



THE FELLOWSHIP ADVANCER
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Welcome the fifth issue of the *Advancer* which is the first one for the 2009 – 2010 Rotary International Year. As ever Rotarian knows, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg was the Club that made Rotary “International”. I hope that all Fellowships will have booths in Montreal. *(If you haven't guessed already, I am a proud member of the Winnipeg Club)*

Under Abe's Chairmanship last year, we began to explore ways and means to bring all the Fellowships to the fore in the “Family of Rotary”. Firstly, we culled a number of Fellowships that were not active and/or not providing reports when required. About two dozen were dropped.

The Committee decided that there had to be an all encompassing newsletter that would be informational for the “Family”. And, by the way, there is no budget/money. So, for content, we ask each Fellowship to provide us short articles and only one picture for each *Advancer*. This issue has 24 Fellowships reporting out of the 61 total.

While we can't provide the *Advancer* in all of the official languages, we can insert a translation by a Fellowship in the *Advancer*. We have had 6 languages and, in this issue, an Esperanto Report.

In the area of getting the *Advancer* to the “Family of Rotary”, we send a copy to each Fellowship with the intent that they will send a copy to each of their members. We have asked the District Governors to appoint a district Rotary Fellowships chairperson, and one of their duties will be to forward the *Advancer* to their clubs and those members. And the best part, there is no cost.

We have been discussing how to bring in new Fellowships. As you know, we could have dozens of Fellowships, but what are the chances of three Rotarians from 3 different districts in 3 different countries? We are setting up a “Bulletin Board” where Rotarians can go to the R.I. Fellowship website (www.rotary.org/fellowships) to see if others are interested in forming up a new Fellowship.

Lots in the works, Cam

THE FELLOWSHIP ADVANCER – OUR GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2009 – 2010 FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF RI FELLOWSHIPS

at 100th R I Convention 2009 in Birmingham, England

22nd June 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1400 (2 pm) by RI Fellowships Committee Member Mike Jackson who was Acting Chairman. Due to the long distance of the meeting room from the House of Friendship, it was suggested that a few minutes delay would allow others to join the meeting.

Also present were RI Fellowships Committee Members: J. Barry Smith, Chungsam Doh and David A Judge MBE. David Judge and his wife Christine agreed to act as Joint Minutes Secretary's for this meeting only, they apologise in advance for any spelling or grammatical errors!!

A list of all RI Fellowships was read by David Judge and J. Barry Smith noted those attending and their numbers. Fellowships represented were:- *Amateur Radio (2) Antique Automobiles (2) Caravanning (3) Chess(1) Cricket (6) Editors & Publishers (1) Environment (1) Esperanto (2) Flying (7) Golf (1) Internet (1) Music (3) Rotary Global History (1) Rotary on Stamps (1) Scouting (3) Singles (3) Skiing (1) Tennis (1) Travel & Hosting (2) Wine (1) Yachting (8)* plus a few who arrived later and did not sign in.

Mike Jackson welcomed all to the meeting and gave the apologies of Chairman Abe Gordon and Vice Chair Cam King.

Mike Jackson (Meeting Chair) said that the RI Fellowship Committee had made some progress in the battle with RI for recognition and support of RI Fellowships. He also reminded the meeting of the RI requirement to District Governors to appoint a District Fellowships Committee with a Chair who must be a member of a RI Fellowship plus 3 members.

The Fellowship Advancer, a regular information publication was, commended with special thanks to Editor and Compiler Cam King. It was requested that greater attention be given to correct spelling and grammar and the RI Fellowships logo be added to the masthead along with the Fellowships website address www.rotary.org/fellowships

It was pointed out that "Rotary on Stamps" Fellowship had been omitted from the list in The Fellowship Advancer fourth edition May 2009. This would be corrected in future.

MJ (Chair) said he hoped the meeting could be forward looking and positive and if Fellowships represented had specific complaints or grievances would they please refer them to RI through Jesse Allerton e-mail:- jesse.allerton@rotary.org with a copy to Fellowships Committee Members.

MJ (Chair) felt there had been improved contact and co-operation with RI and he reported that at a meeting of the RI Fellowship Committee in Evanston when Fellowships activities were reviewed and 20 were terminated. A further two have since been terminated - Magicians & Repaired Hearts.

The Fellowship website had been improved.

Discussion then returned to the floor and initially to The Fellowship Advancer, which it was proposed, should be called The Fellowship's Advancer (in plural to embrace all F/ships).

A request was made that it be printed in all "Rotary Languages" and could there be more pictures. However, a comment was made that there was probably no budget for such a publication and RI Fellowships should be grateful and more appreciative of the vast amount of work put in by the voluntary Editor.

There was a suggestion that The Fellowship Advancer should be sent direct to DG's which was countered by the suggestion that it should be sent to District Fellowship's Chair, further countered with the question of cost and no budget. It was suggested that The Fellowship Advancer should be on District websites and mentioned in DG's newsletters.

There was a wide-ranging and lengthy discussion about the use of the Internet, websites and e-mails. There were several differing and opposing ideas and suggestions. Russell Dale (Dist. 9780 Australia) spoke at length about a PowerPoint presentation and other aspects of IT he used and offered to others. Barry Smith was asked to investigate website, internet and IT situation and report back. Past Chair Tin Tin said she had a Fellowships PowerPoint presentation available.

There was a suggestion for a single standardised Fellowships Application form prepared by Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI) which was met with mixed interest and opinions - to be considered.

A suggestion was made that the committee should not "micromanage" but use the skills from some of our Fellowships to handle the running and operation of Fellowships requirements.

