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MESSAGE FROM JOHN KENNY, ROTARY PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I often say that there are two words on the Rotary pin that we wear. One of them is “Rotary”; the second is “International.” Rotary is an international organization of business and professional leaders who are committed to service, fellowship, and the highest ethical standards.

This is what unites us, all 1.2 million of us in over 33,000 clubs around the world. But we Rotarians are far from being a homogenous lot. Our talents and our skills, our backgrounds and our specialties, are incredibly varied. This has not come about by chance, but is a direct result of the classification system that is a fundamental part of our tradition of vocational service.

One need only browse the list of fellowships to gain an idea of the breadth of Rotarian interests. Whether one is a lover of cricket or of dolls, a collector of stamps or of rare books, one will find likeminded fellow Rotarians through Rotary fellowships. Quiltmakers, law enforcement agents, birdwatchers and wine aficionados all have their homes inside fellowships’ broad tent.

Rotary's primary motto is Service Above Self. We are in Rotary to serve, first and foremost. But we are also Rotarians because we enjoy it. We enjoy our service, and we enjoy each other’s company. Fellowships provide a valuable forum for Rotarians to pursue their common interests together, and in so doing help build the friendships that allow all of Rotary prosper and endure.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Abraham I. Gordon,

You asked for it; you got it! The first issue of the *FELLOWSHIP ADVANCER* received very positive responses from our fellowships so we know we are on to something good. As I noted in the first issue, this is meant to be a two way communication. Therefore you are free to write to us with your thoughts. (See list of Committee members and email addresses in this issue.)

It is interesting to learn that some Rotarians belong to two or more fellowships. Obviously, as Rotarians we have very similar thoughts about our world, but as human being, we have diverse interests. I mention this as one early response wrote to say that he was unaware of the many fellowship available and was going to join another. Great idea! Why not suggest to the members of your own fellowship. We always are eager to help the world; we now can help a fellow Rotarian. (See list of Rotary Fellowships listed in this issue.)

Would you like to increase the number of members in your own fellowship? It is our desire to

highlight one of our fellowships in each issue and the next one could be yours. Just send in a writeup about your group and you may be surprised to find your group in the spotlight.

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND,

HERE WE COME!

You may be getting an invitation to apply for a booth at the forthcoming RI Annual Convention in Birmingham, England. Every year during my chairmanship I receive mail and call from Fellowships upset at being denied a booth or not getting as many booths to which they may be entitled. Although our committee requested enough booths for everyone, we will be lucky to get the number that we do get. (As of now, that number is unknown.) So, before you get upset, I suggest that you write to us (see staff names and email addresses in this issue) suggesting what you would like by way of a booth.

Remember the early bird!

As of now I don't know how many booths we will have available, but I can assure you that we will do our best to distribute them equitably. We will reserve one booth for the use of our RI Committee on Fellowships. Any Fellowship unable to get a booth may use our booth on a share-and-share alike basis.

As they say in motor racing, start your engines and get going!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2008 – 2009 FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thanks to the 12 Fellowships who sent in articles for the September issue. We appreciated your contributions and your positive and constructive comments. Starting a publication which is sent around the Rotary "world" is a challenge. The Advancer is a volunteer project of the Rotary International Fellowship Committee.

Our distribution system is based on providing each District's Fellowship Chair with an electronic copy of the Advancer which they would distributed to each Club in their District. Unfortunately, as of the last information we have, there are only 237 District Fellowship appointed by the respective Governors. That means that nearly half of all of the Rotary Districts and Clubs aren't getting the Advancer. If Rotarians who get this paper, and they do not have a District Fellowship

Chair, they might request their Governor to appoint one.

Likewise, we provide each R.I. Fellowship Committee so they can forward a copy to their respective memberships.

We would encourage you to pass on the Advancer to the the Family of Rotary so they become acquainted with the 66 Fellowship.

