

THE FELLOWSHIP ADVANCER
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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is a pleasure for me to contribute to this first quarterly newsletter on Rotary Fellowships, prepared by the 2008-09 Rotary Fellowships Committee.

Rotary Fellowships play a vital role in our organization. They provide opportunities for Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors from different parts of the world to make new friends while pursuing a common hobby, recreational activity, or vocational interest. Fellowships provide our members with new reasons to stay interested and active in Rotary, and help to advance our Rotarian aims of world understanding and international goodwill. This is especially evident each year at the RI Convention, where a substantial number of fellowships exhibit in the House of Friendship and enjoy camaraderie through a variety of activities and events.

Many of the fellowships also find unique ways to undertake service activities while enjoying their particular hobby or interest. During the past year, several fellowships have generously undertaken fundraising activities to support PolioPlus and Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge. I offer my sincere thanks to all of the fellowships that are taking the time and effort to make service a part of their mission, and I encourage them to continue their good work this year.

It is my hope that this newsletter will be a valuable tool to help spread awareness about the Rotary Fellowships program. Please consider sharing this newsletter with your Rotarian acquaintances and encourage anyone interested in joining or starting a fellowship to learn more by visiting www.rotary.org.



D. K. Lee
President, Rotary International

Abraham I. Gordon, Chair.

You have asked for it and, at last, we are able to present your own newsletter. It is our desire to have this publication be interactive forum where you, the Fellowships and Friends of Fellowships and we, your RI Committee on Fellowships and can exchange ideas and programs with the end that we will have stronger - and more - Fellowships in Rotary service.

As we have information to share with you, we will include it in this newsletter, As you have thoughts to improve your and all Fellowships, we would like to hear from you and add your thoughts to this publication. As Fellowships grow stronger, so, too, will our opportunities for service grow.

Fellowships enable like minded Rotarians to united to pursue a recreational or vocational activity. Their primary purpose is to further friendship and fellowship, in harmony with RI policies. While independent of RI, with the greatest freedom to function within its charter, each activity must comply with basic requirements, including reporting to RI on a regular basis. RI President D.K. Lee asks us to Make Dreams Real. Let us accept

his challenge as we enjoy our Fellowship in 2008-2009.

THE FELLOWSHIP ADVANCER – OUR GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

We have been given a tremendous opportunity to provide the total Family of Rotary, including all members of the 66 existing Rotary International Fellowships, with quarterly news about what each of your Fellowship news and activities. Circulation also include District Governors and District Fellowship Chairs

The newsletter will provide space, up to 200 words per issue, for your news and views articles. (We may need to edit longer submissions.) We have provided a listing for each Fellowship with the website, the Fellowship contact and their contact email. Each submission will be right under their respective heading. News articles are to sent to PDG Cam King at <stirling@mts.net>. **A submission will only used one time!**

The R.I. Fellowship Committee has a very slim budget so we will have to invent a distribution system. The “trial” system is depend on the good graces of all the Fellowships and District Fellowship Chair. We will provide the R.I. Staff with a “clean” copy of the “The Fellowship Advancer”. R.I. will then forward copies to all Fellowship, and all Districts Governors and Fellowship Chairs. From there, we are asking that each recipient provide a copy to their members. The District Fellowship Chair will provide each Club with a copy. Clubs are encourage to share the quarterly with their “Family of Rotary”.

- PDG Cam King, Vice Chair and Editor R.I. Fellowship Committee

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If you are a Rotarian with an interest in Veteran, Vintage or Classic cars; using them to travel to new places and enjoy a glass of wine with fellow minded Rotarians then the ACHAFR is the Fellowship to join. Each year the Fellowship organises an annual International 3/5 day Tour for such cars, with approximately 40 vehicles participating. It does however through the use of its website – <http://www.achafr.eu> – keep members informed

of events being organised by Rotary Clubs in other countries in the world. These sites include:

<http://www.achafr.it> – Italy

<http://www.rraf.nl> – Netherlands

<http://www.raf.co.uk> – United Kingdom

<http://rotary1730.free.fr> – France

One of the key aims is to utilise their site to build up a world wide data base of such events; not only to share with Rotarians but also to communicate with the world at large. The UK site, which was started just over 12 months ago is currently receiving over 27000 hits a month, with the Events page being the most popular.

