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“The Peak Experience” was a Peak Experience!

Igads! IGADs (IFYE Guild of Ancient Dames) pulled off a coup! Some of those responsible are pictured above left. And two featured speakers of the 2006 National IFYE Conference gave real meaning to the theme – “The Peak Experience - Turning Adversity into Opportunity.” All of that and more in this issue.

Keynote speaker Robert Sakata, president of Sakata Farms of Brighton, Colorado, is pictured above right with (l-r) Laura Schick, Betty Stephenson, and (r) Deryl Waldren, conference co-chairs, and Faith Poet, CO-Greece/Denmark 2003, president, Colorado IFYE Association. He related the experiences of his family when Japanese Americans were evacu-

ated from the West Coast during World War II and other encounters of his lifetime.

4-H alum Aron Ralston (above center), an avid mountaineer and outdoorsman, shared his challenging experience of having an 800-pound boulder tumble loose, pinning his right hand against a deep narrow canyon wall. Six days later he severed his hand at the wrist to gain his freedom and begin the trek to his truck miles away...and recovery.

The conference photo (below) was taken at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. ☆



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Reflecting and Planning for the Future 4-H International Exchange Programs

Though Michigan hasn't been home for almost 40 years, Michigan is still "Home!" My children and grandchildren find that difficult to understand. And I understand! I'll always be proud to be a Michigan IFYE Alum and a member of the Michigan 4-H International Association, the first to be so named in the 1950s recognizing all 4-H International education and exchange programs!

4-H International Programs are an important and vital part of the 4-H program. However, the coordination of exchange programs has changed. As we have shared over the past two years, 4-H International programs are no longer administered at the national level. All programs are authorized and coordinated at the state level, even if they are supported with help from another agency or organization. This has again been emphasized by ECOP (Extension Committee on Organization and Policy) at their meeting in October.

The Extension Service/4-H in each state determines which programs they will coordinate and/or participate in and assumes full responsibility, explains National 4-H Headquarters, Extension Service, USDA.

The IFYE Association and the IFYE Foundation are not authorized to conduct programs, and doing so could jeopardize any authorization they are granted for use of the 4-H and 4-H International program names and logos.

Involvement at the local, county and state level has always been one of the major goals of 4-H International programs. Alumni have not always been involved and provided the impact on 4-H that Extension expected. That opportunity is now more important and a worthy challenge! (These four paragraphs were prepared in consultation with National 4-H Headquarters).

The membership turned down a major revision of the IFYE Association bylaws in Colorado. This need must be revisited in the interest of a coordinated set of Bylaws with a workable and updated Policies and Procedures Manual to provide for a more efficient and viable 4-H International Association.

Enjoy this issue. Let us hear from you!

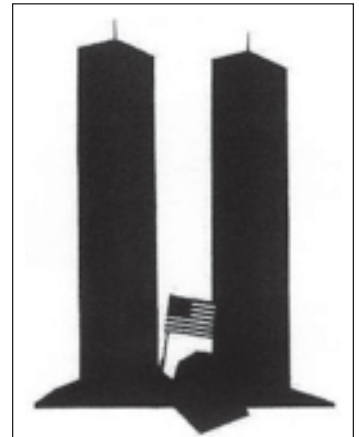
Mel Thompson
Michigan-Turkey 1953
Editor, IFYE News ☆



The Michigan 4-H International Association meets at

least once a year. They are gathered here for their 2006 summer picnic meeting at the home of Shirley Cubitt Garrity, England/Wales 1956. Those attending (l-r) were Ron Voorheis; Henrietta Vereyken Hensler, Luxembourg 1956; Mary Walquist Voorheis, Philippines 1957; Katie Aylsworth; Maxine Harris Sayre, Sweden 1955; John Aylsworth, OH-Greece 1955; Renee Applegate, International Coordinator, Michigan 4-H Program; Geraldine Miller Campbell, NZ-US 1967; Rhoda Kelly Reini (front), Greece 1954; Jamie Campbell; Sally Narhi, Taiwan, 1970; Carol Ann Kapp; Yoko Katayama, 2006 Labo Tutor; Frank Kapp, OH-Pakistan 1958; Shirley Garrity; Jean Stewart, Turkey 1962; and Laurene Moore.

