

# *The Fellowship Advancer*

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## **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Vice-Chair Stella Russell for taking on the responsibility of editing this edition of *The Fellowship Advancer*.

As always, the general Fellowship Booth at the New Orleans 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 us know and we will provide shipping information for the materials. I hope to see many of you in New Orleans! - **Steve Leonard**

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**International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio**

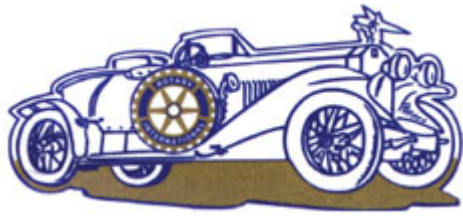
<http://www.ifroar.org>

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

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## Antique, Classic and Historic Automobiles Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www.achafr.eu>

Further fellowship among Rotarians through a common interest in ownership, restoration, preservation, or enjoyment of antique, classic, and historic automobiles.

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Since our last Article, our **Italian Chapter** has a new Board and rebranded itself – **ARACI**.



They also introduced a trophy for the highest placed Rotarian competing in the Mille Miglia 1000. This year there were 43 Rotarian crews competing from 10 Countries. This year's award was won by Giuseppe Redaelli from the RC of Varese competing in a very nice 1933 Aston Martin Le Mans who finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall – a great effort.

Main Country Organisers came forward for **Australia, Austria**

and **Germany** and Yves Lozach organized his first Rally in **France** from Paris to Le Touquet. This event also attracted Rotarians from Belgium and the UK.

However the main activities of the Fellowship have been getting ready for 2011.

In **North America**, President Joanne Pistorius has been very active communicating via TV, Newspapers and Club visits, hers and husband Brando's 4000 mile round trip to the Montreal Convention in their 1930 Packard. She has also started organizing the **2011 RI Convention Activities**. Current plans are to have three Ride Along rides starting in California, Florida and New York all arriving in New Orleans on or around the same day. She is also organizing a Cajun Cook Out for world wide members of the ACHAFR on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for 7 pm. Further details of these can be found at [www.achafr.com](http://www.achafr.com). Inside the Convention House of Friendship she will be pleased to greet any current or prospective members of the Fellowship as well as explaining the intricacies of their 1904 Oldsmobile curved dash replica.

This event will be followed in **Europe** with the Rotary European Rally being organized by the RRAF in Cumbria, England in early June. The organizers have already received provisional reservations from 50 crews with a large contingent coming over from the Netherlands. The ACHAFR will also hold its AGM during this Tour.

Further events are already planned in Australia, England, France, Germany, Italy, USA details of which can be found at [www.achafr.eu](http://www.achafr.eu). – Why not join them?

## International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

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

Provides Rotarians worldwide the opportunity to participate together in the hobby of bird watching.

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The IFBR is in the process of planning a birding trip for the spring of 2011, organized by Elena LaBorde-Bishop. The trip is projected to include stays at two jungle lodges. Interested person should contact Elena as soon as possible at [elaborde@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elaborde@sbcglobal.net)



A highlight of every RI Convention is our annual field trip, held the day after the convention closes. Our local guide in Montreal took 15 birders and friends to the local Botanical Gardens, where we encountered 26 different species. We were excited to see a young Cooper's Hawk near its nest, as well as many young Pied-billed Grebe.

Our booth activities included signing up 14 new members and renewing many existing ones. At the AGM, the 2009-10 officers were re-elected for 2010-11. Left, President Steve Leonard;



right, newsletter editor Susan Leonard and IFBR Founders Dick and Elsa Tafel talk with an interested Rotarian.



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## International Fellowship of Bridge Playing Rotarians

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

Promotes fellowship and encourages the playing and instruction of the card game bridge.

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## 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 waterways. It encourages fellowship members to share their activities in these areas and to promote paddling activities within the world of Rotary.

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## International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians

In 2010 an active rally programme was again enjoyed with nearly fifty rallies at home, supporting the RIBI Conference in Bournemouth, tours in East Anglia, Wales, the Yorkshire Dales and a new Golfing Rally in Middle England. The two major Fellowship Rallies, the AGM at Stratford on Avon Racecourse and the Autumn Fellowship Meeting at Banham Zoo in Norfolk were well supported.

