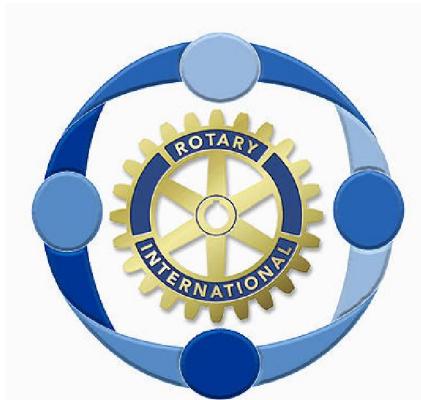


Fellowship Advancer



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Message from Jesse Allerton

There has been some reorganization in my section during this past year, and as a result Kathryn is no longer working directly with Rotary Fellowships (though she is still part of our department). My colleagues Jessica Bueltmann and Beth Santos now join me in supporting the fellowships, and jointly manage our Rotary Fellowships inbox, rotaryfellowships@rotary.org.

Message from the Chair

Fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to the latest issue of the *Fellowship Advancer*! Let me extend my thanks to all the Fellowships that contributed information about their activities for this 11th issue. Fellowship Chairs are encouraged to submit articles to inform and promote interest in the Rotary Fellowship World.

Distribution of the Newsletter

- The Newsletter is prepared by members of the Fellowship Committee and distributed by our support staff in Evanston, Illinois. A special THANK YOU to staff members Jesse Allerton and Kathryn Nichols for all they do to support the Fellowships.
- Each issue of the Fellowship Advancer is distributed by the staff to all Fellowship Chairs and the District Fellowship Chairs.
- District Fellowship Chairs are responsible for distribution of the Newsletter to the clubs.
- This is completed at no cost to the Fellowships or to the Districts.

A really big THANK YOU to Fellowship Committee member Stella Russell taking on the responsibility of editing yet another wonderful edition of *The Fellowship Advancer*.

As always, the general Fellowship Booth at the Bangkok Convention needs volunteers. Hopefully, each Fellowship represented at the convention will be able to spare a little time to staff the booth and further the cause of all Fellowships. If your Fellowship does not have a booth but you would like to distribute information about your Fellowship, please let me know and I will provide shipping information for the materials. I hope to see many of you in Bangkok!

**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 their progress.

- [Rotarians' International Fellowship of Authors and Writers](#)
- [Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship](#)
- [Italian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship](#)

From the editor

Thank you all once again for sending in your items for The Advancer. Hopefully you will have some time to spare over the Festive Season to look though to find out what has been happening with the Fellowships this year.

By the time you read this the Festive season may be over, but I hope that the New Year will be a Prosperous and Healthy one for you all.
With best wishes

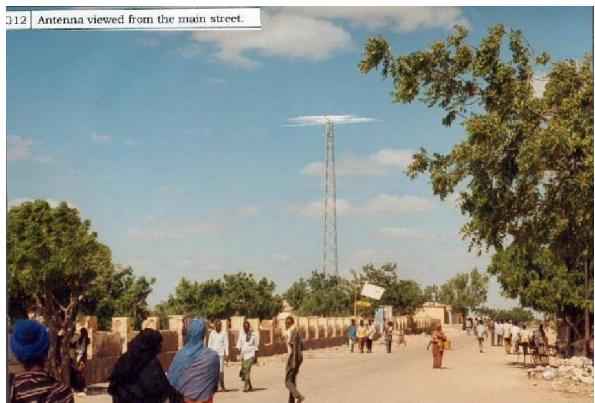
Stella



International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio

<http://www.ifroar.org>

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



I am the president (2009 - 2012) of a Fellowship where members are Rotarians and radio amateurs. It is The International Fellowship of Rotarians Of amateur Radio (ROAR). We are approximately. 400 members in the world. ROAR is one of nearly 60 Fellowships which are active under the supervision of Rotary International. Every Fellowship is uniting Rotarians under the interest of another hobby.