Three Association members were inducted into the Michigan 4-H Hall of Fame in 2006. They are (l-r) the late Helen M. Simon (see In Memoriam page 12); Keith L. Brown, Nigeria 1953; and Sally Narhi, Taiwan 1970. Sally is president of the Michigan Association and secretary of the IFYE Association of the USA.



In Memory
11 September 2001
The WTC Towers
A Pennsylvania Field
The Pentagon

4-H International Programs



IGADS? No? Igads! ISLYs!

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1953

Some of the Year Groups at 2006 Conference

1969

1971

1997



Hi! I'm Marshall Thompson. I'm helping my grandpa with this issue of IFYE News. He was an IFYE to Turkey, my mom to Israel and The Netherlands, and my dad went to Egypt and Israel. What a program! I've heard all about 4-H International programs time after time after time! And I heard about your recent conference in Colorado! I don't understand IGADSs and ISLYs, but grandpa seems to! He wonders if those IGADSs at the right are some of the conference coup plotters? In any case, he asked me to remind you that it's time to make a contribution to the IFYE Association; and if you're not a life member, to pay your 2007 dues! **You'll find the form on page 11 for contributions, memberships and address updates.** Please...fill it out now! And while you are doing that, I need to get back to my chess game. Happy Holidays! ☆



The 48th European IFYE Conference was held in County Fermanagh, North Ireland, July 29 - August 5, 2006. Attending from the U.S. were (l-r above) Edith Walker, MT-England/North Ireland 2006; Roger McCoy, MO-NZ 1968 and President, U.S. IFYE Association; Laura Schick, CO-Luxembourg 1999 and co-chair, U.S. 2006 IFYE Conference; Lyn Scott, CA-China 1987; Dale Yonker, IL-Turkey 1963 and his wife, Crystal Yonker. ☆



Alums Reunite 30 years Later. It all happened in New England earlier this year. Jim Morgan, IA-Switzerland 1975, hosted the group in Maine, where he is building a new home. The others are Dianne Snow Hange, MA-UK 1975 (Center) Linda Pursley, OH-Greece 1973, and (seated l-r) Debbie Jones Maddy, WV-UK 1975, and Chris Wheeler Goodman, OR-UK 1975. Debbie is married to Bill Maddy, OR-Germany 1973, and Dianne is married to Don Hange, OH-Greece 1975. Linda now lives in Massachusetts, Debbie and Bill in Oregon, Dianne and Don in Ohio, and Chris is in Oregon. Will they meet again at the National IFYE Conference in Oregon in 2007? ☆



Several 2006 IFYE Participants attended a mid-west orientation coordinated by Illinois 4-H International exchange alumni. It was held at Judson College in Elgin, during which they traveled to Chicago and visited the famed Navy Pier along Lake Michigan.

The group included: (front row l-r): Jamylyn Traub-Klingel, CO-Germany; Victoria Monnaatsie, Botswana-CO/KS; Karin Baumann, Austria-CO; Rosemarie Finster, Austria-KS; Mimi Gunderson, OR-Finland; Noora Leppaketo, Finland-KS; Maija Huttunen, Finland-KS; and Saara Suvela-KS. Back Row (l-r): Andrea Strahm, Switzerland-MI; Helga Weinberger, Austria-CO; Adam Massie, IL-Finland; Elisabeth Seidl, Austria-MT; Roger Lyttle North Ireland-MT; Edie Walker, MT-England/North Ireland; Tyler Papineau, KY-Finland; Katie Hartman, MT-Switzerland; Taylor Bockelman, OH-Finland; Lindsey Drennen, CO-Botswana; Christine Haaland, MT-Finland; Beth Shanholtzer, KS-Botswana; Paavo Hurskainen, Finland-KS; Caitlin Haaland, MT-Finland; Cullen Owen, NC-Finland; Gisela Mathys, Switzerland-MT; Thomas Rudd-Bauer, OR-Finland; Sophia Williams, OH-Finland; and Laura Vapola, Finland-KS. ☆

