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Amy Michelle Sents KS-Germany/Switzerland 2010 Named Harry S. Truman Scholar



Amy Michelle Sents, Kansas' 2010 IFYE Representative to Germany and Switzerland, has been named a Harry S. Truman Scholar. She is the 32nd Kansas State University student to be so honored. Each scholarship provides up to \$30,000 for graduate study. The award was made during a special ceremony on May 30 at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri.

Amy is majoring in Animal Science & Industry/Pre-Vet with a minor in International Agriculture. She served as a White House Liaison intern last summer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After

completing a Master's of Public Health and Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine she plans to work for the USDA in infectious disease/Zoonoses control.

"My parents impressed upon me from a young age the need to serve others," Sents said. "Through my activities on the farm and in 4-H and FFA, I developed a true passion for animals. Through safeguarding the health of livestock, I aspire to help make the world a safer place for everyone to live." ☆

52nd National IFYE Conference "World Wide and Wonderful - Reconnect in WV" Charleston, WV - August 3-7, 2010



The time is near. The time to register is now! The day and time to arrive is Tuesday, August 3. The 52nd National IFYE Conference ends on Saturday, morning, August 7. For more information, see the Winter/Spring 2010 issue of IFYE News and/or visit: www.4-hyd.ext.wvu.edu/events/ifye.

ASPAC (Asia Pacific) IFYE Conference Bangaluru (Bangalore), India November 10-14, 2010

Host India and all Asia /Pacific IFYE alumni extend a welcome to alumni world-wide and especially to U.S. delegates who were hosted in India or other Asia/Pacific countries. See page 6 for more information.

2010 U.S. IFYE Representative Delegates

The following 2010 IFYE Representative delegates depart in June for their exchange experience: Kelly E. Moyer, CO-Germany, Shane T. Sheridan, CO-Austria/Switzerland, Amy M. Sents, KS-Germany/Switzerland, Cheisy E. Coen, KS-Sweden, Carolyn G. Gehrke, IL-Germany, Tessa Anne Gray, MT-Switzerland, Matthew M. Hartman, MT-Scotland/Greece, and Shanna L. Tolbert, VA-Estonia/Switzerland. Most will participate in an orientation program in Denver coordinated by the Colorado Extension 4-H staff and exchange alumni. ☆



50 Years Ago - August 2-5, 1960 - National IFYE Conference - Alpine 4-H Camp - Idaho/Wyoming



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President's Message

I am pleased to announce the following IFYE Association Board Members who will begin their term in January 2011.

Region A - John H. Wells, OH - Thailand 1968. John served as IFYE Fellow 1975-1976 with National 4-H Council. He earned both his Master's and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Maryland. Currently USDA's Director of Cooperative Development, John regularly briefs international visitors about cooperatives and rural development programs. His involvement in sustainability efforts at USDA has led to his participation in related programs at the United Nations. He is a 4-H volunteer. His wife, Kendra, is a youth development specialist with the University of Maryland Extension Service.

Region B - Kathleen Kunkel-Mains, KY - India 1965. Cathy has been involved with Cooperative Extension 4-H since she was nine years old. Her IFYE experience in India enhanced her commitment to the reduction of poverty and her dedication to global relations and peace. She was a social worker and health educator during her entire 45 year career. Her passion is bringing empowerment to women around the world. She and husband, Milton, live on a hobby farm and have hosted IFYEs and Labo/Utreck chaperones. She hopes to organize a state IFYE Alumni group.

Region B - Kenneth D. Jones GA - Italy 1986. (Eleanor Inman Smith, GA-Ireland/North Ireland 1957, filled in for his first year.) Ken was on the board 1991-1994, and served as President 1992-1994. In his first term as President, the Association assumed operation of the IFYE Program through a contract with USDA. In his second term, Ken organized the first meeting of the IFYE Foundation. Ken is a partner in an Atlanta law firm which focuses on negligence and governmental liability suits. Law partner **Alex H. Booth, was a 1978 GA YASEP delegate to the Soviet Union.**

Region C - Chad G. Kerkman, WI - Costa Rica 1987. Chad has served on the board of directors of Wisconsin IFYE alumni for several years. He stepped down recently, knowing the national board will be a big obligation. Chad has enjoyed many travels since he was an IFYE, having visited 43 countries. He is currently the third youngest circuit court judge in Wisconsin. His wife serves in the Wisconsin Assembly.

Region D - W. Robert Doster, OH - Portugal 1957. Robert is about to complete 50 years of Veterinary Medicine practice—most in Arizona—after graduating from Ohio State University. He attended the National IFYE conference in Minnesota in 1958 and did not return until the conference in Oregon three years ago. He also participates in various local, county and state activities. He is completing his third 4-year term on the Buckeye, Arizona, city council.

New Committee Formed

As President, I have formed an IFYE Reconnection Committee in hopes that we can revitalize the IFYE Program, connect it again under a national umbrella and get more states involved. I interviewed many persons representing former IFYEs, Extension personnel, state IFYE coordinators, and persons in leadership positions. Selection was based upon willingness to serve, time commitments, internal connections and leadership within the association and/or the foundation, external contacts with potential key persons, and contributions each can make.