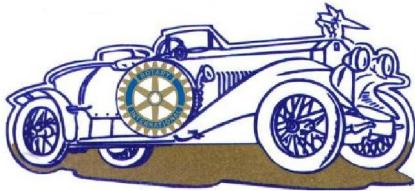
Fellowships may not be capable of taking action but its members can do

it. In my Fellowship individuals are doing what they can to promote good causes.

There are nearly three million radio amateurs in the world. In spite of not having a global organization, they are united by the brotherhood of the hobby. Years ago an Australian radio amateur got involved in helping the citizens of Galkyo town in Somalia, Africa to establish a radio station for the distribution of reliable information and to guide the youngsters to keep away from the pirates who were active in hijacking ships around the Horn of Africa. Radio amateur spirit is similar to rotary spirit and by entwining these two together within the ROAR Fellowship a strong bonding is formed. The attempt of radio station was "sold" to an Australian Rotary club and a ROAR member (PE/2012-2015) of that club took the lead of the project and the radio station got in air.

The next step some years later was to set up second radio station in another town, Bosaso. At the time the number of hijacked cargo ships was 20 and 400 sailors were kept hostage. With international cooperation in which also ROAR members from three continents participated, the necessary moneys were collected. The radio station was recently purchased and delivered (www.ifroar.org/communicator 1/2011).

Pertti Kause
EA7GSU, President ROAR 2009 - 2012
Member of RC Benahavis Costa del Sol.



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.



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 serve the community and humanity;
- To promote international understanding and peace in the world.

In June 2010 Marilyn Rognvaldson, a Rotarian for just less than one year, attended the Rotary International Convention in Montreal, Canada. Marilyn heard about many, many ideas in Rotary and all the wonderful ways to get involved. She learned about World Wide Fellowships in the House of Friendship and quickly realised there wasn't one for those interested in writing. She sought help from her friend and club mentor, Barbara Fisk, and moved swiftly to ensure she shared her idea with everyone she saw. She obtained names and contact details for Rotarians around the world, knowing she would need their help and assistance in achieving Rotary International's sanction for a new fellowship.

Upon returning to her District 7080, Marilyn continued her journey and sought support from local clubs and at the District Conference. She researched the rules for setting up a fellowship and set out to make it happen. By December of 2010, the constitution was written, the charter executive was in place and documents were off to RI for submission at the December meeting.



International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

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

rians worldwide the opportunity to participate together

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International Fellowship of Bridge Playing

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<http://ifbpr.org/>

lowship and encourages the playing and instruction of the 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 fellowship members to share their activities in these areas within the world of Rotary.



International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians

s from January 2011, Don Howard will be taking over
s President –
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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 ICUFR now has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/icufr and recent newsletters have included articles on how to create a Facebook page for clubs and organisations. It continues to provide contact for members through a web forum (forum.icufr.org) and our long running email discussion list. The main point of contact for members remains our newsletter, which is hosted on our recently upgraded web site at www.icufr.org ."



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.



IFCR

International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians

[http://www.rotarycri
cket.org/](http://www.rotarycricket.org/)

International Fellowship of Cricket-Loving Rotarians

Promotes international fellowship with Rotarians by playing cricket.

A new chapter of IFCR in USA was inaugurated on April 27, 2011 by the Rotary Club of Cupertino in California USA.

It started with President Beverley Lenihan officially launching the chapter of the International Fellowship of Cricket-Loving Rotarians by cutting a specially made Cricket Cake and introducing Mahesh Nihalani to tell members all about cricket.

Behind Mahesh was a banner of the International Fellowship of Cricket-Loving Rotarians featuring participating countries – Fiji, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, South Africa, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand and India.

Mahesh introduced Hemant Buch, founder of the California Cricket Academy.

