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Minnesota Beckons One and All!

NATIONAL IFYE CONFERENCE JUNE 23-27

Minnesota alumni beckon you to St. Paul, June 23-27, 2004, for a great program of education, entertainment and fellowship. Bring your family and friends.

Flags and hands will be waving in celebration of your arrival at the conference headquarters - the Holiday Inn St. Paul East!

The conference will begin with a welcoming festival of creativity and international dancing. A "Spirit of IFYE" exhibit will feature photos you bring that emphasize your international experience.

Bring your favorite 5x7 or 8x10 black and white or color photograph - not slides. Label the back with your name and address. They will be returned at the end of the conference.

Conferees will be entertained and enlightened by special guest speakers highlighting the conference theme, "Waves of Today." On the first day, they'll enjoy a Minnesota hot-dish supper and Scandinavian music.

A conference highlight will be the opportunity to learn of the different waves that have shaped Minnesota through Friday tours that focus on Waves of History, Waves of Grain, Waves of Flowers and Plants, Waves of Swedish Immigrants, and Waves of Tourists...the choice of tour is yours! There will be plenty of free time to pursue individual interests on Saturday.



There have been a lot of line dances at IFYE conferences over the years. This one, led by past president Bob Ellis, IN-Gambia 71, started in South Dakota in 2002 and is still moving towards Minnesota. Join the line - see you in St. Paul!

The special International Banquet and program on Saturday evening will still leave a few hours for rest before the Sunday morning worship service, closing ceremony, and farewell brunch.

A children's program, appropriate to the ages and numbers of those attending, will be provided. Camping facilities are available within ten miles of the conference headquarters.

The conference service project will support Operation Bootstrap Africa, a program dedicated to providing primary school education for children in Tanzania. School bags will be prepared during the conference. Bring spiral notebooks, lined notebook paper,

16-24-pack crayons, rulers, erasers, scissors, pencils, pens, colored markers/pencils, and pencil sharpeners. Cash donations will also be welcome to round out the needs of the project.

St. Paul is the destination of Grand Excursion 2004, a replication of Grand Excursion 1854 that celebrated America's first railroad connection to the Mississippi River. President Fillmore traveled by rail from Chicago to Rock Island, Illinois, then by steamboat up river to St. Paul and Saint Anthony Falls in Minneapolis. Events are planned from June 25 to July 4 in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota to retrace this journey (www.grandexcursion.com).



www.ifye.com). Those wishing to plan a pre/post-conference stay in Minnesota, contact Marlene Stoehr (stoch003@tc.umn.edu).

Coming or going, travel through southwestern Minnesota and make a "Pilgrimage to Pipestone" - home of the symbolic Peace Pipe.

Register by April 1 to receive the lowest conference rate (see registration form in this issue). Make hotel reservations by phone - 651-731-2220, or fax - 651-731-0243. The conference rate is \$95/room plus 10% combined state/city taxes for 1-4 adults. A reserved block of rooms is available until May 21. ☆

2006 Conference... Bids due April 15

The selection of the host state for the National IFYE Conference in 2006 will be made in June at the 2004 Conference in Minnesota. Bid proposals are due April 15. Send proposals to David White (address page 2). ☆



Panoramic view of St. Paul - site of the National IFYE Conference June 23-27, 2004

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Update on 4-H International Programs Reflections on Sri Lanka Visit

Happy New Year!

It has been my privilege to serve as president of the IFYE Association - first in 1963-64 and during the past three years. Your new president, David White, CA-Philippines 1979, and the entire board, have my full support. I look forward to a final year on the board as past president, continuing as editor of IFYE News, and coordinating the alumni directory and historical records.

Our new year began with travel to Sri Lanka to visit our son, Dean, MD-Egypt/Israel 1986, his wife, Jane, OH-Israel/Netherlands 86/88, and our three grand-redheads! Dean is the economics officer with our Embassy in Colombo, which serves both Sri Lanka and The Maldives. More on Sri Lanka later.

This past year was a challenge following the National 4-H Headquarters decision that there would not be national coordination of 4-H International exchanges. Very few states participated in 2003. It appears that most states are waiting until there is a decision as to how programs are going to be coordinated nationally. However, U.S. participation has been minimal the last several years.

In reference to the whole exchange effort and concerns of the 4-H Program, we also face the challenge of fewer countries with 4-H-like programs, safety, security and visa issues, and CSIET (Council on Standards for International

Education Travel) guidelines.