The term on the committee is indefinite. Should the committee reach its decided goals, it will dissolve. Those selected for the committee, in alphabetical order are: Norm Bauer, Art Deisher, Bob Ellis, Connie Fukudome, Courtney Loflin, Dottie Nelson, Betty Jo Roberts, Barbara Spangler, and Dick Tenney. Alternates are: Sarah Hileman and Prue Holton. Others contacting me with serious interest to serve on the committee will be interviewed and possibly added to the list of alternates. I have asked Art Deisher to chair the committee. Comments or suggestions are welcome.

Bylaws Revisions to be ratified at National Annual Meeting in West Virginia

Visit www.ifyeusa.org to view the proposed revisions of the IFYE Association Bylaws. The current Bylaws in the archived section. Please review the changes and send your reaction to any board member. Article XIV Section 2, gives the requirements for ratification. All proposed changes shall be presented to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting and ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of members in attendance at the Association's annual meeting, during the Association Conference.

Updating Alumni Records

Our board is busy updating the database. If your E-mail address has changed or you have not yet provided it, please update us now. If your area code or phone number has changed in the last 10 years and/or you have not filled out a survey, please notify a board member in your region.

Connie Harms Fukudome, KS-Netherlands 1971, President ☆

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In Memory — In Celebration — Reflections on 4-H International Programs

Greetings as we reflect on Memorial Day and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. And on the celebration of our Independence on the Fourth of July! May the significance of each be with us every day of the year!

Kirsti Hirvensala (right) will be remembered by many in the U.S. and around the world. She is Finland's long-time National 4H staff member and 4H International Programs leader who died recently in Helsinki. My Michigan family remembers her well from her stay with us in 1955. She and my mother communicated regularly until alzheimer's disease overtook mother in the late 1980's. Kirsti referred to that in a short penned note to me in January of this year. She suffered physically, but was mentally alert until the very end.

Kirsti's death also reminds me of a mutual friend, the late A.G. Kettunen, of Finnish heritage and our long-time Michigan State 4-H Leader, who helped establish the 4H program in Finland in the 1920's.

Recent communication reminds me of others who have helped with 4-H International exchanges over the years: A note from Dr. Salah A. Gohar, friend and fellow graduate student at Michigan State University, who helped with our Egypt exchange for several years; a letter from Menie Pavella, home economist in Greece and strong supporter; and a note from H. G. Premaratne, long time program coordinator in Sri Lanka. And they are just the beginning of a long list of friends and staff around the world who have helped make 4-H International education and exchange programs what they are today!

This issue is a beautiful reflection on 4-H International alumni. Stories of alumni who share how 4-H and their 4-H International experiences have impacted their lives and contributed to their careers and contributions to their local and worldwide communities. There are exciting stories about a developing 4-H program in Mongolia, alumni at work with inner-city 4-H programs, the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps, authors amongst alumni, and information about upcoming conferences in West Virginia, India, New England, and Thailand.

And, we cannot overlook the appeals for dues and contributions, the announcement of new life memberships bringing the total to 1,204, and the names of several amongst the 950+ lost or missing alumni! Help us locate them.

I recently reconnected with Robert Boisseau in Massachusetts. He and I and the late Ken Joslin of Iowa were delegates to Turkey in 1953. Bob is retired and living with wife Elizabeth in his hometown of Westfield, MA - also the hometown of Don Kelso (see page 7). We discovered that Bob's travel in his work over the years had him passing within a few miles of our Maryland home many times! We never knew! No excuses!

Enjoy this issue! It's always good to hear from you. Share your news and addresses/phone/e-mail updates.

Mel Thompson, Michigan-Turkey 1953, Editor ☆



Kirsti Hirvensala



4-H International - Looking Ahead!

4-H International Celebration and Luncheon

National Capital Area - Fall 2010

National IFYE Conference - August 3-7, 2010

Charleston, West Virginia

European IFYE Conference

July 31-August 7 - Salzburg, Austria

Intergenerational Study Tour - October 17-23, 2010

Hawaii - Oahu and Maui

ASPAC - Asia Pacific IFYE Conference - 2010

November 10-14, 2010 - Bengaluru, India

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

To be Announced in West Virginia

World IFYE Conference - Fall 2013

Bangkok, Thailand - November 12-19 ☆

Susan Hovey and Ben Walters...Good Friends Growing Up Sweethearts More Recently...Then Three Wedding Receptions



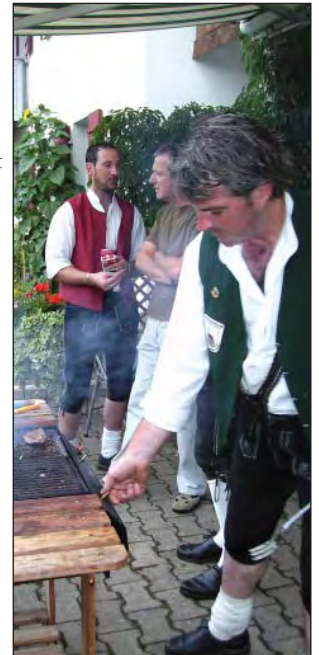
Susan Hovey Walters, IL-Germany 1978, and her husband, Ben Walters, were married in their hometown of Easton, Illinois, last summer. They had been good friends growing up in 4-H, school, and church. Their lives took different paths. Susan worked with the Extension Service in Illinois and South Carolina, and as a Home Economist in the business sector, including two German companies in Chicago. "IFYE influence," Susan commented. Ben has worked with Farm Credit for 30 years. Susan now teaches restaurant sanitation classes as a free-lancer.

