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2016 IFYE Annual Meeting

The 2016 Illinois IFYE Annual Meeting will be Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds New Berlin IL. The address is: 318 West Birch Street, New Berlin IL 62670. Take exit #82 off of Interstate 72 for New Berlin.

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The Business meeting will be at 10:30 am with lunch at 12:00 noon. The Community Women's Club of School Unit 16 is having a salad luncheon and Card Party in the same building. We will have our own private room for our meeting and have lunch with them at a reserved table for us. Cost of the Lunch is \$6.00 per person.

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Activities in the afternoon include a visit to Danenberger Family Vineyards: 12341 Irish Road; New Berlin IL. After a little tasting and purchases, we will head west to Jacksonville IL to visit the Underground Railroad and Governor Duncan Mansion. This 3-story, 17-room Mansion was built in 1834 for Illinois Governor Joseph Duncan, his wife Elizabeth and their family. It served as the official Governor's Mansion during Duncan's term of office (1834-38). It is the only standing structure which served this capacity in Illinois outside of Springfield

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The group that partakes of the Afternoon Activities will choose a place for a group meal in the evening in either Jacksonville of Springfield.

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Please mail your check for \$6.00 per person to: Larry L. Wachtel; 505 Ridgeview Drive; Sherman IL 62684. Make checks payable to IL IFYE. NOTE: If you forget please email Larry at: wachtell@gcctv.com with your reservation and bring the check on day of the meeting. The Ladies need to have an accurate count for the lunch.

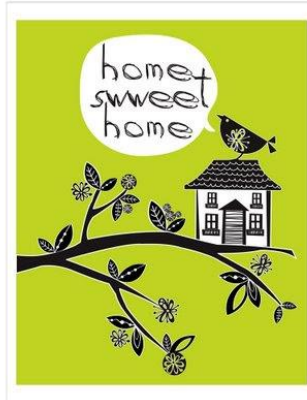
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Dick Wagner



Annual Meeting

This is the Annual Meeting and one of items of business is the Election of Officers. Toni's term as president expires and Paul will move up to President from President Elect. We need to elect a new President Elect at this meeting. The terms of secretary and treasurer expire also. And the Board terms of Sue Herren; Dick Wagner; and Bev Hornickel expire. In order to keep the IL IFYE organization running smoothly it needs members to serve as leaders in various capacities. Will you be a leader for your Organization?



Host Homes Needed!

It is time for IL IFYE members to find host homes. Please share this article with anyone and everyone you know who might be interested in hosting in 2016.

IL IFYE Association is going to sponsor two inbound IFYEs: Anna Elisabet Luomajarvi (18) from Finland and Amanda Bayles (28) from Tasmania, Australia.

Anna speaks three languages English, Swedish, and some German. She grew up on a farm. Her family has 30 Herefords, sheep, a horse, cats and dogs. She left home at sixteen to attend secondary school. She graduates on June 4th. She has worked as a 4-H club leader for the past two years. Her family has hosted four IFYEs. She has had 4-H summer pigs. She is most interested in beef cattle, especially Hereford, but she likes all animals and country life. Her favorite topics of study are history, literature, and English. She likes example knitting, crocheting, baking, photography, riding and hiking.

Amanda is a dairy shed manager of 2200 cows on three farms that encompass approximately 3,000 acres. Her family farm is about 4,500 acres of mixed crop production, sheep, and cattle. She is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. She has held two roles of Chairman and Treasurer of the local AG Fest. She is interested in comparing farms here in the US to the farms at home. Her hobbies are needlework, ploughing, water skiing, rural youth volunteering and spending time with family and friends. She wrote she is keen to try anything and everything.

The two participants will arrive on Monday, June 20, 2016 and will leave Illinois on Tuesday Sept 6, 2016. The period of time to cover is almost twelve weeks. The exact split of dates has yet to be determined. Is anyone willing to take them both to IFYE National in Kansas?

If you are interested in hosting, or know someone that is willing to host please contact IL IFYE Association State Coordinator Sue Herren (618) 234-2045.



International Opportunities

Would an international living experience be in your immediate or near future? (Please share with someone you know who might be interested)

IFYE is an international cultural exchange program designed for young adults, 19 years and older. IFYE emphasizes the understanding of other cultures by living it on a day to day basis, rather than seeing the culture from a tourist point of view. As an IFYE, you participate in daily activities with your host families. Without the encumbrances of an academic program, you will be more fully engaged in all aspects of your host family's lives.

IFYE's goal is to have you become a "son" or "daughter" with that host family.

For an example, former Illinois IFYE's to West Germany for six months (June - Dec.) lived with 7 different host families, each for a period of approximately three weeks. They may have begun their program with their first host family in northern Germany, near the border with Denmark, and ended in the Bavarian Alps with Brown Swiss cows and bells on their necks in December.

Currently, either six-month (beginning in mid-June and ending in early December, 2016) or three month (June - Sept. or Sept - Dec. 2016) programs are available. Participating countries in 2016 include: Austria, Costa Rica, Estonia, Finland, Germany, India, Norway, South Korea, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and the United Kingdom (Devon County in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales). See the IFYE brochure on the website as well. IFYEUSA.ORG

For those on a six-month program, you have the opportunity to live in two separate countries, while those on a three-month program will have one host country. A six month participant will have approximately two weeks free time between countries, or if spending all 6 months in one country, then some flexibility will be possible.