We have been asked if groups, such as “Inner Wheel”, “Probus”, and other groups can have space in the Advancer to promote their activities. Because they aren't a “Fellowship” we have to “no” although they can use the information in the newsletter.

We should be able to include other languages if sent electronically. Please provide an English translation as well so I can provide that as well

The Advancer is published 4 times a Rotary year – the third week of September, the second week of December, the third week of March and two weeks prior to the International Convention. The Fellowship reports need to be received by two weeks before the publishing date. Copy should be sent directly to <stirling@mts.net>

PDG Cam King

Roles and Responsibilities of District Rotary Fellowship Chairs (Rotary International Board Meeting approved November, 2008) *Amends Rotary Code of Policy Section 21.060 to read;*

.22.060. District Rotary Fellowship Committees

It is recommended that governors appoint a district Rotary Fellowship committee with a chair and at least three members to be responsible for encouraging participation in Rotary Fellowships among the clubs of the district. District governors should a Rotarian who is a member of a Rotary Fellowship to serve as the district Fellowship chair to coordinate the following activities within the district:

- Schedule club visits to present information on Rotary Fellowships
- Invite current fellowship member within the district to attend presentations
- Communicate with individual fellowship officers listed in the *Official Directory* and the *Global Networking Group Directory* to gather upcoming events and publicize these in the district governor's newsletter and/or the district Web site
- Arrange for a presentation during the district conference highlighting Rotary Fellowship activities within the district and obtain booth space to exhibit at the district conference.
- Distribute the electronic flier for Rotary Fellowship to Rotarians in the district and encourage to contact those group regarding prospective membership.

**FELLOWSHIP - GLOBAL NETWORKING GROUPS – CHAIRPERSONS
and
SUBMITTED QUARTERLY REPORTS**

ACCOUNTANTS/CPA – Carlos Enrique Bolea <estudiobolea@lq.com.ar>

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of Rotarian and Accountant/CPA Fellowship Chairman Carlos. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and his Rotarian “family.” We have lost a true Rotarian.

AMATEUR RADIO – <www.ifroar.org> John E Maier <pres@ifroar.org>

**ANTIQUA, CLASSIC AND HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE <www.achafr.eu>
Colin Weeks <rotarytour@hotmail.co.uk>**

Rotary Convention Tour – June 17 – 20, 2009. Entry places are filling up fast with over 30 entries having already been received. These coming in from the UK, The Netherlands, Belgium and the British Virgin Islands. The oldest car currently participating is Roy Baker's beautiful 3 Litre VDP Speed Model, whereas maybe the most exotic is Peter Kleuter's Ferrari 550 Marengo. Included in the entry list are a brace of Jaguar XK150's supported by a 1936 Jaguar 3.5litre SS100. All of these cars will be on display at the NEC on Saturday 20th June.

Should any member from outside of the UK wish to participate but will be without a suitable car he should contact the organizers at rotarytour2009@hotmail.com. Full details of the current Entry List can be found at www.achafr.eu.

If you wish to participate and haven't entered yet you are advised to do so to avoid disappointment!

ACHAFR AGM The AGM of the ACHAFR will be held at 1130 on Saturday 20th June at the NEC Birmingham (Location gallery Hospitality Suites 17 & 18. Please advise the secretary – Ronald Hagenstein – with either your apologies or points for discussion.

**AUTOMOBILE AND MOTOR SPORT - <www.ifamr.org> A.Burcin Ozensel
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“Computer literacy courses” for blind people, within the “Irene Project”

The Fellowship Bridge Playing Rotarians started in 2008 the cooperation with the Blind People Institute in Milano, Italy organizing tailored “Computer literacy courses” for groups of about 16 people.

Lessons by blind instructors were given each Friday afternoon for 5 months. Teaching material was given to participants in Braille or audio.

Next steps will involve on-live bridge lessons by qualified bridge instructors and the organization of bridge games on Internet with Rotarians and friends.

