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Dan Mozena, Iowa IFYE to Nepal 1970 Sworn-in As U.S. Ambassador to Angola

Dan W. Mozena, an Iowa 4-H alum and an IFYE to Nepal in 1970, was sworn-in as the U.S. Ambassador to Angola in southwestern Africa, on November 19, 2007, by Dr. Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. The impressive ceremony was held in the historic Benjamin Franklin Reception Room at the U.S. Department of State with over 200 family members, colleagues, and friends in attendance. A member of the Senior Foreign Service, he joined the foreign service in 1982, following three years on the National 4-H Council's 4-H International Programs staff. He and his wife, Grace Feeney Mozena (center), IA-Thailand 1970, have previously served with U.S. Embassies in Zambia, Zaire, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. They had previously served as Peace Corps Volunteers in Zaire. (See Page 4) ☆



Kathleen S. Flom Portrait Highlights Rededicated Kathleen's Corner

The above portrait of the late Kathleen S. Flom, "First Lady of the National 4-H Youth Conference Center," and a strong supporter of 4-H International Programs, hangs in the recently redesigned Kathleen's Corner, a room in her honor at the Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. It was painted by her niece, Janet Marchetti Flom, of Moorhead, Minnesota - the wish of Kathleen's brother, the late Dr. Robert Flom. The room was rededicated in October after an extensive refurbishing made possible by contributions from 4-H International exchange alumni and Extension, 4-H, and personal friends of Kathleen. The room focuses on the history of 4-H, the Center, and Kathleen's legacy of sharing the 4-H story with the many visitors to the Center from the U.S. and around the world. (See page 5) ☆



Christmas at Arlington Cemetery (See Page 3) - In Honor and In Memory!



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IFYE Association of the USA



Happy New Year!

Greetings from our family...above left (l-r), Dawn, Linda, Mel, Jane, Dean, and our three grands (l-r) Grace, Kendall, and Marshall, and our Michigan family (above right) as Mel's brother Maynard (center) celebrated his 70th birthday at the Old Mission Lighthouse near Traverse City half way between the North Pole and the Equator. We *celebrate(!)* every fifth birthday beginning with the 70th! Wow - 75th in 2008!

We had lunch recently with John, IL-Sri Lanka 1961, and Linda Martin. Many of you will remember John, who was on the 4-H International Program staff at National 4-H Council prior to his USAID career. Both are now retired. John led the Extension 4-H Travel Seminar to the Netherlands and Norway in 1973 - they boast a most successful Round Robin newsletters - it has made the rounds every year since!

George and Debbie Cunningham Haynes (left center), Montana Youth Development Project (YDP) delegates to Botswana 1975 and Jamaica 1976 respectively, and their family reside in Bozeman, where both are the staff of Montana State University.

You'll all remember Francis, NC-Italy 1951, and Sibyl Pressly (lower left), now retired from both National 4-H Council and their Mast Farm Inn and enjoying a more relaxed routine in Valle Crucis, NC. They are active with the annual Valle Crucis Park Auction (famous for their flowers and produce) and the annual Valle Country Fair (worth the visit!) the third Saturday of October.

Glance down and three 2008 IFYE Association board members greet you (l-r), Alison Earley Grove, CO-Netherlands 1993; Connie Harms Fukudome, KS-Netherlands - today and on a host farm in 1971, and Eleanor Inman Smith, GA-Ireland/North Ireland 1957 - today and on the Arosa Sky enroute to her host country fifty years ago!

I continue to be so impressed with the stories we receive about the great contributions being made by 4-H International exchange alumni (sadly, many are now coming via obituaries!). They make you proud! Please pay your dues and make a contribution. If a life member, consider a contribution. Keep in touch! Enjoy this issue!

Mel Thompson
Michigan-Turkey 1953
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President's Message



Larry J. Zilliox
YDP, MN-Botswana 1968
President, IFYE Association

It has been brought to my attention that some are confused as to the mission of the IFYE Association. The mission statement adopted in 2003 is included in the right column of this page.

The fall board meeting was a pleasure to call to order. Every board member was present plus a few who will begin their terms in January. What a difference when one has a full board to interact with and discuss ideas. Of course, there are challenges when it is a conference call and there are new faces that you have not met or got a chance to know. I feel this board will tackle any of the issues before it and come to some consensus to move the organization forward.

I encourage you to make plans to attend the World Conference in Adelaide, Australia, in October 2008. One of the traditions of the conference is to dress in your native costume during special events. For us Americans, that is always a challenge. Your board has agreed to use a red, white and blue bandana similar to the one worn at previous conferences. Missouri and Illinois alumni have arranged for a shirt that has an embroidered IFYE logo, name of home state and USA on it. Contact past president Roger McCoy (see page 2) for more details.

Officers elected for the 2008 year were Larry Zilliox, President; Marianne Roseberry, Vice President; Becky Grandle, Secretary; and Beverly Osterberg, Treasurer. New board members starting in January include Carol Hagen; Region A: Judy Stewart; Region B; Grace Backman, Region C; and Jennifer Pfau-Ochoa, Region D. We thank board members Prue Holton and Ruth Trail who have completed their three-year term. Though they are leaving the board we welcome their advice in the future.

