



IFYE NEWS

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It was "Another World Close to Home" in 2005 It will be "The Peak Experience" in 2006

Canadian hospitality was in abundance! Over 250 4-H International exchange alumni, families and friends felt it as they experienced "Another World Close to Home," theme of the 2005 National IFYE Conference, held just across the border in Chatham, Ontario, Canada.

That hospitality was especially visible in the conference chair, Geraldine Campbell, New Zealand-USA 1967, her husband, Jamey, Canada-Australia/New Zealand 1968, and their family.

Think red and white - forget the blue - and envision the scene below with vivid red and white chairs (conference gift) emblazoned with the Canadian maple leaf symbol, filled with conferees listening to the Chatham Concert Band. That was just one of the many exciting educational and entertaining events of the conference.

While enjoying the concert, conferees were beginning to look beyond the band shell to "The Peak Experience" at the next National IFYE Conference, August 23-27, 2006, in Colorado Springs near scenic Pikes Peak pictured above (courtesy of Experience Colorado Springs at Pikes Peak, the region's visitors center).

"I wish she had been here!" "I wonder why he didn't come?" Such questions abound during conferences. Several have asked for a special appeal encouraging alumni to attend the next conference - 1971, 1956, 1981, 1949, 1969 and 1995 year groups, all delegates to Africa, all to India, and others. Exchange alumni - consider this is a special invitation!

Information on the 2005 and 2006 conferences is found throughout this issue. The registration form for 2006 is on page 6. ★



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IFYE Association Board Members at Conference and Focused on the Contents in This Issue! They are (l-r) White, Thompson, Trail, Barton, Beard, Holton, Narhi, Vierow, and Munson (see left).

Editorial Thoughts

Wow! Recent months have been something! A great conference in Chatham! Exciting plans unveiled for 2006 in Colorado Springs! Family home for most of the summer. Proposed new Association Bylaws. Reconnecting. Kathleen Flom at 92. Loss of colleagues and friends. Introduction to aging challenges! Perhaps some of these are thoughts of some of you!

Kathleen Flom. A friend of many who have traveled the 4-H International exchange route. Two articles - below and on the next page. Hope you will help in refurbishing "Kathleen's Corner" at the National 4-H Center.

It was great to meet up with Kathleen Fojtik Stroud, MI-Mauritius 1969, at the IFYE Conference. Kathy, pictured with me at right, was one of my 4-H'ers when a 4-H Agent in the early 60's.



Another reconnect - after 50 years! Just learned about two books written by Jerry R. Davis, MI-Germany 1953 (see page 12). Tracked him down in Albuquerque. Found a photo of our Michigan 1953 group - Jerry, seated with Joan Pierce Boewe, Belgium-

Luxembourg. That's me standing (left) with Keith Brown, Nigeria. Jack Crowner, New Zealand, was also in our group.

Apologies. It wasn't clear that the "In Memory" page (4) of the spring issue included *only* deceased exchange alumni and life members. We regret some were not included and appreciate your help in keeping the records up-to-date.

Speaking of new proposed bylaws, we welcome your thoughts (pages 7-8). A good change. My suggestion - if we want to appeal to the younger delegates and the many who participate in other 4-H International programs - let's become the **4-H International Association of the USA**! Enjoy this issue. Always like to hear from you!

Mel Thompson
Michigan-Turkey 1953
Editor, IFYE News ☆

Kathleen Flom Celebrates 92nd Birthday 1955 Pennsylvania Alum Reflects and Remembers

(See related article next page)

Viola Steigerwalt Christman, PA-England/Wales 1955, sent this photo to Kathleen Flom at the time of her 92nd birthday on July 14. Kathleen lit up when seeing the photo, as she does when you mention 4-H, IFYE, 4-H International Programs or the National 4-H Center. She especially enjoyed Viola's note: "I can't believe it is 50 years ago that I met you. You were so gracious! It was beyond my wildest dreams to be chosen as an IFYE and represent 4-H. I'm still in touch with nine of my host families." Pictured with Kathleen during their spring orientation 50 years ago are (l-r seated) Eunice Ann Budenbender Perusic, KS-England/Wales; Lila Anne Jones, GA-Italy; Miss Flom; Lolita Buchanan Kariker, TX-England/Wales; Christman; (l-r standing) Thomas J. Pfitzner, MO-England/Wales; C. Dale Hayhurst, AR-Costa Rica; Von R. Gordon, OH-England/Wales; Walter G. Berryman, VA-England/Wales; J. Glen Chenhall, IA-Italy; and the late Leslie Nichols of National 4-H Council's international staff. Missing from the photo was Ollie E. Hopkins, CO-Costa Rica. ☆