Other countries are also evaluating their programs. Costa Rica 4-S and Norway 4H are not participating this year as they go through an evaluation similar to ours.

We hope the U.S. evaluation, still underway, and the recommendations of the National 4-H Leadership Trust, will provide a renewal of enthusiasm and commitment for these programs. I hope State Extension/4-H programs, National 4-H Headquarters, National 4-H Council and the National 4-H Leadership Trust place high importance on international relationships and the world community and make them the top priority they should be.

4-H is a grass-roots organization. Programs must have support at the local and state levels. This is where alumni can help. Make your feelings known to your Extension staff and support your state with financial and volunteer assistance.

Back to Sri Lanka. While there, I visited the Young Farmers Club (YFC) program, with which we had many successful exchanges in past years. I met current and former staff. They also asked for any help we can provide YFC, including reinstatement of exchange/training programs. Sri Lanka has been through some challenging years due to internal political conflict - hopefully a thing of the past as of two years ago.

A personal note. When with a U.N. project in Sri Lanka in 1990, I had the opportunity to visit a new organization, Samata Sarana (SS), working with the poorest of the poor on the streets, along the coast



Mel Thompson, center, being honored by Samata Sarana (SS). With him (l-r) Father Joe of SS, Jane Thompson, Linda Thompson, and Sister Bernie, director of SS.

and in the shanty towns. When I met the director, Sister Bernie Silva, I knew it would be a success. I introduced her to USAID. Funding eventually became available to assist with a facility for offices, training and housing. SS now provides meals, basic education and training for 500 young people and adults, delivers 2000 meals to families six evenings a week, and houses 50 young people from around the country. Financial support comes from around the world.

Please note the articles on the 55+ Celebration, the new rural youth program in Armenia, and the message from our new president! It's time to pay dues...and register for the conference in Minnesota. See you in St. Paul!

Mel Thompson
Michigan-Turkey 1953
Editor, IFYE News ☆



The Thompsons' (above) reunite with Mel's friend and colleague, Mr. Horagampita Premaratne, PRYLE 1971 to Virginia, and his wife. Premaratne, now retired, was the Sri Lanka YFC director for most of the years Mel was with National 4-H Council. Meeting (photo right) with Mr. M. S. Dissanayake, the new director of the YFC program.



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Celebrating 55+ Years of 4-H International Exchanges/Assistance To Youth Programs

Challenges for 2004... Message from the President

I flew until the plane landed. I sailed until the boat moored. I motored until the road ended. I walked until the trail disappeared. Then, I walked some more. My journey ended in the late fall of 1979. The hot, moist air of the Philippines is a distant memory. Yet, I see the faces of children and the exotic places of an island nation with a clarity as if it was yesterday.

We are unique. We all belong to a fraternity or brotherhood of fellowship and belief where our shared international experiences have shaped the lens through which we view the world and people around us. We see the world beyond the teachings of books and classrooms. We have tasted, smelled, touched, seen, and heard things that have become part of our character and substance.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the 2004 President of the IFYE Association of the USA. The year ahead brings with it a Board clear in its mission and Directors committed to tradition and new ideas.

Many of you are aware the future of post 4-H educational travel suffers from an undetermined fate. How it will manifest itself is yet to be seen. I am confident a form of international travel will remain a strong component of the 4-H experience. The Association can and will play an integral role in helping define international exchanges.

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Passing of the IFYE Association Peace Pipe and Gavel Mel Thompson (right), MI-Turkey 1953, and president of the IFYE Association, 1963-64 and 2001-2003, presents the Association Peace Pipe and Gavel to president-elect David White, CA-Philippines 1979, during the 55+ Anniversary Celebration at the National 4-H Center in December. David assumed the president's position on January 1, 2004.



55+ Celebration - Despite wintry weather, 4-H International alumni and friends in the national capital area celebrated 55+ years of 4-H International exchanges and assistance to youth programs around the world at the National 4-H Center in early December. The IFYE Association board of directors, meeting in Washington at the time, and others from around the country joined in the celebration. Weather did keep some alumni and friends from neighboring states from attending.

4-H Citizenship and International programs have been a part of 4-H since the early 1900s. 2003 was the 55th Anniversary year of IFYE, the first 4-H International exchange program. 1948 is considered the year 4-H International exchanges began. However, they actually started a year earlier, though the IFYE logo had not yet been introduced - when a group from Europe came to the U.S. A.G. Kettunen, state 4-H leader in Michigan, 1920s - 1956, often pointed out that 4-H was emphasizing citizenship from its beginning and 4-H International relationships began as early as the 1920's when some Extension staff were helping countries organize programs similar to 4-H. Kettunen, of Finnish ancestry, personally assisted in the founding of 4-H in Finland. Thus, a "55+" Anniversary Celebration!

