



# IFYE NEWS

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## “I have no idea what to expect”

Kate Barlow (WY-South Korea 2012)

That was my motto for the months before I left for my IFYE exchange to South Korea. People would ask about my upcoming trip, and I would laugh and say, “I have no idea what to expect.” This always received looks of shock and concern. It was of little concern to me up until I was sitting on my flight out of the States.

Having just made the mandatory goodbye call to my mother, I hung up and it suddenly hit me. I am not going to talk to my parents for two months. The not talking to my parents for two-month realization was not what suddenly made my stomach jump up into my throat. It was the realization that for those two months I was going to be in South Korea, by myself, with people I have never met before, with a language I didn't speak, and I had no idea what to expect.

Sitting on that plane, I had a moment of panic; then, I thought about something a very wise person once told me. “Be comfortable with being Uncomfortable” and that became my motto. No piece of advice could have been more fitting or caused me to have a better time.



My Host Sister Ungu and Me

This was a challenge. But, there was no better place than Korea to skip the adjustment period. When you come into a host family, you are automatically family if you are willing to step completely out of your comfort zone and make the most of every experience.

### Being Comfortable with Uncomfortable

Two months and seven host families ... there was no time to be uncomfortable. This was a lesson I learned very quickly. I had heard former IFYEs talk about it taking a few days to adjust to each new host family. However, on my second day at my first host family, I decided that there was no time for an adjustment period. In less than 5 days, I would be at my next host family and I wanted to make the most out of every experience.

### You Learn Something New Everyday

That was the goal. When I sat down every night and wrote in my journal about my day, at the top of the page I would write a list of the things I had learned during the day. It never ceased to amaze me each day how long the lists were.

Whether it was a new Korean word, Korean history, or a bit of agricultural wisdom I enjoyed learning. Out of the seven families I stayed with, only three had family members that spoke any English; so, I learned a good deal of Korean and enjoyed every minute of it.

### Try It Even If ...

More than once I would be eating a meal with my family and someone would offer me some unidentifiable dish. Each time I would try it and it was normally wonderful (even if it was a little spicy). After one of these episodes, my host sisters looked at me, with my teary eyes and running nose chugging water; she laughed, smiled and said “You are funny; you try it even if it make you cry”. At first, this made me feel silly. Looking back, I would have missed out on a lot if I had not been willing to try things that made me cry, uncomfortable, was difficult, or even scary.

### Don't Miss A Thing

I was not underfed in Korea. A Korean meal is made up of rice, a main meat dish, and then many little salads, relishes, and kimchis. I was in Korea for two months and ate three square meals a day, and never once did I sit down and recognize everything at the table. I can honestly say that I tried everything that was put on the table in front of me. I can also honestly say that I disliked only a few of them.



A normal Korean meal

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## IFYE Association of USA Board Leadership Team

*Richard Wagner*  
2013 Association President

Wow, what a learning experience I had as my first year of my 3-year term on our Association Board that began on 1/1/12. Since June of 2011, I had watched all the Board officers and many Board members lead with skill and willingness above and beyond the usual limits of volunteerism. Just take a look at what they have accomplished as reported in the 2012 Newsletters as well as this issue. Wow.

Here are some leadership examples that I believe you should know.

The four Board members that retired at the end of 2012 have given hundreds of hours of service during their terms.

**Alan Lambert** was President of the Board in 1990, 2011, and 2012 as well as serving as Vice President in 1989 and 2010. In 2012, he gave many hours to the Association's efforts of repositioning and finding potential partners. Alan now serves the IFYE Association as the Director of Partner Development. His efforts will help "IFYE Returns" through finding new potential partners.

**Ken Jones** was President of the Board in 1993 and 1994, as well as serving as Vice President in 2011. He helped to create our IFYE Foundation, continues to provide appropriate legal counsel, and helped explore many strategic alternatives for our Association over his two terms of service.

**Trudy Peterson and Shirley Coulson** both helped the Board in many ways when time allowed for them. **Trudy** gives lectures and seminars around the world as an expert Archivist. Even though **Shirley** lives in Anchorage Alaska, she seldom missed a Board meeting and willingly helped in any way possible.