Extensive discussion took place on several aspects of RI Conventions. There was a general view that RI Birmingham 2009 Convention was one of the best with more space, more interesting displays and attractions and the organising committees are to be congratulated. However, the location of loud music and entertainment was a problem for conversation and speech on stands. This should be taken into

account in the future. There was much discussion on access for setting up and staffing of stands which all found very challenging,

A consensus view was that the importance of Rotary Fellowships was not appreciated either by RI Convention organising staff or the Host Organising Committee who seemed to take obstructive views on Fellowships at Conventions. Certainly the small number of authorised Rotarians allowed Early Admittance Armbands made stand preparation and set up difficult.

The Fellowship Committee were asked to take this up with both RI and HOC and also the possibility of allowing Day Registration for Rotarians Staffing Fellowship Stands/Booths. It was pointed out that this should be strictly controlled to avoid abuse.

The general question of Day Convention Registration was raised and commended although at a proportionately higher cost than Full Convention Registration.

Insurance was discussed and there appears to be several different opinions as to what is, and what is not, covered. It was suggested that a detailed clarification from RI be sought and published in a future edition of The Fellowship Advancer.

Colin Weeks of Antique, Classic and Historic Automobiles Fellowship and John Warwick of Caravanning Fellowship said both those Fellowships have their own independent insurance.

Four Fellowships were incorporated (? Limited Company)

It was noted that RI had not appointed for the coming year, a Liaison Director or Trustee to RI Fellowships Committee, which was seen as a retrograde step.

A comment was made about Fellowship Bylaws.

Brian Thiessen suggested that Fellowships should have stands/booths at Zone Institutes where, by attending, IFSR Scouting Rotarians had achieved some new members and a lot of interest.

John Stevens of ITHF said he felt that it had been a good meeting and thanked the Chair.

Michael Jackson (Chair) thanked all for attending and urged all Fellowships to keep R I Fellowships Committee advised of their activities.

Next Meeting at Montreal Convention 2010

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

NOTICE

The Advancer is a quarterly newsletter which provides the Fellowships to have a larger forum to other Fellowships. The content is provided by the respective Fellowships. When we get the respective copy we “cut and paste” and format it (Times New Roman). It is not edited. We note that many English words are spelled differently in other countries.. In some case, we are provided with non English articles we will use it as is. We have had 6 languages

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ANTIQUÉ, CLASSIC AND HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE <www.achaftr.org>
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2009 Rotary Convention Tour

1915 hrs. saw the arrival of Peter and Mary Kleuters of the Rotary Club of Hoorn de Compagnie in their beautiful 1998 Ferrari Marenello 550 having just driven over 870 kms from their home in Noord Holland. At the other end of the spectrum Nigel and Margaret Pocock had just driven 60 miles in their magnificently rebuilt 1923 Wolsley E3 Tourer – an equally challenging task! The location – The Best Western Hotel in Bransford Worcestershire. The reason - to join 45 other crews taking part in the 2009



Rotary Convention Tour. All driving a wide variety of cars, spanning 85 years of manufacture.

The Tour was a jointly organized by the ACHAFR (Antique, Classic, Historic Automobile world Fellowship of Rotarians) and the RRAF of GB & I (Rotary Retro Automobile Fellowship of Great Britain and Ireland). The participants were Rotarians and their friends coming from Belgium, England, The Netherlands, US Virgin Islands and Wales. For many it was the re uniting of old friends and acquaintances met on one or more of the previous Tours that had occurred in Europe.

The plan was to set off from Shelsley Walsh in Worcestershire taking in some of The Marches by visiting Ludlow and Stokesay Castles before some of the braver drivers set off to tackle the narrow approach roads of the Stiperstones in Shropshire. Both routes then converged on Montgomery Castle prior to descending into Welshpool for Tea.



By this stage mechanical problems had already started to affect the field. The first serious casualty was Brian and Audrey Archer in their 1973 Jaguar E Type 2 + 2 which refused to restart in Ludlow. They were eventually “recovered” to Shrewsbury for a repair that took over 24 hours to diagnose and fix. By this time Brian had started to feel unwell so they decided to limp home. More unfortunate was ACHAFR Secretary Ronald Hagenstein from the RC of Ridderkerk in his wife’s very attractive 1978 VW Beetle Cabriolet who was forced off the road by a truck in a hurry. This not only resulted in a very bent front wheel but also a completely wrecked front suspension. Garages were non-existent in Welshpool and the local car breakers hadn’t seen a VW Beetle in years. Organiser Peter Kleyn however had a bright idea and contacted the local VW dealer (some 35 miles away) who agreed to stay open for them to identify the correct parts and source them next day. Determined to carry on the Beetle’s front suspension was straightened with a club hammer and held together with a couple of Bungy straps.

The journey was well justified for that evening the tour rested at the fabulous Lake Hotel where new and old acquaintances were rekindled over a fantastic view and excellent food & wine.

With an early start next morning the field headed west along Lake Vrynwy before tackling another single track road, where the only traffic coming the other way was the local Butchers van. Everyone was in awe of the local scenery which continued until the morning’s halt at the Italianate village of Portmerion. For many this was a relief as once again their mobile phones, which had been out of contact since Ludlow the day before were now back in range. The stop provided Stephen and Susan Prince time to try and discover the misfiring problem with their 1936 Riley Kestrel – it was going to take another 24 hours before they finally tracked it down to a faulty distributor cap.

After lunch the journey continued through the Welsh Mountains – some travelers decided to try and ascend Mount Snowden but all trains had been booked so they went and explored the Electric Mountain (underground) instead. The majority of the field however took a leisurely journey to Lynn Brenig for a quiet tea stop by the Lake.