The objective of the IFBPR “Irene Project” is to give to blind people the possibility to use a standard keyboard and computer, access to Internet, receive bridge lessons on-line, followed by bridge games from home wherever they live.



Participants during lessons.

CANOEING - <www.rotarystratford.com/canoe/> **Peter Eickenloff** <peter.eickenloff@deta.gld.gov.au>

CARAVANING – <www.rotarycaravanning.org.uk/> **Derrick Sanders** <derricksheila@waitrose.com>

In 1967 Rtn. Robert Sutcliffe, RC Leyland, D1190 decided to see whether UK Rotarians could travel by caravan to the RI Convention in Nice, France on their £50 per person foreign travel allowance then in force in the UK. He was joined by 26 Rotarians and their wives and following a very successful trip they met and immediately submitted a proposal, to RI, for the establishment of a Caravanning Fellowship in the UK. This was accepted and the Rotary International Caravanning Fellowship was formed in the autumn of that year. A few years later its name was changed to ICFR.

The Fellowship has gone from strength to strength and now has over 1,200 members and arranges between 40 and 50 rallies each year together with others into Europe. There have been numerous tours of four to six weeks to countries further afield e.g., Canada, United States, New Zealand and South Africa.

ICFR always arranges a rally in support of the RI Convention whenever it is held in Europe and is doing so for the Convention in Birmingham in June 2009.

Further information on its activities can be found on www.rotarycaravanning.or.uk.

ICFR maintains a link to the other similar fellowships in North America, France, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa through its International Liaison Officer.

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CYCLING - <www.cyclingtoserveuscanada.com/> George Keller <keller.georges@wanadoo.fr>

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"Our website has finally come up and its www.ifreps.com. All our thanks to our Webmaster Rotarian Robert Sommerville for his untiring efforts.

We are now posting our newsletters PEN to our website and members are enjoying reading it. We have already posted October and November issues.

We are getting good responses for our international bulletin competition.

We have applied for a workshop, booth and a room for holding our Annual General Meeting during Birmingham Convention in 2009

I am extremely thankful to our team of members for their excellent work for our fellowship."

EGYPTOLOGY – William F. Vartorella <thebes@juno.com>

ENVIRONMENT - <environment-rotary-fellowship.org/> Marco G. Kappenberger <kappenberger@gmail.com>

Thank you very much for this new valuable communication tool that will certainly contribute more and more towards the object of Rotary by promoting especially friendship and fellowship among Rotarians, thus contributing to attracting always more good Rotarians and retaining them as they enjoy more their experience in Rotary.

As this our new publication, The Fellowship Advancer, will grow with its always better-presented valuable and attractive contents, for this needed instrument to achieve its full potential, it will be increasingly necessary to have it at least in the main/official languages of Rotary, and constantly adapt it to the growing needs of Rotarians globally.

Yes, as this our new newsletter will grow, the Rotary world will increasingly appreciate-, need and use it as a tool for Rotary and its service to humankind to grow also in our world's areas where Rotary is needed most, as also throughout Africa, in the Muslim world, and in the former territories of the Soviet Union in particular.

Yes, this newsletter with the attractive information it will share always better, is poised to increasingly forge new fruitful relations among Rotary fellowships, making our Fellowships more attractive and better known, thus greatly contributing towards strengthening Rotary in its second century, always better fulfilling its object.

ESPERANTO - <<http://resperanto.monsite.wanadoo.fr>> **Marc Levin**
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Strip cartoon "Life of Paul Harris" soon published in international language Esperanto!

The strip cartoon book "Paul Harris, pioneer of a new world" realized by Laurent Dareau, RC Los Angeles, has been published originally in French in 2002 with the help of RC Clermont-Ferrand Chaine des Puys and District 1740. Later translated to English, its circulation reaches more than 10000 copies.

Now this exciting presentation of the Founder of Rotary by strip cartoons will be translated to Esperanto for a more international distribution.

