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51st National IFYE Conference - "Peace Through Understanding"

More than 200 4-H International exchange alumni, spouses and guests, including two Polish 4-H visitors, were in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the 51st National IFYE Conference, June 24-28, at the Fort Wayne Marriott Conference Center.

The conference, co-chaired by Cynthia Hoggatt Barrett, IN-Korea 1975, and Roger Sherer, IN-Poland 1978, provided a full schedule and a chance to experience area communities, cultures, and—most importantly—the food.

The conference kicked-off with a "Welcome to Indiana" dinner, followed by an ice cream social and square dancing—two "have to do's" when in Indiana gatherings.

Fort Wayne's Mayor Tom Henry, and Dr. Chuck Hibberd, Director of the Indiana Cooperative Extension Service, welcomed the conferees to the city at the opening session on Thursday morning. Cliff Kindy, a highly-respected speaker, member of the Christian Peacemaking Team, and an organic farmer, gave the keynote speech, "Making Peace."

The afternoon included a choice of two of five workshops: Cliff Kindy expanded on his speech, "Making Peace." Mary Kay Munson, KS-India 1965, consultant and volunteer coordinator for Kansas exchanges, presented "State IFYE Programs Led by Volunteers." The two Polish guests, Piotr Zimoch and Malgorzata Imiolek, shared photos and stories about Poland, the Polish 4-H program and their connection with Indiana 4-H and exchanges. Dr. L. Michael Spath, a professor from Indiana University-Purdue University, Ft. Wayne, on "Peace Through Understanding: Learning About Islam and Muslim-Christian Dialogue." And from nearby Steuben County, Indiana, Neasa Kalme, Exention Educator – 4-H Youth, presented "IFYEs and Technology," which showed attendees of all ages how to use some of the newest social sites online, such as Facebook, to keep in touch with other exchange participants around the world.

Thursday was topped off with a mystery dinner, presented by Bower North Productions of Ft. Wayne. The plot centered around

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Highlights in this Issue!

Remember the Mystery Couple? Now Identified!

Commendations to Past Association Board Members and Officers!

Proud to be a Michigianian! My roots are still with those alumni above (left) at their 2009 summer gathering...and all the others! Michigan is still home...though our children don't fully understand, having grown up in the Maryland suburbs of the National Capital Area!

Highlights in this issue.

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Remember the mystery couple pictured in the winter/spring issue (above right)? They're identified on page 7, where you'll learn of opportunities for 4-H International alumni and others. Also a recent related book, *Working World* - a resource on International Education, Exchange and Development - page 12.

Hats Off to Past IFYE Association Board Members and Officers!

As alumni, we need to pay tribute to the many who have served on the board of directors since the inception of the Association. It is easy to overlook the considerable time that past officers and board members have given for 57 years—in establishing and providing continuity for a volunteer non-formal organization. We may not have dotted all the I's and crossed all the T's, but it has worked!

We have always sought to make the newsletter of more interest and relevant to 4-H International alumni and others. Many changes have been made over the years. I welcome your comments, ideas and suggestions!

Mel Thompson, Michigan-Turkey 1953, Editor, IFYE News

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IFYE Association Board of Directors: Contact information in left column for current board members - front (l-r) Marian Huey, Connie Fukudome, Mari Roseberry and Eleanor Smith, (back l-r) Sheila Calhoun Peterson and Alan Lambert (incoming 2010 board members representing Alaska and South Dakota respectively), Grace Elliott, Art Deisher, Carol Hagen, Judy Stewart, Becky Grandle, and Karen Bonnet.

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Officers' Contact Information — Left Column

President's Message



Connie Harms Fukudome
KS-Netherlands 1971
President, IFYE Association

The Indiana IFYE Conference in June was a grand success thanks to Cindy Barnett and Roger Sherer, co-chairs of the conference, and their talented committee members. Their efforts were rewarded by those at the conference with overflow attendance at the regional meetings and the closing inspirational service.

Don Floyd, President and CEO of National 4-H Council, spoke at the National IFYE Association of the USA Annual meeting, giving us his perspective on 4-H Youth Development and International Programs. I encourage you to view his PowerPoint Presentation by going to the website: www.ifyeusa.org, and clicking on the tab, "IFYE Association of the USA."

I am pleased to announce that we have a full roster of board members ready to begin their three-year terms on January 1, 2010. The following are new incoming board members:

Region A - Trudy Huskamp Peterson, IA-Finland 1966, representing the District of Columbia.

Region B - Ken Jones. GA-Italy 1986, representing Georgia. Eleanor Inman Smith, GA-Ireland/North Ireland 1957, will serve the first year of his term.

Region C - Alan Lambert, SD-Germany 1980, representing South Dakota.

Region D - Sheila Calhoun Peterson, MI-Kenya 1967, representing Alaska.

Regretfully, Leona Maggitti has resigned as IFYE Shoppe Manager. We want to thank her for nine years of faithful service. The Board is happy to announce that Bev Hornickel, IL-Panama 1970, has agreed to assume this position. Watch for more information about the IFYE Shoppe on the IFYE webpage.

