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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

R. I. CONVENTION ITEMS

1. REGISTRATION

Per the 2009 November Board Meeting, Rotarians and Non-Rotarians staffing a RI exhibit within the House of Friendship (to include: Club or District Projects, Rotarian Action Group, Fellowship and Committee and Resource Group exhibit space) qualify to register for the House of Friendship Exhibitor registration fee. Non-Rotarians and Rotarian House of Friendship Exhibitor registrants will be charged at US\$50 per person before Wednesday, 31 March 2010, and US\$100 thereafter or on-site. Exhibitor badges provide access to the House of Friendship **only**.

Exhibitors who wish to attend plenary sessions, workshops or other official RI events must register via the official convention registration form at the full registration rate. Additional information regarding registration will be distributed if booth and/or floor space is allocated.

Rotary Fellowships hope to have a double booth /stand at RI Montreal Convention 2010. Fellowships Chair Cam King has asked David & Christine Judge to organize the booth. They ask that **all** Rotary Fellowships provide at least one flyer/leaflet/brochure about their fellowship, how to join and a contact address e-mail to David Judge by 1 June 2010.

The Committee also needs fellowship members to staff the booth from Saturday, 19 June to Wednesday, 23 June for two hour shifts. If you or your members will be attending Montreal Convention, please volunteer. Suggestions and ideas for the booth can be sent to david.a.judge@virgin.net or fax +44 1206 796669.

Let's make Fellowships Fun at Montreal!

2. THE ADVANCER

Our objectives were (are) to provide the Family of Rotary with new ways to round-out the four Objects in our lives.

We deemed that it needed to be inexpensive to produce, circulate and use. We asked the Rotary Fellowships chairpersons to provide a picture and no more than article of 300 words. From the 64 fellowships, we receive 15 to 20 articles for each issue. Our editor “cuts and pastes” and gets it ready to be distributed. Note that we insert the copy as provided by the Fellowships. We had various articles in several native languages in the seven issues. Each issue is printed in English but if a Fellowship uses another language it shall be provided in that language.

3. READERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

We do not have a mailing list for any individual Rotarian other than the fellowships’ officers. When the Advancer is ready, the Editor emails an issue to the RI staff. RI emails the *Fellowship Advancer* to the Rotary Fellowships officers. The fellowships chairs then send the *Advancer* to their members. RI sends the issues to the district Rotary Fellowships chairs, as well. The district Rotary Fellowships chairs distribute the *Advancer* to Rotary clubs and post it to their district website if available. If the chain is broken, the *Advancer* does not get to Rotarians.

It is not possible to ascertain the number of readers of the Advancer.

The seven issues have been completed at no cost.

FELLOWSHIPS - GLOBAL NETWORKING GROUPS – CHAIRPERSONS SUBMITTED QUARTERLY REPORTS

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**Join an International Fellowship whose common interest is the
Collectible Car!!**

*The Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile Fellowship of
Rotarians* -(ACHAFR-NA) North American Chapter.

As a current Rotarian, you are already eligible to join, with an annual membership fee of only \$50. You will receive a beautiful Charter Member Radiator Grill Badge, and fantastic fellowship with one of the fastest growing hobby/sports- collectible car enthusiasts!

This is a great way to combine the camaraderie of Rotary International with one of the most popular sports/hobbies in the world.

As a charter member of the newly revived North American Chapter of ACHAFR you will receive a limited edition Rotary International ACHAFR radiator grill badge, a directory of fellow members, a

newsletter filled with events around the country and the world, opportunity to advertise to buy or sell those "dream" cars.

Our inaugural rally will include a fantastic "Ride-along Tour" from Florida to Canada to end at the 2010 Rotary International Convention in Montreal. More details to follow, you won't want to miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to meet professionals in this industry who share your love for cars and Rotary.



If you have an interest in collectible cars why not come and join us –Call Joanne Pistorius – (813) 714-1019 for more details.

