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ISFR World President Harold Friend and BSA Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock during the Annual Meeting of the BSA in Atlanta, GA, USA. CSE Wayne Brock is a former Rotarian and 12th Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. He was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of IFSR Interamerican Region in 2014.

Wayne Brock, CSE Boy Scouts of America PO Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Wayne,

We have known each other for so many years, from the time you were the SE in Orlando and I was Area Vice-President doing your Charter Reviews. I especially think back to the time we ran together outside the Opryland Hotel when we were attending the Southeast Region Annual meeting when I was Area President. We were both young and eager to expand our Scouting leadership roles. You achieved the ultimate Scouting position, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. You truly had a distinguished career. I am proud to have been friends with you for so many years. As you move into retirement I hope you will consider continuing your service by rejoining Rotary.

Yours in Scouting Fellowship,

arold C Friend MD International President '14-'16, IFSR



IFSR Silver Wheel Award Zdenek Michalek

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) "Silver Wheel Award" may be awarded to any Rotarian or Associate who renders exceptional and exemplary service in support of IFSR activities or the Scout Movement worldwide.





Zdenek Michalek, Rotary Club of Ostrava and IFSR Coordinator, was so honored at the Rotary Club of Alamo meeting on June 17th for his unique and exemplary service to youth in his Rotary District (RYLA Chair for 15 years), Cliff Dochterman Award winner, active leadership of Scouts and Rotarians in both the Czech Republic and in Slovakia .. encouraging joint projects, and his creation of the Scout Center in his hometown that cost over \$1Million. It has computer labs, athletic par course outside, meeting rooms for all sorts of educational projects and is open to every member of the community, whether or not they are active in Rotary or Scouting. For his years of tireless effort making his community and country a more principled and inclusive part of the world IFSR recognizes him with this award.

A bit of other information. Zdenek Michalik has agreed to be Chair of the European Region not this coming year but 2016-17. I will show him as Vice Chair for now. He is a patent attorney by training but his firm focuses on management training for companies and government entities and non profit organizations not just in Czech Repubic and Slovakia but in many European countries -- on how to plan goals for the organizations with which he works, how to bring all members into reaching those goals and buying into those goals, how to feel positive about their contributions and provide any input into the process and the long range effort for the entity. Something like the Visioning process in Rotary that our own Steve Wilcox (LM IFSR) does for Rotary Clubs throughout the Rotary world. Zdemek's experience and energy are amazing.

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Cliff Dochterman was here and they had good/great conversation about the twinning of Rotary and Scouting. Cliff was the consummate host of our informal luncheon at his home country club in Moraga and it was a wonderful time for us all.

IFSR Silver Wheel Award Explained

There has been some question raised at the recent Sao Paulo Convention, and elsewhere, about the Silver Wheel Award. It is described in our Constitution (www.ifsr-net.org) and it is rarely presented -- only to those members who have given years of fruitful service to IFSR. A question was how many can be given each year since there is a confusing sentence in the Constitution 'these awards may be given each year'. Some have (mis) understood this to mean IFSR could only award one each year. Rather, it meant that the review and approval should be done on an annual basis.

A history of the Award shows that from the beginning there were more than one some years .. and none other years. Nomination forms are available also on the web site and they are sent to our Exec Secretary who forwards them to the Executive Board for review and recommendation based on service not to Rotary or to Scouting but to IFSR itself.

Ideally the actual presentation should be at a large Scouting or Rotary gathering unless unforeseen circumstances make that impossible.?



Rotary IFSR Eagle and Gold Award

The Racine Founders Rotary Club of Racine, WI, birth place of Paul P. Harris, recognized four Eagle Scouts and one Gold Award Girl Scout Friday May 29 at the regular Club meeting. Emcee was Tim Shea, Eagle Scout, and Cliff Dochterman Award recipient. Tim reviewed the requirements for both awards to a crowd of 80+ Rotarians and guests including adult leaders and mentors of the Scouts. Each Scout was given podium time to tell everyone about their project then recognized with the appropriate IFSR certificate and a Paul P Harris coin. Tim is currently serving Scouting as the District Commissioner for Lighthouse District in Three Harbors Council.