Financially, your association is on solid ground. It is my intention that we will operate with a balanced budget during the coming year. Treasurer Beverly Osterberg and Mel Thompson, financial records coordinator, presented the financial report. The life membership investment

Happy New Year!

from
Your Board of Directors

IFYE Association Mission Statement

(Adopted 2003)

The International Four-H Youth Exchange Association of the USA, Inc. is an organization which fosters a continuing commitment of 4-H International exchange alumni, and others interested in 4-H International Programs, to global awareness and inter-cultural understanding.

Mission

The International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Association of the USA, Inc., in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension System, will:

- promote world peace through exchange opportunities for mutual understanding,
- support and perpetuate the growth of 4-H International education and exchange programs,
- provide support to returning international exchange participants,
- provide financial assistance for exchanges in cooperation with the IFYE Foundation,
- provide recognition to groups and individuals who further global awareness and inter-cultural understanding, and
- establish a network to further international understanding.

We will fulfill these obligations through active participation in state and national associations and/or involvement in inter-cultural learning activities at local, county, state, regional, national and international levels. ☆

A Holiday Tradition at Arlington Cemetery To Honor the Fallen



Arlington National Cemetery is the scene of a sea of holiday wreaths each year during the Christmas season (See photo on cover page). The tradition was started 15 years ago by Morrill Worcester, president of Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine. He has had a keen interest in the cemetery ever since he visited it as a 12-year old when he won a trip to Washington as a Bangor Daily News paperboy.

The company not only provides the wreaths, they send them in a week-long caravan with stops along the way at memorials and schools. This year the 10,000 wreaths (more than twice the number of previous years) were placed on grave markers by 2,000 volunteers, including schoolchildren and their chaperones, military personnel and others, in a designated section of the cemetery - a different section is selected each year. Volunteers could also carry individual wreaths to other graves.

As a result of this tradition, Worcester Wreath is now providing wreaths for other state and national veterans' cemeteries and those on foreign soil. In 2007, all wreath-laying ceremonies were held concurrently at noon on Saturday, December 15.

As a result of calls and letters from interested supporters, Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization, was formed, to "Remember the fallen; Honor those who serve; and Teach our children the value of freedom." Visit the website, www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, and/or google Worcester Wreath. ☆

fund totaled \$209,321.83 and the association operations balance was \$7,077.89 at the end of October. The financial records have been computerized allowing us to have regular detailed reports.

The board formed a committee to look into re-vamping our website. It needs some sprucing up and updating to be useful. Connie Fukudome and Mari Roseberry will explore possibilities and report to the next board meeting with recommendations. Contact them if you have some suggestions.

The board learned that West Virginia alumni will bid to host the 2010 national conference. According

to our bylaws we accept bids two years in advance. I am requesting all interested states to submit their bid to me by March 15. The board will select the 2010 site at their spring board meeting.

The Holiday season is upon us. I take this opportunity to wish everyone a prosperous and Happy New Year. Count your blessings and make a resolution to do what it takes to be as healthy as possible and to become involved in some international project. ☆



Mark, Grace, Dan and Anne Mozena

Mel Thompson and Dean Thompson

Dan Signing Appointment Documents

Dan Mozena Assumes Ambassador Position in Angola

As the newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to Angola in southwestern Africa, Dan Mozena, IA-Nepal 1970, and his wife, Grace Feeny Mozena, IA-Thailand 1970, departed for Luanda, the capital city, on Thanksgiving Day.

Dan's swearing-in ceremony took place on November 19 in the Benjamin Franklin Room at the U.S. Department of State. In attendance, along with many family members from Iowa, Wisconsin and California, were their son, Mark Mozena, a doctoral student at the University of California in Santa Cruz; Anne Mozena, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin; Melvin Thompson, MI-Turkey 1953, and Dean Thompson, MD-Egypt/Israel 1986, also a foreign service officer with the Department of State; and many Department of State colleagues and friends.

Most recently, he served three years as Director for the Office of Southern African Affairs, when, among other responsibilities, he provided leadership to the U.S. bilateral relationship with Angola. As Director, Dan established as his highest priorities developing and supporting U.S. policies to help southern Africa fight and win the war against HIV/AIDS, strengthen democracy and improve governance, enhance regional stability, and promote economic growth to reduce poverty.

Dan has had a wide range of experience in Africa. In what proved to be his most rewarding Foreign Service assignment, he served as Officer-in-Charge for South Africa and as Deputy Director for Southern African Affairs during South Africa's transition from apartheid to democracy. A highlight of his career was assisting with then-President Mandela's historic state visit to Washington.

His academic life began in a one-room country school, which had a total of 12 students spread over eight grades. He graduated from Iowa State University, and later from graduate school at the University of Wisconsin. Two years in-between, Dan and Grace were Peace Corps Volunteers in Zaire. ★



Mark and Anne Mozena with Proud Grandmas Edna Mozena (left) and Anne Feeny

IFYE Alumni Bill and Sue Lefes Create Unitrust for North Carolina 4-H International Programs



In celebration of the role that 4-H International Exchange programs made in their lives, IFYE alumni Bill and Sue Lefes have given the North Carolina State University Agricultural Life Sciences Endowment a real estate gift to fund an endowment.

The William and Sue Lefes Charitable Remainder Unitrust has been created with the gift of a three-unit apartment building in Cary, NC. Ultimately, the proceeds will create the William S. and Sue N. Lefes 4-H Endowment for International Programs to develop, support and promote 4-H International awareness and global understanding.

"We made this gift to celebrate the difference 4-H International Exchange programs have made throughout North Carolina and in our personal lives," Sue shared.