Ninth World IFYE Conference

4-11 October 2008

Adelaide, South Australia

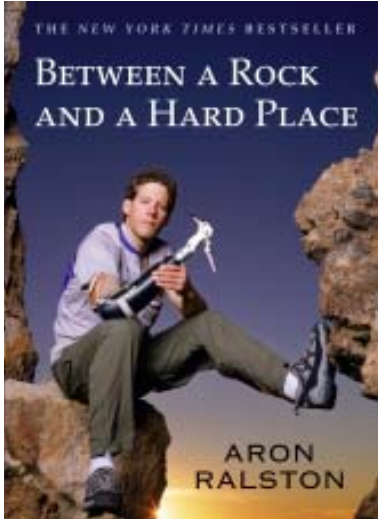
2006 National IFYE Conference

Colorado Springs, Colorado - August 23-27

"The Peak Experience: Turning Adversity into Opportunity"



Flags of the Nations - Two "Peakers"!



IGAD Theme Song

(Tune: "There is Nothin' Like a Dame")

We wore hats and gloves and pumps,
Girdles smoothed out all our lumps,
Square dance skirts with crinolines

made all our petticoats do jumps,

It was hard to keep our seamed hose straight,
We had no panty hose;

What did we have?

Our 4-H beaus!

We don't want to brag about the good old days.

You need to know that we're not in a haze.

(Chorus)

We're the IFYE Guild of Ancient Dames,

IGADs, just for short;

There is nothing you can name,

That is anything like we dames!

IFYEs traveled in big ships,
To their lands across the sea,
IFYE Conferences at 4-H Camps
were very close to free,
IGADs liked the drive-in movies,
But co-habiting was out,
Sex was the thing
We'd think about!
TV screens were only black and white,
Two bits a gallon bought gasoline that's
out of sight!

(Chorus)

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The 44th National IFYE Conference was a week to remember! The IGADs maneuvered a coup and were cheered on by all - including the ISLYs, 1956 participants celebrated their 50th anniversary, conferees were held spellbound by speakers Robert Sakata and Aron Ralston, the conference service project resulted in nearly \$15,000, and it snowed on Pikes Peak!

Everyone experienced a hospitable air conditioned! Sheraton, enjoyed dinner and entertainment at the Flying W Ranch, joined one of the conference tours, and dressed in their finest for the closing banquet and festivities.

Robert "Bob" Sakata, president of Sakata Farms in Brighton, Colorado, keynoted the opening session with stories of his experiences of "turning adversity into opportunity." His family was among the Japanese Americans to be evacuated from the West Coast at the beginning of World War II. At 14 years of age, he was sent to a relocation camp in Topaz, Utah.

Due to his father's friendship with a Colorado State University (CSU) agricultural professor, it helped him secure an early release in December 1942 through a citizenship endorsement program. He relocated to Brighton in 1946 where he started a vegetable farm. His 40 acres at the time has grown into a 3,200 acre family vegetable farming operation.

Sakata serves on many local, state and national boards, including the Agriculture Science Council of CSU and the National Advisory Councils on Agriculture Research and Migrant Health.

Mr. Sakata ended his presentation by reading the Japanese American Creed (see page 5) and referring to one of his favorite Bible verses, Proverbs 29:18 (KJV), "Where there is no vision, people perish."

A Coup at an IFYE Conference? That's right! Just as the Friday evening dinner program was to begin, fifty-seven mid-20th-century women and self-initiated members of IGAD, the IFYE Guild of Ancient Dames, stole the show. Dressed for that period, they burst into their theme song (left) to the tune of "There is Nothin' Like a Dame!" Was it a response to the IFYE Society of Ladies Young (ISLY), organized in 2004? No question! However, without question, the ISLYs and all in attendance loved it!