Hemant talked about the importance of getting cricket into the United States and mentioned the International Cricket Council - the world governing body. He reported that "China is beginning to play cricket and that cricket is attracting crowds worldwide and is also doing well financially with a 50% increase in revenues between the 2007 and 2011 World Cup events. Simply put, cricket is a popular worldwide sport that continues to grow in revenues and participants. For the United States to truly participate at a high level requires schools to offer cricket as a sport. One only needs to look at countries involved in the International Fellowship of Cricket-Loving Rotarians to realise that these countries have immigrants in the United States and many in Cupertino"

Following the formalities Rotarians then moved outside for a demonstration on the lawn of Memorial Park.

Two coaches from India introduced them to the required equipment and explained the rules of the game.

A number of Cupertino Rotarians took turn to bat with Rotarian Jerra Rowland saying "I loved trying to bat – it's harder than one might think. It would be great if we could have a Cupertino Rotary Cricket Club - I would play".

International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians

Promotes international fellowship among all curling Rotarians.

Chair

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

www.cycling2serve.org

The objectives of our Fellowship are to develop and promote worldwide 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 CYCLING IN GERMANY

Members of the Fellowship Cycling to Serve met in June for the traditional 4-days cycling hosted by RC Bad Wildungen-Fritzlar in Germany. Cycling Rotarians from around Europe and their partners received a warm welcome in the Timber Academy of Bad Wildungen. The rides prepared by our friends from Rotary Club Bad Wildungen-Fritzlar allowed us to experience Germany's natural landscapes and we could explore an extensive ranges of hills in the area. With the local guides of the Rotary Club we enjoyed very nice touring, which made it an unforgettable fellowship event. Next year members of the Fellowship Cycling to Serve are invited by RC Heist op den Berg in Belgium. Check on www.cycling2serve.org for details



ROTARIAN WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011



On 3 September 2011, Rotary Club of Aubonne in Switzerland organized the 27th World Cycling Championships for Rotarians. It's for the 3rd time that we met in Switzerland since the start of FCS. The organization could welcome about 140 participants from 12 European countries and from down-under Australia. The races took place on a nice but selective circuit partly along the vineyard outside of Aubonne. Funds were raised for the Swiss Federation of the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Karuna-Shechen foundation, a non-profit association located in Eastern Tibet.

RC La Rochelle in France is currently preparing for the organization of 2012 Championships to be held the weekend of 8-9 September 2012.

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.

FELLOWSHIP CYCLING TO SERVE USA/CAN

The Fellowship Cycling to Serve (FCS), USA/Canada branch have decided to organize and promote participation in the 2012 El Tour De Tucson. This is a major event in Arizona, USA, and attracts thousands. For more information visit

<http://www.pbaa.com/!ETT/ETThome.html> Our FCS Vice-President for USA/CAN Bill H. Orndorff will assist FCS members with room reservations for the time period Nov. 16, 17 and 18 in the Tucson area as far as possible..
More information on the USA/Canada branch of FCS may be obtained from Membership Information USA/CAN : whobikes@comcast.net or craigtb3@aol.com.

FELLOWSHIP CYCLING TO SERVE INDIA

Our friends from India district 3131 organised a Polio Eradication Push Promotion Rally. In one word "Cycling to Serve" More information contact Mandar Gadre, RC Pune Westend, FCS National Representative for India : magadre@gmail.com.

Jos Kuijper, FCS President
RC Bergen, D1580
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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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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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<http://www.ifreps.com>

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Environment Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://envirorotarians.org/>

Chair

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On this 11.11.11. at 11.11., the Environment Fellowship of Rotarians is pleased to report that it has been enjoying a significant increase of Rotarians asking for membership, especially also through and after our presence at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, which gives us much inspiration in preparing our participation in Bangkok in early May 2012. At this our coming Convention we look forward to meet in particular also many friends of the Environment, Sustainable Development, and Preserve Planet Earth from the family of Rotary in the countries of Asia and all regions between Europe, Africa and Australia where besides some of the most active Rotary countries, we have others where Rotary hasn't taken off as yet, but with an environment of very great Rotary potential and need for Rotary's so beneficial presence.

