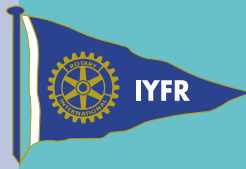




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# ROTAFLOAT

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## GREETINGS FROM THE COMMODORE

Retaining members in Rotary is a problem. Recently, fellowships have been recognized by R.I., as a valuable tool in maintaining members in Rotary.

In fact, we have been already aware of the fact that fellowships let Rotarians adhere to Rotary. In June 2004 issue of "THE ROTARIAN" seven full pages were devoted to the promotion of Fellowships.

After this issue, we started receiving a further hundreds of enquiries and applications to join IYFR (Rotary Mariners).

This became an extra volume of correspondence for International Bridge staff, including myself to cope with.

We have been receiving already hundreds of enquiries from Rotarians in order to become a member of International Yachting Fellowship

a) Strictly stick to the new Code of Policy and use internet in sending newsletter of our fellowship (this is Rotafloat in our case) and members list (we call Roster) to the members. I am member of other fellowships, such as Bridge playing, Gourmet, Skiing. Now, I am receiving all communication on the internet.  
b) Continue sending only printed copies as have been done so far, ignoring internet.

However, we must accept that

- Members will receive printed copies sent by mail weeks later,
- This will be an increasing and in vain financial burden for the budget of our fellowship.
- Unless all addresses are updated many of these mails will not reach the individual member.

c) As a policy, using internet in sending Rotafloat and Roster and keep sending printed copies upon request/demands from Area Commodores, Regional Commodores, Fleet Commodores in required number.

This is what we are doing for the time being. Nobody should complain that he/she doesn't receive printed copy. Any member who cannot avail himself from facilities of our web, should contact and ask printed copies from his/her Fleet Bridge

VII- However, we must seriously think that our annual dues is minimum one amongst other fellowship dues which are varying at the levels of USD 20,-USD 45,-. On the other hand I am aware of the fact that, our members pay totally (like in Turkey) USD 25,- annual due. USD 10,- goes to Fleet, USD 5,- to region and USD 10,- to International Bridge.

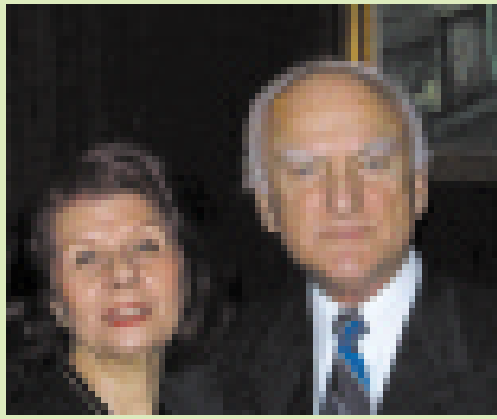
Then why shouldn't Regional and Fleet Commodores receive printed copies in bulk and distribute them to Fleets or to members at the earliest meeting. This would be a good bite for the attendance of members to pick up their copies.

VIII- Roster / Members List;

This is a controversial issue of terminology. According to English speaking Commodores Members List is the correct name. Roster describes jobs etc. No matter which is correct, personally I can find every information about Fleets, Commodores and Members at our web-site in the members only pages.

This means we have already Roster on the web and it can be used for every purpose.

**IC Ferit BİREN**



thanks to our WEB site ([www.iyfr.org](http://www.iyfr.org)).

This is really unbelievable and impossible to tackle, without e-mail facility, i.e. internet communications. Fortunately, we have helped them all to be inducted into the nearest fleet.

I believe by the Centennial of R.I., our members will significantly exceed 3000.

However, this phenomenon brought in some concerns to R.I.

In Osaka Convention, Main Fellowships Committee Meeting these concerns were expressed and discussed. Mainly

- 1) Do fellowships draw and drain attention and funds from other Rotary programs and missions?
  - 2) How to protect RI from indemnifications and liabilities arising from the inherent risks of Fellowship activities?
- Now these two questions seem to be in the agenda of R.I.

When you receive September Rotafloat issue, the hand-over of my duties to IVC Bill Robinson will be nine months ahead. We must see, understand and discuss important issues of fellowships, for further growth and well-being of our fabulous fellowship.

Following way points and facts must be noted;

I- We should adapt ourselves, namely policy, according to new R.I. Code of Policy for Fellowships, in force.  
II- Our General Rules and Regulations (Constitution of our Fellowship) has been amended by unanimous acceptance at the AGM dated 23 May 2004, in Osaka.

III- International Commodore must visit as many fleets as he can around the world and meet members. This needs time and traveling expenses that is getting difficult to be born totally from personal and family budget of the Commodore

IV- Internet helps a lot for faster and cheaper communication. However due to its convenience, now volume of communication pouring into the Commodores' mailbox every day is incredible. International Bridge must be reorganized.

V- This is a fact that about 30 % of our senior members are unable or not keen in using internet. Therefore they don't have e-mail addresses and they cannot read and download Rotafloat and Members List (Roster) from our Web site. We must still send them printed copies by conventional mail.

VI- On the other hand in some Areas and in some Regions some of the Fleet Membership Lists are not yet updated.

We have sent letters to such members and members at large, asking their e-mail address and information to update our Members Lists on the Web. 90 % of letters come back as undeliverable, with "unknown at the address" stamps on envelopes. Sending printed copies to them is a waste of money. Therefore, in this transition period choices look as follows;

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# In the Wake of Another R.I. International Convention

Osaka Convention was a fantastic convention indeed. IYFRians (Rotary Mariners) have enjoyed this perfect convention and left Japan reluctantly with unforgettable memories.