On the Continent over 60 members with caravans or motorhomes enjoyed the two rallies to the Oberammergau Passion Play and also the two rallies to Western France, particularly in Pons meeting up with French Rotarians twinned with Frome Club in RIBI.

Over the past 12 months sixty eight new members have been recruited with another half dozen Rotarians with caravans identified as potential members. This marginal increase over 2009 is again due to those ICFR members who have manned the Booths at RIBI and their own District Conferences together with personal contact in their own Rotary Clubs and Districts.

For 2011 our International Programme starts with a tour in South Africa, two rallies in May and June to France and ends with a rally on the Costa Brava. At home many areas of the UK will be visited with the AGM at Sandwich in Kent, the Autumn Fellowship at Bridport in Dorset, with tours of South Wales, East Anglia and many rallies throughout the UK.

New Year 2010 ICFR Rally at Langham in Rutland

If you are a Rotarian with a caravan or motorhome not in ICFR and enjoy caravanning at home and abroad throughout all "seasons of the year".

Please download a membership application form with the 2011 rally programme from the ICFR website. [www.rotarianscaravanning.org.uk](http://www.rotarianscaravanning.org.uk) and join a very active Rotary Fellowship.

**My thanks to all those who have run ICFR rallies in 2010.**

John Warrack **President ICFR 2009 & 2010**

As from January 2011, Don Howard will be taking over as President –  
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## International Fellowship of Carnivals, Parades & Festivals

### **The carnaval season has started again.**

Several members of the „International Fellowship of Carneval ,Parades and Festivals“ have met at one of the great opening events for the Cologne Carneval on 11th November, the Raderdoll party .



With a lot of fun we have started in the very eventful winter season of the Fellowship. Plans for the next events have been made and are published on the Fellowship web site [www.ifcpf.org](http://www.ifcpf.org).

For Example:

- Boardmeeting End of December
- Rosemonday Parade in Cologne
- “Fastnacht“ parade in Basel (Switzerland)

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## International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/brian.clark/>

Enhances world fellowship among Rotarians while enjoying the game of chess.

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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.

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The end of the calendar year marks the halfway point in the Rotary year. A time when we plan for the following Rotary year and we review what has worked and what hasn't this year. The recent election has put next year's team in place and we congratulate James Corbin and Chanjiv Singh on joining the board.

Recent upgrades to the website are in progress and we are currently working to find the best layout and background to suit the majority of our users.

Many members join the ICUFR for advice on how to resolve the endless little snags that seem to crop up with computers.

Our mailing list in particular can be a great help if you have a question. But sometimes you need more than a pile of suggestions, you need someone to work through the problem with you.

On the website at [www.icufr.org](http://www.icufr.org) you will find :

- Articles, links and news feeds about computer security.
- Technical tips to help you get the best out of your computer, be you novice or 'expert'.
- Opportunities to communicate with other Rotarians through our forum at <http://forum.icufr.org/> ,
- Our Facebook and Twitter groups, links to which will be found on the website.
- Our Rotary Lists hosted by Irwin Taranto.

We look forward to meeting members and potential members at the House of Friendship at the RI Convention in May.

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## **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.

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## **International Fellowship of Cricket-Loving Rotarians**



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

Promotes international fellowship with Rotarians by playing cricket.

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It has been a busy year for our fellowship with the World Festival in Durban South Africa in March and now the Australian Festival at Lilac Hill Perth, Western Australia in October. The magnificent Lilac Hill ground has three excellent turf wickets all adjacent to one another. Historically Lilac Hill was the regular venue for a festival style opening game for touring Test teams until the practice was discontinued quite recently. Visitors from India, UK and a team from NZ provided an international dimension to our festival. Teams styled Western Redbacks, Victorian Bushrangers, North Queensland Crocs, Bundaberg Bears, New Zealand and Extras competed against each other. Monday, Tuesday and Friday saw two games of 35 overs each, while the Extras team played a double wicket game. Wednesday was taken up with golf and touring while showers of rain on Thursday restricted us to two T20 matches.

Fellowship was a very important ingredient in the success of the week. Features were regular match report sessions on each playing day together with the more formal opening ceremony and final dinner, together with attending a meeting of the Rotary Club of Midland.

At the final dinner Ravi, chairman of IFCR India, spoke to the assembled guests about the next World Festival to be held in Vapi, India in February 2012. He impressed on the audience that all visitors to the festival would be very safe and a good time would be had by all.

