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**April 2022**

## IL IFYE Annual Meeting

**Friday April 22, 2022**

For people that want to come the night before, meet at Bev and Jim Hornickel's, 1603 Ensign Drive, Normal, IL. Bev has two extra rooms with double beds each if you need a place to stay.

We will go to dinner at DESTIHL's Brewery and Beer Hall, 1200 Greenbriar Drive, Normal, Illinois 61761, (<https://destihl.com/>), and then back to Bev's for social afterwards. We will meet for **dinner at 6:00 pm – RSVP to Bev if you will be joining - 309-830-4810**

**Saturday April 23, 2022**

McLean County Farm Bureau Building, (<https://www.mcfb.org/>), 2242 Westgate Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705. That is on the west side of Bloomington in the McLean County Fairgrounds just west of the Farm & Fleet on Rt 150.

**9:00 am** Coffee, Juice and continental Breakfast

**9:30-11:30 am**, Illinois IFYE Meeting

**12:00 pm, Lunch** Medici Restaurant, (<http://www.medicinormal.com/>), at 120 W North St, Normal, IL 61761.

**1:00 pm**, Tour Conference Hotel, Marriott Hotel, (<https://www.marriott.com/>) 201 Broadway Ave, Normal IL 61761.

All IFYEs are encouraged to participate and attend the brief conference planning committee afterwards in the hotel.





## IL IFYE to Host 2022 USA National Conference

**WE NEED YOU!!! For the 2022 IFYE Association of the USA Annual Conference** – Hosted by the Illinois IFYE Association and the IFYE Board of Directors.

No, not Uncle Sam, but the Illinois IFYE Association needs YOU to help at the Annual IFYE Conference, June 30 – July 3, at the Normal Marriott.

We start our activities a day earlier with A Night at the Corn Crib. The Illinois Corn Growers Association and Illinois Soybean Association are sponsoring our entire group to watch the Normal Cornbelters (a collegiate farm team) play a game of baseball. Our tickets, dinner, and the reserved suites are sponsored by these two organizations – There is **NO CHARGE** for this event.

Registration for the Conference will begin earlier that day as people begin to check in.

Below is the proposed 2022 Annual IFYE Conference Program (subject to change as we finalize times). Please note, the Hospitality Room will be open at various times throughout the conference. Times TBD.

### Wednesday, June 29, 2022

12 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Registration
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Auction Item drop off
5 p.m.	Carpool to The Corn Crib on Raab Rd.

### Thursday, June 30, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration opens
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Auction items drop off (Toni will confirm if this is correct)
9:00 (?)	Pre-conference tour to Springfield
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Pre-conference workshop on Rural Agriculture and Hunger
11:30 a.m.	IFYE Class of 1972 Reunion (in hotel)
	IFYE Class of 1982 Reunion (tentative time, location-TBD)
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Silent Auction
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Midwest Food Bank for Service Project
5:30 p.m.	Welcome to Illinois and Route 66 – at Hotel
	Opening Ceremony and Banquet
	Terri Ryburn, Speaker
8:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open

### Friday, July 1, 2022

6:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Tours begin

10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Silent Auction  
5:00 p.m. Load buses to Ewing Manor  
5:30 p.m. Christmas in July at Ewing Manor  
Live auction  
8:00 p.m. Illinois Shakespeare Festival – Much Ado About Nothing  
This evening's meal and program are sponsored by Compeer Financial.  
10 – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Open

### **Saturday, July 2, 2022**

6:30 – 9:00 a.m. Full Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. IFYE Annual Meeting  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Silent Auction  
2:00 p.m. Silent Auction ends  
1:00 p.m. Workshops – TBD  
5:00 p.m. Group Photo  
5:15 p.m. Reception (Cash Bar)  
6:00 p.m. International Banquet - at Hotel  
2019 Illinois IFYE Nick Birsa and Florida IFYE Amaris Daniels featured speakers  
both traveled to Taiwan and Thailand  
Closing Ceremony  
8:30 p.m. Hospitality Room

### **Sunday, July 3, 2022**

6:30 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Memorial Service

### **Friday, July 1 Tours:**

- 🌐 Quilt Shop Hop (Hudson and Bloomington) – Boxed Lunch
- 🌐 Blooming Grove Wind Farm (Chenoa), Precision 360 (Morton) and/or Rivian Motors (Normal), Ropp Dairy Farm Normal – Boxed Lunch
- 🌐 Funk Family Homestead and Atlanta – Lunch TBD in Atlanta
- 🌐 Pontiac and Route 66 – Lunch at Bernardi's
- 🌐 Central Illinois Spirits Tour (Mackinaw, Bloomington, and Normal) – Lunch at Destihl's

More information on volunteer assignments will be available at the Spring Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and at the end of this newsletter. Following the business meeting, we'll have lunch in Uptown Normal and tour the Marriott Hotel. A short planning meeting will follow. We need as many of you who plan to help at the convention to attend the Spring meeting.