I believe all lucky IYFRians share my above described feelings.

IYFRian hotel Mitsui Garden, two perfectly outfitted booths, AGM and post convention cruise were all incapable.

Certainly, we rather owe all these successes, to Japanese IYFRians. They had started the organization already whilst in Brisbane Convention.

Masami Nishikawan and Musuko have come to Brisbane to discuss the organization.

That was followed by my double purpose eight day visit in August last year to Japanese fleets. When I mention Japanese fleets I mean four fleets actually.

Together with Osaka Bay Fleet Commodore Kozo Kajino and his lovely Chief mate Kayoko, Executive Secretary of Japan Main Bridge Kazuyoshi Yamada have spent eight days with we for finding a good hotel at a very reasonable price, how to set up booth, where when and how to organize AGM luncheon and schedule of PCC (Post Convention Cruise). This was almost a rehearsal of the Convention IYFR events.

Additionally, Japan's four fleets volunteered to organize water transportation on the Osaka river to and from Dome where the Convention Plenary Sessions were held. They have even planned a barbecue cruise on the Osaka river.

Happies of Osaka Fleet members will be our souvenirs to remember their fellowship and lavish hospitality.

Thanks and congratulations to Regional Commodore Hosokawa of Japan, Commodore Hiraoka of Main Bridge and Commodore Kozo Kajino and Kayoko of Osaka Bay Fleet.

If I start recognizing all of them involved and helped, I must continue with Kazuyoshi Yamada, Yashioki, Masami and Mutsuko Nishikawa, Tada, Degouchi, Katayama and last but not least interpreter Takeda.

IYFR events in Osaka started on 20th May with the lunch and meeting at famous Club Oh-Seiryu, followed by welcome dinner of Commodore Hidonabu Hiraoka and his wife at Westin Hotel on 22nd May Saturday.

This dinner was attended by Prof. Ulkü Gönenli, wife of yet incoming Governor of District 2420, Turkey, since her husband Governor Prof. Atilla Gönenli was still at the Convention Center.

After the arrivals of IVC Bill Robinson and First mate Katia and IPIC Ken Winter and his spouse F.C. Bente Winter at Osaka, on 23rd May we held International Bridge meeting... Our IRC Max Cribb has given me his proxy to represent him.

On 23rd May with opening of Convention, river transportation provided by Japanese IYFRians took place between Dome and Convention Center.

On 24th May we held enlarged Bridge meeting with the participation of GB & I National Commodores Bryan Skinner and incoming Commodore Christopher Bishop.

We started to set up our two booths as soon as it was permitted. This year we had two booths decorated with the national flags of countries where IYFR fleets exists.

National flags were reflecting International dimension of our fellowship. Our booths looked very striking, appealing, colorful

and cheerful with the flags of International Code of Signals.

Indeed, Japanese IYFRians had outfitted the booth with every necessity. TV and video was reflecting IYFR functions to visitors, two tables, regalia's for sale, photographs of yachting around were pinned up on the walls. Japanese sweets and cookies were on the table. Even a cold and hot water fountain was completing our booth amenities. Our booths, were visited by too many Rotary dignities and members. Our booth keeper IYFRians wearing nice looking "happis" of Osaka Bay fleet helped for new memberships.

Doutombori Night river cruise as Four Fleet Anniversary in Osaka was held on May 24 with greeting addresses by Regional Commodore Hosokawa and Main Japan Bridge Commodore Hiraoka.

On May 25, we held our AGM in a very elegant Venue called "Kikunoma" room at "Righa Royal" Hotel.

Tickets were sold out and the room was full with 85 attendants.

PIP Clifford Dochterman delivered an address to AGM which was most motivating as usual.

Chair, General Secretary and Treasurer of Convention Host Committee attended the lunch and launched speeches.

IVC Bill Robinson as Master of Event did a fantastic job and we had an AGM full of fun and fellowship.

At the AGM, draft of amendments to our General Rules and Regulations edited by Katia Robinson based on the proposal from IPC Joe Phillips and his Chief of Staff Mark Moore and from IVC Bill Robinson was accepted unanimously.

Our Post Convention Cruise started on May 27. Our first stop was Lake Biwa where we checked in a beautiful hotel. Our visit to Nara "Toudaiji Temple" was a privilege for us.

We have enjoyed a fantastic evening in an authentic Japanese restaurant "Chiomoto" listening to Geisha music and watching dances. Fellowship and Fun were something to remember forever.

May 28, we visited a temple, a castle and Kiyoto.

On May we traveled from Biwa to Kushimoto where we were welcome on our arrival at the train station by the Major of Kushimoto.

Altogether we drew up to Oshima (Grand Island) to visit museum and memorial for Turkish sail ship "Ertugrul" struck by a severe Typhon in the year 1892 and foundered on Kashinozaki rocks with 632 sailors on board. Survivors were only 53.

In the evening we had a wonderful farewell party. We enjoyed a matchless fellowship and fun.

On 30 May we left Kushimoto on our way to Osaka and home with hope to come again to Japan.

Traveling by train to Kushimoto took about three hours and return to Osaka two and half hours. It was also an extra expense. However all our friends joined Turkish IYFRians in this trip just as a tribute to Turkish Marthyrts and each and every one of them left flowers at the memorial.

THIS IS THE FELLOWSHIP.

