

# IFYE NEWS

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## Membership, Contribution Totals Lagging

**FUTURE OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS DEPENDS ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT—DO YOUR PART TODAY!**

Spring brings new life and renewed commitment they say! Hopefully it will do so for Campaign 2000 contributions and for IFYE Association memberships. Both are lagging...a cause for concern as to the future of the IFYE Association and for the future of

the IFYE program itself.

Your membership and campaign support is encouraged and the need is urgent. It will help ensure that both the IFYE Association and the IFYE exchange can go forward.

The IFYE Association needs a minimum of \$50,000 annually

just to keep the IFYE program at a reasonable cost and at current levels of participation. Campaign 2000 has produced less than \$18,000 at this time.

At the end of March, the IFYE Foundation had received only 209 contributions to Campaign 2000. That's about 4% of all US IFYE alumni and less than 2% of all US participants in 4-H International exchange programs. Campaign 2000 provides an opportunity for IFYE and other 4-H International alumni to express appreciation for their own memorable opportunity through financial support to future programs.

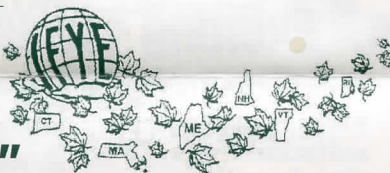
The IFYE Association has received only 39 annual memberships for 2001. When added to the 1,084 life members, current total membership is only about 20% of all US IFYE alumni and 10% of all US

participants in 4-H International exchange programs. The goal is 2001 memberships in 2001!

Participation in a 4-H International program means you are a 4-H International alum for life! However, that does not automatically translate into annual or life membership in the IFYE Association. All alumni and friends of 4-H International are encouraged and urged to contribute either annual or life membership dues, which in turn, provide the essential support for the IFYE Association and enhances ongoing 4-H International exchange programs.

The IFYE Association is committed to all 4-H International programs and specifically to IFYE, the program it administers through an agreement with the Extension Service. Your membership and support is essential to the fulfillment of this commitment! ★

### New England Ready to Host "An IFYE Odyssey"



An IFYE Odyssey—your IFYE Odyssey—awaits your arrival! New England alumni are ready to welcome you to Burlington, Vermont, for the 45th National IFYE Conference.

The Conference opens with lunch on Thursday, June 28, and concludes midday on Sunday, July 1, with a brunch following an inspirational service and closing ceremony. A highlight of the week is the Saturday night international dinner cruise aboard the *Ethan Allen* on beautiful Lake Champlain.

Participants in 1951, 1976 and 2000 will receive special recognition during the Conference in celebration of their 50th, 25th and 1st anniversaries respectively.

A Country Auction on Thursday evening will follow "A Taste of New England" dinner. Proceeds from the auction will

be used to support the IFYE website (see article on page 5).

Friday will feature five all-day personal odyssey options and a chicken barbecue dinner and wine tasting on the grounds of the famed Shelburne Museum. Odyssey options include workshops and tours related to quilting, antiques, forestry and maple sugaring, historical sites and agriculture.

Afternoon seminars on Saturday will feature the IFYE Foundation and Financial/Estate Strategies, IFYE Program Operations, the Heifer Project, Global Education Task Force, IFYE Sharing and Reflection, and a session for state Association presidents.

The registration form was in the Winter IFYE News. Contact Prue Holton, registration chair, at [kpholton@riconnect.com](mailto:kpholton@riconnect.com) or telephone 401/596-9544. ★

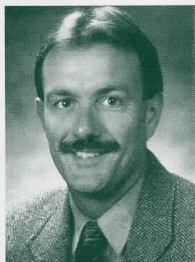
### Where to Send Dues, Contributions

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** should be made payable to IFYE Foundation and sent 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

# Connecting to Our IFYE Future



*Deryl Waldren  
IFYE Association President*

In the mid-90s the IFYE Association reworked its vision and mission statements and worked hard to revitalize the IFYE program. Norm Bauer, in remarks last June at the National IFYE Conference in Illinois, said, "If we are to have an IFYE program tomorrow, we have to have a vision and 'Connect to the Future.' Where do we want the

IFYE program to be in 10 or 20 years? What are our goals? Are we prepared to make changes to the program?"