The new edition will be published by the International Rotary Fellowship of Esperanto (RADE) with the help of RC Spa-Francorchamps-Stavelot, D. 1630 and a rotarian printer. It will be first presented on RADE booth during RI 2009 Convention in Birmingham.

(in french)

La bande dessinée consacrée à Paul Harris sera bientôt publiée en Espéranto

L'album "Paul Harris pionnier d'un nouveau monde", réalisé par Laurent Dareau actuellement Rotarien à Los Angelès, avait été publié originellement en français en 2002, avec l'appui du RC Clermont-Ferrand Chaine des Puys et du District 1740. Traduite ultérieurement en anglais, son tirage dépasse maintenant 10000 exemplaires.

Cette présentation sympathique du Fondateur du Rotary va désormais bénéficier d'une version en Espéranto afin de lui assurer une diffusion réellement internationale. L'édition en sera assurée par l'Amicale rotarienne d'Espéranto RADE grâce à un imprimeur rotarien, avec le support du RC Spa-Francorchamps-Stavelot, D. 1630. Elle sera présentée sur le stand de RADE à l'occasion de la Convention 2009 du Rotary international à Birmingham.

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President's Annual Report 2008

After the tragedy of just over two weeks ago in which Marinella Ferrari and her husband Vittorio Rossetti of the Italian Section with John Ritchie and Kevin Young of the UK Section who lost their lives, one is brought up short by how fragile life can be while we pursue our hobby, our vocation and our love of flying.

I would like to acknowledge the help I received from members of the Italian Section - Cesare Cardani, Gianmaria Faggioni, Roland Marrek and his partner Laura during our time in Venezia (Venice). Rodney Spokes has been very helpful at the UK end of this tragedy for which I am again, most grateful. This accident will have far reaching effects on future IFFR activities and as I write this report it is anticipated that the Board will have some suggestions for various alternative courses of action for this meeting to vote on. In the week since returning to the UK I find I have sent over 100 e-mails to those offering sympathy to the families involved and also to many members who have wished to have an input into the deliberations of the Board of IFFR regarding the directions to be taken in future IFFR activities.

I acknowledge with gratitude the hospitality extended to myself and Jeannette at the various fly-ins in Australia - Bundaberg and Grafton and in New Zealand – Hokitika, Paraparaumu and Tauranga and the Salt Lake City Fly-about in America this time last year. It is the latter that I wish to comment on. Following the hospitalisation of Bev Fogle a number of people picked up the challenge and what a challenge! One bus company ceased operations without advising those holding forward bookings. Following the initial planning of Sam Bishop. Tim Fruedenthall, Phil Livingston and Tony Watson it was the latter who ran the day to day fly-about and had to find a bus at very short notice. Very definitely, "Service above self" in the best of Rotary traditions.

Since my last Report I wish to acknowledge the efforts and importantly some of the innovative ideas of Fred Newman during his term as VP Americas. When Fred relinquished the post, Peter More's acceptance of the position made my task easy with his offer to expand on Fred's ideas particularly in the realm of dues collection.

There are a number of items that still must be considered "work in progress". As in my previous report I have been advised that final accident reports are still awaited for Portugal and Groton.

Our Directory is a credit to our Secretary/Treasurer Roy Marsden with new layout and up to date lists of financial members. Section officers can make a huge difference to Roy's workload if they make sure financial and member numbers are sent in on time. As regards the African Section, it has not progressed in the manner I had hoped.

It has been a momentous two years for Jeannette and myself and it certainly has epitomized the expression "friends you have yet to meet." We have met a lot of new friends and I thank you all for the opportunity given to me. With members in 41 countries, I hope that you will use your directories and meet new friends as we have. Brian Souter

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INTERNET - <www.roti.org> **Ron Nethercutt** <yamahajazz@yahoo.com>

The Rotarians On The Internet, better known as ROTI, recently completed its election of a new Chairperson for the Rotary years 2009 through 2011. Leticia Parra of Mexico City will assume office on

July 1st of 2009 when the present Chair, Ron Nethercutt completes his term.