**IC Ferit BIREN**

# Minutes of the IYFR Annual General Meeting

Righa Royal Hotel - Osaka, Japan

May 25, 2004

## Welcome:

At 12:30 pm International Commodore Ferit Biren welcomed everyone to the IYFR luncheon and AGM, and introduced guest representatives of the RI Osaka Convention Host Committee: Masaomi Kondo, Chairman; Kinji Yoshikawa, General Secretary; Teruo Inoue, Treasurer and Hidenobu Hiraoka, Commodore of the Japan Main Bridge. IC Ferit turned the meeting over to IVC Bill Robinson to act as Master of Ceremonies. PIC Ken Winter delivered the invocation. Apologies were received from IRC Max Cribb, Australia, who was not able to attend the AGM.

## Guest Speakers:

Masaomi Kondo, although not a yachtsman himself, claimed a pirate as an ancestor, and said that he shares a kindred spirit with yachtsman, has the soul of the ocean, and that he has used these traits as executive of the Host committee.

He proudly announced that there were 47,000 attendees at RI convention, a record high number. He wished IYFR members an enjoyable stay in Osaka and at the convention.

Hidenobu Hiraoka, Commodore of Japan Main Bridge expressed his gratitude to International Commodore Ferit Biren for his leadership in planning IYFR activities during the convention and Post Convention Cruise, and thanked Osaka Bay Fleet Commodore Kajino and fleet members for their extraordinary efforts. Japan IYFR is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Commodore Hiraoka stated that ten years ago, then IC Jack Keyzer, from Victoria, Canada, attended the chartering of the first Japan fleets. PIC Keyzer is well remembered for his message during the chartering, that everything has to be fun and enjoyable, and the Japanese fleets have maintained that tradition.

Cliff Dochterman, Past Rotary International President, stated that he has a great appreciation for the fellowships of Rotary. When the RI President talks about the family of Rotary, Cliff said that there is no greater family than what we find in the fellowships, and especially in the Yachting Fellowship. The President also talks about the importance of retention in Rotary, and that fellowships are a key to membership retention. Cliff has never seen a person who is really involved in a fellowship ever want to leave Rotary. He said that fellowships are fundamental to Rotary, and commended us

for our continued loyalty and interest in IYFR, and asked us to encourage all of the fellowships in the world of Rotary.

Cliff is Chairman of Rotary International Centennial operations, and invited IYFR to take part in special activities taking place in Chicago next year. He suggested that although the streets of Chicago are pretty dry for a yacht, perhaps we can add some wheels to a yacht and take part in the parade. And since part of the Centennial will be displays, pictures and memorabilia of the great history and tradition of Rotary, he hoped that our fellowship, being the oldest fellowship in Rotary, would take the opportunity to display the historical growth of the yachting fellowship over these many years.

Cliff concluded by thanking us for what we do for Rotary: building friendship, being a part of the family of Rotary, strengthening our membership around the world, and having fun in the process.

## International Commodores Report:

IC Ferit Biren stated that the IYFR General Rules are the constitution of our fellowship, and reminded members of our Goals and Objectives:

IYFR combines an acceptance of the principles of Rotary with a love of boats and the sea, rivers and inland waters, and uses the shared interest of yachting and seamanship as an opportunity to advance and foster the object of Rotary. IYFR objectives are:

- (a) To advance international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideals of service.
- (b) To promote Rotary fellowship through cruising, yachting, racing, sailing, kayaking and other activities involving boats and boating.
- (c) To promote high standards of seamanship and abide by recognized yachting customs and etiquette on the water.
- (d) To support Rotary service projects and opportunities, on and off the water.

IC Ferit stated that IYFR, like other fellowships, has an excellent program aimed at fulfilling the goals and objectives of Rotary International. Fellowships should not be looked upon as in competition with RI, but rather, Rotary International

is like a convoy of boats in service, and IYFR is a friendship, service and fun boat in the convoy. Ferit believes that retention is as important as recruiting for our membership. In this context we must not underestimate the role of IYFR as a glue keeping us together in Rotary.

On behalf of IYFR members, Ferit expressed thanks to the Japanese Main Bridge and fleet members who have done such a great job with supporting the IYFR Fellowship Booth, Annual General Meeting and Post Convention Cruise. IC Ferit concluded by saying that in IYFR we enjoy the vision of being international, exchanging experiences on the water, awareness of world understanding, and sharing the fun of yachting and power of fellowship as dedicated Rotarians.

### **Financial Report:**

Ertan Ozdemir, IYFR Treasurer, reported that the budget for year 2003-04 was based on the information received from the past IC's treasurer, along with membership data obtained from the roster. Maintenance of data for Members on the roster is now the responsibility of the Fleet Commodores and Regional Commodores. Information on new members, and changes to existing members should be made on the roster as soon as possible by the Commodores, because membership data is important for accurate budget planning. Member data and dues should be collected by the Fleet Commodores, forwarded to Regional Commodores (where serving), who coordinate fleet activities with the International Commodore and International Treasurer.

For the convenience of IYFR members and in order to reduce bank conversion fees, three bank accounts have been opened in Turkey, to handle Turkish Lira, US Dollars and the Euro, as well as a bank account in the USA and an account in Zurich. Updated budgets will be posted to the website quarterly and be available via email. The annual financial statement will be posted in July. Currently, the total billed dues in the year 2003-04 was \$27,600. Collections total \$18,500, and \$9,100 dues remain outstanding. IYFR has \$45,000 in bank accounts.

### **Area Reports:**

The IYFR world is divided into three areas. The IYFR Bridge consists of three officers; one appointed from each of those areas. Area 1, Europe-Middle East-Africa, is represented by International Commodore Ferit Biren, from Istanbul, Turkey; Area 2, North and South America is represented by International Vice Commodore Bill Robinson from Seattle, Washington USA, and Area 3, the Asia-Pacific region, is represented by International Rear Commodore Max Cribb, from Queensland, Australia. These officers constitute the Executive Committee to run the affairs of IYFR.

