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## National 4-H Council Introduces New Global 4-H Network Initiative Prepares for the Holidays at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center

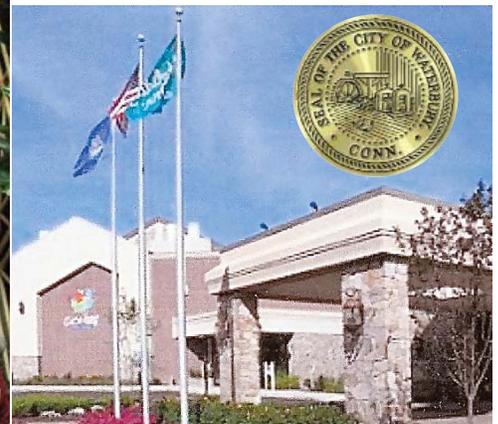
The National 4-H Youth Conference Center is decked out for the coming holidays as National 4-H Council plans for a new Global 4-H Network Initiative! Council extends best wishes for the coming holidays! More on the Global 4-H Network and recent Seminar in Tanzania on page 5.

## “World Wide and Wonderful” - National IFYE Conferences - “Locally Grown, Globally Sown”

West Virginia hosted nearly 200 alumni and friends for the 52nd National IFYE Conference. Conferees didn't let rain, wind, bus troubles, or a hotel false fire alarm interfere! The conference photo (below left) was taken in the atrium of the Embassy Suites Hotel. More on page 4.

“Locally Grown, Globally Sown” is the theme of the 53rd National IFYE Conference to be held in Waterbury, Connecticut, June 26-30, 2011. It will take place at the Holiday Inn Waterbury and Indoor Water Resort (lower right). And New England alumni are anxious to welcome you!

You will take a step back in time as you venture into this historic city and the New England surroundings. An exciting program is planned... and believe it or not “Mark Twain” will join the conference for the opening reception and program. For more information and the registration form, see pages 7 and 11. ★



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# IFYE Association of the USA

## President's Message

It has been a pleasure serving as your president for two years. Thank you for your notes, messages, comments and suggestions. Please keep them coming. I will enjoy hearing from you until the end of my term, December 31, 2010. In previous messages I have updated you on the accomplishments made by the board in recent months. I will continue with announcements and updates.

A change that has occurred and is documented in the Policies and Procedures Manual is the protocol by which changes are made on our database of members. The Secretary of the Association maintains the "official final" database of members. If you change your address, phone number, or E-mail address, please send that information to the Secretary or any board member in your region who will forward it on to the Secretary. The Secretary informs the Newsletter Editor, the Treasurer, and the IFYE Foundation Secretary of any new information and updates. The Newsletter Editor, the Treasurer, and the Foundation Secretary report to the Association Secretary any changes they receive. IFYE Program Coordinators should also send information about outbound exchange participants each year to the Association Secretary so that correspondence concerning the Association and an invitation to join the Association can be sent out promptly and those individuals will be added to our database.

The National IFYE Association annual meeting in West Virginia was very exciting. Beth Deisher, NC-Iran 1968, and Editor of Coin World, explained the 4-H Commemorative Coin initiative that began with a phone call to her from a Master 4-H (Hall of Fame) member from Georgia. You may have already received more information and updates by E-mail blasts or letters. If we don't have your E-mail address on file, please send it to the secretary.

A motion was made that a committee be formed to move forward to develop a job description, search for qualified candidates, and secure a person to fulfill the position of Executive Director for IFYE Association. At this writing, I am working on forming that committee.

The Reconnect Committee formed in recent months met three times during the conference in West Virginia and thoroughly discussed the commemorative coin legislation and the opportunity to hire an executive director. The consensus was that the time is right to carry out both activities.

Questions about how to improve National Conferences come up all the time. With the above news in mind, again, I challenge you to send any suggestions you may have about how to lower costs and attract younger members to join us at conferences. Is there too much emphasis put on our conferences? Please let me or other board members know your thoughts.

Enjoy autumn and let's all keep the IFYE spirit strong and vibrant!

Connie Harms Fukudome, KS-Netherlands 1971, President ☆



IFYE Association Board of Directors: (back row l-r) Alan Lambert, Ken Jones, Chad Kerkman, Trudy Peterson, Art Deisher, (middle row) Cathy Kunkel-Mains, Connie Fukudome, Sheila Peterson, (front row) Marian Huey, Carol Hagen, Grace Elliott, Eleanor Smith. See information left. Ken, Cathy and Chad term begins with 2011; Carol, Judy, Eleanor and Connie complete their term December 2010.

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## 4-H International Programs Worldwide See New and Promising Future Inspiring Letters and Messages from Alumni

Halloween is behind us! Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's are just ahead! Happy Holidays to all!

We come with an issue jammed with information and interesting articles. Don't miss the welcome article on National 4-H Council's new Global 4-H Network initiative...and the private support helping make it possible (page 5), which also references the recent Take-a-Leader Seminar in Tanzania. And hat's off to Mary Crave, WI-Sri Lanka 1980! She has been hired as project director for the first phase involving the continent of Africa (see back cover).