Leticia was born in Mexico City, the center of the ancient Aztec Empire. At age 13 years she worked as a grocery store clerk, taught children, taught French, and served as a guide and interpreter during the '68 Olympic Games in Mexico at 15.

After college Leticia also worked at Bristol Myers Co. (drugs division), CANACINTRA (Mexican Chamber of Industry), Nacional Financiera (National Bank) and Dokter Labs.

After a brief break from her professional career in journalism, she activity in 1989 when she initiated a new Magazine on Industry, "Dinamica Industrial News" for the top CEOs and GMs in Mexico City and Metropolitan area informing them of Sustainable Development and Public Political of Government programs.

1997 Leticia joined the Rotary Club of Bellavista as a Charter Member was founded and became Club President and the first District Webmaster in 1999.

2000 she worked on the first Mexican Rotarian 9 Districts' site as webmaster, trying to present how the Rotary World can be found in Mexico as a country through their 9 Mexican districts.

Visiting all 94 Rotary Clubs talking about "Creating Awareness and Taking Action through the Technology" I received the Best Club Internet Communication Office Award.

2001 – 2003 District International Service Chairperson

2002 – 2005 District Grants Chairperson

2005 – 2008 The Rotary Foundation District Chairperson

2000 – 2006 Multi PETS Trainer on Internet Technology Communications (Club & District Administration Programs), RI's access member section, others.

2007 – 2009 Invited by RI Presidents to Coordinate Rotary Public Image and Public Relations for Zone 21-A

2008 – 2009 Multi PETS Trainer on Rotary Public Image as Zone 21 Coordinator

She currently belongs to several Rotary Fellowships, among which are:

1998 Rotarians on the Internet and 2005-2007 & 2007- 2009 ROTI Board member

Latin Rotarians Fellowship PP – 2003-2005

Fellowship of Rotarian Editors and Publishers

The Environmental Fellowship of Rotarians

International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians - North American Chapter

International Tennis Fellowship of Rotary (Mexico chapter)

Leticia has attend four RI Conventions: Argentina, Barcelone, San Antonio, Chicago, and also four Rotary Zone Institutes.

Others standing for the office of ROTI Chair were:

Norm Winterbottom of RC Milford in D 9910 of Auckland, New Zealand

Beborah Perrone of RC Ribeirao Pires Estancia Centro in D 4420 of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Hari Ratan of RC Chennai Kilpauk D 3230 in Tamilnadu ,India

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LICENSE PLATE COLLECTORS **Marcus B. Crotts** <mcrotts@crottsandsaunders.com>

The Rotary Automobile License Plate collectors Fellowship was officially recognized by the Rotary Recreational & Vocational Fellowships Committee and the Rotary International Board of Directors in 1992 just prior to the Rotary International Convention in Orlando, Florida USA.

Donald D. Jacobovitz was avid automobile license plate collector from Orlando, Florida and was the principal organizer and the first fellowship chairman. Don began collecting license plates in 1975 and now has over 2,500 automobile license plates from all around the globe in his collection at his southern Florida home.

Most Rotary Fellowships have an abbreviated name, and Don and Gordon White selected “CAR TAG” to represent this fellowship. Car Tang stands for Collectors of Automobile Registration Tags from Around the Globe. Don published the CAR TAG NEWS which was distributed to each member of the fellowship on a periodic basis and contained many great news articles about collecting automobile license plates and the Rotary connections

Gordon O. white, M.D. From Mt. Sydney, Virginia USA and a member of the Harrisonburg, Virginia USA Rotary Club is a world traveler and has been a strong leader in CAR TAG and has served as secretary and treasurer. Gordon has traveled to over 150 countries and has plates from over 250 countries and issuing jurisdictions. He has attended Rotary functions in almost 40 countries. His display of Rotary related license plates are displayed at the yearly meetings of District 7570.