2007 - 8 Events

Throughout the year close on 100 Vintage and Classic car events have been held by Rotary Clubs around the World. In some instances these have been organised by Rotarians who are not members of either their national fellowship; however in many instances they have been organised by Rotarians being a member of either their National Fellowship or both. In all cases these events have been organised either as a service to the community or as a means of raising well needed funds for deserving causes. The easiest way to find details of such events is to “Google” – Rotary Classic Cars! Plans are afoot to provide a listing of these on the achafr website within the foreseeable future.

During May 2008 the Rotary Retro Automobile Fellowship of GB & I in conjunction with the ACHAFR organised its second fellowship tour for vintage, classic and other post-1981 interesting cars. The four day Event was open to all Rotarians and their friends and was part of the annual ACHAFR Rotary European rally series.

Forty two cars took part with entries coming from the UK; The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and France. The ages of the cars spanned over 70 years of motoring – the oldest being Rtn Roy Baker’s 1925 Bentley 3 Litre VDP Speed Model.

The event started at the Dormy Hotel, Etretat in Haute Normandy and finished in the Environs of Honfleur. Overnight stops took place at the Mercure, Lisieux and the Le Clos Deauville-St Gatien Deauville. Various stops were arranged along the route including visits to the Busnel Distillery, Chateau Vendevre, Chateau Guillaume le Conquerant in Falaise, Chateau St Germain de Livet, Chateau Crevecoeur and the EIA Circuit Automobile at Pont L'Eveque.

Future Events

For 2009 the Rotary Retro Automobile Fellowship of GB & I in conjunction with the ACHAFR will be organising its Third Fellowship Tour for Vintage, Classic and other post 1981 interesting cars between June 17/20 2009. The Event will thus tie in with the 2009 Rotary Convention. Tjourney to the NEC Birmingham where they will be on show before participating in the convention parade. Although detailed planning for this event is still underway it is anticipated that the event will start at the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb venue in Worcestershire travelling into North Wales. Overnight stops are planned at the Classic British Hotels at Lake Vrynwy; Ruthin and Shrewsbury. On the Saturday the cars will journey to the NEC Birmingham where they be on show before participating in the convention parade.

It is hoped that a similar Rally - the Rotary Tour Autoretro organised by District 1730 from France - will start in Reims at the same time and join up with the above Tour on either Friday or Saturday.

The UK Event will be strictly limited to 40 cars, including those of the organisers.

Further information and Preliminary Registration can be obtained by contacting:

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The International Fellowship of Bridge Playing Rotarians was established in 1997 in the USA, moved to Italy in 2002 when started to concentrate the bridge activity on Internet and to the direct participation to R.I. Conventions. At present members are about 150, spread in various countries.

Major activities of the Bridge Fellowship are: bridge games on the BBO web site on Sunday at: 11.00 am Pacific time; 2.00 pm Central time; 12.00 pm New York; 8.00 “ London; 9.00 “ Europe; 11.00 “ Turkey; 2.00 am India. We dream to build a future when we will connect to Internet, meet Rotarians and friends, play bridge with them wherever they are, creating new friends in the true Rotarian spirit of fellowship.

Active participation to R.I. Conventions (Nice, Barcelona, Brisbane, Osaka, Chicago, Copenhagen, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, Birmingham) with our own booth and local bridge tournaments.

Management of the Rotarian “Irene Project” with the following objectives:

- part 1: tailored “computer literacy courses” for blind people.
- part 2: practicality of software and Internet, with standard computers.
- part 3: on-line bridge lessons by qualified instructors.
- part 4: bridge games on the BBO web site, with Rotarians and friends wherever they live.

As a result, blind people will have the possibility to enjoy an activity where they will not feel any sight drawback.

In conclusion, the activity of the Bridge Fellowship is very “intangible” because we communicate by e-mail, we play bridge on Internet and lessons are also given on-line.

The “material” activity is mainly concentrated on the “Irene Project” and on R.I. Conventions, where we manage our booth in the House of Friendship, meet friends and collect new members.

If you like to play bridge, join the Fellowship of Bridge Playing Rotarians!

You will enjoy the pleasure to play from home with friends all over the world and you will also support the humanitarian “Irene Project” in favour of blind people.