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Following the RI Convention in Birmingham the ACHAFR (Antique, Classic and Historic world Fellowship of Rotarians) has now formed a North American Chapter. This Fellowship is designed to bring together any Rotarian having an interest in older vehicles, whether they own one or not. Historically it has



been mainly active in Europe holding at least one International Rally per year - with cars ranging from the early 1920's to the exotica of current days. One of the UK Chapter members earlier this year shipped his Model T Ford to the USA take part in the recreation of the 1909 Trans USA Rally between New York and Seattle. In 2010 it is hoped to organize a run along the Eastern Seaboard to coincide with the Montreal Convention. Another key activity of the Fellowship is that, on request, it will actively promote, through its web site, local Rotary organized events - whether they be Car Shows or Tours - being used to raise well needed funds for charitable purposes.

Further information can be found on the Chapter's web site - <http://www.achafr.com>, or by contacting Joanne Pistorius at joanne@transflor.com tel (813) 714-1019

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The 2009 rally programme ended with the ever popular Thursford Rally with over 90 members in 46 Units on site and in B&B enjoying another memorable visit to the Thursford Musical Christmas spectacular.

Over the past 12 months over 40 rallies at home and abroad have been well supported and particularly enjoyed with sometimes mass visits to over 20 Rotary Clubs including Grand Canyon Marseille, Saxmundham, Market Bosworth, Ashbourne, Cardigan, Redruth to name a few or contacts with visits from local Club Presidents or Members to the Sites to present and exchange Banners.

Both the ICFR AGM rally at Newark in May and the Autumn Fellowship Meeting at Brean on the Somerset coast were particularly well supported with over 90 units booked in. The highlight of the year must be the RI Convention Rally at the Heart of England again with over 90 units booked including 20

first-time ralliers and 4 overseas couples. The Booth in the House of Friendship was well run and supported by members helping in achieve a considerable increase in over 66 new members by the end of the year.

An ICFR rally also supported the shortened 2009 RIBI Conference in Edinburgh and we look forward to a return to the popular site for the 2010 RIBI Conference in Edinburgh and look forward to a return to the popular site for the 2010 RIBI Bournemouth Conference Rally in April.

There is a full programme of nearly 50 rallies for 2010 with continental trips to Oberammergau in June and August as we;; as a return to France It is encouraging to see a number of new rallies and organizers on the list as well as more rallies being run by members to support their own RIBI District Conferences. For more information, please download membership application form and rally Programme from the ICFR website.

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IFCR International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians

Cricket is getting bigger and more professional and is spreading around the world. The traditional game which can last 5 days with no result is still very popular but the newer shorter forms of the game have captured the imagination of many younger people who previously thought it was a slow game and only suitable for old men. Does this picture seem familiar to Rotarians?

There are now regular 20:20 tournaments which only last a few hours and attract many new supporters. And so Rotary has its own cricket tournaments. The next IFCR World Festival is being held in Durban, South Africa starting on March 7th. and we will be attracting many young people from all around the world. 'a week of fun and fellowship'. Why don't you join us?

ONGOING PROJECTS

IFCR is presently engaged in projects that will benefit the public at large. In late November 2009, IFCR embarked on an urban improvement programme that comprised clearing nearly 75,000 sq ft of a green jungle "weeds, overgrowth, nettles of more than 5 ft in height - not more than 2 kms from the legendary Eden Gardens . This green jungle of public space was in the midst of the 600 acre green expanse of Kolkata known popularly as the maiden. It was considered ironical that in a city where citizens were deprived of green playing areas "Kolkata has among the lowest green area proportion among metro cities in India " such a large expanse should be completely wasted.* IFCR embarked on a simple programme "to seek the permission of the Indian army (that owns this expanse), engage grounds men to clear the expanse of the overgrowth through the use of



simple grass-cutting implements and then engage an automated vehicle (backhoe payload) equipped to scoop the first later of soil (including the rots of wild grass). This transpired in the first week of December, accelerating the clean up and transforming what was a green jungle into a clearing that can be progressively converted into active sporting use. * Even as this clearing was in progress, IFCR embarked on its second project “ to plant trees along the periphery of this clearing along the famed Chowringhee Road of Kolkata, site of a number of important commercial and colonial landmarks of the city. On 12 December 2009, IFCR coordinated the planting of 35 palm trees (fox tail variety). This has coincided with the ongoing summit in Copenhagen . * IFCR intends to progressively scale these projects “ widen the clearing to about 100,000 sq feet, engage professional experts who can advise on the next level of scooping and flattening and transform the ground into a usable condition. IFCR will also engage curators to make three cricket pitches for the benefit of the general public (including the students of schools that do not have any playing area). * These twin projects reconcile the critical and under-served needs of urban regeneration and environment conservation in Kolkata.