Exchange students from Belgium and France featured in the festival – two girls and a boy. Geoff the boy from Belgium played his first games of cricket and was quite good with the bat and fielding but found the bowling a problem. However the umpires were very sympathetic and none of his deliveries were assessed as no balls.

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## **International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians**

Promotes international fellowship among all curling Rotarians.

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

[www.cycling2serve.org](http://www.cycling2serve.org)

### **4-DAYS CYCLING IN ITALY**

Members of the Fellowship Cycling to Serve met in May for the traditional 4-days cycling hosted by RC Servia Cesenatico in Italy. The cyclists from around Europe and their partners received a warm welcome in the Valverde hotel of the Ricci family in Cesenatico. Members of RC Cesenatico organized nice guided rides and touristic tours to Ravenna, wine-tasting and dinner at the Ricci's vineyard and a gala dinner with members and friends of RC Servia Cesenatico. A wonderful cycling and fellowship event with countless opportunities to develop new cycling friendships.

In 2011 members of the Fellowship Cycling to Serve are invited by RC Bad Wildungen-Fritzlar in Germany. The venue for the 4-days cycling will be the Timber Academy



of Bad Wildungen. Visit [www.fcs4days.timber-academy.info](http://www.fcs4days.timber-academy.info) for details.

### **ROTARIAN WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010**

On 11 September 2010, Rotary Clubs of Enns, Gallneukirchen and Perg in Austria organized the 26<sup>th</sup> World Cycling Championships for Rotarians. The organization could welcome about 150 participants from 12 European countries. The races took place on a rather selective circuit at the skirts of Perg under ideal weather conditions. Unfortunately the championship was overshadowed by a number of rather serious crashes. We wish our friends good recovery. Funds raised in conjunction with the Championships were donated to the "Herzkinder" project in Austria, Social Market Perg and Maternal Health Project in Nigeria. The gala dinner/evening of friendship was held in the "Marmorsaal" of the monastery of St. Florian. An excellent Fellowship weekend was the result.

RC Aubonne Switzerland is currently preparing for the organization of 2011 Championships to be held the weekend of 3-4 September 2011.

### **FELLOWSHIP CYCLING TO SERVE INDIA**

Our FCS team of Rotarian cyclists from D3131 is growing steadily. On 28 November Biathlon Event was organised for students in the age of 12 to 16 years. They cycled 15 km and had to run 2 km. The aim of the event is to promote "Safe and Better Cyling" which is an important topic in India.

### **FELLOWSHIP CYCLING TO SERVE USA/CAN GROWING**

The Fellowship Cycling to Serve (FCS), USA/Canada Chapter, has grown from three directors and a newsletter editor on April 1, 2010, to a total of 41 members as of October. The current organization is a reorganization of the North American chapter of cycling Rotarians, which became dormant a couple years ago.

The USA/Canada Chapter is linked through International Fellowship of Rotarians to the original and larger group serving fourteen of European countries. Current USA/Canada membership is represented in California, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Virginia and Canada. Past RI vice president Eric Adamson is one of the charter members of the revitalized group. The directors of the North American chapter hold Internet and phone meetings, routinely publish a monthly newsletter (RIMS), promote Rotary cycling events, has designed and made available to members FCS pins and special cycling jerseys. The directors hope to increase memberships over the winter months. This will make it more feasible to engage in special membership events during the summer of 2011.

More information on the USA/Canada chapter of FCS may be obtained from Membership Information USA/CAN : [whobikes@comcast.net](mailto:whobikes@comcast.net) or [craigtb3@aol.com](mailto:craigtb3@aol.com) and RIMS Newsletter Submissions: [rotaryrims@comcast.net](mailto:rotaryrims@comcast.net)

**Jos Kuijper, FCS President**

**RC Bergen, D1580 , [www.cycling2serve.org](http://www.cycling2serve.org)**

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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.

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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.

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## **Editors and Publishers**

<http://www.ifreps.com>

Assists Rotarian editors and publishers in improving methods for editing, publishing, and distributing ideas.

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The International Fellowship of Rotary Editors and Publishers is pleased to see continued interest in our fellowship and in Rotary Fellowships, in general. We will soon have our election of officers for the Rotary 2011-12 year and welcome letters of interest for the open positions. You can email your interest to

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Positions include webmaster, vice president and treasurer. The Fellowship will also introduce a US\$25 annual fee to cover the cost of the Fellowship pin (including shipping and handling) and the hosting and registration of the Fellowship's website. If you are editor of your Club or District newsletter, please let us hear from you. We would love to welcome you to active membership in our fellowship.