The wedding was in Illinois with family, friends, and several IFYE alumni in attendance. It was followed by three receptions. The first was the day of the wedding, and the second was in South Carolina with friends from Extension, 4-H, church, and the German-American Club.

The final reception was in Lindau, Germany (photos), where her host family owns a bed and breakfast. Thirty-one attended, representing four of her seven host families from across the country, including her German godchild, Susy, and her family. Her host brothers from Lindau had been in a community band function that day. Thus, the Lederhosen! "And my families from northern Germany had as much fun as we did being at the Bavarian celebration," wrote Susan.

"My families were pleased as punch to meet Ben. My host mother was still talking about the fun celebration when she called me for my birthday in February," Susan continued. "And fortunately, Ben also loves to travel!"

The benefits and friendships of 4-H and 4-H International exchange programs never end! ☆



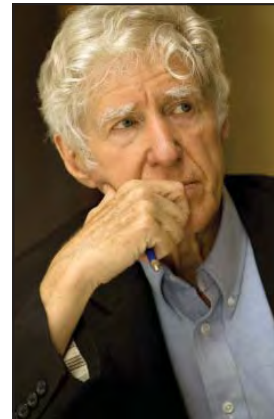
Authors Amongst 4-H International Exchange Alumni - John Fuquay and Lester Brown



MUSINGS OF A
DEPRESSION-ERA
SOUTHERN FARM BOY



JOHN W. FUQUAY



John W. Fuquay, NC-Scotland 1955, grew up in rural North Carolina. How did he happen to get interested in the IFYE program...a reason often given by alumni. "My desire to be an IFYE was sparked by Carolyn Smith Ivey, NC-Norway 1949, and Francis Pressly, NC-Italy 1951, when I heard them speak at our State 4-H Congresses."

John credits 4-H and his IFYE experience for helping prepare him for his university studies and his 40 year career in the dairy science field at Mississippi State University. He has traveled professionally in Europe, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and the U.S. He points out that "when you work in a country with local hosts, you gain a better understanding of how the people live and survive." That is one of the areas he explores in his book, *Musings of a Depression-Era Southern Farm Boy*.

His book takes you on a journey back to bygone days of the deep South in the era of the great depression. A scientist and a Christian, he also muses on the science/religion rift and how we might go about reconciling it. He maintains that there are questions that lead us in our lives, and science and religion, as complementary entities, are there to help and light the way.

John is one of Penn State's Dairy Science Distinguished Alumni honorees. He has received numerous other recognitions.

His book is available through Vantage Press, 419 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016; Telephone 800-882-3273. \$12.95 + \$3.50 shipping. ☆

Lester R. Brown, NJ-India 1956, and president/founder of the Earth Policy Institute, recently added

Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to Save Civilization to the list of over 50 books he has authored or co-authored.

It is another in a series devoted to saving civilization; in turn, the world.

"It is decision time," says Les. "We can stay with business as usual and watch our economy unravel, or we can adopt Plan B and be the generation that mobilizes to save civilization. Our generation will make the decision, and it will affect life on earth for generations to come."

For more information about Les Brown, see the W/S 2008 issue of IFYE News. For book orders, and access to their free e-mail newsletter, visit www.earth-policy.org. ☆



Wyoming 4-H Assists With Development of 4-H Program in Mongolia State Staffers Kim Reaman, NE-Jamaica 1984, and Warren Crawford To Visit this Fall



Sergelen Vanganjal is from Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. Her family lived in Laramie while her husband completed graduate study at the University of Wyoming. During that time, their children participated in one of the local 4-H clubs. It was a very positive experience. Before returning to Ulaanbaatar last December, Sergelen approached Kimberly Reaman and Warren Crawford, 4-H Specialists with the University of Wyoming, about starting a 4-H program in Mongolia. Kim, NE-Jamaica 1984, and Warren counseled Sergelen on the philosophy of 4-H youth development, organizational structure, involving volunteers, securing 4-H project materials and potential fund-raising efforts.

Sergelen has already established a Mongolian 4-H Youth non-profit organization. Forty youth are enrolled at this time.

She is working with a Peace Corps volunteer to provide project leadership for the group. She has also been successful in developing partnerships with other agencies interested in making a positive difference in the lives of Mongolian children.

Wyoming 4-H has established an official relationship and a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed in support of the 4-H program in Mongolia.

The U.S. Asia Foundation is already supporting a 4-H reading program.

The Mongolian Department of Children, with the help of a Peace Corps volunteer, is supporting a helmet project for child horse racing jockeys. Since long before the time of Genghis Khan horse riding has been a popular tradition amongst Mongolians. Even today horse riding remains an important part of their cultural heritage. According to

the Department, every year more than 30,000 children 4 to 10 years of age participate in horse races. Unfortunately, on average, about 5% of these children fall off of their horses. Due to the lack of financial resources, lack of knowledge, and indifference, many of the children embark on these races without proper protective gear like helmets and pads. Many children suffer severe lifelong injuries, and some, death. Mongolian 4-H is interested in educating people about the importance of preventing injuries by providing protective gear.