The application for the IFYE program can be found on the IFYEUSA.ORG website under the EXCHANGE PROGRAMS tab. Complete that application and email it to Alan Lambert: alanelambert@gmail.com



Illinois IFYE Programs

The dates for the inbound Japanese delegation are to arrive on July 22nd and to depart August 18th. Miriam Rosenbohm, our IL Japanese Coordinator is looking for host families with children ages 12 – 15. If you would like to be a host for these young boys and girls, contact Miriam at rosenbohm07@comcast.net

Illinois will have five youth and two adult chaperones traveling outbound this summer:
Gwen McDaniel – Japan for 8 weeks
Lana Fitzgerald – South Korea

Suzanne Russo –South Korea
Sophie Loiacano – Japan 4 weeks
Lydia Fulton – Costa Rica 4 weeks

Chaperones: Patty Heron – Japan 4 weeks and Vivian Mather – Costa Rica – 4 weeks.

Miriam will leave the end of March for a two week staff development trip to South Korea and Japan with this 4H program.

Asia-Pacific IFYE Conference

By Beth Gehrke, 1979 IFYE to Switzerland

The India IFYE Assn. hosted a wonderful Asia-Pacific IFYE Conference last November. They went all out to welcome the conference participants and show us their culture; and also to educate us on the agriculture, the challenges, and the opportunities India faces today as a country of 1.25 billion people.



I was impressed to learn of modern agricultural practices, such as laser leveling to conserve water on irrigated land and the use of genetically engineered crops, yet surprised to see the extent of manual labor still being used. The fields of wheat, canola, and vegetables which I saw looked excellent. During the discussions held at the hotel I heard very similar topics and concerns which I hear here in Illinois; the importance of plant nutrition, concern regarding nutrient run off, economy of scale, food hubs, micronutrients, and the importance of agricultural education. But while on our home farm we often rely on the younger generation to learn about and incorporate new technologies in our operation, in India the older generation is regarded as the teachers, so adoption of new methods is a challenge. As the country's population continues to grow, the demand for food and water, of course, will grow with it. They are aware of the challenges and are proactively looking for solutions. We were taken on a tour of an agricultural college where we learned of a research project harvesting monsoon rainwaters to recharge wells. We also visited research plots where various methods of irrigation were being evaluated. Worldwide all are recognizing the importance of water conservation.

Leadership at the conference appealed to the attending countries to send IFYEs to India. They are looking for exchangees who are willing to give their time, knowledge, and experience to learn about, understand, and help India as it rises to its challenges. They especially want to use IFYE as a vehicle to help improve agriculture. In return they said they would find a way to show the participant any of their specific areas of interest.

IFYE events also always include visits to area cultural sites. We spent many hours on buses traversing the countryside to visit places such as the revered Golden Temple and the foothills of the Himalayas. The rides themselves were as educational as the places visited. Riding on a bus for several hours a day on Indian roads in Indian traffic is something to experience! I had heard of the variety of vehicles and animals all sharing the same roadway, but to see it, and to hear the constant honking of horns was quite unbelievable. Each of our buses had two armed guards who would get off the bus and direct traffic or move barricades to help get us

through various traffic jams. Seemingly everything imaginable was for sale along those roads, from prepared foods being sold from small carts; to cages of chickens; to shoes, scarves, or other articles of clothing; to fruits, vegetables or flowers; to dried manure pies; besides for the regular stores and shops. There was always something different to see.

The final evening the India IFYEs hosted a wonderful good bye party. Gifts were exchanged and there was lively dancing to Indian pop music. I greatly enjoy IFYE events. The combination of multiple nationalities, learning new cultures, and making new friends is always the IFYE best!

IFYE Conferences 2016

USA IFYE Conference

The 2016 Conference will be held in Manhattan, Kansas, August 10-14. I. Please plan to come and share with everyone from the USA and other parts of the world. The program includes a visit to the Flint Hills Discovery Center, keynote speech by National Geographic photographer Jim Richardson, international entertainment and the WTCT Radio Players, and banquet program by the Peterson Brothers. Go to: www.ifyeusa.org for registration form and tour details. Also the current issue of the National IFYE News has the information.

European IFYE Conference

Estonian 4H and Estonian IFYE committee are happy to welcome you to the 58th of European IFYE conference. The Conference takes place 23rd – 30th of July 2016 in Estonia, Pärnumaa, [Jõulumäe](#).

It's the first time for Estonia to host the IFYE conference. During the week they will try to let you taste their culture, language and untouched nature. Of course there will be local delicious food and drinks. You will have wonderful chances to catch up with your IFYE friends during the different activities like dancing, hiking, meeting new people, team work, laughing, sweating in a sauna.

More information at: <http://www.ifye.org/pages/europe/default.htm>

2018 World IFYE Conference News

The USA IFYE Association will host the 2018 World IFYE Conference in North America. The reason was that Dale Yonker, North America World IFYE Board Member, was unable to establish an effective communication link with any potential point of contact to plan and organize a conference in Uganda in 2018. The USA IFYE Association has established a planning committee and will announce a date and location for the World Conference as soon as preliminary arrangements can be established.

Kind Regards, Dale Yonker IFYE from the USA to Turkey 1963



2016 Annual Meeting Registration

Name: _____

Others: _____

Number Attending Lunch: _____ @ \$6.00 ea. = \$_____ Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to: IL IFYE Mail to: Larry L. Wachtel; 505
Ridgeview Drive; Sherman IL 62684 before April 5, 2016

I will participate in: Winery Visit _____ Yes _____ No

I will participate in visit to Jacksonville sites: _____ Yes _____ No

I am interested in participating in an evening Dinner: _____ Yes _____ No

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