Once again the organizers had found a great place to stop overnight – this time at the Ruthin Castle Hotel, complete with suit of Armour. First casualty of the day was organizer Michael Rye who found that his very shiny Black MGB GT had been attacked by one of the resident Peacocks who took exception to its reflection in the door. The fun and games were not over however as dinner approached there was a shout “a car is on fire”!! With extinguishers ready a number of the participants rushed outside to see smoke coming from under the bonnet of Mike Sullivan’s MGB. It turned out to be nothing more serious than his starter motor self igniting. After a quick look through the yellow pages identifying potential suppliers to contact next day. Mike went back to looking at Sailing Boat pictures on Thomas Zinschitz’s computer. At dinner the food was superb and most of the younger attendees took the half finished bottles of wine off to the bar for another early morning.

Next morning most of the Entrants were up and raring to go with Mike Kemp and Dr Alan Prem heading off into the sunrise in their immaculate 1990 Bentley Corniche Convertible while Ronald and Thomas were left behind awaiting the overnight delivery of spares from Southampton. This was a more relaxed day with the Tour heading south towards Bala before heading north again to tackle the 420 metre high Horseshoe Pass situated above Llangollen. Here a choice of activities awaited ranging from the very quaint Motor Museum to a ride on a full size steam railway. Further along the route there was the chance to examine one of Thomas Telford’s Viaducts built over 200 years ago and step even further back in time to explore the 13 Century Chirk Castle.

The gentle drive back brought about two more retirements, but undeterred all of the participants took part in the final evening's celebrations where, after one of Peter Kleyn's devious quizzes, the following awards were made: Committee's Choice	Nigel & Margaret Pocock	1923 Wolsley E3 Tourer	RC of Market Drayton (UK)
Furthest Distance driven to the Event	Peter and Mary Kleuters	1998 Ferrari Marenello 550	RC of Hoorn de Compagnie (NL)
Furthest Distance driven on the Event	Don Franklin & Robert Wilson	2004 Lexus SC430	RC of Ripley & Send (UK)
Spirit of the Rally	Thomas Zinschwitz	1970 Morris Minor Traveller	RC of Ridderkerk de Waal (NL)
Combined Age of Car & Crew	Alan & Cynthia Goddard	1955 Bentley MkVI R Type	RC of Northampton West (UK)
Fellowship Award	Roger Frank	1970Teal Bugatti	RC of Upper Eden (UK)
Pre Tour Golf	Team den Hartog	1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud 1	RC of Rotterdam Bernisse (NL)
Peter's Quiz	Team Ponchaud	1963 MGB Roadster	RC of Henley Bridge (UK)

Colin Weeks Events for some carried on next day where Fellowship came out in full bloom. Roger Frank and John Taylor from Cumbria had taken it upon themselves to prove that they had as good a hat wardrobe as Les Dames Frea Wiegand Bruss and Miranda van Zoest however they had underestimated the spirit of the other entrants who arrived at Breakfast all sporting a colourful display of different headwear. This really was a great example of Fun & Fellowship at its best!

For some the journey wasn't over as there was still the journey to the Convention Centre and short parade. What really was a pity was that despite considerable efforts by the Organising Team the cars were placed in a very distant car park and the drive round was around the empty perimeter track. A real let down for an otherwise excellent event. There was some compensation however as Michael Barnes and D'Lisa Simmons from Houston in Texas joined in the display and procession in their very fine 1936 Riley Imp.

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BRIDGE PLAYING - <www.ifbpr.org> **Felicia Schweizer** <<http://www.ifbpr.org>>>

CANOEING - <<http://sites.google.com/site/rotarycanoe/Home>> **Peter Eickenloff** <canoe@petereickenloff.com>

As paddlers we know that if we paddle with the tide, wind and other environmental conditions, we are able to achieve our trip objectives more effectively while expending less of our energy.

In the same way I have noticed that Rotary has started to rediscover the hidden value of fellowships to support fellowship across clubs, districts and countries and as a valuable membership retention and engagement strategy. The RI board has defined the role of district fellowship chairs to support the promotion of fellowships.

While the tide now seems to be going our way it is up to each one of us to catch it and maximize the opportunities for our fellowship while we can.

To capitalize on this, the International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians (IFCR) has been busy developing a strategic plan that will strengthen our membership base. After polling our members, several initiatives were developed and some have already been implemented.

We have developed a new website at <http://sites.google.com/site/rotarycanoe/Home> that not only provides our own fellowship news but also helps to promote all paddling activities across the Rotary World. By doing this, we hope to attract a wider audience to our site. We have also revived our quarterly newsletter with more stories, more information and more opportunities than ever before. Our newsletter is distributed on-line and can be downloaded from the website above. We have shed a major expense that has allowed us to temporarily suspend membership dues. We hope that this will streamline the membership process to the point that more Rotarians with an interest in paddling will join us, undaunted by the prospect of obtaining an international money order. Lastly, we have produced promotional material that will allow our members to promote the fellowship within their own district. Having other fellowship members in the vicinity will make planning activities together much easier and will ultimately lead to more and stronger members.

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CRICKET <www.rotarycricket.org/> **Michael Jackson** <Mike@oldenterprise.co.uk>

IFCR had a good presence at Birmingham and Chairman Mike Jackson was very pleased with his ability to explain cricket to the American Rotarians. “At least 25 Americans now understand the game better than when they arrived at Birmingham. One small step for cricket but one giant step for mankind”.