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On 12 September 2009 the International fellowship Cycling to Serve (FCS) celebrated its 25th World Cycling Championships for Rotarians. The Championship organization was in the capable hands of Rotary Club Herentals Belgium. The organization could welcome about 180 participants from 10 European countries. Funds raised with the Championships were donated to the “Olivia Hendrickx Research Fund”. A wonderful weekend of Rotary Fellowship was the result. The first World Cycling Championships for Rotarians in 1984 were also organized by RC Herentals on the same race circuit in a very nice setting.



The USA/Canada Branch of FCS got recently new leadership with Rtn. Dan Kapsak from Colorado as Chair. (dkapsak@kapsaklaw.com)

In May 2010 the 4-days touristic cycling will be organized by Rotary Club Cesenatico in Italy and the 26th World Cycling Championships for Rotarians will be held on 10-12 September 2010 in Perg Austria.

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Language and communication aspects in Rotary
Lingvaj kaj komunikaj aspektoj en Rotary



Karaj samideanoj de RADE!

Ke la nova 2010 estu por ni ĉiuj kaj por nia organizaĵo sukcesa, paca kaj feliĉa jaro, estas la deziro de la RADE Estraro!

Dear RADE friends! (Rotary Fellowship of Esperanto)

That the new 2010 will be for all of us and for our organization a successful, peaceful and happy year, is the desire of the RADE Board!

Ni demandas vin bonvole respondi al nia **enketo** pri lingvo-politiko en R.I., sendante viajn respondojn al la RADE sekretario.

We ask you kindly to answer our **opinion poll** about the language policy in R.I., sending your suggestions to the RADE Secretary Giuseppe Grattapaglia bonaespero@terra.com.br, District 4530, Brazil

1. Kian lingvon(inter pli ol 100) oni uzas en via loka rotaria klubo?

1. Which language (among more than 100) is used in your local Rotary club?

2. Nuntempe *Rotary* uzas en siaj internaciaj eventoj la anglan lingvon kaj permesas en kelkaj okazoj 12 oficialajn naciajn lingvojn; ĉu vi opinias ke rotariaj kluboj kaj specife rotaraktanoj devus stimuli la lernadon de fremdaj lingvoj inter siaj membroj? Kiajn lingvojn?

2. At present *Rotary* uses English at its international events and allows 12 official national languages for communication at other times. Do you think that Rotary clubs and especially Rotaractors should promote the learning of languages among their members? Which languages?

3. Kian lingvopolitikon vi favoras por R.I. inter la sekvaj proponoj:

Which language policy do you favor for R.I. out of the following items:

A. Daŭrigi kiel nuntempe la uzon de la *nura angla lingvo* dum internaciaj eventoj kaj permesi porokaze la uzon de la 12 oficiale rekonitaj naciaj lingvoj.

A. Continue as at present with the use of *English only* at international events and allowing the use of 12 officially recognized national languages in other situations.

B. Daŭrigi kiel nuntempe la uzon de la *nura angla lingvo* dum internaciaj eventoj, sed laŭgrade plialtigi la nombron de oficiale rekonitaj naciaj lingvoj en aliaj situacioj.

B. Continue as at present with the use of *English only* for international meetings but gradually increase the number of officially recognized national languages for other situations.

C. Dum internaciaj eventoj kontrakti eĉ pli da interpretistoj por ebligi al la kongresanoj la uzon de angla, hispana, franca, korea, portugala, germana, itala, sveda, ĉina, japana, rusa kaj hinda kaj laŭgrade aldoni ankoraŭ pli da naciaj lingvoj.