Stan Dreyer, president of the IFYE Foundation, has written, "While the IFYE Association has a vision and mission for itself, it appears that the exchange program does not." As we have noted, the program in 2001 seems to be struggling to maintain an adequate pool of applicants even with costs being lowered through contributions. Is IFYE as it is today fitting in with the Extension's international programs agenda? Stan observes that "corporate sponsors are interested in funding programs where the experience is relevant to their interests, and international

leadership development experiences and measurable outcomes are important for gaining such financial support."

Our world has changed. IFYE must change. I propose that we initiate a new visioning process with these key components:

- ★ It should be very focused on evaluating current circumstances and maximizing the value of IFYE in the future.
- ★ Involve all concerned, including a cross-section of alumni by decades of participation; recent alumni aware of issues new applicants consider; program manager; Extension/4-H and USDA staff, host families, potential donors, others(?).

- ★ Led by a professional facilitator familiar with the IFYE program.
- ★ Participants committed to full-time participation in the process.
- ★ A process in itself, not part of another Conference or event.

I hope we can convene such a process by next spring. I hope a comprehensive report would be available for presentation at the 2002 National IFYE Conference.

Key to any success for a new vision would be an endorsement of this concept at the upcoming Conference. Join me in moving towards "Connecting to our IFYE Future!" I welcome your comments and suggestions. ★

*Deryl E. Waldren  
President*

## Challenges. Fascinating Stories. Exciting Times Ahead!

Botswana, Paper Clips, Vermont, Peace Corps, Poland, CNFA, Vision and Impact are all references to some of the information you'll find in this issue of IFYE News. All of interest and of concern.

I feel compelled to first mention the lead article on the front page concerning Association Membership and Campaign 2000. These two issues are of priority concern and need your immediate attention. They relate to the future of the IFYE Association and the future of the IFYE program. It's simple: the IFYE Association needs your membership dues—annual or life—and contributions to remain a viable organization, and the IFYE Foundation needs your generous contributions to Campaign 2000 to help insure that this 4-H International experience will be available to young people in the future! Re-read the article. Write your checks...and mail them today!

Botswana 4B is an exciting 4-H story (see page 4). The 4B program and the country both celebrated their 33rd anniversaries in 2000. Botswana is the only country in the world where US 4-H International Youth Development Project (YDP) participants were part of the development of a 4-H-like program from the very beginning. That involvement covered a 20-year span from 1967 to 1989. We congratulate the 4B program and salute the 26 YDP delegates who played a key role in helping it succeed! Four of those YDPs are in the photo to the right with two of the National 4B Leaders, both of whom visited the US on the Professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange (PRYLE).

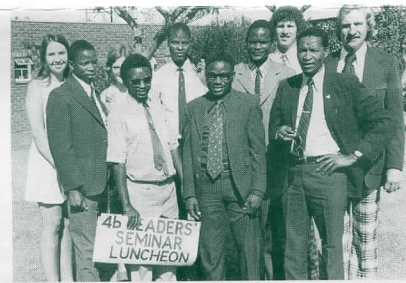
Paper Clips? A memorial? A fascinating story. Eighth-graders in Tennessee, all 4-H members, are developing a memorial to the 6 million Jews murdered during the Holocaust...with paper clips as a key component! It's an

example of what can happen when youth get interested and fascinated with an issue. What they've done will inspire you, and you'll want to contribute to their effort!

4-H played a key role with Peace Corps projects in Brazil, Malaysia, Sarawak, Uruguay and Venezuela. Hundreds of 4-H alumni have served as Peace Corps volunteers all over the world. Peace Corps celebrates its 40th anniversary this year culminating with a national conference in September. 4-H alumni who served will be recognized.

Looking for a challenging volunteer experience this summer? Opportunities are available. Two examples are outlined in the Poland 4-H and CNFA articles.

As we go to press, the 2001 US IFYE delegates are preparing for the adventure that alumni so well remember. The very thought stimulates memories!



*4B Leaders' Seminar 1975. YDP "Advisors" (back row left to right) Kathy Cox, OH; Sue Balfamy, MN (partially hidden); Ed Bishop, OH; George Haynes, MT. Moses Pholoba, National 4B Leader, 1967-76 (front right) and Alphonse Nsala, National 4B Leader, 1978-98, (front center), with Regional 4B organizers.*

New England is making final preparations for the National IFYE Conference in Vermont. Register today. And the US 4-H program is preparing for its centennial celebration in 2002! Exciting times ahead!