During the convention the Australian touring cricketing Rotarians played a game and beat the GB&I team to reclaim the Rotary Ashes. It was part of their 4 week tour of England and Scotland. At the same time a game took place which featured Indian, South African, English and Australian players and all agreed that they were looking forward to the 6th World Rotary Cricket Festival in Durban, South Africa next March.

This event is open to all Rotarians who wish to play, watch or try and understand the game. Contact Mike Jackson at mike@rotarycricket.org for more details.

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EDITORS and PUBLISHERS - <www.ifreps.com> **Madhumita Bishnu** <m_bishu@yahoo.com>

Our Fellowship of Editors & Publisers had a wonderful workshop on 'Best Networking tools for a Better Bulletin' during the RI Convention at Brmingham, England, UK on June 23, 2009 at NEC. We had a very interactive session with 150 Rotarians participating in it. The panelist were Rotarian Madu Bishnu from India, Chair - Editors & Publisers 2008-09, Janie Carlisle from USA - Editor of PEN newsletter of the fellowship and Robert Sommerville - Webmaster and Chair Elect(09-2010) from Scotland.

We had a booth and this is the sixth time we are having a booth of our fellowship at RI Conventions. We have made 36 new members during the 4 days of the Convention. We now have 500 members from 40 countries.

We had an Annual General meeting of our fellowship.

I would like to request our members to become more active in terms of information and ideas exchange, contributions to our PEN newsletter and imparting to our own respective districts and clubs the importance of producing club newsletters, bulletins, etc. in whatever form that is convenient, affordable and preferred.

Having said that, may I also request and encourage our members to recruit the editors and publishers in your respective districts to join our international fellowship. Let's strive to help make our website a rich source of updated Rotary materials and information for our members and more. I wholeheartedly support the proposal to charge a minimal membership fee at least to help support our website and perhaps some other activities which we may decide to undertake in the near future.

If there are other items you would like to see in our fellowship, please do post them so that we can discuss further.

Please find below our new set of officers for RY 2009 - 2010 :

Chairman - Jesse Tanchanco
Chair-Elect - Robert Sommerville (also webmaster)
Secretary - Douglas Grouse
Treasurer - Madhumita Bishnu
Directors : - Janie Carlisle (Also newsletter editor)
- Douglas Maymon

- Sanjay Agrawal
- Robin Chapple

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ENVIRONMENT - <environment-rotary-fellowship.org/> **Marco G. Kappenberger**
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Rotary E-Mentoring for Rotarians and Rotaractors worldwide contributes to a better global Environment ' was the title of a presentation by Dr. Matteo Prchiazzi from Florence/Italy to which we had invited at our 100th Convention. Rotary E-Mentoring was launched there globally.. Several hundred Rotarians and Rotaractors were attracted, and they are now finding that Rotary E-Mentoring allows an ideal way for Rotarians to pass on their professions' environmental experience and expertise to Rotractors who start their career in the same field/speciality. It starts once signed up at www.rotaryementoring.org , where all the relevant information can be found.

As Rotarians mentor Rotaractors, one to one, making the best of the latest available communication technologies, we'll have more and more Rotaractors not only much better prepared for the career into which they start, but they will be particularly-well-equipped to become good Rotarians and offer Rotary's Preserve Planet Earth projects to their clubs.

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.

We invite to also visit our website <http://bb.environment-rotary-fellowship.org/> and to participate in this exciting environmental Rotarian bulletin board where you find the relevant information, can register and add your welcome contributions on any environmental topic of you're interested in !

Since, in a healthy, not abused, natural environment, disasters are likely to be fewer in number and less destructive, the Environment Fellowship of Rotarians calls your attention to the Disaster Relief - Rotarian Action Group <http://www.drrag.org>

Following the guidance of the Board of Directors of Rotary International, the Environment Fellowship of Rotarians invites you to let us know if you wish to participate in the formation of a new environmental Rotarian Action Group in any subject of interest to you, We will help facilitate these RAGs' formation and their application to RI from early 2010 on.

We look forward to welcome you to our booth in Montreal for the 101st Convention. Now is the time to register and save registration costs, while still find good-value hotel rooms. See you there

VIAJ VALIZOJ ESTAS PRETAJ?

Alproksimiĝas la dato de la Monda Kongreso de Rotary en Birmingham (junio 20-24) kaj se vi planas partopreni, sciu ke tie ekzistos insulo de interkompreno en tiu babela oceano de dekmiloj da diverslingvaj partoprenantoj el 150 nacioj. Tie preskaŭ nur la denaskaj anglalingvanoj povos ĝui la etoson de amikeco, ĉar ili facile interkompreniĝos, dum la aliaj pene klopodos balbuti siajn intervenojn en la debatoj.

Tiu insulo estos la stando n.952 de RADE, kiu bonvenigos vin amike kaj kore!

Nia mesaĝo pri la uzo de Esperanto en Rotary estas daŭre valida kaj la tempo pravas ke ni pravas, ĉar la nombro de 12 oficialaj lingvoj tute ne solvas la problemojn en ROTARY.

Ni ankaŭ invitas vin kore saluti nian karan membron **Marco Kappenberger** prezidanto de la Mediprotekta Amikaro en la stando numero 1051 - ĉar vi ne devas forgesi, ke Esperanto estas "ekologia lingvo" kiu protektas la kulturan riĉecon de la lingva diverseco! Nian eksprezidanton **Grahame Leon-Smith** vi renkontos en la stando de la komputilistoj.