Following dinner and the 55+ anniversary dessert, attendees introductions brought memorable and humorous reflections on their participation over the years. Mel Thompson, IFYE Association president, shared an update on the Association and reported on the status of the current exchange programs and the work of the National Task Force on 4-H International Programs. Stan Dreyer, IFYE Foundation president, reported on Foundation activity and the 2004 fund-raising campaign.

Those attending, included (front row): Alganesh Tedla Piechocinski, Ethiopia-U.S. 71, Gaithersburg, MD; Stephany Duvall*, GA-Denmark 99, Deltona, FL; Sue Benedetti, WY-

India 66, Windhoek, Namibia; Mel Thompson*, MI-Turkey 53, Bethesda, MD; Dulce Mesquith Castleton, Brazil-U.S. 66, Falls Church, VA; Jo Ann Smith Trail, VA-Sweden 56, Moscow, ID; Gwen Western El Sawi, MN-India 69, Highland, MD; Susan Small Morris, KS-Venezuela 73, Gaithersburg, MD.

(second row) Mary Larson, Ferrisburgh, VT; Ron Petrak*, IA-Ireland/North Ireland 53, Des Moines, IA; Sally Narhi*, MI-Taiwan 70, Pelkie, MI; Caron Beard*, OR-New Zealand 59, Friendsville, TN; Toni Frank**, IL-Botswana 95, New Berlin, IL; Sara Fritel, ND-Netherlands 00, Washington, DC; Bobbie George, Reston, VA; Fred Fisher*, PA-Pakistan 57, Biglerville, PA; Tom Trail****, ID-Nepal, Moscow, ID; Ron Drum, PA-Botswana 80, Silver Spring, MD.

(back row) Verle Lanier***, MT-Japan 58, Potomac, MD; Grace Elliott, DE-Israel 60, Delmar, DE; Jennifer Barton*, NH-Botswana 97, Jefferson, NH; Charles Larson****, CT-Denmark 48, Ferrisburgh, VT; Ruthanne Petrak, Des Moines, IA; Stan Dreyer****, CO-Ecuador 53, Springfield, VA; Duain Vierow**, MN-Netherlands 57, Lady Lake, FL; Carl Castleton, NH-Brazil 65; Jennifer Vukonich Anderson*, MT-Estonia 00, Meeker, CO; Bob Miller, WI-Norway 52, Alexandria, VA; David White*, CA-Philippines 79, Redmond, OR; Christine Brown Bolling, CA-Italy 65, Woodbridge, VA; Keith George, WA-Portugal 56, Reston, VA.

Those attending not in photo were: Anita Eastman Guillotel, VT-Luxembourg/Thailand, 84/85, Bowie, MD; Tuncay Lanier, Potomac, MD; Mohammed El Sawi, Highland, MD; Linda Thompson, Bethesda, MD; Michael Piechocinski, Gaithersburg, MD; and Kris Beard, Friendsville, TN.

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President's Challenge for 2004

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In my estimation, there are issues that need to be addressed now to ensure the smooth operation of the Board and the Association. There are also items I would like all of you to consider as well. Some of the suggestions will mean changing the way we do things.

Owing to several amendments in the past 20 years, the By-Laws of the Association are in need of revision. I will ask a committee of past and present members of the Board to review and revise the document. The much needed face lift will eliminate contradictory articles and the circular nature of its current form. It is vitally important that the guidelines set forth in the By-Laws work for the Association and not the other way around.

Current plans call for the Board to meet via conference call once every month or two. With these teleconferences will be an opportunity for members to exchange ideas with the Board in an open forum once reserved for annual conferences.

Of concern to me is making sure we grow our membership. Economic times have caused Extension budgets across the nation to dwindle. The result is a more focused effort by 4-H agents to pick and choose conferences that provide them with the opportunity to teach or learn. The days of healthy travel budgets are gone. If we are not able to engage the minds and bodies of agents, we will not prosper in our efforts to promote international education and recruitment of outbound Representatives. There must be a compelling reason for 4-H agents

and administrators to attend the yearly gathering. What I am suggesting is that future national and world IFYE conferences give equal consideration to scholarship and social interaction.