Once again, I would encourage you to go to www.ifyeusa.org and click on "Links to other sites" and then "State 4-H sites." If your state has a web page and it is not linked, please send me the URL so that our webmaster, David Riecks, IL-India 1985, can include it in the list.

Remember to put August 3-7, 2010, on your calendar for the National IFYE Conference being held in Charleston, West Virginia. The planning committee has been hard at work for a year already in preparation for our arrival. I look forward to another conference with Association growth as we continue to reconnect with National 4-H Council. Our Association will thrive with your continued support. ☆

(For more from your President - see page 10)



4-H International - Looking Ahead!

4-H International Celebration and Luncheon
National 4-H Youth Conference Center - Early December 2009

Chevy Chase, MD - National Capital Area

National IFYE Conference - August 3-7, 2010
Charleston, West Virginia

ASPAC - Asia Pacific IFYE Conference 2010

India - Dates and Location to be announced

National IFYE Conference - June 26-30, 2011
Waterbury, Connecticut

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Celebration - 2011

National Mall - Washington, DC - September 22-25

National IFYE Conference - 2012

Bids/Application due by March 14, 2010

World IFYE Conference - Fall 2013

Thailand - Dates and Location to be Announced ☆



Embassy Suites Atrium



State Capitol

Charleston, West Virginia



52nd National IFYE Conference August 3 – 7, 2010

"IFYEs - World Wide and Wonderful - Come Reconnect in WV" is the theme of the 52nd National IFYE Conference being held in Charleston, West Virginia, August 3-7, 2010. The site of the conference is the beautiful Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Charleston. West Virginia 4-H International exchange alumni, University Extension Service faculty, staff, students, & volunteers, and the city of Charleston, invite all 4-H International exchange alumni and their families, host families, Extension personnel, collaborators, and friends to join us.

A fantastic conference program is planned with hands-on volunteer activities along with an attractive array of workshops, presentations, celebrations and more.

One of the highlights of the 2010 conference will be a special community service project, "The IFYE Mercado (Marketplace)", where conference participants and guests will have the opportunity to donate and shop for Mexican and other Latin American gifts and memorabilia without traveling across the border.

Conference details and registration forms will be available this fall in the next issue of IFYE News and on the websites - www.kanawha.ext.wvu.edu/ifye2010 or www.ifyeusa.org. ☆



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the death of a wealthy man, played with considerable aplomb by IFYE Bob Ellis, IN-Gambia 1971.

Tours on Friday focused on northeast Indiana. The furthest was to Shipshewana, nestled in the heart of Indiana's Amish country. The tour began with Menno-Hof, which told the story of the Amish community, and was followed by a family-style lunch at one of the largest restaurants in Indiana - the Blue Gate Restaurant and Bakery. Shopping and a visit to an Amish farm concluded the tour.

Another group headed north to Auburn for the History on Wheels tour. This tour highlighted the automotive industry of northeast Indiana, in particular the artistic cars that were built in Auburn, as well as Cords and the Duesenburgs. The group also toured the National Automotive and Truck Museum and the National Military History Museum.

Those looking for the modern equivalent of fine taste took the Chocolates, Purses and More tour, which included the Vera Bradley factory, a gourmet dining experience at Joseph Decuis in Ft. Wayne and concluded with a tour (and tasting!) at DeBrand Chocolates.



Friday evening dinner back at the conference center was followed by a presentations on the Northeast Indiana 4-H Poland Project by Lee Stanish, 4-H Program Coordinator, and "Dr. Stosh" on making healthy choices, portrayed by entertainer, thespian, and health promoter Mark Potuck. Friday concluded with a silent and live auction in support of the Indiana/Poland 4-H exchange.

The National IFYE Association meeting on the final full day of the conference included a presentation by Don Floyd, President of the National 4-H Council, on 4-H Youth Development and International Programs.

An International banquet on Saturday evening featured a selection of foods with deep connections to Indiana. Jill Long Thompson, former U.S. Representative for northeast Indiana, addressed the conference. The evening ended with a memorial service, remembering 4-H International exchange alumni and others recently deceased, followed by the traditional Ringing of the Swiss Bell to close the conference.



The four days seemed to fly past far too fast for everyone at the conference. The event went smoothly, due to the years of work by the Indiana conference committee: Cindy Barrett, Roger Sherer, Carl Broady, Glenn Bell, David Caldwell, Maureen Cook, Robert Ellis, Rita McCabe, Betty Jo Smith-Roberts, Jon Roberts, Guy Thompson, Laurie Weier, John Werner, Holly Yoder and Kim Stockment. ★





2009 IFYE Exchange Orientation Denver, Colorado

The Colorado State University Extension 4-H Office and Colorado IFYE Alumni hosted an IFYE Orientation for incoming and outgoing IFYEs in June. There were 11 countries represented by five U.S. delegates bound for Austria and Luxembourg, Botswana, Finland and Germany, Scotland and England, and Switzerland, and 15 inbound participants from Austria, England, Greece, Germany, Scotland, Switzerland, and Taiwan.