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## **Environment Fellowship of Rotarians**

<http://www.envirotorotarians.org>

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 planet earth.

### ***Chair***

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Recently, members of our Environment Fellowship of Rotarians took part in a project cleaning up the environment towards the top of Mount Everest in the Himalayas: an example of what the membership of the Environment Fellowship of Rotarians does for our environment. More photos of this unique expedition to make humankind aware of Climate Change is at [www.toptotop.org](http://www.toptotop.org)

We particularly look forward to meet you all and share at our booth/stand in the RI Convention in New Orleans in May 2011.

The over 2.000 Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors united in our EFR do wish all readers a very good 2011 !

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## **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.

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### **Rotary year 2009/2010**

"The Future of Rotary is in your hands" was the inspiring idea in 2009/2010, and our Esperanto Rotarian Fellowship therefore started this year to study the language situation in the world and especially in our Rotary universe in order to image the future use of languages worldwide in the short, medium and long term.

"To encourage and foster the advancement of International Understanding" is one of the most important objects of R.I., and our Fellowship is extremely concerned to empower all those Rotarians, who have problems in direct communication with members of different linguistic backgrounds.

An Opinion Poll was prepared and distributed to members in order to enquire about the use of languages during their weekly club meetings in some countries and the opinions about other language concerns.

In Rotary clubs in the United States of America the only language used in that country is English, but we had interesting reports of countries where different languages are officially used. Nevertheless in some clubs in the USA, RADE members made presentations about language situations and Esperanto as a bridge to Rotarians of different languages.

During the annual Esperanto world convention in Bialystok, Poland, July 2009, our Fellowship presented the publication "PAUL HARRIS - Pioniro de nova Mondo," and non-Rotarian-Esperanto-users had an outstanding occasion to read and learn about our great Founder, thus inviting Esperanto speakers to become eventually Rotarians in their respective countries. Part of the sale of this book is destined to go to the Rotary Foundation program POLIO+ PLUS.

At the Montreal Esperanto Rotarian Fellowship booth in June our language opinion poll was answered with interest by the convention goers. In Brazil during annual District Conferences the opinion poll provoked debates about the world language situation and the use of national languages as international languages in human history.

We participated in the General annual Meeting of all Rotarian Fellowships in Montreal, but as always, the only working language was English and whoever can not use this language fluently, remains passive.

The fifth avenue of service is now established by the Council on Legislation, and so our Fellowship is even more interested in fostering activities in Rotaract and Interact. At the Montréal booth Brazilian Rotaractors presented their very interesting documentation about countries and languages in all 534 R.I. districts.

Active members of our Fellowship in Rotaract clubs organized presentations and Power Point shows about Esperanto mostly in Brazil. As a consequence, young members of the Rotary Family are now studying the International Language Esperanto.

No dues are necessary in our Fellowship, as all newsletters are sent by e-mail at no cost.

Our Fellowship distributes the publication ADVANCER to all members, and is convinced, that this newsletter is extremely useful, because it gives information about all Rotarian Fellowships and their activities.

*Building Communities - Bridging Continents* is the new invitation to all of us in 2010/2011, and we Esperanto speakers in the Rotary family had built and are enjoying their *community* and use a friendship language *to bridge all continents*.

Giuseppe Grattapaglia  
RADE Secretary  
RC Alto Paraiso de Goiás, District 4530 Brazil

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### **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/>

Promotes friendship between Rotarians who enjoy recreational fishing and encourages social activities among its membership to learn more about fishing and the value of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the world.

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### **International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians**

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Promotes international fellowship among all Rotarians who share an interest in aviation.

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### **International Golfing Fellowship**

<http://www.golfing-rotarians.com/>

Promotes and enhances national and international golfing.

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International Golfing Fellowship wishes to alert you to the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual World Championships...and to encourage each of you to visit [www.igfr-pinehurst2011.com](http://www.igfr-pinehurst2011.com)

As part of the run-up to the event we are planning a major PR program in accord with the latest RI Strategic Plan, the culmination of which will be a special edition of the PILOT widely circulated from Southern Pines and which we are planning to distribute throughout our area on Sunday August 21st...the insert will focus on "what Rotary Clubs do to Build Communities and Bridge Continents" and feature club stories and pictures primarily from the central NC districts of 7690, 7710, 7730...