The EFR enables Rotarians to enjoy fellowship, and also inspire and help their Rotary clubs to initiate and participate in projects for a better environment for everyone on our planet earth. With the vision and in the spirit of 'Preserve Planet Earth' this Rotary Fellowship does also promote sustainable development.

Besides looking forward to welcome you to our Convention in Bangkok, we invite you to visit and participate on our renewed website

<http://envirorotarians.org/>

Everybody of the Family of Rotary interested in Preserve Planet Earth, Sustainable Development, and our Environment is hereby invited to kindly let me please know at kappenberger@gmail.com

in particular if you do plan to visit our stand/booth at our RI Convention in Bangkok where we look forward to welcome you !

We applaud and support all the environmental Projects sponsored by your own Rotary Clubs and sincerely yours,

Marco Kappenberger

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.

RADE KONSTRUIS KOMUNUMOJN KAJ KUNLIGIS KONTINENTOJN



Dank'al esperanto, nia amikaro sukcesis, krom aliaj agadoj, realigi la devizon de nia internacia prezidanto (konstrui komunumojn kaj kunligi kontinentojn). Efektive, dum la monda rotaria kongreso en New Orleans ni renkontis ne nur malnovajn esperantistajn rotarianojn sed ankaŭ Sherry Wells kaj Ronald Glossop rekrutis novajn kiel Viktoro kaj Elena Ĉubenko, rotarianoj el Ukraino (vidu la foton). Nia komuna lingvo permesis al ni interparoli egale. Sed la rotaria movado bezonas ankaŭ gejunulojn por daurigi la rotariajn celojn. Ni speciale fieras ke junaj rotaraktanoj kaj interaktanoj el Brazilo, Ukraino kaj Bulgario nun partoprenos nian amikaron kiel ili partoprenis la rotarian movadon. Ni certas ke la juna rotaria esperanta komunumo entenas estontajn valorajn membrojn .

Ne nur kunligi esperantistojn en la rotaria movado estas grava sed ankaŭ promoci "Rotary International" en la esperanta movado estas fundamenta. Tion faris precipe Leandro Freitas, Giuseppe kaj Ursula Grattapaglia dum la Tut-Amerika Kongreso de Esperanto en Sao Paulo (Brazil) kaj dum la Itala Kongreso de Torino (Italio). Dank'al ĉeesto de sep membroj, inter ili nia antaŭa prezidanto Marc Levin, RADE ankaŭ partoprenis la Universalan Kongreson de Esperanto en Kopenhago (Danlando).

RADE HAS BEEN BUILDING COMMUNITIES AND CONNECTING CONTINENTS

Thanks to Esperanto, among its other activities, our RADE Fellowship has been carrying out the slogan of our World President to "Build Communities and Connect Continents." Indeed during the Convention in New Orleans, we not only met our other Rotarian Esperantists but Sherry A. Wells and Ronald Glossop also recruited new members such as Viktoro and Elena Chubenko, Rotarians from Ukraine (see photo).

Our common language enabled us to readily converse on the basis of linguistic equality. But Rotary also needs young people to perpetuate its Rotarian goals.

We are especially proud to see that young people of Rotaract and Interact in Brazil, Ukraine, and Bulgaria are taking part in our RADE Fellowship as they have become active in the Rotary movement. We are certain that the young Rotarian Esperanto community contains future valuable members.

It is important not only to bring together the Esperanto speakers in Rotary but also to promote "Rotary International" within the Esperanto movement. This was carried out mainly by Leandro Freitas and Giuseppe and Ursula Grattapaglia in Sao Paulo, Brazil during the Pan-American congress of Esperanto and in Turin, Italy during the Italian congress of Esperanto.

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

www.igfr-international.com

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

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.



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.