The IFYE Association of the USA has provided \$200 through its mini-grants program to provide training materials.

Kim and Warren recently received an International Travel Grant from the University of Wyoming College of Agricultural and Natural Resources. They will travel to Ulaanbaatar in September to provide training and assistance and explore further development possibilities. Kim shared "We are excited to be a part of developing this new 4-H program and look forward to providing future assistance as the program grows and makes a positive impact in the lives of children in Mongolia."

They are also planning for a group of 40 4-H youth to visit Mongolia...hopefully in 2011.

The Wyoming 4-H Foundation has developed a fund in support of Mongolian 4-H. Contributions can be sent to the Wyoming 4-H Foundation via Kim Reaman, 4-H Specialist, University of Wyoming, Dept. 3354, 1000 E. University Avenue, Laramie, WY 82071.

Mongolian 4-H! An exciting new program! Google "Mongolia!" Learn about this little known country! Watch for an update after Kim and Warren's visit this fall! Mongolia 4-H! Wow! ☆



The New England IFYE Association invites you to the 2011 National IFYE Conference at Holiday Inn/Coco Key Resort Waterbury, Connecticut June 26-29, 2011



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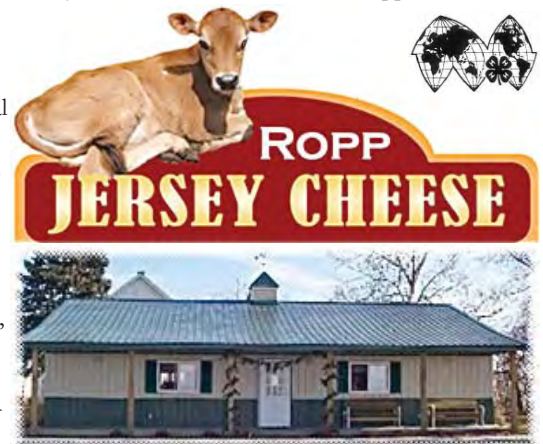


Illinois 4-H International Exchange Alumni Annual Banquet and Business Meeting Featured Tour of Ropp's Jersey Dairy Farm and Cheese Factory

Thirty-six Illinois 4-H International Exchange alumni, spouses and friends gathered at the Grace United Baptist Church in Normal, Illinois, in April for their Annual Business Meeting and Banquet.

A special feature during the afternoon was a tour of Ropp's Jersey Dairy Farm and Cheese Factory owned and operated by Ray Ropp, IL-India 1964, and his son, Ken. For over 10 years the Ropp Family had dreamed of starting an on-farm cheese processing facility and retail store. It also has an educational component. Formerly, production agriculture was the vital fabric to daily life. The Ropp Family takes pride in sharing their knowledge and farm heritage to not only educate the public but also promote agriculture as a vital industry to American life. Visit www.roppcheese.com for more information.

Those attending (photo above - alumni represented Illinois unless otherwise indicated) included (front row l-r) Eileen Karg Wagner, Ohio-Netherlands 1965; Maxstadt Family Guest; Molly Maxstadt, Australia 2009; Martina Mohrbacher, Illinois States' 4-H International Exchange Coordinator; and Carol Ropp, Ray's wife; (second row l-r) Anita Syltie Embree, Thailand 1968; Cynthia Bryant Foster Indiana-Switzerland 1960; Leah Miche; Beverly Laesch Hornickel, Panama 1970; Hope Heslop, Thailand 1981; Beth Nepermann Gehrke, Switzerland 1979; Larry Wachtel, Sri Lanka 1969; Lester Miche, Australia 1953; (standing l-r) Toni Frank, Botswana 1995; Jim Hornickel; Betty Jo Smith Roberts, Kansas-Ecuador 1970; Jon Roberts, Indiana-Panama 1970; Jonna Alig Burck, Netherlands 1986; Peg Hoffman, New Zealand 1954; Helen Obernagel, France 1978; Betty Gavin, Chaperone 2010; Norman Bauer, Michigan-Turkey 1957; Barbara Boyd Bauer, Turkey 1957; George Meyers; Crystal Yonker; Mr. Maxstadt; Dale Yonker, Turkey 1963; Marty Tarter; Ron Tarter, Finland 1968; Ray Ropp, India 1964; Mary Jo Cunningham Stewart, Peru 1960; Unknown; Jim Stewart; Paul Rice, Switzerland 1981; Richard Wagner, Korea 1965; Denise Rice. ★



ASPAC (Asia Pacific) IFYE Conference Bengaluru (Bangalore), India November 10-14, 2010



The India IFYE Association is hosting the 2010 ASPAC Conference in Bengaluru, the capital of Karnataka, Southern India - often referred to as the Silicon Valley of India. They extend a special invitation for alumni world-wide, and especially to those U.S. delegates who were hosted in India and other Asian and Pacific countries. The conference will be held November 10-14; headquarters at the Hotel Royal Chancery Pavilion (left) in the center of the city. The governor of Karnataka will open the conference. Conference details, fees and registration information is available at www.ifyeconference.com. ★





Wisconsin 4-H International Exchange Alumni and Friends Visit Crave Brothers Farm and Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese Operation

Remember Wisconsin's "Dairymen of the Year 2008" - the Crave Brothers? They own and operate Crave Brothers Farm and Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese. We shared their story in the Winter/Spring 2009 issue as they were preparing to host Wisconsin's Farm Technology Days in Waterloo. Was the event a success? "Yes!" reports their sister, Mary, WI-Sri Lanka 1980, who shared that over 78,000 attended, including several 4-H International exchange alumni.