These four outstanding leaders have been succeeded by 3 outstanding first-term Board members.

**Betty Jo Smith-Roberts**, from Indiana, has stepped up to lead this year as Vice President and has agreed to lead as President in 2014. Betty Jo served on the Reposition Committee for two years. Currently, she is helping the Association expand its source



of funding that will help "IFYE Returns". Betty Jo has helped us find and contract with a fundraising consultant, Marsha Carey of MJ Carey consulting.

**Marla Peterson**, from Tennessee, has already helped the Association's fundraising effort through drafting significant, fund raising literature, and information. Just recently, **Gary Heusel** from Honolulu, Hawaii, has joined the Board representing Region D.

I look forward to serving you with your Association Board members during 2013 as we seek to lead the effort of "IFYE Returns". If we don't enter the non-profit, international exchange business during the next few years, what will become of the IFYE program? For \$ reasons, many state Extension offices have stopped their involvement with IFYE. They have basically handed the "ball" over for us to carry. Are we ready to give it a try? Your Board has decided to give it their best effort **now**, before it is too late. If you also love IFYE and want to help, contact your Director located on this page.

Will you help "IFYE Returns" succeed???

*Note: Dick Wagner was an IFYE to South Korea from IL in 1965. He met his wife Eileen, a 1965 IFYE to The Netherlands from OH, at IFYE orientation held at the National 4-H Center. Dick retired in 12/2010 from COUNTRY Financial as a Insurance Agent and Investment Advisor. He started his work career as a Vo-Ag Instructor for 8 years. Then, he became a Corporate Planner (27 years) for GROWMARK, a large farmer cooperative in the central USA.*

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# Exciting News!!!

## IFYE Program and Fundraising Expands

The IFYE Association Board, after years of discussions on how to raise funds for program and operations and how to re-establish and operate the IFYE Exchange Program on a National basis, has made some major decisions in early January. Simultaneously, the Board is moving forward in two areas: programming and fundraising.

A committee has been formed to address expansion of the IFYE representative exchange program for those over the age of 19. The IFYE Coordinators' Handbook is being reviewed/completed for use in coordination of all states (those currently conducting IFYE programs and new states) in order to develop a proposed national approach to IFYE. If your state does not have an active IFYE program, please contact your IFYE Association Board member for information on how this committee can assist your state.

An Association Board fundraising committee also has been formed. They recommended and the Board approved the addition of a consultant to assist in fundraising. Grant writing and fundraising cycles began on January 1 so it is important that good progress is made in this area, especially during 2013. It is not likely that the IFYE Association can do this on our own because of the time and expertise needed to conduct these activities.

We have hired Marsha J. Carey, a grant writer (as an independent contractor) who will assist the Board with finding fundraising opportunities. Marsha is a Grant Professional Certified (GPC)

grant writer and a member of the American Association of Grant Professionals. Her specific job is to research donors, put together a funding calendar, address strategies that will most closely fit the IFYE Program, train IFYE alumni to build organizational capacity, write the grants, and more!!

She has already started researching on behalf of the IFYE Program and our goal is that grant applications will be completed, submitted and funded! Our IFYE budget includes \$35,000 revenue from grant activities in 2013.

Fundraising consultants can command a high compensation. Because of Marsha's understanding of the IFYE program and Board objectives, Marsha has graciously selected the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. to be her "reduced rate" project for the year. This is a requirement for grant writer's recertification and we thank Marsha for allowing us to be her project for 2013. Her annual contract with the Association Board is less than \$10,000.

Your IFYE Association and the IFYE program is growing! Your participation is sought! If you wish to help a committee, help lead activities in your state, or just want to vent ... please contact your IFYE Board member.

Watch future newsletters for reports on the outcomes of these special endeavors!!