Then there's the report on the 2010 National IFYE Conference in West Virginia (page 4) and information on the 2011 Conference in New England (page 7) and the registration form (page 11). It's not too early to register!

Congratulations to alumni inducted into 4-H Halls of Fame in 2010 (page 10).

Great story on the European IFYE Conference (page 9) and gatherings of 1970 IFYEs in 1970 and 2010 (page 15).

The Peace Corps 50th Anniversary got off to a great start October! A special alert to Home Economists who were PC Volunteers and Brazil 4-H Peace Corps alumni (see below).

Articles on the Association's Commemorative 4-H Coin proposal and Reconnect Committee are found on pages 12 and 14.

Next issue will bring some interesting stories of alumni...one started her own business, one started his own clinic, and another was drawn to the 4-H International experience through her baby sitter! Fascinating stories we learn about. And thanks for the messages and letters. Would love to print them all. See column right.

Special recognition for a good friend, the late Helen Strow, whom we salute along with Mary Crave (back cover).

A personal note...Congratulations to my dear "puts-up with 4-H International antics and activities" spouse, Linda (above). She was inducted into the Michigan 4-H Hall of Fame, along with the three "young" men on page 10. Linda founded our family business - Helping Hands at Home and Services for Special People. "The 4-H program and a good education provided a foundation that has contributed to every aspect of my growing up, my family life, my volunteer work and my career of providing and serving others - especially the elderly and individuals with special needs," she wrote. Our marriage was tested when I announced in 1964 that we were going to West Africa for two years! She received her father's first and only letter ever!! All is well!

Mel Thompson, Michigan-Turkey 1953, Editor ☆



### Letters and Messages from Alumni

**Larry N. Swenson, MN-Egypt 1978:** Thanks for IFYE News.

Enjoyed the article about World Learning. I also graduated from their School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro, VT. Attended in 1988-89 - earned a Master's degree in International Administration. My internship was with the University of Mar Del Plata in Argentina. I am now the owner of Noel International, an international training organization - [www.noelint.com](http://www.noelint.com).

**Cathy Von Borstel Behm, OR-Nepal 1971.** I returned to Nepal this summer to meet with friends I made in 1971. My third trip. My daughter and the sons of my Nepalese friend are good friends. One son came to live with us for two years for high school. My IFYE trip to Nepal changed every day of the rest of my life. I view people and cultures from such a different perspective. It has been a wonderful asset to my career as a teacher.

**Russell L. Beeman, YDP MI-Belize 1973-74:** Just want to share my excitement. My host family in Belize located me via Facebook after our 17 years of searching for each other. Looking forward to seeing them when they come to New York this year.

### In Reference to Newsletter

Great newsletter. Appreciate the comprehensive and varied articles. I like getting the color version, but also want the hard copy.

I really enjoyed the stories from so many alums in this issue. Even though I didn't know many; it felt good to know how connections are still being made and remade.

I'm happy to have the e-mailed copy, but want the hard copy. It can be perused at any time in any place.

The newsletter is full of good information. The fall issue prompted me to send in my life membership dues.

Wonderful to see the newsletter online. Came through clear with great color photos! ☆



### Peace Corps 50th Celebration 1961 - 2011



The Peace Corps 50th...great start in October! The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Peace Corps is underway. The first event took place at the University of Michigan (left) where President Kennedy announced its founding! The final event will take place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in September 2011. For the year-long details, google Peace Corps 50th!

Special plans are being made for **Home Economists** who were PC Volunteers. For information, contact Wanda Montgomery - e-mail [wamont@yahoo.com](mailto:wamont@yahoo.com).

**Brazil 4-H PC Volunteers** are planning a reunion in connection with the September 2011 finale. Contact Francis Pressly for details - e-mail [sfpressly@skybest.com](mailto:sfpressly@skybest.com). ☆



### 4-H International - Looking Ahead!

**National IFYE Conference 2011**

Waterbury, Connecticut - June 26-30

**European IFYE Conference 2011**

Metsakartano - Rautavaara - Finland - July 23-30

**Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Celebration - 2011**

National Mall - Washington, DC - September 22-25

**National IFYE Conference - 2012**

Omaha, Nebraska - July 24-28

**World IFYE Conference - 2013**

Bangkok, Thailand - November 12-19 ☆



## 52nd National IFYE Conference Found Alumni and Friends Reconnecting in WV

IFYEs – World Wide and Wonderful - from 38 states and four other countries came to “Reconnect” in West Virginia at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston. Despite rain, wind, bus problems and a false fire alarm, conferees enthusiasm did not wane!

The Conference opened with a parade of the flags of nations to the strains of bagpipes. 4-H International alumni and friends were welcomed, followed by the ringing of the IFYE Bell by West Virginia alumni to officially open the conference. The opening WV dinner included such delicacies as their famous fried green tomatoes. The evening’s entertainment was also home grown - The WV 4-H Dance Ambassadors presenting folk dances from around the world.