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

The International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians offers Rotarians the opportunity to share canoeing, kayaking, sea kayaking, dragon boating, outrigger canoeing or other paddling activities and provide service related to paddling and healthy waterways.

During July-August 2007 a group of our fellowship organised and conducted a canoe trip on Lady Dufferin and Smoothwater Lakes in Ontario. Another trip was attempted in May in Ontario but this was snowed out.

Recently the chair of the fellowship passed to Peter Eickenloff from Australia and the new management team are in the planning stages for future activities. Our newsletter is due out shortly and will outline upcoming paddling opportunities in more detail.

The ICUFR has a discussion board initiative for fellowships and the IFCR has taken the opportunity to establish an initial discussion board through this facility at: <http://www2.icufr.org/index.php>

IFCR has it's current website at: <http://www.rotarystratford.com/canoe/>, and as our numbers grow we will examine our web presence and how this can support members and rotary clubs. The IFCR is also trialling a regional structure (country) and Australia is the first regional area. The website for IFCR Australia is www.rotarycanoe.org.au, and they will have an important role in generating interest in the fellowship in Australia

It has also been identified that there are a number of rotary clubs conducting canoe or paddling type events where the fellowship might be able to assist clubs as our membership grows.

The International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians may also help clubs in retaining members as well as potentially attracting members with an interest in paddling.

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Cricket is like combining baseball and chess. A gentle game well suited to Rotarians of advancing years. The rules are very adaptable and the winners decided by working out how many runs each side scores less the combined age of the team.

On a recent trip to India the English had a combined age of 605 (including one 78 year old). We scored 150 runs. That meant the young team from Hyderabad (combined age 350) had then to score 405 runs to win. They fell well short.

Was it fair to all. No it was unfair on the young fit Rotarians but very fair to the more mature Rotarians. IFCR is the only Rotary fellowship that is for this sort of team game and when you combine the fellowship that the game provides with the fellowship that is at the heart of all Rotary you have a winning combination.

Now I know this is all very strange to our American readers but since 1997 I have been able to travel the world playing Rotary cricket. Being home hosted, seeing how Rotary operates in different countries and being involved in fund raising for the less well off countries. Because cricket is popular in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and South Africa it brings the Rotarians from Australia, New Zealand and the UK to their countries to see the problems.

As a measure of the popularity of cricket in India I give you one startling fact. When Sachin Tendulkar (their leading batsmen) goes out to bat there are more people watching him than live in the US. Yes that is true.

Cricket is big. So I feel it unfair that the American Rotarians are being deprived of this pleasure. So I am going to devote my life to educating America about cricket. Firstly I wish to start with Rotary. For every American Rotarian who joins IFCR (International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians) I will personally donate \$1 to Rotary Foundation.

Are you up to the challenge America?

If you then become really good Rotarians I will invite you to our next World Festival in South Africa in 2010. Rotarians from 7 countries will be represented and we will have a weeks cricket and socializing in that wonderful country. No previous experience needed. We can even have coaching from world class players.>

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The International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians was formed by Rotarians who had a love for the sport of curling. Curling's inclusion into the Olympics has made it a much more recognized sport worldwide. Although it is not known exactly where curling began, the term curling was first recorded in Scotland.

The Curling Fellowship of Rotarians received it's status from R.I. in 1972, but it's origin came out of a group of Rotarians representative of Scotland, Canada and the U.S.A., that had organized a Rotary curling tour to Scotland in 1956. In 1957 Rotarians from Scotland returned to curl in Canada, (Quebec and Ontario) and in the U.S.A., in the area of Utica and Schenectady, in New York. The U.S.A withdrew from the curling tour after the 1957 trip. Since 1958 the curling tour has taken place every two years with Scotland and Canada alternating as hosts. The tour now involves 22 Rotarians who are home hosted during the 3 week curling tour.

The individuals that developed the Curling tour were Aubrey Legge a P.D.G from Montreal and Bob MacKintosh of Scotland

In 1972 Aubrey Legge turned his efforts to having a curling fellowship approved by R.I. Within two months he had the backing of District Governors in Canada, Scotland, U.S.A., and Sweden. This was followed by a formal application to R.I. In May of 1972 the International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians was recognized.