Enjoy this issue of IFYE News. We welcome your comments and suggestions. And don't forget to pay your dues and contribute to Campaign 2000! ★

*Mel Thompson  
Editor*

# Peace Corps Celebrates 40th Anniversary

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE 4-H RECEPTION

Forty years ago last October, President John F. Kennedy challenged Americans "to live in another country for two years to help people help themselves, to have them get to know us as Americans; and for us to bring the world back home." Since then 161,000 Americans have accepted the challenge and served in 134 countries, speaking 300+ languages.

A yearlong Peace Corps 40th anniversary celebration is now underway. The highlight will be a national conference in Washington, DC, September 20-23, 2001, celebrating "four decades and 300,000 years of volunteer service."

Caroline Kennedy, daughter

of President Kennedy, is serving as honorary chair. "We can think of no more fitting tribute to 40 years of Peace Corps than to have John Kennedy's daughter lead us in celebration," said K. Richard Pyle, chairman of the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) board of directors.

The conference will include an array of seminars and workshops, country of service updates, receptions, a career workshop, Capitol Hill and Embassy visits, a march across Memorial Bridge with country flags, and a recommitment and memorial service at Arlington Cemetery. A reception for 4-Hers who served is planned

during the conference. The finale will be a Gala Celebration at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts honoring President Kennedy and Sargent Shriver, the first Peace Corps Director.

4-H was involved in Peace Corps from the very beginning. Grant Shrum, Director of the National 4-H Foundation (now Council) testified before Congress in favor of the Peace Corps and shared the experience of the first 12 years of IFYE. John Banning, Assistant Director, Extension 4-H Division, USDA, served on the Peace Corps Advisory Committee in its earliest years. Shortly after President Kennedy signed the Peace Corps bill into law, 4-H got directly involved.

Young adults from around the country with 4-H experience joined, many of them to participate in Peace Corps programs contracted to National 4-H Foundation. Several IFYE alumni drew on their cross-cultural experience and interest, joined the Peace Corps and served throughout the world. The first 4-H Peace Corps project was to Brazil in 1962 to work with the 4S program—seven of the 43 volunteers were IFYE Alumni. W. Francis

Pressly, NC-Italy 1951, was the 4-H Foundation's Overseas Representative supervising the project. Pressly returned to the US in 1964 to become National 4-H Council's director of 4-H International Programs.

Other 4-H Peace Corps programs sent volunteers to work with 4-H-type organizations in El Salvador, Malaysia, Sarawak, Uruguay and Venezuela. Richard R. Angus, MN-Italy 1956, was the Overseas Representative in Uruguay. Ronald C. Faas, IA-Brazil 1963 was the Overseas Representative in Brazil following Pressly.

The National Peace Corps Association is sponsoring the conference. General information is available on the conference website—[www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org)—or by writing NPCA, Suite 205, 1900 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-5002; telephone 202/293-7728. If you know 4-H alumni who participated in the Peace Corps, let them know about the conference and plans for a special 4-H reception. Anyone with 4-H experience who served as Peace Corps volunteers or staff are encouraged to contact Mel Thompson (address on page 8) for information on 4-H-related activities during the Peace Corps conference. ★

## Opportunities with Poland 4-H

"It is not our task to make youth into happier kids. Our task is to assist youth in developing skills that would enable them to become more successful adults." This statement is from the Poland 4-H mission statement. It goes on to say that Poland 4-H strives to help youth become self-directed, productive and contributing members of a democratic society.

US volunteers can be part of the action. Here's a great opportunity for students, 4-H leaders, 4-H International alumni, Extension staff, teachers, retirees and others.

Plans are underway for 20 volunteers to spend July in Poland working with the Polish 4-H program. The US volunteers will teach English to rural youth and help with 4-H environmental projects that the language groups will participate in.

Local governments will provide in-country travel. Host families will provide room and board. Weekends will be free.

Volunteers will be responsible for their round-trip travel to Warsaw, and weekend and personal expenses.