Wednesday had something for everyone. The day began with Lies! Bil Lepp, an award winning humorist and 5-time Champion of the WV Liar’s Contest, is employed by the West Virginia Arts and Culture Department, he says he is proof that if you lie well and long enough the government will hire you! He told some whoppers.

West Virginians presented workshops on topics that varied from global positioning systems to traditional Appalachian music, container gardening, WV foods, quilting...and all else in between.

The group photo was taken in the hotel atrium and placed on calendars to remind conferees of the good times and fellowship.

Wednesday’s dinner was served at the Appalachian Power Park to precede a Single A baseball game. Mother Nature had another idea - blew up a storm (above center) that briefly interrupted power and did some damage to the park. The game was cancelled.

Conferees had several choices for Tour Day Thursday! Options included the Fenton Art Glass and historic Blennerhassett Island in the Ohio River, WV crafts and foods at Tamarack, the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine, the scenic Hawks Nest and New River Gorge Bridge, and a tour of Charleston.

Highlight of the evening was a dramatic presentation, Coal Camp Memories. This one-woman show (with the help of two musicians) told of life in a coal camp in the early 20th century through the eyes of Hallie Marie as she aged from childhood to womanhood.

Thursday evening ended with an auction of donated items with fierce bidding to raise funds for the conference service project - the San Lucas Toliman Mission in Guatemala. Proceeds, along with revenue from the Mercado throughout the Conference, totaled \$4,827.

Friday started with the annual meeting of the Association. The afternoon allowed for free time and preparations for the International Banquet. Gift bags for everyone at the banquet included a Fiesta mug made by Homer Laughlin China in Newell, WV, coffee from Wheeling Coffee and Spice Company in Wheeling, WV, and Holl’s Chocolates from Charleston.

The Conference officially closed with the ringing of the IFYE Bell by representatives from the planning committee for the 53rd National IFYE Conference. New England alumni will host the event in Waterbury, Connecticut, June 26-30, 2011.

Post-conference optional tours on Saturday included The Greenbrier, Cass Scenic Railroad, and white water rafting on New River. ★



Views from the WV Conference: Left - Who? Where, When, Why? WV Conference Chairs (center top) David Hartley, Denmark 2001 (left) and Becky Grandle (right), UK 1978, with Conference Registrar Lindsey Kalivoda, WV Extension. Harlen Persinger, (center bottom) IA- Norway 1970, with Coal Miner. Charlie Crave Antics (center right) during the Service Project Auction. Charlie Crave, WI-Taiwan 1977, in serious mode!



Dr. Mary T. Crave (right), Wisconsin IFYE to Sri Lanka 1980, Project Director for the pilot phase of the Global 4-H Network, and Program Development and Evaluation Specialist, University of Wisconsin Extension Service, visits with the Nigerian participant attending the Tanzania Seminar.

The U.S. delegation at the Tanzania Seminar included (top left top row l-r) Dr. Jo Turner, Director, Foundation Relations, National 4-H Council; Dr. Mary Crave; Tony Cook, Auburn University Extension 4-H Specialist; Robert Agunga, Associate Professor of Agricultural Communications, Ohio State University (representing Dr. Robert Horton); and Blaze Currie, Leadership Development Coordinator, Texas FFA Association. They are pictured with local staff and supporters of the Tanzania 4-H program.

Lower photo left: Participants attending the 2010 Tanzania Seminar.



## National 4-H Council Introduces New Global 4-H Network Initiative

### Mary T. Crave, WI-Sri Lanka 1980, and Robert L. Horton awarded Related Staff Contracts

National 4-H Council has recently announced plans for a new Global 4-H Network Initiative - a venture that will have renewed possibilities for youth program development and enhancement, leader and staff exchange and training programs, and strengthen 4-H's internationally known trademark!

"This new initiative is one of the most exciting and impressive program directions we've seen in years. It speaks to the tremendous need for youth development programs worldwide and the important role that land-grant universities and their Extension 4-H Youth Programs can assume in developing and enhancing 4-H-like youth programs around the world," commented W. Francis Pressly, NC-Italy 1951, and former director of 4-H International Programs at National 4-H Council.

Dr. Lisa Lauxman, Director of Youth Development, 4-H National Headquarters, recently shared with the 4-H and Land-Grant University system the results of her survey on engagement with international programs and exchanges. She also reported that the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and other USDA agencies are in discussion with National 4-H Council on this renewed engagement of 4-H and land-grant universities and the emerging leadership opportunities within the international youth development arena.

Donald T. Floyd, Jr, President and CEO of National 4-H Council, announced recently that over \$1,000,000 in pilot program funds have been secured from founding partners Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Nike Foundation and Cargill, Dupont, and Motorola Corporations. With the support of these partners and others, 4-H will unite public and private partners to create the Global 4-H Network, linking together 4-H programs in more than 70 countries around the world.

The project will begin with a pilot partnership with Tanzania 4-H, a program that reaches 34,000 children, adolescents and young adults every year. The project will develop a cutting-edge, research-based knowledge center and technical assistance system that helps the Tanzania 4-H

program grow in scale and enhance impact. In follow-up, the Global 4-H Network will expand to connect additional 4-H programs in Africa and Asia with 4-H programs in the U.S. and around the world.