They get a charitable deduction on their tax return, and once the apartment building is sold, the unitrust will pay a guaranteed income stream to Bill and Sue until both have passed away. Then the trust terminates and the remaining monies fund their endowment.

Both Bill and Sue became active in 4-H International programs in college, Sue as a North Carolina IFYE to Australia in 1951, and Bill a Pennsylvania IFYE to Switzerland in 1949.

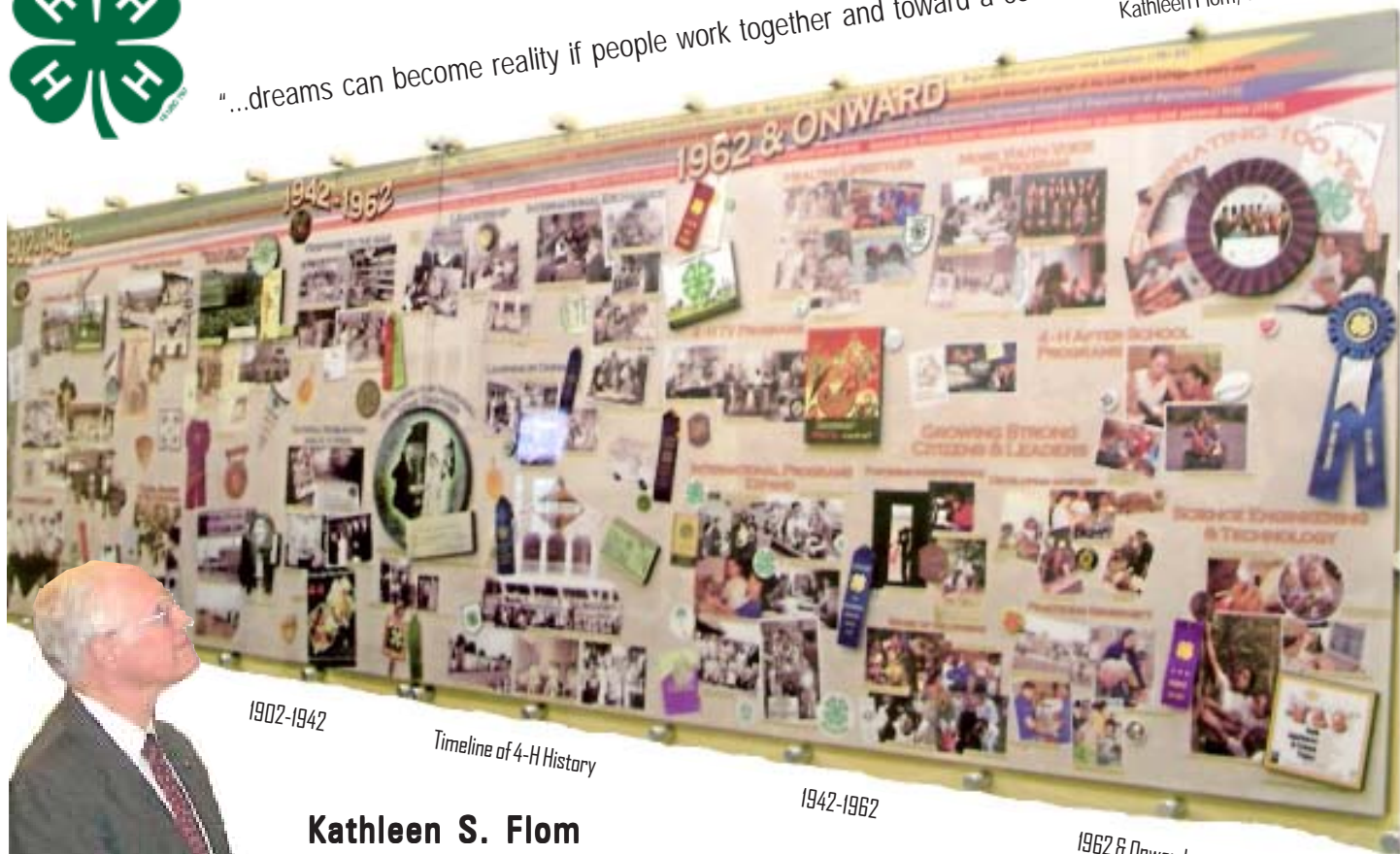
They met at a National IFYE Conference and later married. Their IFYE experience remained integral to their lives as Bill embarked on a 26-year career in foreign service, including USAID programs in Africa and Asia.

Bill retired in 1986 and they moved to Cary. They continue as volunteer coordinators of NC 4-H International Programs. Both are life members of the IFYE Association of the USA. ★





"...dreams can become reality if people work together and toward a common goal..."
Kathleen Flom, 1978



1902-1942

Timeline of 4-H History

1942-1962

1962 & Onward

Kathleen S. Flom Remembered.....

4-H History is Focus of Rededicated Kathleen's Corner

Robert H. Miller (left), WI-Norway 1952, in attendance for the rededication, studies the "Timeline of 4-H History" that lines one wall of Kathleen's Corner, a room at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center named in honor of the late Kathleen S. Flom. She was a long-time Extension Service and National 4-H Council staff member...and a staunch advocate for 4-H International education and exchange programs. (Also see cover story.)

The room focuses on the history of 4-H, the National 4-H Center, and Kathleen's legacy and years of sharing the 4-H story with visitors to the Center from throughout the U.S. and around the world.