4-H was first introduced to Poland in the 1920s. That effort turned into an adult training program. It wasn't until 1991 that the first 4-H club for youth was organized in Leszno Province as a result of a new Polish-American Extension Project.

The Fundacja Edukacyjna 4-H w Polsce (Polish 4-H Foundation) was established in 1993 with the help of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Fundacja Edukacyjna 4-H helps with both fundraising and programs, including international exchanges with Estonia, Hungary and the US.

Individuals interested in these summer volunteer opportunities can obtain information and application materials from Mary Kay Munson, KS-India 1965, Illinois Extension Specialist, 4-H/Youth, at 217/333-0910 or [munsonm@mail.aces.uiuc.edu](mailto:munsonm@mail.aces.uiuc.edu) ★

## CNFA Places Volunteers

"It's a chance to re-live the excitement of your 4-H International experience," writes Margaret "Margee" Wolff, PA-Japan 1990. Last summer, she had a "mini-IFYE experience" during a three-week volunteer assignment with Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs (CNFA).

CNFA places volunteers in developing countries on three-week focused assignments. She was assigned to Zambia to work with Zambian Women in

Agriculture, a new association serving rural women.

CNFA is funded by the US Agency for International Development. All volunteer expenses are paid. Volunteers are currently being placed in Ukraine, Moldova and southern Africa. Visit CNFA's website ([www.cnfa.org](http://www.cnfa.org)) or call 202/296-3920 for more information. Margee can be reached at [m-wolff@att.net](mailto:m-wolff@att.net) ★

# Botswana 4B Celebrates 33rd Anniversary

The Republic of Botswana, formerly the British protectorate of Bechuanaland, is a landlocked country in southern Africa surrounded by Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Botswana and the 4B program share a unique beginning; the country gained independence in 1966 and the 4B program idea was born in 1966.

Botswana is a unique and fascinating country made up of eight main tribal groups: Bamangwato, Bakwena, Batawana, Bangwaketse, Bakgatla, Bamalete, Barolong, and Batlokwa. Most speak Setswana. English is the official language. (A language lesson: Botswana—the country; Motswana—one person; Batswana—two or more people; Setswana—the language.)

Botswana is justifiably proud of its 4B youth program. 4B celebrated its 33rd anniversary in 2000. Observances took place around the country with a major nationwide celebration in Shakawe in the northwest corner of the country.

It is one of the many countries around the world with a program similar to 4-H. It is also one where the US 4-H program and 4-H International Youth Development Project (YDP) participants played a key role in the development of 4B from its very beginning.

The seeds of the 4B program had already been sown when Botswana gained independence

on September 30, 1966. Two young Batswana, one of whom would later be elected to the national assembly and then become the Minister of Agriculture, were in the US at the time as IFYE exchanges. And preparations were underway for the first US YDP delegate, Lyle Murphy of Michigan, to go to Botswana the next year.

Though it would be two years before the 4B program was officially founded in January 1968, the first 4B club was organized in 1967 in the village of Mookane with Mrs. P.J. Ramaloko, a local teacher, as the volunteer 4B leader.

It all started as a result of a visit to the US in 1965 by R.D. Molefe, then the Deputy Minister of Agriculture. His visit was made possible by a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State. The Department of State and the US Information Agency provided considerable support for 4-H International exchange and training programs around the world between the 1950s and late 1980s.

4B has grown from a program of 12 clubs and 500 members in 1968 to 512 clubs with 21,584 members and 2,059 volunteer leaders in 2001. The program is made up of both community and school clubs.

The 4B symbol is a white four-leaf clover with a zebra in the center and a "B" in each leaf for Boitswaro (better citizen), Bonatla (hard worker), Boikanyo (trustworthy), and Botswana.

Agrippah Nehemiah, the current National 4B Leader, writes that the

current emphasis of the program is vegetable production, poultry, beekeeping and woodlot development. A major concern is one known around the world—the migration of rural youth to urban centers. Though the majority of clubs are school-centered, they are emphasizing village-based clubs for more continuity. The Assistant National 4B Leader is Widgence Kgoboki, who visited the US in 1979 on the Professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange.

4B has experienced good government program support over the years, a key to its success. It is unfortunate that financial support is limited at this time due to the need for increased funding to combat HIV/AIDS, a major epidemic in Botswana and that area of the world.