For questions, please contact Jonna Burck at 847-809-6950 or [jonnaburck@yahoo.com](mailto:jonnaburck@yahoo.com) or Carolyn Hansen at 309-261-2705 or [carolynsh7480@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsh7480@gmail.com).

## **IFYE USA NATIONAL UPDATE**

We are proud to announce that Rebecca Pratt of Hopedale (Tazewell County) was selected last month as a candidate for the Compeer Financial scholarship. Becca graduated from the University of Illinois in May 2021 and farms with her dad. She brings a keen interest in international travel and desire to learn more about international agriculture. The selection committee of Larry Wachtell, Dale Yonker, Karen Schieler of Compeer Financial and Carolyn Hansen is confident Becca will represent Illinois well.

We are hoping to have both inbound and outbound IFYEs for the first time in three years. If you know of youth whose families are involved in soybean farming, we are still looking for candidates. The entire program fee is paid for the candidate.

We are also seeking another candidate in northwestern Illinois to participate as a COMPEER FINANCIAL participant. The candidate will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to apply to the participant fee. If you know of someone, please let them know of the opportunity and email Carolyn Hansen their contact information. We need their applications as soon as possible. The application is online at [www.ifyeusa.org](http://www.ifyeusa.org) under the “Foreign Exchange Program” tab, USA OUTBOUND Participant Applicant link.

We anticipate Illinois will host at least one IFYE this summer. A minimum of three families will be needed to host a 2022 IFYE. As the State Coordinator, Carolyn requests help from the entire Illinois IFYE family to find hosts. The IFYEs arrive in their host states mid-June and will return home in late August. Your help in finding great families is very much appreciated. If you think of a family, please ask about their interest and let Carolyn know. She will follow up with them. The host family application can be found at [www.ifyeusa.org](http://www.ifyeusa.org) under the “Become a Host Family” tab, Host Family Application link.

Carolyn Hansen

## Greetings From Our President

Happy Spring – at least that is what the calendar says, but as I am writing this, it is definitely not what the thermometer says. I am so happy that for the first time in 3 years we will be having our Spring meeting in person. I am looking forward to seeing many of you.

And unlike our previous meetings in the last two years, we will have plenty of business to talk about, in Bloomington on the morning of Saturday, April 23rd.

First, as you will read in another part of this newsletter, we again have IFYEs this year, including one (outgoing) from Illinois. Thanks to those who were part of the selection committee. And as a state, we should expect someone to travel to Illinois, so we will need your help finding host families, as well.

Next, as everyone should know by now – Illinois is hosting the 2022 National USA IFYE Conference in Normal this summer in our own backyard. It will be a great conference, with a chance to renew old acquaintances and make new friends, as well as give back for your IFYE experience, so please plan to attend, as well as help. There are many opportunities listed at the end of this newsletter.

We have a great committee that has put a lot of work in already, but there are still many things to do, especially during the conference itself – which will be June 30 thru July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are planning that everyone attending the Spring meeting will join us after lunch to tour the hotel and for our monthly committee meeting. We need everyone to help us put on the best Conference yet.

Also, it is an election year for our organization. As Toni Frank will be moving into the President position, we are looking for a President-Elect. We also need nominees (or for the current people to continue) in the roles of Secretary and Directors.

And last, but not least, Congratulations to Carolyn Hansen for being named the Interim Executive Director of IFYE USA.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or can help with some of the above items.

Jonna Burck

# Auction Items Wanted



## IT'S AUCTION TIME

State and international themed item donations are being sought for the live, silent and basket/bag/ticket auctions during the annual conference.

