

# IFYE NEWS

The Official Publication of the  
International Four-H Youth Exchange  
Association of the USA

Summer 2001

## Conversation to Generate Ideas for 4-H

**GET INVOLVED—REPRESENT AND PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION AMID 100,000+ PARTICIPANTS**

A conversation involving more than 100,000 youth and adults from every county in 55 states and territories is being initiated by 4-H to launch its second century in youth development.

The Centennial Conversation

on Youth Development will begin in October in each of the 3,067 counties, where 4-Hers, volunteer leaders and community participants. 4-H International Programs need to be represented. Alumni and host families are the key. Contact

your Extension office and get involved—represent and promote the international dimension of 4-H. Be sure that 4-H International is on the agenda of every conversation!

The county meetings will lead into statewide gatherings in each

state, which will lead into the national gathering in Washington, DC early in 2002.

As a result of the Centennial Conversation, 4-H will capture the best ideas and programs for youth development in the 21st Century and present them to the President, his cabinet and Congress.

Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate (SB 657) by Senators Richard Lugar (IN) and Tom Harkin (IA), and in the House (HR 1388) by Representatives Greg Ganske (IA), Frank Lucas (OK), and Eva Clayton (NC) to support this important investment in the future of the nation's youth. Write your senators and representatives. Encourage them to support this effort, and be sure to mention the importance of the international dimension.

Visit the 4-H Centennial on the web: [www.4hcentennial.org](http://www.4hcentennial.org) ★

## New England Treats Guests to "An IFYE Odyssey"

The Vermont hills "were alive with the sounds of '4-H International' music," as the New England Association provided "An IFYE Odyssey" that will be long remembered by those attending the National IFYE Conference in Burlington, June 28-July 1. 4-H exchange alumni, families, Extension staff and friends of 4-H International—289 in all—attended all or part of this annual event.

In addition to the usual applause, there were occasional raised fists and sounds of "Nay, Nay!" throughout the Conference to express appreciation in the Abenaki tribal tradition, learned during an opening night presentation of dance and tribal dress by the W'Abenaki Indian tribal dancers of New England. The Abenaki believed that if all women were to clap at once it might start raining and never stop.

The Conference got

underway with an opening luncheon and the ringing of the IFYE bell, a gift in 1972 from the Swiss IFYE Association. Douglas Lentagne, Associate Director of Extension, University of Vermont, welcomed the participants.

Madeleine M. Kunin, former US Ambassador to Switzerland and three-term governor of Vermont, was the keynote speaker. She shared her experiences as an ambassador and emphasized the importance of international exchanges and global relationships. One of her main responsibilities as ambassador was facilitating the return of Swiss bank account funds to Holocaust survivors. A native of Zurich, she emigrated with her family from Switzerland to the US as a six-year-old. She is currently the Middlebury College (Vermont) Bicentennial Fellow-in-Residence, a position established in honor of the

college's 200th Anniversary.

A "tea cup" auction—that went on and on and on and on—closed out the evening culminating a bidding process that started following lunch, evidence of the successful appeal for contributions by those attending the Conference and others donations mailed in. Some items were auctioned at the awards and recognition luncheon

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## Where to Send Dues, Contributions

Become an IFYE Association member today. Complete the form on page 8 and mail it today with your check for annual or life **membership dues** payable to IFYE Association and sent to PO Box 585, W. Brookfield, MA 01585.

**Campaign 2000 contributions** are still encouraged and welcome. Send your check to IFYE Foundation, 29470 Saxon Road, Toulon, IL 61483. Suggested levels of giving are:

I FYE Patron	\$ 1,000 - 2,001 +
F oundation Fellow	\$ 500 - 999
Y outh Sponsor	\$ 250 - 499
E xcited Member	\$ 100 - 249
S upporter	\$ 25 - 99

# Challenges, Conversations, Crucial Times



Melvin J. Thompson (file photo)  
IFYE Association President

Listen! The soothing music in the background is from a CD by minstrel Douglas Bishop playing on his homemade pan flute. Several of us had the opportunity to meet and visit with him when he was fluting on Burlington's Church Street promenade during the National IFYE Conference in Vermont. An immigrant from Germany and recently married, he will travel the US with his Burlington bride providing traditional music from such countries as Hungary, Romania, Scotland, Ireland, Spain and Russia. It was a bonus in connection with a great

Conference!