The Finland 4H Federation has worked closely with Tanzania over two decades in developing and enhancing their 4H program. They currently have a three-year grant to cooperatively support and sponsor "Take a Lead" Seminars at the Kange 4H Centre in Tanga, Tanzania. The first seminar in 2009 was on Entrepreneurship. The recent 2010 seminar focused on Peer Leadership. Staff from 4-H and similar programs in Europe, North America, and several African countries attended.

4H in Tanzania was started by a Tanzanian schoolteacher who encountered 4H on a visit to Finland and introduced it at his school in Lushoto in 1976. Finnish 4H has continued to assist Tanzania with support of the European Union and the Finnish government.

The National 4-H Council Board of Trustees has appointed a global advisory committee to work with Council's development and administration of the Global 4-H Network project.

Two Council staff contracts have been awarded for the Global 4-H Network. Dr. Mary T. Crave, Wisconsin IFYE to Sri Lanka 1980 (see page 16), and Program Development and Evaluation Specialist, University of Wisconsin Extension Service, will be the Project Director, and Dr. Robert L. Horton, Extension Specialist - Educational Design and Science Education, Ohio State University will serve as coordinating consultant for the Global 4-H Knowledge Center in support of the Network.

This new venture gives renewed emphasis to 4-H's Global Footprint. Today, 4-H and 4-H-type programs are found in more than 70 countries. 4-H is uniquely positioned to prepare the world's young people to meet urgent global needs, including sustainable livelihoods and food security. World-wide, these programs operate autonomously - but share the goal of improving the lives of millions of young people and their families! ★



The Bride and Groom - Sarah Elizabeth Hileman, IL-Germany 2003, and Matthew S. Song (left) With Fikran Eroglu, Turkey-New Hampshire/Arkansas 1956, on the Bosphorus in Turkey



## It Takes a Village? Or Three Continents?

### The Wedding of Sarah E. Hileman, IL-Germany 2003, and Matthew S. Song

“They say, ‘It takes a village...!’ Well! it took three continents for the wedding of Sarah Elizabeth Hileman, IL-Germany 2003,” writes Grandma Barbara Boyd Bauer, IL-Turkey 1957. Sarah married Matthew S. Song, who was born in Korea and raised in Texas, in her hometown - Anna, Illinois - on July 31, 2010. Grandma Barbara is married to Grandpa Norman Bauer, MI-Turkey 1957.

The wedding - blending families as the East met the West - took place at the Anna Heights Baptist Church. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Doug and Beth Hileman, in the presence of her extended family and friends, including the Hilemans and Bauers, and Matt’s parents and grandparents - The Song’s and Won’s from Houston, Texas, and many relatives and friends, including some from Korea.

This special event included many connected to Sarah through her 4-H and school international experiences. Attendants were her College 4-H House sisters, including Elizabeth Bruns Dixon, IL-Poland 2001. Elizabeth’s daughter, Anna, was the flower girl. Matt’s attendants were his brother, Philip, and close friends.

Wedding scripture was read by friends in their native languages - German, Japanese, Korea and English. Reader’s included Gesa Brugmann, host sister to Sarah when in Germany, and Namiko Katayama, agricultural education teacher in Tokyo for whom Sarah arranged a year-long host and agricultural education experience in Illinois in 2008.

Matt’s aunts, uncles, cousins and friends from Houston, New York, and Seoul, created a small tea room in the reception hall and conducted

a traditional Korean “Paebaek” ceremony for the wedding couple and their families. In Korean tradition, the marriage represents the joining of two families. The couple enters the room in traditional ceremonial attire (above left), known as “Hanbok.” The ceremony ends with the throwing of dates and chestnuts, which the bride tries to catch in her apron. Legend says that the number caught signifies how many children they will have. The number caught by Sarah is still a secret.

The couple chose Turkey, host country in 1957 for her grandparents, as their honeymoon destination. This was a challenge. Grandpa Norm’s host sister when in Turkey, Fikran, now lives in California, but was at their summer home on the Aegean Sea in Turkey. Using contacts, the internet, and Fikran’s children, they succeeded in reaching her. On arrival in Istanbul, Sarah and Matt were met by Fikran and her family. Their first experience - the engagement party for Fikran’s granddaughter. Then it was a tour of Istanbul before a happy send-off for their honeymoon in Turkey.

