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IFYE Challenge:

Attached you will find a challenge to all IFYE alumni. Please give it serious attention and select at least one of the ways to help the IFYE program in 2017 and 2018.

IFYE Board Update:

The committees of the IFYE Board are working hard in the areas of exchange programs, resource development and finance. The Executive Committee is working to prepare the Board for the possible addition of an Executive Director before the IFYE conference in Florida.

Persons are being sought to fill the gap in the areas of Website Management and Database Management. The person who was working with these areas will work with the new person to make the transition as smooth as possible. Replacements for those areas are being explored by the appropriate committees. If you are interested, please contact any board member.

The selection process continues for an IFYE Executive Director. An announcement before conference will hopefully be appropriate.

Florida Conference Update:

2017 National IFYE Conference – Orlando, FL

Rosen Plaza Hotel – August 30 – September 3, 2017

Excitement is building for the IFYE Conference in Florida! It is not too late to register and enjoy what Florida has to offer as we “Rekindle the Magic of IFYE”.

You will find a unique connection with our keynote speaker who shares our passion for global experiences. Sarah Lanier grew up in Israel. It was there that she discovered her fascination with diverse cultures. Her book, “Foreign to Familiar, A Guide to Hot and Cold Climate Cultures” is now in eleven languages. Books will be on sale. Sarah will also give a workshop after her keynote address.

Please look at IFYEUSA.ORG to find out information about the wonderful tours and other workshops offered. The IFYE Board of Directors invites you to this National Conference in a state that has never hosted before. We look forward to seeing you there!

Special attendees this year will be all 25th year Anniversary alumni (1992 IFYEs), 50th year Anniversary alumni (1967 IFYEs), along with anyone celebrating 55 years or more (1948-1962). Recognition and the opportunity to share will be afforded those that can attend in their reunions at the conference. For additional information, please contact Connie Fukudome cfukudome@gmail.com

Program Update:

IFYE orientation in Washington, DC was completed in mid-June and all six US IFYEs have departed to their host countries. Participating countries include Austria, Costa Rica, Germany, India, Switzerland, Thailand and the four countries that make up the United Kingdom (Scotland, N. Ireland, Wales and Devon County England). All will return in December for a national debriefing.

Recruiting for three-month outbound participants for September – December 2017 continues. This can be a unique opportunity for individuals to experience other cultures at different times of the year. Your help is needed in finding those individuals whose timing fits this period.

If you have questions or someone that should be contacted about being an IFYE, contact Alan Lambert, IFYE Program Director, at alanelambert@gmail.com.

Financial Update:

In the last issue, it was shared that the operating budget needs were going to likely make it necessary to borrow additional money from the membership account at Raymond James. **But thanks to the generous gift of \$20,000 from an anonymous IFYE alum we will be able to meet our current expenses and actually pay back \$10,000 that was previously borrowed!** Thank you.

As you might expect with the change in the Finance Committee chair and the possible addition of an Executive Director, the 2017 and 2018 budgets are being closely reviewed.

The amount needed to operate for the rest of 2017 which includes the exchange program and administration is sizable. However, if each IFYE Alum would donate \$10.00 per month we would exceed our budget!! That’s correct, if each alumnus could donate \$100 per year or \$10.00 per month, your choice, financially we would meet our needs.

But not all alumni can be donors to IFYE even though they want to be supporters. That is why those that

can give more provide the revenue that is not available from others. All we ask is that you contribute what you can. And we **thank you very much**. An [invoice](#) is enclosed for your convenience or you can donate using the IFYEUSA.ORG website.

Please note from the [challenge](#) to IFYE alumni attached or enclosed there are specific amounts related to exchange expenses. If someone wishes to sponsor one or more specific areas of expense they can do so.

2018 World IFYE Conference:

Information about the 2018 World IFYE Conference, a cruise to Alaska, is available on the IFYEUSA.Org website. The cruise will be September 9-16, 2018 aboard Holland America Line ms Noordam. It will start in Vancouver and end in Seward, Alaska. For those that do not wish to travel to Alaska, there are many attractions in the Vancouver area and there will be a World Conference Meet and Greet activity on the 8th of September. You can certainly plan a vacation and meet with IFYEs on the 8th if you desire to do so without going on the cruise. Post-conference activities in Alaska will be announced soon. [Registration](#) is available via our website at this time.

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