A Colorado 4-H alum, Aron Ralston was the final speaker of the conference. He vividly related his experience of "turning adversity into opportunity" through his personal description of being pinned against a canyon wall by a tumbling 800-pound boulder. Six days later he amputated his own hand and wrist to gain his freedom and begin the trek to his truck eight miles away...and months of recovery. About a mile short of reaching his truck, a rescue helicopter spotted him and landed. Not knowing they were looking for him, he shouted over the sound of the chopper, "Can I get a lift?"

A native of the Midwest, Ralston retired from a career as a mechanical engineer at age twenty-six and relocated to Aspen, Colorado. Since his accident in April 2003, he has completed his unprecedented project to climb the fifty-nine Colorado peaks of more than 14,000 feet, alone, in winter.

A New York Times Bestseller, his book, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," is hailed as a riveting adventure story. From the back cover: "The story that touched America's heart - from the man who lived to tell...An honest, inspiring, unexpectedly funny, and downright astonishing report from the line where death meets life..." A book worth the read! It is available at most bookstores and Amazon.com. He donated the proceeds from the sale of his book during the conference to the service project.

Ralston and conference co-chair Laura A. Schick, were members of the same 4-H Club in Colorado.

Futures for Children - beneficiary of the conference service project, is committed to ensuring access to quality education for Native American students by matching children to mentors for one-on-one encouragement.



IGADs Galore - involved in the Coup!



An auction of 160 items donated by conferees and others, 90 autographed book sales by speaker Aron Ralston, wine glass (full) sales and donations by ISLYs, Native American art sales, and the eight people that signed on as mentors brought a \$14,965 benefit to Futures for Children!

Futures for Children headquarters is at 9600 Tennyson Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122. For information, write, call 800/545-6843 or e-mail info@futuresforchildren.org. Website: www.futuresforchildren.org.

The conference officially closed following a brunch buffet and ecumenical/memorial service on Sunday morning. The service included readings from the book, *Earth Prayers From Around the World* (edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon), and acknowledgment of those deceased alumni and 4-H International friends the association learned of during the past year.

The conference co-chairs were Laura A. Schick, CO-Luxembourg 1999; Betty Stephenson, IA-England/Wales 1952; and Deryl E. Waldren, KS-Poland 1977. ★

The Japanese American Creed

I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please - as a free man equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way: above-board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places; to support her constitution, to obey her laws; to respect her flag, to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic, to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America.



"On Top of Ol' Pikes Peak"



Colorado Hosts



White Water Rafters



1956 IGADs



IGADs and Three Who Won the Bid to be Escorts



On Top of Ol' Pikes Peak



"Norwegians" All: 1994 - 1982 - 1970



1948 Alumni/Spouses-Celebrating 58 Years



More IGAD Coup Perpetrators!



Australia Bound 2008



1956 Alumni-Celebrating 50 Years, including 12 of the 17 to South Asia (above)



ISLYs and their Honoraries



Royal Gorge Tour Group



Signs of Conference Good Times

2007 National IFYE Conference

Oregon State University - Corvallis, Oregon

June 26-30, 2007

Special Opportunities for Recent Alumni and Extension Professionals



The 2007 National IFYE conference will focus on youth. It will be held on the campus of Oregon State University (OSU). IFYE and other 4-H International alumni and Extension professionals are invited to explore **One World, Many Faces through peace and understanding** with young dreamers during a unique blending of programs. With as many as 700 youth and adults attending the 2007 IFYE and OSU 4-H Summer Conferences, professional development opportunities await.

Registration scholarships, through the IFYE Foundation, are available for exchange alumni from 2000 to 2006. Extension professionals, with exchange experiences within that time frame are encouraged to apply. Those participants without an Extension assignment are equally sought after as presenters. Recipients will present a topic that explores the conference theme, *One World, Many Faces*, adding to the educational content of both Conferences. Imagine a topic, be creative, consider how it may con-

tribute to the theme and encouraging to older 4-H youth to pursue international education and exchange opportunities. (Extension professional presentations will receive peer validation.)