The objects of the Curling Fellowship are to promote international fellowship between curling Rotarians and to hold every two years a curling competition to determine the champion of the Curling Fellowship.

The first competition took place in Lachute, Quebec with teams from Scotland, Canada and the U.S.A., and being won by a team from Montreal. Since then the championship has been won 8 times by Canada, 7 times by Scotland and twice by the U.S.A. The winner receives the coveted silver bell with a Rotary Wheel on top. The

winner of the first and second place team receive gold and silver medals. The third place team receives a bronze medal.

Scotland and Canada and the USA are each allowed 3 teams in the championship. England is allowed 1 team. Those spots are hotly contested by many Rotary clubs.

Besides Canada, the U.S.A., and Scotland, Sweden sent a team to compete in 1990. Since 1994 a team from Berwick-Upon-Tweed representing England has entered the championship.

In 1996, Peterborough, Canada introduced a friendship competition comprising of Rotarians who had played in or had hosted previous world championships, so that Rotary friendships created could continue to grow.

The last championship was held in Lockerbie, Scotland in 2006. The 2008 event will be held in Brantford, Ontario Canada with 10 teams competing in the championship event and up to 10 teams in the friendship event. The curling competition involves a round robin with two games per day. At the conclusion of the round robin the top 4 teams compete in a semi final and a final.

Aside from the curling, the fellowship events include an opening reception, home hospitality, attendance at a Rotary meeting and finally the closing banquet with presentation of trophy and awards. The week also includes a meeting of the fellowship's executive. The venues for the upcoming championships are: Brantford Canada in 2008 and Scotland in 2010.

The many traditions and customs associated with the sport of curling, including its camaraderie fit like a hand in a glove with Rotary fellowship. The 150 plus Rotarians and spouses look forward to a great week of fellowship at the curling championships.

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The Group was chartered on 24th August 2004.

While most Rotary Fellowships are based on niche groups which share a common hobby, we made "doll" an image to share culture, traditions & ethnicity across borders of the world. It is a proven fact that adult and children both love dolls and toys. While dolls & toys are partners in growth for children they remain a popular item of nostalgia for adults to take a trip down a memory lane of their own childhood days. The most favorite collectible still remains dolls after stamps and coins.

Doll - a wonderful medium, attracts both children and adults equally, but also can be an effective tool for education.

Doll - an amazing little "human" replica, which brings in values of tolerance, acceptance, innocence, love and care.

Doll - a "silent" messenger speaking the language of its origin, culture, traditions all draped in this toy which we, human beings may not be so explicit in projecting the same.

Doll - a "god-like" simple idol of sheer Love, Care & Concern.

Let's spread Love, Care & Concern !

Objectives of DLF

Vision of DLF

The vision of DLF is to create a forum of cultural & traditional exchange amongst the Rotarians, beyond boundaries of politics, religion & ethnicity.

Mission of DLF

The mission of the Doll Lovers Fellowship is to bring the world closer through out the Rotary World by sharing traditions, culture, history & life-styles.

Our Belief

Individually we are great, together we can be magnificent.

Objectives of DLF

- To create a platform for cross cultural sharing with a sense of respect & tolerance for all religions, traditions and cultures.
- To create an environment for Love, Care & Concern for brethren of this Universe.
- To gift the childhood memorabilia of love and innocence to our friends across nations.
- To create a Universal message of World Peace through the most wonderful medium of dolls.
- To give a worldwide momentum to our "Bring a Smile" movement for the less privileged children.

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Our fellowships have a booth every year in the RI Convention since 2004 and we are 271 members from 45 countries. We are going to come up a with a website soon for our fellowship. This would be ready by Sept. 14, 2008 It will be <www.ifreps.com>. We are having an international bulletin competition and the best bulletin would get an award at the R.I. Convention in Birmingham in 2009.

We shall certainly have a booth, a workshop and an Annual General Meeting at the Birmingham Convention in 2009 as we had earlier had a General Annual meeting in Salt Lake City in 2007 and Los Angeles in 2008 and a workshop in Salt Lake City,too.

We publish our e-newsletter called PEN which is available at our yahoogroups and we post it at <rotarybulletin@yahogroups> every month.. We have already published PEN July and August issues. We exchange ideas on club bulletins and invite club bulletin editors and district web masters to take part in it.