We salute Carolyn Gorham Guest, VT-Poland 76, and Ellen Paine, CT-Costa Rica 75, co-chairs, and all New England alumni who provided a memorable Conference for all, including 13 members of the 1951 group celebrating their 50th anniversary. Share in the Conference via the front-page article.

It was an honor for me during the Conference to again be elected president of the IFYE Association. When I came on the Board of Directors in 1998, I felt a little like I was fulfilling a responsibility unfulfilled in 1964 when I was president and had served only one year on the Board. Our two-year assignment in Nigeria, West Africa, that year required my resignation. I look forward to serving as your president and to continuing as editor of IFYE News.

I find it interesting when people tend to use an old photo to portray what really isn't. I'm

following that example, but not for the same reason. My photo at left is from high school graduation. As this issue goes to press, we will be in Michigan for my 50th Anniversary reunion.

The year ahead is a crucial time for 4-H International programs. Two important events need your attention: the 4-H Centennial Conversation on Youth Development being conducted by the Cooperative Extension System and National 4-H Council, and the Connecting to Our Future conference planned by the IFYE Association and the IFYE Foundation. The 4-H Centennial Conversation is outlined in the article on the front page. Contact your Extension office and become part of this important 4-H event. Deryl Waldren is chairman of the Connecting to Our Future conference. He introduces the plan in the guest editorial below.

IFYE alums Warren Prawl, KS-Switzerland 1951, and Helen

Fahning Enstrom, MN-Germany 1955, reflect on their experiences and the impact of an international exchange experience in an article on page 5. They cause each of us to reflect on our own international experience, be it at home or abroad.

Two questions. Are you a dues-paying member of the IFYE Association? Have you contributed to Campaign 2000? If not, note the information on the front page and do so today! We need your paid membership and we need your program contributions. Beginning in 2002, only paid memberships will receive all issues of IFYE News and other IFYE Association mailings.

Enjoy this summer issue of IFYE News. As always, but now as both president and editor, I especially welcome your comments, contributions and recommendations! ★

Mel Thompson  
President



Deryl Waldren  
IFYE Association Vice President

At the 2001 IFYE Conference in Burlington, Vermont, the IFYE Association of the USA agreed to move forward with a conference to review several issues facing the Association. These issues include our vision and mission statements last looked at in the mid-1990s. Past Vice President Melissa Haberstroh from Texas

## IFYE to Conduct Futuring Conference in 2002

submitted a thought-provoking Branding Task Force report that looked at our name, image, logo and tag line. I believe these issues need to be included as part of our "Connecting to Our Future" conference.

This futuring conference may be held in conjunction with the National 4-H Centennial celebration tentatively scheduled in the Washington, DC area in February or March 2002. I foresee this conference to be by invitation, having the right mix of all stakeholders and covering parts of three days and two nights. It might be held immediately following the 4-H centennial celebration at the same or a different location.

Specifically the conference will focus on:

- ★ Evaluating the circumstances and maximizing the value of IFYE and all 4-H International programs in the future.
- ★ Involving 4-H International stakeholders, including a cross-section of participants by programs and by decades of participation; recently returned delegates aware of relevant issues a new applicant considers; 4-H teens, who are our future participants; CD International, LLC; Extension/4-H staff; IFYE Association and IFYE Foundation representation; host families; potential donors; and USDA staff. Participants will be expected to commit to full-time

attendance, about 16 hours.

- ★ A process led by a professional facilitator familiar with, but not currently a stakeholder in 4-H International exchange programs.

A conference report will be completed and presented at the 2002 National IFYE Conference in Spearfish, South Dakota, June 26-30th. Key to continued success of 4-H International programs would be an endorsement of the report as we move forward in the 21st Century. I welcome comments and suggestions to help make this Connecting to Our Future conference a worthwhile and successful event. ★

Deryl Waldren  
Immediate Past President

# Decisions Made at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the IFYE Association was held during the National IFYE Conference in Vermont, June 30, 2001. Listed below are some major items announced or acted upon. A complete copy of the minutes is available on request from the secretary of the Association.