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 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



Roderic Graham Ferguson, Q.C., L.S.M., C.S., B.A., L.L.B., L.L.M., is a very accomplished and a highly revered civil litigation lawyer and Rotarian Lawyer Fellowship Chairman (2010/2011). Mr. Ferguson was one of eight exceptional lawyers who received the Law Society Medal for 2011. The medal is reserved for Ontario's most dedicated and accomplished lawyers who have a record of outstanding service in accordance with the highest ideals of the legal profession. From the small town of Midland, Ontario, Canada he has devoted his life practice to

providing legal services to rural communities across Ontario. According to a fellow colleague and nominator "his service to the profession is exemplified in this willingness to travel to many smaller communities in Ontario. As a result of Mr. Ferguson's skill and willingness to travel, many in those communities have received first rate legal services which might not otherwise have been available and so doing he demonstrates a true sense of responsibility in providing access to justice." A true champion of the underdog, Mr. Ferguson has dedicated countless hours to making justice available to those in need not just those who can afford to pay the hourly fee or cases which promise a large pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. "I take it as a compliment that I cannot say no to a hard luck story," says Mr. Ferguson. "I am after all a member of a proud profession; it is a gift that is intended to be used to aid society – all of society, unconditionally." The Law Society Medal represents the highest level of achievement and commitment to serving society and the profession.

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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Our **CAR TAG** (Collectors of Automobile Registration Tags from Around the Globe) Fellowship has increased membership interest this past quarter because of our new Facebook page. Be sure to check out our Facebook page **ROTARY LICENSE PLATES** at:

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1509220015#!/group.php?gid=200190641616>

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 tour 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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Rotary Marathoners in Australia.

The IMFR celebrates the joy of running. Members have come together once per year since 2005 to run in a nominated marathon. We have previously participated in the Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam, New York, Medoc and Vienna marathons, along the way raising funds for PolioPlus.

The true internationality of Rotary and the fellowship always comes with such gatherings and long lasting friendships have been developed through IMFR.

All these wonderful traits were again on display in a memorable 19 days in Australia in August, 2011. 45 Rotarians and family members – mostly from Europe – took part in a tour of Australia, which took in many of the highlights of this vast country. The tour included Fraser Island, the Great Barrier Reef, Uluru & the outback – where we even camped in the open air under the stars – and finished in the exciting city of Sydney. We all found it hard to say goodbye after a unique travel and Rotary experience. We also met many fellow Rotarians and made-up with three Rotary Clubs – many banners were exchanged!

In the midst of this experience, the tour group was joined by 13 more people on the weekend of August 7 to take part in the annual Townsville Running Festival. Almost all the tour participants took part in one of the running events, including over 20 in the full 42.1km marathon.

It is too difficult to describe the many experiences and emotions experienced but all participated to the best of their ability and made a great impression about Rotary with the local community. We all wore special running shirts, which added to the sense of 'team' and fellowship. The weekend included tours around the lovely Townsville area, breakfasts overlooking the beach each day, a fantastic Pasta Party and a great Celebration Dinner on the Sunday evening.

The IMFR is open to all Rotarians and their families. You do not have to be an elite athlete, just enjoy the challenge of running. More information is available on our website www.rotarianrun.org. Our next marathon is in Graz, Austria on October 12, 2012.

Keith Fagg,
Rotary Club of Highton Kardinia, Australia
President, IMFR



Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

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

members to gather regionally and
share their interests of motorcycling.



International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians

<http://www.ifrm.org>

Rotarians from all over the world meet in clubs to sing, to organize musical activities and to support community musical functions.



Chair

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Its aims are:

- 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;
- Taking advantage of the latest means of communication, which allow an easy access to a heritage which, in our District, happens to be among the richest in the world.

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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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>

Promotes the sharing of ideas and new techniques for Rotarians who enjoy the use of fabrics as an art form and provides opportunities for donating materials to those in need.

Chair

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Members of the Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists raised close to \$9,000.00 US during the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. Members contributed fabrics representing their countries which were assembled into two large "Trip Around the World" quilts. Other members donated a variety of handcrafted quilts, afghans, and other items which were on the display in the Fellowship booth at the House of Friendship. All of these items were exchanged for equivalent value donations made to The Rotary Foundation's Polio fund.