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Wings of Change

Message from the President



David J. White, President

A butterfly exercising its wings in China sets into motion a series of atmospheric events that change the weather in far distant lands. The IFYE Association's declaration of support for nationally organized state exchange programs

has set into motion a way of thinking, an organizational mechanism, a way of conducting and expanding upon global education.

I was pleased to receive a call from Dr. Cathann Kress recently. I can assure you there is none more supportive or in favor of global education than Dr. Kress. In our conversation, it became clear that an economy of effort was supported and encouraged by National 4-H Headquarters. Indeed, a more centralized approach is essential to successful inbound and outbound programs. The economy, however, lies within each state's support and desire to move forward with exchanges under the proposed oversight of the International Program Committee.

Let me try and make it clear that there is a real and tangible distinction between a nation-

ally organized national 4-H exchange program and a nationally organized state exchange program.

National 4-H Headquarters has played and continues to play an integral role in insulating 4-H International exchanges from what would become necessary governmental and inter departmental involvement if exchanges originated within the halls of the CSREES and USDA. Accordingly, it is in the best interest of 4-H International exchanges to remain in the ownership of states.

I appreciate the position National 4-H Headquarters has taken with regard to global education. It means 4-H global education and 4-H International exchanges are on an unencumbered path to greater cultural understanding.

Thanks for Your Trust

I don't know how many of you have ever rafted through class 5 rapids with an unknown captain. It is difficult to put life and limb in the hands of another. I appreciate how difficult it must have been to entrust the leadership of the IFYE Association to an unknown quantity.

I have sat in the captain's seat. However, it was not before walking several meters down stream, checking for pour-overs, house rocks, and finally consulting with others about the best course.

Ultimately, I made choices. Many course changes did take place mid stream. Fortunately, the crew was willing to follow. Everyone got wet. No one had to be rescued.

I had two goals in mind for the IFYE Association. Revise the By-Laws to allow the Association to operate more freely. And two, place the Association on a path of support and advocacy for a nationally organized state exchange program.

I believe in 2006, the Association will ratify a new set of By-Laws (see page 7) and a small cadre of 4-H youth will experience life and culture in unimaginable ways.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President. I appreciate the words of advice and encouragement I received from a number of people. I am indebted to the passion and commitment of the Association Board. I also hold in high regard the leadership demonstrated by Norm Bauer, president of the IFYE Foundation.

Now is the time to turn our passion into action.

David J. White
California-Philippines 1979
President ☆

Friends to Honor Kathleen Flom

Opportunity to Support "Kathleen's Corner"

Most alumni and friends of IFYE and other 4-H International exchange programs will remember Kathleen Flom for her input into their international experience during her many years on the staff of National 4-H Council. Her roles in hospitality, orientation and group leadership prepared many for the exchange experience. Kathleen has made significant contributions to the 4-H movement nationally and internationally.

To honor her legacy, Kathleen's many friends are encouraged to help refurbish Kathleen's Corner, a room in J. C. Penney Hall on the campus of the National 4-H Conference Center.

The room, just off the main lobby, will showcase both Kathleen's role within 4-H and document and preserve the history of National 4-H Council. She was a key player in the historic opening of the Center in 1959 and welcomed visitors from around the nation and the world for many years.

Kathleen's Corner is being designed to provide a creative learning and meeting environment with the latest in technology, an area that honors Kathleen, and an educational exhibit providing information regarding National 4-H Council's history and contributions to 4-H.

The newly designed room will include Kathleen's portrait, a plaque outlining her contributions to 4-H, and a number of photos, framed documents and artifacts highlighting National 4-H Council's history.

