

Community Service

- ✓ **Sponsor Scouting Units.** Provide resources for Scouting projects
- ✓ Urge others to **provide community \$\$\$ resources** to support local Scouting efforts
- ✓ Include Scouts in Rotary **Drug Awareness** programs
- ✓ **Assist at Camps** – provide chaplaincy services and other counselors during summer sessions
- ✓ **Joint Food Collection** – Scouting/Rotary for Food annual fund drive
- ✓ **Food Collection** for food pantries
- ✓ **Special disaster aid** (collection, sorting & distribution of items)
- ✓ Santa's Helpers to **build, paint & repair** toys
- ✓ Project to **aid military families**
- ✓ **Anti-litter** campaign
- ✓ Assist with local **Blood Drive**
- ✓ Organize local **First Aid/CPR training**

Youth Service

- Promote **RYLA** among Scouts
- Select **outstanding leaders.** Recognize them for their volunteer efforts and invite as guests of Club
- **Literacy programs** – encourage Scouts to serve as mentors and encourage book collection projects
- Utilize Scouts/Guides as nucleus for **Interact Club** at High Schools and invite Scouts/Guides to join in activities
- Serve as **host for foreign visitors** for local Scout Organization's International Committee
- Promote "**Pen Pals**"
- **Scouts make the BEST Youth Exchange students;** Scouters make **EXCELLENT Rotaractors/ Rotarians**

International Service

- ❖ Promote **global goodwill and understanding for Scouts.** Encourage exchange programs among Scouts
- ❖ Provide **scholarships**, assist young people in earning fees necessary for jamborees, etc.
- ❖ Encourage **home visits** for foreign students, members of Scouting groups and Rotary Exchange students
- ❖ **Support International Scout personnel for the local camp staff** – see your local Scout organization for details
- ❖ Encourage programs and projects which could be used in **International Matching grants programs**
- ❖ Secure **foreign visitors for special appearances** at Scouting functions and Rotary Club
- ❖ Promote **World Community Service** projects in cooperation with Rotary clubs and Scouts in another country.
- ❖ **Scrap books** regarding unit activities
- ❖ **Sponsor a "foreign student"** to attend school for one year
- ❖ **Host "get acquainted" meeting** for foreign students at local college

As used herein "Scouts" is intended to include Scouts, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts – all of which Rotary/IFSR strongly support.

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'Avenues of Service'

OPPORTUNITIES

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF
&
TO OUR YOUTH**

THROUGH ROTARY

FOR ROTARIANS & SCOUTERS

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**The International
Fellowship of
Scouting Rotarians**

A Brief History of IFSR

At the Rotary International Convention held in Mexico City in 1991, several Rotarians who were also Scouters met and discussed how to provide an outlet for both interests through a fellowship group within Rotary International. It was felt that because of these dual interests and involvement, there should be many opportunities for past and present Scouters to further the Scouting/Rotary ideals and relationships at local, regional, national, and international levels.

Thus was born the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR). Numbering over 1,000 members worldwide at the present time, IFSR promotes the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self". After approval was received from Rotary International, IFSR joined the over 90 different Fellowships and Action Groups sanctioned by Rotary International in which active Rotarians may share their interests and hobbies.

Like original Scouting, the first such group was located in the British Isles (RIBI) and is now throughout the Rotary and Scouting worlds. Canada, Eastern Russia (RI District 5010), the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean were formed into the Interamerican Region. The IFSR is structured along the lines of the World Organization of Scout Movement, which has six distinct regions or areas for administrative purposes - Africa, AsiaPacific, Arabian, European, Urasian, Interamerican.

The IFSR is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promote the Scouting Movement internationally. This Fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

From the beginning of Rotary it has supported Scouting; as Rotary began, Scouting was the Youth program of Rotary and every Rotary Club was expected to sponsor a Cub Pack and Scout Troop. Rotary strongly supports Guiding and Scouting all over the world.

The Five Avenues of Service

We encourage each Rotary Club to structure program & goals to strengthen ties in the community and include the Five Avenues of Service. With a little imagination, these opportunities can aid the Club goals & those of the local Scout/Guide leadership.

CLUB SERVICE

- Secure **CLUB speakers and other programs** from youth and adult members of Scouting. Have club members **volunteer to assist** with Scout projects in their professional and hobby areas of expertise.
- When holding club meetings, conferences, conventions and other events **secure the services of youth leaders to assist as runners, etc.** Especially good for **opening and closing ceremonies**.
- **Seek your friends in Scouting/Guiding as potentials** for membership in your club.
- Create **joint fund raising and service projects**, which will aid both groups.
- **Invite Youth and leaders as guests of your club** to meet and participate in some of your local service projects. Recognize outstanding leaders, both youth and adult.
- **Recognize Youth at Club meetings** when they attain the top rank in their program. Special certificates are available from the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians for your use.



Vocational Service

- ◆ **Secure Merit Badge counselors** for the hundreds of topics of interest to youth and the community which are necessary for Scout advancement
- ◆ **Provide a vocational day** at School or other location
- ◆ **Provide scholarships** covering specific areas of study
- ◆ **Plan joint activities**, which will show Rotary to young people and visa-versa
- ◆ **Hold a camp** or major Scouting functions giving the young people of your area an insight into how businesses function
- ◆ **Use the 4 Way Test** to explain ideals and purposes of Rotary to Scout groups
- ◆ Use your business to help provide or **help locate summer jobs or part time work**
- ◆ **Allow Scout Leader employees** time off to participate in Scouting events and training (i.e. Wood Badge) and share costs related to these functions
- ◆ **Provide Vocational guidance** to Scout districts, councils, youth and units
- ◆ Assist unit leaders in **providing Rotary members opportunities** to invite Scout members to visit places of business to learn about how 4-Way Test can strengthen community interest and relationships

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians should play a major role to bring additional emphasis to the Scouting – Rotary linkage.