Professionally or non professionally, imagine a conference with 700 attendees that features beauty, food, fun, tours, and the Pacific Ocean of Oregon while engaging youth in conversations! You are invited to help catalyze and synthesize conversations between youth and alumni into a sound-byte of peace and understanding in the 21st century. Help make the 2007 National IFYE Conference a learning experience for 4-H'ers, alumni, educators, professionals, and volunteers. With your help a new generation of youth will understand we only have *One World!*

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The Ryan's Well Foundation, founded by 14-year old Ryan Hrejac of Kemptville, Ontario, reports that the \$12,000 resulting from the 2005 National IFYE Conference Service Project (the \$6,000 raised at the conference was matched by the Canadian government) contributed water taps and latrine construction in Yeka Kifleketema, a suburban area of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The project included the connection of six communal tap water points and 55 individual tap points to the most needy households. In addition, funds were used for latrines.

To date, the Ryan's Well Foundation has contributed 238 wells serving over 395,000 people in 11 countries. Hrejac was 6 years old when he was moved to find a way to provide water wells in developing countries. ☆

2005 Conference Service Project Provides \$12,000 Benefit for Ryan's Well Foundation Ethiopia Program



Household Tap



Yeka Kifleketema, Ethiopia

Latrine construction

Anita Hakkila Smiley Celebrates 50th Anniversary in Host Country Finland



Anita Hakkila Smiley, CT-Finland 1956, celebrated her 50th Anniversary as an IFYE by leading a special tour to Finland. It was her twelfth and largest tour group since 1986, when her first tour fulfilled her “desire to acquaint more people with a country which far too few people know.”

During the 16-day tour, the group traveled the length and breadth of Finland, visiting rural areas little known to tourists.

In commemoration of her 50th Anniversary as an IFYE, Anita included the entire group in a visit to one of her host families. And on July 1, she arranged a dinner and program honoring her host families, the Suomen 4H-Litto (Finnish 4-H) national staff, 4-H friends, and her newest host - son Greg and his family. Every host family was represented.

Kirsti Hirvensalo, long-time Finnish 4H exchange coordinator, known to many early U.S. delegates, was unable to attend the celebration due to a broken hip. Anita visits Kirsti on most visits to Finland.

The Connecticut IFYE Committee commissioned a wallhanging, which Anita presented to the Finland 4-H Federation. Paivi Haapasalo, 4-H Inter-

national Secretary, accepted it in behalf of the Federation.

Anita has kept in touch with all of her host families, including children and grandchildren who have become family and friends.

Anita’s son, Greg, is married to a Finn he met when traveling with Anita in 1993 to learn about his grandparents’ country. Greg and his wife, Soile, and their children live in Masku. The grandchildren increase the desire for Grandma Anita and Grandpa Jack to visit even more frequently.

Their two daughters have visited Finland and their youngest, Sharleann, was an IFYE to Taiwan in 1996.

In addition to Finland tours, The Smiley Group, as her program is known (smileys.place@juno.com) has also organized tours to other countries...all with the aim of strengthening international understanding. ☆



Tour Group at Jean Sibelius Monument in Helsinki

WRITING ABOUT MY IFYE EXPERIENCES

By Jerry Davis

Michigan-Germany 1953

Throughout the years since I was an IFYE delegate to Germany, I have heard of literally hundreds of benefits various IFYEs have gained from their foreign adventures. Here are just a few examples: People will often cite the fact that they learned acceptance of other cultures than our own, that they acquired a “global perspective” on world problems, or that the experience led the way toward their following meaningful careers in some type of business or service located in another country. During my working years I was never employed outside the borders of the United States but I would like to lay claim to one important asset which may be legitimately laid at the feet of *my* IFYE experience. That is, I have been able to use my IFYE adventures as subject matter for much of my writing.