The refurbished Kathleen's Corner was officially opened in October by Dr. Cathann Kress, National 4-H Leader (below center), and Donald Floyd, President and CEO, National 4-H Council. The team that coordinated this recognition project included Sue Fisher (lower right), of the National 4-H Council staff; Eleanor Wilson, National 4-H Headquarters staff (retired - center right), Sue Kleen Benedetti, WY-India 1966 (lower left), researcher for the historical displays; and Gwen Western El Sawi, MN-India 1969, now in Amman, Jordan, and unable to attend.

A central focus of Kathleen's Corner is a portrait of Kathleen (lower right) by her niece, Janet Marchetti Flom of Moorhead, Minnesota. One of Kathleen's favorite early National 4-H Calendar paintings was the one focusing on 4-H International programs and 4-H Around the World (lower left). She was always concerned that it was hung prominently at the National 4-H Center. Kathleen contributed to many wonderful 4-H memories for all! ☆





Verle Lanier helps a Vietnamese Colleague straighten a steel cable in 1961.



Jim Mitchell and his parents, just prior to his IFYE experience in the Netherlands in 1961.

Peace Corps "Poster Boy" Verle E. Lanier Associate Peace Corps Director for Volunteer Support Opportunities for the Young, Mid-Career, and Older

Verle E. Lanier, MT-Japan 1958, was recently named Associate Peace Corps Director for Volunteer Support following a career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which included 26 years with the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) and postings in the Congo, Indonesia, Egypt, Philippines and the Netherlands.

He was never a Peace Corps Volunteer himself, but his passion for volunteerism stems from serving as a volunteer in Vietnam with the International Voluntary Services (IVS) following his IFYE experience in Japan.

It was during his IVS tour in Vietnam that he became known as the "Poster Boy" for the Peace Corps as the result of a photo in the March 17, 1961, issue of Life Magazine. It was also used in the first Peace Corps recruiting brochure and on the cover of the book, *New Frontiers for American Youth - Perspective on the Peace Corps*, by Albertson, Rice and Birky.

The article in Life Magazine by Sargent Shriver, first director of the Peace Corps, credits IVS and IFYE, and other similar programs, for providing experience and expertise valuable in the formation of the Peace Corps.

The 1961 article also referenced three IFYE participants - James C. Mitchell, OH-Netherlands 1961 (photo above), and Ronald D. Patrick, IA, and Leonard A. Munger, KS, both delegates to Pakistan in 1960.

Peace Corps is already preparing for its 50th Anniversary in 2011. And it should be a big celebration. Since 1961, more than 190,000 Volunteers have helped promote a better understanding between Americans and the people of the 139 countries where Volunteers have served.

Young and/or Older - Explore the Opportunities!

Most volunteers are university graduates, but the program is open to high school and community college graduates. They must be at least 18 years of age and ready for a 27-month commitment.

Peace Corps now emphasizes opportunities for mid-career and retired and older volunteers. There is no upper age limit. Volunteers in their 70's and well into their eighties have served and continue to serve.

Many 4-H and 4-H International exchange alumni have served. Peace Corps programs have and do emphasize youth development. In the early years, there were specific 4-H Peace Corps projects coordinated by National 4-H Council - in Brazil, Uruguay, Malaysia, El Salvador, Sarawak, and Venezuela.

For Peace Corps information and opportunities visit the website www.peacecorps.gov - or...just google "Peace Corps!" ☆

Barbara Miller Maidment IFYE and Career Led To Margaret River Business Centre

Barbara Miller Maidment, OR-Uganda 1968 and current Chair of the World IFYE Alumni Committee, settled in Australia in 1989 following an Extension Home Economist career that started in Oregon and took her to the states of Washington and Alaska.

"My interest in Uganda, East Africa generally, and international affairs overall, strengthened as the years went by. I taught a lot of workshops on cross-cultural learning and headed up Alaska's participation in the Japanese Labo program. Anything in the international arena interested and impacted my life," wrote Barbara. In the process, she completed her doctoral studies.

In 1987, she attended the World IFYE Conference in Coventry, England. That was the beginning of a love affair. She met Geoffrey Maidment, Australia-United Kingdom 1963, on his first trip out of Australia since his exchange experience. The rest is history. They were married and she moved from Anchorage to Australia in 1989.

In 1997 - 29 years after her IFYE experience, she returned to Uganda. "What a remarkable journey! Host families welcoming me like I'd never left. Sleeping in the same rooms I had as an IFYE. Seeing the aftermath of the years of Idi Amin."

She worked for 18 years with the Business Development Centre in Margaret River, Western Australia. When it closed a year ago and with encouragement from many colleagues and friends, she struck out on her own and established the Margaret River Business Centre (MRBC), a mobile



and on-line consultancy business specializing in small business and community capacity building.

"So now, I have started a business on my own, and have built a new reputation in a new place. Most people think of me as Australian now, but I only have to open my mouth to give that secret away," she comments, and adds "What a venture it has been! And all because of my IFYE experience! I look forward to seeing and welcoming many friends during the World IFYE Conference in Adelaide, Australia, next fall!"

From her website (www.margaretriverbusiness.com): Barbara is a southwest (Australia) local with over 35 years experience in small business advisory services, leadership development, consumer education, policy analysis and preparation, commodity marketing, and corporate governance. She is a respected and award-winning member of the professional community, widely known for her professional, no-nonsense approach. ☆



Bruce Hearman, Australia-Ohio (left), studying local news at the Spletzer home in October 1972. Reunion (center left) with Margaret Spletzer, his host mother, Bruce and his wife Robyn, at the Spletzer farm in 2007. Christine Spletzer Newman (center right) with her daughter, Jackie (left), who spent last semester at Jawaharlal Nehru University in India, and son Sam, a student at Kent State University. Jackie Newman (right) with Iraqi refugees in New Delhi, India.