### Association Membership, Contributions & Address Updates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New Address/Information?   
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Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ State Represented: \_\_\_\_\_ Host Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Extension Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Host Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Friend of IFYE: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer mailings via: E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Postal \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_ Remove from mailing list? \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues @ \$25 single/\$40 married couple (calendar year) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Life Membership @ \$300 single/\$400 married couple ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to IFYE Association General Operational Support \* ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to IFYE Association IFYE RETURNS SPECIAL CAMPAIGN \* ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed ..... Thank You! \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**

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The IFYE Association is an IRS approved 501(3)(c) non-profit charitable organization.

\*(Contributions are Tax Deductible to the Extent Provided by Law\*)



# IFYE Director of Partner Development

Alan Lambert

The Association Board's vision to expand the IFYE opportunity has created and enabled implementation of the position of Director of Partner Development. It is my privilege to serve the IFYE Association in this new capacity. Here is my inaugural report.

The past two months have been filled with opportunities for information about the IFYE program to be shared with many of the state Young Farmers and Ranchers organizations. As IFYE Director of Partner Development, I have been able to personally attend the WI, SD, MN, MO, NY, PA Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) Leadership conferences and the National YF&R Leadership Conference in Phoenix, AZ. There, I met over 500 members of young adult families who eagerly embrace the IFYE concept of international exchanges. YF&R state leaders have indicated a desire to continue a dialog between the YF&R and IFYE programs.

Unfortunately, many YF&R conferences were held on identical weekends and I could not physically attend all the events. I certainly appreciate volunteer IFYEs stepping to help out in the states of WY, CO, KS and NE.

Approximately 4,500 packets of information describing the IFYE opportunity have been created and distributed to all conferences that I and other IFYEs attended. The packets contain the IFYE Brochure, "IFYE Frequently Asked Questions", "What Makes IFYE Unique", and an IFYE "Host Family" flier. The states of ID, MD, MS and TN requested IFYE packets for inclusion in their attendees' information. Seven hundred were distributed in this manner. Approximately 1,500 IFYE packets remain for future activities.

As I explain the IFYE program to others, I realize how vital it is that IFYE must become a vibrant organization. Others are asking questions about the number of our annual memberships, what kind of financial strength we possess, what are the functions of the Association and Foundation and their 501 (c) 3 status and how the program sustains itself. It has been challenging to know that as an organization, we are not yet in the position we desire. Yet,

as we move forward, I can see the continual need for a stronger membership base, and I am encouraged that the IFYE Association and Foundation boards have embraced the need to work together so the single focus of IFYE, "Peace Through Understanding", is evident to the public.

In the next three to six months, I will be continuing to build relationships with the many state Young Farmers and Ranchers Coordinators, State Committee Chairs and members and State Presidents I have recently met. Individual YF&R members who have expressed interest in either becoming an IFYE or hosting an IFYE delegate will also stay informed. Strong, positive connections are being built with a number of states including: CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NE, NY, OH, PA, SD, TN, WI and WY.

My goal is to advance the idea of the Young Farmers and Ranchers organization embracing the IFYE program, understanding our objectives and feeling comfortable in supporting our endeavors. A few more states will have upcoming events throughout the year where IFYE may have a physical presence and continue to further build national IFYE name recognition.

The IFYE Partner Advisory Committee (PAC), composed of 8 IFYE alumni, is actively involved in the strategic planning of this effort. In the next few weeks, the committee will evaluate that past two months activities, assisting the direction of the IFYE partnering potentials and how it might interface with the Young Farmers and Ranchers organization. I also report monthly activities, expenses, concerns and challenges to the Association Board of Directors.

I encourage any alumni who may have questions and concerns about this position, or ideas of how we might progress, to call me directly.

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## Board Monthly Meeting Summary Notification

At the Nebraska IFYE conference it was suggested that the Association Board communicate monthly with the alumni regarding Board meeting activities. The alumni felt this would aid communication and increase alumni participation.

In an attempt to fulfill the suggestion, the first report from your IFYE Association Board (as compiled by the Executive Committee for the March 10, 2013 Board meeting) will be sent soon to all those that have chosen MailChimp or Email delivery of communication from the IFYE Board.

Email and MailChimp recipients of this March communication from us will be able to "opt-OUT" by responding to the information in the communication. Around June or July this year, the summary will again be sent to all at which time there will be another opportunity to "opt-out" or "opt-in".