C. At international meetings hire even more interpreters so that attendees are able to use English, Spanish, French, Korean, Portuguese, German, Italian, Swedish, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Hindi

and gradually increase the number of more national languages.

D. Ĉu devas R.I. esti inter la mondaj respondeculoj kiuj serioze pristudos la tutmondan lingvan situacion kaj stimulos la lernadon de neŭtrala lingvo kiel Esperanto, dua lingvo por ĉiuj, jam kreita por esti internacia, kaj pro tio facile lernebla? Cetere la nura lingvo kies uzo respondas plene al la kvar etikaj kriterioj de R.I.

D. Should *Rotary International* be among the world leaders in dealing seriously with the global language situation and encourage to learn a nationality-neutral language such as Esperanto, as a second one for everyone, created to be international and therefore easy to learn. Actually the only language who's use corresponds exactly to the Four-Way-Test.

4. Ĉu vi havas aliajn proponojn por internacia lingvo politiko?

4. Some other international language policy not mentioned above?

Esperanto - why

R.I. started in 1905 in Chicago using English only.

In the twenties French became the second language. But as the English and the French speakers tried to convince one another to learn the foreign language with poor success, they decided to use a neutral easy-to-learn one. The bridge between these two cultures was the Esperanto Fellowship created in 1928.

Nevertheless, in the following years gradually increased the number of recognized national languages, 12 at present. What will be our future? Should this escalation continue or will we find a **fair solution of goodwill for every one**, considering our Four-Way-Test and the enormous cultural diversity?

Esperanto, unlike some national languages, does not give unfair advantages to some at the expense of others. **Using Esperanto would save a great deal of money.**

Esperanto is a neutral, easy-to-use, clear, logical language which has proved that it really works. At the same time it does not belong to any group, and it carries with it neither economic nor political power. It lives in all countries of the world in the minds of people with a broadminded vision of what is possible in the future.

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International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

1).Plans for the 2010 Post-Convention Fly Away have now been finalized.



After leaving the Convention city of Montreal on June 24 the first leg is to Quebec City which has been included by popular request. The capital city of Canada, Ottawa, is the next stop. Highlights here include visits to the Canadian Aviation Museum, the Canadian Parliament buildings, and the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

From Ottawa it is on to Parry Sound at Georgian Bay. Accommodation is at the renowned Rocky Crest Resort. During this stop there will be a cruise on Georgian Bay. The final destination is Toronto with accommodation at the Westin Harbor Castle. From Toronto there will be a side flying trip to London to visit the Diamond Aviation facility. There will also be a day trip to the Niagara Falls. The Fly Away will end on July 3 with a farewell dinner at Toronto's CN Tower.

Check out http://www.iffr.org/IFFR_World/Events/2010Montreal/Montreal2010a.html for full details
2) Angel Flight was created by a group of pilots who believe in the benefit of volunteering. A non-profit charitable organization of pilots, volunteers and friends it arrange free air transportation for any legitimate, charitable, medically related need.

This service is available to individuals, and health care organizations IFFR Americas has strong links with Angel Flight with a number of members serving as volunteer pilots. On June 5, 2009, RI President D.K. Lee and First Lady Young Lee visited Angel Flight West at Santa Monica Airport in Los Angeles. He was met by Angel Flight West Executive Director Alan Dias (IFFR #7143), Sean McMillan (IFFR #8008), and Peter More (IFFR#L51).

DK Lee was introduced to the concept of Angel Flight and met with a young patient, her mother, and volunteer pilots. DK Lee was also introduced to Earth Angel that offers ground transportation between airport and hospitals by local Rotarians. President D K commented that as non-Rotarian Angel Flight pilots were already service minded and generously donate their time and equipment to serve the needy, they would make great Rotarians.