Net proceeds will go to the Rotary Foundation and clubs are being given the opportunity to participate in fund raising activity...

Since the event is a Fellowship event I think we should have copy about what Fellowships do in connection with this year's theme...not only that, I am extending a personal invitation to you to help us celebrate International Day on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> when we will be inviting the entire Sandhills population to come to the Resort - meet and greet Rotarians from all over the world and help them learn more about North Carolina people, customs, arts and crafts and our version of the culture of the USA...it would be an excellent place for a Rotary Fellowships booth or display as well as a personal visit...

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### **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.

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### **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.

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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.

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"When Leticia asked if I would write something about ROTI for the Fellowship Advancer edition, I had to stop and think..... because she needs something brief, not a book!

My first experience with a Rotary Fellowship came as a result of the RI Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA, which was also my first experience at an international convention. After spending almost a week rooming with two ROTIans, namely Cheri "CK" Bryant and LisaKay Golde, I really wasn't given much choice but to join this fellowship called ROTI.

From that experience and fellowship with ROTIans including Chip Ross, Ron Nethercutt, Todd Lindley, Leticia Parra, Jim West, Marguerite Constantine, and many others, I knew that ROTI was a great way to bring Rotarians together. That was the one of the best things that has happened to me since joining Rotary. I learned so much more about Rotary during the first several months of joining ROTI than I had in the 7+ years of being in Rotary. While I may not always agree with things members write, I have become more aware of the vast differences and yet the sameness of people and cultures around the world.

ROTIans work wonders! A very dear friend got ill in Alaska (we live in Florida); but through ROTI, I was able to make contact with Rotarians in Alaska, via the Philippines, to go to the hospital and check on her. Then when I was looking for a GSE partner, lo' and behold there was Finn Munk, D-1440. And John Glassford from Australia told me about a project at an orphanage in Kenya he needed some help with.

We have shared many happy hours at conventions since, including Chicago, Salt Lake City, and most recently Montreal, at "Bev's Hospitality Room". Where else would you likely go and find 25-30 people from 10-15 different nations and 7-8 different states together in a hotel room discussing serious possible Rotary matching grant projects, as well as what's the best scotch and rum, and what did I do wrong on my computer! And, yes, I look forward to seeing all my ROTI family in New Orleans".



I cordially invite you to GO Now to our site and join!! [www.roti.org](http://www.roti.org)

Beverley Hunt

**The Fellowships Committee members are pleased to announce that, at the recent meeting, the RI Board decided to recognize this newly formed fellowship**

## **The Italian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship**

The proposed Chairman is Francesco Clemente, e-mail: [f.clemente@cleder.it](mailto:f.clemente@cleder.it)

This group is now listed on the RI website [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships) and related Rotary Fellowships publications.

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## **Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture**

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

Promotes the appreciation of Latin cultures and languages.

### **Chair**

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## **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 **A**utomobile **R**egistration **T**ags from **A**round the **G**lobe) 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>

Our group has 121 persons who "like" our group. You will also see many Rotarians worldwide who proudly display their Rotary License Plates. Please go to the Facebook site and "like" our group and you're in. There is no charge to join/"like" our facebook group. Many members just share their photos of themselves, their vehicles and their Rotary license plates. We hope you will become a contributing member of CAR TAG Fellowship to receive the CAR TAG fellowship newsletter.

Our featured members for this month are PDG 2007-08 Lowert from Gelsted, Danmark and his wife Anette, who will be D1460 Governor in 2012-13. She will be the first female DG and the first couple to both be DG's in Danmark. (see attached Photo of PDG Lowert D1460 2007-08 with his Rotary Plate equipped BMW)



Those wishing to join the **Official Rotary Automobile License Plate Collectors Fellowship** should mail their name, address, contact information and Rotary Classification, Club, District, and any notes about your license plate interests to our membership vice chair: PDG Dave Ewing, 2545 Glenmont Road NW, Canton, OH 44708 USA. Phone 330-477-5827 or email [dce1914@aol.com](mailto:dce1914@aol.com) Also please enclose US\$20.00 for our annual dues. Make your dues check payable to **CAR TAG** and enclose with your contact information. We welcome new members all year round.

Submitted by PDG Dave Ewing, Vice-Chair, Membership

Rotary Automobile License Plate Collectors Fellowship

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## **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.