Scouting Around the World



August 2015

National Capital Area Council International Committee

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B-P, although fully matured in army models of control, was vehemently hostile to over-centralization and excessive bureaucracy. He believed Scouting should be taken up as a result of coming together at a local level of interested adults along with enthusiastic children. The function of Headquarters was to provide a framework within which Scouting could develop while still reflecting local, national and later international diversity. He discouraged excessive interference with Scouting on the ground, as long as those involved accepted the basic ideals of Scouting. This balance between local autonomy and centralized guidance has served well.









Highest Award



Scouting was first introduced in Thailand on July 1, 1911 by King Rama VI, who is known as the Father of Thai Scouting. King Rama VI brought back the idea of Scouting from Great Britain where he studied. Scouting in Thailand is unique in that it is part of the school curriculum and receives strong support from the Thai government and people. Even the Royal Family are keen members. King Bhumibol (Rama IX) is the Chief Scout.

Although Scouting is part of the school program, especially for grades 6-8, it is not actually mandatory. Options do exist for participation in other youth programs, such as the Thai Red Cross; however, the vast majority of Thai youth participate in Scouting. Scouts wear their Scout uniforms to school once a week, though which day of the week is set by the local schools.

The fundamental principles are: adherence to spiritual values, loyalty to country, promotion of world brotherhood, helping others, the practice of the Scout oaths and laws, voluntary participation in community services and various program activities. Scouting is open to boys and girls of all religions. There are 4 sections of Scouting: Cub Scouts, Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rovers. There are also Sea Scouts and Air Scouts which are supported by the Royal Thai Navy and Royal Thai Air Force. Scout training takes place at both primary and secondary school levels as well as at university and technical colleges.



8 July 2015

The Scouts of Saudi Arabia have been working tirelessly in Mecca and Medinah, the two holiest sites in Islam, in support of the record number of visitors during the holy month of Ramadan. Visiting the 3000 Scouts on duty, Minister of Education Dr Azzam al Dakhil (4th from left) praised the Scouts for their service as Messengers of Peace. He donned a Scout scarf during his visit and "was just like one of us", declared one of the younger Scouts from Riyadh who met him. The service is one of the many large scale annual activities led by Saudi Scouting, according to Chief Commissioner Dr Abdullah al Fahad (3rd from left), who is also a member of the World Scout Committee.

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Ivančena Scout Mound is a stone memorial in Beskydy mountains in the Czech Republic.

During the last days of World War II the Nazis brutally murdered several young Czech Scouts for their involvement in resistance activities. For their memory, in 1946, their friends built a small cairn in the mountains. The message was: Let anyone who goes around remember their deeds and leave a stone on this spot. Scouts and others kept coming with their stones even during the 40 years of communist oppression, commemorating Scout ideals. During the last 70 years a majestic memorial has arisen from the original small pile of stones and contains pieces from many places around the world.



You can add your contingent stone on the Ivančena Scout Mound!

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Do you want to become part of the history and to express solidarity with the Scout Ideals? When going to the Jamboree, bring a small stone (max. 5 cm diameter) from a beautiful and/or an important place in your country, paint or sign it and add it to the collection in the Czech Pavilion at the WSJ. We will then make sure to give it a prominent place on the Mound which is just being renovated...

Ask us to learn more about the Ivančena Scout Mound beforehand at ivancena@jamboree.cz. Thanks for your contribution and see you in Japan!