Sarah and Matt will reside in Chicago. Sarah supervises the Ag in the Classroom program in the Chicago area. Sarah and her grandfather, Norm Bauer, are both on the IFYE Foundation Board of Directors. Matt, a former U.S. Army technician who served two tours in Iraq, will finish his studies in aeronautical engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

“Just how remarkable in this IFYE network!?” wrote Grandma Barbara Boyd Bauer! ☆



### 2010 Taiwan IFYE Participants and U.S. Alumni to Taiwan Attend National IFYE Conference

Taiwan was represented at the 2010 National IFYE Conference in Charleston, West Virginia, by the three 2010 Taiwan IFYE Exchangees...and four U.S. IFYE alumni who were hosted in Taiwan. They were (l-r) Huei-Ling Tang to SD; Windsong Bergman, WV 2000; Chiao-Ju Yu to WV; Charles Crave, WI 1977; Norma Lawton Wu, CT 1965; Ying-Yu Chen to KS; and Sally Narhi, MI 1970. They proudly displayed their flags! ☆



## 53rd National IFYE Conference - Hosted by New England Alumni June 26-30, 2011 - Waterbury, Connecticut



“Locally Grown, Globally Sown” is the theme of the 52nd National IFYE Conference. And all roads lead to the Holiday Inn Waterbury and Indoor Water Resort (above left), Waterbury, Connecticut, where New England 4-H International exchange alumni will be waiting to greet and welcome you, June 26-30, 2011.

You’ll be taking a step back in time as you venture into this historic city and the New England surroundings. Waterbury was originally settled in 1674. The Algonquin name for the area was “Matetacoke” - a “place without trees.” The name changed to Waterbury in 1686; the name chosen because of all the streams flowing into the Naugatuck River. It was once often referred to as the “Brass City,” because of its long history as the center of the nation’s brass industry.

Famous Waterbury Landmarks include the Waterbury Municipal Building (below), Ben Franklin Statue, the Clock Tower, Christopher Columbus Statue, Mattatuck Museum, the Seven Angels and Palace Theatres and the Timex Museum. Waterbury firsts include the first brass spinning in 1851, the first pewter buttons in 1790, the first expert in the treatment of Asiatic cholera in 1832, the first can opener in 1858, the first Mickey Mouse watch in 1933 (it sold for \$1.50), and the first Minstrel Team of Primrose and West played there in 1878 and George Primrose said the first rendition of “There’ll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight” was in Waterbury.

“Mark Twain” will join the conference for the opening reception and program. Visits to the Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe family homes are part of the conference tour of Connecticut’s historic capital city - Hartford.

Other conference tour options include the Coastal, Agricultural, and Winery areas of Connecticut.

Workshops during the conference include High Tech/High Touch: Social Networking, Green Agriculture, Capturing and Sharing Memories, and Mind and Body.

The keynote speaker is Gina Barecca, Women’s Humorist, Writer, Speaker, and Professor

of English and Feminist Theory at the University of Connecticut. She will assist you in seeing a map of our culture and the way humor functions for all of us. She stirs up dust long after she’s finished speaking!

The Conference Service Project, Water Quality in South Africa, will be the focus of the dinner program and fund-raising escapades on Monday evening. Wednesday evening will be a dinner cruise on the Connecticut River.

The final evening will feature an International Banquet at the Jones family farm. A strong supporter of 4-H, the family will welcome you to their 150-year-old 400-acre farm. To date, the farm has involved six generations of the Jones family.

Questions? Contact Norma Wu at 978-635-9343 or e-mail [normawu@aol.com](mailto:normawu@aol.com). The conference website is [www.4-h.uconn.edu/IFYE.html](http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/IFYE.html) The Conference Registration form is found on page 11 or via the website. ★





## Martha Hikes Muratuska Albin, PA-Switzerland 1966 Reflects on How 4-H and IFYE Impacted Her Life and Outlook



Martha Hikes Muratuska Albin, PA-Switzerland 1966, grew up in rural Pennsylvania and never traveled further than New York or Washington, D.C., until her IFYE experience took her to Switzerland. And after that, she has never stopped traveling! She does serve fondue - all the time! And with fondue pot (above center), tablecloth, forks, and plates that came home with her from Switzerland - gifts from her host families.

She was an elementary school teacher in New York when she met Eugene Muratuska from Hawaii. They were married in Pennsylvania in 1970 and moved to Honolulu a week later. The only reason she's ever left the islands is to travel; never to move!

After her divorce in 1989, it was ten years until she met and married Robert H. Albin (above right). They met through the Kawaiiaha'o Church (above left), where they both attended. The church, founded by missionaries from New England in 1820, is known as the Westminster Abbey of Hawaii. It is the second oldest (by just two weeks) church in Hawaii. Both are active in the work and mission of the church.

Their volunteer experience has taken them to Kalaupapa, Molokai, where only about 20 residents remain who were victims of leprosy, now known as Hansen's disease. Those afflicted with leprosy (or suspected of having) were shipped to the peninsula from (Continued - page 9)



Mrs. Tish helps Batya with the sewing machine in 1963 as Nancy observes.

Batya with 4-H calf, Mr. Tish and Nancy

## An Iowa Host Family Remembers Batya's family in Israel (l-r) Batya, daughter Noga, son Roe, and husband Shay. Now in Minnesota, the 4-H International Relationship Continues

Batya Katz Sharon, Israel-Iowa/New York 1963, was hosted by the Marion and Marge Tish family in Iowa. It was a special family relationship that still continues. The Tish's moved to Minnesota soon after. Their daughter, Nancy Tish Leyh, was a Minnesota IFYE to Sweden in 1972.

Mrs. Tish wrote: "It was a pleasure to host Batya Katz, IFYE Exchangee from Israel in 1963. We lived on a farm near Spirit Lake, Iowa. How interesting to share midwest farming with her kibutz way of living!