★ Effective in 2002, annual membership dues will be included as part of the Conference registration fee for individual not already annual or life members.

★ Beginning in 2002, only two issues of IFYE News will be sent to all alumni. Only dues-paying members (annual or life) will receive all four issues and other Association communications.

★ Association investments are down about 10%, but doing better than the market. Invest-

ments plus cash on hand exceeds the requirement that Association net worth equal life membership principle. Only interest on life memberships can be used.

★ A liability insurance program is being sought to cover the IFYE Association and the IFYE Foundation.

★ The 4-H Centennial celebration will take place in 2002. The Association is planning a Connecting to our Future conference and Extension is conducting a National Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century.

★ IFYE Foundation's fundraising strategy includes planned giving and estate planning, and an annual fund raising campaign with individuals, foundations and corporations.

★ There are 41 outbound

IFYE delegates this year—31 IFYE Representatives and 10 IFYE Ambassadors. Thirty-two states are hosting 59 inbound exchanges from 18 countries. The age range for IFYE

Ambassador delegates is now 16-26 years; the IFYE Representative age range remains 19-30.

★ The IFYE Association and the IFYE Foundation are in discussion with the 4-H International Program Committee (formerly the 4-H Japanese Exchange Committee) in hopes of establishing a partnership for more effective 4-H International exchange programs.

## IFYE Association General Support

There were 75 annual IFYE Association members as of June 30, 2001. This number, along with the 1,086 life memberships, brings the current paid memberships in the IFYE Association to 1,161.

Contributions in 2001 for IFYE Association general support have been provided by: Sara and Allen Dady Marie Rietmann

in memory of Mary Jane Stangl Dunham and in honor of Charles Dunham

Virginia Bunse Franklin C. Wilson Gordon and Corrine Swenson Irene S. Reynolds

in honor of Helen Reynolds Bennett

Warren Prawl Jean A. Hoshiko in memory of Paul Hoshiko Ardis Liebenstein

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C. Dean Allen in memory of Leslie S. Nichols and in honor of Kathleen S. Flom and Warren E. Schmidt David N. Denton in memory of James Reilly

★ The selection of host states for IFYE Conferences in 2004 and 2005 will be made at the 2002 conference in South Dakota. Bid proposals are due April 15, 2002. ★

## Donations Commemorate Anniversaries

The Anniversary Fund was established by the 1948 delegation on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary at the National IFYE Conference in Kansas in 1988. All 4-H International participants are asked, on their five-year anniversaries, to donate a minimum of \$1.00 for each year since participation. These funds are used to support exchanges where there are special needs.

Contributions should be made payable to the IFYE Foundation of the USA and sent to the Foundation Treasurer (address on page 1).

Contributors during the recent National IFYE Conference in Vermont include: Evangeline L. Barber Judy Bell Barbara Bishop Lewis J. Bordeaux Arthur L. Deisher Margaret Dixon Robert E. Ellis Toni Frank Connie Fukudome Shirley Garrity Janell George Tom Gray Carolyn E. Guest Sue Lefes Andrea Maille Carol Morrison Cecile Babich Morrow Mary Ottmar Francis Pressly Carol Rex Walter E. Schmidt Anita Smiley Sharlann Smiley Barbara Spangler Myles E. Starner JoAnn Stine Tom and JoAnn Trail Norma L. Wu

## Friends of IFYE Recognized

4-H volunteers from Connecticut and North Dakota were named Friend of 4-H International award recipients during the National IFYE Conference in Burlington, Vermont. In addition, two Vermont state 4-H staff members were recognized by the Vermont IFYE Association for their years of leadership and support of 4-H International.

**Doug Putnam**, an investment banker, has supported Connecticut 4-H International programs for 30 years. He served as treasurer of the state IFYE Committee for almost as long. When "anonymous donor" appeared over the years on the quarterly treasurer's report, there was little doubt where the money came from, according to an IFYE alum.