I have several questions with few answers. I believe they are worthy of exploration. Can we redefine the role of the IFYE or the international experience? As you look back, what was your role? Were you expected to teach? Were you expected to help initiate or support a system of positive youth development?

Could IFYE's have a more defined role in their outbound experience? Could 4-H agents devote three months to a Representative outbound experience to enhance or initiate positive youth development programs? Could our post 4-H recruits serve as Ambassador/Interns to assist the Representative/Agent?

A final thought. What does the IFYE Association mean to you? What are your expectations? The society we live in today is one that expects a return for a dollar invested. What benefits does membership in the Association provide?

Please think about these questions and don't hesitate to contact me with your opinions or comments. I look forward to a productive and positive year.

I also speak for the Board and the membership when I express heart felt gratitude and appreciation for the service and leadership Mel Thompson has provided this Association. On their behalf - our thanks!

David J. White
President ★

Association Board Elects Officers

The IFYE Association board of directors elected their 2004 officers during their late fall board meeting held at the National 4-H Center. The following assumed office on January 1:

President - David J. White, Bend, OR
Vice President - Mary Kay Munson, Junction City, KS
Secretary - Jennifer Vukonich Anderson, Meeker, CO
Treasurer - Caron Beard, Friendsville, TN

Board members retiring at the end of 2003: Bill King, West Brookfield, MA; Duain Vierow, Lady Lake, FL; Toni Frank, New Berlin, IL; and Matthew Kelly, Boise, ID.

New members joining the board for a three-year term: Fred Fisher, Biglerville, PA; Caron Beard, Sally A. Narhi, Pelkie, MI; and David White,

Association Awards, Mini-Grant Applications Due April 15

IFYE Association Recognition Award nominations for 2004 are due April 15. Recipients will be announced at the during the annual conference in Minnesota.

There are four categories of awards:

- Friend of 4-H International
- Commendation for Contributions to International Understanding
- Meritorious Service to 4-H International Programs by Extension personnel
- Outstanding Contributions by 4-H International Exchange Alumni to 4-H International Programs.

Information/nomination forms available from Mary Wengryn (contact information page 2).

World Understanding Mini-Grants

The IFYE Association provides 4-H World Understanding mini-grants each year. Proposals are due April 15.

Mini-Grants provide an opportunity to develop and demonstrate interest in international understanding amongst youth. Awards will be made in the spring and recognized during the annual conference in Minnesota.

Grants in two categories:

- Projects in the U.S. that deal with intercultural activities/projects.
- Projects in countries previously/currently involved in 4-H exchanges.

Information/applications available from Toni Frank (mafrank@wbsb.net or 217/488-6253).



YASEP DELEGATES CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

All fourteen 1977 U.S. participants on the USA/USSR Young Agricultural Specialist Exchange Program (YASEP) attended their 25th Anniversary reunion at the Still Waters Resort in Branson, Missouri. Only two family members were unable to attend. They have reunited every five years and now plan for every two-three years. Rumor is that the next will be a cruise? Almost all are still living in the state they represented.

The delegation pictured above included (kneeling l-r) Tom Benecke, OH, Toledo, OH; Jim Pendleton, KS, Germantown,

TN; Jeff Rotering, ND, Norton, KS; Terry Gregoire, ND, Devils Lake, ND; Bob Trout, YASEP Program Coordinator at National 4-H Council, Grand Rapids, MI; Lou Licht, IA, North Liberty, IA; Rich Vogen, IL, Mahomet, IL. (back l-r) Ron Jones, ID, Twin Falls, ID; Linda Schultz, WA, Las Cruces, NM; Terry Jaspers, SD, Sisseton, SD; David Pearce, ND, Bismarck, ND; Mark Madison, OR, Mulino, OR; David Kehr, PA, Littlestown, PA; Mary Sowerby, VA, Rockwood, TN; and Doug Lubbers, CO, Lamar, CO.

Gary L. Heusel's Retirement Lasted Three Weeks

Helped Develop Armenia Rural Youth Program

Gary Heusel retired from his position as state 4-H leader in Nebraska last spring and three weeks later was in Armenia. He is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Marketing Assistance Project to help with the further development and strengthening of Armenia's rural youth program, modeled after 4-H in the U.S.

The program has been implemented in all ten regions of the country and Yerevan, the country's capital area, since it began in 1997. There are currently over 125 clubs with over 2100 members between the ages of 11 to 18.