"My husband enjoyed giving Batya rides on his newly acquired mo-ped motorcycle. They traveled the hilly trail to check the beef cattle on the far end of the farm, then head the holstein cows toward the barn for evening milking. Our mailman, intrigued by the Israeli mail he was delivering for Batya took her for a ride in his motorboat. And the kids' grandfather gave her a ride in his airplane!

"She participated in the folk games we played at 4-H meetings & attended weekly church services with us. We took her to the state 4-H camp at Boone, Iowa, also the National IFYE Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, where we were fascinated with the folk dances & performances by all the IFYEs.

"I became very busy caring for seven children plus farm wife duties and could no longer continue corresponding with Batya, but am thankful that our daughter, Nancy, shares the annual Christmas message she receives from her. Nancy & her husband, Wayne, hope to visit Batya and her family in Israel. We have many fond memories of our special IFYE daughter/sister."

Daughter Nancy wrote, "4-H and IFYE have impacted my entire life. I'm more confident, enjoy speaking, met many wonderful people, built life-long relationships. I've visited my host families in Sweden twice since 1972. We hope to visit again, and also visit Batya's family in Israel." ☆

# 52nd European IFYE Conference - Ursprung-Salzburg Austria

## 150 Attended from 18 Countries Including Twelve From U.S.



"Austrian Schutzer" awakened the whole village, not just the 150 at Ursprung-Salzburg attending the 52nd European IFYE Conference. Four Austrian men dressed in period costume shot period guns in the courtyard at 7 a.m. Those not already out of bed soon were...and the Conference got started with a "bang!"

Each day Austrian history, customs, traditions, music, foods, and more were presented. There were tours from which to choose, such as a sheep dairy farm, tea packaging plant, Gmundner Keramik (pottery), a biological refinery, museums, a net-making company to prevent rock slides, and scenic walks. One morning was dedicated to Austrian Rescue Services. Many of the Europeans were surprised that life saving organizations could function with volunteers.

Those who spoke English as their native language were thrilled with the "Sound of Music" tour. It included all the buildings that appeared in the movie. The church in the wedding scene where "Maria" was married was much more ornate than it appeared in the movie.

Even if Austrian schnapps had not been included, host family day was a favorite. Local farm families were hosts for an afternoon and then joined conferees at the agricultural college for a traditional Austrian dinner.

Attire for Sunday was traditional country dress. How beautiful, exquisite, and interesting each garment was. The officiate was late arriving for the church service. However, he skillfully wove getting lost into his sermon! The service was outdoors; nearby was a barn and silage pit. Ahh, the fragrance and ambiance!

An Argentinian was the host/guide at the special school for teens to 20 year olds with disabilities. He gave the tour in German and Spanish. Ellen Paine, U.S.-Costa Rica 19 translated from Spanish to English.

The 2010 U.S. delegates were complimented throughout the week for their willing participation and their German language capability. Carolyn Gehrke was terrific at karaoke. Shane Sheridan willingly taught dancing. Kelly Moyer entertained with her wit and enthusiasm. Amy Sents was the queen of tombola sales.

"Auf Wiedersehen" was bittersweet. A fun-filled educational week with new and renewed friendships was ending. "See you in Finland in 2011" was the final word, along with an invitation to the 2011 U.S. IFYE Conference in Connecticut. 4-H International friendships never die, they just anxiously wait to be renewed! ☆



The U.S. delegation included (l-r back row) 2010 delegates Shane Sheridan, CO-Austria; Amy Sents, KS-Germany/Switzerland; Carolyn Gehrke, IL-Germany, and Kelly Moyer, CO-Germany; (mid row) Bari Dworken, CT Group Leader Korea 2007 and Estonia 2008; Carol Fogue and Darcie Fogue, CT host families; and Layne Allison, CT-Korea 1974; (front) Dale Yonker, CO-Turkey 1963; Crystal Yonker, IL; Lew Bordeaux, MI-Japan 1966; and Ellen Paine, CT-Costa Rica 1975.



## Martha Hikes Muratuska Albin, PA-Switzerland 1966

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the mid-1800s until 1969 when they were declared non-contagious and permitted to leave. Some remain since they had deformities or were no longer accepted by their families.

She will tell you that her family is a melting pot of races. It is a combination of Hawaiian, Chinese, Portuguese, Korean, Filipino, Caucasian, Japanese, Puerto Rican and French backgrounds. Quite a combination, of which she is very proud! They have three children, four grandchildren and they sponsor two Filipino sons, Daril and Roylan (lower right) through Compassion International.

Martha retired in 2000 after 30 years of service with the Department of Education of Hawaii - as a teacher for 12 years and librarian for 18 years. A teacher at heart, she still volunteers in the classroom. Martha is pictured right with two colleagues, Chloe and Karen. Chloe is of Japanese ancestry and Karen is Hawaiian/Chinese. Karen was known as Kupuna Lei, the Hawaiian teacher!

