

Fellowship Advancer



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Message from the Chair

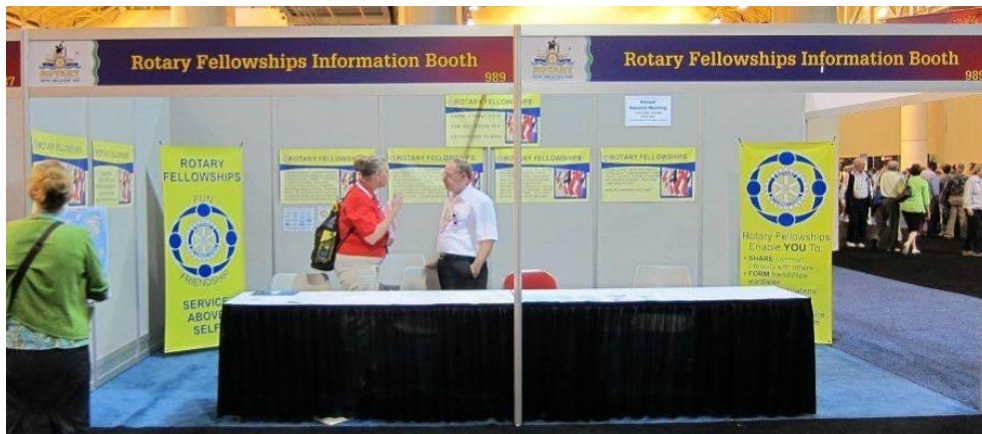


If you are like me, you are busily preparing for the convention in Bangkok. We're looking forward to a great time in "the land of smiles."

While in Bangkok, the Fellowships will be ably represented by many of you in the House of Friendship. In order to best represent all Fellowships, I ask that you do the following:

- 1) Volunteer to work in the General fellowships booth at least one shift during the convention. The booth is open from 10:00-18:00 Saturday, 09:00-17:00 Sunday, and 09:00-18:00 Monday through Wednesday. If you or other members of your group can volunteer, please stop by the All Fellowships booth 817 (just across a main aisle from the Internet Café) to sign up for a time period or contact me at 317/730-3722 (cell) or e-mail: steve.leonard@comcast.net.
- 2) Attend the Annual General Meeting of all Fellowships on Tuesday, May 8, at 14:00 hours in the convention center, room 17. If you cannot attend personally, please send someone from your fellowship who can present your concerns and participate in discussions.
- 3) Bring materials that can be distributed from the General Fellowships booth. This is particularly important if your fellowship does not have a booth of its own. We will be happy to share your materials with those who stop by for a visit.

This is my last newsletter as Chair of the Rotary Fellowships Committee. It has been an honor to serve the Fellowships during the past two years. Please keep up the good work of our Fellowships in the years to come, since we all know that our Rotary Fellowships can be a very effective tool for Rotary membership retention as we enjoy wonderful friendships and good times.



I hope to see many of you at the convention. Please stop by the General Fellowships booth and attend the AGM to participate in making our "best kept secret in Rotary" more effective!

Yours in Rotary Service,
Steve

There are currently 58 Board recognized Rotary Fellowships in good standing. During 2010-11 three new fellowships were officially recognized by the RI Board of Directors: We wish them luck in the coming years and look forward to hearing of their progress.

From the editor

Please welcome a new Fellowship.

I am pleased to confirm that the Board has recognized the
International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers

We have contacted the group's officers to share the good news and all promotional materials will be updated to include them as soon as possible. More information on page 20.

I have had some enquiries for information about Fellowships and the following links take you to several resources which may help. You may need to copy and paste the links into your browser.

www.rotary.org/fellowships

<http://www.rotaryfellowship.com/>

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/MakeConnections/RotaryFellowships/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

I also want to take this opportunity to inform you about Rotary's new blog, "Rotary Voices" (<http://blog.rotary.org/>). This forum is primarily intended for Rotarians to contribute content, and could be a great opportunity for the committee—or for individual groups—to get the word out about what fellowships have to offer. Guidelines on how to contribute blog entries can be found here: <http://blog.rotary.org/contact-us/>.

Please share this issue of our newsletter with other members of your fellowship, and your club. Distribution is to District Rotary Fellowships chairs, Rotary Fellowships officers and the Rotary Fellowships Committee, so it is down to us, the readers of this issue to pass it along to others who we think would (or should?) be interested.

Finally, thanks again to all the fellowship scribes who have taken the time to put together the news items for this issue of The Advancer.

Those of you going to the Convention in Bangkok should make sure to take some promotional materials for the General Fellowships booth if you are not having a booth of your own. I am sorry that I cannot be there myself, but I hope you'll have some good experiences to share for the winter issue, which we hope to distribute at the end of December/beginning of January once your new officers are in place.

Deadline for entries –5th November2012

Best wishes

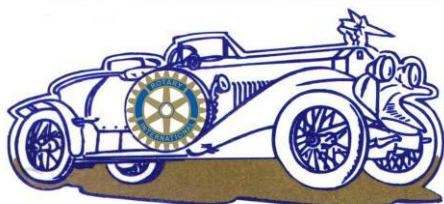
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International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio

<http://www.ifroar.org>

Furthers fellowship among Rotarians and goodwill among people of the world via amateur radio.



Antique, Classic and Historic Automobiles Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.achafr.eu>

Furthers fellowship among Rotarians through a common interest in ownership, restoration, preservation, or enjoyment of antique, classic, and historic automobiles.



Friday December 9th was an historic day at the Het Scheepvaartmuseum in the Netherlands. Over 20 members and their spouses came together for an Extraordinary General Meeting to witness the Presidential Handover from Colin Weeks to Maarten Kaptein. Further handovers were also witnessed with the Secretaryship being passed over to Max Halenbos from Belgium and the Treasurer's position from Jan den Hartog to Ronald Hagestein. All Members were personally thanked for their contribution in their past positions, with Colin being presented—much to his surprise—a Paul Harris Fellowship Award for his significant contribution over the past three years.

A further presentation took place during March when RI

President Kalyan Banerje visited Hilversum and was presented with ACHAFR Memorabilia plus an antique Saab Steering Wheel from President Maarten Kaptein

Looking forward, the RRAF – NL Chapter will be organising this years European Tour based on the historic city of Maastricht. The Tour already has over 35 cars registered to take part with entries from Belgium, France, Germany, The Netherlands and UK.

Other Fellowship events planned during 2012 include Tours in France and the UK; with local Presentations on the ACHAFR being made in Australia, Germany the UK and USA.

Plans are also well underway for the Tour of Portugal & Spain being organised to coincide with the 2013 Rotary Convention



Photo: Booth at RIBI Conference, UK, April.