From 1954 until the end of the 1985-86 school year (over thirty years total) I taught social studies, mainly history and geography, in a number of Michigan schools. About a decade after my retirement I moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to leave the harsh Michigan winters and high humidity behind and to experience the ambiance that the Southwest provides in many different ways. Not only did I begin a new life in a far different environment, but I also embarked on a new career - that of being a freelance writer.

My initial writing took the form of little vignettes or articles, which were published in the newsletters of several Albuquerque organizations. I wrote about everyday things that happened to me and I found that my IFYE experiences, even though they happened nearly fifty years before that, were a veritable gold mine of subjects for stories. Those events had made an indelible impression on my mind and I was able to recall them in minute detail.

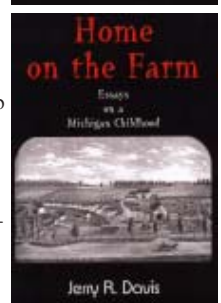
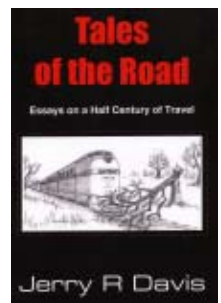
In 2001, I began writing my first book. It is called *Home on the Farm*, and is a collection of twenty-five little stories about growing up in the rural Thumb Area of Michigan during the 1930s and 1940s. One prominent part of the book describes the awe which I felt when I, a Michigan farm youth in his teens, was chosen as an IFYE delegate to help represent the United States in Europe by living and working with German farm families. In my estimation, things just didn’t get any better than that. *Home on the Farm* was published in the fall of 2003.

Shortly after the first book was published I began writing my second which is called *Tales of the Road*. The volume is a group of stories about some of the odd, strange and curious events which have occurred when I have been traveling somewhere in the world over the past fifty or more years.

The first chapter, called “The Foreigner,” describes my feelings of alienation when our IFYE group first landed in Bremerhaven, Germany. In it I recount my fledgling attempts at actually speaking German to Germans for the first time. The chapter goes on to relate how, as I became more and more familiar with the customs, I felt less and less like a foreigner. *Tales of the Road* owes its very existence to the fact that I was an IFYE.

At the present, writing has become a nearly full-time occupation for me. Not only do I still pen monthly articles for newsletters, but now I am a staff writer for a local Albuquerque magazine called, *Posh New Mexico*, as well. About six months ago I began my third book which will be titled *Leafing Through My Family Tree*, and it, like all my other writing, will draw in part from my own IFYE experiences.

Both books are available. Contact Jerry at jrd2820@aol.com, 505/352-9221 or write him at: 2820 Monument Drive NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. ☆





"End of Summer"

Duain W. Vierow Emphasizes "IFYE Changed My Whole Life!"

"IFYE changed my whole life and I thank God for it," says Duain W. Vierow, MN-Netherlands 1957. His experience was the beginning of a worldwide venture that has lasted a lifetime.

A philosophy and art major, he graduated from Hamline University in St. Paul in 1957. Following his IFYE experience, he completed studies at Luther Seminary in St. Paul and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He also studied part time at the Minneapolis School of Art. He received his Doctor of Missiology degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1976.

Duain served as a missionary in Southeast Asia between 1960 and 1980. On return to Minnesota, he served several Lutheran congregations until his retirement in 1993.

Art has permeated his entire career. Though it was secondary for some 30 years, the desire was always there. He pursued it vigorously when he and his wife, Donna, moved to The Villages, Florida, when he retired.

His interest in art started early in life and was influenced greatly by his parents. His father especially nurtured his appreciation of the natural world. "Painting is for me a spiritual experience, a divine encounter of

media, a God-given idea, and a person's ability to create," he writes.

Duain works in a variety of mediums: layered acrylics, oils, watercolors, even pottery and clay. His styles vary from impressionistic to abstract. He favors abstract. All of his work has one thing in common - bright colors. "I love color. I'm a colorist," he shares.

In recent years, Parkinson's Disease has impacted his painting in several ways. It forced him to be more creative in design and technique and he now has to use both hands to paint, using his left hand to steady his right.