Friends can honor Kathleen and help continue her warm and informative welcome to the Center with a tax-deductible contribution. Checks should be payable to National 4-H Council (indicate Kathleen's Room on



Sue Fisher - Kathleen Flom - Sue Benedetti

memo line) and mail to National 4-H Council, Development Office, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815-4999.

Assisting Sue Fisher, Associate Director of Development with National 4-H Council staff, with this special recognition, are Eleanor Wilson, National 4-H Headquarters staff (retired), and two IFYE alums - Gwen Western El Sawi, MN-India 1969, and Sue Kleen Benedetti, WY-India 1966. ☆

2005 National "Great Lakes" IFYE Conference

Chatham-Kent, Ontario



The theme, "Another World Close to Home," was a hit with over 250 alumni and friends attending the 43rd National IFYE Conference across the border in Chatham-Kent, Ontario. It was hosted by Geraldine and Jamey Campbell of Chatham and Michigan 4-H International alumni. Conferees came from 32 states, Ontario and 7 other countries.

The conference got underway with a colorful opening ceremony involving the Town Crier, local dignitaries, a parade of flags, a cultural pageant about the history of the area and the American and Canadian national anthems.

A focus during the conference was on the importance of the fresh water in the Great Lakes to North America and the role of the International Joint Commission (Canada and the U.S.) in watching over the transboundary environment from coast to coast (www.ijc.org). The Great Lakes hold an estimated six quadrillion gallons of water - a fifth of all drinkable water on the surface of Earth.

An interesting part of the program focused on the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, located at Whitefish Point near Paradise in Michigan's upper peninsula (www.ShipwreckMuseum.com). Of the 6,000 ships lost on the Great Lakes, the *Edmund Fitzgerald* is the most famous and mysterious. It lies 17 miles from Whitefish Point, at a depth of 535 feet. The ship's bell was raised in 1995 to honor the 29 men lost on November 10, 1975, and as a reminder of the 30,000 others lost to shipwrecks on the Great Lakes.

All day tours provided a fascinating view of the trails of the Indian nations, the agriculture, horticulture and industrial history of Chatham-Kent, and the impact of the underground railroad on the area - including a visit to "Uncle Tom's Cabin" site where Josiah Henson inspired Harriet Beecher Stow's epic book. A special tour for the young people included the London Children's Museum and Storybook Gardens and a visit to the Ska-Nah-Doht Indian Village.

Ryan Hrejac, the 13-year-old founder of the Ryan's Well Foundation who was moved at 6 years of age to find a way to provide water wells in developing countries, was an inspiration as he shared during the international banquet! His work is the beneficiary of the conference service project. With funds raised through auctions, a barter table and jug collection and the children's craft sale, along with matching funds from the Canadian government, the contribution exceeds \$10,000. Hrejac, with support of his parents, has traveled the world promoting his goal of financing new wells in areas of need (www.ryanswell.ca). ☆



National IFYE Conference - June 21-25, 2005 - Chatham, Ontario
Helen Obernagel, IL-France 1978, won the drawing to direct the Chatham Concert Band (below left).
Conferees visiting a one-room school on the "Follow the North Star" Underground Railroad tour.



Ryan Hrejac with Jamey (left) and Geraldine Campbell (at podium) with Conference Youth presenting their contribution to the Ryan's Well Foundation.



National IFYE Conference 2006

Colorado Springs, Colorado

"The Peak Experience: Turning Adversity into Opportunity"



Photo courtesy of Experience Colorado Springs at Pikes Peak

"The Peak Experience: Turning Adversity into Opportunity" is the theme of the National IFYE Conference, August 23-27, 2006. It will be headquartered at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel with its spectacular views of Pikes Peak, one of the highest of the Rocky Mountains.

Think of it as the "Wild West?" Still true today....depending on what you consider as wild! A summer hail storm? Possible. Deer pecking in your window or a bear resting by a tree in the back yard? Possible.