**Area 3:** On behalf of Rear Commodore Max Cribb, Immediate Past International Commodore Ken Winter

presented the report for Australia and New Zealand; and Commodore Kozo Kajino reported for Japan. Australia and New Zealand have 14 fleets with a total membership of around 600 members. Most of these fleets have four activities on the water each year and six dinner meetings per year. The IYFR newsletter, Rotafloat, regularly reports on the activities and benefits of being a member of IYFR.

Commodore Kozo Kajino expressed his gratitude to those that have come all the way to Osaka for the convention. The Japanese fleets have prepared for this convention for over a year, with the leadership of IC Ferit and support from Japanese fleet members. Forty-three attendees have registered for the post convention cruise. The first two days of the PCC will be in Kyoto and Nara, followed by a special tour and ceremony in Kushimoto.

**Area 2:** IVC Bill Robinson, reporting on North and South America, stated that this has been a year of transition for the Americas. At one point in our history, there were 26 fleets in the Americas. There are now 17 active fleets. Unlike Japan, Turkey, Great Britain and other areas, there is no country bridge. The system of Regional Commodores has not been responsive to IYFR administrative needs, and we are working to change that. Part of this transition has been a shift of responsibility from the International Commodore's staff to the three world areas for collection of dues, roster updates and fleet promotion. It is now our mission to identify leaders around the United States, Canada and South America who will take on the jobs of carrying out those functions for our area.

Despite these challenges, IVC Bill reported on two new fleets. The newest fleet in the Americas is an example of what can be done. The Seattle #4 Rotary Club, which has had its own Seattle Rotary Mariners fleet for 55 years, promoted IYFR at District Conventions. Brody Kunz, President of the Maple Valley Rotary Club in District 5030, with the assistance of Northwest Regional Commodore Dave Kelly, took the initiative to create a new fleet. The new Cascade Fleet was chartered with 50 members from 17 clubs, with 5 past, present and future District Governors, 5 club presidents and one US Navy Admiral. At the chartering, two Past International Commodores, the International Vice Commodore, Northwest Regional Commodore, four Fleet Commodores and members of their fleets provided support. All of this was done within a time of 6 months. IVC Bill recognized Fleet Commodore Brody Kunz and his wife Chanda for their demonstration of what is possible when one person takes the initiative. The Cascade Fleet has a full schedule of rendezvous and other events in the months ahead.

A second fleet will soon be chartered in South America. The Delta Fleet will be chartered by Argentina Regional Commodore Guillermo Arteta, who has long been active promoting IYFR in South America.

IVC Bill thanked IC Ferit for the leadership that he has provided in moving the fellowship into the 21st Century. In closing, IVC Bill said that IC Ferit's motto of "Fellowship, Service and Fun" are key values to the growth and maintenance of membership in Rotary. It is not a question of what we as members of fleets get from IYFR, but it is a question of what we give to Rotary International through our fellowship and the relationships we develop.

**Area 1:** IC Biren reported that Area 1 has 9 regions, with very dedicated and active fleets in Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Great Britain and Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy and Turkey. IC Ferit asked Bryan Skinner, National Commodore of the GB&I fleets, one of the most active regions, and the cradle of our fellowship, to report on the GB&I fleets.

Commodore Bryan brought greetings from PIC Andrew Mitchell. He reported that GB&I has about 375 members in 14 fleets. Their main objective has been to increase membership, as members are ageing and selling their boats. Bryan visited all the GB&I fleets to support and encourage their activities. There have been more exchange visits between fleets, including visits to Holland and Belgium. All fleets have held cruises, rallies, and barbeques. They had two national weekend rallies and the highlight this year was a "Kids Day Out", taking 171 handicapped children on 52 boats.

GB&I had the honor of entertaining IC Ferit for his first visit after taking office as IC, and arranged visits with the Fenland, Broads, Suffolk, and Thames fleets. Commodore Bryan wished National Vice-Commodore Christopher Bishop a happy and successful two years in office when he takes the helm of GB&I in July.

### **Amendments for the IYFR General Rules:**

In reviewing the amendments to the General Rules, IVC Bill reported that most proposed changes, published in the September 2003 Rotafloat, dealt with designating our Members-at-large as Independent Members, changes in terminology, and a number of administrative matters. The Executive Committee of IYFR has since proposed additional changes to incorporate much of the RI Code of Policies for Fellowships into IYFR rules. The fellowships are a structured part of Rotary, and although they are not Rotary (as a legal entity), there is a relationship that has to be defined. Because there are many issues in the Code of Policies that relate to IYFR operations, and for the understanding of our own Rotary Mariners, the proposed amendments incorporate a large part of the RI Code.

The amendments include a statement on budget policy so that IYFR has a set of guidelines as to management of the fellowship's financial affairs. The amendments also provide for appointment of an IYFR Historian. This person will be



*Past RI President Cliff Dochtermann with IC Ferit Biren*

appointed by the International Commodore, with responsibility of assembling and maintaining the rich history of the fellowship. A motion to adopt the rules was made by Bryan Skinner (GB&I), seconded by Kozo Kajino (Osaka Bay Fleet), and was unanimously approved.

IVC Bill also mentioned that IYFR rules are a work in progress. In particular, we need to work on amendments that will better define job descriptions of the IC staff, and how the IYFR leadership around the world really functions.

For example, under IC Ferit's leadership he has 13 people carrying out defined functions, where the current Rules only identify 3 individuals. The Bridge always welcomes comments, criticisms, and suggestions for changes.