Full details of all of the above activities can be found on the Fellowships website at www.achafr.eu



Rotarians' International Fellowship of Authors and Writers

<http://www.authorsandwritersrif.org>

Fellowship Chair & Founder - Marilyn Rognvaldson Rotary Club of Guelph-Trillium, District 7080 Ontario, Canada

- To develop and promote worldwide friendship for Rotarians with a common interest in writing;
- To foster friendship and fun among Rotarians from all over the world
- To spread and promote writing to service the community and humanity;
- To promote international understanding and peace in the world.

The Fellowship worked hard in its first year, developing and shifting the website to suit members' needs and seeking different types of writing for each other to enjoy. The new and revised website is being launched just prior to the 2012 Convention and everyone is invited to check it out! www.AuthorsAndWritersRIF.org

We have invited and enjoyed writers from Canada and the United States on the website this year and are looking for more contributions from around the world!

We will not be hosting a booth in the House of Friendship this year but will once again meet everyone at the General Fellowship booth and at the Fellowship meeting and AGM. This will be held on Monday, May 7 in the Sapphire Room 111 at the IMPACT Centre from 1400-1530. All members, new members, guests are welcome! Please join us for a frank exchange of ideas and views on writing and publishing. See YOU in BANGKOK!



International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

<http://aces1.customer.netSPACE.net.au/>

Provides Rotarians worldwide the opportunity to participate together in the hobby of bird watching.

Chair

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A Birdwatching Day-Trip will be sponsored by the International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians on 10 May 2012.

Anyone attending the convention and planning to stay in Bangkok through Thursday, 12 May is welcome to sign up for the day-trip at the IFBR booth in the House of Friendship. This is an annual activity of the IFBR, and always occurs the day after the Rotary International Convention.

Contact Steve.leonard@gmx.us for further information or see us at the booth!



International Fellowship of Bridge Playing Rotarians

<http://www.ifbpr.org/>

Promotes fellowship and encourages the playing and instruction of the card game bridge.



International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians

<http://sites.google.com/site/rotarycanoe/>

Promotes Rotary club related activities in canoeing, kayaking, sea kayaking, outrigger canoeing, dragon boating, rafting, other paddling disciplines and activities that relate to the preservation of

waterways. It encourages fellowship members to share their activities in these areas and to promote paddling activities within the world of Rotary.



International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians

As from January 2011, Don Howard will be taking over as President –

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2011 was a busy and successful year for the **International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians**. With over 40 meetings in various locations in the United Kingdom plus some in Europe and of course the tour in March to Cape Town. Members arrive in their Caravans or MotorCaravan and use their time visiting the points of interest close to the sites and then spend the evenings together enjoying each other's fellowship. The photo below shows the members attending (100 units) at a coastal resort, Bridport in Dorset, where we enjoyed an



'Indian Summer' in early October for our Autumn Fellowship Meeting.

We continue to have very good communications with our colleagues in ICFR New Zealand, RVF Australia and RVF North America. News letters are exchanged on a regular basis and are also reproduced on our own website. The fact that we now send out pdf versions of our twice yearly publication "News and Views" to our colleagues

abroad has been very well received and enables them to distribute our information more widely to their membership.



From small beginnings in 1978 the Kiwi branch has in excess of 150 members and holds their rallies in February, April, October and November. For more information www.icfr.rotarysouthpacific.org.

We look forward to another full season and we offer an invitation for you to join us in Newark, Nottinghamshire in May for our Annual General Meeting. Please visit www.rotarianscaravanning.org.uk or contact skerratt@sky.com



International Fellowship of Carnival, Parades & Festivals

www.ifcpf.org

International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/brian.clark/>

Enhances world fellowship among Rotarians while enjoying the game of chess.

Chair

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International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.icufr.org/>

Promotes and encourages the use of electronic communication to serve, share, and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary.

Chair

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER USERS FELLOWSHIP (ICUFR)

The ICUFR began around 1990 before the internet. First on Prodigy, then on CompuServe and has continued to this day on the internet with a website at www.icufr.org, a web forum at www.forum.icufr.org, a facebook page at www.facebook.com/icufr and an email discussion list (rotary@taranto.com) hosted by one of our members. We publish a newsletter linked to our website and a roster of our members who number just under a thousand.

Our objects and bylaws can be read on the website, but essentially we exist to

encourage fellowship through an interest in computers and electronic communication. There are no fees and for the moment we live on a fund built up in the past when we used to charge annual dues. Server costs have come down steeply and our funds are adequate for several years to come.

Responding to the growing number of members who access the internet on mobile devices, our sites have been upgraded to handle smart phones and tablets. A new release of the forum software ensures that it works as smoothly on an iPhone as on a PC. Our web site serves up more varied material but does a good job of formatting it for whatever browser or device our members use.

The membership ranges widely from newcomers looking for help and advice to experienced computer professionals and hobbyists happy to share their knowledge. We provide a global network for Rotarians to communicate on Rotary topics and matters of interest to Computer Users.



International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers

<http://www.conventiongoers.org>

Members promote attendance at RI Conventions as a means toward fulfilling the Object of Rotary, which begins with the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.



International Fellowship of Cricket-Loving Rotarians

<http://www.rotarycricket.org/>

Promotes international fellowship with Rotarians by playing cricket.



International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians (IFCR) promotes fellowship among Rotarians from countries around the world.

World Cricket Festivals are conducted every two years, in different member countries such as Australia, New Zealand, India, Srilanka,

South Africa, England and Pakistan etc. The 7th Cricket Festival was held at the Home town and Club of Rotary Internatiional President at Vapi, Gujerat, between 19th and 25th Feb. 2012.

At the AGM of IFCR held at Vapi, attended by more than 250 members from member Countries, Rtn. **Krishnaswami (Kittu)** was unanimously elected as International Chairman. He will hold Office until July 2014, when 8th Festival will be held at Nottingham England.

International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians

Promotes international fellowship among all curling Rotarians.

Chair

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The team competition spots allotted from each country into the Rotary Worlds Championships are hotly contested. Only Rotary clubs are allowed to enter a team. Each year a playdown is held in the participating countries to see the champion team that will be representing their flag. Scotland has the "Ram's Head Competition" where about 90 teams compete each year for the one or two spots allowed for Scotland for that year. Canada as well has a large turnout of competitors that currently total over 60 teams from eastern and western Canada.

In 1996 another event was introduced called the Friendship Event. This allows teams who perhaps did not win the #1 champion status in their country this year (but had been in another world championship previously) to play in the event as well. We expect to have 10 competitive teams and 10 friendly teams attending the 2012 Worlds here in Laurel, Maryland at the Potomac Curling Club facility.