Inspiration Through an IFYE Exchange

by Christine Spletzer Newman*

“Synchronicity” seems a fitting word to describe this uncanny chain of events: Late January 2007, slowly making my way home along snow covered Ohio I-90, I popped in a CD - a jazz band from Australia. My mind wandered, recalling the only person I had ever met from Australia - Bruce Hearman. A 1972 IFYE, Bruce hailed from Western Australia. He had stayed in our home and on some other Ohio farms.

Wondering what had become of our dear Bruce, I went home that evening and “googled” his name. Unexpectedly, I landed on a few viable leads to follow: a former Council President for the shire of Donnybrook, WA, and a Lions Club International Governor. A bit more sifting turned up a Lions Club roster of email addresses.

To my surprise, the emailed one was indeed *our* Bruce Hearman! He was delighted, and no less surprised to hear from me. And as if this were not enough, Bruce had some unexpected news for us: He and his wife Robyn were scheduled to visit Ohio in August, and could make a side trip to visit our family farm again. A 35-year reunion would become a reality!

In August 2007, Bruce returned to Ohio, bringing his vivacious wife Robyn. Hosts reunited with them included my mother; his host mother, Margaret Spletzer, of Newton Falls, John Buchman of Bowling Green and IFYE visionary, Bea Cleveland, Ohio’s State 4-H International Programs Leader (retired).

The magic of 4-H International exchanges reaches beyond continents

and cultures, and even across time. It creates connections and lasting impressions. Each participant leaves a lasting impression with those they meet. In turn, each host family contributes its own chapter to the unfolding story that will be carried back home with each young traveler - a story about people and about life in another country.

What happens next? Youth grow up and become adults. Adult community members, employers and leaders have intentions - influenced by their past experiences. Positive international experiences foster intentions and actions that aim for additional positive international future outcomes. Youth also grow up to be parents who will influence the local or global mindset of their own children.

Bruce Hearman grew up to be a community leader in Australia, and to reach beyond and actively engage via Lions Club International. Similarly, his young host sister, then Christine Spletzer, grew up to sponsor international students, and to influence a daughter who attends Denison University and spent a semester studying in India and helping resettle Iraqi refugees. One 1972 exchange yielded a tree of life with long branches. *Isn't this the real magic of 4-H International Programs?*

*Christine Spletzer Newman’s family in Ohio hosted Bruce Hearman of Australia in 1972 when she was a teenager. She shares how this experience has impacted her and her family. And she learned that she shares a September 19 birthday with Ohio 4-H’s Bea Cleveland.



4-H International Exchange Alumni Authors

Jerry R. Davis, MI-Germany 1953
Leafing Through My Family Tree
 September 2007

A fascinating collection of short stories about the author’s family members, past and present. The storied characters include several Mayflower passengers, a veteran of three U.S. wars, a Forty-niner in the California Gold Rush, a Mohawk Indiana, a sailor who died in the D-Day Invasion in Normandy. The stories are illustrated with drawings by the author and photos from his family archives. Only \$12. Previous books: *Home on the Farm - Essays on a Michigan Childhood* 2003, and *Tales on the Road - Essays on a Half Century of Travel*, 2004, still available - \$14 each. Order from author: Jerry R. Davis, 2820 Monument Drive NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120; E-mail: jrd2820@aol.com or call 505/352-9221. Prices include postage/insurance (no credit cards).



David V. Youmans, ID-Colombia 1956
Wherever Home Is: Recollections of an Itinerant Academic
 July 2007

An itinerant academic describes earlier times in the rural West, educational landmarks, years of work around the world, dynamic of university life, search for faith and social justice and challenges of aging with dignity in America, and family members facing challenges in Latin America and North Africa. The author describes episodes of personal, professional and family life in those venues with acute insights in the milieu of people and places. He concludes with reflections on peace, social justice, spiritual maturity and aging. Order online at www.BuyBookontheWeb.com or call 877/289-2665. \$13.95 plus \$4.50 S&H.





Virginia Recognized with NAE4-HA's World Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award

Carol Baird Nansel, VA-Germany 1980, and Joe Hunnings, Extension staff members in Virginia, and two counterparts in the Dominican Republic, received the World Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award presented by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) during their 2007 annual conference in October.

They were recognized for a 2006 project involving youth from the Dominican Republic and Virginia aimed at eliminating barriers between cultures and races. The program was built on Virginia Tech's membership in the Punta Cana Association by building a partnership with the Punta Cana Ecological Foundation and Center for Biodiversity and Sustainability.

The project was so successful that it continued with a similar group in 2007. Pictured above is Carol Nansel with the recognition plaque and the group in the Dominican Republic.

Information on the NAE4-HA award program and application process is available on the website www.nae4ha.org ☆

Montana Alumni Honor Emma W. Lanier

Emma W. Lanier, long-time Yellowstone County Extension Service employee and supporter of the International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), passed away last September. She and her husband hosted several inbound participants. Their son, Verle, was an IFYE Representative to Japan in 1958.

She was honored for outstanding secretarial service by the Alpha Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Extension honorary, and was an honorary member of Montana State University's 4-H honorary - Mu Beta Beta.