She credits 4-H and IFYE for topping off her education. She went to a one-room elementary school with outhouses. Water was brought in from a nearby farm house. She was ready to graduate from College when she was selected for IFYE with a spring departure. She returned home to finish her degree, but not before experiencing "culture shock" in her own country. She had seen the world through the eyes of others. "I now know that my 'spiritual gifts' are hospitality and poverty, I would rather be giving to those in need than obtaining material goods for myself," she comments.

"My experience as an IFYE also prepared me for living on a 'rock' isolated like Switzerland in many ways and to live peacefully in a neighborhood surrounded by families of many different ethnic groups with a few haole (foreigners, like me)," she wrote. "Hale" is a Hawaiian word for 'white folk,' generally in an endearing way. I've spent most of my life here. Hawaii is my home!"

Martha has continuing contact with her Swiss host families. Although never having had formal studies in German, she manages with everyday conversation...and seeks help with correspondence when necessary.

Their church has many German speaking visitors. She converses in halting German - part Schweizer Deutsch and part hoch Deutsch!

They have traveled to 49 states (missed Alaska) and the Philippines, Canada, England, Germany, Scotland and, of course, Switzerland. And the most recent - Israel just last month.

Martha remained in contact with long-time Switzerland IFYE coordinator Herr Carl Zahn and his wife, Simone, until their deaths in 2003 and 2010, respectively. She last visited them in 2002. ☆





**Indiana 4-H International Exchange Alumni** gather at the Indiana State Fair for a reception in honor of the late Eric Holm, long time State 4-H Staff member and State 4-H International Programs Leader, and 2010 inductee into the Indiana 4-H Hall of Fame

## 2010 4-H International Alumni and Staff 4-H Hall of Fame Honorees



Florine Schulte Swanson, IA-Germany 1963, and Mary Kay Munson, KS-India 1965, were inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. JoAnn Knuppel Block, IL-New Zealand 1966, and Mary Jo Cunningham Stewart, IL-Peru 1960, the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame, and John R. Welser, MI-Scotland 1957, Lewis J. Bordeaux, MI-Japan 1966, and James E. Gleason, MI-Austria 1958, the Michigan 4-H Hall of Fame. They are pictured left-down/across Swanson, Munson, Block, Stewart, Welser, Bordeaux, and Gleason.



Florine Swanson's 4-H involvement spans more than 50 years - as a member, volunteer, and most notably, director of the Iowa 4-H Foundation for 19 years. In 2002, she was a consultant in Armenia with USDA to help establish a foundation for the country's new rural youth program.

Mary Kay Munson, nominated by Illinois, worked with Extension, 1978 to 2002 as 4-H Specialist, and two years as Assistant Director, 4-H Youth. She was a 4-H member in Kansas, 4-H Agent, and 4-H International Coordinator. Since retiring and moving back to Kansas, she coordinates Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs.

Mary Jo Stewart spent her life supporting the 4-H program. She served 20 years as Extension 4-H Educator. She continues as a volunteer. She is a board member for the Illinois IFYE Association and has hosted exchange participants from Japan, Poland, Turkey, Finland and France.

JoAnn Block has been a 4-H leader for 41+ years. She spent 20 of those years helping bring 4-H to special needs students in schools. She especially enjoys working with younger members. She serves on numerous Extension and 4-H committees.



John Welser credits 4-H for preparing him for a career in veterinary medicine and research. He served as dean of the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, chairman of the Animal Health Institute for Pharmacia & Upjohn Company, and president of the Michigan Biological Institute. He is a founding donor of the Michigan 4-H International Programs Endowment. Honors include the Upjohn Award and the MSU Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Lew Bordeaux credits 4-H for a life abroad. His career began as a training specialist in the Middle East with the Raytheon Corporation, Royal Saudi military, Saudi Arabian Airlines, and the Booz Allen Hamilton Company. In retirement, he is special consultant for Saudi Arabian Airlines.

Jim Gleason has been an attorney at law since 1980. He had previously served as a 4-H Agent, worked with The Experiment in International Living, operated his dairy farm, participated in the Kellogg Young Farmers Program, and worked with the Michigan Department of Agriculture. He served on the Michigan 4-H Foundation board of trustees, 1982 to 1994. ★



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# IFYE Association and IFYE Foundation Promote Commemorative 4-H Coin

The International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Association and the IFYE Foundation voted enthusiastically during annual conference in West Virginia to support and to help obtain congressional sponsors for legislation authorizing commemorative coins to honor the centennial in 2015 of 4-H becoming a national program.

The legislation, which is now expected to be introduced in the opening days of the 112th Congress in January, authorizes the U.S. Mint to produce special collector versions of commemorative silver dollars and copper-nickel half dollars with designs emblematic of 4-H and “its role in the diffusion of knowledge, development of young leaders and good citizens, and leading the vision of peace through understanding in our global community.”

The initiative for a 4-H commemorative coin program was launched in July by Michael Ellis of Georgia, a nationally known coin expert and a Georgia Master 4-H'er. He sought advice and assistance for his idea from Beth Hurdle Deisher, editor of *Coin World* and a 1968 IFYE from North Carolina to Iran. Deisher put Ellis in contact with both National 4-H Headquarters and IFYE leaders. She also made a presentation on Ellis' behalf and fielded questions during the IFYE business meeting Aug. 6 in West Virginia.