This 2012 event has invited the following countries: Czech Republic, Denmark, Japan, Italy, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland and well as the countries who have already signed up competitive teams from Canada, England, Scotland, and the USA

Please visit our website to learn more. www.curldc.org/events/rotary_2012



International Fellowship Cycling to Serve (FCS), a Rotary Fellowship

www.cycling2serve.org

The objectives of our Fellowship are to develop and promote world-wide friendship through cycling both competitive and touristic; to serve the community locally, nationally and internationally through cycling activities; to promote international understanding and peace through cycling activities.

4-DAYS TOURING IN HEIST OP DEN BERG BELGIUM

Members of the Fellowship Cycling to Serve and their partners are invited for the 4-days touring organised by our friends from Rotary Club Heist op den Berg in Belgium. The event takes place from 16-20 May 2012. Just visit www.cycling2serve.be for all details and registration.



WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012 FOR ROTARIAN

RC La Rochelle in France will organise the 2012 Cycling World Championships for Rotarians. The event will take place during the weekend of 8-9 September 2012. Detailed information is available on www.cycle28throtaryworldrace.org

FELLOWSHIP IS EXPANDING IN AUSTRALIA

Our FCS team of Rotarian cyclists is growing with new members in Australia. Our friend Michael Jobe : mjobe@ncable.com.au is nominated FCS National Representative for Australia.

Jos Kuijper, FCS President
RC Bergen, D1580

Rotarian Doctors Fellowship

<http://www.rotariandoctors.org>

Facilitates the exchange of ideas among Rotarians in the health professions and allied fields.

Chair

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Dear Friends, Please join us in Bangkok – there are many opportunities for us to share our experience in service and fellowship.

1. Sunday the 7th May, 1430 to 1530 - IMPACT CENTRE , Sapphire Room 112 .

Symposium on Maternal and Newborn mortality reduction through the CALMED model – Share first-hand experience of this collaborative strategic programme, using a Vocational Training Team Visit and contribute to the discussion. Speakers will include PDG. Dr. Himansu Basu, PDG Robert Zinser, DGE Dr Bal Inamdar, DGE Dr Yogesh Verma.

2. Monday the 8th May – 1430 to 1600 – Impact Centre Sapphire Room 112– Annual General Meeting of IFRD –please see separate notice. Maternal and Child Mortality is a major topic –speakers will share their experience of projects in India (CALMED model) and Tanzania, with you.

3. Wednesday the 9th May -1230 -1400 –Impact Centre , Sapphire Room 104- Workshop on ***Reduction of maternal and newborn mortality by CALMED model through VTT and***

Global Grant. Speakers will include Past RI President and Trustee John Kenny, Director Allan Jagger and Past RI Director Bill Cadwallader– please join in for an update and ample time for discussion on this important programme.

See you in Bangkok !

PDG Dr. Himansu Basu PDG Dr. John Philip PDG Dr. Rajindar Singh

Past Chairman Chairman Secretary

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Doll Lovers Fellowship



<http://www.rotarydlf.org>

Brings together Rotarians who share a common interest in dolls as a symbol of international culture and friendship. The fellowship also promotes the spreading of information on history, geography, and customs across cultures, and sponsors programs to benefit children.

Chair

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Editors and Publishers

<http://www.ifreps.com>

Assists Rotarian editors and publishers in improving methods for editing, publishing, and distributing ideas.

Chair

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The International Fellowship of Rotary Editors and Publishers (IFREP) is pleased to present its new slate of officers for the 2012-13 Rotary year. They are as follows.

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| 1. James Yarmus, Director | 2. Mark Zober, Newsletter Editor |
| 3. David Morehen, Director | 4. James Shields, Director |
| 5. Janie Carlisle, Treasurer | 6. Madhmita Bishnu, Secretary |
| 7. Sanjay Agrawal, Webmaster | 8. Jesse Tanchanco, Past Chair |
| 9. Peter Thornhill, Chair | |

We will look forward to an exciting and active year with renewed energy and vigor as we grow the Fellowship with more interaction from our members and a solid move to our new website for Fellowship communication. Visit us at www.ifrep.org <<http://www.ifrep.org>> .

Respectfully Submitted by Janie Carlisle



Environment Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://envirotarians.org/>

Chair

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Esperanto Rotarian Fellowship

<http://radesperanto.monsite.wanadoo.fr>

Consists of Rotarians using and sustaining the language Esperanto in order to realize Rotary ideals of understanding, friendship and peace between nations, facilitating personal networking amongst Rotarians of different languages, and advancing the humanitarian services of Rotary.

ADVANCER – April 2012

1. The RADE Fellowship will be waiting for all of you at its **booth #1020** during the coming **Rotary Convention in Bangkok**. The language problem is real in Rotary in Asia, where the local Rotarians have difficulties mastering the languages of the western world. Visit us to get information about the solution of the language communication problem!



2. Four RADE members actively collaborated in the creation of a new Rotary club in **Brasília**, the capital of Brazil. After months of training and preparation, club **Brasília União Planetaria** entered the global family of Rotarians exactly on the 23rd of February 2012, the very day when Paul Harris for the first time brought people together in the name of our ideal to serve the community through friendship.

In accord with the strategic plan the 26 members expect, among other matters, to use the inter-national language Esperanto in order to facilitate the implementation of the

4th object of R.I., "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellow-ship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service".

Without a common language it will in fact be impossible to develop good relations, and the existence of more than a hundred languages, used daily in the Rotary clubs around the world, makes impossible individual contacts between members.

Photo: The visit of a RADE member from Serbia, RC Kragujevac, visiting in friendship Brasilia, capital of Brazil accepted by Rotarians who run a TV Channel.

Fine Arts and Antiques Fellowship

<http://espanol.groups.yahoo.com/group/AGRUPACIONBAA/>

Encourages the development and exchange of information on fine arts and antiques.

Chair

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International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians

<http://iffr.homestead.com/>

Rotary's Fishing Fellowship promotes friendship between Rotarians who enjoy recreational fishing. Further, it encourages social activities among its members and supports interaction between Rotarians and the youth of their respective communities so that young men and women may learn more

about Rotary, sport fishing, and the value of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the world





International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

<http://www.iffr.org/>

Promotes international fellowship among all Rotarians who share an interest in aviation.



International Golfing Fellowship

<http://www.igfr.info/>

To develop and promote worldwide friendship in a sporting, relaxing way

To serve the community and humanity, through golfing

To promote international understanding and peace

The IGFR was able to get about 80 new members for its fellowship. The RC Tampere-Jussikylä in Finland, with some 40 good golfers managed to provide during the Nordic championship they organized

early August 2011 in Tampere 20 new members for IGFR, most of them LT members. Congratulations.

At the end of August 2011 the IGFR world championship took place at Pinehurst Resort with about 160 participants. 20 nations were represented. Fellowship at it's best whilst the great 8 golf courses of Pinehurst Resort, incl. the No.2 helped to make the Rotary Golfers happy. Many thanks to the organizers for the efforts put into this biggest Golf tournament of Rotary.

