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BSA Chief Scout Addresses RI Convention

Bob Mazzuca, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, has been invited to give a keynote address at the 2010 Rotary International Conference taking place in Montreal the during the 4th Plenary Session on Wednesday, June 23. Mazzuca's speech will be entitled "Boy Scouts of America and Rotary International: Sharing a mission of leadership," and will examine Scouting's long and treasured history with the Rotary and the importance of the relationship as the BSA looks ahead to its next century. He'll also use the opportunity to highlight how Scouting organizations around the world have made a lasting difference in communities and in the lives of young people because of their ability to work together to advance the greater good. The Chief's appearance before Rotary International is particularly timely, since Rotary is celebrating its 100th year in Canada the same year Scouting is celebrating 100 years of service to youth in America. A reception hosted by BSA is planned for Tuesday, June 22 from 5pm-7pm at the Montreal Marriott Chateau Champlain, 1 Du Canada Place, which is just a couple of blocks away from the Rotary's convention site at Montreal's Bell Centre. The reception will feature an exciting update that could have potential impact on all of Scouting in North America as well as to the international Scouting community. Bob Mazzuca will be joined by Scouts Canada and, by proxy, Scouts Mexico, in announcing a trilateral North American bid to bring the 2019 World Scout Jamboree to the BSA's new National Scouting Center in West Virginia. A decision on the 2019 World Jamboree site in expected in January 2011. During the evening, a short program will provide an overview of this historical effort by BSA, Scouts Canada and Scouts Mexico to bring this global Scouting event to North America.

IFSRinRIBI Update



The Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI) Section recently held their annual meeting, with Chairman David A. Judge, MBE presiding. He is shown here presenting the chain of office to his successor, new Chairman Colin Jones. Colin, like David, was a founding member of the IFSR. In his closing report, David highlighted the role of the fellowship in a busy year, which included being part of the host country for the 2009 Rotary International Convention. The Scouting Fellowship display included Baden Powell's Jam Roll 1929 Rolls Royce. In addition, they promoted their joint effort with ShelterBox Project at the Scout Association's Gilwell Reunion.



Scouting Fellowship Continues to Grow

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians includes 845 members from 35 countries. Members are Rotarians who are or have been active members or supporters of the Scout Movement, including national organizations that are members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) or the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The Objectives of IFSR include the following:

- To encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians to promote the growth and development of the Scout movement.
- To provide opportunities for social and fellowship interaction among IFSR members.
- To give active encouragement to Scouting at local, national and international levels.
- To recognize individuals who have provided exceptionally unique service to Scouting and to Rotary.

RI President Kenny Active Scouter

Rotary International President John Kenny of Scotland was one of the founders of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians in 1991. He became the second World Chairman of the Fellowship in 1996. Under his leadership, membership in the fellowship doubled and expanded to 18 countries, including: Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South America, the Philippines, Thailand, Japan and the Mediterranean areas.

RI President Nominee Ray Klinginsmith

Rotary International President Elect Ray Klinginsmith, who will become the Rotary International President for 2010-11 has a long history with Rotary and Scouting. He has been a Rotarian since 1961. He is a former member of the Executive Board of the Great River Council in Columbia, MO, USA. Ray was presented the Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to youth by his home Boy Scout Council.

The Cliff Dochterman Award Honoring Service to Rotary & Scouting

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians created a distinguished service award to recognize service to Rotary and Scouting. At the same time, the fellowship chose to honor the man who embodies the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law and the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." As a result, the award was named for past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman. Cliff has served Rotary and Scouting well. He has been presented the Rotary International Distinguished Service Award and Scouting's Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Like many Rotarians, Cliff had his first experience of helping others as a Boy Scout on his own trail to earning the Eagle Scout Award. Cliff was presented the first Cliff Dochterman Award at the Centennial Convention of Rotary International in Chicago in 2005. Since that time, almost 500 awards have been presented around the world. Each Rotary Club and District is authorized to present one award per year. Nomination forms and more information may be found at the Fellowship's website, www.ifsr-net.org.



On April 24, 2010, at the District 5170 Conference in Monterey, California, Dr Robert Dubro of the Warm Springs Rotary Club was presented the Cliff Dochterman award by District Governor Loren W. Harper. Bob also helped staff the IFSR Booth at the District Conference ... where he recruited our newest IFSR member -- 30 year Scoutmaster/Rotarian Pete Goodell of the Rotary Club of Cupertino! Congratulations and welcome to each!



In Fond Remembrance Former IFSR President Passes Away

Past president of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians H. Ted Olson passed away at the age of 81 on April 28, 2010. Ted was a living example of the Rotary motto, "Service above Self," and lived his entire life by that motto. It seems that he intuitively adopted that philosophy as a child before he ever heard of Rotary. Ted never sought, but was pleased to have been presented the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, the Silver Beaver Award (for distinguished service to youth on a local level), the Silver Buffalo Award (for distinguished service to youth on a national level). He was a Baden Powell Fellow and a member of the Irving (TX, USA) Rotary Club. Ted served as World President of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians from 2005-06. He was a recipient of the Silver Wheel Award for exceptional service to the fellowship and the Cliff Dochterman Award.

