

WHEEL AND WOGGLE

News and Views of The Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians R.I.B.I.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE R.I.B.I.
CONFERENCE

BLACKPOOL 10TH TO 13TH APRIL 1997

AND AT

THE R. I. CONVENTION

GLASGOW 15TH TO 18TH JUNE 1997

WELCOME

BY THE CHAIRMAN

When I sat down to write my regular piece for the Wheel and Woggle in the Summer I little dreamed of all that the next six months were to bring or that I would be virtually a passenger for most of that period.

Unfortunately, just as I was getting under way to promote the growth of the Fellowship a message came to say that our Daughter in Law had had a recurrence of cancer and would need two operations and radio therapy leaving a problem of caring for two children at school and one below school age. As the only family available who could pick up the pieces Barbara and I spent the Autumn in a caravan nearby then moved to a regular 100 plus miles a day ferrying to and fro for treatment.

The end is in sight but since I have spent several months accessing my ansaphone by long distance and passing messages to our loyal and devoted Fellowship Secretary development has been somewhat on the back burner and I can only apologise to those Rotarians who got in touch asking for details that information from me has been sparse to say the least !

Never mind, here we are with the turn of the year edition of the Wheel and Woggle and a last a chance to catch up with all that has been happening on the International front.

In the Summer a number of Members of the Executive visited the R. I. Convention in Calgary where we were all delighted when our own R.I. Director, John Kenny took Office as International Chairman of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians where we are sure that He will make an impact - already there is talk of a Branch in Belgium and another in Turkey.

Later in the Summer Scouting and Rotary were very closely connected in both Staffordshire and Essex and our R.I.B.I. Rotary Magazine carried stories of both events and a photograph of the new Chief Scout Rotarian George Purdy receiving his Fellowship Tie as a Member of the Rotary Scout Fellowship. If you see him check if he is wearing his blue tie - or perhaps his green one - after all if you are Chief Scout why not have a choice of colour ?

Incidentally if you are the proud wearer of the original blue tie there is now an optional alternative of a green tie to wear with another suit or your uniform if you are still active in Scouting ! Green Ties (and of course blue) are available from Brian Kimberley -Secretary for £5.50 incl postage.

At this point you really must forgive me but I have gone rambling on paragraph by paragraph without once pausing to wish you the compliments of the Season - so Brian will set it out boldly somewhere else in this Issue.

So much for the past now let us turn to the future with our own R.I.B.I. Conference in Blackpool where the Fellowship will have a display and in Glasgow in June the R.I. Convention where once again we will be represented.....see You there.

Under the arrangements we have reached with our International colleagues this will now be a half yearly newsletter interspersed with a half yearly International Newsletter. If you have news of Rotary / Scout activities - perhaps your Club or District has been particularly with a local Group, please drop a line to our Secretary, Brian, so that your story can appear worldwide ! Now how's that for a chance not to be missed.

Well, as always, the bottom of the page is looming up so once again goodbye for now - have a wonderful 1997.

Chairman Tom.



CELEBRATUS XCVI
A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROTARIANS OF ESSEX

The Essex Guide and Scout International Jamboree was a great success with participants from as far away as Japan. The thirty plus Nations in camp rapidly became one happy family and as the result of a tremendous programme young people all over the World will have cause to remember the happy time they spent together in Essex.

Rotary provided a superb House of Friendship in the form of a large marquee fitted out with the luxury of leather three piece suites and floral arrangements, checked and replaced daily so that visitors to the Camp would receive a first class welcome on arrival. The Rotarians of Frinton on Sea carried out a publicity exercise for their Club by issuing Frinton on Sea badges to all the Rotarians from other Essex Clubs who assisted with the hospitality arrangements but as they were nearly all old Scouts no one minded.

As V.I.P.s arrived they were given light refreshments prepared by ladies of the Inner Wheel and were then paired with Venture Scouts or Ranger Guides for a tour of the camp before coming back with aching feet to collapse in to the leather armchairs for further refreshments. By taking the cost of this PR exercise off the Scouts it was possible to impress a large number of dignitaries - Civic and otherwise with the value of International Scouting and this will do a great deal for Scouting in Essex.

When not used in this way the House of Friendship became an international meeting place for the world's Scout and Guide Leaders and also provided a useful base for promoting the Rotary Scout Fellowship - thank you to David Judge and Christine and all the Rotarians and Members of Inner Wheel who assisted in any way with this project.

Two of the V.I.P.s attending the Jamboree were our own R.I.B.I. President Keith Barnard Jones who spent three days visiting the camp during his visit to Essex Rotary, and our own Rotarian George Purdy who made one of his first visits as Chief Scout to the South East of England and endeared himself to all whom he met from the youngest Cub Scout to the oldest Rotarian. Scouting is lucky in their choice of Leader.

As campers (in our caravan) Barbara and I enjoyed the fun of the Jamboree but getting old in the tooth the apparent necessity for loud mechanical noise into the small hours each night deprived us of no little sleep but perhaps we were just as noisy in our own way at our own Scout Camps - it's just that you couldn't make as much noise with a penny whistle as you can with the latest technology !

Celebratus was a text book exercise in Rotary giving support to Scouting.If you know of a large scale Scout Camp in your District in the next year or two contact David Judge in Essex (tel 01206 799222) for more details.

FELLOWSHIP TIES

As an experiment we have added a small quantity of Rotary Scout Fellowship ties with the gold logo on a Scout Green background. These will be available from Secretary Brian at £5.50 which covers post and packing.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1996 - 97

Members are reminded that Subscriptions for Rotary Year 1996-7 were due 1st July 1996. Please send your Cheque for £7.50 to the Secretary to avoid the expense of further reminders if you have not paid yet.

Members joining after 31 March 1996 are covered for 1996/7 and need not take any further action.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The following have joined the Rotary Scout Fellowship since the 1st July 1996

A warm welcome to you all.

Richard E. Floyd	Kingston upon Thames
Gerald Botteley	Sutton Coldfield
Miles Kinchin	Exeter West
Richard M. Butler	Norwich Thorpe St Andrew
Denis Foster	Harwich and Dovercourt
Basil L. Morgan	Clacton on Sea
Douglas A. Nash	Corringham Thameside
David Roberts	Windrush Valley
Harry R. Royal	Colchester Forum
Andrew C. Mitchell	Frinton on Sea
Brian F. Chappelow	Aireborough
Ian MacLeod	Kirkwall
Donald T. Jacques	Nuneaton
Ian W. Wray	Croydon South
Brian P. Betts	Langley and Iver
John Phillips	Sudbury
Kenneth H. Reeve	Lowestoft South
Raymond E. Snowsell	Langport and Somerton
Osborne C. Millar	Crompton and Royton
Kenneth R. Thomson	Dalkeith
Patrick J. Custis	Tewkesbury
Alan G. Glover	Tamworth

ADVANCE NOTICE

THE RIBI SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RIBI ASSEMBLY ON 27TH APRIL 1997. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2PM AT THE BIRMINGHAM METROPOLE HOTEL NEAR THE NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE.
ALL MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY SCOUT FELLOWSHIP ARE WELCOME.

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