The world champion is PDG Don Allred from Pinehurst. The world champion is the player with the best net score in Division 1 + 2.

During the first week of July 2012 the world championship will take place in Crans-Montana, Switzerland. In March 2012, 220 participants have already registered. The organizers expect at least 300

participants from all over the world. If you have not yet registered you can still do so. The golf courses in Crans and nearby Sierre and Leuk will be in perfect conditions. The organizers will make every effort

to offer the Rotary golfers excellent conditions on 1400 meter above sea level. Interesting pre- and post tours will guarantee additional days of great fun to those who want to see a little bit more of Switzerland .

Welcome to Crans-Montana, Switzerland.

Jean-Luc Dischamp, President IGFR International 2009/2012

Omer Yalkin, President IGFR International 2012/2015

Oscar J. Kneubuehler, Executive Secretary IGFR International

World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets

<http://www.rotarygourmet.com/>

Promotes fellowship by bringing Rotarians together for the preparation and enjoyment of fine foods from around the world.

Barrie Rotary Gourmets <http://barriegourmets.wordpress.com>

Gourmet friends in Milano <http://rotagur.wordpress.com/>



International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.rotarianhomeexchange.com>

The Rotary International Home Exchange Fellowship is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting Home Exchange as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

Chair

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Rotarians on the Internet



<http://www.roti.org/>

The mission of ROTI is to apply modern information technology to enhance Rotary service, fellowship and knowledge, and to use Internet communications to further world understanding and peace.



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ROTI members are in a special position to develop acquaintances. With members from over 100 countries, friendship and acquaintance has taken on a whole new meaning. Our members are in a position to further world understanding in a way none have ever experienced before. We lead the way in using electronic communication to end concerns about distance when working on service projects or building new friendships. This broad communication access will be of immeasurable benefit to you, your club and your district. There are few places where you can access so much international information so quickly and easily.

The ROTI leadership and members, more than 1,000 strong, from almost one hundred countries, will work to make you feel like a next-door neighbor. You can benefit from the experience of and commitment to Rotary principles from our large group. It matters not if they are next door or on the other side of the world; a ROTI member is just a button click away on the Internet! Our history is behind us! We are working to continue leadership in internet communication and its use to foster service and fellowship. Read about us and our members in our Bulletin, available through our website.

If you have discovered the wonders of the Internet and the ease of world-wide communication that goes with it, you should join us. You do not need to be a technical genius. Just a dedicated Rotarian!

Join now and meet many of us at our Booth in the Hall of Friendship at the Bangkok Convention.

The Italian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship

The proposed Chairman is Francesco Clemente, e-mail: e.clements@cleder.it

This group is now listed on the RI website www.rotary.org/fellowships and related Rotary Fellowships publications.

Rotarians Jazz Fellowship

Chair: Alexander Doerner, RC Willich, email: alexander.doerner@rotaryjazz.com ,
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At the Distrikt-Conference in Germany on June 16th, the newly formed Jazz-Fellowship will be presented with their Charter by RI Director and Fellowships Liaison Officer Paul Knyff.

The preparations for the conference are finished and we are very happy that we will have the first hour full of Jazz music. We will have the marvellous singer **Rosemary Phillips as best Jazz Artist 2011** from Barbados, **accompanied by top** musicians from **Germany**, so definitely we have the right frame for this special charter!

The link address to our website is: www.rotaryjazz.com

Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture

<http://www.rotarioslatinos.org/> URL temporarily suspended

Promotes the appreciation of Latin cultures and languages.

Chair

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Rotarian Lawyers' Fellowship

<http://rotarianlawyersfellowship.org>

- To provide a means whereby a member may identify and contact Rotarians in his/her business or profession from other countries in furtherance of the Object of Rotary.
- To foster fellowship and service through vocational contact meetings at international Rotary meetings, such as the Rotary International Convention, and to encourage person-to-person vocational visits and exchanges.
- To further the exchange of business/professional training and technological information through the exchange of periodicals, journals and audiovisual materials.
- To provide a resource and offer consultation, upon request, to the R.I. president, board, committees and general secretary on specialized topics related to legal issues and questions.
- To expand the potential for Rotary service by providing a network of Rotarian specialists in a particular field and to expand opportunities for Rotarians to serve through their occupation at the international level, through such programs as Rotary Volunteers.
- To further promote the ideal of service at an international level through business and professions.
- To further provide vocational internships for law students and attorneys.

Rotarian Automobile License Plate Collectors Fellowship

Brings together Rotarians around the world who participate in the hobby of license plate collecting.

Chair

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CAR TAG is a very small fellowship like many other fellowships. As such, it is difficult for us to get the word out to other Rotarians about our fellowship. Our funds limit our ability to put advertisements in the Rotarian magazine or to send letters to other Rotarians about our activities. We've asked the leadership of Rotary International to look into our plight. If you agree with this as a problem for small fellowships, please contact our Rotary President Kalyan Banerjee, and let him know. We have contacted him directly about this problem, and he has asked the RI staff to look into this. If you have any comments that you would like to share with us, please send them to CAR TAG at cartag2@aol.com.

Please check out our Facebook group for Rotarians who like license plates. You can find us by searching for Rotary License Plates on Facebook. If you're interested in Rotary license license plates, contact us, we have made souvenir license plates for several of the Rotary International conventions. They are inexpensive and a great way to show your support for Rotary International. Contact us at cartag2@aol.com.

Fellowship of Literacy Providers

<http://www.literacyproviders.org>

Provides an international forum in which to share ideas, information and techniques for improving global literacy through Rotary.

Chair

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Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians

<http://rotarianmagician.org>

To promote the objectives and ideals of Rotary and to bring about international relationships among Rotarian magicians while extending the true magic of Rotary to the world.

International Fellowship of Magna Graecia

<http://www.fellowshipmagnagraecia.org/>



Brings together Rotarians interested in Greek, Roman and Italian roots of modern culture, and in ancient Magna Graecia, through their Meetings for

Rotarians, families and guests; Mediterranean youth meetings; sponsorship/publication of books, brochures, videos, CDs; and ICW, a worldwide service network among Rotarians of Italian origin.

Chair

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Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.rotary-run.de>

The International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting running as an opportunity for fellowship.