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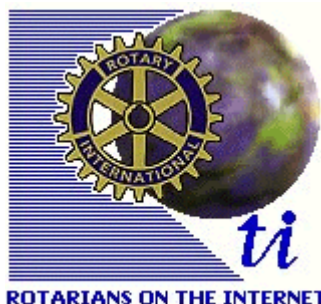
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Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI) Fellowship



ROTI is a vibrant Fellowship of Rotarians, associated with and sponsored by Rotary International. It is open to all Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians and Rotaractors. ROTI provides an opportunity for its members to move beyond

the boundaries of their clubs, districts and nations to enjoy friendships with people around the world.

ROTI has several email lists where we answer questions and discuss serious issues concerning Rotary and other topics, but we also encourage fun fellowship and banter among the members. In addition, ROTI has a technical list where our members can find solutions to their computer and Internet problems. We have many members with professional IT experience, who are pleased to lend a hand.



The friendships that develop among ROTIans are lasting and special and are founded on mutual respect, tolerance and regard for the differences in cultures of all our members. We believe these friendships contribute to greater world peace and understanding, which is one of the tenets of our great Rotary organisation.

ROTI's membership includes Rotarians who have held almost every position in our great organization. In their collective wisdom they provide a wealth of knowledge about Rotary and its various activities and programs, and they are eager to share this among our members. Arguably, ROTI is the most comprehensive source of Rotary information available for a Rotarian. If you become a member of ROTI you will likely become the most informed member in your home Rotary club.

Through ROTI, many international Sister-club arrangements have been formed and there have been countless Matching Grants created from the associations of our members. ROTI has also been instrumental in bringing partners together for joint projects, and our members have helped to provide assistance when calamities strike various parts of the world.

Another great thing about this fine fellowship is that membership is FREE. There is not, and never has been a fee for membership. We encourage you to drop by our website <http://www.roti.org/> and give us a try. We think that you will stay!

Rotarian Leticia Parra ROTI Chair

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This is for the fellowship of license plate collectors:

Are you interested in license plates and the stories behind them? CAR TAG (Collectors of Automobile Registration Tags from Around the Globe) is for you. We publish a quarterly newsletter for those interested in license plates. Our newsletter contains interesting and amusing stories of license plates and the hobby of collecting them. Our members share their interests -- and sometimes their license plates -- with others through our fellowship. For more information, contact our newsletter editor,

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The marathon in Medoc, 42,195 km wine degustation in one of the best known wine-areas of the world. The International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians (IMFR) with the president Josef Zeth (RC Ellwangen – Germany) invited to this great event near Bordeaux (France). About 70 Rotarians together with their partners and friends from many different countries take the opportunity of running one of the most peculiar marathons in the world:

- About 98% of all the runners are disguised (“Circus” was the motto of this year)
- All runners are getting more than 20 excellent red wines during the marathon and many more special things like oysters, ice, beer and so on.
- In every vineyard there’ve been excellent bands and musicians, so many of the runners take a little stop to sing and dance for a moment.



There was a great program around the marathon, too. The pasta party at the Chateau Pichon-Longueville with a great fire work was magnificent. Also the walking tour through the vineyards (with much more wine tasting!) the day after the marathon

was a great pleasure for all runners and supporters. The special Rotarian evening, organized by the friends from the RC Merignac (France), has been a very good French diner with – you don’t have to wonder yourself – more wine and champagne.

The donation of this event, about 1,000.00 EUR will go to EndPolioNow by Rotary.

Next year, the yearly international event for Rotarian “marathonis” will be the Vienna-Marathon at 18th, April, 2010 in Vienna (Austria). All Rotarians, who are interested in running (in Vienna there’s also a semi marathon (21 km)) get more information by: Joachim Bekedorf (RC Goettingen-Hann.Muenden – Germany). Please contact: joachim.bekedorf@extragoe.de

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A big thank you to all Rotarians who so kindly made contact to express their appreciation for the music and entertainment that IFRM members presented in the HOF at the World Convention last June.

One of the performers was Jean Martyn (Brewood and District Club) an international star of the

keyboards and organ. In December Jean was invited to play at a charity event in St. James' Palace, London, England. The guests were Chelsea Pensioners and veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. Also present were members of the Royal Family and Dame Vera Lynn.