A sister's IFYE experience in Sweden had as much impact on **Lester Liudahl** as it did on his sister. Because of her experience,

he created the Lester Liudahl Endowment Fund to help North Dakota youth participate in 4-H International programs. Lester says, "There is no 4-H program that spreads more goodwill than the IFYE experience."

**Pauline Rowe** retired some years ago from the Vermont state 4-H staff, but one thing that did not retire was her interest in and support for IFYE and 4-H International programs. She coordinated the IFYE program and 4-H international education activities in Vermont from the early years of the program.

It was a smooth transition as **Mary Carlson**, currently the state 4-H leader in Vermont, took over the coordination of 4-H International programs when Rowe retired. Carlson is currently the chair of the national 4-H International Program Committee, formerly known as the 4-H Japanese Exchange Committee. ★

# Odysseys in Abundance at Conference

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on Saturday. Total receipts topped \$3,500 and are designated to cover costs of the IFYE web site, [www.ifyeusa.org](http://www.ifyeusa.org).

Five tours and/or workshops provided personal odyssey options on the second day. These focused on New England agriculture, antiques, forestry and maple sugaring, history and quilting. Highlights reported by participants provide some interesting facts and information:

★ Ethan Allen was not involved with the furniture business. After his years as a Revolutionary War hero, he settled just north of Burlington along the Winooski River. His restored farmhouse and a portion of his land now make up the Ethan Allen Museum.

★ The University of Vermont "Cream" (Cooperative for Real Education in Agricultural Management) project, started in 1988, has trained several hundred students in dairy husbandry who are given complete management responsibility for a herd of 15-25 dairy cattle.

★ The Foster Brothers Moo Doo Farm has developed a topsoil and composting business using waste material from their dairy operation and neighboring dairy and chicken farms. The farm is using federal grants to study methane energy production.

★ Plastic tubing is now replacing the old wooden pails to carry the sap in large operations, making it possible for two people to handle the collection and production for over 1,500 trees.

★ Quilting continues as a craft in New England according to quilting enthusiast Caroline Gardner, NH-Korea 67, who conducted a hands-on workshop and tour of a quilting exhibit at the famed Shelburne Museum.

★ Antique buffs are

collectors, a fact proven by those in this group. They almost needed a second bus to get their purchases back to the Conference hotel.

Everyone gathered on the grounds of the Shelburne Museum that evening for a chicken barbecue and "sugar on snow" for dessert, compliments of the Vermont Maple Growers' Association. Danny Gore, speaker and humorist, entertained with a "Unique View of New England Life." A lifelong "politician," he ran for office numerous times, including Governor, once declaring himself the winner and was "Governor" of Vermont for seven minutes. His delightful humorous tales ended on a serious note, as he reminded the group that being an exchange delegate or a host family involved risk, that nothing in life is gained without it.

Thirteen inbound IFYE exchangees attended the Conference. Their presence was

a highlight as they participated and entertained at several events.

The youth program provided a behind the scenes tour of the hotel's recycling program, and visits to the Vermont Teddy Bear shop, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, the Owls Cottage at the Shelburne Museum and the Lake Champlain Science Center.

Charles Larson, CT-Denmark, one of the pioneer delegates in 1948, was master of ceremonies for the awards and recognition luncheon on Saturday, which included the introduction of the Board of Directors and installation of the Association officers for the coming year. Special recognition was given the conferees celebrating their first, 25th and 50th anniversaries.

Saturday afternoon workshops included sessions on IFYE program operations, the 4-H Japanese exchange, planned giving through the IFYE Foundation, Heifer Project, state associations, and sharing the

exchange experience.

The International Banquet was held on board the *Spirit of Ethan Allen II* while cruising on Lake Champlain. The candle lighting ceremony planned for the shores of the lake on disembarking was cut short by rain (memories of Illinois one year ago) and conducted in the hotel ballroom.

The Shape-Note Singers of New England were featured during the Sunday morning ecumenical service. The service also included a time for remembrance, as names were read of those alumni and Association members who passed away during the past year.