Marcus B. Crotts, a member of the Rotary Club of Winston-Salem, North Carolina USA has been collecting automobile license plates since 1956 and is concentrating on North Carolina State run beginning the first year with porcelain plate in 1913. Mark has been active in the Rotary Recreational & Vocational Fellowships Committee and has attended Rotary several Rotary International Conventions.

Rotary license plates have been available at several of International Conventions featuring the country where the convention is held and have been sold at the Rotary Recreational & Vocational Fellowship Booth, CAR TAG. Many Rotarians around the world who are not necessarily license plate collectors purchase the license plate as a souvenir of the convention. Plans were made to have a special CAR TAG license plate for our International Convention.

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RGHF Rotary Minute for December 2008. For over eight years, RGHF has been serving Rotarians with regular weekly Rotary related features. These features have been valuable to YOU, in part, because they convey the common experience and heritage of nearly 104 years of Rotary. What these features and the tens of thousands of articles on our 3,000 page website have in common is our shared value of Service above Self, the Four Way Test, and our entire history (plus the contributions and input from individual Rotarians).

As RGHF celebrates eight fruitful years of service to Rotary, we ask each recipient (YOU) of this month's combined feature to send this on to all past, present, and future Rotary club, district, and zone officers so that our work may help them with retention.

As RGHF future president Frank Longoria, USA, wrote in his monthly RGHF report: The motivating force behind this endeavor is the belief that Rotarians who have a clear understanding of Rotary history are infinitely more likely to remain as Rotarians for life and are more inclined to contribute generously to the Rotary Foundation.

Our efforts in meeting our objectives will continue and even intensify during the coming months. I encourage all DGs who read this message to please include information on RGHF in their monthly newsletters. It will take all of us together to be successful in reaching the goals of our organization.

Frank Longoria, Chair PR/Membership Committee

THE FIRST RGHF What Paul Harris Said 30 December 2001 www.whatpaulharrissaid.org Since the beginning of civilization, there has been a surplus of sayers of things. If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organizations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things. Paul Harris, Message to the 1921 RI Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland.

THE FIRST RGHF Our Foundation Newsletter 1 March 2001 www.ourfoundation.info We want to provide a forum for your ideas on making Rotary more responsive to our community, our world and its people. PRID Lynn Hammond, USA, from the first newsletter.

THE FIRST RGHF Why I am a Rotarian 7 January 2006 www.whyiam.org Why I Am a Rotarian - The reasons change with passing time. In 1950, it was because two businessmen I respected had invited me to join, and the leading business and professional men in town elected me to membership in the Rotary Club of California, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Past RI President Chuck Keller, USA

THE FIRST RGHF Rotary Global History Day 23 November 2008 www.11october.org RGHF has started a program to recognize club histories, to encourage the study of history at the club level. We have a new list of ideas for beginning your own history at www.11october.org suggested by a member.

ROTARY HERITAGE and HISTORY <www.historyfellowship.org> Fredrick J. Otto
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ROTARY-ON-STAMPS <www.rotaryonstamps.org> Anthony van Vliet <f2havanvliet827@hetnet.nl>

A new issue has been made by St. Tome which displays both Rotary and Chess. This is an official issue, but is one that is of an undesirable nature.

A new issue from Chad has been made which displays bees and butterflies and well as the Rotary, Lions, and Scouts emblems. The status of this issue is unknown at present, but is suspected not to be an official issue and is definitely undesirable.

An issue from Malawi with crystals and gems and the Rotary emblem has been made also. This is also suspected to not be an official issue.

Two new personalized stamps from Austria have been noted. One is promoting the Rotary World Golf Championships to be held in 2009 and the other promoting the WIPA meeting later this year. RoS member Ivan Kaldor has also indicated that there will be a limited issue special souvenir leaf for this event. We have been assured of getting some of the WIPA issue and are still investigating the Rotary Golf issue.