The planning committee isn't promising such mountain living, but the program will provide you a look into the Pikes Peak area of the past to the ever growing Colorado Springs, the Garden of the Gods where you'll pose for the conference photo, Fort Carson - The Mountain Post, the Air Force Academy and NORAD, where they track everything roaming around the blue skies above.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said that to describe the beauty of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region "bankrupts the English language." Katharine Lee Bates, who looked upon the city in 1893 from atop the 14,110 foot Pikes Peak, was inspired to write the poem, "America the Beautiful," an anthem our nation still sings today.

The keynote speaker during the opening session will be Robert "Bob" Sakata of Sakata Farms in Brighton, Colorado, a strong supporter of the 4-H program. Conferees will be inspired as he relates his family experience of "turning adversity into opportunity" to the conference theme.

Sakata was among the Japanese Americans to be evacuated from the west during World War II. He was sent to a relocation camp in Topaz,

Utah, and released in December 1942 through a citizenship endorsement program. He then relocated to Brighton. His 40 acres at the time has grown into a 3,200 acre vegetable farming operation.

Sakata will also provide a workshop on the Colorado Water Update. Other workshops will relate to 4-H International programs, estate planning and leadership training.

An evening at the Flying W Ranch will include dinner and entertainment. There will be several half-day tours of the Pikes Peak and Colorado Springs area, and for the more adventurous, day long white water rafting and a tour to the Royal Gorge near Canon City.

The conference service project will be in support of Futures for Children, headquartered in New Mexico. Its mission is to improve the quality of education for American Indian children (www.futuresforchildren.org). It encourages children to stay in school through one-on-one mentoring, trains students to be leaders and critical thinkers, and increases family involvement in their children's academic studies. Elizabeth Hofmann Carlson, NE-Switzerland 1969, who works in San Fidel, New Mexico, is a mentor in the program. She and Betty Stephenson, CO-England/Wales 1952, are coordinating this project.

Stephenson, along with Laura Schick, CO-Luxembourg 1999; and Deryl Waldren, KS-Poland 1977, are co-chairs of the conference.

Register today. You are encouraged to photocopy the registration form on page 6.....or this page to save the program information.



50 Years Ago - August 7-10, 1956 - National IFYE Conference - Estes Park, Colorado



Conference Registration Form

2006 National IFYE Conference

August 23-27, 2006

Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel

Colorado Springs, Colorado

One Delegate Per Page Please! Photo Copies Acceptable!

Full Name _____ Name for Nametag _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Program _____ From _____ To _____ Year _____

(State Represented)

(Country)

Or Host Family _____ Friend of 4-H _____ Other _____

Confirm Registration by E-mail _____ or Mail _____ Mode of travel to conference: Fly _____ Drive _____

I agree to allow my above contact information to be put on a list for other conference participants - Y _____ N _____

Special conference needs (food, physical, etc.) _____

Full Conference Registration* (Cost is same for adults and youth):

Postmarked by December 31, 2005 - \$300.00 \$ _____

Postmarked January 1 – March 31, 2006 - \$325.00 \$ _____

Postmarked April 1, 2006 or after - \$350.00 \$ _____

Partial Conference Registration (Cost is same for adults and youth):

Wednesday, August 23, 2006 - \$70.00 \$ _____

Thursday, August 24, 2006 - \$95.00 \$ _____

Friday, August 25, 2006 - \$95.00 \$ _____

Saturday, August 26, 2006 - \$105.00 \$ _____

Saturday international banquet only, - \$55.00 \$ _____

Sunday, August 27, 2006 - \$25.00 \$ _____

T-shirt Sizes ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL Cost is \$12.00 per T-Shirt. \$ _____

I would like to order an official conference photograph at \$10.00 per print. \$ _____

Check here if IFYE Association of the USA Lifetime Member _____ Membership # _____

National IFYE Association 2006 annual dues of \$25.00 per exchange participant must

be paid with registration if not already paid and you are not a USA Lifetime Member \$ _____

Total Registration -Checks (US funds) payable to 2006 National IFYE Conference \$ _____

Miscellaneous:

Full registration refunds until 3/31/2006; service charge of \$50.00 per delegate after 3/31/2006.