The Conference ended with a closing ceremony, the ringing of the IFYE bell as it passed from Vermont to South Dakota, the host state for the 2002 Conference, and a hearty New England Sunday brunch. ★

## Future Events

### 2002 IFYE Conference

"Catch the IFYE Spirit and Share the Dream" is the theme of the 2002 National IFYE Conference being hosted by South Dakota, June 26-30, in Spearfish, SD. South Dakota hosted the first Conference 50 years ago in 1952.

### 2003 World Conference

The eighth World IFYE Conference will be held July 19-26, 2003, in Sigtuna, Sweden. Sigtuna is north of Stockholm near the airport. There will not be a Conference in the US in 2003.

### 2002 Australia Reunion

The Australian Biennial Exchangees Reunion will be held March 1-3, 2002, in Western Australia, writes Barbara Miller Maidment, OR-Uganda 1968. Interested participants should contact her at [maidment@netserv.net.au](mailto:maidment@netserv.net.au) ★

## New Officers, Directors Named

IFYE Association officers elected during the recent Conference in Vermont include Melvin Thompson, MI-Turkey 1953, president; Deryl Waldren, vice president; Toni Frank, secretary; and Bill King, treasurer.

Four members—one from each region—joined the Board during the Conference. They include Mary Wengryn, NJ-Finland 1954, representing Region A; Stephany Duvall, GA-Denmark 1999, Region B; Ronald D. Petrak, IA-Ireland 1953, Region C; and Jennifer Vukonich, MT-Estonia 2000, Region D.

Board members who retired are Jim Morgan, IA-Switzerland 1975; Melissa Haberstroh, TX-Belgium/Botswana 1988/92;

Lewis Bordeaux, MI-Japan 1966; Linda Schultz, WA-New Zealand/USSR 1975/77; and past president Marie Lee, WI-Costa Rica 1992.

States eligible to elect a representative to the board in 2002 are New York, Kentucky, Kansas and Nevada. ★

## Calling All Pilots

If you are a licensed pilot, Norma Hunsicker Ravnsborg, MO-Israel 1965, is looking for you. The 2002 National IFYE Conference will be in Spearfish, South Dakota, a great fly-in destination for general aviation aircraft. Write to Norma at Flight Resources, 10864 E. Mexico Avenue, Aurora, CO 80012, or email [NFRSoar@aol.com](mailto:NFRSoar@aol.com) ★

# Two Alumni Reflect on IFYE Experience

## Join 4-H and See the World!

*Join 4-H and see the World! It was an unlikely slogan in the early 1940s when Warren Prawl, KS-Switzerland 1951, joined 4-H, but that is just what happened. He shares his story:*

My 4-H projects were poultry, swine, dairy, beef; then it was demonstrations and conducting meetings. Little did I realize how these activities boosted my self-confidence and turned a shy farm boy into an active Kansas State University student in 1949. I learned of IFYE at a Collegiate 4-H meeting. And soon it occurred to me that I might even be qualified. Encouraged by former IFYEs and Extension agents, I applied and was selected. Little did I know where this would lead.

After the IFYE experience in Switzerland, my world was never the same. That six months led to a 35-year career in international development as a specialist in agricultural and Extension education.

After graduation from KSU, two years in the Army, graduate

work at Cornell, and marriage, my career choices were limited. At Cornell, I began to think about international service. My wife, Nancy, shared the same thoughts and aspirations. We were soon off to India where we spent two tough years with the American Friends Service committee working with a rural development project.

We returned to Cornell for a doctoral program and, we assumed, a comfortable Extension position in the US. It didn't happen. I did join KSU as an Extension specialist. My assignment—India! We then spent four years helping develop an agricultural university in Hyderabad. Two of our three sons were born in India.

The next 26 years took my family and me on a rotation from home-based assignments at KSU via a partnership with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) to several overseas postings. After India, then came Nigeria, Tunisia and Cameroon.

“Retirement” in 1988 was the

beginning of consultantships with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Farmer-to-Farmer program of the Volunteers Overseas in Cooperative Assistance (VOCA), and other agencies and private firms. Country assignments covered the alphabet from Albania to Zimbabwe and Zanzibar.

It's a wonderful feeling to contribute to peace and understanding. It was true with IFYE and with my entire career. I wouldn't change anything that has happened since my IFYE experience 50 years ago!