The Crave brothers are pictured above left (l-r): Tom, Chuck, George and Mark. Charlie was an IFYE to Taiwan in 1977. In addition to Mary, two other siblings have been IFYE delegates: Bridget to Switzerland in 1981, and Paul to Botswana in 1986.

4-H International exchange alumni (and friends attending - alumni represented Wisconsin unless otherwise noted - the Farm Technology Days event (above right standing) were (l-r): Mary Crave; Paul Crave;

Bridget Crave; Steve Sedgwick, Jolene Rueden, Australia 2003; Rose Stumpe; Eileen Rueden, Netherlands 1980; Leroy Stumpe, Nebraska-United Kingdom 1977; Beth Nepermann Gehrke, Illinois-Switzerland 1979; Alice Viestenz Sedgwick, Germany 1963; Chad Kerkman, Costa Rica 1987; and Dean Bloch, Germany 1984. Kneeling in front are Harlen Persinger, Iowa-Norway 1970, and Chuck Crave.

The Crave's would recognize David Wieckert, WI-Sweden 1952... practically a member of the Crave family, who was busy narrating farm tours when the photo was taken. Dave, then a dairy science professor at the University of Wisconsin, was part of the farm operation during the first few years. It was then known as Crave Brothers and Wieckert. Dave is married to Joan Engel Wieckert, Kansas-Denmark 1952.

For information on this fascinating family farm operation, visit www.cravecheese.com. ☆

Donald and Eric Kelso - Father and Son IFYE Alumni!

Donald B. Kelso, MA-Venezuela 1966 (right), and Eric J. Kelso, IN-Norway 1995, are products of 4-H in every way... and they are father and son! Don grew up in Massachusetts 4-H and Eric and his three siblings were all 10-year 4-H'ers in Indiana. Both were born in the same hospital in Westfield, Massachusetts, Don's hometown.

Their grandparents and parents were all volunteer 4-H leaders. Don met his wife, Cynthia—a Kansas 4-H'er, at Kansas State University where both were students...at a Campus 4-H meeting. Eric's wife, Peggy, is from Illinois.

When Don was first selected to be an IFYE, the draft board intervened and he ended up in Vietnam. His dream continued. When he returned home, he went directly to the 4-H staff and told them he was again ready to be an IFYE. And soon he was off to Venezuela!

"IFYE taught me I was not just a Massachusetts farm boy. It changed my life. I learned a new language, a new culture, to love people no matter who they were, and to become a citizen of the world. 4-H and IFYE enabled me to give back and to help the Agriculture sector and 4-H programs in Massachusetts, Indiana and Texas," Don wrote. He was an Extension Agent for Agriculture and 4-H for 34 years. Don bleeds "4-H Green" say his West Texas friends. They live in Sanderson, Texas. Retired in 1995, he continues as a volunteer 4-H leader.

Eric is a history buff, computer whiz, and loves to travel. He also spent a year with the Goethe Language Institute in Germany, and is fluent in German, Spanish and Norwegian. He is pictured (second from right) with one of his host families and friends in Narvick, Norway. Eric, Peggy and family live in Carmel, Indiana.

Don wrote, "When I die, I want the preacher to say 'Don truly loved 4-H and being an IFYE to Venezuela.' 4-H membership and being an IFYE were highlights and major influences in my life!" ☆





4-H International Alums Henrietta Hensler & Joan Kuhne Motivate and Train Inner-City Youth and Volunteers

Henrietta Vereyken Hensler, MI-Luxembourg 1956, and Joan M. Kuhne, chaperone with the 4-H Japan exchange (above center l-r), are surrounded by inner-city 4-H youth like they have worked with for years. They have been volunteer 4-H leaders for 47 and 42 years respectively, hosted international visitors and found host families for others...and they never slow down!

Working through the school systems, they provide a year-round monthly program of hands-on projects youth can do on their own—e.g, knitting for the needy, pine cone bird feeders, nutrition and vegetable gardening, candle-making and holiday ornaments, potting and planting techniques, recycling programs, spice ropes...and the list goes on and on.

Youth (upper left and right) are engaged in knitting and lace projects. Joan taught knitting to students at the school where Henrietta was teaching years ago and she has been doing it ever since—in elementary schools, high schools, and with the inner-city 4-H program.

Volunteer Susan Traubenkraut (left) helps two boys with their pine cone bird feeder projects. Her daughter, Andrea Traubenkraut, was an IFYE to Denmark in 2000.

Volunteer Ashley Koch (upper left/center) went to Japan on the Labo exchange. She will be in India this summer to help set up a student teaching educational exchange for Saginaw Valley State University.

Henrietta started teaching in the inner-city in the mid 1950's. Asked by the superintendent to help enrich the children's lives beyond the school room walls, she thought of her 4-H experience. And that started it all. She organized the first 4-H club in the city of Saginaw. She rounded up fellow teachers, parents, friends and others to volunteer, share their skills - during lunch hour, after school and on week-ends. And when she met and married husband/teacher Jim Hensler, he became an instant 4-H volunteer and soon had a club going in his school. (The question is, "Did he have a choice?")