2006 IFYE Inbounds/2005 Outbounds are eligible for free hotel scholarship. ___ Tick here for details.

Tours will be from the Pikes Peak region including white water rafting, cog train to the top of Pikes Peak, a military installation, Colorado Ranching, plus others TBA. Extra cost will be from \$5-\$35 per person. Tour transportation/lunch is included in basic registration cost; entry fees, if applicable aren't. Early registrants will be sent a follow-up list of final tours, and will be given preference.

Hotel Reservations: Call directly for hotel accommodations, Colorado Springs Sheraton Hotel, 1-800-325-3535;

2886 South Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906; 719-576-5900; FAX – 719-576-7695;

Website: www.sheraton.com. Conference group name – **International 4-H Youth Exchange**

Mail, FAX, or E-mail your registration and funds to: Deryl E. Waldren; Boulder County Extension Office,

9595 Nelson Road, Box B, Longmont, CO 80501 USA. Telephone: (303) 678-6238;

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Other Information: Conference Details - Laura Schick, 303-886-9521, or Laura.A.Schick@WellsFargo.com

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Website - www.ifyeusa.org

IFYE Association Proposed Bylaws

Comments and/or Suggestions Encouraged



A committee appointed by the IFYE Association Board of Directors has drawn up a new set of bylaws for the Association. The Board of Directors is recommending the adoption of these bylaws, to be voted on at the annual meeting of the IFYE Association during the 2006 National IFYE Conference in Colorado. IFYE Association members are encouraged to submit comments and/or suggestions by January 31, 2006, to their regional representatives on the Board of Directors or to the president of the Association (see page 2).



(PROPOSED) BYLAWS

of the
INTERNATIONAL FOUR-H YOUTH EXCHANGE (IFYE) ASSOCIATION
of the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be the International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Association of the United States of America [hereafter called the Association].

ARTICLE II: LOCATION

The office of the Association shall be located at the State 4-H Office, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE AND MISSION

1. The Association shall engage exclusively in charitable, educational and fund development activities that further world understanding through 4-H International education and exchange programs.
2. The Association shall operate in accordance with the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Statutes as set forth in Title 7, Articles 121-137 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (or any corresponding future provisions).
3. The Association shall carry out only those activities permitted by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Association through support of its membership, will:
Promote the growth of the 4-H International education and exchange programs.
Provide support of 4-H International education and exchange participants.
Provide financial assistance for 4-H International education and exchanges.
Provide recognition for outstanding service and contributions to 4-H International programs and cross-cultural understanding.
5. These obligations will be fulfilled through active member participation in state and national associations and/or involvement in inter-cultural learning activities at local, county, state, regional, national and international levels.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to participants and persons interested in 4-H International education and exchange programs.
2. Payment of fiscal years dues or life membership constitutes active membership. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter brought before the membership and receipt of all Association mailings.
3. An annual meeting of the members shall be held during the Association's annual conference.
4. A majority of the members present during the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.
5. Members shall vote on matters not directly delegated to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board).

Section 1: Officers and Directors

1. The Board shall consist of thirteen voting members; twelve elected active members and the immediate past president.
2. All members of the Board of Directors shall be active Association members.
3. The selection of board members and their responsibilities shall be as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.
4. The officers of the association must be members of the Board of Directors and shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Duties of the officers are as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.
5. The Board shall elect officers by ballot during a meeting of the Board at a time and place set by the Board. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee and from the floor during the meeting of the Board.
6. Non-voting Ex-officio director positions will be established when deemed appropriate.
7. Consultants with expertise and/or representatives as needed may participate in a board meeting(s) without a vote.
8. At the discretion of the Board, consultants or members with expertise, as needed, may carry out particular responsibilities of board members with the oversight of the Board of Directors.



IFYE Association Proposed Bylaws

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Section 2 – Meetings of the Board

1. The Board will operate on a calendar year basis.
2. Three-fourths of the Board of Directors in office shall constitute a quorum.
3. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held at the time of the annual Association Conference.
4. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President or at the request of any three Directors.
5. Special meetings shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board or via a conference call arrangement. Notice of such meetings describing the date, time, place, and purpose of the meetings, shall be delivered in a fair and reasonable manner not less than ten (10) working days prior to the special meetings.
6. Motions and voting are limited to Officers and Directors.
7. Reimbursement of Board member expenses are as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing committees of the Association will include: Conference, By-laws and Policies and Procedures, Recognition, Outreach, Membership and Finance. Committee responsibilities are as outlined in the Policies & Procedures Manual.