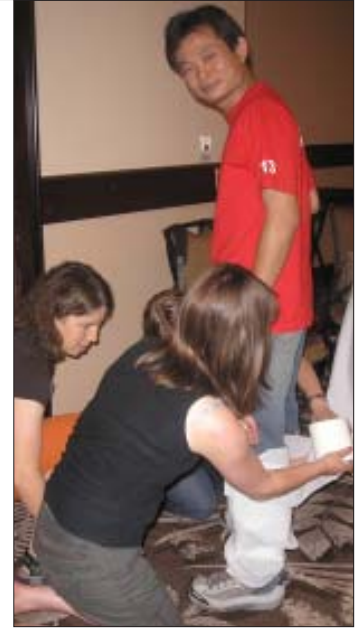
IFYEs were kept busy with a variety of activities focusing on learning and sharing of cultures, 4-H in the U.S., and acquiring skills to become more comfortable and confident with the experiences that lie ahead. Participants gave a brief presentation on the country or state they represented; some even did small exhibitions of cultural activities in their country. They were also educated and entertained by a group of talented speakers with a strong background in international education, a wide variety of travel experiences, 4-H programs, and information on cultural diversity.

The group also had a tour of Denver to see the sights and learn some of the history of this exciting Colorado capitol. Included in their afternoon on the town was lunch at the Hard Rock Café, tour of the Denver Art Museum and the Colorado History Museum. Some participants took advantage of a true Colorado cultural event and went to a Country Dance Hall, where they learned how to line dance and had the chance to ride a mechanical bull.

Participants from this orientation took away new information and new friends. A social networking site for the group has been set up on Facebook. This site was created in an attempt to enable all participants to share their experiences both verbally and visually from the orientation and afterwards. The joint efforts of the CSU Extension 4-H Office and Colorado IFYE Alumni created an orientation that was educational, entertaining and enjoyed by all.

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Orientation programs were also conducted for 4-H International exchange participants in other states, including an orientation hosted by alumni in Connecticut for one U.S. delegate to Estonia and seven inbound participants representing Austria, Estonia, and Finland. ☆



Taiwan 4-H Study Tour and IFYE Exchangees Visit States and Washington, D.C.

Three Taiwanese IFYE Exchangees and an Extension 4-H staff and volunteer study group of 10 were in the U.S. this summer.

The IFYEs were hosted in Kansas and South Dakota prior to their visit to Washington, DC, as the finale to their six-week program.

The Taiwan 4-H Study Group included staff, volunteers and students. They spent 10 days in Ohio meeting with Ohio Extension 4-H staff and visiting 4-H programs. They also visited the Amish area of Ohio. They spent three days in Washington, DC, during which they met with National 4-H Council staff and representatives of the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Representative Office, prior to their return to Taiwan.

The three IFYEs pictured lower left with Program Coordinator Mel Thompson included (standing l-r) Chia-Mei "Amy" Wang, Feng-Mao "Tom" Chuang, and Kao-Chun "Cash" Ni.

The 4-H study group pictured left at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, included (front l-r) Grace Lih-Fang Lin of the Taiwan office in Washington, Mei-Li Lin, Township 4-H staff member; Szu-Yu Lin, 4-H member; Charlene Shu-Ling Yen, Secretary-General of the National 4-H Association and IFYE to Oregon 1983; Jennifer McIver of National 4-H Council; Jui-Jung Lee, 4-H Board of Directors; and Chih-Yao Chen, 4-H Board of Directors; and (back l-r) Tsai-Kun Lin, Standing Director, Board of Directors and IFYE to Massachusetts 2002; Fei-Sheng Zheng, Graduate Student; Chung-Hua Chen, 4-H Agent; Mel Thompson, Program Coordinator; Shou-Chien "Michael" Huang, 4-H Program Director and IFYE to North Dakota 2002; and Po-Wen Lin, 4-H member. ☆





States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

The States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-HIEP) offer opportunities for U.S. 4-H youth (ages 12-18) to participate in a Summer Program and visit another country (currently Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, or Norway) for a month-long homestay or to host a youth from another country for one month to an academic year. S4-HIEP currently has 21 participating states: AK, CA, CO, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MO, MT, NM, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SD, VA, WA, WI. Visit the website: www.states4hexchange.org

The States' 4-H International Exchange Program (S4-HIEP) began in 1972 as the 4-H/Labo exchange with 179 Japanese participants traveling to Washington and Idaho for a month-long homestay. The following year, 317 American 4-Hers from WA & ID traveled to Japan. Since then, over 43,000 families in North America have hosted youth from Japan through Labo, LEX, or Utrek, and South Korea, and more recently, from Finland and Costa Rica. This past summer, S4-HIEP welcomed their first Norwegian delegation—a group of 21 youth (above right) accompanied by two former IFYE Ambassadors to the U.S. The participants stayed with 4-H families across the U.S. and took part in 4-H camps, congresses, fairs and other programs. Over 650 Japanese delegates journeyed to 19 states in 2009, with about 100 U.S. delegates living with host families in Australia, Costa Rica, Finland and Japan.