LA STANDO RADE EN BIRMINGHAM

Sekvante nian multjaran tradicion, ankaŭ dum la 100-a Monda Kongreso de Rotary en Britio nia Amikaro starigos informan standon en kiu deĵoros kelkaj niaj membroj. Krom la disdonado de informa materialo kaj kolekto de aliĝoj, oni prezentos en la stando la freŝe eldonitan libron de **Paul Harris en Esperanto**.

Laurent Dareau "Paul Harris – Pioniro de Nova Mondo"

estas la esperanta versio de la verko jam eldonita en la franca kaj angla lingvoj. La aŭtoro Laurent Dareau donis al ni plezure la necesajn aŭtorrajtojn, ĉar li cetere baziĝis grandparte sur la libro de nia kara prezidanto Marc Levin « Historio kaj rakontoj de Rotary ».

La unikaĵo de la libro estas, ke ĝi aperas en formo de bildstrioj en la stilo de antaŭ cent jaroj, parolas pri la tiama usona socio kun siaj problemoj kaj donas al la leganto interese gan superrigardon de la tempo, kiam Paul Harris estis infano, junulo kaj juna advokato.

La eldonado de la libro estis ebla danke al la financa garantio de la Rotaria Klubo Spa-Francorchamps-Stavelot en Belgio kaj al la plurmonata traduk-laboro de kelkaj niaj membroj sub la kunordigado de la iniciatinto **Joseph van der Vleugel**.

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pli bonajn amikecojn, krom esti bonfara por ĉiuj!

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The Fellowship enjoyed a successful Convention at Birmingham. The effort that the RI staff had put into the restyled House of Friendship to achieve a proper balance between the necessary commercial activities and those of the Fellowships and Action Groups was much appreciated. Many new members were signed up and the booth proved an excellent meeting place for friends old and new.

A well attended annual dinner was held at the nearby National Motor Cycle museum. The AGM confirmed the appointment of Peter More of the Westwood Village Club, Los Angeles as President Elect to take office in June 2010.

Following the Convention a tour of England took place with crews from 8 countries participated in the flying activities. The option of taking part by coach was well supported and will become a feature of future Post Convention events.

The Fellowship welcomes new members and is open to all those interested in aviation be they flyers and non flyers.

FOOTBALL (SOCCER) - <www.footballfellowship.com/> **Neils Colov** <dragone@loxinfo.co.th>

Mr. Christian Falkenstein, President of the Soccer Fellowship, would like to announce following: The Soccer Fellowship is planning the first Rotarian Soccer World Championship in Germany in June 2010.

All countries national teams are invited for this great happening. For more information please contact Mr. Falkenstein: christian@falkenstein.de

GO, Playing Rotarians – **Min Sheng Yang** <knife@e-ms.com.tw>

GOLFING - <www.golfing-rotarians.com> **Fred Raschke** <fraschke@millsshirley.com>

We just returned from Kitzbuhel, Austria and the successful 46th IGFR World Golf Tournament. The 20th Annual USGFR National Tournament is at Champions Gate in Kissimmee, Florida sponsored by the Kissimmee West Rotary Club, September 3-6, 2009.

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On past Fellowship Advancer issue 2, ROTI Past Chair **Ron Nethercutt**, introduced some information about me as ROTI Chair 2009-2011.

Well, the transition moment has arrived not just at RI, Districts, Clubs, but also at some Fellowships as Rotarian On The Internet. This first Rotarian year remembers us the great commitment we have for Rotary's programs and goals like END POLIO NOW.

President John Kenny at his first message mentioned the great effort we all have to give to “water, health and hunger and literacy that will be our emphases in the year ahead”; he also explained why he chose the theme “**The Future of Rotary is in our Hands**” through a theme logo that shows four hands with different colours.

Hands that are working to help and serve others; **hands** that also can be typing to share and serve through Internet; **Rotarians’ hands** on the Internet reaching all points in this earth map to be present, to help, to work, to strength our friendship, to share our big celebrations and so many others. There are no limits for us, **Rotarians On The Internet**, to continue doing our best to work for the **Future of Rotary**. “Our 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”.

ROTI Fellowship, where all Rotarians may improve their Rotarian activities through **Internet**. Rotarians sharing their knowledge on the mailing lists about many topics like: The Rotary Foundation Future Plan, activities and experiences of the GSE, Matching Grants, how Rotary Clubs work in some projects, Tech information, Club’s administration, Club’s MOP, Skype, others.

ROTI is THE BEST ROTARIAN SOCIAL NETWORKING GROUP active at Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace.

From the ancient Aztec empire, Mexico City, I cordially invite you to join this great International Fellowship **ROTI**. It is so easy, just visit our site: www.roti.org and complete the application form!

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The Italian chapter of the fellowship of lawyer had a meeting in Sardinia, last June. The fellows decided to enhance the activities of the chapter mostly in ADR and, possibly in international Humanitarian rights.

Cordiali saluti
Avv. Bruno Nigro

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

The License Plate Collecting Fellowship, CAR TAG, is not very large, but its members are active. CAR TAG stands for Collectors of Automobile Registration Tags from Around the Globe. The fellowship publishes a quarterly newsletter and participates in the annual RI convention, usually with information in the General Booth. Its members often correspond and trade license plates among themselves. They also give presentations at their own and other Rotary clubs about the hobby of license plate collecting. One member, Gordon White, travels frequently, and he trades CAR TAG commemorative RI convention license plates for banners from the Rotary clubs he visits. The

fellowship made several license plates for RI conventions from the early 1990's until the 2005 RI 100th Anniversary convention. For more information about the fellowship or its commemorative license plates, contact Don Jacobovitz, the fellowship's Secretary at: 2209 Carr St, Palatka, FL 32177, USA

In the United States, we commonly use the terms license plate and tag to mean the same piece of metal attached to a vehicle for identification. In Europe the term Registration Plate or simply Number Plate is used. Other countries may say plaque or similar in their own language. Since Rotary is international, our fellowship is also international. We call our club CARTAG which means Collectors of Automobile Registration Tags Around the Globe.