**Chair**

Jim Lang - USA. Business: 1-203-3771747; Residence: 1-203-3771747; E-mail: [jim@rotarianmagician.org](mailto:jim@rotarianmagician.org)

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## **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>

Promotes members' participation in marathons held in Rotary countries

**Chair**

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## **International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians**

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

Provides the opportunity for members to gather regionally and internationally to share the joys of motorcycling.

**Chair**

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## International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians

<http://www.ifrm.org>

Promotes Rotary fellowship by encouraging clubs to sing, to organize musical activities for performance at all levels of Rotary functions, and to support community musical organization and school music programs.

### **Chair**

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Once again, visitors to the House of Friendship at the convention were entertained by members of the fellowship. Both photos were taken at Montreal convention.

Ada P. Kahn, played a flute solo with the World Choir on the House of Friendship stage.

The World Choir performed at the Interfaith service and is made up of members of the IFRM. (Ada is also Fellowships chair for District 6440).



Entertaining at the Fellowship Booth:  
Sharon DeSousa, "Andy" Anderson, Susan DuPree and Lee Denlinger.  
Susan is past Chair and Lee is current chair of the IFRM.

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## Fellowship of Old and Rare Antique Books and Prints

<http://www.rotaryoldbooks.org>

Promotes friendship and acquaintance amongst Rotarians who share a common interest in old and rare antique books and prints.

### **Chair**

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## 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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## International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians

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

### **Chair**

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## Recreational Vehicles Fellowship of Rotarians

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

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

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### **Chair**

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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.

### **Chair**

Jack M. Selway - USA. Business: 1-719-3692305; E-mail: [founder@rghf.org](mailto:founder@rghf.org)

To all of our fellowship partners and friends, here are some of our activities.

- RGHF has acquired [www.fellowshipfirst.org](http://www.fellowshipfirst.org) to use for our archive of all "Fellowship Advancers."
- President Ray Klinginsmith wears his RGHF pins on his sleeve  
[www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org/](http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org/)
- RGHF celebrated 10 years of service at [www.rghf101010.org](http://www.rghf101010.org)
- RGHF established an annual RGHF Institute [www.rghfinstitute.org](http://www.rghfinstitute.org) with [67 charter members](#)
- Zone 20b held its [first RGHF Conference](#)
- RGHF 2007/10 chair, Joe Kagle, conducted an [interactive session](#) on "Rotary's Global History" at Montreal –
- RGHF gained its 2<sup>nd</sup> 100% club (all members belonging to RGHF) at [RC of Heliopolis ElGolf, D2450](#)
- RGHF's Fan Page, on Facebook, now has 4,000 members [www.historyfan.org](http://www.historyfan.org)
- RGHF and the Rotary Club of Chicago honored Paul P. Harris with a posthumous honorary membership [www.rghfroster.org](http://www.rghfroster.org) where there are now nearly 700 members.
- Our free RGHF Subscribing membership, for our monthly features is now over 14,000 subscribers. Sign up at [www.rghf.org](http://www.rghf.org)
- RGHF is opening a TRF Donor Advised Fund (DAF), with \$10,000, to support other eligible history related organizations.



Submitted by the Executive Committee of RGHF [www.historyboard.org](http://www.historyboard.org)

## 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**

Bob Kriegshauser - USA. E-mail:

[rekmak8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rekmak8@sbcglobal.net)

Rotary on Stamps members continue to initiate stamp issuing projects to raise funds for several of Rotary's projects. The latest being two sheets of personalized postage stamps to fund the purchase of 100 Shelter Boxes. The Rotary

Club of Dee Why Warringah through the efforts of Rotary on Stamps member Clive Mellor has produced the sheet shown below with 10 different Shelter Box theme labels attached to the Australian postage stamps. They have also produced a second sheet with a blue Australian stamp attached to each of the labels. These may be obtained by contacting [cymellor@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cymellor@optusnet.com.au).

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## 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. People interested in the activities of the fellowship or a membership application should check its website.

### **Chair**

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## International Fellowship of Shooting Sports Rotarians

Educates 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.rsinternational.org](http://www.rsinternational.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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## 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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We are thrilled to provide our first report to the Fellowship Advancer since our official approval in June 2010. Chartering with 488 members from 63 countries, as of 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 we currently have 654 members from 73 countries.