## East Germany in 1955... Roots and Relatives

*Helen Fahning Enstrom, MN-Germany 1955, was one of the few delegates who got to visit East Germany during her six months in West Germany. One IFYE experience led to unknown relatives and to her family's farm in East Germany. She shares the story:*

I was a “nobody” from Minnesota. And to think I was one of five chosen to go to Germany and the only girl to go into East Germany. It still overwhelms me! I lived with five families in different parts of the country. I'll always remember the one home destroyed by American bombings and rebuilt in 1945 (the date posted on the front entrance), but my most amazing experience happened soon after I arrived in Germany.

About a week after I arrived, I went to a district Extension

meeting and stayed one night in Stuttgart with a friend of the Extension agent. I left the next morning. That night, a man knocked on the door of the friend I stayed with, the only name he had for someone in West Germany. He was a refugee from East Germany and was one of about 2,000 who escaped each day at that time. The young man's name was Fritz Fahning, the same last name as mine. The family told the Extension agent, who was amazed since the name Fahning was not a common name.

The agent came to see me and took me to the refugee camp a few days later. We found the young man's name and where he was going—a name of a farm, no town, no area, just the name of the farm. The agent exclaimed, “I know where that farm is.”

We went to the farm, where we met Fritz. He looked like my brothers, was a year older than I was, and came from the same area my Fahning relatives had emigrated from. After considerable research on both sides of the ocean we discovered that we descended from families that lived on the same farm in Mecklenburg; after further study we learned that we are fourth cousins. We were all amazed and thrilled!

And to think I could have been sent to many other countries or not chosen as an IFYE at all! I'm so glad I was sent to Germany. We continue our contacts. We visited Fritz in Germany and he has been to visit us. We visit by phone at Christmas time communicating in both English and German. We plan to return to Germany next year and to go with Fritz to visit the farm where both our families came from. I am so thankful for my 4-H International experience! ★

## From the Editor's Inbox

### IFYE News Deadlines

IFYE News is published quarterly. Items and/or suggestions should be sent or emailed to the president and editor, Mel Thompson (address on page 8). Deadlines are the 15th of September, December, March and June.

### email News Updates

If you would like to receive occasional current items via e-mail—announcements, deaths, personals, updates, tragedies—please email Mel Thompson at melvinhi@aol.com Indicate “Mel's emails” in subject line.

### Records Database

The IFYE Association is considering the best way to handle the alumni records

database. Patti Baymiller has resigned from this responsibility. Individuals interested should contact Mel Thompson.

### State Association Meetings

The Michigan 4-H International Association and the Pennsylvania IFYE Association held summer picnic meetings recently. Michigan's event included the exchange of participants between host families; “Christmas in July” was the theme of the Pennsylvania gathering. Both included business meetings and updates on 4-H International programs. Other such events? Please add the editor to your state mailing list. ★

## Life Members

The following individuals, listed in order of membership, have become life members of the IFYE Association since the last issue of IFYE News, bringing the total to 1,086.

- ★ Marie Sommer Lofgren, CA-Austria 1952
- ★ Jeanine Jones Bussiere, ID-Costa Rica 1972

# Focus on the IFYE Foundation of the USA

(Second in a series of four articles)

by Richard Tenney  
Ohio-France 1959

The IFYE program has, since its beginning, been recognized by most people who are familiar with the program, as a fine program. They recognize that it has been of value to those who participated as well as to those who heard the "IFYE Story." The general opinion of the program, while not disproved, had very little fact to substantiate it. The generally unproven feeling of "goodness" of the program sparked a number of conversations and comments at various levels.

In 1958, the International Farm Youth Exchange Advisory Committee reported: "As we have grown to appreciate the leader training contributions of the program, participants are viewed less as learners and reporters and more as potential teachers and leaders of related citizenship activities, through which a much larger number of 4-H members and others can learn and grow."

In 1962, in interpreting the expectations of the IFYE Advisory Committee, Jane Kamisato stated, "The experience was not so much an end in itself, but helped provide opportunities for further growth of delegates as they began to help others."