Additionally, S4-HIEP also hosts FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange) students, a U.S. Department of State program offering scholarships to youth from countries of the former Soviet Union to study

in an American high school for an academic year. These students live as “American” teenagers and are enrolled in 4-H during their program. A recent host family for Kseniya from Russia wrote “Sharing and learning about each other’s customs and traditions has brought insight and understanding of our common humanity.”

Since 1973, over 7000 4-Hers have traveled to Japan. In 2005, S4-HIEP expanded outbound opportunities to include Finland and in 2008 added Australia, Costa Rica, and Norway.

Rory Nansel, an American Field Service (AFS) participant from Nebraska to Finland in 1981-82, returned to Finland as group leader for the 2008 4-H delegation. During this exchange, he had the opportunity to reunite with his former host family. Rory says that he “is still enjoying his AFS experience, not only by returning to Finland, but by passing on my hopes to those 12 4-H youth traveling to Finland for the first time.” Rory is married to Virginia Extension 4-H Agent Carol Baird Nansel, a VA IFYE Representative to Germany in 1980, and coordinator of a special 4-H exchange between Virginia and the Dominican Republic for the past four years.

Throughout all programs, S4-HIEP strives to provide experiential educational and developmental opportunities that help young people and their families learn about other countries and cultures, instill positive cross-cultural attitudes and skills, experience global citizenship responsibilities, increase self-esteem and confidence, learn languages and communication skills, and increase overall international awareness and better prepare them for life in a global society. ★



2009 4-H Exchange Delegates Provide Books for Schools in Australia

U.S. 4-Hers visiting Australia this summer on the States' 4-H International Exchange Program (S4-HIEP) hold the long register receipt for library books purchased to help replace those lost in the tragic wildfires in the state of Victoria last February. The group chose this project as a gesture of support and appreciation for their host family experiences. They purchased over 200 books during their orientation program on arrival in Melbourne, the capital and largest city in Victoria. Julie Bosch Dreschler, MN-Trinidad and Tobago 1988 (above right), who relocated to Australia following her IFYE experience, pays the bill. Julie is the Exchange Coordinator in Australia for this program.

A label with information about the donation (as shown right), designed by delegate Jeff Blurton of Washington, was placed in each book.

The group included (front row l-r) Allison Pueslow, WI; Darcy Walker, MT; Lexie Buchs, In; Kelly Sandersfeld, CA; Kelsey Kallapos, VA; Bobbie Pickard, NM; Camille Ross, OR; and Molly Maxstadt, IL. In the back row (l-r) Ellie DeLong, OR; Lacey Benefiel, CA; Michelle Bischoff, IN; Kevin Adams, NM; Jeff Blurton, WA; Kristy Riggan, OR; and Kaitlyn Vogt, IL.

Lillian Larwood, OR-India 1968, and 4-H International Program Coordinator in Oregon, coordinated the book drive in the U.S. ★





World Learning: a Program at Work Worldwide

The Experiment in International Living Provides Summer Cross-Cultural Experiences

SIT Study Abroad and SIT Graduate Institute Offers Master's Degree and Certificate Programs

International Development Programs Focusing on Critical Global Issues

...Multiple Opportunities for 4-H International Alumni and Others!

Mystery Couple Identified! Remember the "mystery" couple with sunglasses referenced in the Winter/Spring 2009 issue? Here they are (right) with and without the shades - Jenna Shearer Demir, MA-Paraguay 1992, and her husband, Hakan Shearer Demir.

Both Jenna and Hakan are affiliated with World Learning—a 77-year-old global non-profit organization headquartered in Brattleboro, Vermont. World Learning, founded in 1932 as The Experiment in International Living, conducts international education and development programs in more than 75 countries worldwide. The Experiment has been providing high school students with summer opportunities in countries around the world since its founding. In addition, its international education programs includes an SIT Study Abroad and SIT Graduate Institute (formerly the School for International Training), along with International Development program opportunities.

Jenna is a Graduate Admissions Counselor for the SIT Graduate Institute. Hakan, who is originally from Turkey, is adjunct faculty at SIT, from which he graduated in 1999 with a Master's Degree in Inter-cultural Management. Jenna completed her master's in International Cooperation and Development Studies at the University of Pavia in Italy in 2003.

Today, the SIT Graduate Institute offers a robust set of graduate and continuing education programs designed to meet the pressing need for trained professionals with skills to address global issues. It can be a unique and valuable experience for 4-H International exchange alumni and others interested in international development and related programs. For more information on World Learning, visit: www.worldlearning.org and/or e-mail Jenna at: Jenna@ccresponse.org.