Initial projects have included:

- providing ongoing advice about safely and effectively using social networks via our Facebook page ([facebook.com/ROSNF](https://www.facebook.com/ROSNF)),
- a Google map where over 500 Rotary and Rotaract clubs have pinned their meeting location and contact details (<http://tinyurl.com/ROSNFmap>), and
- the creation of a Facebook application to help members of the Rotary family connect easily through searching by country to find contacts (currently under development).

ROSNF also facilitates service projects, for example:

Rotary Clubs in and around Ontario, California, USA, worked with a local professional ice hockey team for a "Put Polio On Ice" fundraising night; through ROSNF, that event will be duplicated by the Rotary Club of Stratford (D7820) in Charlottetown, PEI, Canada.

- RC Sherman Oaks Sunset (California, D5260) enjoyed a Dance Marathon for PolioPlus, and through ROSNF that idea is now spreading across the Rotary world, with a "Dance for the Children" group on Facebook designed to arrange a weekend in September when many Clubs will hold dances for PolioPlus simultaneously.



A number of matching grant projects have arisen through new friendships made through ROSNF. Through Facebook, Rotarian Scott Rossi (RC Cary-Kildaire, North Carolina, D7710) met Rotarian George "The Water Man" Lewis, the founder of Water Team International. George connected Scott with the Rotary Club of Central Calcutta, and a matching grant is seeing 80 new soak pits providing water to nearly 5700 people in rural areas of West Bengal, India. A matching grant application has also been submitted for a project

in Nigeria, again thanks to connections George has provided to Scott.

**Simone Carot Collins**  
**ROSNF Chair**

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## **International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians**

<http://www.itfr.org>

Develops and promotes worldwide friendship for Rotarians with a common interest in tennis.

### **Chair**

Marco Marinaro - Italy. Business: 39-089-222831; Fax: 39-089-2581726; E-mail: [chairman@itfr.org](mailto:chairman@itfr.org)

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## **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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## **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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Group tours have been part of the ITHF program since 1993, and 2010 was no exception. Prior to the RI Montreal Convention, nineteen enthusiastic ITHF members gathered in Toronto to begin a ten day tour of Ontario and Quebec, ending in Montreal to attend the convention.

Following the convention, a further twenty members flew to Anchorage, Alaska, USA, to begin a two week visit to that state. However, unlike earlier tours, this one focussed on contact with and participation from local Rotarians, who fed, transported, and entertained their international guests. It was, by all accounts, a most wonderful success, filled with magnificent scenery, overwhelming hospitality, and exciting adventures. For a pictorial account of the first ever *Rotary Fellowship Exchange*, please visit

[www.ithf.org/documents/Alaska.pdf](http://www.ithf.org/documents/Alaska.pdf)

To support the idea of initiating connections, President Barry Philps and Jennifer (Australia) have sent out into the ITHF world, three koalas representing their daughters Hazel, Karen, and Morag. Accompanying each Koala is a visitor's book. Koala hosts are asked to let members know where they are and to help them



travel the world by passing on their Koala and book personally when they visit an ITHF member. This past summer, Morag started her journey in Evesham, England with Rosemary and Peter Ibbotson; Karen began her travels with Mini and Aswini Kar in Bhubaneswar, India; and Hazel, spent some time with Jack & Jill Schreiber of Iowa, USA, before meeting a lot of ITHF members on the Alaskan tour. She then stayed in Alaska with Noko & Steve Yoshida before moving on to Alameda, California with Susan Jeffries & George Fitzgerald.

ITHF Rotarians love to connect with Rotarians everywhere. To learn more about this friendly fellowship, please visit [www.ithf.org](http://www.ithf.org). We'd love to have you join us!

Noko Yoshida passes Hazel Koala to Su International Travel & Hosting Fellowship

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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

**Chair** Conrad C. Heede, [ccheede@aol.com](mailto:ccheede@aol.com)

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## 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.

### **Chair**

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After the Convention in Montreal many members of the yachting fellowship from various countries boarded the Canadian Empress in Kingston for a 3 day cruise in Thousand Islands where a lot of fun and fellowship was had. There are actually 1,793 islands in all, the criteria to register as an island, is that it must be above water level all year round, bigger than one square foot and support at least one living tree. The area is very popular with holidaymakers and is often referred to as the "fresh water boating capital of the world".