The National 4B Foundation, a private entity, was founded in 1982 to seek funds on behalf of 4B from non-governmental organizations and private donors. This is fortunate for 4B with its current special need for financial support. Daniel Malongwa, a strong supporter of 4B, is president of the 4B Foundation.

Twenty-six 4-H International YDP "4B Advisors" served in Botswana between 1967 and 1989. In addition several IFYE Ambassador and IFYE Representative delegates have visited Botswana since the mid-1980s. International Extension 4-H Travel Seminar groups visited Botswana in 1971 and 1976.

Over 40 Batswana exchangees have visited the US on the Professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange (PRYLE) and the IFYE Ambassador and IFYE Representative programs. These included Daniel K. Kwelagobe, who later became Minister of Agriculture; Moses M. Pholoba, the first National 4B Leader; and

Alphonse M. Nsala, National 4B Leader, 1978-1998.

The most recent Batswana to visit the US were IFYE exchangees Kelebileone Tirelo and Pelontle M.J. Scabe in 1999. Both work with the 4B program so they were anxious to learn about 4-H and thrilled to be able to attend the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference in Pittsburgh. They were very impressed with the organization of the conference and the many seminars available to the conferees.

4B is playing a vital role in the development of Botswana and its young people. We salute 4B and Botswana and extend congratulations on the occasion of their 33rd anniversary! ★



## US 4-H YDP Delegates to Botswana

Lyle H. Murphy, MI	1967
Kenneth D. Simmeral, OH	1968
Lawrence J. Zilliox, MN	1968
John J. Bradley, NY	1969
Cherrie Williams McKinley, IL	1969
Paul Dedini, CA	1970
Jane E. Plihal, MN	1970
James I. Ethridge, IL	1971
Patricia Eisenmann Donohue, OH	1971
Roger Walston, IA	1972
Jean Hibbard Cashman, CT	1972
Thomas Dobbin, ID	1973
Joyce Morris Counihan, NC	1973
Edson N. Bishop, OH	1974
Susan Balfamy Cammack, MN	1974
George W. Haynes, MT	1975
Kathryn J. Cox, OH	1975
Ronald Drum, PA	1980
Virginia Powell, OH	1980
Mark Wilson, OH	1981
Susan McKean Mogwera, CO	1982
Peter R. Scheffert, MN	1983
Kristie L. Willert, MN	1984
Mark A. Baker, KS	1985
David W. Beccue, IL	1987
Jennifer Yucavitch Schmidt, MA	1989



Shawna Barr, IFYE CO-Botswana 2000, with 4B Club

# Students Collect Paper Clips for Memorial

Eighth-graders and their teachers in the Whitwell, Tennessee, Middle School are involved in a fascinating class project—developing a Holocaust Memorial using paper clips, 6 million paper clips representing the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust. Though not a 4-H activity, all the students are 4-H members in this small Tennessee Valley town just west of the

Smoky Mountains and only 100 miles from where the Ku Klux Klan was founded.

The fact that Whitwell, a town of 1,600, has 425 middle school students, including six blacks, one Hispanic, no Asians, no Catholics, and no Jews, makes this a remarkable project.

It started in 1998 when the deputy principal and football coach, David Smith, attended a

training course in Chattanooga that included a seminar on the Holocaust. He was moved. The idea of including an after school course on the Holocaust caught on with the administration, parents and students.

The students were overwhelmed with the number of dead. Sandra Roberts, the English and social sciences teacher, taught the course and started by reading aloud, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She explained that there were good people in Europe who stood up for the Jews, and that when the Nazis invaded Norway, many Norwegians expressed solidarity with their Jewish fellow citizens by pinning ordinary paper clips to their lapels.

At that point, the idea of the paper clip project was born.

One of the students suggested they remember the victims by “collecting 6 million paper clips and turn them into a sculpture.”

Whitwell eighth-graders went to Washington in March last year to visit the Holocaust Museum. They went home carrying 24,000 paper clips collected by project supporters. Security at the airport had trouble understanding why a bunch of teenagers and their teachers were transporting boxes and boxes of paper clips to Tennessee.