Since Jenna's IFYE experience in Paraguay, she and Hakan have had impressive careers. They met in 1991 when studying at an Italian language school in Siena, Italy. They married in 1995. They moved back and forth across the Atlantic several times focusing their work on displaced populations and civil society organizations. Their experiences have ranged from working with indigenous populations in Massachusetts to working with displaced people (refugees, internally displaced, trafficked women) in Afghanistan, Syria, Cyprus, Serbia, Kosovo, Italy and Turkey.

Hakan and Jenna recently founded Consultants for Collective Response, for which both serve as consultants. They focus on emergency, post-conflict/disaster, international development and local community work. Their most recent consultancies have been for the UN, European Union, NGOs and other international organizations. Their website is: www.ccresponse.org

Jennifer once commented, "This is the work I've wanted to do for a very long time, and I'm really glad I'm doing it. But my work isn't any more special" than that of her two sisters, who are focused in the U.S. on nursing and special-needs education or that of her mother "as



a community 4-H leader working with kids, teaching them to sew, and building community for 40 years. Everybody contributes in the way they feel comfortable."

Jenna and Hakan and their daughter Isabella Eylem, currently reside in Dummerston, Vermont. For how long? No promises! ☆

Other 4-H International Exchange Alumni Involved with World Learning

Other 4-H International exchange alumni have been connected with World Learning over the years. They include Max Benne, MI-Denmark 1957, and Jim Gleason, MI-Austria, 1958, who served as group leaders for The Experiment. Max also worked with The Experiment as a project leader for the then Volunteers to America program.

John Martin, IL-Sri Lanka 1961 and a former International Programs staff member at National 4-H Council, completed his master's degree in International Program Management at the School for International Training, as did Edith Cowper Cin, NC-Luxembourg 1987, who earned a master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language. Judith Ann McNulty, MT-Poland and Guatemala, 1978 and 1979, also graduated from SIT.

Adrienne Bergenfeld, CO-Austria/Greece 2005, begins her graduate program at SIT this fall in International Education Studies.

Mel Thompson, MI-Turkey 1953, and long-time International Staff member at National 4-H Council, was on the World Learning staff 1964-1966, most of which was spent in Nigeria, West Africa, where he served as their Overseas Representative with the administration of two Peace Corps projects.

Others involved? Send a note to: melvinhi@aol.com with a brief synopsis of your connection to World Learning and its programs.

Both World Learning and National 4-H Council were among those organizations consulted when the Peace Corps was being established in the early 1960's regarding their experience in developing Experiment programs and the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE). For an article on the development of the Peace Corps and their involvement, go to: <http://pimadmissions.files.wordpress.com/2008/11/bobterryworldview.pdf>. ☆



Hall of Fame Recognition Honors 4-H International Exchange Alumni

Four IFYE Alumni were recently inducted into Halls of Fame. Anne Clark Foltz, OH-Ireland/North Ireland 1955, was inducted into the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame; Carolyn Ivey Smith, NC-Norway 1949, and W. Francis Pressly, NC-Italy 1951, were inducted into the North Carolina 4-H Hall of Fame; and Ronald F. Eustice, MN-Uruguay 1967, was inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Breeder's Hall of Fame in 2008.

Anne Foltz's involvement in 4-H spans six decades—as a member, leader, Extension agent, and key participant at every level of the program—in Ohio and Virginia. Marriage took her to Virginia where she organized a 4-H club and served as volunteer leader. She was recognized by Virginia for her involvement in organizing a 4-H club for mentally and physically challenged youth. It was back to Ohio in retirement, where she became a member of the State 4-H Advisory Committee, the A.B. Graham Club, and the Ohio 4-H Foundation. Her latest effort was directed at raising funds and planning for the new Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, located on the Ohio State University campus. Participating in the presentation were (above l-r) Dr. Bobby Moser, OSU Vice President and Dean; Anne Foltz; Karen Corcoran, President, Ohio 4-H Foundation; and Dr. Keith Smith, Director, OSU Extension. Anne's husband, John Foltz, a strong supporter of 4-H, was recently inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Carolyn Smith (above right) has been Organizational Volunteer 4-H Leader for the Northeast McLeansville 4-H Club in North Carolina for over 45 years. Her emphasis has been on making community service the major focus. Carolyn's parents hosted an IFYE from Norway in 1949 when she was in Norway. Her parents moved back to

Kentucky, their home state when she was a senior in college; she had met "Mr. Wonderful" and remained in North Carolina. She and her husband have hosted over 45 exchangees from 20+ countries. She is proud to share that her daughter, Janice Ivey Dudley, was also a North Carolina IFYE to Norway 37 years later in 1986.