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Thank You Letter From PDG Harold C. Friend MD

My Fellow Rotarian members of IFSR

Serving as the World President this past year has been an invigorating experience. I am impressed by the dedication and commitment that out members have to both Rotary and Scouting. To all of you who have served as officers or representative this past year, Thank You! I would like to especially recognize several very important IFSR leaders who have exemplified Service Above Self. Our International Commissioner and past IFSR World President PDG Brian Thiessen. I doubt that there is a single day when Brian has not performed at least one task for our organization. The Interamerican Region Chair, Dan O'Brian. Dan is a Council Scout Executive in Illinois and has served IFSR in numerous positions over the years, always doing an exemplary job. PDG David Judge has worked on revitalization of IFSR in RIBI this past year Our great newsletter editor, Steve Kessler and assistant editor Pam Blankenzee. They have done an A+ job! Treasurer, Ralph Winter, has kept the accounting in order and transparent. Our Executive Secretary, Randy Seefeld, is constantly sending out documents, invoices, and relay messages. Past RI President Cliff Dochterman, who is known to all of us and called upon by so many, but always has time to assist IFSR.

I would also like to recognize three Rotarians who will be stepping up to take new leadership roles, PDG Mark Kriebel, serving as World VP for 2015-6 and then as World President 2016-7 and PDG Jack Young who will serve as Interamerican Region Vice Chair for 2015-6 and then assume the Chair 2016-7. New RIBI leadership will be transferred to Rotarian Shirley Kirk at AGM to be held at Gilwell Reunion on Saturday 5th September 2015.

There are so many others who deserve recognition, please see the list of officers in the newsletter. If your District or Zone does not have a current Representative now is the time to step forward. Contact Brian, Dan or myself.

Thank all of you for helping to create a better world by supporting Rotary International and Scouting organizations all over the world.

Yours in Rotarian/Scouting Fellowship,

PDG Harold C. Friend, MD

IFSR World President, 2014-2016



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Letter From Our President PDG Harold Friend, MD



My fellow Scouting Rotarians, the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians has a unique role as an interface between three great worldwide organizations, Rotary International, the Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). All of us were either Scouts as a youth and/or a supporter of Scouting as an adult. There are so many ways that each of us support Scouting today and your enthusiasm for this great youth program led you to join IFSR. Over the last year, as World President of IFSR, I have heard so many different ways in which our members support Scouting, from the unit level, Councils, regional level, national Scout organizations and, for many, international participation.

My hope is that IFSR will make each of us aware of greater opportunities in which to participate, regardless of our current role. I would like to mention two Foundations that are in the center of sustained financial support of Scouting from the international standpoint.

Olave Baden-Powell Society (OB-PS) is dedicated to enabling girls and young women to develop their full potential as responsible citizens of the world thought the work of the World Association for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The purpose of OB-PS is to provide financial support and stability to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The financial support goes directly to WAGGGS to help in its every day work or projects. To become a member of OB-PS a contribution of £6,000 or more is given to the Olave Baden-Powell Society.

The World Scout Foundation, WSF, is an international non-profit institution, incorporated under Swiss law, and based in Geneva (Switzerland). The purpose of which is to develop World Scouting by the provision of financial and other support to help develop the World Scout Movement through the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Part of the WSF is The Queen Silvia Fund, an endowment which enables young handicapped people, all over the world, to benefit through Scouting. The Baden-Powell Fellowship recognizes those who have given financial support to the World Scout Foundation of US \$10,000.

The theme of RI President 2015-16 KR Ravindran is **Be a gift to the world**. I would like to follow his theme and challenge our members to become either Baden-Powell Fellows or Olave Baden-Powell Society members during this next Rotary year. For the first six member of IFSR who meets this challenge during the 2015-16 Rotary year, I will personally transfer 1000 Rotary Foundation points to make the person of their choice a Paul Harris Fellow.

Yours in Rotarian/Scouting Fellowship,

PDG Harold C. Friend, MD

IFSR World President, 2014-2016



69th BP Fellowship Event – Melbourne

The 69th BP Fellowship Event will take place from 17-20 March 2016 in Melbourne, Australia. 16 years ago the 41st BP Fellowship Event took place in Sydney in 1999 and it will be a pleasure and privilege to return to this fascinating country.

Scouting In Western Australia

Llew Withers, a Scouter over 20 year's experience and a Rotarian for about the same time. I hold the position of DC Melville District in Western Australia and AG for District 9465. Prior to this year I was GL of Waylen Bay Sea Scouts for about 9 years and various Group, District & Branch roles before that.