Chair

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IMFR – International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians (about 120 active members in 15 different countries)

- In August 2011, the group's annual fellowship event occurred at the Townsville Marathon in Queensland Australia. In all, almost 40 runners – Rotarians and family members - took part in four events of the Townsville Running Festival, which included the marathon, half marathon, 10k and 5k runs. All completed their runs successfully and two won their age categories.
- The weekend program for the IMFR members included a trip to Magnetic Island, a tour of Townsville, a pasta party at the Picnic Bay Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday, August 7 and a celebration dinner after the Running Festival on Sunday, August 8 at the Townsville Yacht Club. The whole weekend was very successful, with 58 people taking part in total from four nations. Funds raised will be transferred to the End Polio Now campaign.
- In addition to seeing many different parts of Australia, from the coast to the outback, from very isolated areas to the major cities, Rotarians were able to meet with at least three different Australian Rotary Clubs, exchanging Fellowship and stories of Rotary activities.
- The next IMFR event at an international marathon is planned in Graz, Austria from 11th to 14th of October 2012.

More detailed information about the ongoing events and many pictures from our former activities you will find on our homepage:

www.rotarianrun.org or facebook: www.facebook.com/IMFRRotarianRun



International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

<http://www.ifmr.org/>

Provides the opportunity for members to gather regionally and internationally to share the joys of motorcycling.



International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians

<http://www.ifrm.org>

Promotes Rotary fellowship by encouraging clubs to sing, to organize musical activities for performance at all levels of Rotary functions, and to support community musical organization and school music programs.

Convention goers can again meet and sing at IFRM Booth 930 in the Hall of Friendship (HoF) of the RI Convention in Bangkok this May. IFRM Director Darrell Gaukroger is travelling from Australia to accompany singers on the piano and Director Andy Anderson, founder of the Rotary World Choir and Past IFRM Chair, will come from North Carolina, USA to lead us in song.



This year promises to be very exciting and a little different. As our booth is proximate to the small stage in the HoF, we will be able to join in the activities that take place there: singing, dancing, games, and karaoke.

Of course, IFRM stalwarts will man the booth and encourage participation in our music fellowship. Membership (with a G-clef Rotary pin) is only \$25US for three years. The benefits include receiving electronically a monthly e-bulletin (*Staccato*) and bi-annual newsletter (*Music Notes*).

Additionally, active mail lists facilitate closer communication among IFRM members in specific areas.

This year the **IFRM Foundation** joined with Mr. Holland's Opus to fully fund a music program at Ojo Elementary on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. In addition to learning traditional school music, the students share their native tunes with parents and community members.

Lastly, the **Rotary World Choir**, directed by IFRM member Judith Walker, will again perform at the *Interfaith Service* Sunday morning at 0830. The music this year will highlight the cultural diversity of the choir participants. This will certainly be a not-to-be-missed event.

For more information, please go to our website at www.IFRM.org or contact Chair Lee Denlinger at chair@IFRM.org.



Fellowship of Old and Rare Antique Books and Prints

<http://www.rotaryoldbooks.org>

Promotes friendship and acquaintance amongst Rotarians who share a common interest in old and rare antique books and prints.

Chair

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers



<http://photofellowship.org>

"To advance and foster the Object of Rotary and further understanding, goodwill and friendship among Rotarians and others through an international fellowship of amateur and professional photographers who share a love of all things photographic."

Chair:

Layne Marshal e-mail: ifrp@mlmarshal.ca

Vice Chairman: David G Flinn Home: 1607 533 4797 Cell: 1 607 279 0702

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Police/Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.polepfr.org/>

Promotes ties among law enforcement professionals to enhance the work of Rotary and police and law enforcement professionals locally, nationally, and internationally.

Chair

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The Police Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians has been very busy over the past year preparing for the World Rotary Convention in Bangkok. Your Writer has been in Thailand and the Philippines interacting with local Rotarians on behalf of the Rotary Global History Fellowship of which Polepfor is a Board Member. We have been undergoing negotiations with Dhurakij Pundit University and DPU Place, which is the on-campus luxury Hotel at which the RGHF will be accommodated and where the Fellowship will hold two epic dinners, one a breakfast and another a very smart dinner within the facilities of DPU Place. The Dean of DPUIC will be one of the Invited Honoured Guests.

Polepfor intends to conduct a half day Seminar at DPUIC from 0900hrs to 1300hrs on Thursday 3 May, with a Luncheon to deliver subject matter related to the Police Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians (Polepfor), the Rotary District Peace Communities Programme (RDPCP) which is a major project of Polepfor, Philippine Rotary Watch, which is a template Community Based Policing Programme of historic proportions within the annals of Rotary and Police and Law Enforcement (see www.rotary-watch.com) which originated with the RC Makati Forbes Park and Chairman Rotarian Albert Garcia, after a ten year pilot scheme with Makati Police Officials of the Philippine National Police (PNP) who have now embraced the Project, and a further Topic - of course - the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF) which has been such a friend of Polepfor, RDPCP and Philippine Rotary Watch.



Photo: Geoffrey Little with Rotarian Colleagues at PNP National Headquarters Camp Crame, Quezon City, Philippines.

Your Writer attended the Rotary Club of Camp Crame this week which was the first of many new Rotary Clubs which are being established in the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Military Establishments of the Philippines (this very evening being witness to the raising of yet another Police Establishment Rotary Club), an unprecedented and somewhat unheralded

accomplishment, if not in the Philippines, in Rotary at large, and eminently ready for export to the Wider World of Rotary for emulation, and into the bargain, a significant expansion of Rotary Clubs and Rotary International.

Just how many Police and Military Establishments around the world can boast their very own Rotary Club, an area hitherto perhaps not considered as a vast resource for Rotary - in the Writer's humble opinion?

Writers Note: This is an abridged version of a more comprehensive article which can be read in entirety at Polepfor's Facebook site and the website at www.polepfr.org

International Fellowship of Pre-Colombian Civilizations

Promotes the understanding and study of the people of Latin America before the arrival of Christopher Columbus.

Chair

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Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists

<http://www.rotaryquilts.org>

Aussie Floral Quilt Project: The members of the Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists from several countries have been creating handmade items to take or send to the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok. Quilts, totes, handbags, knitted and crocheted articles, and more, representing a variety of fabric arts, will be on display at



our Fellowship Booth in the House of Friendship. This year the fellowship members from Australia, under the coordination of Vere Gray and Jill Gruber from the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay N.S.W. , District 9710, contributed quilt blocks made of Australia's floral print fabrics. They collected enough blocks to make two large quilts (50 blocks in each) plus several handbags. All of the items on display will be exchanged for their equivalent value to visitors who make a donation at the Rotary Foundation Booth for the Polio Challenge.

Photo: Vere Gray, left, and Jill Gruber who assembled the blocks donated by members of the Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists from Australia.

Last year, in New Orleans, the RFQFA members raised nearly \$9,000.00 US for Polio.

RFQFA Member Marty Helman, District 7780 Governor 2012-13, collected Rotary ties from several Rotarians and turned them into a fantastic quilt which was presented as a gift to Michael McGovern, past RI Vice President and Rotary Foundation Trustee Designate, who served as her District Trainer as she prepares for her District Governor year.



Photo: Rotary Tie Quilt handmade by Marty Helman, District 7780 Governor 2012-13.

Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, Inner Wheel members, and Rotaractors who share an interest in the fiber arts can join by going to our website on www.rotariansquilt.org .

Submitted by Diana Barden, RFQFA Chairman
jerrybarden@comcast.net



International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians

Brings together Rotarians interested in railroads, scale model, narrow gauge railways, steam, diesel, or electric.



Hi Railroaders,

Welcome to our new members of IFRR, we are glad you are here. Our email listing of members is now just over 100 members ! We are a web based fellowship with the purpose of publicizing railroading of interest to our members, providing an opportunity for members to share information and ideas about railroading, to be a place where members can offer other members railroading items to buy and sell and for expanding the fellowship between Rotarians with a common interest in Railroading.

We would like your input. Send us information you would like to be placed on the website. Photos are ok. Our editor has the last say in what is published. We want to make the website interactive! Send your information to: schiller@commspeed.net.

Sorry, we will not have a booth or annual meeting at the RI Convention in Bangkok. We did not have enough members attending who would be available to be at the booth for the RI required hours. Maybe next year? Let me know if you are interested.

This is YOUR fellowship and ready to expand and grow. Let us know your ideas, suggestions and comments.

Best regards in Railroading and Rotary,

Don Schiller

President email: schiller@commspeed.net Phone: 9287171000

Recreational Vehicles Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.rvfweb.org/>

Provides opportunities for Rotarians to camp and rally in various scenic locations in North America.

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The purpose of this Rotary Fellowship is to promote fellowship and friendship among all Rotarians and spouses of Rotarians who enjoy traveling in recreational vehicles, including, but not limited to, trailers, motorhomes and campers; to promote recreational and social activities among Rotary families and friends, by means of rallies, campouts, travel tours, and other special events; and to promote use of recreational vehicles for economical and convenient travel and lodging at Rotary International Conventions, District Conferences, and other Rotary-oriented gatherings. We are currently 400 members from the USA, Canada, and Australia.

Several zone rallies are held each year usually 3-4 days in duration in unique settings where we make new friends and unite with long time friends. We love to eat so there is always plenty of food. We visit different sites—zoo, historic sites, etc. We even visit Rotary Clubs. Each year we have an Annual Rally attended by RVF'ers from all zones in different parts of the US/Canada. The 2012 Annual Rally will be held June

5-9, 2012 in Branson, MO. If the RI Convention is in North America we can be found camping near that location—Chicago we were 100+ rigs, New Orleans 60+ rigs, Montreal, Salt Lake City, Calgary, etc.

Each year we raise funds for our Highway Safety Project providing a piece of safety/rescue equipment presented to a local fire department or rescue group at the site of our Annual Rally.

Much more information can be obtained from our website www.rvfweb.org and feel free to contact any board member for more information.

HAPPY TRAILS AND SAFE TRAVELS



Rotary Global History Fellowship

<http://www.rghf.org>

As an effort to serve others, RGHF accumulates and preserves the complete history, values and philosophy of the Rotary movement, as well as encourages others to do the same at every level of the Rotary movement, and publishes those histories, values and philosophies on the internet, as well as other forms of media as expedient.



Photo: In April, the RGHF had a booth in the House of Friendship at the RIBI Conference in Bournemouth, UK.

Activities in Bangkok.

Besides Booth 919 daily, the following activities are planned. Some are free and open, some require reservations and payment.

As always, the "Fellowship Advancer" will be

archived at www.fellowshipfirst.org

Friday 4 May 2012, RGHF dinner, Bangkok (register) Moderator RGHF Exec VP Prakash **Saraswat**, India. <http://www.rghf.org/event>

Saturday 5 May, RGHF membership meeting,

"Beyond History: Rotary's Accomplishments" on Saturday, 5 May 2012 from 16:00-18:00 in Sapphire Room 111 (theater-style, 124-seat capacity). Moderator RGHF Chair Elect Nevine **Abdelkhalek**.

Sunday 6 May, Breakfast, (register). Moderator Jack **Selway**

<http://www.rghf.org/event>

Tuesday 8 May:

"On behalf of President Banerjee (an RGHF member) and the 2012 Convention Committee, I am happy to inform you that the following breakout session has been accepted for inclusion on the 2012 Convention program." **Success and Achievements of Rotary** - The Importance of Rotary History for All Rotarians. Facilitated by PDG Geri **Appel**, Tuesday 8 May, 14:30-16:00, Room: Sapphire 14

RGHF will present 3 "1905 Society" awards this year. They will be announced at www.1905society.org after the convention.

Looking forward. RGHF will hold their next RGHF institute, www.rghfinstitute.org, at Chicago, in August of 2015. All other RGHF fellowship meetings will be arranged in our 50 some zone sections.

RGHF's public Facebook page www.historyfan.org now includes links to the entire history of Rotary as well as the timeline of RGHF.

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Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org/fellowship/>

Stimulates acquaintance and fellowship among Rotarians interested in exchanging information about Rotary heritage and history.

Chair

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Jerry Young, Vice Chair, jerryyoung@live.com

The goal of RHHIF is to bring awareness to the heritage and history of Rotary by recognizing 50 year members of Rotary Clubs and working for the restoration of Comely Bank (Paul & Jean Harris Home Foundation) and Roosevelt Warm Springs Development.

The Fellowship continues with new officers elected by the Board and member Rotarians at the RI Convention in New Orleans. Significant activities have included the transfer of responsibilities with the assistance of previous officers and the development of a new web site available to all Rotarians at <http://RHHIF.org>. The current Fellowship officers include:

Louise Mixon, Secretary and Hall of Fame Manager, loumixon@bellsouth.net

Bill Mixon, Treasurer, RHHIF-tr@bellsouth.net

International Fellowship of Rotary-on-Stamps



<http://www.rotaryonstamps.org>

Provides a forum for Rotarians interested in Rotary-related postage stamps.

Chair

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Rotary on Stamps is preparing for their booth at the Bangkok Convention.

There will be a stamp picking table where anyone can come and sort through a large table of complimentary stamps for all those attending the House of Friendship. Thailand Post is expected to issue stamp for the Convention. There will be a special Rotary on Stamp convention cover available at the HOF booth. The cachet on the cover will commemorate the current RIP, Kalyan Banerjee and the PRIPs who have served from India.



International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians



<http://www.ifsr-net.org/>

Develops international relationships among Rotarians who are or have been active members of the Scout movement.

Chair

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Scouting Rotarians continue to expand activities

In the last several months IFSR has had Exhibits at Zone Institutes and District Conferences throughout the USA and Canada, but also in India, and in Italy, and at the RIBI Conference at Bournemouth in April (see photo).

