanks.

We would like to find a new name for the newsletter. Need suggestions.

PROJECTS

Just heard from one council and they are helping the Fire Departments mark and clear snow from around FIRE HYDRANTS. What a great service and possibly save someone's life as well.

Another is helping clean up the environment by placing signs with the help of local agencies telling folks that **"If you dump it, you may drink it!"** This is aimed at keeping things out of the gutters and sewers. If it gets into the system, it may end up in your kitchen.

UP-DATE FOR ROTARY PROMO PIECE

Associate Director of the Relationships Division, Mr. Donald Oblander is in the process of updating a Rotary brochure which was used with prospective local Rotary Clubs in describing how to and the advantages of sponsoring a Scout Unit. (See story on page 1 regarding sponsorships by Rotary clubs). Many more clubs should sponsor units!

We from IFSR can assist with this effort and should anyone have ideas regarding what should be included in such a promotional piece, please contact him at the National Office. Some photos of Scouting activities would be welcomed as well.

Incidentally, Don is a member of IFSR and your Chairman is a member of the national committee representing IFSR.

RUSSIAN SCOUTING AND RUSSIAN ROTARY GROWTH

Most Scouters are aware of the push that the National Council BSA has placed on helping with Scouting in the former Soviet Union. Rotary International, is now involved in helping build Rotary there. It is most gratifying to know that these two programs can be used effectively in building a bridge between the adult world and for their youth.

There may be projects for local IFSR and Scout Councils along with Rotary Clubs that might secure "matching grants" from

Rotary International. Put your ideas to work and maybe you can send or receive Scout groups.

This past summer, the Sam Houston Area Council in Houston had a Scout group travel to Omsk, Russia.

The International Division of the BSA was most helpful in setting up such a program for them. The group attended a camporee and then had home visits as well. It was interesting to note that about 60 % of the attendees from the various countries were female. Their program is evidently geared to many coed activities.

Email address of one of their good Scouters: SIBAS@scout.omsk.su
Andrey Desyatnichen, 23-37 Maykovsky Str., Omsk, Russia 644010. (His English is improving). He visited in Houston recently with the Troop they hosted.

INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

The International Division, has available for use at ceremonies, etc. sets of International Flags which are available on loan, **through local Scout councils**, (user provides insurance and return costs) and brochures regarding the **World Friendship Fund**, plus flyers regarding other types of International events.

Information about the International Camp Counselor program. Scouts from the US can spend the summer in European Camps and Scouts from other countries spend the summer in a BSA camp. Age is 18-31. This is a great way to have contact with a Scout from another country. The cost is very minimal..

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The National Council, BSA meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX May 25 - 30. For further information, check with your local council office.

We will share a booth and will hold a meeting (check at the booth for time and place) with those planning to attend.

All 1997 memberships need to be RENEWED for 1998

FREEDOM'S FOUNDATION

In the last issue, we referred to a meeting held at Freedom's Foundation and indicated that there were many projects which could be carried out at the Valley Forge campus. Excellent facilities for overnight, feeding and recreation exist. Costs are very reasonable. In fact, less expensive than staying at home!

They welcome Scout and Rotary members to help with the various needs which exist. Many of fellowship, other Rotarians and Scouts in the Mid-west and along the East Coast could be very helpful by giving volunteer service to improve the buildings and grounds. What a pleasant way to spend a weekend in service to an important part of our American Heritage. You might even meet up with George Washington if you are as fortunate as we were. He has some interesting tales to tell.

Contact is President, Freedom's Foundation, 1601 Valley Forge Rd., Valley Forge, PA 19482-0706. Tel: 610-933-8825 or Fax: 610-935-0522.

"FUJI" - "EAGLE" INITIATIVE UNDERWAY

In order to provide more youth exchanges, the Japanese government in cooperation with Nippon Scouts has invited the BSA to send four patrols of Eagle Scouts to visit with Fuji Award Scouts in leadership conferences and other activities. They will visit with the Crown Prince, the Prime Minister and share in Scoutcraft skills, education and training ideas.

This program is by invitation from the National Office of the BSA. During the next several years, invited Patrols will consist of "inner city" youth, handicapped, Explorers and others with the criteria yet to be determined.

One of the first council's to be invited is the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council in California. Brian Thiessen has been selected as the Eagle Scout Adult to lead the group. Congratulations to Brian on his selection. The first visit will be in March 1998.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

Make checks payable to: International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, North American Section
Send to: N.L. (Bud) Allison, 6042 Warm Springs, Houston, TX 77035

ALL FEES ARE IN US \$ - PLEASE CONVERT LOCAL \$ TO US \$

Membership fees: New = \$ 25.00 [Includes blue ___ green ___ necktie or pin ___ (indicate which)]
Renewal = \$ 12.00
Associate Member = \$ 10.00
Life Member = \$ 120.00

If ordered separately - Necktie = \$10.00 Pin = \$4.00 (incl S & H)

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