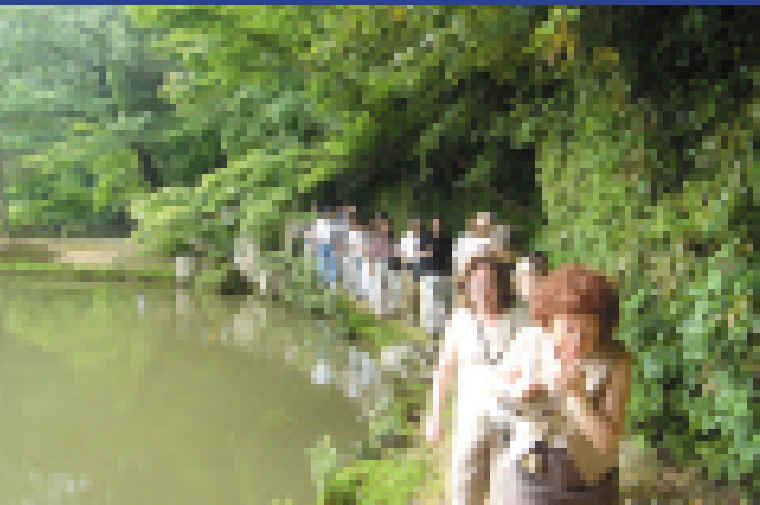
### **New Business:**

Under new business IVC Bill reported briefly on IYFR plans for the Chicago convention events (June 17-22, 2005), and post convention cruise activities (June 23 & 24, 2005). Referring to Cliff Dochtermann's comments earlier, Bill said that if we can have a fleet in Alice Springs, Australia in the desert, we should be able to figure out how to get a boat down the streets of Chicago. The 2005 post convention cruise will be in the local Chicago area, and will include a combination of maritime related events. In addition to the PCC, we are planning for informal fellowship events during the convention. Details will be in Rotafloat and posted on the website. Members are encouraged to go to the RI website and make hotel reservations for Chicago now. Reservations should be made from the time you expect to arrive, through the two days of the post convention cruise. The PCC will be in the Chicago local area so those attending may stay in same hotel for the convention and PCC (there is no designated IYFR hotel).

International Commodore Ferit Biren thanked our guests for coming and closed the 2004 AGM with the gong of the bell at 2:35pm.

**IVC Bill ROBINSON**

# IYFR Post Convention Tour



In late May we were fortunate to travel from Texas to Osaka Japan to attend the International Rotary Convention and the post convention tour with the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotary group.

At the convention four Japan fleets manned an IYFR booth and they were the most colorful, active booth in the room. They were all dressed in bright yellow kimono's that had IYFR written in English and Japanese. I jumped in and helped explain IYFR to anyone wandering by that wanted to speak in English. I signed up 7 to 10 new English speaking members, sold Tee Shirts, kimonos, ties and burgees. It was helpful to have a water cooler nearby as we were very busy.

The next day we attended the IYFR luncheon which probably had 100 guests present. The status of the IYFR was reported.

At the end of the luncheon we were honored by Cliff Dochterman, past president of Rotary International, stopping by to briefly speak. This was a great photo opportunity also because he visited with the crowd once the meeting was adjourned.

That evening the 3 Japanese fleets had arranged for a yachting trip down the river for 50 to 60 of us. It was an open-air boat and they had arranged the middle of the boat with several hibachi grills and the fleet cooked a fabulous meal for us. The yacht dropped us off at another location of the river where Rotary was holding a huge show and party for the record 47,000 people that had signed up for the convention.

The next day 42 of us met at the hotel to depart for the post convention cruise to Kyoto, Lake Biwa and Kushimoto. We were escorted by additional Japanese Rotarians.

We loaded a bus that, before arriving at Lake Biwa, stopped for a tour of Todai-ji Temple in Nara. This was most impressive as our host Kozo had arranged with the highest ranking

Buddhist monk to give us a private tour around the great Buddah. This temple houses the largest Buddah in the world. There are 1000 tame deer wandering the property around the temple which we were allowed to feed.

Later in the day we checked into Biwako Hotel at Lake Biwa. It was a beautiful high rise hotel right on the waters edge of Lake Biwa. That evening the bus took us on a 20 minute ride into Kyoto for dinner at a famous 300 year old Japanese restaurant on the Kamo River called Chimoto where we sat on tatami floor mats (after removing our shoes) and had an incredible meal served to us by Geisha girls/women. They were incredibly beautiful and graceful in their colorful silk kimonos. After dinner and sake, the geishas performed a dance for us as the older geishas performed on their instruments. Then played a game with many of us guests involving tapping of a board. Later in the week our host Kozo and Kyoko gave us a book bought at a local bookstore that had photos of three of the geisha's that had served us that night. These women are famous Geisha's in the area.

The next day the bus took us back to Kyoto where we visited two ancient temples. Kinkaku-ji was the first. It had a beautiful golden temple on the edge of a pond and gardens.

We were fortunate again because our host had arranged for our group to take a private walk through the garden around the lake. We saw several smaller temples and shrines and at the end of the tour Kyoko, Rosie and I stopped at a teahouse for a quick tea.

Nijo-jo Castle was very massive and impressive. It was the Shogun's home built in 1602 and surrounded by a moat. The building was a massive one story structure and all the rooms and sliding doors had beautifully hand painted walls with nature scenes.