IFYE alumni who had been associated with her honored her and Verle with their presence at her funeral service in Billings, MT. Pictured above (l-r) Roy Zimmerman, Israel/Egypt 1981; Ruth Benson Drummond, Sweden 1953; Verle Lanier; Roni Parker Baker, Finland 1990; and John Ranney, Brazil 1964. ☆

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IFYE Association of the USA Memberships

Spouses holding membership are listed immediately following alumni spouse.

Alumni already holding life memberships are indicated when spouse has been added to membership. Year indicates year of participation.

2007 Annual Memberships

The following 4-H International exchange alumni and friends held annual memberships for 2007:

Jennifer Vukonich Anderson 2000
R. Wayne Bath 1951
Barbara L. Beerman 1977
Max E. Benne 1957
Dean A. Bloch 1984
Karen Denner Borchers 1981
Keith L. Brown 1953
Dianne Cooper Cardillo 1971
Michael E. Carlson 1973
Charles D. Carlson 1955
Clark B. Child 1960
Donald F. Clark 1952
Joni Rae Fugle Collins 1985
Sherry Lynch Conrad 1977
Dale W. Conrad, Friend/Spouse
Cathleen Feige Cummings 1968
Retha Hankey Davis 1971
Marlene Paradee Davison 1958
Nancy Bratton Drake 1970
Ruth Benson Drummond 1953
Zachary M. Duclos 1952
Charles S. Dunham 1955
Van E. Eitel 1949
Ann E. Erman 1963
Lawrence A. Fenske 1955
Roger W. Fox 1959
Carolyn Neil Franzini 1971
David D. Gaumer 1956
Keith E. George 1956
Shirley Humphries Gerken 1958
Ann Frank Gold 1983
Kay Binney Green 1968
Madeleine Greene 1984
Beverly Moritz Greenwood 1963
Morris Greenwood, Friend/Spouse
Allison Earley Grove 1993
Janis Ruff Hamilton 1979
Diana Hebrink Hanson 1953
Dana Brown Haynes 1981
Sharon Cubitt Heck, Friend
Fred J. Henningsen 1955
Donna Powell Hershberger 1974
Sarah E. Hileman 2003
Guy A. Hummon II 1954
Irlene Rawlings Huntington 1952
Carol L. Ives 1966
Terry H. Jaspers 1977
Diana Duncan Jaun 1963
Allan S. Johnson 1962
Mary F. Johnson, Friend/Spouse
Robert Jones 1959
Eric J. Kelso 1995
Dallas T. Kime 1985
Carolyn Wilcox Knowles, Friend
Sharon Glasgow Kuntz 1965
Larry J. Kuntz 1965
Gail Shaffner Kuntz 1979
Linda Holliday Labrie 1963
Donna Stauffer Lantry 1955
Karen Rexford Laroche 1981
Barbara Jean Larson 1954
Kateri Maille Linn 2002
Jeffrey S. Linn, Friend/Spouse
Hazel McCuaig Mabery 1964
Leroy A. Mabery 1964
Molly Malkus, Friend

Lonnie Malkus, Friend
Michlene Holwell Mankin 1969
Dale Martin 1961
Jack L. Morse 1963
Alton N. Nelsen 1949
Suzanne Schrieffer Neufang 1986
Sharon Witherow Nilsen 1968
Erna Wagner O'Brien 1973
Virginia Falter Olson 1956
Hilda Ann Peischel 1968
Ronald D. Petrak 1953
Ruth Anne Petrak, Friend/Spouse
Diane Dameron Plummer 1956
Doris Rembold, Friend
Paula E. Riddle 1989
Natalie Wiggers Riecks 1955
Laura A. Schick 1999
Donald F. Schwartz 1958
Jerome S. Severson 1965
Violet Klobas Shepard 1957
Mable Ann Davis Sherrill 1958
Leigh Weatherred Sims 1977
Francis Fox Spinks 1958
Wanda Brewer Stephens 1953
Mary Jo Cunningham Stewart 1960
James N. Stewart, Friend/Spouse
Gwen H. Stickney 1989/95
Dorothy Blaser Struebing 1954
David F. Taylor 1963
Jane Krill Thompson 1986/88
Dean R. Thompson 1986
Antoinette M. Tosco 1966
Wilfred F. Wardowski 1958
Jacqueline Sterner Weikert 1994
Everett H. Whiting 1955
Franklin C. Wilson 1951
Larry Wright 1965
Connie Zuehlke Wright 1975

2008 Annual Memberships

The following 4-H International exchange alumni hold annual membership for 2008:

Jefferson P. Arnold 1961
R. Wayne Bath 1951
Raymond C. Dankenbring 1948
Karen Herman DeMuro 1982
Cleo D. Kottwitz 1957
Jack L. Morse 1963
Erna Wagner O'Brien 1973
Virginia Falter Olson 1956
Aline Nelson Phillips 1976
Madonna McGuire Smith 1987
Julia A. Trite, Friend
Carol Pehl Sparks 1977
Patty Litzel Zeigler 1993

2010 National IFYE Conference Bids Due March 15, 2008

Venues for National IFYE Conferences are selected two years in advance. Bids for the 2010 Conference must reach the president of the IFYE Association by March 15, 2008. Guidelines are available from the president or the secretary - addresses on page 2.