We do not charge any membership fees since inception of the fellowship. We sell our fellowship label pins

every year during the R.I. Convention.

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The Environment Fellowship of Rotarians continues:

1. facilitating fellowship among Rotarians,
2. promoting Rotary projects for a better environment and sustainable development, and
3. encouraging, facilitating and supporting the formation of Rotarian Action Groups (RAG) in various areas of the environment.

Besides participating in District Conferences, we have again been active with an environmental booth at the RI Convention in Los Angeles, and have started preparations for our participation and booth at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham UK.

Forming Rotarian Action Groups

We have supported the formation of the RAG on Water and Sanitation, and, as suggested to us by the RI Board, we are promoting the formation of more environmental Rotarian Action Groups.

Yes, we do now look for Rotarians interested to take the initiative or to participate in the forming of Rotarian Action Groups in the specific area of the environment and sustainable development they are most interested in.

We thus welcome Rotarians keen to help forming Rotarian Action Groups and invite them to email to this Environment Fellowship's Chair, Marco Kappenberger at <kappenberger@gmail.com>

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Selected responses

Soon after the Tsunami struck south India in 2004, Past ROTI Chair Art McCullough notified me that a company from his city had provided a desalination plant to the Nagapattinam Hospital. A Matching Grant was later arranged and another desalination plant was provided the residents of the island of Kodiyampalayam which was badly affected by the Tsunami. This plant was inaugurated in March of 2008 by RI Director K.R. Ravindran. All of this was made possible by contacts through ROTI.

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I have found ROTI beneficial for several reasons.

When taking the office of DG, I asked clubs in the District to develop and maintain a partner or sister city relations by using ROTI to develop friends. Our GSE exchange between D 6630 in NE Ohio, USA and 4680 in Porto Alegre, Brasil was initiated out of ROTI members.

I find ROTI an excellent forum of discussion between successful and well-minded individuals who possess a passion to make this a better world.

I shall forever be grateful to people I met through ROTI who assisted me through a difficult period in my life. And also to the ROTIans who help prepare me for my term as District Governor.

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Fellowship maintains a web page with members' information, and gives space to its members to publish material of their spheres of interest.

Fellowship members share a very active discussion forum about Rotary Information, including a translation service into Spanish and Portuguese of the latest R.I. News. A volunteer group of translator members feed the Fellowship with the latest R.I. information available, as soon as it gets out of Evanston.

Fellowship promotes and encourages individual members to circulate information about the activities of their clubs and districts, allowing sharing ideas, and best practical experiences. This is a key area of the fellowship as

it allows members to ask/offer advice and help in different regions. Members act as ambassadors and help build bridges across the countries: if something that cannot be solved by a club in one given place is published, a member in some different area of the region will no doubt come forward with a solution. This not only covers activities, but also includes Rotarians traveling in/outside the region, and Rotary Foundation scholars, for example.

Fellowship participates in Community Service activities proposed by members in a given place, and collectively help to solve problems, including funding some activities. One example is the proposal from Rotary Club Oliva, in Cordoba, Argentina, to help patients at a Mental Hospital in their area by obtaining a milk cow. Mental Health experts believe such a project ameliorates patients conditions and help them develop areas of activity and responsibility. The Rotarian cow is to join a bread producing activity at the same Hospital, and fellowship members not only are donating funds (coming from all over Latin America and Spain and France), but are involving their clubs and individual club colleagues to support this project. A few experts in dairy production have already come forward to advise on this issue.

Fellowship organizes face to face meetings in different regions of Argentina like Tandil and Mar del Plata, giving members an opportunity to share weekends together, after and in addition to their daily exchanges on the net. Thus, members can reinforce the bonds of friendship and can enrich their knowledge of Rotary.

Fellowship has participated in promoting its activities at the 99^o Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles.

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The **International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians** is made up of Rotarians who have an interest in railroading in any format, type, size or related interests. This may consist of steam, diesel, electric, model railroads, rail fan photography, rail travel, railroad collectibles, private rail cars, trolley cars and what ever related interest there is from the membership.