### NOTES:

- (1) This does not affect any other communication you are signed up for with IFYE Association - the Board summaries have been listed as a separate mailing.
- (2) Those who receive hard copy of communication from the Association only, will have an opportunity to also receive this information by sending [vwarner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vwarner@sbcglobal.net) a request for such with your email address.



One of my host mothers (right) and me



Taking a lunch break in the grape greenhouse

## "I have no idea what to expect"

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Each of my host families ran a different type of agricultural operation, so each offered something new to try. I had the opportunity to work on a lettuce farm that produced 154 tons of lettuce a year, a grape plantation (where we worked 13 hour days), a Korean cattle ranch, a pig farm, in rice fields, Gochu farm (Korean peppers), and a ginseng farm. No matter how hot it was outside or how long we had to work, I had a great time, and did my best not to miss a thing.

### True Korean Experience

In Korea, there are three things that they think every visitor should try, and I got to try them once with each host family.

First, is *kimchi*, which you will get with every meal, so not trying it is out of the question. *Kimchi* can be made out of anything: fish, vegetables, eggs, chicken feet, etc. *Kimchi* is a process of fermentation so anything can be *kimchi*. Some *kimchis* were not my favorite, but in general, they were pretty good ... just a little spicy.

Second, is a *Norabong*, which is a karaoke parlor. They love karaoke and they really enjoy American music. All my host families were a little disappointed that I didn't know any Justin Bieber. These *norabongs* were everywhere; even the smallest farming communities had at least two. Almost every Korean I met loved *norabongs*. So, after my sixth trip to a *norabong*, I decided that it could be the national sport of Korea.

Third and finally, are *jimijibongs*. Much like *norabongs*, they were completely out of my comfort zone. But, *jimijibongs* took "being comfortable with uncomfortable" to a whole new level. *Jimijibongs* are public baths. They are made up of saunas, thermal pools and ice rooms. In the States, it would be a very fancy spa. In Korea, they will go to a *jimijibong* after a hard day's work on the farm. When you come in, you are given a locker key and a Korean towel (a.k.a. a washcloth). Once inside the *jimijibong*, there are rules that must be followed. This means no clothing and the only thing you are allowed to drink is seaweed soup. Every family took me to a *jimijibong*. My first trip was traumatizing due to the fact that I was soaked and scrubbed from head to toe for nearly eleven hours.

After getting used to it, I started to enjoy *jimijibongs*. My last day in Korea, I went to a *jimijibong* by choice. Now that I am back in the States, I kind of miss them. It just goes to show that even if you think you will not like something, try it anyway.

### Thank you

Being an IFYE to Korea was the best thing I have ever done. I learned so much not only about Korea, but about myself. I call it my totally awesome adventure; since returning, I have found myself missing the people, the food, and the country as a whole. So, all I can say is thank you. Thank you to Korea 4-H, IFYE, Wyoming 4-H, and all my host families, for my totally awesome adventure in Korea.



<http://www.mapsopensource.com/south-korea-admin-map-black-and-white.html>

**10th World IFYE Conference  
11-18 November 2013  
Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel  
Pattaya City  
Chonburi Province, Thailand**

**"Towards Green and Happy Society"**

<http://www.worldifye2013.com>  
<http://www.worldifye.doae.go.th/>

The Conference's theme is highlighted on "Towards Green and Happy Society" which aims at providing a forum for IFYE members and families, 4-H members and leaders, farmers and interested persons and officials-in-charge from across the world to share views and experiences in the development of farm youth and farm population towards self-sufficiency and happiness, to foster IFYE network regionally and to impress with beautiful Thai culture and identity.