The 1967 study was to determine what influence the IFYE experience had on the educational achievement and the occupational plans of the IFYE delegate alumni. Approximately one-third of all IFYE alumni who had participated in the program during the 18 years the program had been operating was surveyed. The respondents were divided into three groups, each representing six years of program operation (Group I, 1948-53; Group II, 1954-59; and Group III, 1960-65), to identify trends.

## Alumni vs. Control Group

Alumni in Group III were compared with a similar group of persons of the same time period who had met the same selection criteria and been selected as IFYE delegates but who had been unable to participate in the program because of reasons such as health, finances, the Selective Service, or

foreign country contracts at the national level. These people became Group IV or the control group. The two groups were fairly similar as no significant difference was found between them concerning demographic factors such as sex, age, residence, marital status or family size.

## Educational Achievement

These two groups were compared to determine the influence the foreign rural family living experience of the IFYE program (the IFYE experience) had on the type and level of education achieved. Though the alumni group showed a slightly higher gain in years of education by the time of the study, tests failed to show any significant difference in their current educational level. When asked to rate the influence of the IFYE experience on education, there was a highly significant difference as might be expected with the alumni rating being nearly double.

## Occupational Plans

The groups were then compared to determine the influence that the IFYE experience had on their occupational plans. When comparing the two groups for change in vocational choice between time of application and their occupation in 1967, no significance was found in vocational choice relating to "working with people," with nearly a third of both groups employed in teaching. There was, however, a significant difference in changes in occupational areas for the two groups for their occupation in 1967. When asked about future occupational plans this difference became highly significant with one of the most notable differences between the groups being the number of IFYE alumni who were planning to go into international

occupations. Again, when asked to rate the influence of the IFYE experience on occupation, the difference was highly significant with the alumni rating being double that of the control group.

## Community Involvement

The 1967 study was also to determine the involvement of the IFYE alumni in their community using a community participation scale. No significant difference was found between the alumni group and the control group concerning the number of community organizations to which the respondent belonged. The alumni were found to have a significantly higher intensity of involvement in community organizations, as well as a higher total participation score.

## Alumni Trends

### Educational Achievement

There was a significant difference found in the level of education at the time of selection among the three alumni groups, with the level rising with each succeeding group. However by the time of the study there was no significance found among the groups with each group having an average of about one-half year of education beyond the baccalaureate degree. Also the rating given by the alumni groups for the influence of the IFYE experience on their education increased with each succeeding group for a highly significant difference among groups.

### Occupational Plans

When comparing the three alumni groups for differences in past, present and future occupations there was an expected highly significant difference found between men and women in each

group but no significant difference among groups for their future occupations. Additional testing revealed a highly significant difference when testing women only from group to group. The Alumni Group II (1954-59) showed over half listing "homemaking" as their planned occupation. (How times have changed.) Again when asked to rate the influence of the IFYE experience on their occupational plans there was a highly significant difference among groups, with the younger alumni rating the influence higher.

## Community Involvement

As might be expected, with the earlier groups of alumni having had more years to become established in their communities, there was a significant difference among groups for number of community organizations and a highly significant difference for intensity of involvement as shown by higher participation scores of the older alumni. ★

## Recent Donations

Contributions to Campaign 2000 totaled \$22,924 by 239 contributors. This amount included \$5,726 in memorial gifts. Campaign 2002 is planned for this fall.

Contributors to Campaign 2000 since the last issue of IFYE News include the following:  
Land O'Lakes, Minneapolis, MN  
Margaret Dixon  
Paul H. Miller  
Mary Ann Moon  
Rudolph K. Schnabel  
Tom and JoAnn Trail

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**Have you included the IFYE Foundation in your will or estate?**

Contact your legal representative, or for more information contact Stan Dreyer, president of the IFYE Foundation.