Paper clips and letters from around the US and the world continue to pour in. So many clips were sent in memory of specific Holocaust victims that the students decided they could not melt them down for a sculpture; the idea of “putting them into fire” now seemed inconceivable and wrong. Instead, they are seeking an authentic German railroad car from the 1940s, one they hope that may have actually transported victims to camps. It will serve as a museum with an area in the center for visitors,

with each end filled with paper clips representing the 6 million Holocaust victims.

In Whitwell, a paper clip will never again be just a paper clip. On April 30, the count was 4,098,144 paper clips, more than two-thirds of their goal.

Paper clips, letters and/or contributions can be sent to: Whitwell Middle School, Holocaust Project, 1130 Main Street, Whitwell, TN 37397, or visit the school's website, [www.marionschools.org](http://www.marionschools.org) ★

*(References for this article include the Whitwell Middle School website, the April 7 issue of The Washington Post, “A Measure of Hope” by Dita Smith and Extension 4-H staff in Tennessee.)*

## IFYE Association Financial Report

January 1–December 31, 2000

Checking Account (as of 1/1/2000)	\$14,191.17		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>
Lifetime Memberships	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 18,300.00
Annual Memberships	2,850.00		2,802.50
Investment Interest	600.00		—
Transfers from Investments	8,550.00		—
National Conference Seed Loans	1,000.00		1,000.00
National Conference (TN/IL)	—		3,734.03
National Conference Donations	—		2,780.00
IFYE Shoppe	100.00		—
Campaign/Special Funds	10,100.00		—
Anniversary Fund	1,000.00		35.00
Outreach Fund	150.00		332.50
Flom/Nichols/Schmidt Fund	—		1,705.00
Membership Challenge	—		200.00
Aiton Memorial Fund	—		40.00
Banning Memorial Fund	—		225.00
50th Anniversary Campaign	—		5,619.87
Miscellaneous	200.00		1,620.00
(Operations, Exchange Support, Membership Add-on, Memorials)			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 27,550.00</b>		<b>\$ 38,393.90</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
IFYE News	\$ 9,250.00		\$ 9,292.51
Database Management	250.00		200.00
Accounting Services	500.00		475.00
Outreach Mini-Grants	500.00		200.00
Public Relations	4,550.00		3,180.51
(Agent/Leadership Conferences 4-H Congress, Materials, Etc.)			
National Conference Seed Loans	1,000.00		—
Website/Webmaster	2,000.00		660.00
Campaign/Membership Drives	5,000.00		—
Anniversary Fund Scholarships	1,000.00		3,000.00
CD International (1999 Funds)	—		2,075.00
IFYE Foundation	—		14,674.42
(Transfers of 50th Anniversary and other funds)			
Transfers to Investments	2,000.00		—
Association Operations	1,500.00		1,838.84
(Telephone, postage, awards, supplies, fees, board, bank charges)			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 27,550.00</b>		<b>\$ 35,596.28</b>
Checking Account (12/31/2000)	\$ 16,988.79		

Note: Life membership income is retained in Association checking for current expenses. Earnings from investments are reinvested, keeping total investments in excess of total principal value of life memberships. IFYE Exchange: \$35,000 for IFYE exchanges and scholarships in 2000 was transferred to the IFYE Foundation in 1999. This amount is not reflected in IFYE Association revenue or expenses in 2000. IFYE exchange grants were transferred directly to CD International Program Services by the IFYE Foundation.

## Auction Supports IFYE Website

A Country Auction during the National IFYE Conference in Vermont will help support the IFYE website and Association needs. Both a silent auction and a traditional auction will be held.

Five themes are featured:

- ★ **Back in Time**—items considered antiques.
  - ★ **Memory Corner**—items symbolic of the year you were a participant.
  - ★ **Personal Touch**—hand-crafted items, especially a host country craft.
  - ★ **Gift Haven**—items from your host country you're willing to part with.
  - ★ **The Future is Our Children**—items brought/made by a child or for a child.
- You can participate in this event even if you are not able to attend the Conference. Items—any item—should be sent by **June 15** to Janell George, 8 Walmsley Circle, Milford, NH 03055. Conference participants are asked to bring items with them. ★

# IFYE Foundation to Quantify Impact of IFYE

(First of a series. Future articles will focus on the impact of the IFYE experience.)

by Richard Tenney  
OH-France 1959

From 1967 through 1969 I completed two studies on the impact of the IFYE experience on the lives of the US delegates who participated in the program. As a member of the IFYE Foundation Board of Directors—which is attempting to quantify the impact of IFYE—I was asked to look again at the results.