We will arrange railroading activities and events as the membership desires. This may range from organizing or providing assistance for train travel international and national, to sharing tips and ideas for model railroads. The website www.if-rr.com and email newsletter are great places to announce railroading events for all to visit and participate. Perhaps one has visited a historical or preserved railway or has one in their community; this is the place to let others know about it. During the 2008 Rotary International Convention we visited the railroad exhibit at Griffith Park in Los Angeles and the Pasadena Model Railroad Clubs huge HO layout. we also held our annual meeting at the RI Convention.

The email newsletter and website are a place to show off your interests with photos of trains you have seen, layouts you have visited, models built, etc. It is also a discussion opportunity to get answers to questions you have about railroading. They are a place to share your railroading experiences with others who have the same interest. You can also swap and sell train memorabilia, model trains and related items.

This fellowship will continue the traditions of railroading around the world. With Railroading Rotarians communicating and sharing the past, present and future of railroading will be preserved.

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Here are some data about ITFR:

ITFR currently has **530** members from **46** countries (**122** districts) and **all continents**;

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

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

\$139.390,00 were raised from **23** ITFR Events and donated to various Rotary projects;

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

The past ITFR World Championships: Rovinj, CROATIA in 2005; Colombo, SRI LANKA in 2006; Salerno, ITALY in 2007;

The next ITFR World Championship: Barcelona, SPAIN, September 01-06, 2008

The ITFR Board is currently composed as follows: Marco Marinaro, Italy (Chairman), Mladen Novakovic, Croatia (Vice Chairman), Tomislav Maravic, Croatia (World Tour Director), Valentina Dell'Acqua, Italy (Secretary) and Nunziante Di Filippo, Italy (Treasurer)

With the world championship held in Barcelona last week we have fundraised for Polio Plus and in the strategical plan I have made for the next two years I have proposed to put together our efforts for Polio Plus. In

the future ITFR wishes to commit itself to fundraising for the polio eradication campaign of RI.

So far the most important event was the world championship organised in Salerno, Italy in 2007. News and information are still available on the event's web site: www.rotarytennis.org. The funds raised with this edition were given to the "Africa Project" (co-financed by RF and R.C. Salerno, district 2100, Italy).

The ITFR newsletter is called "Rotary Ace" and is available on our official web site. Our motto is: "Score an ace with Rotary ... for a winning service".

Recently other tournaments were organised in Italy (in Turin, Genova, Lecce and Salerno), in Croatia (Zagreb, Bol, Pozega), India (Solapur), U.K. (Woodbridge), USA (in LA during the Convention), Brazil (Santos). Over the next week end and the following we'll have more tournaments in Turkey (Istanbul), Bulgaria (Pleven) and Italy (Rome).

More events were and will be organised by ITFR e.g. "Tennis Day", "Tennis Holyday", Stage & Clinic, vintage tournament "White & Wood", etc.

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ITHF was recognized by RI in 1989, and is a network of Rotarians and partners throughout the world, agreeing to host and share their lives and each other. Members planning regional, national or international travel refer to the membership directory to identify and connect with other ITHF members living in the area.

Connection with these members can range from a meal or coffee together through to being home hosted.

The membership directory is on-line and has the full information on each person including the name, street and e-mail address, club, district, interests, language spoken, and general information about the location of the member. This directory is, of course, restricted to members only.

ITHF is governed by a board including President, Secretary, Treasurer and various other officers including a Vice President in each of the various regions around the world.

Currently we have over 2,000 members in 60 countries. Each year at the International Convention, we hold a board meeting and our AGM over breakfast, at which we have around 150 members present. We have a booth in the House of Friendship, where members gather for a chat and we sign up new members.

Most years we have a tour leading to the Convention, next year from London, through England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland to Birmingham. Other tours, not connected with the Convention are being planned. Tours are a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians to travel together, to broaden their understanding of the internationality of Rotary, and to have fun together, with emphasis on the fun.

Members living in close proximity are encouraged to hold small social gatherings, and we are in the process of forming Chapters around the world to foster this.

Twice yearly we publish a newsletter, sent to all members. The ITHF web address is www.ithf.org available to anyone, and gives general information, including how to apply for membership. Our records are maintained by our Administrator, PDG Jim Andrews, of Tennessee, jandrews@ithf.org.

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