Section 2: The President with consent of the Board of Directors shall name Special or Ad hoc committees.

ARTICLE VII: POLICIES AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

The Association will have a Policies and Procedures Manual, updated annually by the board of directors and approved by a majority vote of the active members at the annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII: DUES

1. The Association will have annual and life memberships. Life membership dues are payable in one payment.
2. Changes in dues will be recommended by the Board and require the approval of the membership at the annual meeting.
3. Dues for participants in any 4-H International exchange program will be half of the annual dues for a one-year (1) membership for the first calendar year following completion of their program.

ARTICLE VI: ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

1. An annual meeting of the Association will be held during the National Association conference.
2. Two-thirds (2/3) of the active members registered at the annual conference shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting of the Association
3. The site of each annual conference shall be decided two (2) years in advance at the annual Association meeting by a majority vote of active members attending the conference. States shall submit bids for the conference site in accordance with guidelines as outlined in the Policies and Procedure Manual.
4. The Board has the discretion to not have a regular scheduled annual meeting of the Association during the year of a World IFYE Conference.
5. There shall be no voting by proxy.

ARTICLE VII: WORLD BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Upon an invitation for participation in the World Conference Board, the President and the Board of the Association shall appoint a representative. The method of selection will be as outlined in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

ARTICLE VIII: CORPORATE INDEMNITY STATEMENT

This Association shall indemnify its Officers and Representatives to the fullest extent allowed by current or future Colorado law.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. The Board, at regular or special meetings, shall recommend amendments or revocation of the By-Laws by a majority vote.
2. All amendments and revocations shall be presented to and ratified by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at the annual meeting held during the Association's annual conference.
3. The By-Laws, as amended or revoked, shall become effective immediately upon ratification

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Association is dissolved, its assets shall be distributed to the IFYE Foundation of the USA. In the event the IFYE Foundation is unwilling or unable to accept such assets, they will be distributed in furtherance of charitable purposes or to organizations that have established exemption as charitable organizations as set forth under the laws of the State of Colorado and the United States of America.



Comfortable Camille Burck, 6, in the arms of the Canadian Maple Leaf Conference Gift. (Mom-Jonna Alig Burck, IL-Netherlands 1986).



Conference Opening Gala Ceremony



1948'ers Russ Mawby, MI-Great Britain, and Armin Samuelson, KS-Sweden, and wives Lou Ann and Ellen.



Bob Ellis, IN-Gambia 71 with Deb Clarke, Australia-UK 82, Chair of the 2008 World IFYE Conference in Australia



John Cromie, N. Ireland 56, Brian Stirling, N.Ireland-US 2005.



Fiona Cromie, N Ireland 60 and Pauline Francis Ritchie, Jamaica-US 67.



Jo Ann Smith Trail, VA-Sweden 56 and Victoria Fehrman Warren, MD-Germany 78, with International Banquet Ice Sculpture



Beth Nepermann Gehrke, IL-Switzerland 79, Matron of the IFYE Society of Ladies Young (ISLY) recruiting for honorary male ISLY membership during 2005 National IFYE Conference. With (l-r) Caron Beard, OR-New Zealand 59; Prathi Dharmasiri of Sri Lanka; Paul Langseth, MN-New Zealand 78 - Honorary ISLY 04; and the 2005 ISLY's with Roger McCoy, MD-New Zealand 68 (center front) - Honorary ISLY 05. Looks like acceptance has something to do with New Zealand! Do you think there's a conspiracy involving Conference Chair Geraldine, New Zealand-USA 67?

IFYE Foundation of the USA

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In Honor of our 53rd Wedding Anniversary

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In Honor of our 20th Wedding Anniversary

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Mildred Stroud

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Mildred Stroud

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Jim & Henrietta Hensler

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Lego Oriented Norway 4-H'ers Participate in West Virginia 4-H Camp



Tomas Gunnarsson, Sweden-CT/MN 1977, leads a 4-H group in Norway involved with Lego robots. He and his family now live near Oslo where he works. Tomas and his son and nephew attended the Cabell 4-H Camp in West Virginia this past summer, which offered Lego "RoboLab" computer program training. They learned about it while searching the web. It met their interests and provided an opportunity to participate in an American 4-H Camp.