Our Scouting Rotarian newsletter (Editor Steve Kesler) is published every 3 months and our ifsr-net.org web site (Steve Henning, Editor) has current articles about Scouting & Rotary IFSR also was invited to Exhibit at the Centennial World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Conference in Edinburg, Scotland in July 2011 and the Centennial Girl Scout - USA Convention in Houston, Texas in November 2011 - thanks to our Vice President Joie Hain. Further we had a booth at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden where we sought to share with the 39,000 participants from all over the world the opportunities for Scouting and Rotary to cooperate so youth and leaders may earn scholarships, Peace and Conflict Resolution Fellowships, youth exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Academies, end polio and jointly develop a wide variety of local and international projects. Two Rotary Club meetings were held, thanks to Jamboree Chair Goran Hagerdal and IFSR Jamboree co-chairs Dag and Christine Ivarsson - all 3 were recognized with Cliff Dochterman awards by their Rotary Clubs in Sweden.



Our IFSR membership has increased more than 10% this year and we now have IFSR members in over 45 countries. Over 600 Cliff Dochterman Awards have been made, in many countries - recognizing Rotarians who are active leaders in Scouting and Guiding around the world. We have also added IFSR recognition Certificates as now being available to recognize not only Scouts in Canada who receive Scouts Canada's highest award, but Girl Guides of Canada Guides who receive Guiding's highest award. These new recognition certificates are being used by Rotary Clubs throughout Canada just as the Girl Scouts in the USA who earn the Gold Award (and Boy Scouts who receive the Eagle, Quartermaster or Venturing Silver Award) may be recognized by Rotary Clubs throughout the USA.

Brian D. Thiessen President - IFSR (PDG 5160 2005-06)



International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers

<http://www.ifrsd.org>

Brings Rotarians with a passion for scuba diving together. The USA chapter organizes one land based and one live-aboard dive trip a year.

International Fellowship of Shooting Sports Rotarians

Educates individuals with respect to firearms and firearms history, hunter safety, marksmanship, and the safe handling of firearms.

Chair

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Rotarian Singles Fellowship

www.rsfindernational.org

Promotes fellowship, friendship, and Rotary service amongst single Rotarians worldwide.

Chair

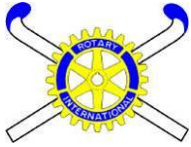
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Calling all Single Rotarians – visit our booth (#924) in the House of Friendship and sign up to join us at our impromptu evening get-togethers, you will have fun and meet some really great people.

Also please join us at our AGM. We will be in IMPACT Convention Centre, Sapphire Rooms 17 & 18 on May 6, 2012 between 1430 hrs to 1530 hrs. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Fellowship.



This year, for the first time, we had a booth in the House of Friendship at the RIBI Conference held in Bournemouth in April and a lot of interest was shown. Many Rotarians who were not single took brochures home for the singles in their clubs. If you are not single why not do the same for single members of your club?



International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.isfrski.org>

Encourages fellowship among Rotarians who share an interest in skiing.

Chair

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The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR) plans two events for winter 2012-2013. The North American event is set in Telluride, Colorado, USA, February 2 - 9, 2013; the European Chapter will be at St. Anton, Austria, January 20 - 27, 2013.

TELLURIDE, COLORADO, USA, FEB. 2 - 9, 2013

Averaging more than 300 inches of snow and 300 days of sunshine annually, Telluride skiers have over 1700 skiable acres to explore, covering corduroy groomed runs, challenging moguls and climb-to expert terrain; there is something for every level of skier. 18 lifts serve 127 trails ranging from 23% beginner, 36% intermediate to 41% expert.

Historic homes, shops and galleries line a 12 block long main street in this historic mining town where five star restaurants and local watering holes blend with luxury hotels and some of the finest spas in the world. Visitors will find numerous art galleries, stores for all interests, an historical museum that will bring the mining era alive and colorful locals who will stop and chat about their laid back lifestyles.

ISFR selected hotels in town and adjacent to the gondola are the Camel's Garden and the Ice House Lodge plus The Peaks Resort and Spa in the Mountain Village. www.isfrski.org.



ST. ANTON, AUSTRIA, JANUARY 20 - 27

The Arlberg is one of Europe's crown jewels of skiing and each of the five villages, Lech, Zurs, St. Anton, St. Christoph and Stuben has its own charm, together forming the Ski Arlberg ski region. Home of the first cable car designed for winter use, today there are 84 state of the art lifts and cable cars traveling between 1,300 and 2,800 metres above sea level, to 280 km of pistes of all degrees of skiing ability. www.j2ski.com/ski_resorts/Austria/Arlberg.html.

The weeks activities and accomodations will be centered at the 5 star family operated Arlberg Hospiz Hotel in St. Christoph. www.arlberghospiz.at/hotel-tyrol-austria.html

For more information, [www. Isfrski.org](http://www.Isfrski.org).

Rotarians On Social Networks Fellowship (ROSNF)



<http://www.rosnf.org>

Promotes fellowship and service utilizing all the tools available on social networks.

Chair

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We are gearing up for our 2nd convention as an official fellowship. Our Convention Committee Chair, PDG Guz Goh, has coordinated a booth (#825) where our popular "Like" badges will be available and new members will be able to sign up. Two of our members, DGE Melissa Ward and AG Simone Carot Collins, have been confirmed as panelists for the social media workshops on May 7th and 9th. Simone will also be addressing the International Institute about social media as a keynote speaker and a panelist prior to the commencement of the Convention.

ROSNF members played an enormous role in promoting United Airlines' "10 Million Miles to Charity" competition throughout December, using social media to co-ordinate daily voting reminders and spreading news to their clubs and the extended Rotary family, taking Rotary from #24 with 0.7% of the total vote to 2nd place with 20% of the final vote, earning Rotary 2.5 million miles.

Numerous ROSNF members have been conducting social media training in their local districts. Many have conducted workshops on social networking at Presidents-Elect Training Seminars and District Assemblies around the world, as we increase understanding that clubs can take advantage of social networking to promote their activities in the community and to enhance communication and networking within Rotary. In addition, a combined Districts 9455 and 9465 half-day Facebook seminar co-ordinated by 2 ROSNF board members attracted a full house of over 140 Rotarians and Rotaractors. A repeat of the seminar was conducted a month later in a rural town to enable an additional 40 Rotarians to access this training.

Valuable feedback about the best choice of wording for Facebook ad campaigns has been compiled by Rich Lalley, with his findings to date available at <http://www.slideshare.net/rlalley/d6440-facebook-ad-campaign-report-march-8-2012>

ROSNF is continuing to grow on a daily basis, with over 1,250 members as at April 2012. Our first Facebook application, the Global Club Directory, is likewise expanding, with 134 clubs from 40 countries listed in the directory with links to their Facebook pages.

We wish our 2012-13 Chair, Philip Merritt from RC Mabalacat Clark, Philippines, and his board all the best in the new Rotary year!