Over the last few years I have been building friendship between Rotary & Scouting. Both organisations are very successful but (I think) run on parallel pathways. Finding intersections where the two can meet is always a challenge. Some joint projects in my District (both Rotary as AG & Scouting as DC covers the same geographical area). We have 5 Scout Groups & 5 Rotary Clubs.

Joint Projects include the following:

• Waylen Bay Scouts assist the RC Applecross to set up & take down pop up shelters for the Jacaranda Festival (Nov each year) and manning 2 BBQ stations during the day. Rotary makes a donation to the Scout Group including the purchase of about 4 outboard motors, cash & other goods over the past 10 years.

• Attadale RC with Waylen Bay Sea Scouts co-sponsored the setting up of the Attadale Scout Group. The Attadale RC provided the inaugural Group Committee for about 6 months and prepare a successful \$8,000 grant from Lottery West. The Attadale RC helps the new Group with purchase of tents and flys for camping. As an Attadale Rotarian & (fmr GL with Waylen Bay) I took on the GL role until the new Group Leader was recruited and trained. The Group has 41 youth & 7 Leaders & 3 Adult Helpers in under 2 years.

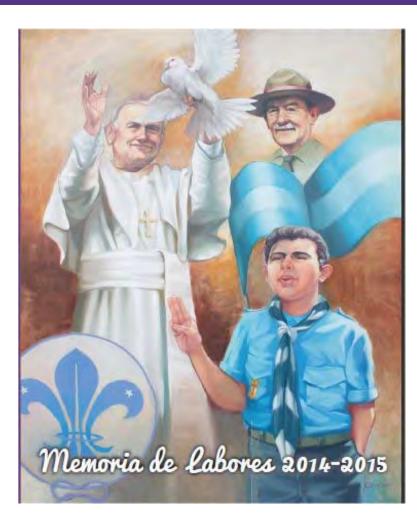
Melville Rotary Club recently purchased a box trailer with canopy to help the Attadale Scout Group.

• Melville Rotary Club sponsored Waylen Bay Sea Scouts for \$10,000 to rename their rescue boat to the (PDG & PHF with 4 saphires & past WA CC) Gordon Cargeeg.

• Attadale Scout Group assists Attadale RC over the last two years with the collection of tinned cans & other foodstuffs for the annual Give a Damn Give a Can in the Melville District.



SCOUTS DE EL SALVADOR: ARTESANOS DE LA PAZ



Pintor Carlos Parraga Canas

Los Scouts de El Salvador han estado presentes y Siempre Listos, construyendo un mejor El Salvador, a lo largo de sus cien años de historia. Papel fundamental jugaron durante el conflicto armado que entristeció a nuestra amada Patria, educando jóvenes para la Paz tan ansiada y sirviendo en los momentos más difíciles.

En la primera visita a El Salvador, de su Santidad el Papa Juan Pablo II, fue encomendada a la Asociación de Scouts de El Salvador parte de la logística, durante la operación Portacoeli. Juan Pablo II trae un mensaje claro y contundente, haciéndonos un llamado a todos los salvadoreños a ser Artesanos de la Paz.

El mensaje de Paz de nuestro fundador Baden Powell ha sido puesto en práctica en la formación de miles de jóvenes a lo largo de nuestra historia. El mensaje de ser Artesanos de la Paz, debe perdurar en los salvadoreños, y los Scouts vivirlo en el cumplimiento de nuestra Promesa y Ley.



IFSR Executive Board Meeting 3PM EDT June 27, 2015

Those Attending: Harold Friend, MD; Dan O'Brien; Steve Henning; Steve Kesler; Mark Kriebel; Randy Seefeldt; Brian Thiessen; Ross McConnell; and Larry Hodapp

I. Membership Structure. We will now offer the following options:

One Year for \$35 Two Year for \$60 Life Membership \$275

Those who take the one or two year memberships will be encouraged at renewal to become life members at the \$275 minus up to \$50 credited for whatever they have already paid for the one or two year membership they had. We may also offer "conference specials" still to be determined.