Basket/ticket auction price 1 for \$1,

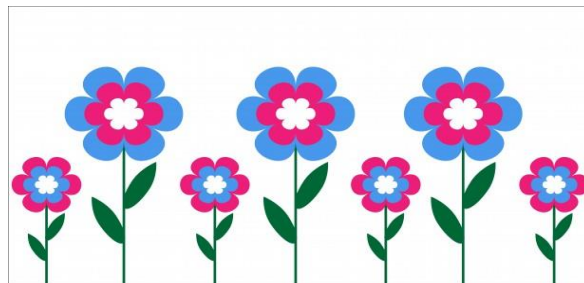
6 for \$5 or 20 for \$10

Drop off at registration

Contact Toni Frank if questions  
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# Annual Dues are Due

If you are an annual Dues Paying member of IL IFYE your 2022 Dues are now due. Please send you annual Dues of \$7.50 to the treasurer, Larry Wachtel; 15048 North Haarmann Avenue; Effingham IL 62401. Please check the mailing label and after your name will be the year you last paid your dues to IL IFYE. All Lifetime members will have the word, "Lifetime" after their name



# Our Sympathy

**Peg Hoffman**, IL IFYE to New Zealand in 1954, died December 20, 2021. For many of the older IFYE's Peg, along with Hugh Wetzel were part of our interview process and orientation to be an IFYE. Peg celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in October with family. The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church in Pontiac IL. She is buried with her family in the plot that she chose in St. John's Cemetery in Fairbury IL Many of her contacts in her paper address book received a letter from her nephew Alan Hoffman recently.

<https://www.duffypilsmemorialhome.com/obituary/mary-peg-hoffman>

**Gail Stanley Crooke**, IL IFYE to UK in 1979, died February 12, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. Gail worked in White and Clark Counties as an Extension Adviser, youth After she was married, she lived in PA.

[https://www.journal-republican.com/obituaries/gail-jeanne-crooke/article\\_a086bd3c-a9ec-11ec-a01f-ff87bc2b72cc.html](https://www.journal-republican.com/obituaries/gail-jeanne-crooke/article_a086bd3c-a9ec-11ec-a01f-ff87bc2b72cc.html)

# Ways to Help at the Conference

Here are some of the opportunities to give back at this summer's IFYE USA National Conference.

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## Wednesday 6/29

Registration	12 pm - 5 pm	2 people	<b>2-hour shifts</b>
Drivers to game	5 pm	5 people	
Greeters at BB game	5 pm	4 people	
Hospitality room hosts	9 pm	2 people	

## Thursday 6/30

Registration	9 am – 5:30 pm	2 people	<b>2-hour shifts</b>
Bus Coordinator	8 am	2 people	
Auction item collection	9 am – 5:30 pm	2 people	<b>2-hour shifts</b>
Workshop door person	9:00	1 person	
Stage set up	noon	4 people	
Drivers to MFB	1:00	4 people	
Set up decorations	4 pm	4 people	
Ticket taker for meal	5 pm	2 people	
Take down decorations	8 pm	4 people	
Hospitality room hosts	8:30 pm	2 people	

## Friday 7/1

Ticket taker for breakfast	6:30 am	1 person	<b>1-hour shift</b>
Bus coordinators	8:00 am	covered	
Box lunch delivers	noon	2 people	
Registration 2 hour shifts	10 am – 2 pm	2 people	<b>2-hour shifts</b>
Auction item coverage	10 am – 2 pm	2 people	<b>2-hour shifts</b>
Set up decorations	2 pm	2 people	
Live auction item handlers	4 pm	4 people	
Bus hosts to Ewing Manor	5 pm / 9:30ish	2 people	
Ewing Manor/theater guides	5 pm	4 people	
Take down decorations	8 pm	2 people	
Hospitality room hosts	10:00 pm	2 people	

## Saturday 7/2

Ticket taker for breakfast	6:30 am	1 person	<b>1-hour shift</b>
Auction item coverage	10 am – 2 pm	2 people	<b>2-hour shifts</b>
Workshop door person	1 pm	4 people	
Set up decorations	4 pm	2 people	
Ticket taker for meal	5:30 pm	2 people	
Candle distributors	8 pm	4 people	
Hospitality room hosts	8:30 pm	2 people	
Take down (flags)	9:00 pm	all	

## Sunday 7/3

Ticket taker for breakfast	6:30 am	1 person	<b>1-hour shift</b>
Interfaith door person	8:30 am	1 person	
Clean-up	9:00 am	all	