Life Memberships

The IFYE Association recognizes the following 4-H International exchange alumni and friends who became life members in 2007:

Louise Wintermute Dukes, IA-Netherlands 1952
Elaine Stephen Grant, KY-Dominican Republic 1968
Dianne Coddington Henderson, WA-Philippines 1982
Raymond Henderson, Friend/Spouse
Masrlene Somers Palazoo, WA-Italy 1964
Michele V. Palazzo, Italy-USA 1964
Robert A. Schmidt, WI-Australia 1960
Eleanor Inman Smith, GA-Ireland/N. Ireland 1957
Nancy Aiken Varian, MS-Sri Lanka 1977
Kyle O. van Kamp, OH-Botswana 2002
John R. Welsler, MI-Scotland 1957
Jung-Ming Wu, Friend/Spouse of Norma Lawton Wu, CT-Taiwan 1965

The IFYE Association also recognizes the following life members from previous years who were not included in the Life Memberships List published in the Winter 2007 issue:

Patrick W. Corcoran, OH-Nepal/Sri Lanka 1975
Diane B. Corcoran, Friend/Spouse
Colleen L. DeJong, WA-Costa Rica 1983
Beatrice Kasznay Garner, CT-Luxembourg 1954
Clark E. Garner, MO-Ecuador 1954
Robert Guettler, Spouse of Betty Sargent Guettler, MI-Finland 1960
Suzanne Humphreys, Spouse of David W. Humphreys, IL-Poland 1978
Leslie O. Mergelman, CO-Iran 1968
Marilyn Bay Wentz, CO-Costa Rica 1981
Mark M. Wilson, PA-Swaziland 1977



Dues Are Due!

Paid your dues? Now is the time!

Become an IFYE Association member today - dues paying members will receive all issues of IFYE News and Association mailings.

Exchange participants attending the National IFYE Conferences must have paid dues or do so on arrival.

See page 11 for the information form for *Memberships, Contributions & Address Changes* and become an annual or life member. If already a life member - contribute to the Association's general operational support.

2008 IFYE Association Awards Nominations Due April 15

IFYE Association Recognition Award nominations for 2008 are due April 15. Recipients will be announced in July.

There are four categories of awards:

- Friend of 4-H International
- Commendation for Contributions to International Understanding
- Meritorious Service to 4-H International Programs by Extension personnel
- Outstanding Contributions by 4-H International Alumni to 4-H International Programs.

Information/nomination forms available from Becky Grandle, 931 Churchmans Mill Road, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477-3176 - Telephone 540/337-4528 or E-mail cgrandle@rica.net

IFYE Foundation of the USA



It Is Time To Get Excited! Support 4-H International Programs

Just when many folks thought 4-H International programs were finished, we may be where IFYE was in 1948 or so. The International Program Committee (IPC) - made up of Extension 4-H staff - and WorldWide Exchange Services are expanding the number of countries for 2008. In addition to group program with Finland, Norway and Australia, negotiations are underway with Costa Rica and Mexico. Groups include 10-15 participants per country, Seventeen went in 1948? The program is growing!

The Foundation's current fund raising campaign is going to be very important as to how much will be available to support 4-H International programs. If the Foundation were to support every outbound delegate, including those on the summer programs to Japan and other countries, it would take \$10,000 - \$15,000. Ask your employer if they will match your contribution. If you need more documentation other than the annual report, please contact me or any IFYE Foundation Board member.

The IFYE Association has discussed for years about how we can get the U.S. participants in all 4-H International exchange programs, including the Japan and other short-term programs, involved in our Association. This may be our opportunity. If they are given financial support from the Foundation and then asked to join a state alumni group, it's a start.

The IFYE Foundation of the USA was established to provide financial support for the International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) program. With the changes in the focus of 4-H International programs over the years, support has been broadened to include the various 4-H International programs.

The IFYE Association of the USA is a membership organization open to all 4-H International exchange alumni and others interested in 4-H International programs. Its mission and purpose is outlined on page 3 of this issue of IFYE News.

Each organization - the Association and the Foundation - has its own board of directors and by-laws. The president of each is an ex-officio member of the other.

The results of the 2007-08 Foundation campaign will make a difference and determine how much support can be given to 4-H International exchanges and programs.

Please be generous in your support!



Norman C. Bauer
President
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Contributors to the IFYE Foundation have often honored a loved one or friend. Memorial gifts honor those who have lived a life of service. Making gifts in recognition of others offers a wonderful way to affirm your personal priorities and values.

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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 ★

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In Memoriam

The IFYE Association has recently received word of the death of the following 4-H International alumni, spouses, staff, family members, and Association friends, members, and supporters (L-Life Membership):

★ **Marilyn Backman**, ND-Extension 4-H International Travel Seminar to Africa 1976, mother of **Grace M. Backman**, ND-Kenya 1976, June 20, 2006, Fargo, ND

★ **Leonard N. Bianchi**, CA-Turkey 1964, December 18, 2006, Oakdale, CA

★ **Martin A. Blum**, husband of **Lee Ann Leet Blum**, KY-Netherlands 1955, November 28, 2007, Potomac, MD

★ **Burton O. Bosch**, MT-Iran 1955, husband of **Myrtle Flaskerud Bosch**, MT-Norway 1957, November 14, 2007, Mesa, AZ, and Havre, MT

★ **Emma W. Lanier**, mother of **Verle E. Lanier**, MT-Japan 1958, Extension staff member, and host to several IFYE participants, L-0453, September 21, 2007, Vancouver, WA, and Billings, MT

★ **Doris Marie Stauffer Lantry**, KS-Switzerland 1955, August 12, 2007, Lawrence, KS