Besides a series of conventional meetings during the Conference, you will be invited to take part in a wide range of spectacular activities, for example, field visits, home stay, handicraft making practice, loy kratong festival, 4-H fair and much more interesting activities. Please find enclosed herewith the tentative programme for your perusal. More information, in particular, registration fees, registration method, accommodation will be made available in the website <http://www.worldifye2013.com>. Should you need further communication, please contact us at [worldifye2013@mail.com](mailto:worldifye2013@mail.com)

**Tentative Programme**



<i>Monday</i> 11 Nov. 2013	<i>Arrival of participants/ registration Exhibition setting Dinner</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> 12 Nov. 2013	<i>Orientation Opening ceremony/ Keynote speech / Exhibition visit Welcome dinner/ Thai cultural performance</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> 13 Nov. 2013	<i>Symposium Foreign IFYE visit Thai Agricultural Innovation Fair Dinner/ IFYE regional cultural performance 4-H members participate in technical contest</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 14 Nov. 2013	<i>Study visit on agriculture and home stay</i>
<i>Friday</i> 15 Nov. 2013	<i>Study visit on agriculture (continued) Dinner/ IFYE regional cultural performance</i>
<i>Saturday</i> 16 Nov. 2013	<i>Free time Visit Nong Nooch Tropical Garden Dinner/ Join Loy Krathong festival at Nong Nooch Tropical Garden</i>
<i>Sunday</i> 17 Nov. 2013	<i>Board of Directors Meeting General Assembly/ Regional Report General Assembly/ Bidding for the 11th World IFYE Conference 2018 Farewell dinner/ exchange of tokens/ candle ceremony 4-H members participate in social interactions and cultural exchange</i>
<i>Monday</i> 18 Nov. 2013	<i>Departure for respective home countries/ continue tour in Thailand or other countries</i>



## Sites for Information about Thailand and Travel to the Country.

### Thai Embassy and Consulates

Thai embassy and consulate listings in the USA in Washington, DC; New York, NY; Los Angeles, CA; and Chicago, Illinois are found at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/thailand#>

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand

<http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/home>

### Suvarnabhumi International Airport

[http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com/index\\_en.php?lang=en](http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com/index_en.php?lang=en)

### Thai Airways

<http://www.thaiairways.co.th/thailand/en/home.htm>

### Tourism Authority of Thailand

<http://www.tourismthailand.org/home>

### Hotel information - <http://www.ambassadorcityjomtien.com/>

Link to the English version through the upper left area with the name of the hotel.

### Hotel Information (Direct link to information in English)

<http://www.ambassadorcityjomtien.com/main.htm>

### A Few Etiquette Rules for Thailand

<http://www.reachtoteachrecruiting.com/guides/thailand/etiquette-in-thailand>

### Health Information for Travelers to Thailand

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/thailand.htm>

### Loy Krathong Festival (November 17, 2013)

[http://www.thailand.com/travel/festival/festivals\\_loykratong.htm](http://www.thailand.com/travel/festival/festivals_loykratong.htm)

## Shirts for USA Attendees at 2013 IFYE World Conference

Roger McCoy

The shirts are to be embroidered with the IFYE logo on the left front with "USA" below and the state name above. We are ordering the shirts from Lands' End® because of their selection, true sizing, and styles to fit women.

By having the embroidery done locally (*tentatively at \$8/shirt*), we could have the state changed to meet the needs of IFYEs around the country. At the time of this newsletter going to press, it looks as if the cost of mailing the completed shirts will be \$6 if 1-2 shirts per box and \$12.50 if 4-6 shirts per box.

Email [r.mccoy69@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.mccoy69@sbcglobal.net) for final details on the cost of shipping and embroidering. Go to <http://www.landsend.com/business> to see the selection, prices, and sizing charts.

## Orders for Pins/Bandanas

Bart Johnson

Orders for gift items (*bandanas and Friendship crossed-flag lapel pins similar to those presented during the Australian World Conference*) will be placed by this coming mid-April. These are used as gifts to hosts and dignitaries and as souvenirs.

Email Bart Johnson (KS Barbados '87) [p2johnson@comcast.net](mailto:p2johnson@comcast.net) (Tel: 423-903-9265) so that a count can be made for a quantity to order. Indicate how many of either item you need. Our target is 300 for bulk rates to reduce the cost to \$2.50 per item.