As recent as this past spring, she was approached by a local college professor who has been in her program in 5th grade. He mentioned how proud he was of the knitted headband he had made. A lady who had been a member 25 years ago approached her in a restaurant and told her she was still using the skills she learned to make gifts for her friends and church members.

Following her IFYE experience in Luxembourg, Henrietta wanted to see more of the world. She taught in the Army Dependent's School Systems in Metz, France, for two years and another year in Augsburg, Germany. "It was wonderful. Besides seeing more of Europe, I was able to see my host families and friends in Luxembourg often, attend weddings and special celebrations, and experience the holiday festivities," she writes. Then it was back to home and the inner-city schools of hometown Saginaw.

There has been a lot of travel between Luxembourg and Michigan in both directions ever since...enabling all involved to see more of the U.S.A. than she imagined.

Henrietta is associated with the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, an organization that has supported Michigan 4-H International exchanges since 1948, the year of the first IFYE exchange. In addition they have established an endowment fund with the Michigan 4-H Foundation to support 4-H.

Henrietta and Jim are strong supporters of 4-H locally and through the Michigan 4-H Foundation. They are founding contributors of the Michigan 4-H International Programs Endowment Fund.

"Henrietta and I enjoy working with youth and wonder why others don't join in since there are so many that need our guidance," remarks Joan. They continue to try and start new groups. And Henrietta responds, "I feel so fortunate to be able to 'give back' for all my great 4-H experiences!" Both continue to start and motivate new inner-city clubs!

Hats off to Henrietta, Joan, and 4-H and Other Volunteers everywhere! ☆



Message/News - 4-H International Exchange Alumni and Friends

Remembering the tragic murder of **Robert F. Ernst**, WY-Ireland/North Ireland 1952, last August by three teen-agers in the middle of the night in their home in Sheridan, WY (Fall 2009 Issue). His wife, Linda, wrote recently, "I have been so wrapped up in my own life since last fall, it is time to recognize the many wonderful people who helped me survive the past few months. No wonder Bob talked so much about his experience with all of you. Life is settling a bit. The holidays were difficult. Having the family here really helped. The trials...they keep postponing them. Three separate trials in at least two different locations. I pray they'll plead guilty. My testimony will only take a few minutes...I remember every detail! Thanks again for your concern." As she wrote last fall, "Thanks to everyone...I was not an IFYE, but I sure loved one!"



IFYE Association of the USA Life Memberships

The Winter 2007 issue of IFYE News featured a list of IFYE Association life members at that time. Subsequent issues have listed the most recent members. The following have become life members since the last issue, or were not included in previous listings. (A previous life member is listed in parenthesis if spouse has just joined.) There are now 1,204 IFYE Association of the USA life members. (Please send corrections to melvinhi@aol.com)

Rod L. Buchele, Spouse, L-0621R

(Husband of Mary Lou McElroy Buchele, L-0616)
Shauna Murphey Labo, KS-Greece 1984, L-0777R
Karen Fleck Bonnet, ND-Netherlands 1971, L-1183
Patricia Larson Fox, CT-Sweden 1977, L-1184
Mary Hansen, UT-Botswana 1986, L-1185
Jean Penrose Sundborg, OR-Israel 1981, L-1186
Joyce Porter Strollo, MO-India 1972, L-1187
Kent R. Bradley, KS-Switzerland 1985, L-1188
Connie Zuehlke Wright, WI-Switzerland 1975, L-1189
Lynn M. Vacca, CA-Taiwan 1982, L-1190
Cathy Welborn Wallace, KY-Finland 1972, L-1191
Carrie Welborn Brookshire, KY-Denmark 1975, L-1192
David M. Coffey, KY-Indonesia 1971, L-1193
Donald A. Dillman, IA-Poland 1963, L-1194
Eugene D. Richard, PA-Taiwan 1964, L-1195
Mary E. Richard, Spouse, L-1196
Judith Hanson Darke, OR-Finland 1958, L-1197
Larry Irvin Anton, IA-France 1960, L-1198
Judith Anton, Spouse, L-1199 ★

Trudy Seita, WV Group Leader with the 1975 4-H International Folk Dancing Team to The Netherlands, wrote "Nice to get the newsletter and know the 4-H International experience is still being offered to our young people. I've hosted many from various countries, including my host sisters from The Netherlands. And a special thanks for Mel's kindness when that broken-hearted group of WV 4-H'ers returned home after losing one of their group in a tragic traffic accident. Otherwise, what experiences! We've gained much more than we gave!"

Patricia McFadden Malone, VT-India 1966, of South Hero, VT, wrote recently, "I'm not lost. My husband Dick and I are Cruise Vacation Consultants. After 30 years of learning to love what we did, we decided to do what we love. We have been helping others follow their dreams, both on cruise ships and on all-inclusive land vacations for 14 years." Learn more at www.MyNextCruise.com and sign up for their free newsletters!



Betty McCoy-Shrauger, MT-Venezuela 1969 and retired State 4-H Leader, and her husband, Nick Shrauger, own and operate Gooch Hill House B&B in the Gallatin Valley near Bozeman, MT. Betty and Nick have traveled the world, and participated in many U.S. IFYE Conferences and several European and World IFYE Conferences. Even in retirement, Betty continues to be involved with 4-H activities, including the writing of the centennial history of Montana 4-H. Google "GoochHillHouse"



Know Any Of The 950+ Lost/Missing Alumni?