In the United States there are at least 16 states using the Rotary logo. These states are: Connecticut, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. We would like to know of other states with Rotary plates. In fact, I offer to trade a Virginia Rotary plate for a Rotary plate from any other state sent to me.

Gordon White
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Here is a photo of Don Jacobovitz presenting Florida and RI convention license plates to the members of the GSE team from District 1550 from the Netherlands who visited the Northeast Florida .

LITERACY PROVIDERS <www.literacyproviders.org> **P. C. Thomas**
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The Fellowship of Literacy Providers is eager to enhance its capacity to assist Rotary Clubs around the world to improve their Literacy programs. Our goal is to share ideas, information and techniques for improving literacy and especially in helping Rotary Clubs to develop Tutoring programs, Job Counseling, Vocational Training, Workplace Training, Mentoring programs, Scholarship programs and Adult Education.

To be more effective, we are changing our Bylaws to admit Rotary Clubs as members, rather than requiring each individual to apply for membership. At the present time, we are looking forward to inducting a total of 33,234 Rotary Clubs into our Fellowship.

To make it easy for a Rotary Club to join our Fellowship, we are now accepting major Credit Cards for online membership. The fee is a one-time payment of \$20.00 USD and will provide you with all the privileges of membership. We accept VISA, MasterCard and American Express.

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MOTORCYCLING <www.ifmr.org> **Prithvi Raval** <drprithvi@airtelmail.in>

The home club of IFMR World Chair Rtn.Dr Prithvi Raval, being Bangalore, India, Prithvi is planning and organising a International Ride for Motorcycling Rotarians in India (Start and end in Bangalore) in February 2010. This planning being in the initial stages the detailed working and the plan would be available a little later. Tentatively it is planned as follows which coincides with the Dist 3190 Conference: Dates- Feb 6, 2010 to Feb 20, 2010

Route: Bangalore; Coorg; Chickmagalur; Udipi; Goa; Dandeli; Bangalore 1800 Kms; 250 Kms / day on bad roads is a lot here. Average riding speed: 50 Kms / hour!

Estimated costs are around US\$ 2500/- per person and is likely to change a little as the details are being worked out

1. Includes Bike Rental, petrol (gas) and Food.
2. Gear NOT included as it is personal
3. Bikes will be Royal Enfield; good for local terrain

Route will be Karnataka State, Goa and some hilly areas

Dear Fellows, I like to inform that our Chapter of Motorcycling Rotarians have a new President. Dr. Prithvi Raval from RC Bangalore India, how was elected with 100% Votes of the Chapter Presidents. His duty time will be 2009 till 2012.

With the stand during the RI Convention we shows all nationalities our activities all over the world and the President IFMR-GB&I enjoyed it.

After the RI Convention in Birmingham, the Chapter GB&I organised the Unconventional Tour in Meridian (West Midlands), with shows us the countryside of Derbyshire, Staffordshire and the area around Oxford. Members from Belgium, France, Germany, Norway, Netherland and the members from Great Britain and Ireland listened the Greetings form the new World President, delivered by the World Secretary and Vicepresident Cornelius Neufert (Chapter Austria Germany Switzerland).

There are more Meetings planed this year, Chapter Italy in the Alps, France in Charleroi, AGS in Corsica and a lot more.

Cornelius Neufert, World Secretary secretary@ifmr.org

MUSICIANS <www.ifrm.org> **Susan DuPree** <sfdupree@gmail.com>

IFRM members from around the world provided music and entertainment of the highest order on the

Bandstand and Disraeli Stage in the House of Friendship at the World Convention in Birmingham England in June.

There was a continuous flow of performers over 5 days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pop bands, choirs, brass bands, opera singers, instrumentalists, organists - the variety was endless and people of all ages took part.

IFRM is indebted to member Richard Green (Wolverhampton Club) who acted as Talent Scout for the HOF. He fronted, packaged, and produced the whole event. All the artists gave of their time for free. Richard's input was immense.

The entertainment included the launch of a pop song "MESSAGE TO THE WORLD " which was composed and arranged by 3 members of the Grantham Club, England. and who are known as The Ono Band. The song is about Rotary's Polio Plus pproject and it has support at the highest level and has the potential to play a major role in raising the profile of Rotary worldwide.

Marketing is in excellent hands and the Band is aiming to raise £1million towards Rotary's response to the challenge of The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Details are available on www.messageotherworld.co.uk

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PHOTO – RFQFA Booth at the Birmingham, England Convention. Fellowship Members displaying handmade items are Kathy Herder (yellow shirt) from Madera CA, USA, and Sherrin Palmateer from Caledon, Ontario, Canada.

Quilters and Fiber Artist join the Polio Challenge

Each year the members of the Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists (www.rotaryquilts.org) have a collaborative project to display at the Rotary International Convention. At the 2009 RI Convention in Los Angeles the group partnered with The Rotary Foundation to raise funds for Polio Eradication. Members from around the world made individual quilt blocks with a “Stars” theme. These blocks were assembled into two bed sized quilts and put on silent auction at the fellowship booth in Los Angeles. In addition, the knitters and crocheters in the group made original patterns with a Rotary theme and put 3 afghans in the auction. These items raised \$3,000.00 for Polio Plus.