That evening we loaded on a yacht called the Michigan, a paddle boat docked in front of our hotel on Lake Biwa. After a wonderful meal we all went up to the top deck where they had a three-piece band from Australia that played some great tunes. Most all of us danced! Being from Texas, we laughed that we never dreamed we would fly to Japan, be on a yacht called "Michigan" and be dancing to country/western music played by an Australian band! It was a blast!

The next morning we went by train to the east coast of Japan to Kushimoto. We went directly to the Turkish Museum for a memorial service hosted for us by the Mayor of Kushimoto. It was in memory of a Turkish ship that crashed ashore after a typhoon where 580 Turkish seamen lost their lives. Only 63 survived. The Turkish contingent of IYFR placed a wreath on the memorial in honor of the dead crewmen. We then climbed the lighthouse and had an incredible view of the coast and Pacific Ocean.

We then checked into the Kushimoto Royal Hotel and a lot of our group headed directly for the hotel's spa. Having a communal Japanese bath is quite an experience. I messed up and forgot to take my towel so there was a fleeting embarrassing moment which I quickly got over.

The final dinner was in the hotel. Once again, we removed our shoes and entered a lovely, room with tatami mats and colorful walls. Our meal was the traditional sushi, beer and sake. The sake was flowing freely and Ertan from Turkey



announced that there were many countries represented in our group and it would be fun if each country would come to the stage and sing a song typical of their country. Each group did and it was hilariously fun. The countries represented were USA, Turkey, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Canada.

We all said our farewells early the next morning and it was sad for us to leave. Our Japanese hosts Kozo and Kyoko had done such a fabulous job with arranging the tour. There is an incredible amount of work that goes into planning an

IYFR tour, as we had the opportunity to host one after the San Antonio Convention 3 years ago.

This trip was the chance of a lifetime to see such a beautiful country and be allowed to go where most tourists are not the private yacht cruise/dinner in Osaka hosted by 4 fleets, the Giesha restaurant in Kyoto, the private behind the scenes tour of two temples, tour of the Mayor's office in Kushimoto.

We left with an understanding of Japan and its culture that we would not have had if we had taken the trip on our own.

Many thanks again for the friendship, fellowship and hospitality and to everyone in Japan that helped Kozo and Kyoko plan this unforgettable trip including but not limited to Mr. Miki, Mr. Yamada, Mr. Katayama, Mr. Tada and wife, Mr. Msakazu, and Mr. Matsui, Mr. Nishikawa and wife, Mr. Yoshioga, and Mr. Yasui.

**Dr. Joe SHIRLEY**  
**Seabrook Rotary Club, Seabrook Texas**



"A tribute to the Turkish Martyrs at the Memorial in Oshimo Island"



"Wreath laying tribute by IC Ferit Biren and Katsumasa Tashima, The Mayor of Kushimoto"

# News From World Fleets



On Sunday, almost the whole party outside the Imperial Palace ruins.



A group of Mariners aboard the Commodore's yacht, including the Procida Yacht Club President and Tommaso D'Acunto, Fleet Rear Commodore.

## Summer Cruise of the Naples - Italy South West Fleet

On Saturday the 5th of June the Naples – Italy South West Fleet organized the traditional Summer Cruise for members and their families.

The composition of the Fleet, on this occasion, was quite evenly-balanced, including four motor boats and four sailing boats, most of them leaving from the various ports located in downtown Naples. The distribution of the Mariners to be hosted on the various boats had already been organized by the Fleet Board, so that every yacht set off independently.

The first rendez-vous was the Corricella, a characteristic Mediterranean fishing village on the island of Procida, 20 miles off Naples; the motor boats, obviously arrived quite early, but, eventually all the sailing boats turned up. In the meantime, a number of brave mariners had a swim, including all the children present.

When all the yachts arrived, all the Mariners gathered on the boat of the Fleet Commodore Antonio Pisano, a very large one, formerly belonging to Lord Forte, for a toast and a chat. The president of the local Sailing Club also joined for a courtesy visit.

When the crews returned to their boats, everyone had lunch, and then the Committee distributed fishing tackle and bait, and a fishing competition started; unfortunately, no one caught a single fish, and the children ended up feeding the bait to the seagulls!

In the afternoon the fleet moved to the mainland at Miseno, once home of the Roman Imperial Fleet, where the ruins of the Roman port are still visible, and the boats moored for the night.

A special mention should be made of the arrival of Franco Clemente, with an all female crew of young girls (the first mate Barbara was abroad), on a 35-foot sailing boat. After shrieking, laughs and much commotion, they finally successfully moored, thanks to the help of Alberto Lezzi and Alessandro Castagnaro (someone suggested that their help was not totally disinterested, since they were moored each side of Franco!).

In the evening most of the Mariners went to Mass in the village's small church. For dinner the Officers' Board had prepared a sumptuous self-catered all sea-food meal in the woods nearby: the Neapolitan friends walked through the trees, and on their arrival everyone received their orders. All the voluntary cooks were complimented for their pasta and barbecue. Needless to say, the wine was also excellent.

The day after a private bus took the Mariners to the nearby town of Baia, where they visited the ruins of the Imperial Palace; later, they embarked on a special boat with a glass keel, and had a very interesting guided tour of the ruins of the ancient Baia, now under the sea water due to bradyseism.

The bus brought then brought back the Mariners to Miseno to their boats, where they discovered that a friend of the Fleet had left 18 lobsters as a munificent gift. There followed a lobster cooking competition with each crew cooking the lobster to a different recipe, and the Mariners gathered together to judge the results: a lot of wine was needed, mostly offered by Antonio Pisano, and the Fleet Treasurer Ruggero Rossi was splattered by tomato. But what fun! Finally, in the evening, everyone managed to return to his own port, although not everyone followed the straightest route!