As was the case with 4-H in the early years, Heusel points out, "Armenian young people are helping adults with whom they work recognize the value of making changes, learning how to

be more productive and market what is produced." They use drama, skits, role-playing, music and dance to get the attention of audiences and stimulate learning.

Supplementing formal school education, the Armenian program provides an opportunity for youth to gain life-skills through project development, basic agricultural knowledge, community development activities, and citizenship and leadership training.

Annual programs include summer training camps, a small mini-grants project, public youth speaking and writing competition, professional orientation tours, partnership projects and publication of technical booklets for youth.

Last summer, Heusel and three Armenian young people traveled to Helsinki, Finland, for a leadership training program, sponsored by the



Armenia Rural Youth



Heusel, left, and family involved in the Armenia Rural Youth program.

Society for Organizational Learning (SOL) Youth and Education Network. Contributions through the IFYE Association and the IFYE Foundation helped make this possible.

Jeff Miller, OH-New Zealand 1987, president of Innovative Leadership Solutions and a member of SOL, assisted with the Finland training and later traveled to Armenia to

consult with Heusel and the Armenian staff. Miller was the consultant/facilitator for the Futuring Conference on 4-H International Programs, sponsored by the IFYE Association in the spring of 2002.

Raymond Clark, former USDA Extension consultant in Armenia now working in Kosovo, wrote, "In my recent visits back to Armenia, I found an increased

emphasis on Extension youth work. There are very talented youth in Armenia." Clark was formerly a county Extension director in Michigan and coordinated one of the workshops at the

World IFYE Conference in 1998.

Heusel spent 33 years working with 4-H in Illinois, Georgia, Maryland, South Dakota and

Nebraska. He was one of the founders of the National 4-H Leadership Trust, the governing body of U.S. 4-H. He has been a strong supporter of 4-H Citizenship and International education programs over the years.

Now back in the U.S., Heusel is preparing to return to Armenia for a short time to help train the new Armenian director of the rural youth program. ☆



Gary Heusel, second from left, and Armenian staff working with growing rural youth program.



An Armenian rural youth member with her sheep project.

IFYE Association Board Members

The following states are eligible to name an IFYE Association board member for the 2005-2007 term: Rhode Island, Texas, Minnesota and Utah. New members expected to attend conferences in 2004 and through term. States should already have acted. Contact Association president now or next state in region becomes eligible. ☆



Help!?!.....Can You? 2005 IFYE "Great Lakes" Conference

The 2005 Conference will be in Chatham, Ontario. The planning committee is looking for individuals living in or who represented Michigan and Ohio (or other Great Lakes states) for help. Call Chair Geraldine Campbell, 519/380-1458 or email jandcam@hotmail.com. ☆

IFYE News Deadline

IFYE News is published quarterly; deadline for Spring issue due April 15. Send items and/or suggestions to editor (address page 2). ☆

From the Archives. Professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange (PRYLE) participants in 1971 during leadership training seminar before departing for host states. Alganesh Tedla Piechocinski, Ethiopia-MI (center left) responds with enthusiasm to the late Les Nichols, National 4-H Council international staff member conducting the session. Alganesh later returned to the U.S., completed her B.S./M.S. degrees and is now on the Maryland Extension staff. Others are (l-r) Hien Ho-Thi, Vietnam-ID; Audrey Chang, Taiwan-IL; and Rolando Ruiz D., Nicaragua-DR.



IFYE Foundation of the USA

The Legacy Continues

2003 was the beginning of a major transition for 4-H International exchanges. Following coordination of state/country connections at the national level, states worked directly with participating countries. This was facilitated by a high interest in some states to continue programs; the facilitating role for state/country connections; significant volunteer effort provided by alumni for orientation and assistance to state 4-H staff; and very important financial support where needed through contributions to the IFYE Foundation. Without one of these a successful transition would not have happened.

The Foundation provided \$10,200 for programming costs; \$2,476 for participant insurance and \$638 for miscellaneous operating costs. Fortunately the program will continue in 2004 following a successful effort in 2003. We thank one and all for the continued support and faith in the program.

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In memory of Burton Olson

Association Memberships, Contributions & Address Changes

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____ New Address/Information?