Francis Pressly (above right), a national 4-H citizenship winner and a member of the 4-H Report to the Nation in 1952 served 25 years on the National 4-H Council staff - first as an IFYE Fellow, then as first director of the 4-H Peace Corps project in Brazil, followed by 20 years as director of programs - both domestic and international. He was the primary force in establishing the 4-H Young Agricultural Specialists Exchange Program (YASEP) with the then Soviet Union. His career with 4-H included serving as an Extension 4-H Agent in North Carolina. He helped organize the North Carolina IFYE Association, has served on the NC 4-H Development Fund Board, and is active with his local Rotary Club - having served on the board and chaired the International Committee. In retirement, he and his wife, Sibyl, purchased and restored the Mast Farm Inn in Valle Crucis, NC, which they managed for 11 years before retiring for the second time.

Ron Eustice has served as executive director of the Minnesota Beef Council since 1990. He has "carried the torch" for irradiation and food safety since the series of ground beef recalls in 1997. An expert for the cause, he has been the keynote speaker at seminars and universities about irradiation of meats and produce in over 30 states, three Canadian provinces, Argentina, Brazil, India, Spain, Peru, Thailand and Uruguay. Ron and his wife, Margaret McAndrews Eustice, a Minnesota IFYE to Uganda in 1967 and a 4-H Teen Caravan Leader to Denmark in 1973, are both active participants in their community. ☆



Mary Marchino de Baca Honored by ISU

Mary Marchino de Baca, IN-Luxembourg 1957, was honored last spring as the 2009 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Advancing One Community Award, presented annually at Iowa State University. Nominated by ISU's MANNRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences) chapter, the nomination emphasized that she "lives by example because of her daily involvement, not just with students of color, but with activities and programs promoting women and diversity both within the university and outside ISU."

Mary is currently the director of diversity programs for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at ISU. She previously served Iowa 4-H as a volunteer leader, and has hosted 4-H International participants and other guests from around the world. "Being an IFYE established my intense interest in international collaborations, and I have since worked in Argentina, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Ukraine," she says. She enthusiastically shared that she attended the Ninth World IFYE Conference in Australia last fall. ☆



IFYE Alum Tamara M. Briggs Therapeutic Harpist Extraordinaire

Tami Briggs, MO-Switzerland 1982, is a Therapeutic Harpist Extraordinaire—both due to her skill and to her desire to provide a service in support of the healing journey! As a pioneer in the harp therapy field, she has played at the bedside of hundreds of hospital and hospice patients. She has played frequently at the Mayo Clinic, where she comes in contact with patients from countries around the world.

Tami is a nationally sought-after health educator and speaker. Audiences range from healthcare professionals and women's groups, to business organizations and church groups. As a composer and recording artist, she has released 13 CDs for relaxation, comfort, and stress reduction. Her CDs, as well as *Grace Notes*, her first book about using therapeutic music at the bedside, along with her inspiring story, are all available on her website: www.musicalreflections.com. Check out her special CD for Holiday Stress.

She credits her 4-H membership and her 4-H International exchange experience for helping prepare her with communication skills and for her profession. Her work has taken her to Canada and Europe. "I am especially grateful for my IFYE experience as it continues to shape my skills when I work in other countries," she shares.

Tami is the founding principal of Musical Reflections, whose mission is to provide products and services to enhance and support the healing journey. She has certification from the International Harp Therapy Program. Prior to owning Musical Reflections, she co-owned a cross-cultural training company, through which they worked with U.S. business people, teaching them about different countries where they were living and working.

"My IFYE experience taught me about peace - both inner peace, as well as creating harmonious relationships to experience peace in the world. The harp is perhaps the most peaceful musical instrument - not only for the player but for the listener. On many levels this helps the world become a better place," Tami reflects. ☆



From the Archives: It was 56 years ago in the summer of 1953 when seven young Americans traveled to Germany on the IFYE program. And the archives has the proof. Pictured above with staff of the Germany Bundesminister fur Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten, and the American Embassy, are U.S. delegates (l-r) Richard Koegel, who represented Wisconsin; Jerry Davis, Michigan; Mildred Bennett Hacker, Texas; Embassy Representative; Fraulein von Ketelholdt and Herr Karlheinz Gebbers of the Bundesminister; Patricia Draney Wiltfong, Kansas; Eloise Cooksey Layman, Kentucky; Bonner Everling Glass, Wyoming; and Lorna Paine Qazi, Colorado. ☆

Virginia and National Epsilon Sigma Phi Honors Dottie J. Nelson

Congratulations to Dottie Nelson, Va-Norway 1982! She was recently honored by the Alpha Gamma chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi for her work in Virginia to keep 4-H International exchange programs alive and growing for more than 20 years—the IFYE program, the 4-H/Japanese and the FLEX high school exchanges. In addition, she is active with her local 4-H program and the Virginia chapter of 4-H All Stars, and organizes international workshops for teens during the State 4-H Congress.

She will also be recognized at the National Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference in Fargo, North Dakota, in September as one of three volunteers selected as national Friend of Extension award winners. ☆



IFYE Foundation of the USA

President's Report

The light at the end of the tunnel isn't a train, but the realization that people care. The IFYE Foundation had an encouraging and successful campaign 2008-2009. Although the number of contributors was fewer, the total giving was larger than the previous year. Thank you to all who continue to support 4-H International Exchanges.