Clewer Scout & Guide Group



His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T opened The Clewer Scout and Guide Group's refurbished HQ and New Car Park On Saturday May 1st 2010. The event was organised by the Clewer Scout & Guide Group to celebrate the Group's 100 year history which falls on Prince Philip's birthday 12th June 2010. One hundred Beavers Scouts, Cub Scouts, Guides, Brownie Guides, Rainbows, Scouts & Explorer Scouts with their leadership team put on a variety of displays and exhibits. They were supported by over 50 sponsors from The Rotary Club of Windsor & Eton, Windsor Parish Church, The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, Windsor Castle, St George's Chapel, supporters & sponsors e.g. Grundon Waste Management and The Shanly Group plus the Group's neighbours The Grenadier Guards Club. HRH was fantastic with all the young people showing great interest in all their activities and asking lots of questions about their badges achieved etc. HRH spoke to every Leader asking them about when they joined the Group and their role, praising their efforts. HRH Prince Philip listened with great interest to the speech given by Group Leader David Shaw outlining the Group's achievements supporting many Royal and Royal Borough events helping to raise many thousands of pounds for good causes including helping each year at The Most Noble Order Of The Garter Day at Windsor Castle. HRH responded by thanking All The Group's Leaders and Young People for all its great work especially by giving service to many other organisations. Just before HRH left in his car he congratulated David Shaw and the Group on a very well organised event and said that you should all feel very proud of yourselves.

Volunteers Needed to Staff IFSR Booth at BSA Centennial Jamboree

IFSR will once again have a special Exhibit at the Centennial BSA Jamboree at Ft. A. P. Hill, Virginia – July 26 to August 5. We will also work to organize make up Rotary meetings for Rotarian staff persons who are working at the Jamboree. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to commit to staffing our Exhibit area. Please contact IFSR Convention and Jamboree Chair Fred Brenner at brenecol@zoominternet.ne - in Pennsylvania at (724) 458-2113 and let him know your availability to help set up the Exhibit and also staff it. Or contact Howard Dutra at hdutra@roadrunner.com. For IFSR members who can help with setting up the make up Rotary meetings on site, working with the Fredericksburg Area Rotary Clubs, and the BSA staff, contact Phil Pfeffer at phil@pfeffer.org or his office in Tennessee at (615) 269 3355. Thanks for your help!

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WAGGGS and IFSR

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) have started discussions about ways of working more closely together. The World Association is looking forward to building a partnership with IFSR, and we have been looking at events we can partner on, such as regional and world conferences. We welcome a review of the IFSR logo to see if it might include WAGGGS emblem to help reflect the role Girl Guiding and Scouting play in supporting the development of girls and young women.

As the largest voluntary movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world, with 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 145 countries included in our network, our strength lies in the millions of young people we serve. The World Association aims to engage and empower young women, so that they can make a difference in their communities. We achieve this through developing and delivering non-formal education programmes, creating opportunities for girls and young women to learn and gain new skills and experience; and through the positive values and ethos of Guiding supported by the 1million+ volunteers in the movement.

One of our recent achievements was taking a group of 19 youth delegates from 13 countries to the United Nation's (UN) Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen last December to represent the voice of girls and young women globally. The delegates came from all corners of the globe, including Madagascar, Bolivia, Germany, Hungary, Egypt and Lebanon. Delegates were selected for their expertise on climate change, with all 19 of them developing and running environmental projects in their home countries. They ran events, did 20 interviews, wrote 10 blogs, plus daily updates for the World Association's website – all of which helped them communicate Girl Guides and Girl Scouts' key messages and stance on climate change.

A major priority for us is enabling our members to make a personal commitment to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MGDs), which are eight specific goals, such as end poverty and hunger, that the UN hopes to achieve by 2015. With programmes such as our Global Action Theme (GAT), which is a badge and curriculum linked to the MDGs, we support girls and young women to explore these issues and take an active role in their local communities and beyond. Through our global network, girls worldwide say "together we can change our world".

North American Scouting Bids for 24th World Scout Jamboree

In a unique move, the 3 Scout Associations that serve North America have joined forces to present a single bid to host the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019. Scouts Canada, Scouts Mexico and the Boy Scouts of America are working together on the project. The location would be at the new Bechtel Family Scout Reserve in West Virginia, USA, also known as "The Summit." The Summit is under construction to host future national jamborees for the BSA as well as serve as a permanent high adventure base for Scouts. The Summit consists of 10,600 acres, bordering some 70,000 acres of national park service land. The base will allow white water rafting, hiking, technical rock climbing and much more. The North Americans will present their bid to the 39th World Scout Conference in Covitiba, Brazil in January 2011. They are hoping for unanimous support for the bid and encourage Rotarians to voice their support to their home Scout Associations.