# News From World Fleets



Some of the "happy few" Fleet launcher, including Fleet Commodore Corrado Perrone, Regional Commodore Franco Clemente, Past Governor Toni Lico, Incoming Governor Giorgio Di Raimondo.

## The New Rome Fleet

On Friday, the 11 of June the founder members of the new Rome – Middle Italy IYFR Fleet met at the Riva di Traiano Yacht Club, overlooking the piers of the beautiful marina of the same name, located 60 kilometers from Rome, near the commercial port of Civitavecchia.

They were welcomed by Corrado Perrone, the enthusiastic new Commodore of the Fleet, who finally succeeded in re-launching the IYFR in Rome, and by Franco Clemente, the International Regional Commodore for Italy, who encouraged and helped Corrado in his task.

The event was attended by the two Governors who had sponsored the meeting: past Governor of District Toni Lico, and Giorgio Di Raimondo, incoming Governor of the same District 2080 which takes in Rome, most of Central Italy, and the island of Sardinia. During the opening cocktail, held at lunchtime on the Club's terrace, overlooking the magnificent view of the marina, Giorgio Di Raimondo announced to everyone present his intention to give his full support to the new fleet during his year of office as District Governor.

As a matter of fact, Giorgio, from Rome, wants to make Roman Rotarians aware of the fact that although situated on the mainland, as everyone knows, Rome is not far away from the sea – Ostia, once a district of Rome, and now an independent council, has been the city's sea port since the times of the emperors.

During the ice-breaking cocktail, copies of the first issue of the new Fleet's magazine, prepared by Corrado and Franco,

including a brief history of IYFR and a review of its goals, were distributed and discussed. After many cheers and congratulations – and many drinks - the attendees moved into one of the Club's dining rooms of the Club, where Carla, Corrado's first mate, welcomed the happy bunch of mariners.

Once around the table, Corrado held a little speech, thanking the two Governors, the four Club Presidents and the other Rotarians gathered for the Fleet's launching; Corrado then introduced Franco Clemente, who invested them with the authority to meet in the name of the IYFR, acknowledged the Officer's Board, and agreed to wait for the month of August to check on the effectiveness of the Fleet and to make a record of the founding members. Franco then spoken about the Rotary Mariners and about the experiences of the Naples' Fleet, inviting all present to join the next Neapolitan meeting.

At the end of the lunch, consisting of Mediterranean seafood, a number of those present went on board Corrado's boat, moored alongside the Club, for a final chat and to plan future activities.

The next meeting of the Rome Fleet is planned for the 24th of July, when a religious service will be read by a chaplain on a boat anchored in the middle of the port of Riva di Traiano, attended by the whole marina by means of loudspeakers, and all the boat of the port shall be blessed.

Fair weather and following winds to all our new friends!

**Franco CLEMENTE**

Please check our web-site [www.iyfr.org](http://www.iyfr.org)  
for the IYFR General Rules, revised on 25 May 2004.

# THE INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS INCOME & FUNDS / EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

For The Period From 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

	INCOME & FUNDS / EXPENDITURES 01/07/03 - 30/06/04				
	IN TRL	IN EURO (1)	converted to USD (2)	IN USD	TOTAL (USD)
<b>I. FUNDS (BEGINNING BALANCE)</b>					<b>31,781.67</b>
Transferred from Ex IC			-	31,000.00	<b>31,000.00</b>
Bank account closing balances transferred			-	781.67	<b>781.67</b>
<b>II. INCOME</b>					<b>31,272.00</b>
Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Dues - 2001/2002	-	-	10.00	10.00	-
Dues - 2002/2003	-	-	-	2,080.00	<b>2,080.00</b>
Dues - 2003/2004	-	-	-	20,800.00	<b>20,800.00</b>
Dues - 2004/2005	-	-	-	520.00	<b>520.00</b>
Sponsor Income	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	17.00	<b>17.00</b>
Regalia Sales	-	-	-	7,845.00	<b>7,845.00</b>
<b>III. TOTAL INCOME &amp; FUNDS (I+II)</b>				<b>63,053.67</b>	<b>63,053.67</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Bank / Transfer Charges	210,000,000.00	15.25	148.51	285.51	<b>449.27</b>
Rotafloat and other postage			1,494.20	-	<b>1,494.20</b>
Presents	94,400,000		64.00	-	<b>64.00</b>
Web Design	-	-	-	-	-
Regalia Purchases of Turkey	8,831,500,000		6,235.39		<b>6,235.39</b>
Regalia Sales Expenses (3)			1,479.00		<b>1,479.00</b>
Roster	-	-	-	-	-
Rotafloat - Printing	4,221,240,000		3,021.10		<b>3,021.10</b>
Other Printings (Postcards/Tickets/Receipts)	1,247,000,000.00	-	854.77	-	<b>854.77</b>
<b>IV. TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>14,604,140,000.00</b>	<b>15.25</b>	<b>13,296.97</b>	<b>285.51</b>	<b>13,597.73</b>
<b>V. NET INCOME &amp; FUNDS OVER EXPENSES (III-IV)</b>					<b>49,455.94</b>

(1) € parity used: \$1 = € 1,1763 as of 10.10.2003

(2) All items have been translated by using historical exchange rates

(3) Regalia Sales Expenses include: Postage, custom duty etc.

**Note:**

US\$ 10,000 IC's Travel Allowance + US\$ 17 interest has been paid by IC Ferit Biren on March 26, 2004 Regalia sales to Japan and other sales not yet collected have not been taken into account. Sales result will be reflected coming month.