## In Memoriam

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

- ★ Gerald R. Howell, IA-India 1955, L-68, March 1, 2001, Garner, IA
- ★ Donald Gehres, OH-Germany 1952, L-279, January 4, 2001, Alexandria, VA
- ★ Walter Henry, OH-Ireland 1962, June 15, 2001, Mount Vernon, OH
- ★ Patti J. Lampe, KS-Sweden 1967, L-284, February 4, 2000, Church Rock, NM
- ★ Gary A. Mogge, KS-Ethiopia 1970, L-327, June 5, 2000, Lexington Park, MD
- ★ D. Dean Sanderson, SD-Denmark 1950, 28 June 2000, Aurora, SD
- ★ Donna Cowan Ticknor, KS-France 1951, Kansas
- ★ Lois C. Linse, WI-Chile 1951, July 1999, Wisconsin

The IFYE Association would like to update its records to reflect all 4-H International exchange alumni, staff and other members who are deceased. Please send full name, State-Country-Year or relationship to program, date of death and address at that time, to Mel Thompson (address on page 8). ★

## Grant Awarded

The IFYE Association of the USA awarded Adams County IFYE alumni in Pennsylvania a \$200 outreach mini-grant. It will be used for the development of a promotional tabletop display to promote international education and exchanges. The grant was announced during the National IFYE Conference in Burlington, Vermont.

Mini-Grants are made annually. Proposals are due by **April 15**. Applications are available from Toni Frank, 306 W. Illinois St., New Berlin, IL 62670; mafrank@wbsb.net ★

# New Items at the IFYE Shoppe

Your purchase supports the IFYE Association of the USA.

★ Beautiful limited edition **50th Anniversary Bell**, 3" ornament style, gold-plated pewter and brass, \$15, limited supply!

### Clearance on World Conference Clothing

Golf shirts and sweat-shirts feature the World Conference/50th Anniversary logo embroidered in green and gold. The 100% cotton white **golf shirt** is available in XL-XXL, now just \$10. **Sweatshirts** are a high quality 50/50 cotton/polyester blend in white (XL) or natural (M-L); all sizes now \$10!

### Bargain Buys

★ 14 oz dark green **ceramic mug** printed with 50th Anniversary logo on one side in white and gold—now only \$3!

★ Attractive postage stamp-style **pin**, white with gold trimmed edges and acrylic finish, 25¢

★ **Bumper sticker** with the message "I support the International 4-H Youth Exchange", 50¢

★ **Post-it Notes** (3"x4") in white with the IFYE logo printed in green, 50 sheets per pad, \$1.25.

★ Reduced to \$5: the **travel/waist pack** in natural canvas with the IFYE logo embroidered in green.

★ **Baseball caps** are green mesh with the IFYE logo silkscreened in white, \$4.

Available now are the **redesigned golf shirts and caps**. Each item is embroidered in green and white with "4-H International" over the IFYE logo. The 100% pre-shrunk cotton shirt is the popular putty color, while the low profile unstructured cotton baseball-style cap comes in khaki. The cap (\$14) has an adjustable fabric strap. Shirts are available in S-M-L-XL for \$29 and 2XL for \$31.

### IFYE Flag T-Shirt

The IFYE "Flag" t-shirt in white features a full-color IFYE logo surrounded by 12 flags of the world. Available in L-XL, \$12; XXL, \$14.

### More IFYE Wearables

The **tri-color/embroidered logo golf shirt** is 100% pre-shrunk cotton, white with green collar and sleeve trim and a blue placket. Available in L-XL, \$32; XXL for \$34.

"**Future IFYE**" t-shirts in youth sizes 6-8, 10-12 and 14-16 with a colorful design on a light gray background make great gifts for kids, \$6 each.

### World Conference Report

Narrative report with color panoramic group photo wrap-around cover, over 200 photos, list of attendees and donors, and a review of the 1948 IFYEs' experiences, \$10 each.

### IFYE Shoppe Items

- ★ Acrylic **keychain** features the IFYE logo, \$3
- ★ IFYE logo **slide**, \$1
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Having an IFYE event? IFYE merchandise is now available for volume purchase to sell at your event to raise money for IFYE. Contact sales manager Leona Noffsinger for details and to place your order!

### How to Order

Complete the order form below and mail with check or money order payable to: **IFYE Association of the USA**. Supplies of most IFYE Shoppe items are low; we suggest you email or call in advance to check availability (301/696-1560, email [leonanoff@aol.com](mailto:leonanoff@aol.com)). ★

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