International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.itfr.org>

Develops and promotes worldwide friendship for Rotarians with a common interest in tennis.

Chair

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Rotarians' International Fellowship of Total Quality Management

<http://www.rotarytqm.it/>

Establishes coordinators in Rotary districts who will provide information about total quality management and its benefits in their areas.

Chair

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As known, the global Fellowship Groups offer unique opportunities for Rotarians to develop friendship and international understanding, and to support the Object of Rotary.

Therefore we have explored new opportunities regarding the Club approach and service to become more active with Rotary beyond the club level, and have a positive impact on the activity.

It is a privilege for me to announce that the Rotary Club of Catania D2110 has obtained, first in the world, the ISO 9001 qualification for its activity !!!

All the Rotary Club Members were involved with the support of Rtn Pasello D2040 who gave his professional skill to prepare the procedures and the internal audit, Rtn Lepore D2080 certified the Club through his Company under the full supervision and enthusiasm of Rtn Papa of RC Siracusa Monti Ciminiti D2110.

The project involved three Districts in a unique cooperation of different professionalism. We encourage all the TQM-RRVF members to enlarge the number of Club interested in certification and all of us are prepared to assist the Club to be certified according to ISO 9001.

International Fellowship of Travel Agents

Provides fellowship amongst Travel Agents and promotes travel to members' countries as an opportunity for fellowship and world understanding.

Membership

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International Travel and Hosting Fellowship



<http://www.ithf.org/>

Enables Rotarians to enrich their travel experiences through cultural sharing and by visiting other Rotarians in the course of their travels.

Chair

Barry Philps - Australia. Residence: 612-96345904; E-mail: bphilps@bigpond.net.au

The International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) www.ITHF.ORG, a Rotary Fellowship of over 1000 members in 59 countries will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM) in Bangkok at the Miracle Grand Convention Hotel

(the ITHF designated hotel), 99 Vibhavadi Rangsit Rd., Laksi, Bangkok 10210 on TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 at 7:00 AM.

This will be an important meeting as President Barry will give the ITHF year recap, conduct the election of officers, and pass the gavel to Incoming President Peter Ibottson of the UK. There will follow an introduction of the 2013 ITHF tour on the Iberian Peninsula.

Immediately following the AGM there will be a meeting for the members going on the 12 day Adventure in Thailand Tour of Chang Mai to bring them up-to-date on the transportation, baggage, hotels and the overall tour itself.

It is important to make you reservation for attendance at the AGM as soon as possible, since the hotel must be told immediately the size of our group to reserve the meals and the appropriate room.

Please contact Phil Komornik, ITHF Administrator, pkomornik@ithf.org, or at the ITHF Booth with your NAME, HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING, and IF YOU ARE STAYING AT THE MIRACLE GRAND. If you are not staying at this hotel and wish to pay by credit card, please send Phil your credit card number, the name as it is on the card, the expiration date and the 3 digit number of the back of the card.

For those not staying at the Miracle Grand the cost of the AGM and breakfast is \$25 USD per person. The cost of this meeting has already been included in the hotel charge for those staying at the Miracle Grand Hotel as part of ITHF.



International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians

Encourages fellowship among Rotarians who enjoy maintaining personal health through running, exercise, and fitness.

Chair

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The International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promote wellness and fitness as an opportunity for Rotarian fellowship and service.

You will be able to enquire and find out all you wish to know about the International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians: just do stop by at booth 1018 of the Environment Fellowship of Rotarians at the Convention and meet the Fellowship's Chair-Elect Marco Kappenberger of the Rotary E-Club of Latinoamérica of District 4200.

You find further information in the great Newsletters you find on

http://www.ridistrict5730.org/ifwfr_newsletters.htm

You find out more about it by writing to:

kappenberger@gmail.com

Welcome !

See you in Bangkok !

Photo: Father Mac, the Running Priest, preparing for the marathon





Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship

<http://www.rotarywine.net/>

Promotes the making, tasting, consumption, collecting and production of wine

International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.iyfr.net>

Promotes interest in cruising, racing, yachting, sailing, and boating, and encouraging high standards of seamanship through recognized customs and etiquette of the water.



Photo: IYFR Booth at the RIBI Conference in Bournemouth, April 2012.

These last 9 months have been busy and productive for IYFR. We have recently added several new fleets to our growing fellowship in Europe, South America and the Philippines. It has taken many active Rotarians in several regions to bring these new fleets in to being.

A new fleet in the Philippines, the Silver Star Philippine Fleet is unique because it was formed by the actions of FC Melandrew T. Velasco of

the Cubao West Fleet as a active Silver President of his District in the Phillipines. He requested the help of his Silver Star Classmates to form a IYFR Fleet. His classmates answered by his call with the formation of the Silver Star Fleet. The Founding Commodore of the fleet is Prisdient Erilene (Eren) Noche Tumali, of the Rotary club of Roces. FC Eren is from San Mateo Rizal and works as a Assistant Vice President at the Malayan Bank Savings & Mortgage Bank. She is married to Medel De Leon Tumali. She also holds the honor of having represented the Philippines at the Mrs. Universe gathering this year in Bulgaria and won third place.

The newest fleet, as of March 21st is the Punta del Este Fleet, with Commodore Angelica Mesistrano leading this new member of the IYFR family. The fleet is located in Montevideo, Uruguay and consists of 41 members. They become the fourth fleet in the region, joining the Brazil-Sao Paulo, the Delta and the Rio de la Plata fleets. All fleets in the South American region are actively involved in sharing boating and the work of Rotary.

As of this writing, the newest Fleet in IYFR is waiting to be chartered. This Fleet will be in the Alicante Region of Spain and joins a great tradition of boating and fellowship in Spain with the Madrid, Barcelona and South East Spain fleets. I am looking forward to welcoming this fleet to the IYFR family.

Are you now ready to meet some of these exciting Rotarians and learn more about the oldest of all the fellowships? Then please join the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians in the Hall of Friendship at booth 833 at the Rotary International Conference in Bangkok, Thailand this May 6 - 9. Like all the fellowships in Rotary, IYFR will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday Morning at the convention center in room 18. There are two social activaties planned this year, besides the Post Conference Cruise for three days at the Mom Chailai River Retreat and their unique boat hotel. There will be a Commodore's reception on Saturday May 5th in the evening at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel and the Commodore's Dinner at the Blue Elephant on Tuesday evening,

May 8th. Limited tickets for the two socials will be available at the booth. But join the PCC, please check the IYFR web site (www.iyfr.net) and make your reservation for one or all.

As always the IFYR fellowship is open to all active Rotarians, and boat is not required.

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That's all folks! Don't forget to have your articles ready for the Christmas issue in good time - . There will be a new editor, but we will let you know in good time who to send them to.

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