At the Convention in Birmingham, the group brought or sent a variety of handmade items including a variety of quilts, afghans, aprons, totes, and a handknitted wool Lopi collar made in Iceland. These items were exchanged for donations to the Polio fund of \$100 to \$300 each. The group raised \$1800. Items that were left over will be used for fundraisers in the Birmingham Rotary district.

Hiltburg Wussow, a member from Germany, also helped the cause loaning one of her

quilts to a International Museum of Culture in Texas and then donating the museum piece which brought a \$1,000.00 donation to Polio Plus.

These Quilters and Fiber Artists are already designing patterns for their next project in Montreal! For information on the Fellowship go to www.rotaryquilts.org or contact chairman Diana Barden on jerrybarden@comcast.net .

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Rotary Global History Fellowship – RGHF www.rghf.org continues to follow the lead of chairman Joe Kagle, USA, 2007-2010, as we serve Rotarian Global Networking Groups with histories posted at <http://www.globalnetworkinggroups.org> a service to others by RGHF.

We also have begun to highlight the First 100 Rotary Clubs with Rotary Global History Day at <http://www.11october.org> As part of Rotary Global History Day, RGHF will host its first international event: Rotary Global History Day – Cairo, Egypt Saturday 3 October 2009. For more information, send a message at <http://www.historycomment.org>

At the Birmingham convention, RGHF presented its first two Rotary Global History Grants to the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation and the Paul Harris Memorial and Presidential Walkway – <http://www.rghf.org/grants> RGHF's 2010 goal is for \$10,000 to celebrate our 10th year of service to Rotarians. (RGH Grants are for history organizations that serve all of Rotary.)

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ROTARY ON STAMPS <www.rotaryonstamps.org> **Bob Kiegshauser** <rekma8@sbcglobal.net>

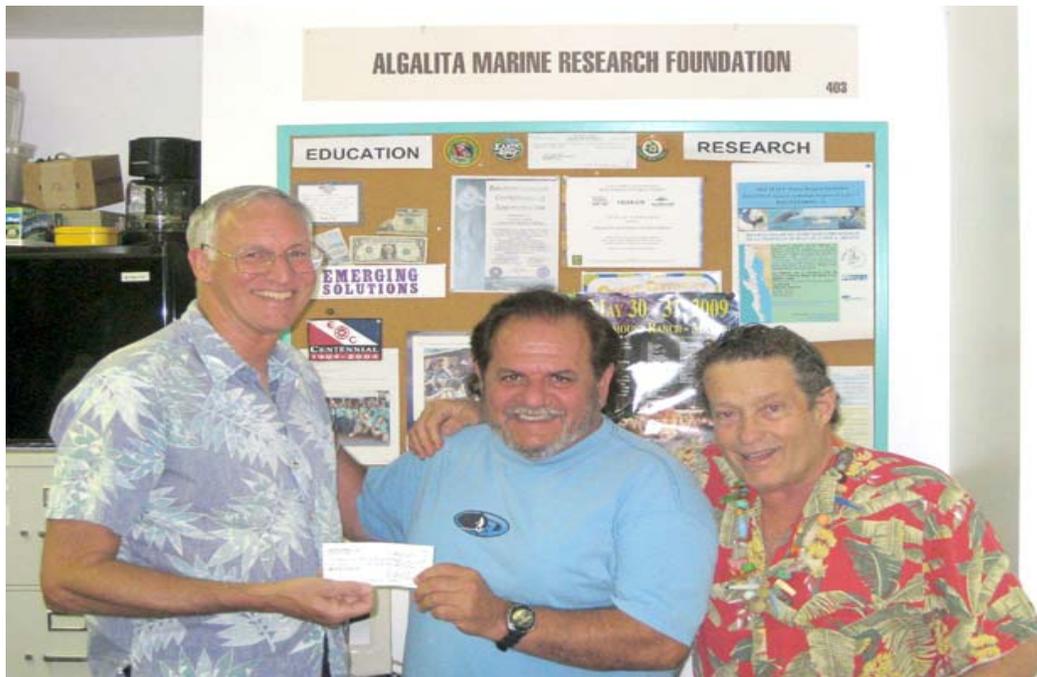
The Rotary on Stamps fellowship has had several members producing stamps to raise fund for Polio Plus. Anthony van Vliet from the Netherlands has designed a personalized postage stamp in a format of 10 Dutch stamps per sheet with an END POLIO NOW theme and is selling them by the sheet and has raised over \$32,000 USD already and is still going. Jerry FitzSimmons with the Victoria, Texas RC has also just recently joined the effort and has designed a US personalized stamp in a format of 10 stamps per sheet with a STAMP OUT POLIO theme and has raised over \$2,000 for Polio Plus. These can be order from Anthony van Vliet in the Netherlands by sending a email to f2havanvliet827@hetnet.nl and from the Jerry FitzSimmons in the US at glfitz@suddenlink.net . This is a great opportunity for all rotarians to support Polio Plus, enhance any mailings either for personal use or company use, and advertise Rotary and its great effort to eliminate polio from the world.

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The International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers recently made a donation of \$4,500 to the Algalita Marine Research Foundation, an organization dedicated to the protection of the marine environment and its watersheds through research, education, and restoration.
<http://www.algalita.org/>



The above handing of the check presentation shows (left to right) Bill Brush, IFRSD member and Algalita board member presenting the check to John Fentis (President), and Charles Moore (Algalita founder).