If any member would like a copy of Jean's rendition of the Rotary Hymn please go to www.robertware@btinternet.com

The ONO Band (all Rotarians from the Grantham Club) launched their special song for Polio Plus at Birmingham. It has the support of The Gates Foundation and our own world President John Kenny. Details available on www.messagetotheworld.co.uk

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Fellowship Old and Rare Books and Prints

Since its earliest days, Rotary was concerned with the transmission of science, culture and information. In our modern society *culture* is the only mean to cope with insecurity, fear, mistrust and anxiety of our age. Cultural advancement of mankind is as relevant as its economic and social progress, hence Rotary Italy has established the Fellowship *Old and Rare Books and Prints* since 2006. It is aimed at promoting friendship and the exchange of information on a global scale among those Rotarians who share a common interest for antique books and

prints, transmitting the knowledge and love for old books to other Rotarians, especially the younger ones and taking advantage of the latest means of communication. In that year it was enclosed in the list of the Rotary Fellowship and is, to all intents and purposes, already active on the website: rotaryoldbooks.org. Not only does the project promote knowledge and love for old books, but it creates a pool of information accessible to all Rotarian bibliophiles, among which it is a pleasure to mention the Present President Bill Boyd, who belongs to a family of book lovers. The Fellowship has received immediate recognition from a number of people whose favourable reception will help its development in the near future. That project does not want to address just to the numerous keen connoisseurs of antique book and prints in Western countries, but it also wants to open its borders to the fascinating East, cradle of an old library tradition. Indeed, is preparing a translation of our site for Chinese-speaking bibliophiles. We are aware of the fact that China can be a springboard for establishing relationships with the surrounding countries.

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The Canada Post has authorized the issue of a stamp to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Canada. The Rotary on Stamps fellowship is working with the HOC/HOF to tentatively have the First Day of Issue ceremony at the opening of the HOF on Saturday at 10 AM. This should be a great opportunity for media coverage for the Montreal Convention.

Several Rotary on Stamps members have initiated projects to raise funds for the Polio eradication effort to meet the Gates Foundation Challenge. The Netherlands have sold over 12,000 sheet of personalized postage stamps and raised over \$40,000 USD with their project so far. In the US over 1,000 sheets of personalized postage has been sold and over \$ 4,000 USD has been raised. During a recent visit to Corpus Christi by incoming RI President, Ray Klingensmith, he spoke primarily on completing the eradication of polio, and he was presented a sheet of the personalized postage stamps by Rotary on Stamps. He was very pleased to hear of the efforts by our fellowship for this cause. This project can still be supported by Rotarians in both the US by contacting Jerry Fitz Simmons at glfitz@suddenlink.net, and in the Netherlands by contacting Anthony van Vliet at f2havanvliet827@hetnet.nl. The stamps are valid postage in their respective countries and can be used to not only support the Polio Challenge, but to make your mailings stand out and promote Rotary as well.

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FELLOWSHIPS FIRST AT SAN DIEGO

IFSR Scouting Rotarians had the opportunity to exhibit at House of Friendship at the recent RI Assembly 2010 in San Diego.



IFSR President PDG Brian Thiessen agreed to share the booth with Rotary Fellowships which David and Christine Judge helped staff. They also set up and staffed a booth at RI Past Officers Reunion. At both they handed out a wide range of "Fellowships" information to DGE's and RI Officers

Czech Republic Scout Center - Koprivnice. On 4 December the Scout leadership of Koprivnice, Czech Republic, dedicated an amazing Scout Center in Koprivnice – Rotarians in Ostrava working with Scouting leadership and the European Union generated the approvals and funds to open a Center that sits on many acres, has computer classrooms and library, kitchen, great room and dormitory rooms for Scouts and Scouters. It is also available to the public to use for literacy and other projects. Leadership was by IFSR member **Zdenek Michaelek**, assisted among others by Rotarians Dr. **Jiri (George) Navratil** (Vice President of Czech Scout Assn), **PDG Roman Gronsky**, **Ingr Jiri Vobrazek** and many others! IFSR President Brian participated in this amazing dedication!