In November, members from the Western United States enlisted the help of Rotarians, community church groups, Interact clubs, and quilt guilds to collect over 300 Quilts for Kids as part of a project organized by Brenda Cressey, chairman of the Rotary Institute for Zones 25 and 26. All of the quilts will be given to the Wrap-A-Smile group who will label them and send them to Rotoplast International for future surgical missions.

RFQFA members are now making plans for their booth at the International Convention in Bangkok. The Australian quilters have already organized their project contribution. Newsletters and Photo Gallery of our projects and activities can be found on www.rotariansquilt.org.

Photo: Helena Daniels, Jean Cadwallader, and Cheryl Minshew volunteer in the Fellowship Booth at the New Orleans Convention.





International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians

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

Recreational Vehicles Fellowship of Rotarians

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

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

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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.

On 11 October, Rotary Global History Fellowship celebrated 11 years of service with a gathering near Munich, Bavaria. RID Paul Knyff, himself an RGHF member and also RGHF board member, told members: "...We all know: you have no future when you do not learn from the past. And the past in Rotary is so interesting and intriguing..." "...I think Rotary history is an underestimated subject as far as the majority or the Rotarians is concerned. I support RGHF and our 1.000 members and our 14.000 subscribers to change that. I admire RGHF for the way the information is made available to the Rotary world and to the world around us. ..." RID Paul's entire comments are at <http://www.rghf.org/institute/2011/knyff.htm>



It was also announced, at the Bavarian institute, that an entire country had become represented.

Details at
<http://www.rghf.org/join/100/firstrghfcountry.htm>

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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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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The most recent stamps issued to honor or commemorate Rotary have been with the use of personalized stamps. November 6, 2011 was the 35th Anniversary of the RPC (Rotary on Stamp Collectors Club) in the Netherlands and they have issued the stamp shown here to commemorate this event. This capability is now available in many countries and can be used for many different functions. The fund raising for Polio Plus has seen a number of this type of issue to assist in raising funds for this work. Anyone interested in developing a project and using these type

of stamps can contact our fellowship at www.rotaryonstamps.org. and we will be glad to assist.

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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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

Educes 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.rsfinternational.org

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

Chair

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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) has scheduled two events for the winter of 2011-2012. The North American event will take place in Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada, January 23 to February 5, 2012, and the European Chapter event at Sestriere, Italy, February 25 to March 3.

REVELSTOKE CANADA, JAN. 23 – FEB. 5, 2012

Like most Ski resorts, Revelstoke's press, videos, and trail map feature heli and cat skiing, and photos of expert skiing everywhere. But that is simply the history of the area as it started out: without lifts, a playground for expert skiers. What they also found was a wonderfully friendly all-skier mountain that gets the same storms that Whistler does without the afternoon wet heavy snow.

- How much snow? 40 to 60 feet each winter of dry powder.
- How much mountain: 5,620 feet of vertical skiing with a new high-speed gondola and quad chairs.
- The base village elevation is 1,680 feet and the summit is 7,300 feet. Lots of oxygen in the air. This is the same base and summit range as Whistler, Canada.



The mountain has bowls, glades, tree skiing, and a great mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced runs. The grooming is excellent. What the ski runs have in common is they are long. About when you expect to see the base of the lift you are only half way down. Take your time, enjoy the great views and you will have a great day.
www.isfrski.org.

SESTRIERE, ITALY, FEB. 25-MAR. 3, 2012

For Rotarian skiers Sestriere, www.ski2italy.com/resorts/sestriere/, offers skiing for everyone: 480 kilometers of slopes, 150 lifts, 214 ski connected courses, 3 cross-country trails, dozens of hotels, numerous restaurants and wellness centers. The variety of the skiing terrain will satisfy beginners, intermediates and advanced skiers, with many well groomed blue, red and black runs.