Another very attractive cachet and cancel was produced in India. This one is promoting the elimination of Polio in India and was issued at Agra (location of the Taj Mahal)

RUNNING AND FITNESS Harold Friend <hfriend2@gmail.com>

The 15th Miyajima International Good Will Walk

It was like a miracle that it stopped raining in the morning on Nov. 16, 2008 in Miyajima. The night before we had given up about the weather and planned to walk around Miyajima town without climbing up Mt. Misen, but the sunshine came out around 7:00 AM and we noticed that the leaves are shining red or yellow by the sunshine in Miyajima island. The participants, including 30 foreign students, 17 Interact students, 2 interpreters and 41 Rotary members and family gathered in a square of the entrance of Miyajima at 9:00 AM.

Three courses were set; Mt.Misen climb course, Seashore and small mountains cross country course and the historical shrines, temples or monuments visiting walk course. After we enjoyed each different courses, we assembled again at the party house at 1:00 PM.

At the get-together meeting the president of Hiroshima West R.C. gave an opening address and Toshi Ihara, IFRFR vice chair, explained about Rotary Fellowship and the message of IFRFR chair, P.D.G. Harold Friend from Boca Raton, Florida, USA. After the ceremony, we enjoyed a nice sea food lunch with wine and sake with juice for the interact students. The foreign students from China, Myanmar, Vietnam, Philippine and Bangladesh made a speech using Japanese or English. The English teachers in the Interact student's high school from Australia and England made a joking speech for us in Japanese and English.

It was nice that 5 IFRFR members from other Rotary clubs joined us this time and we thank IFRFR member Kaiji Tanaka from Tokyo Hoya R.C. who donated much money to this event.

At the end, red colored leaf Japanese cakes and a coupon book were presented to the students.

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International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians

As a recreational fellowship our focus is enjoying the fellowship of Rotarians, their Rotary partners and guests as we enjoy Alpine and Nordic skiing. We meet annually at a North American Ski Resort for one week in late January or early February. Our next week together will be held at Crested Butte, Colorado, USA from February 7 – 14, 2009. In 2008, some 194 ISFR members from 13 countries around the world enjoyed a wonderful week together at Whistler, British Columbia, Canada where we had the opportunity to view the preparations for the Winter Olympics in 2010.

The North American group focuses on raising money to support the Adaptive Ski Program of the ski resort visited. As a result of successful fund raising activities during the week, the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation, named after the founder of our Fellowship, contributed \$17,173.50 to the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program. The Foundation has also provided a number of scholarships to the International Congress on Adaptive Sport at the National Sports Center for the Disabled, headquartered in Winter Park, Colorado.

Every other year, a group of Italian ISFR members host a week of skiing and fellowship in the

Dolomite Mountains. The 2009 Meeting is scheduled for March 14 – 21 at Val Badia, Italy.

The Turkish Snow Flake Chapter was officially recognized during 2008 and will be hosting events in the future.

Interested Rotarians are encouraged to visit our web site: www.isfrski.org

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BIRMINGHAM/WIMBLEDON 2009

In 2009 Rotary International will celebrate the **100th Convention!** It is a very important event that will take place in **Birmingham** from June 21 through 24 2009.

ITFR, as done before, will apply for a booth in the **House of Friendship** to promote its activities, a meeting point for the Rotarians coming from all over the world. ITFR will organise a **meeting** and a short **tournament** and will take part in the meeting of all the fellowships with the RI President Lee.

It is indeed a special occasion to be seized by the ITFR members also for the peculiar and unprecedented coincidence with the most important tennis event of the year: **Wimbledon, The Championship!**

The short distance between Birmingham and London/Wimbledon (the tournament will take place from June, 22 through July, 5 2009) suggested us to organise a **special package** for the ITFR members who would like to spend a few days in London also (if not primarily) to enter for a day in the world temple of tennis: **The All England Lawn Tennis Club.**

As far as **Wimbledon** is concerned the **ITFR package** includes the transfer from Birmingham to London on June, 25, the full day ticket for Wimbledon for June, 26 and/or 27 (third round) and the accommodation in London with guided tours on June, 27 and 28 (departure scheduled on June, 29).