Mary Bucher Ritzman, PA-Philippines 1970	Mark C. Miller, OH-France 1978
Thomas Dobbin, ID-Botswana 1973/SU 1976	Tracy Bishop, NH-Greece 2000
C. Preston Cornelius, NC-Kenya 1963	Andrea L. Traubendrait, MI-Denmark 2000
Neal H. Fisher, ND-Poland 1976	Patricia L. Thaxton, IL-Antigua 1979
Tonya Ruder, KS-Australia 1991	Donald E. Breidenbach, SD-Belgium 1957
Sarah Bartlett Peterson, NM-Taiwan 1984	Carol Burnham, CT-Nepal 1972
Kelley S. Rozendaal, IA-Greece 1981	Marilyn Mowry Walck, WY-Belgium 1951



Peace Corps Prepares for One Year 50th Anniversary Celebration

President John F. Kennedy first announced the establishment of the Peace Corps in 1960 at the University of Michigan. Peace Corps is now celebrating the first 50 years while looking ahead to the next 50. Beginning at the University of Michigan in October 2010 and culminating on the National Mall in Washington, DC, in September 2011, events will take place across the U.S. and around the world.

The Washington event takes place September 22-25, 2011. Major celebrations include country group events on Friday and Saturday with a 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday evening. Sunday includes a program

at the Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater, a visit to the JFK gravesite, and a march with Country of Service flags across the Memorial Bridge to the National Mall.

There are currently 7,671 Peace Corps volunteers serving in 76 host countries. Since the beginning, over 200,000 Volunteers have served in 139 host countries. 4-H Peace Corps Volunteers involved and 4-H alumni who have been part of other Peace Corps programs are encouraged to participate. How about 4-H Peace Corps country group reunions at the National 4-H Center? Watch for future details/information. ★

IFYE Foundation of the USA

Contributions and Support

Spring brings with it many exciting things: flowers, flowering trees, leaves on trees and garden planting. However, for the IFYE Foundation, we measure the results of our fall campaign and receive grant requests for support of 4-H International exchanges. In addition we anticipate supporting the orientation program in Colorado for U.S. delegates, and other possible requests.

The contributions for our fall campaign were about equal to 2008 giving, although the number of contributors was less. Bottom line, we are grateful to all those who continue to support the Foundation's effort to support exchanges. Although our support is limited for each individual, those receiving support continue to send their thank you notes, expressing as though they received many times what they actually received.

All of this is because IFYEs believe in "Peace Through Understanding" and want to see the exchange experience continue. At the moment, thanks to States 4-H International Exchange Program, 4-H age youngsters are able to have that opportunity. In addition, several older individuals visit a host country for variable lengths of stay. It's unfortunate that we can't get these participants interested and involved in our Association. Maybe that is something we all could set as a goal for 2010.

We will soon join together at our annual National IFYE Conference in West Virginia. I will personally thank you there and ask for your input on how to provide more support to more participants. Until then, take care and do what you can to encourage families to host an inbound exchange.

Norman C. Bauer, IFYE Foundation President ☆



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For a brochure or information about special gifts you might wish to consider, contact Norman Bauer, President, IFYE Foundation, 111 Woodland Trail, Anna, Illinois 62906, nbauer36@gmail.com ☆

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IFYE Association Savings and Life Memberships

In the last issue of the IFYE News I explained the association budget and why dues are important and how the dues collected are spent for the operation of the Association. Now let's look at the savings account and touch on life memberships.


Currently, we have \$12,817.75 in savings. The IFYE Association Policies and Procedures Manual contains a financial guideline directive that requires all funds not needed for daily operations of the association to be placed in a separate Certificate of Deposit or Money Market account. All the funds currently in savings are designated for future operating expenses or specific projects. For example, the webmaster account has accumulated over the years to \$2,500 because the webmaster has chosen not to turn in invoices for payment. The association board has chosen to retain these funds until the determination of the future of the website, its upgrades, and the future of the association in general is determined.

Another example of designated funds is the \$6,781.42 that was received a few years ago when the California IFYE Alumni Association disbanded and its monies went to the national association with the designation of how the funds are to be spent. With the contact project, now in its second year, a renewed interest in IFYE in California has emerged. California has the 6th largest IFYE alumni population in the country. Meaning no ill towards the previous IFYE leadership in California, it would make sense to return California alumni money to a group of alumni that would step up and assume leadership roles. Should both of the two examples occur, the association savings is less than \$3,000.

The issuance of one newsletter costs approximately \$3,000, so the retention of funds at least to cover that expense seems reasonable and logical.

Now a brief comment on life memberships that will, hopefully, stir your thought processes and may generate some discussion at the West Virginia conference. You should be aware that my wife and I were both IFYEs and we are both life members. What I am about to say affects us too, but I still believe it is true and best for the Association.

Life memberships are a bargain and need to be increased. Here is why: All life membership dues are placed in the

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Exchange Participants attending the National IFYE Conference
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Use the form above and become an annual or life member.