As a result of your giving, the Foundation was able to provide 100 outbounds with \$100 each. We also supported the Indiana-Poland exchange, Connecticut outbound participants, the Colorado orientation program for U.S. IFYE delegates and inbound exchangees, and National 4-H Congress. Your support continues to make these programs successful and those supported do respond with their thank you.

In July, I had the opportunity to be a counselor for the arrival of 49 inbound Japanese LABO and LEX exchangees in Illinois. What a wonderful experience! They have left home, many for the first time; some are only 12 years old, and all have their "body-clocks" somewhere between Japan and the USA. They become honorary 4-Hers.

They quickly adapt to our schedule and begin the orientation of being in America and getting accustomed to our food. Do you remember your first day arriving in your host country? Most of us were older and wiser, but there still was that cultural shock. We had to learn to cope with a different language, different food etc., but that is what a cultural exchange is supposed to be. What better way to help better understand another person but by living in their home. Our world seems a little chaotic and these exchanges can make a difference.

For every inbound or outbound, there has to be a host family, willing to share their time and family with a student for a few weeks. Have you hosted a 4-H exchangee lately? It's a great opportunity. Talk to your friends and neighbors about hosting. They'll thank you after they have had the great experience.

IFYE Association of the USA

More from the President... "Thanks, but Hold the Applause"

Nearly 200 people attended the IFYE Conference in Indiana. Many complimented the board on the progress they've made in the past six months. What the board is doing is carrying out guidelines in the Policies and Procedures Manual that were established by previous Association leadership. However, the 2009 board discovered numerous omissions of responsibilities, plus items that were being conducted that were not in writing. So efforts to review the Policy and Procedures and the Bylaws are underway.

State contacts established in 2001/2003 have been updated, a full complement of board members are functioning to the best of their ability, and 20% of the IFYE database have been contacted to update email addresses and phone numbers.

Board members have installed a process to assure the database is in multiple locations to protect the association from information disasters. Guidelines have been recommended by the board to the Newsletter Editor to make Newsletter content more relevant to the Association. Contact information will allow Newsletters to be delivered more efficiently with lower cost.

Board members beginning their terms in 2010 have been located and two of the four were in attendance at the conference.

While progress has been made, final applause should be held until implementation is complete.



The Value of Giving

Contributors to the IFYE Foundation have often honored a loved one or friend. Memorial gifts honor those who have lived a life of service. Making gifts in recognition of others offers a wonderful way to affirm your personal priorities and values.

Gifts in cash or check are the most common method of giving. They are convenient and tax deductible as allowed by law. Other property, such as stocks and bonds which may have gained in value, offer the benefit of tax savings with the opportunity to avoid capital gains tax on any increase in value.

Consider a gift which will continue the impact of your international experience. Designating the IFYE Foundation as beneficiary in an insurance policy or your will extends your values to others.

Contributions should be sent to: Treasurer, IFYE Foundation, 29470 Saxon Road, Toulon, IL 61483.

For a brochure or information about special gifts you might wish to consider, contact Norman Bauer, President, IFYE Foundation, 111 Woodland Trail, Anna, IL 62906; nbauer@aj-internet.net or 618/833-3228 ★

The Foundation will have a fall campaign to ask for your support. For now, use the contribution form on page 11. The IFYE website, www.ifyeusa.org is the place to learn about the IFYE Foundation, its Board members and the grant application process.

Norman C. Bauer, IFYE Foundation President ★



Norman Bauer, Connie Fukudome, and Don Floyd, President, National 4-H Council during the 2009 National IFYE Conference



During the rest of 2009 the board is planning to complete the contact project and we are again working diligently on webpage updates.

Additionally the board will be working closely with Don Floyd regarding progress in his endeavors with International 4-H programs.

As a newsletter recipient we are asking you to become involved in our success. Please take time to review the proposed Bylaws. Contact any board member for a copy of the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual. The Bylaws will be voted on at the conference in West Virginia. The Policy and Procedures Manual will be implemented by the Association Board at one of their upcoming meetings. These documents, which will be published on the website—

www.ifyeusa.org, will become the working guidelines of the Association as we move forward with 4-H International programs. Once implemented, applause will be accepted.

Connie Fukudome, IFYE Association President ★



Have You Paid Your Dues?

Membership is essential for the survival of any organization. The IFYE Association relies upon annual dues plus the interest we receive from lifetime membership investments to provide income to pay operating expenses.

Operating expenses include liability insurance (6%), newsletter expenses (62%), board reimbursement expense (10%), and 22% for webmaster, IFYE Shoppe, accounting and other miscellaneous expenses.

Currently, there are 4,877 persons listed on the IFYE database. Three hundred and one (301) are deceased. One thousand one hundred and sixty seven (1,167) have become life members, 94 of them are deceased. Only 101 individuals have paid annual dues for 2009 as of July 17th.