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Program: _____ State Represented: _____ Host Country: _____ Year: _____

Extension Staff: _____ Host Family: _____ Friend of IFYE: _____ Other: _____

email: _____

2004 Annual Dues @ \$25.00 single/\$40.00 married couple (calendar year) \$ _____

Life Membership @ \$300.00 single/\$400.00 married couple \$ _____

Contributions to the IFYE Association of the USA
are Tax Deductible to the Extent Provided by Law

IFYE Association General Operational Support * \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed Thank You! \$ _____

* (Optional) Contribution in Memory of _____

Contribution in Honor of _____

Acknowledgement (omitting amount) should be sent to: _____

Comments/Questions:	Name/Address/ZIP Please make checks payable to IFYE Association of the USA . Mail to: <i>IFYE Association</i> ; P.O. Box 585; W. Brookfield, MA 01585. For contributions to the IFYE Foundation of the USA, see page 6.
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Nelson McCall
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 In honor of Mel Thompson
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The IFYE Shoppe...

IFYE Shirts

Children, "Future IFYE" t-shirts youth sizes 6-8, 10-12 and 14-16 at \$6. Each shirt has a colorful design on a light gray background.

Adult, IFYE "Flag" t-shirt white with full-color IFYE logo and 12 flags of the world. Available in XL, \$12; one XXL, \$14.

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 L-XL \$32 and XXL \$34. Putty color polo available S-XL \$29.

Baseball caps cotton or mesh fabric. Cotton cap in khaki with adjustable band \$14. Logo on cap embroidered in green and white with "4-H International" over IFYE logo. On green mesh hat, IFYE logo silk screened in white; adjustable with plastic band \$4.

Other Items

☆ **Travel/waist pack** with IFYE

logo embroidered in green \$5.

☆ **Bumper sticker**, "I support the International 4-H Youth Exchange," 50¢.

☆ **Post-it Notes** \$1.25 for a 50-sheet pad.

☆ **IFYE logo slide**, \$1

☆ **IFYE logo lapel pin**, \$4

Volume Purchases

Having an event? IFYE

merchandise available on consignment. Contact manager Leona Noffsinger-Maggitti.

How to Order

Complete order form. Mail with check/money order payable to: *IFYE Association of the USA*

Email or call to check availability. ☆

Order Form

Send with payment to: IFYE Shoppe,
11127 Old Frederick Road, Thurmont, MD 21788

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Item	Qty.	Size/Color	Price
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Shipping & Handling (see below)			\$ _____
Total:			\$ _____

Shipping & Handling
 Up to \$30.00 \$4.00
 \$30.01-\$75.00 \$6.00
 > \$75.01 call for quote

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):

- ★ Marjorie Schmidt (wife of Warren E. Schmidt, Director, 4-H International Programs, National 4-H Council, 1950-1965), December 26, 2003, Naples, FL
- ★ Helen Ochsner Stillings, NE-Sweden 1948, L-398, November 28, 2003, Alamosa, CO
- ★ Ladd A. Mitchell, ID-Pakistan 1954, November 28, 2003, Ephrata, WA
- ★ Ethel Hunt Brown, MA-England/Wales 1959, January 19, 2004, Granville, MA
- ★ Darvin E. Boyd, PA-Korea 1964, L-546, January 31, 2004, Akron, PA
- ★ Harvey M. Gipe Jr, PA-Netherlands 1965, January 18, 2004, Elizabethtown, PA
- ★ Florence Lunn Eiserman, IL-Norway 1977, April 15, 2003, Bloomington, MN

★ Cynthia Pearson Walker, IL-Sweden 1980, L-808, 1995, Rockford, IL

★ Christie Huestis Woods, VT-Greece 1983, July 2003, Bridport, VT

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 Ifyeassociation@aol.com. ★

Address Changes

Alumni are hard to keep up with.....and difficult to track!

- 911 Addresses -

Still using a rural route/box address? We get many returns as the postal service will not deliver if you now have a "911" road/street address.

We have to pay a minimum of 70 cents for returns and the postal service doesn't always give new address - especially if several months have lapsed since the change. ★



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Association of the USA
5811 Lone Oak Drive E
Bethesda, MD 20814-1843

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Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Champaign, IL
Permit No. 453

VISIT US AT:
WWW.IFYEUSA.ORG



Moving? New 911 Address?