In March 18 IFRSD members travelled to Indonesia and spent 11 days diving the Sulawesi Sea (photo attached) from the Dive Yacht Ocean Rover.



long the way they visited Thailand, where they made up with the Rotary Club of Cholburi. Attached photo shows Dan Shepherd (Missouri Rotary Club) and his wife Jan exchanging flags and gifts with the president of the Cholburi club.

SHOOTING SPORTS <www.ifssr.org> **Bob Hervey** <bhervey@danisconstruction.com>

IFSSR Chair 08/09 Mark Meatte

Club Presidents: RCSP, Charlie Sheppard and RCWJ, Mike Crumpler

Event Co –chairs: RCSP Bob Hervey / RCWJ Scott Houser.

100 Bird Clay's Tournament statistics are:

1. Team Participants: 24
2. Winner: C. Vargas and Associates, Ltd.
3. Broken Shotgun Award: McClenny Equipment
4. Southpoint and West Jacksonville

Charities: \$22,000.00

2008 Top 5 Teams are:

C. Vargas & Associates, Ltd. 373

W G Mills #1 369

All American Specialty 359

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1st Place: C. Vargas and Associates, Ltd. 2nd Place: W G Mills #1
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2009 wining teams were C. Vargas and Associates, Ltd and the Virtual Team Rotary Club of West Jacksonville. The traveling trophy for the winning Rotary Club's 5 man Virtual Team is the "District 6970" Rotary Clay's Cup" was presented June 3rd at the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville meeting by IFSSR Vice Chairman Clark Vargas. This year trophy was won by the Rotary of West Jacksonville, Club Members: Scott Hudson, Scott Houser, Barry Allred, John Barley, David Taylor. Score 355/500.

The Individual Winners were:

High Shooter David Dobson

High Rotarian Eddie Kirby

Special thanks to the IFSSR, the

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TFR Tournament 1st President's Tennis Cup

ITFR booth at the NEC [n. 752]

Monday, 22nd June saw the start of the 2009 Wimbledon Championships. As the first ball was served on Centre Court, so the first game began in the ITFR 1st President's Cup in Birmingham. This had been arranged as part of the Rotary Convention being held at the NEC. As with previous tournaments this

was in support of the Polio Plus Program as is the forthcoming tournament in Vienna.

Players from eleven nations gathered at the Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society for this tournament. After checking with the groundsman that the conditions were good, we were able to play the whole tournament on the grass courts, which was a first for many ITFR members.

As it was a friendly tournament, the matches played were a mixture of men's and mixed doubles and there were some really close matches which were enjoyed by players and onlookers alike.

Half way through the afternoon we all enjoyed a superb English afternoon tea in the clubhouse where we were able to catch up on the latest play from Wimbledon on the television. Although the weather was overcast when we started play, the sun shone for the semi-final and final matches.

The winners were Kurt Sigl from Switzerland and David Jones from United Kingdom with the American team of Cheryl Minshew and Jim Moran worthy runners-up.

The following day meant a return to the ITFR booth in the House of Friendship where we were able to meet up with friends old and new. Application forms were being filled out with 50 new members joining ITFR- much to President Marco's delight!

David Jones, ITFR TD UK

ITFR 5th World Tennis Championship – Wien (Austria) – August 24-30, 2009

ITFR AGM – Election 2009: new Chairman (2010/2012) The next ITFR World Tennis Championship will be held in Wien (Austria) from August, 24 through 30 2009 (fund raising for Polio Plus Program)!

The ITFR Board will hold the General ITFR Meeting on August 27th, 2009 in Wien, Austria during the 5th ITFR World Championship.

The purpose of the meeting is to notify all of you about the past and current ITFR activities and introduce ITFR's future plans. The detailed agenda will be posted on www.itfr.org in the upcoming week.

Furthermore, the meeting shall include the election for the new ITFR Chairman (2010/2012).

See the "Wien 2009" official website: www.itfr-wtc.org .

ITFR for PolioPlus

ITFR supports priority Polio Plus Program of Rotary International.

See the communication campaign for fund raising during the ITFR events (booth at the Birmingham Convention, World Championship, tournaments, website, etc.).

During the Championship it will be sold the first ITFR official tie to raise funds for PolioPlus.

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Fifty eight members (2 bus loads) of ITHF members joined in a tour from London through England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland to Birmingham for the 100th World Convention of RI. A great time was held by all, with several interactions with local Rotary clubs en route. Attached is a photo of the group with the drivers and guides. Such tours are an annual event leading to the Convention, and in 2010 the Tour commences in New York, terminating in Montreal. During the Convention 120 members attended our AGM over breakfast - a busy but fun event. Once again we were cramped into a single booth in the Hall of Friendship, whilst there were several double booths granted to Fellowships with far fewer visitors. We hoped for a double booth in 2010. Despite the poor booth 60 new members were signed up at Birmingham. More tours are being arranged and President Steve Yoshida and his wife Noko are leading a Tour to Japan in October, 2009. For details see our web

www.ithf.org or contact Steve at steveyoshida@gmail.com. We intend to promote more small tours between Conventions. Planning our Tour to New Orleans in 2011 has already commenced. ITHF continues to be a thriving, friendly, culture sharing Fellowship, join us and enjoy the benefits.

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115 members attended the AGM at Birmingham Botanical Gardens, where we had a change of officers. Following the Convention we travelled north to Scotland for our Post Convention Cruise – 18 yachts and approx. 100 folk representing 10 countries, enjoyed sailing on the Clyde, bbq dinner, a dinner at Stonefield Castle which included the piping in of the haggis, a trip to Oban Distillery, and finishing with a farewell dinner in Largs where we were piped in and entertained, with much hilarity, when members all put on an item from their own country. A great, well organised 4 days.

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