There are 3,402 persons on the database that are not members of our IFYE Association. An effort to locate and encourage persons on the database to support the organization that provided them with an experience of a lifetime is happening now. In order to offer an exchange program to those who wish to participate, we need funds to operate and grow our program.

Dues are \$25 per calendar year for individuals and \$40 for couples. Lifetime memberships are \$300 for individuals and \$400 for couples.

If you are one of the 3,402, won't you take this opportunity to support the Association and pay your dues? See the Association Dues/Contribution/Address Update form on this page (upper right). Send with your check as noted on the form.

Art Deisher, Association Treasurer ☆



4-H International IFYE Shoppe

For information on items available, visit the website or contact your new Shoppe Manager, Beverly Laesch Hornickel, IL-Panama 1970:

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A special thanks to our retiring Shoppe Manager—Leona Noffsinger-Maggitti, MD-Netherlands 1988. Ten Years of Service!

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In Memoriam

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

★ **Norma Hanell Ashbrook**, IL-Sweden 1952, L-0300, June 23, 2009, Bloomington, IL

★ **Brenda Friend Briggs**, VA-Japan 1966, June 10, 2009, Chester, VA

★ **Keith L. Brown**, MI-Nigeria 1953, April 1, 2009, Jonesville, MI

★ **Rita Lilak Cross**, KS-Netherlands 1967, July 1979, Wilson, KS

★ **Joan Vieira Dyer**, CA-Sweden 1958, December 26, 2004, Danville, CA

★ **Van E. Eitel**, MO-Belgium/Luxembourg 1949, November 25, 2008, Cape Coral, FL

★ **June Boyd Ferrell**, OH-England/Wales, 1953, L-0745, April 11, 2009, Findlay, OH

★ **Bennie R. Fulcher**, GA-Finland 1958, January 15, 2007, Covington, GA

★ **David D. Gaumer**, KS-Nepal 1956, March 27, 2009, Lawrence, KS

★ **David J. Harms**, IL-Mexico 1965, L-0433, May 16, 2009, Waverly, IL

★ **Paul C. Hoffman**, PA-France 1948, L-0661, May 24, 2009, Allentown, PA

★ **Jeanine Riessen Rennie**, IA-Israel 1967, 1996, Auckland, New Zealand

★ **Ruth Elinore Griffith Ruhl**, PA-Germany 1954, December 10, 2008, Elizabethtown, PA

★ **Rosa Ellen Larson Smith**, KS-Brazil 1956, January 22, 2009, New Plymouth, ID

★ **Edger E. Tobias**, MI-Pakistan 1956, February 11, 2007, Wheaton, IL

★ **Albert Lawrence Voth**, KS-Australia 1954, L-0135, October 27, 2007, Newton, KS

Deceasements, corrections and updates are appreciated. Please send full name, State-Country-Year or relationship to program, date of death and address. E-mail to melvinhi@aol.com or mail to IFYE Association, 5811 Lone Oak Drive East, Bethesda, MD 20814. ★



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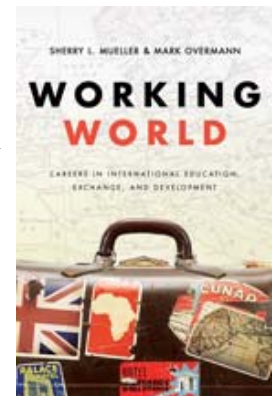
Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development
by Sherry Mueller & Mark Overmann

Looking for a career with professional and personal satisfaction? *Working World* is a resource on making career choices, and valuable for those interested in International Education, Exchange, and Development.

Author Sherry Mueller is president of the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), went to Germany as a participant on The Experiment in International Living (see page 7 of this issue) and then led a group to the then-USSR. She is a strong supporter of 4-H International programs...and has helped with 4-H orientation programs in the past.

Author Mark Overmann studied in France, taught in China, worked at NCIV, and is now with Georgetown University.

For more info, check out *Working World* at www.press.georgetown.edu. ★



News of Alumni and Friends and More

Bettina Winkler, 2009 IFYE Exchangee from Austria hosted by South Dakota, was seriously injured while horseback riding with her host brother and friends at the Sullivan family farm in De Smet, SD. She returned to Austria soon after the accident.

Donald L. Meike, WY-Denmark 1950, was honored recently as the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture Outstanding Alumnus. He and his brother operate the Meike Ranch in Kaycee, Wyoming, where they have also helped establish a senior housing facility dedicated to their parents and grandparents.

2009 National IFYE Conference Glass Mugs. Some still available! Etched with the conference logo "Peace Through Understanding," they are \$10.50 each plus shipping. For more information, e-mail: roberts-farm@kconline.com

Harlen J. Persinger, IA-Norway 1970, is a freelance award-winning photojournalist, who has provided conference and other photos for this publication for many years. He recently wrote, "IFYE impacted my life and career. I have not missed a National IFYE Conference since the late 80's, and I am one of those fortunate individuals with a long string of memories." ★