WIEN 2009: the 5th ITFR World Tennis Championship

I am pleased to announce officially that the next ITFR World Tennis Championship will be held in Wien (Austria) from August, 24 through 30 2009! The ITFR Board unanimously believes that it will be a wonderful Rotarian meeting for all ITFR members! We'll start working together with our Tour Director for Austria and Tour. Director of the World Championship, Josef Gudenus!

We rely on the support of District 1910 and of the local Rotary Clubs for the success of the event.

The Championship will support the challenge for the Polio Plus Program!

We all begin working together with great enthusiasm to pursue the same Rotarians goals on the courts of Wien 2009 World Championship!

ITFR The Best Award 2008

During the meeting on last September, 4 in Barcelona (Spain) the ITFR Board decided to create an annual award called "**ITFR The Best Award**". It will be assigned every year by the ITFR members, who will vote the athletes proposed by the Board (a professional tennis player in activity). The criteria

for the selection of the candidates are three: **performance, sportsmanship** and “**service**”. The award is therefore the **synthesis** of sport performance and fair play combined with solidarity and commitment and care for the others, in favor of peace and humanity in harmony with the Rotarian spirit. The award will be first assigned for 2008 and the vote has been closed on November, 16, the end of the tennis season.

The ITFR members voted and they unanimously elected **Roger Federer, "The Best" for 2008**. The award will be given in 2009 on an occasion agreed upon with the winner.

ITFR Fact Sheet

ITFR currently has **572** members from **51** countries and **all continents**;

ITFR can join Rotarians, Rotaractors and their spouses who love tennis and fellowship;

There is **NO membership fee**;

ITFR was founded in 2004, and approved by the RI Board in March of 2005;

\$152.667,00 were raised from **27** ITFR Events and donated to various Rotary projects;

"Everything" is online - Registration, Members' database, Calendar, Voting, Financial reports, Constitution, Board, Newsletters, News, mailing lists etc.



Gruppo ai mondiali di Bercellono 2008



Gruppo ai mondiali di Salerno 2007

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ITHF Members and other Rotarians will be sorry to hear of the passing of Past President Rex Bolton.

Rex attended 24 World Conventions and was a regular attender of the ITHF Tours. He died peacefully at his home on the 6th November 2009, and will be sadly missed.

Our Tour to the Birmingham Convention leaves London on the 6th June, 2009, and

passes through Wales, Ireland and Scotland before arriving in Birmingham on June 19, in time for the Convention. There are still a few seats available on this Tour, at only \$US3245pp. Details on the ITHF website www.ithf.org.

President Steve Yoshida is planning more Tours, not connecting with the World Convention, to provide more fun and cultural exchange for ITHF members and their families.

Details of these Tours and other activities will also be on the website.

Membership of ITHF gives you ready contact with Rotarians in 60 countries, and a host of other benefits. Check out www.ithf.org

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IYFR has nearly 3000 members with 88 Fleets (Clubs) in 24 Countries. Our objective is to promote Rotary ideals through the Fellowship of like-minded people, with an interest in boating. Each Fleet meets and has their own events about once each month. Fleets often meet each other and exchange visits even in other countries.

Then our climax each year, is attending the Rotary Convention, as many of us as are able, and this is followed by a 4 day 'Get together' utilizing the facilities of the area. This year we stayed on board the Queen Mary Hotel in Long Beach, and had cruises on local Fleet's Yachts, BBQ's and a day Charter of two Brigantines (Tall Ships). We ended the holiday with a fine International Dinner on board, with self entertainment for all the 82 participants.

We are now making plans for the Convention in Birmingham next year. Our AGM will take place at the Botanical gardens, and after the Convention we have our Post Convention cruise, during which about 90 of us will be sailing off the west coast of Scotland.

We welcome new members, and if you would like to know more about us, please log onto our website www.iyfr.net