Duain has artist friends in several countries and brings a global perspective to his work. "In my travels, to over 60 countries, I try to visit places and have conversations with local people that give clues as to how local culture, faith and terrain have influenced art," he emphasizes.

He belongs to six art organizations and has exhibited widely in the Central Florida area. His awards are numerous, including "best of show!" His work is part of private collections in Europe, Asia, and North and South America.

In retirement, Duain helped start a new congregation in Florida and currently serves on the Lutheran Synod committee with coordination responsibility for the country of Suriname in South America. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the Global Mission Institute at Luther Seminary in St. Paul.

Duain and Donna have led a number of study trips, involving over 300 people, to over 40 countries.

Duain emphasizes, "IFYE changed life and I thank God for it. I have visited my second home - The Netherlands - many times and am grateful for the welcome I always receive. The ideals, experience and contacts continue to enrich my life."

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"Country Town"



Walter G. Berryman First Black IFYE Delegate



Remember the above photo in the Summer/Fall 2005 issue? It was taken during the spring orientation for 1955 IFYE delegates. They were meeting with the late Kathleen Flom, then National 4-H Council's regional IFYE director for Europe.

Rev./Dr. Walter G. Berryman, VA-England/Wales, saw it and responded. He was in the photo (top center) and proudly points out that he was the first black delegate to participate in a 4-H International exchange. He had much praise for Kathleen Flom, and for Barbara Tylden, the exchange coordinator for the England/Wales program.

Reflecting, he commented, "I traveled to Washington by bus and took a cab to the hotel where the orientation was being held. When I arrived at the hotel, my black cab driver said, 'If you can register at this hotel, your cab fare is free.' It was free!"

He recalled an experience when with his host family on the Isle of Wight. The toddler in the family would run whenever he was around early in his stay. Soon and much to everyone's surprise, the toddler would always choose to sit on Walter's lap.

He also remembers the surprise on the interviewer's face during a BBC Interview when introduced as a delegate from Africa and he responded

with emphasis, "I'm from Virginia!"

And he remembers with pride a comment that Kathleen Flom made to him when he returned home, "You represented America well!"

In summing up his IFYE experience, he comments, "It grew me up!" He then finished seminary at Virginia Union University in Richmond.

He and his wife, Joan, were married in June 1956. Their hopes of having a family dimmed when the doctor told them they could not have children. Joan decided to pursue her teaching career. Very soon thereafter, a surprise! Joan was pregnant with their first child. And after a time, they raised five children; and now speak with pride of their eight grands.

The saddest moment in their lives came in 1992 when their second child was murdered when cashing his first paycheck...just a few blocks from their home. The murder was never solved. Walter comments, "We forgave whoever it was and went on with our lives. There was no other way!"

Walter is now in his 27th year at St. John Baptist Church in Milford, Virginia, where he started his ministry in 1979. He likes to point out a statement that appears on their church bulletin every Sunday, "If you do for the Lord while you can, He will do for you when you can't!" ☆

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

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

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

IFYE Foundation Support

Many of you attended the 2006 National Conference in Colorado Springs. It was certainly a wonderfully planned and organized Conference. We had opportunities to share time with friends old and new, visit local sights and participate in workshops. For those who didn't attend, you may be interested in the workshop titled, “Outside the 4-H Box.”

Roger McCoy, Association President, had submitted to the membership that we should look at opportunities in organizations other than 4-H. The discussion was lively, but one important thing was omitted. The Association is not a management organization when it comes to exchange programs. We are an alumni organization.

We need to work through our state Extension/4-H leaders. They decide which programs their respective state will participate in.

The IFYE Foundation has one goal, to support exchanges and promote world peace. Your continued support will allow us to provide the financial aid to these exchanges. You will be receiving an opportunity soon to respond to the need.

Norm Bauer
Michigan-Turkey 1957
President ☆

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International Volunteer Day December 5, 2006

International Volunteer Day (IVD) - December 5! This special day was designated by the UN General Assembly in 1985 for an annual celebration by communities, people and governments of all that is achieved by volunteers around the world.