The Yachting Fellowship is continuing to grow with yet another fleet in the Philippines, one each in Barcelona, Slovenia, and North Wales (UK) all chartered in the last 8 months. Many of the fleets are assisting their Rotary Club's with fundraising for different projects and in the Philippines the four fleets are putting a lot of effort into cleaning up the waterways around their islands.

Members are also encouraged to use our website database when travelling to search for members in that area to visit and/or sail and also to organise interfleet visits, e.g. members from the Skaw Fleet, Sweden have just visited Auckland and had two days sailing on a members yacht and one day out on Past World Commodore's luxury cruiser, Pacific Mermaid.

Anyone interested in joining or learning more about our fellowship should go to [www.iyfr.net](http://www.iyfr.net)



### **The Genova Meeting official logo: IYFR Italy Flagship ITALIA under sail**

The first Meeting of the Mediterranean and Black Sea Fleets has been very successful and productive as wished us all by RI President Ray Klinginsmith. Congratulations have arrived from all the participating Regions and Fleets and this is a unique reward for all the IYFR Fleets in Area 1 that succeeded in

building a two thousand long bridge across all Europe and Middle East, and not only in words!

Nine Countries, the IC Terry Stretton, two PIC, the D2030 Governor, 4 Iyforian PDGs, DGE, 1 Area, 3 Region and 18 Fleet Commodores, the Iyforian IFFR Italian President, over one hundred Iyforians and their partners attended to this first Meeting and it is possible that an event like this will be soon imitated elsewhere in the Area.

Genova has been one of the main focal points for maritime affairs in the past millennium and after such a millennium of fights for the Mediterranean and Black Sea control between Spaniards, Turks, Venetians, Arabs, Phoenicians, Greeks, Vikings, Normans, English, we, Fellow Mariners of IYFR, had the chance to get together in peace and in fellowship under the same Rotarian Flag.

The beautiful sea tale by the Spanish Navy Capitan Garcia Velo about his command of the Santa Maria Caravel replica on the same Cristoforo Colombo's routes after 500 years went in the same direction: a fantastic Spaniard enterprise lead by a Genoese great Navigator.

The Mariners had the chance to visit the renown Galata museum, to descend into a submarine, to get on board the brigantine Italia and see what this peculiar vessel, the Flagship of IYFR Italy, carries on every day in favour of the disadvantaged.

A beautiful gala dinner in the senior yacht club in the Mediterranean, the Yacht Club Italiano, perfectly concluded the Saturday events.

The mail sent by the IC to the Area Commodore Sergio Santi summarizes in a few words what we all have felt: WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US.

Sergio Santi IRC

## NEWS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Starting September 16 from Hyeres (France) and ending in Istanbul after 1590 miles in the CAPISTANBUL 2010 regatta, the IYFR Flag finally arrived in Turkey having been flown at the mast of "Joanna" manned by the Skipper Louis Maurice Tannyeres, "Loupi" for his friends, an Algerian origin electronic engineer living in Saint Laurent du Var in the territory of our French Golfe de Saint Tropez IYFR Fleet.

Commodore Daniel Mustel gave him our Pennant to be flown as a sign of Fellowship and to bridge all the Countries touched by the solo regatta: France, Italy, Greece and Turkey.

The first leg of the regatta ended in "Marina di Ragusa" Sicily where a Sicily Fleet Squadron is located; it was a pleasure for the Fellow Mariners led by their Captain Laura Di Stefano to meet "Loupi" on board his boat and spend some pleasant time trying to understand the motivations of this solo racing.

Too bad that in Greece Loupi could not be greeted by any Rotarian: IYFR has no Fleet there. On the contrary a great welcome was tributed to Louis Maurice by the party beautifully organized in Istanbul by Commodore Selda Gearson and RC Haldun Orgut. PIC Ferit Biren was there, Commodore Rabassa leading a good party of Spanish Fellow Mariners and their wives there convened for the occasion, significantly added international weight and value to the ceremony.

It was a great success but in particular the Mariners were impressed by the competence of the Skipper, his clear fondness for sea life and his altruism: at the start of second leg he did not hesitate to help another competitor in order to solve a computer problem, thus delaying his own departure.

The IYFR pennant was in the right hands during this regatta! Thanks Loupi and BRAVO ZULU!

Bernardo Rabassa, Daniel Mustel, Giovanni Ianora and Sergio Santi



Loupi and his Joanna. Note the IYFR pennant at the stern just above the waterline