# THE INTERNATIONAL YACHTING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS BALANCE SHEET

For The Period From 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

\* € parity used: \$1 = € 1,1763 as of 10.10.2003

\*\* All items have been translated by using historical exchange rates

ASSETS		Amount
Cash in Hand	Petty Cash Account (Australia)	18.00 USD
Cheques Received		- USD
	<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
	IYFR International Account HSBC Kiziltoprak \$	36,860.69 USD
	IYFR International Account HSBC Kiziltoprak €	1,293.75 EUR
	IYFR International Account HSBC Kiziltoprak TRL	136,460,636 TRL
	IYFR US Account \$ in USA	8,241.53 USD
	IYFR International Account \$ in Zurich	270.00 USD
Cheques Given		- USD
	<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts in \$</b>	<b>47,003.76 USD</b>
	<b>Receivables</b>	
Fleet & IM Dues	Fleet & IM Dues 2003-04	7,190.00 USD
	Regalia Receivables	6,875.00 USD
Sponsor Income		- USD
	<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>14,065.00 USD</b>
	<b>Inventory</b>	
Regalia Inventory in Turkey		2,847.00 USD
Regalia Inventory in Australia		506.00 USD
Regalia Inventory in Japan		6,055.00 USD
	<b>Total Inventory</b>	<b>9,408.00 USD</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>70,476.76 USD</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Liabilities		- USD
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>- USD</b>
	<b>ASSETS, ABOVE LIABILITIES</b>	<b>70,476.76 USD</b>

Please note USD 11550,00 Overdues (not collected dues in previous years 2001-02, 2002-03) Regalia inventory is recorded at cost prices

TOTAL ASSETS	70,476.76 USD
TOTAL UNPAID DUES	7,190.00 USD
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF 06.30.2004 (Cash + Cheques + Regalia Inv.)	63,286.76 USD

# Nomination for the office of International Commodore 2009 – 2011

The officers for IYFR are elected many years ahead of time and this year we need to consider the appointment for International Commodore for the years 2009 to 2011.

Nominations are called for now and should be to hand by 31 December 2004.

Please survey your fleet members and advise Past Commodore Ken Winter before the 31 December, if a candidate is eligible and willing.

### Declaration of Intent furnished by Candidate:

I have read, understand, accept and agree to be bound by the provisions as written in the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians General Rules. If elected to a two year term as International Rear Commodore. I am aware that I am expected to continue serving a two-year terms as International Vice Commodore, then Commodore, and after that as Immediate Past Commodore.

Signed this ..... day of ..... 2004

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Signature of Nominee

Nomination submitted by:

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Print name of nominator

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Signed by Nominator

Nominator's address:

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Ph number: .....

Fax: .....

Email: .....

Fax this to:

Chairman of nominating committee  
Ken Winter, Immediate International

Past Commodore,

Fax + 64 9 357 0172

Email: kenwinter@xtra.co.nz

# Nomination for International Commodore 2009 to 2011

Nominee's full Name.....

Spouse's Name.....

Mailing Address.....

Phone..... Fax..... Cellular..... Email.....

### Biographical Data:

Business Activities.....

Personal Activities, accomplishments.....

Rotary Club..... Classification.....

Rotary offices held & dates.....

IYFR involvement.....

Accomplishments.....  
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Please submit any additional information on a separate page

Please attach or email a Portrait Photograph

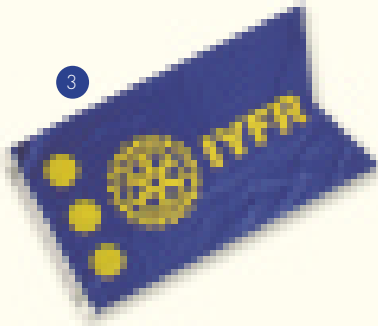
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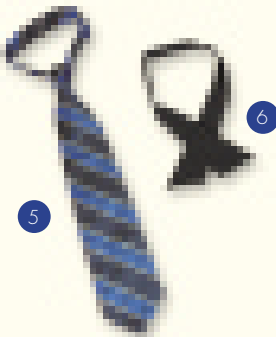
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| 1  | Blue Burgee Lapel Pins  | \$ 5.00  |
| 2  | Fleet Officers Insignia<br>(Pair of Epaulets with stars,<br>etc - by request) | \$ 20.00 |
| 3  | Burgees<br>Fleet Commodore Burgee<br>(3 balls)                                | \$ 35.00 |
|    | Vice Commodore Burgee<br>(2 balls)  | \$ 35.00 |
|    | Rear Commodore Burgee<br>(1 ball)   | \$ 35.00 |
| 4  | Member Burgee<br>(12"x18")  | \$ 19.00 |
| 5  | IYFR Tie (navy/blue<br>diagonal stripe/burgee)                                | \$ 25.00 |
| 6  | IYFR Ladies Crosstie  | \$ 7.00  |
| 7  | White Epaulette Shirt<br>(S, M, L, XL, XXL)                                   | \$ 40.00 |
| 8  | T-Shirt/white embroidered<br>(S, M, L, XL, XXL)                               | \$ 15.00 |
| 9  | IYFR Emblem Cap<br>(gold leaves on bill)                                      | \$ 20.00 |
| 10 | Captains casket white top,<br>blue visor                                      | \$ 12.00 |
| 11 | IYFR Emblem Cap (navy)  | \$ 15.00 |
| 12 | IYFR Window Decal   | \$ 1.00  |
| 13 | IYFR Screenprinted<br>blazer emblem (sew on)                                  | \$ 10.00 |



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(Shipping charges excluded)  
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