Newsletters Our IFSR Newsletter under **Steve Kesler** and **Mark Francis** has also spread the good news of Scouting and IFSR via email and even snail mail to members who are not yet into cyberdots.

Web site. New Webmasters **Noel Beard** and **Steve Henning** are updating and redesigning our web site that should be completed by February 2010. Check it out at www.ifsr-net.org To see the wide variety of events in which we are involved.

April 24 – Rotarians and Scouts at Work Day. Rotary D-5340 and the San Diego-Imperial Council, BSA are working together -- Scouts and Rotarians joining in service projects from planting trees in parks and camps to community projects in inner-city and neighborhoods – for Rotarians at Work Day – an excellent idea for all Rotarians and all Scouters around the world!

Morocco Section organizing. IFSR member **Mosud Mannan** (Ambassador to Morocco) has organized a new IFSR section in Rabat Morocco for all Scouting Rotarians in Morocco. Excellent leadership showing the IFSR model works all over the world! Congratulations to our newest group.

Cliff Dochterman Awardee gatherings in D-5320. PDG **Lane Calvert** has built a strong cadre of Rotarians who support Scouting and 24 who have received the **Cliff Dochterman Award** through IFSR. Check out our website for pictures! D-5320 also has a "Rotary Family Day at the Scout Education Center - next one is 22 May 2010. A recent gathering included talks by Past IFSR President and current IFSR RIBI Chair **David A Judge** and his amazing wife **Christine**!

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TENNIS ROTARY PROJECT SOLIDARITY

Santa Catarina-Brazil – 30 e 31/5/2009

“We consolidated a dream of uniting the sport, we like to practice and to help organizations in need of our region”.

With these words the tournament coordinator Paulo Schmit defined the implementation of the 2° Tennis Solidary of Blumenau, Santa Catarina, southern Brazil.

This dream was to demonstrate to society that can always help those who did not have the same happiness that we, even when we're having fun. After the successful first edition in 2008, the Rotary Clubs of Blumenau continued to believe in this idea and in the organization Rotary Club West Blumenau, reissued this project.

The initial idea was to develop a tennis tournament open to the entire population of the region, regardless of affiliation with Catarinense Tennis Federation or any club, with possible access to all who love this sport, regardless of social status and financial.

The inscription was 5 kg of food, non-perishable, which were donated to entities extremely poor:

- **Creche Amiguinho Feliz**
- **Lar Bethel**

The banners of the supporters were exposed between days 29/05 (6^a feira) a day 08/06 (2 Tuesday - afternoon).

Circulated by the event about 700 people between participants and assistants.

Participated in the event of players: Blumenau, Blumenau, Itajaí, Taio, Rio do Sul, Florianópolis, Gaspar, Curitiba, Rio de Janeiro, etc.

The tournament had the disclosure in the media of the region.

The number of subscribers reached 293 people from diverse backgrounds including the Project in support of needy children, developed by the Pro Tennis player Tatiana Buss, becoming one of the biggest tennis event in the state. The number of applicants is larger than many state championships and even Brazil.

The event raised more than 1000 kg food distributed between the two selected institutions. Many people donated food without taking active part in the tournament, simply for the sake of solidarity. This volume that supplies food to children assisted by the two institutions for approximately 30 days.

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In 2008, IFTA delivered 140 wheelchairs to children in Agra.

IFTA Service Project for 2009 – 2011 is the Rotary Eye Hospital in Agra, India. The project cost of Eye Hospital is Four hundred thousand Dollars including land, building & equipment. The land is already donated by “Wadhwa family”. One ophthalmic machine (Phaco emulsificator diplomax) has been donated by the Rotary club of Italy, Approximately 25 thousand Dollars has been donated by the some clubs & districts. The project is to be completed by the 2010. We are requesting for all Rotarians and

their clubs to come forward & donate for this noble cause where small children & adults can benefit.

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MONTREAL, QUEBEC CANADA

JUNE 20 TO JUNE 23, 2010

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