The Host Committee, chaired by Gianluigi di Marchi, demarketing2008@libero.it, has prepared a complete program of activities including the Rotarians' Ski World Championships in downhill, cross country and, for the first time, snowboarding.

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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In May 2011, ROSNF sponsored its first booth at the RI Convention in New Orleans. The ROSNF "Like" buttons were a hit and made it easy to find members throughout the convention. Several members served on panels in RI sponsored sessions about social networking. It was great to get to meet members from around the world face to face instead of just on Facebook and LinkedIn. Now the ROSNF Convention Committee Chairman, Guz Goh, is organizing the ROSNF Booth and events for the RI Convention in Bangkok. Plan to attend and participate in a number of social networking sessions. The recently elected ROSNF Chair-Elect, Philip Merritt, and many others will be there.



ROSNF's Charter Chair and current Training Committee Chair, Simone Carot Collins, has helped with several basic and advanced RI Webinars this year on social networking. In addition, ROSNF's current Treasurer and Public Relations Committee Chair, Mel Powell, has led efforts to encourage clubs to create Facebook pages to promote their service and fellowship activities.

This year ROSNF adapted the original Facebook application developed by Rotaractor Max Plischke in 2007 to run on the current version of Facebook supporting Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact Club members. Anyone on Facebook can use the application to

learn about Rotary, visit other club and district Facebook pages, and network with club members around the world using Facebook. The Facebook application is here: https://apps.facebook.com/rosnf_gcd/

If you like learning more about using social networks to promote Rotary, join ROSNF and get involved.



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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The seventh tennis Rotarian World Championship took place from 27th August to 3rd September 2011 in Bol - Brac Island - Croatia.

Miljenko Jovakovic, Tomislav Maravic, Mladen Novakovic and their staff arranged everything in the wonderfull complex Bluesun in Bol.

The Championship was held once again to contribute to the project, Polio Plus - End Polio Now, as previous decisions of the Board ITFR.

Attended by over one hundred players from sixteen countries: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, India, England, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Spain, USA.

They were well-organized 20 tournaments and a mini tournament "White and Wood" (wooden racket and white clothing).

The intense week of tennis, can be verified in the results published on the website of the fellowship www.itfr.org, but particular attention must be given at the final between under 42 Matko Maravic(Winner) and Andrei Luca and the final over 42 between Giancarlo Giuffreda (Winner) and Adrian Luca. They showed their ability and proper behavior on the field.

The awarding of the winners took place in the Central court. The trophies, tennis balls made of the famous Brac stone, were delivered by the top player Mr. Mario Ancic.

The gala performance was held by the sea in the picturesque restaurant Borak Plaza, with the presence of Rotarian and civil authorities: the Chairman of ITFR Marco Marinaro, the Governor of RI District 1910 and Mr. Ivica Radić, President of the R.C. Brac and Mr. Tihomir Marinkovic, Mayor of Bol, who addressed words of heartfelt appreciation for Rotarian sporting initiative.

In the institutional meetings, Mr. Mladen Novakovic, one of the historic founders of ITFR, was elected Chairman of the Fellowship for the next two years (2012 - 2014) after the two terms of Mr. Marco Marinaro. The Board approved the project affered

from the Brasilian member Mr. Marcos Franco for the next World Championship. It will be in Brazil.

We are sure that the tournament will be as successful as the other ones.

Marco Marinaro
ITFR Chairman
chairman@itfr.org

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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Dear Friends

This year some significant activities have been done.

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 Cimini 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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There was a lot of activity at the IFTA Booth Party in New Orleans. We will again have a party in Bangkok, Thailand in May 2012 at the R I Convention. We hope you'll join us!



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

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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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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.

From the editor

Thank you all once again for sending in your items for The Advancer. Hopefully you will have some time to spare over the Festive Season to look though to find out what has been happening with the Fellowships this year.

I wish you all good wishes for the Festive season however you may be celebrating it, and hope that the New Year will be a Prosperous and Healthy one.

With best wishes

Stella