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IFYE Board Update:

Joining the IFYE Board in January 2017 will be Colleen MacMurtrie, IFYE from VA to Finland and Switzerland in 2015. She brings youth and media expertise to the Board. She will join Cindy Barnett and Larry Gould as Board members in January.

Officer elections for the new Board will take place at the November 13 IFYE Board meeting conference call. Finding Board members willing to accept the roles of Vice-President and Associate Treasurer has been a struggle. Interested persons should contact the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Betty Jo Roberts at bjrobkan@gmail.com.

The Board decided to make a modest donation to the 4-H Club Congress occurring in late November 2016. Doing so will provide the opportunity to promote the IFYE exchange program via a static booth to the attendees in hopes that they will include IFYE in their future plans. IFYE alumni in the Atlanta area will man the booth.

A change will occur in January 2017 regarding IFYE communication that is sent via postal mail. Those that do not have email availability or wish to receive communication by postal mail will be asked to pay \$20 per year to cover those costs. There are 11 communication mailings (Newsletter and Updates) planned. A special invoice will be sent in December 2016 to those for whom we do not have a good email address. Please go to the IFYEUSA.ORG website and “contact us” or directly to Ginny Warner (IFYE Database Manager) vwarnersbcglobal.net to send the email address you prefer be used to avoid this \$20 request. Those that choose not to pay the \$20 and will not receive email still receive one postal newsletter per year at no cost.

2017 National IFYE Conference

Please plan ahead for the 2017 National IFYE Conference that will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Double occupancy rooms (or single) are \$99 per night and children under 17 are free! The dates will be Wednesday, August 30 – Sunday, September 3, 2017. Be watching ifyeusa.org for more details. Registration materials and fee information will be available in early 2017. If you would like to help with the Florida Conference Committees, please contact Co-chairs Joyce Strollo jjstrollo@comcast.net or Debbie Nistler nistlerd@ufl.edu.

IFYE Program Update:

Alan Lambert, National Program Director, conducted a mid-point debriefing/orientation with the outbound IFYE representatives in mid-September. One representative chose to terminate early and not continue to her second country assignment due to personal reasons. The other six IFYEs are now with host families in India, Costa Rica and Thailand.

Final debriefing will occur in Chicago the first week in December. After that event, it is planned and expected that all six (6) of the 2016 participants will be promoting IFYE with public speaking appearances. Details of how you might take advantage of this opportunity will appear in the next Issue of the IFYE Update.

If you know of persons that would possibly qualify to be an IFYE now is the time to have them submit an application for 2017! Please contact Alan Lambert at alanelambert@gmail.com or 605-366-6107 or find the application at the IFYEUSA.ORG website.

IFYE Financial Update:

Donations continue to be received. A big THANK YOU to all that have supported IFYE. A special thanks to those that have decided to provide an automatic monthly donation to IFYE. This can be achieved by check or credit card. A \$5 or more monthly donation is very welcomed.

The \$26,150 donation pledge from the IFYEs who went in 1968 is still operative. For every \$6 donated, this alumni group will donate \$1. That is a bonus of almost 17% for each dollar collected. Contribute now to be a part of this match. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Please consider using the attached or enclosed **DONATION INVOICE** to make a donation to IFYE now.

Would you like to **donate to IFYE and not pay income tax** on that donated amount? If you meet the criteria, that can happen!

The criteria: You must be 70.5 years of age, have an IRA or TSA account from which you are required to take a Minimum Required Distribution (MRD) amount each year.

If you meet those criteria you need to contact your account advisor and instruct them to send directly to IFYE any amount you wish as long as it does not exceed the MRD amount. Doing so will mean you do not have to pay income tax on the donated amount.

If you have already taken out your 2016 MRD and wish to still participate in this tax saving for 2016 taxes, there is a way that you can still do so! I have worked successfully with other IFYEs and their advisors to accomplish this, so contact me for further details.

THANK YOU again for your generous support of IFYE.

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FUTURE UPDATE ITEMS:

- How to donate to IFYE without paying taxes on IRA withdrawals.
- How to donate to IFYE and possibly increase your current income.
- Board member updates and officers for 2017
- Corporate IFYE funding progress
- IFYE Programming and budget for 2017

If you have immediate comments or questions about upcoming UPDATE ITEMS, please contact the Director of Development.

PS: Those that have donated in the past can add to their donation. Our apologies to those who are receiving an invoice if they have notified us that they can not contribute at this time. We still wanted you to receive the update information and it is hoped that is appreciated.