## 2013 IFYE World Conference Pre- and Post-Conference trips

World Conference November 11-18, 2013 Thailand

### Before conference: (choose 1 of 3 offerings)

China, Hong Kong, and Bangkok Oct. 19 to Nov. 11

Beijing, Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City; Xi'an's Ming Dynasty, Terra Cotta Warriors, Shanghai, 4 day Yangtze River cruise, Three Gorges Dam, Guilin, Macau and many more activities. \$5,547 per person plus round trip airfare from your local airport to Beijing.

Vietnam and Cambodia Oct. 31 to Nov. 11

Hanoi city tour, Halong Bay Junk (boat), Cave excursion, visit fishing village, Site see in Saigon, Mekong Delta Phnom Penh royal palace, silver pagoda, Seim Reap, Angkor Wat, Floating village excursion, and many more activities. \$5,695 plus airfare from your local airport to Hanoi and return airfare from Bangkok.

Thailand Oct. 31 to Nov. 11

Mae Chan tribal villages, Chiang Rai city tour, golden triangle, Elephant rides, Bamboo raft excursion, Forest walk, Thai massage, Food and flower markets, Reclining Buddha statue, Long-tailed boat ride, floating market excursion, and many more sites and activities. \$5,340 plus round trip airfare from your local airport to Bangkok.

All tours will conclude with transportation to the IFYE conference arranged.

### After Conference (choose 1 of 3 offerings)

Bangkok Nov. 18 to Nov. 21

Wat Pho temple, R Long-tailed boat ride, flower market, Reclining Buddha, Bang Palace, Wat Mahathat, Floating market excursion, Thai-style house, and many more activities. \$2,065 plus round trip airfare from your local airport to Bangkok.

Vietnam and Cambodia Nov. 18 to Nov. 26

Same as Vietnam Cambodia pre-trip above. \$5,295 plus airfare from your local airport to Hanoi and return airfare from Bangkok.

Thailand Nov. 18 to Nov. 26

Same as Vietnam and Cambodia pre-trip above. \$5,040 plus round trip airfare from your local airport to Bangkok.

All post-trips will begin the morning after the IFYE conference from the conference hotel. You will return home in time for Thanksgiving.

Complete itineraries are available by request from [adeisher@bex.net](mailto:adeisher@bex.net). Travelers will be added until the space on each trip is filled. If you have further questions, please use the email address above or call Art Deisher at 800-497-7840.



# IFYE Foundation of the USA, Inc.

## Donations to the IFYE Foundation and IFYE Association

Several IFYEs have asked about giving to IFYE. Both the IFYE Foundation and the IFYE Association are 501(c)3 organizations and your donation to either is tax deductible. There may be some confusion about giving to our organizations. Here's some clarification.

When giving a donation to the IFYE Foundation "In Memory Of", that donation becomes a part of the IFYE Foundation endowment, of which only the interest and dividends can be spent.

When giving a donation to the IFYE Foundation "In Honor Of" or with no designation, that donation is used for on-going grants and expenses. These include IFYE orientation costs, grants to National 4-H Congress and States 4-H International Exchanges or similar international exchanges. Donations in this category can be designated by the donors to specific purposes or used as needed by the Foundation.

When paying lifetime dues to the IFYE Association, they become part of an endowment and only the interest and dividends can be spent. When paying annual dues, those are used for IFYE Association expenses and programs. When donating to the IFYE Association, those funds are used for the Partner Development project or other programs.

The IFYE Foundation has developed a "Bequest Allocation Form." If you wish to donate to the Foundation through your will, please request a form from Dale Yonker, IFYE Foundation Treasurer. The form will give you information you can use with your attorney.  
*Marj Loyd, Foundation President*

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*We have received information concerning the passing of the following IFYE alumni and supporters of IFYE. Although some are not during 2013, to the best of our knowledge, they are individuals whose passing has not previously been noted in the IFYE NEWS.*

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**Benjamin S. Wiggins (August 24, 2012)** (SC Switzerland 1953)

## NEWS OF IFYEs

*Continuing Our Friendships and Memories*

**Carolyn (Vandiver) Jenkins (MO Israel 1953)** was able to return to Israel for the first time this past November 2012. Although on a guided tour, it was wonderful to be able to visit again.