In 1967 I wrote, "The inefficiency of communication and understanding among the peoples of the world today does much to create, as well as to continue, the tension and dissension among the people and their countries. Various types of exchange programs have been established to improve communication and understanding."

In spite of the technical advances in communications—most notably the World Wide Web or Internet—it doesn't seem that enough has changed in the last 50 years. There are still too many armed conflicts, human rights abuses and hungry children in the world today.

However, before we examine the influence of the IFYE exchange program we need to go back some 50 years.

## Our Beginnings

During World War II many boys and girls had become very close to the struggle as their 4-H clubs planted "Victory Gardens," preserved food and wrote to soldiers overseas. When the war was over the discussion topic at many 4-H meetings was, "What can we do to make sure that this doesn't happen again?" 4-H clubs sent supplies to war-torn countries to help people recover. Still these activities did not provide for a personal contact with people in other countries.

They wanted to really know the people.

In 1946 four Cornell University students, former 4-H members, shared with their state 4-H leader the idea that 4-H type programs would be enjoyed by youth in other countries and that understanding was a key to peace. He agreed and helped arrange for them to talk with officials in Washington, DC.

In 1947 four Germans who wanted to study 4-H so that they might have a similar program in their country attended the National 4-H Conference. The 4-H youth were surprised to find them friendly and agreed that more people in the US should have a chance to know such people.

A farm boy from Iowa had attended a citizenship camp in New York City in 1946, then went to Washington, DC to see some of the machinery of government. The Iowa youth visited the British Embassy, talked with the Ambassador about farm life in the US and invited him to visit. During his visit the Ambassador attended church with the family, helped with farm chores and attended a 4-H meeting. He was so impressed with the experience that upon his return to England he arranged for six Young Farmers to come to the US in 1947 to live with 4-H and FFA members.

From these beginnings the IFYE program began as a two-way program in 1948, with 17 US youth going to seven Western European countries and six Europeans coming to the US. ★

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

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

## Campaign 2000 Update

Campaign 2000 has received 209 contributions totaling \$17,863.

Contributions make it possible for individuals who could not otherwise afford the experience to become involved.

Contributors to Campaign 2000, by level of giving since the last issue of IFYE News, are:

### Corporate & Employer Matching Funds

Heartland Agriculture Group Ltd.  
Prudential Foundation (James Pendleton)

Stillwell Financial Inc. (Pat Hutsell)

### IFYE Patron (\$1000+)

Robert Horning  
in honor of Kathleen S. Flom and Warren E. Schmidt and in memory of Leslie S. Nichols  
Dennis & Pat Hutsell

### Foundation Fellow (\$500+)

Dorothy Haskel Chhuy  
in memory of Mert & Mary Haskel

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## In Memoriam

The IFYE Association has recently received word of the death of the following 4-H International alumni:

- ★ John K. First, MI-Israel 1954, Life Member; February 9, 2001, Portland, MI
- ★ Meta Marie Keller Olson, IL-Norway 1949, Life Member; February 28, 2001, Clearwater, FL
- ★ Paul W. Knode, IA-El Salvador 1956; July 27, 2000, Chester, IA
- ★ Sharon Mueller Meyer, NE-Germany 1968; 2000, Chadron, NE
- ★ Gelane Moritz Barr, KS-Philippines 1959; 1997, Emporia, KS
- ★ Robert F. Klay, MT-Finland 1952; October 29, 1990, Quincy, IL

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). ★

## Life Memberships

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 1,084.

- ★ Debra F. Kreider, PA-Italy 1982
- ★ Howard N. Watkins, Jr., OH-New Zealand 1958
- ★ Mary Garlick Wahl, MI-Italy 1961
- ★ Susan Kuzniak, GA-Belgium 1996
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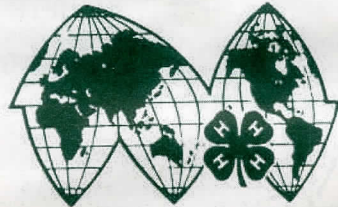
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