All this comes from concern about declining membership and fees. Brian made the point that the single best source of new members is the recruiting done through our booths at Rotary and Scouting events. To maintain our success we will have to inspire more folks to setup and man these booths at more events. Jack Mayo was one of the most successful at doing this, considering it his sole job to call whomever he needed to get this done at many events. Brian suggests that we try to find someone to do the job that Jack used to do. Randy is always ready to send them a banner and brochures when they call him.

II.

New IFSR Awards for Youth Service and Community Service. Everyone agreed with the idea presented by Steve Henning, as detailed in his 6/25/2015 email to the board, to offer the Youth Service Award, an IFSR recognition certificate for the Webmaster to send electronically to Rotary clubs whose Scouting related service activities should be recognized. Steve will locate these clubs and events thru internet searches. The advantage of this award is that it provides contact between IFSR and clubs that are already serving Scout Units. The award will also include electronic copies of IFSR literature and joining information. It will also introduce Rotary Clubs to a new IFSR Community Service Award they can present to Scout units.

It was agreed that IFSR would create the new IFSR Community Service Award that Rotary Clubs could award their local Scout and Guide Troops that they would like to recognize for their community service. It is to be online so as to NOT add to Randy's already huge responsibilities list, making it easier to access may also encourage its more frequent use. It was generally felt that this self-administered award would offer more of our members a relatively easy way to be relevant (by doing this) and would raise IFSR's name while



encouraging more interaction between Rotary and Scouting – exactly our mission. Harold suggested that the name not contain the word Rotary to avoid any conflicts with Rotary International, hence the IFSR Community Service Award.

III. Assigning New Members To Committees. Especially when a new member writes on his application that he would like to be assigned to a committee, that information will be sent to the Vice Chair of the new member's region. The new member will be contacted and assigned after discussion. Others will be brought into the discussion as deemed beneficial.

IV. RIBI Interface. Randy is concerned about a number of issues with RIBI including an updated membership list from them. Harold has talked with David Judge and Shirly Kirk, the new IFSR Chair for RIBI, will work with them to resolve any problems.

V. Top Scout Certificate. Brian reported that several countries have representatives working on this certificate for use in their country including Zdenek Michalek, our current D 2240 Coordinator (Czech & Slovak Republiks).

VI. European Region. Brian has found a strong scouter and Rotarian to be Chair starting in the 2016 year.

VII. Conferences. A brief discussion of upcoming conferences and meetings with the emphasis to contact whomever necessary to get a booth and get the booth manned at these conferences.

VIII. Japan. Aki Miyato is coordinating the Booth and the Rotary luncheon during the Jamboree. Randy will send a banner and brochures for the upcoming conference in Japan.

Faithfully submitted by Steve Kesler

IFSR FORM CHANGES

All, many of our IFSR Forms have had changes. Among those that have changes are Membership Application, IFSR Brochure, Avenues of Service Brochure, IFSR Supplies Order Form, IFSR Combined Certificate Order Form, Cliff Dochterman Nomination Form, and Fillable Scouts Order Form. The correct IFSR forms are all found on our website www.ifsr-net.org



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Find information about your institute by checking its website.