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Harlen Persinger Ag Photographer of 2005



Harlen Persinger, IA-Norway 1970, is the 2005 American Agricultural Editor's Association (AAEA) Photographer of the Year, an honor he also won in 2000.

The recognition was made by AAEA president Susan Davis at the Agricultural Media Summit summer meeting in Milwaukee.

His winning portfolio included photos that were published in national and state farm periodicals during the past year. One in the portfolio, appropriate for this season of the year, is shown below.

In his 25 years as a member of AAEA, he has captured 70 awards in their annual photo competition. Twelve of his photographs appeared in the 1989 publication, *Country USA/24 Hours in Rural America*.

During his career, he has worked as a photojournalist for numerous agriculture entities. Many of his photos have graced the covers of agriculture publications.

After 24 years with a marketing communications agency, he established his own freelance business in 2004.

Persinger has provided many of the photos covering National IFYE Conferences over the years for IFYE News.



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IFYE golf shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton. Embroidered green and white with "4-H International" over IFYE logo. Tri-colored polo white with green collar and sleeve trim and blue placket, available XL \$32. Putty color polo available S, M and L \$29.

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In Memoriam

The IFYE Association has recently received word of the death of the following 4-H International alumni, spouses and Association supporters and members (L - Life Membership):

- ★ Donald Stauffacher, WI-Costa Rica 1970, L-0469, September 29, 2005, Durham, NC
- ★ Karen Kay Zilliox, wife of Larry Zilliox, MN-Botswana 1968, September 23, 2005, Alexandria, MN
- ★ Darrel W. Hilst, husband of Judy Konnecker Hilst, IL-Ireland 1956, July 29, 2005, Havana, IL
- ★ Ronald B. Goyette, National 4-H Council International Programs Staff 1980s, July 12, 2005, Silver Spring, MD
- ★ William C. Thiesenhusen, WI-Spain 1958, June 25, 2005, Fitchburg, WI
- ★ Ardis Eagy Wells, OR-Switzerland 1953, June 12, 2005, Corvallis, OR
- ★ Robert E. Wise, OH-Columbia 1951, May 18, 2005, Newark, OH
- ★ Nancy Wickline Crow, VA-Israel 1953, May, 2002, Buchanan, VA
- ★ Mary Ada Gardner Grossen, UT-Finland 1955, mid-90s, Orem, UT
- ★ S. Thomas Stickley, OH-Ecuador 1955, 1988, Alexandria, VA

The IFYE Association would like to update their records to reflect all 4-H International exchange alumni and spouses, program staff and other Association members who are deceased. Please send full name, State-Country-Year or relationship to program, date of death, and address at that time, to melvinhi@aol.com or IFYE Association, 5811 Lone Oak Drive East, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Deceasedments, corrections and updates are appreciated. ★

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Jerry R. Davis, MI-Germany 1953 - *Home on the Farm - Essays on a Michigan Childhood*, 2003, and *Tales on the Road - Essays on a Half Century of Travel*, 2004. Order info: 505/352-9221 or JRD2820@aol.com.

Francie Brink Berg, MT-Switzerland 1954 - *Underage and Overweight: Our Childhood Obesity Crisis - What Every Family Needs to Know*, 2005 (revised/softcover), Hatherleigh Press - www.hatherleighpress.com ★



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Southern Region alumni will hold their Winter Gathering, February 17-19, at the LaHacienda Hotel near Ocala, Florida.

Program will include horse country highlights, exploring Florida nature, and fine art sites in the area. Live entertainment every day at "The Square" near the hotel.

Contact Duain Vierow at 352/750-3494 or e-mail dvierow@comcast.net. Rooms reserved. First come, first served! ★



Alice Viestenz Sedgwick, WI-Germany 1963, and husband, Steve.
Exhibit the Conference Enthusiasm in Chatham, Ontario.



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