If already a life member—consider a contribution for general operational support!

investment account and only the interest is available for operation purposes. This is part of the IRS requirements of the organization's 501(3)c filing. Life memberships began in 1967 and were \$100 for the individual and \$125 for a couple. Over the years the life membership dues have increased to today's rate of \$300 for individual and \$400 for couple. We currently have 1204 persons as lifetime members. The average dues they have paid per person is \$149.42.

Annual dues are currently \$25.00 per person. If the interest earned from the lifetime dues is to give the association an amount equal to the annual dues, the investment account would need to provide 8.33% of the \$300 for individual life membership or 12.50% of the \$400 paid by a couple. And if you consider the average paid by all life members over the years, the \$149.29 would need to earn 16.74%.

So, are your investments over a lifetime earning 8.33%, 12.50% or 16.74%? While a short term timeframe could produce those returns, over a lifetime those are not attainable returns. I concur with our investment advisor that a return of 5% over a lifetime is more realistic.

If the 5% return is applied to the life dues to generate \$25 annually, the life dues should be \$500 per person, or \$1,000 per couple.

The practice in the past has been to give a discount to the second person in the couple, \$300 for first person and \$100 for second in couple. If the past practice of life dues for couples is to be retained and the average to be \$500, the first person in the couple would need to be \$750 and the second \$250. I'm not sure the idea of "discount" for couples is as appropriate as it was when the idea of life memberships was initiated.

The point is that the life member dues are not providing the revenue to equal the \$25 of annual membership. On the average, life members are only contributing \$7.47 per person annually to the operation of the association. (\$149.42 times 5% equals \$7.47) in order for the life member to equate to the annual dues each life member should donate \$17.53 annually to the association.

All of us should be concerned about this situation. I look forward to discussing this issue in greater detail with you in West Virginia. If you want to e-mail your comments to any board member or me, feel encouraged to do so.

Art Deisher, Treasurer, IFYE Association ☆

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):

- ★ **Doris L. Jerome Strandberg Elavsky**, ID-Switzerland 1957, April 15, 2010, Chelan, WA.
- ★ **Jerry A. Howard**, ID-Korea 1965, December 18, 2009, McKinney, TX
- ★ **Cynthia M. Record Wilkie**, NH-Ireland/North Ireland 1955, January 24, 2010, Cornish Flat, NH
- ★ **Betty Anne Hutchinson Wiser**, OH-Italy 1952, and her husband, **Edward H. Wiser**. Betty died February 18, 2010; Ed March 4, 2010. They lived in Falls Church, VA. See related article lower right.

★ **Winnifred Keil Fulmer**, Age 101, Oregon Extension 4-H/Home Economics staff, 1938-1971, March 3, 2010, Sonoma, CA. In 1950, she helped establish the IFYE program making it possible for Oregon's first IFYE, **Glenn A.**



Klein, L-0017, to visit New Zealand in 1951. She kept in touch with many exchangees. Her final international trip in January 2002, was to New Zealand to attend the wedding of the son of **Russell Stalker**, NZ-Oregon/Vermont 1952.

★ **Kirsti Hirvensalo**, Finland's long-time National 4H Staff member and 4H International Programs Leader, June 4, 2010, Helsinki, Finland. Kirsti would have been 94 on October 12 this year. **Anita Hakkila Smiley**, CT-Finland 1956, L-0893, leaves June 29 with her annual tour group to Finland. When hearing the sad news, Anita wrote, "I had hoped to visit Kirsti again this year. She, along with others involved with IFYE, was very influential in directing my life's path."

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



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Betty Anne Hutchinson Wiser, Ohio-Italy 1952 and Edward H. Wiser, Both IVS Volunteers Missionaries William and Charlotte Wiser and *Behind Mud Walls*



Dr. Betty Anne Hutchinson Wiser, OH-Italy 1952, and her husband, Dr. Edward H. Wiser, both retired, were vacationing in the Bahamas in February. While on the cruise ship, Ed took ill and had to be helicoptered to a hospital in Nassau. Betty was not able to go on the helicopter, but was accompanied to the hospital the next day by the tour director. Betty suffered a massive heart attack that night and passed away—February 18. Ed died two weeks later on March 4.

What lives they led! Betty was born in Plymouth, OH; Ed in Fatehgarh, India. Ed was the son of missionaries Charlotte and William Wiser, known to many through their book, *Behind Mud Walls*. It was recommended (required) reading for all 4-H International delegates - especially those going to India and developing countries. Ed attended the well-known Woodstock School in Mussoorie, India. Ed and Betty met in northern Iraq when both were serving as IVS (International Voluntary Service) Volunteers in the mid 1950's.

Betty was a former NC state representative, an activist for Women's Right and Senior's Issues, was very active in community and social services, and was serving as co-chair of the Osteoporosis Prevention Task Force at the time of her death. Ed was a Professor in Biological and Agricultural Engineering at NCSU for 30 years. In retirement he worked on USAID projects in India and Pakistan. Both loved to travel. *Behind Mud Walls*, originally published in 1930, traces the initial awkwardness between the Wisers and the villagers and the years of friendship and welcomes that followed. It is an excellent introduction to the changes that have taken place in India from the mid-1920s to today as viewed from the village level. Charlotte Wiser continued to observe and write about the village until her death, when Professor and Author Susan Wadley picked up the narrative. It has been updated four times, the latest in 2000. Available online and in bookstores. ★