IVD is for volunteers of every kind, everywhere! Whether you offer your talents to improve your community, donate to charity, provide companionship to the elderly, or volunteer in developing countries, IVD is for you. ☆

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IFYE Association Life Memberships

The IFYE Association recognizes the following who have become life members, bringing the total life memberships to 1,132.

Anne Blanchette Fournier,
 ME-India 1973
 Arnita Dell Ernst, MD-Chile
 1959 ☆

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For contributions to the IFYE Foundation of the USA, see previous page.

The IFYE Shoppe...

IFYE Shirts

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

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

IFYE golf shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton. Embroidered green and white with "4-H International" over IFYE logo. Tri-colored polo white with green collar and sleeve trim and blue placket, available XL \$32. Putty color polo available S and M \$29.

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

Other Items

- ☆ Travel/waist pack with IFYE logo embroidered in green \$5.
- ☆ Post-it Notes \$1.25 for a 50-sheet pad.
- ☆ IFYE logo slide, \$1
- ☆ IFYE logo lapel pin, \$4

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In Memoriam

The IFYE Association has recently received word of the death of the following 4-H International alumni, spouses and Association supporters and members:

- ★ C. Dean Allen, MI-Germany 1950, chair of the 4th National IFYE Conference at Michigan State University in 1955 and Virginia's State 4-H International Programs Leader for many years, August 18, 2006, Blacksburg, VA
 - ★ William Cammack, husband of Susan Balfany Cammack, MN YDP-Botswana 1974-1975, March 17, 2006, St. Paul, MN
 - ★ Rosemary Archibald Goss, IL-Ireland 1961, June 29, 2006, Darien, IL
 - ★ Frank Roughton Harvey, husband of Hazel Creasy Harvey, GA-England/Wales 1956, January 1, 2006, Lexington, KY
 - ★ Lane E. Holdcroft, IA-Japan 1955, L-0868, July 27, 2004, Poulosbo, WA
 - ★ Katherine Ellis Jobin, CT-Sri Lanka 1963, August 18, 2006, Claremont, NH
 - ★ Mildred Silver Magazine, 4-H International Programs Staff, National 4-H Council, 1955-1979, October 13, 2006, Silver Spring, MD
 - ★ Sandra Earl McGuire, MI-Iran 1963, L-0636, August 21, 2006, Cadillac, MI
 - ★ Ed Richard Pickering, OH-Israel 1956, L-1108, September 26, 2006, Springfield, OH
 - ★ Douglas C. Sanders, MI-Switzerland 1964, April 17, 2006, Raleigh, NC
 - ★ Erlene M. Scheller, 4-H International Programs Staff, National 4-H Council, 1968-1980, September 13, 2006, Westfield, MA
 - ★ Helen M. Simon, Secretary of the Michigan 4-H International Association, host to IFYE Exchangees, and 73 years of involvement in 4-H - 1933-2006, August 3, 2006 - one month after being inducted into the Michigan 4-H Hall of Fame, Muir, MI
 - ★ George W. Wolf, husband of Margaret Allen Wolf, IL-Netherlands 1961, October 31, 2006, Hudson, IL
- Deceasedments, corrections and updates are appreciated. Send to melvinhi@aol.com ★



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Southeast Region B Winter Presidents' Weekend Gathering February 16-19, 2007

Alumni and Friends of 4-H International exchanges in the Southeast Region, mark your calendars! Plan to attend the regional meeting in Eastern Tennessee, February 16-19, 2007. The program will begin with a get together on Friday evening. The weekend will include outings to local points of interest, such as Townsend, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, and Knoxville. Planned events end on Monday morning.

The area is easy to reach, via both I-40 and I-75. The Knoxville airport is close by. Details will be available in December.

Information is sent to those in the region who attended the last three regional and national conferences. The Southeast Region (B) includes AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX and VA.

If you did not attend or live outside the region, and are interested, contact Caron or Kris Beard at 865-995-2807 or kbeard2355@aol.com. ★

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