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1, 2, 3	Tokyo, Japan	Contact <u>rijapan@rotary.org</u> for more information	1-3 December 2015
4, 5, 6A	Jaipur, India	Rotary Institute 2015	18-20 December 2015
6B, 7A, 10B	Metro Manila, Philippines	2015 Manila Rotary Institute	6-8 November 2015
7B	Nelson, New Zealand	Coming soon	13-15 November 2015
8	Melbourne, Australia	Rotary Zone 8 Institute 2015	20-22 November 2015
9, 10A	Deoksan, Korea	Contact <u>rikorea@rotary.org</u> for more information	29 October to 1 November 2015
11, 12, 13, 14, 18B, 19	Milan, Italy	http://www.rotary-institute- milano2015.it/eng/default.asp	22-23 October 2015
15, 16 ,17, 18A	Warwickshire, England	http://www.rotarygbi.org/instit ute/	21-22 November 2015
20A	Mombasa, Kenya	Rotary Institute 2015	17-19 September 2015
20B	Antalya, Turkey	www.rotary-institute- 2015antalya.org	5-8 November 2015
21A	Cancun, Mexico	http://rotarycancun2015.org/Bi envenida.html	11-14 November 2015
21B, 27	Texas, USA	Rotary Institute 2015	18-20 September 2015
22, 23A	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	http://institutorotaryrio.com.br	27-30 August 2015
23B, 23C	Puerto Iguazu, Argentina	http://www.institutorotaryiguaz u2015.com/	10-13 September 2015
24, 32	Rhode Island, USA	2015 Providence, Rhode Island, Institute	24-27 September 2015
25, 26	Hawaii, USA	Connecting for Good Rotary Institute	29 October to 1 November 2015
28, 29	Michigan, USA	Motor City Zone	11-13 September 2015
30, 31	Louisiana, USA	The Rotary Red Stick Rendezvous	24-27 September 2015
33, 34	Florida, USA	Rotary Zone 33, 34 Institute 2015	22-25 October 2015



ADVENTURE

JUNE 2015

MESSENGERS OF PEACE

Launched in September 2011, Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women to work toward peace through personal, community, and relationship service projects. Using state-of-the-art social media, the initiative lets Scouts from around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities. If you would like to know more about MoP, please join our contact list at www.scouting.org/international. Click on "I want more information" on the left side of the page and input your contact information and interest.



New Messengers of Peace Heroes Awarded in Saudi Arabia

Scouts and Scout leaders as well as national Scout organizations from different parts of the world received the 2014 Messengers of Peace Hero Award during the recent Saudi National Day celebration in Ha'il, Saudi Arabia.

The award, conceived in 2012, is a special recognition from the Saudi Arabia government to individual Scouts or national Scout organizations (NSOs) for all the outstanding work they have been doing to create a better and more peaceful world.

During this third presentation, awardees from all the six regions— Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, and Interamerica were honored for their remarkable peace initiatives at local, national, and regional levels. From relief operations after devastating floods to sustainable environmental activities in 33 countries, their projects have helped to raise awareness and foster a culture of

peace, social entrepreneurship, and humanitarian cooperation. These Scouts are true examples of active citizens working for positive changes in their communities.

Five BSA members were recognized with this honor:

Bray Barnes organized a camporee May 16–18, 2014, in Sea Girt, New Jersey. Ten thousand Scouts from across state became Messengers of Peace. Hosted by the New Jersey State Police and National Guard, the Scouts earned their Messengers of Peace ring badge by conducting community service projects before the big event and then participating in a variety of activities at the camporee related to peace and service. Special thanks went to BSA volunteers Bray Barnes and Peter Hyman as well as the New Jersey State Troopers Eagle Scout Association for an outstanding and inspirational event. Joseph Vitale raised funds to build a three-classroom school that will serve more than 100 children in Guatemala. The facility, with a small library in each classroom, gives students the opportunity to improve their education through the sixth grade. The kids are able to learn in a safe and clean environment, quite different from the one-room wooden shack they previously had.

Chris Harloff, Hilarlo Lumbreras, and Todd Christian were recognized for their participation in Trees for the World. The international project was started by a group of 11 Scout friends from nine countries in an effort to develop community service initiatives. Inspired by the Interamerican Leadership Messengers of Peace training, these young leaders used social media and direct invitation from Scout to Scout to gather support for the project. After a couple of months more than 33 countries in six regions were engaged, developing their own local campaigns.

From April 26 to Sept. 27 last year, more than 66,000 trees were planted by Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, and Scout Leaders, united with a common goal to create peace through environmental action.

Since 2012, Scouts inspired by World Scouting initiatives like Messengers of Peace, Scouts of the World, and the World Scout Environment Program have registered more than 584 million service hours. Their efforts are helping to create the global network of service envisioned a century ago by Baden-Powell—a place "where young citizens, male and female in all countries, are brought up to look upon their neighbors as brothers and sisters in the human family allied together with the common aim of service and sympathetic helpfulness towards each other."

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