Send mailing label corrections to the IFYE
News return address above or
Ifyeassociation@aol.com

IFYE Association Membership

The IFYE Association recognizes the following who became life members in 2003, bringing the total life membership to 1,111:

- Rebecca Upton Grandle, WV-United Kingdom 1978
- Ed R. Pickering, OH-Israel 1956
- Mary Beth Holzer Walsh, MT-Jamaica 1983
- Linda Garner Poehlmann, MO-United Kingdom 1972
- John Poehlmann

The following became annual members in 2003, bringing the total to 95:

- Stephany Duvall
- Michael Soddy
- Larry Sutter
- Elnore A. Grow
- Douglas Fuerst
- Deanna Rice
- Ruth Benson Drummond
- David B. Bills
- Mable Ann Davis Sherrill
- Margaret Wolber Fain
- Stanley R. Meinan
- John B. Geurtze

- Everett H. Whiting
- Jilinda White
- Alison Saylor Guthrie
- Donna Landry
- Sherry Lynch
- Warren Prawl
- Robert P. Armour
- Charles D. Carlson
- Elizabeth G. Carlson
- Ronald D. Petrak
- Ruthanne Petrak

The following have become annual members in 2004 making a total of 6 in the new year:

- Sharon Cubitt Heck
- Reba Joyce Salyers McClanan
- Glenn Brooks McClanan
- Violet Klobas Shepard
- Constance Zerkle Crocker
- Carrie J. Fenner

Association Contributions

The following have provided contributions in support of the IFYE Association since the last issue of IFYE News:

- Jeffrey P. Miller
- Kathy Durham Miller
- Elnore Bentson Grow
- Margaret Wolber Fain
- Melvin J. Thompson
- John B. Geurtze ★

Paid Your Dues?

2004 Dues are now due!
Become an annual or life member today and receive all Association mailings. If already a life member - contribute to the Association's general operational support. ★

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2004 National IFYE Conference - June 23rd - 27th, 2004

St Paul, Minnesota
Conference Registration

Full Name _____ Name for Name Tag _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Circle Program(s) in which you participated: IFYE YDP PRYLE Travel Seminar AWE YASEP PC Japanese Teen Caravan
IFYE Ambassador Host Family Friend of 4-H International Extension Staff
Host Country(s) _____ State Represented _____ Year _____

Necessary Dietary and/or Physical Accommodations _____

Mode of travel to conference: Fly _____ Drive _____ Please confirm my registration by: U.S. Mail _____ E-mail _____

Other registrants (if a program participant, indicate information as above)

Name _____ Name for Name Tag _____ Age (if child) _____

Name _____ Name for Name Tag _____ Age (if child) _____

Name _____ Name for Name Tag _____ Age (if child) _____

NOTE: Pre and Post Conference Tour registration information must be downloaded from our web page. See "Pilgrimage to Pipestone"

	No. Registering	Cost per Person	Total
Full Conference Registration	Adult / youth Registration (12 and up)		
Includes all meals and activities from Wednesday evening through Sunday brunch, EXCEPT Tours #1 and #2			
Postmarked by April 1 and 2004 Inbound IFYEs anytime		\$260.00	
Postmarked during April		\$280.00	
Postmarked May 1 or after		\$300.00	
Children's Registration	Ages 4 – 11		
Includes all meals & activities from Wed. evening through Sunday brunch EXCEPT Friday lunch*			
		\$125.00	
Partial Conference Registration	Adult / Child		
Adult Registration (ages 12 and up) / Children (ages 4 – 11)			
Wednesday, June 23		\$40.00 / \$20.00	
Thursday, June 24		\$65.00 / \$40.00	
Friday, June 25		\$75.00 / \$30.00	
Saturday, June 26			
Includes Lunch and Int'l Banquet for Adult, Children's Party for Children			
Saturday, June 26 Evening Banquet or Children's Party) ONLY		\$30.00 / \$15.00	
Sunday, June 27		\$20.00 / \$10.00	
Friday Tour Costs are included in conference registration. Children must accompany parents.			
Please study tour options on reverse side and select tour that most interests you.			
		1st Choice 2nd Choice	
		# _____ # _____	
Please indicate			
#1. Waves of History: Minnesota's Crime Wave, "Gangster Tour" St. Paul		Lunch on own	
#2. Waves of Grain: "Flour and Flowers" in Minneapolis		Lunch on own	
#3. Waves of Flowers and Plants: U of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum		Lunch included*	
#4. Waves of Swedish Immigrants, Antiquing in Stillwater, MN		Lunch included*	
#5. Waves of Tourists- A day at the Mall of America		Lunch included*	
National IFYE Association 2004 Annual Dues		\$25./ person	
Only required for alumni who are not lifetime members or have not paid 2004 dues.		\$40.00/ married Couple	
If not paid with registration, dues will be collected at conference.			
Lifetime members, please provide membership number: _____		\$300. Lifetime/person 400. Lifetime/married couple	
TOTAL REGISTRATION ENCLOSED Make checks payable to: MN IFYE Conference 2004			

Mail Registration to: Marion Sederstrom • 20607 600th Avenue • Litchfield, MN 55355

Conference Headquarters - Holiday Inn St. Paul East

Free Parking

2201 Burns Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55119

651 - 731-2220

Fax - 651 - 731-0243

Location: I-94 and McKnight Road, Exit 246, 4-1/4 miles east of downtown St. Paul

Room Rate: \$95 plus 10% combined state and city tax for 1 to 4 adults.