All Members of IFSR—Current email address needed

For budget and communication reasons, it is important that we have your latest email address. Some of our communications lately have bounced back due to incorrect or outdated email addresses. Please send us your latest contact information-especially if you have not received information from us lately. You may email your information to us at ifsr@sbcglobal.net.

A Call to Share

To all IFSR members, A CALL TO SHARE. We are always looking for stories describing how Rotary and Scouting work together to positively impact the lives of youth. Please continue to send us your examples. We may have a special opportunity for a powerful presentation of such work at the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal. Please share your stories by sending them to our IFSR Newsletter editor, Steve Kesler, at keslergroup@gmail.com.



Website

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians spans the globe. Primary means of communication is via the internet and email. We maintain at website with information, history, breaking news and much more at www.ifsr-net.org. You are encouraged to visit the site. We love to hear of Scouting and Rotary in action, so please feel free to share information with us as well. Email articles, photos and highlights of Rotary and Scouting or Guiding in action to: Webmaster: S. M. Henning , rhodyman@earthlink.com or Newsletter Editor: Steve Kesler: keslergroup@gmail.com.

IFSR Interamerican Region Annual General Meeting May 26, 2010

Our Annual General Meeting of IFSR for the Interamerican Region (north to South pole of the Americas) will be held at BSA's National Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, on Wednesday 26 May from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. There will be sharing of IFSR stories and the election of officers for 2010-2011. Venue is the Hilton Anatole, 2201 North Stemmons Freeway at Market Center (Highway 35E) Dallas. Meeting room is not yet identified but will be posted. You do not have to register for the BSA National Annual Meeting to attend the IFSR meetings but we encourage you to do so. Any questions, contact IFSR IAR Chair Mike Birkholm at mbirkholm@birkholmdirect.com in California (626) 445 4712.

IFSR World Annual General Meeting – June 23

At the Rotary International Convention in Montreal (20-23 June) IFSR will have its Annual General Meeting. The Agenda will include World Scouting Events, swapping stories, and the election of officers for 2010-11.

NOMINEES INCLUDE:

Brian Thiessen, (Alamo, CA), President Ms. Joie Hain, (Roswell, GA), Vice President- WAGGGS Fred Gervat, (Pelham, NY), Secretary Ralph Winter, (Fords, NJ), Treasurer

The meeting will be on Wednesday, June 23 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Palais de Congres, Room 521. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE IFSR EXHIBIT BOOTH that will be up in the House of Friendship throughout the Convention. Please contact IFSR President Brian in California at bdtalamo@pacbell.net or (925) 837-3355 or Convention and Jamboree Chair Fred Brenner in Pennsylvania at brenecol@zoominternet.net or (724) 458-2113 to sign up to help staff our Exhibit booth. BSA's Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca will be one of the keynote speakers and we need a big turnout for his presentation at this Convention. Scouts Canada and the Boy Scouts of America will be hosting a reception on June 22nd from 4 to 7 pm. Distinguished guests will include the BSA's Chief Scout Bob Mazzuca and Scout Canada's Chief Commissioner (and Rotarian) Stephen Kent. Watch monitors and hotel information for details on the location of the reception.

JOTI - October 16 & 17, 2010

JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all youth programme sections, although members may participate individually.

2010 BSA National Jamboree

"Calling all USA Scouting Rotarians!" Would you like to attend the 2010 Centennial Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill, Virgina, USA, as a staffer in the IFSR booth? Let Howard Dutra, hdutra@roadrunner.com, know if you are interested. To attend the Jamboree, Scouters must be registered with a Boy Scout Council, be a member in good standing of a Rotary Club and be a member of IFSR. Scouters should first register for the Jamboree by visiting myscouting.org, and filling out the adult staff application form. Next, interested Scouting Rotarians should email Howard or call him at (714) 525-1175. We should have room for 5 to 8 Scouters. Don't delay! This is going to be a Jamboree no one will want to miss!



IFSR at World Jamboree Sweden - July 27 to August 7, 2011

IFSR expects to have an Exhibit at the World Jamboree near Kristianstad, Sweden, July 27 to August 7, 2011. We need volunteers for this special event - and to help organize the Exhibit. If you can help please contact IFSR President Brian in California at (925) 837-3355 bdtalamo@pacbell.net or Convention and Jamboree Chair Fred Brenner in Pennsylvania at (724) 458-2113 or brenecol@zoominternet.net. Nearly 40,000 Scouts and Leaders, supported by 8,,000 volunteer staff members will camp and experience the world fellowship of scouting.

23rd World Scout Jamboree 2015

Japan will host the 23rd World Scout Jamboree with the theme, Wa: Spirit of Unity. It will take place on Kirara Beach, Yamaguchi. More information will be released in the coming months.

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