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**Ben Wiggins (SC Switzerland 1953)** In writing to tell us of Ben Wiggins' passing, his widow - Barbara - shared the following with us.

Ben always enjoyed his 4-H work and was always grateful for the six months that he spent in Switzerland with five different families as an IFYE exchangee.

One of his host families – the Devenoge family - sent both their son (Jean Claud) and daughter (Henriette) to the USA on exchange and they both stayed with Ben's parents. The same year that Jean Claud came to the USA, our son went to Switzerland after graduating from the Citadel and worked on their family's farm.

Ben and I were able to attend the 1965 IFYE World Conference in Bern, Switzerland and also spend time with the Devenoge family.

Although Ben is no longer with us, we are carrying on the long connection with this family and Jean Luc's sister will be coming to visit our family in September of this year. We look forward to this continued part of this long-ago exchange.

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## How Big is Your Heart?

Art Deisher (IFYE 71 OH to UK)

Approved by Lillis Larson (IFYE 59 SD to England/Wales)

Her voice was strong, vibrant, and authoritative. I could tell she was a leader and a take-charge type of individual.

My attempts to reach her were related to her generous gift to the IFYE Returns Campaign. I had left her a few messages via voice mail but wanted to talk with her in person.

“Hello, this is Art Deisher, Associate Treasurer of the IFYE Association; is this Lillis?”

“It is,” she affirmed.

“Is this a good time to talk about IFYE?” I inquired.

“Yes,” Lillis replies. “I got the travel bug when I was an IFYE to England and Wales in 1959. I was traveling to Arizona when you left your voice messages and I just returned home to Oregon.”

We continued to discuss our common bonds as both of us had been in England and Wales as IFYEs. She explained how she had fallen in love with the county of Denbighshire in Northern Wales and the Channel Isles, too! A return visit to Guernsey in the Channel Islands remains on her bucket-list!

I inquired, “What motivated you to re-emerge and connect with IFYE now?” (Until her recent check, she had not been a dues-paying member of the IFYE alumni association and the IFYE Association’s only connection to her was her postal address.) She was forthcoming with her email address, phone, and her life membership dues in addition to the generous gift.

Lillis’ response was direct. “I decided it was time to come out of the woodwork. IFYE was very good for me. I have been very successful **and I felt it was time I put my money where my heart is!**” she said.



Lillis’ donation is the largest to-date for the IFYE Returns Campaign.

Can you help?

The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds to allow the IFYE Association to transition from a USDA based IFYE program to a self-supporting IFYE Exchange program with its own administration.

Twenty-five (25) countries currently are requesting IFYE exchangees over the age of 19. Recently, individual states have sent approximately 10 IFYE participants annually. Domestically, IFYE is not meeting the need for opportunities to promote “Peace Through Understanding.”

The task of this transition is huge. The IFYE Association is taking baby steps as it matures and finds it financially feasible to make the change during 2013 and 2014.

Here are three steps that are underway:

1. A part-time Partnering Director has been hired to help promote IFYE and assist possible partnering. Exploratory activities are continuing with Young Farmers and Ranchers and the American Farm Bureau Federation. Host family and IFYE applicants are emerging as a result of this activity.
2. Several states have indicated a renewed interest in the IFYE program for those over the age of 19. A state coordinator handbook has been developed by the existing state IFYE Coordinators to assist new states as they re-enter the IFYE exchange program. The handbook provides for uniformity of selection, training, and procedures for the nine states currently conducting the IFYE programs.
3. A part-time fund raising consultant with grant-writing expertise has been contracted by the IFYE Association Board. During the next 18 to 24 months, the financial outlook of the IFYE program should change dramatically.

But, as with any worthwhile endeavor, growth is not easy and it requires start-up capital (money). That is why Lillis’ \$5,000 contribution is so important. She put her money where her heart is. She believes the IFYE program was beneficial for her, the countries she represented and the world as a whole. She wants to see the IFYE program continue and had the courage and faith to financially do her part to make it happen.

If you ever wanted to make an impact or a positive difference to a cause, now is the time! Each dollar donated will be used to aid partnering and the expansion of IFYE.