★ **Orrin H. Potampa**, OR-Korea 1968, November 9, 2007, Madras, OR

★ **Eugene A. Prince**, WA-Turkey 1952, September 13, 2007, Thornton, WA

★ **Dorothy Scholl Hole Ross**, ID-Extension 4-H International Travel Seminar to Europe 1977, September 17, 2007, Moscow, ID

★ **Eldon E. Ruff**, IN-Iran 1952, Date Unknown, South Bend, IN

★ **Cecil G. Staver**, Colorado State 4-H Leader and 4-H International Programs Leader for many years, October 30, 2007, Hotchkiss, CO

★ **Charlotte Ann Webster Wasnich**, MI-France 1963, March 2, 2004, Union City, MI

Deceasements, corrections and updates are appreciated. Please send full name, State-Country-Year or relationship to program, date of death and address. E-mail to melvinhi@aol.com or mail to IFYE Association, 5811 Lone Oak Drive East, Bethesda, MD 20814. ★

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4-H International Alumni and Friends in the News



Cecil G. Staver A Special Salute!

October 15, 1908 - October 30, 2007 - 99+ years! He served as Colorado's State 4-H Leader for 28 years and was an involved and key player with the IFYE Program. A strong supporter of all 4-H International Programs!

Rebecca L. Bahn, WI-Japan 1997, is a Second Class Petty Officer with the U.S. Navy. She has recently received her Associates Degree and re-enlisted for six years. Currently, she is a Medical Laboratory Technician with the Blue Angels Hanger at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Ray Focht, OH-Iran 1956, is in Kenya with the Ilkajuka Water Development Project, a program to deliver clean water to the Maasai people in that area 365 days a year.

Matt Kaplan, Associate Professor for Intergenerational Programs and Aging with the Extension Service in Pennsylvania and keynote speaker at the 2007 National IFYE Conference in Oregon, is currently on a one-year sabbatical in the United Kingdom.

Gale A. Kirking, WI-France 1986, is Editor-in-Chief, English Editorial Services, located in Brno, Czech Republic. Gale was a participant in 4-H's Young Agricultural Specialist Exchange Program (YASEP) that was canceled at the end of the training program, due to the Chernobyl disaster. All 1986 YASEP participants were given the opportunity of another program.

Jeffrey P. Miller, OH-New Zealand 1987, recently concluded a two-month teaching assignment at the Ningbo Institute of Technology (NIT) of Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. He was teaching a joint undergraduate degree program between NIT and the University of Indianapolis School of Business. While there, he was a speaker at an Asian Leadership Conference in Shanghai.

Lucille Thieme Roller, IN-Germany 1981, and her husband, Ed Roller are now in Rocky Mount, VA, with the Christian Heritage Academy. Ed is the Headmaster; Lucy the Coordinator of Development. Website: www.chaknights.org

Judith Hahne Stewart, MO-United Kingdom 1978 and new member of the IFYE Association board of directors, is a high school librarian with the Pulaski County Special School District in the Little Rock area of Arkansas. ★

Send News: Fill us in - about you or a friend. What's up? New job? Written a book? Received an honor? Send to melvinhi@aol.com or 301-493-5301.

4-H International IFYE Shoppe...



Tee and Golf Shirts, Caps, Travel packs, Notepads, lapel pins and more. For details, consult the Fall 2006 issue of IFYE News, visit the website - www.ifyeusa.org - or contact Leona Noffsinger-Maggitti at maggittil@comcast.net or 240-367-0126 or 11127 Old Frederick Rd, Thurmont MD 21788.



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Art and Beth Deisher
 (adeisher@charter.net or 937/599-2559) for pre-conference 21-day tour in Australia and New Zealand, with optional stop in Fiji.

Ron and Ruth Anne Petrak
 (ronruthanne1507@msn.com or 515/262-3691) for pre- and/or post-conference tours, including an additional post-conference add-on to New Zealand, October 17-23, which includes an overnight farm family visit.

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 Send mailing label corrections to the IFYE
 News return address above or
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**Ninth World IFYE Conference
 Adelaide, Australia - 4-11 October 2008**

The Australian Rural Exchanges Association has completed final plans for the Ninth World IFYE Conference...and now await registration forms from exchange alumni around the world! "The committee has been planning, meeting, visiting, making decisions, and 'panicking' in the process," writes Deb Clarke, Australia-United Kingdom 1982, and conference chair.

Pre and post conference tour options include Kangaroo Island, 1-3 October, and a three-day tour to the Flinders Ranges, a spectacular arid landscape experience north of Adelaide, following the conference.

Tours during the conference include a half-day tour of the Adelaide Hills and Cleland Wildlife Park (where you can pet a koala and feed the kangaroos). Full days tours will include the coastal area, Adelaide and environs, Wineries, agricultural development and research, and horticulture and wetland management.

Twelve different workshops include wine appreciation, Aussie folklore and poetry, native flora and fauna, indigenous bush tucker walk, and Australian Rules football. Country delegation short performances and the ever popular international bazaar will be part of the conference.

Save \$ - Register by February 29

Complete conference and registration information is available on the website -www.ifyeoz2008.com - or E-mail: ifye.oz2008@ozemail.com.au.

Wish to Share a Room or Have a Traveling Companion?

Anyone planning to participate in the conference who would like to share a room at the conference and/or have a traveling companion should contact IFYE Association president Larry Zilliox at lakemina@gctel.net or 320/762-8502. He will coordinate connections.



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