Distance From Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport: 14 miles

Airport Transportation: Super Shuttle - \$15 one way for first person, \$8 each additional.

Airport Taxi cabs and minivans, rate is \$23 to \$30 for up to 6 passengers.

Friday Tour Options

Waves of History (#1) Tour sites of St. Paul's dark underworld during its roaring hoodlum heyday, where gangsters lived it up and committed some of the most notorious crimes in the Upper Midwest. You'll visit the site of the Swift payroll robbery, the Dillinger shoot-out with the FBI, the kidnapping of the Hamm Brewery heir and more. You will learn of the corrupt agreement between politicians, the St. Paul Police Department and underworld leaders who claimed they ran the city of St. Paul in the 1920s and 30s. You'll have a guided tour of Landmark Center - the former Federal Courts Building - where the criminal trials of many notoriously shady characters were held. Today Landmark Center is the cultural center of downtown St. Paul, housing 15 visual, music and theater groups. Lunch at the Minnesota History Center and see where Minnesota stories have been collected, preserved and told for more than 150 years.

Waves of Grain (#2) It's Flour and Flowers in Minneapolis, and a little Swedish influence as well! Visit Minnehaha Falls and nearby gardens, and the Mill City Museum, on the site of what once was the centerpiece of the Minneapolis flour-milling empire. After a guided tour you'll have time to explore the Flour Tower elevator trip to the top of the mill, the baking lab, the water lab and numerous main-gallery exhibits. After lunch tour downtown Minneapolis to see the skyway system and the Mary Tyler Moore statue, then travel through Theodore Wirth Park and around the lakes. As time permits we will see the famous rose garden and Peace Garden, or drive by Mary Tyler Moore's home from the TV show. Last stop will be the American Swedish Institute in the elegant Tumbblad Mansion, which pays tribute to more than 150 years of Swedish experience in America. Returning to the hotel, you pass the Governor's mansion and the St. Paul Cathedral.

Waves of Flowers and Plants (#3) Names one of the "10 great places to smell the flowers" by USA Today and a world-renown cold-climate arboretum, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum boasts 1,030 acres, 32 specialty gardens, 48 plant collections and more than 5,000 plant varieties. A one-hour tram tour will encompass the 3-mile drive through the grounds. Lunch in the Anderson Building housing the library, conservatory, tearoom and gift shop. The day includes a stop at the Horticulture Research Center, where the world-famous Honeycrisp apple was developed.

Wave of Swedish Immigrants (#4) You will follow the path and story of Swedish immigrants to Minnesota as told by Vilhelm Moberg in his trilogy "The Immigrants," "Unto a Good Land," and "The Settlers" - good books to read before the conference. In Chisago City/Lindstrom you'll see the home where Moberg stayed and statues of the main characters, Karl Oscar and Kristina. You will visit the original Lutheran Church (part of the story), Taylors Falls on the St. Croix River and Franconia Landing, where early settlers disembarked from river boats to trek to their land. Gammel Garden at Scandia and lunch at the second oldest Lutheran Church in Minnesota will be a real treat. And you'll have time for antiquing, sightseeing and shopping at Stillwater, a lumber-town locale for early Swedish immigrants.

Waves of Tourists (#5) A full day to shop at the Mall of America, the largest indoor retail and family entertainment center in the U.S. With 10 minutes in each store you'd need 86 hours. Camp Snoopy, the nation's largest indoor family theme park, has more than 30 rides and 7 acres of fun. The four-story Lego showplace, for all ages, contains Lego bricks to play with models to view and sets to buy. There is state-of-the-art bowling, underwater adventure at Minnesota's largest aquarium, and the NASCAR Silicon Motor Speedway, a high-tech indoor stock car racing competition. The Mall has more than 50 full-service eateries - a lunch voucher comes with the tour.