Those who have the financial means may want to match or exceed Lillis’ gift.

If you wish to talk with someone about a current or large contribution, please contact either IFYE Association President Richard (Dick) Wagner (309-473-2308) or IFYE Membership Director Arthur (Art) Deisher (800-497-7840).

Wouldn’t it be amazing if all of Lillis’ 1959 IFYE brothers and sisters could match her gift? Will you do your part?

Contributions payable to IFYE Association of the USA can be sent to 6037 Frejon Lane, Sylvania, Ohio 43560. Please indicate “IFYE Returns” on the memo line.





## “Peace Through Understanding”

Becky Dale of Hardin, MT

2012 IFYE, Austria & Switzerland

My adventure began on June 15 with an amazing orientation in Wichita, Kansas, where I met and made so many new friends, all hoping to learn “Peace Through Understanding” ... the motto of the IFYE Program.

### Austria

I arrived in Austria, following a missed flight in Chicago and a connecting flight through London, to the welcoming home of Astrid Weiser. Astrid is a former IFYE to Virginia who did her best to show me life as a young Austrian in Vienna. This beautiful baroque city, home to the rulers of the Hapsburg Empire, had many contemporary touches and we did our best to see it all. This was the first of eight host families in Austria.

This introduction was followed with stays in small villages and farms where I became a member of many wonderful families who always welcomed me into their homes and lives. I became a farm girl, learned folk dances, swam in the chilly Danube River, and tried schnitzel, knödel & strudel - just to name a few wonderful, new foods. In Ramsau, my family gave me a week jam-packed with castles, ruins, cathedrals, strawberry fields and monasteries. When I was near Salzburg, I took every opportunity to relive Julie Andrew’s portrayal of Maria Von Trapp in the “The Sound of Music”. I explored the wine country of Upper Austria, learning about winemaking and life on a vineyard. My final stay in Austria brought my IFYE experience full circle as I was welcomed by the Dumfart family who sent their daughter, Elisabeth, to our home in Montana 4 years earlier.

### Midterm

My time between Austria and Switzerland was a whirlwind adventure as I reunited in Zurich with three other IFYEs I had met in Kansas; Jamie (CO), Tiffany Poet(CO) and Mattie Kuykendahl (KS).

For two weeks, we did and saw as much as we could! We started in Berlin; seeing the Berlin Wall and "Checkpoint Charlie". Paris ("The City of Light" - "La Ville-Lumière") welcomed us and we sailed the River Seine, saw the Eiffel Tower, and ate as much French pastry as we could handle. We enjoyed a walking tour of Prague as well as the John Lennon Peace Wall there.

Our three days in Rome gave us time to take in the Forum, Pantheon, and Colosseum. Other highlights included seeing Pope Benedict XVI at Vatican City, the Sistine

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Chapel, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and ancient Pompeii. We parted ways in the fashion capitol of Milan, knowing that we had experienced a lifetime of memories together.

### Switzerland

My adventure continued with three different families in Switzerland. I lived on a small farm where I could often be found in the orchard picking about 100 Kilos (about 200 pounds) of apples an hour. I visited the beautiful Rhine Falls, the Lion Monument in Lucerne, a chocolate factory, and the breathtaking Swiss Alps. With my second family, I helped in a pediatric unit of a local hospital where my host mom worked as a nurse. My final host family concluded my trip with warmth and hospitality as I became proficient on the Alpenhorn.

### Home

I am now back in the US, traveling Eastern Montana and sharing my adventures with young and old in many small communities. I won't lie ... I had moments of homesickness that were alleviated by 'Skyping' with friends and family. But, now when I look back on my six months as an IFYE ... I have memories of France and friends, chocolates and Czechs, museums and mountains, and laughter and love. These are memories that could only be made by sharing my life and heart with someone else. IFYE has given me the opportunity to get beyond the tourist areas, to live deep in the culture and with locals, and to learn the idiosyncrasies of my host countries.



Me (left) and my host sister - Elisabeth Dumfart - overlooking Innsbruck, Austria