Commemorative coins honor people, places, events and significant anniversaries and are manufactured by the U.S. Mint. All commemorative coins must be authorized by legislation approved by Congress and signed into law by the president. No more than two commemorative coin programs may be authorized each year.

U.S. commemorative coins are minted and marketed directly to the public by the U.S. Mint at no cost to taxpayers. Commemorative coin programs since 1982 have offered a fund-raising possibility for non-profit organizations associated with the subject, place or event being honored on the coins. A surcharge is placed on each coin sold and the surcharges are remitted by the U.S. Treasury to the recipient organization(s).

The 4-H commemorative coin bill being proposed authorizes a maximum of 500,000 silver dollars and 750,000 copper-nickel half dollars and designates a surcharge of \$10 for each silver dollar and \$3 for each copper-nickel half dollar. The bill cites the National 4-H Council as recipient of 85 percent of the surcharges and the IFYE Foundation of the USA, Inc. as recipient of 15 percent. If all of the coins authorized are sold, the National 4-H Council could receive just over \$6 million in surcharges and the IFYE Foundation just over \$1 million.

Organizations that receive the surcharge funds must certify that they have raised or will raise an amount matching the money they would receive for the purpose stated in the authorizing legislation. Since the stated purpose for National 4-H Council is to “support national and state 4-H programs,” it would not have to raise additional funds beyond current funds raised from private sources (which exceed \$6 million).

In order to qualify as a recipient organization for the 15 percent the IFYE Foundation would have to raise additional funds to match the \$1,087,500. The authorizing legislation directs that the 15 percent the IFYE Foundation would receive must “be used to support international learning opportunities in cooperation with land-grant Extension programs for international youth development and exchanges.” Thus, the IFYE match and the surcharge funds can only be used for the stated purpose.

None of the surcharges would flow to the recipient organizations until the end of the sales period or December 31, 2015. So IFYE would have until that time to raise its matching funds.

Bipartisan chief sponsors in both the Senate and the House have been secured and they are anxious to introduce the legislation in both chambers. The chief sponsor in the House, Rep. Collin Peterson, chairman of the Agriculture Committee, received a communication from the IFYE Foundation endorsing the legislation and requesting to be the recipient organization for 15 percent of the surcharge funds. He asked for a similar letter from the National 4-H Council attesting to the fact that it would like to receive 85 percent of the surcharges.

On September 27 National 4-H Council CEO Don Floyd said, “Currently, Council has made no decision on moving forward and is doing its due diligence to determine what the financial prospects for the coin are, given other organizations' past experience with this fundraising strategy.”

Floyd was first advised of the 4-H commemorative coin proposal on August 26.

IFYE Foundation President Norm Bauer and IFYE Association Connie Fukudome have spearheaded the efforts to provide information to National 4-H Council and National 4-H Headquarters.

“We had hoped the legislation could be introduced in mid-September, which would have provided a possible window for passage this session,” Bauer said. “However, National 4-H Council's lack of action has put us on a different timeline. We hope that National 4-H Council can complete its due diligence and soon embrace the wonderful opportunity a commemorative coin program affords.”

Fukudome noted that it is important to move forward quickly because there is competition for the 2015 slot. “Already there is legislation moving through Congress for one of the two commemorative coin programs in 2015. And we understand there are others eyeing a 2015 program.”

Bauer explained that IFYEs can play a vital role in getting the legislation passed. “We have a national grassroots network with members in every state that can contact members of Congress and ask that they co-sponsor the legislation. There is no such organized network of 4-H alumni. Because federal employees (including USDA and Extension staff) are prohibited from lobbying Congress, 4-H alumni and IFYE alumni will have to take a leadership role in securing sponsors.”

Special rules in the committees of jurisdiction (Senate Banking and House Financial Services) require 67 co-sponsors in the Senate and 290 in the House before they will act on commemorative coin proposals. These are high thresholds and once attained assure passage because the bills can be expedited to the floor for quick approval.

Ellis noted that three things assure a successful commemorative coin program: “High sales volume, appealing coin designs, and popular support for the entity or event being commemorated by the coins.”

Coin collectors have historically purchased 90 percent of all the U.S. commemorative coins sold.

Ellis has already sought support from the coin collecting community. The nation's largest coin collector organization, the American Numismatic Association, enthusiastically endorsed the 4-H Commemorative Coin draft bill on Aug. 13. Ellis pointed out that the ANA endorsement is an important bellwether of support and potential collector sales.

Fukudome advised IFYE alumni to check the IFYE web site for a downloadable copy of the proposed legislation.

“We are asking all IFYEs to make contact between now and January with their representatives in the House and two U.S. Senators to ask them to co-sponsor the 4-H commemorative coin legislation. We will be using e-mail and our web site to keep everyone apprised of the latest news.” Fukudome said. ★

# IFYE Foundation of the USA

## President's Message

When fall arrives each year we begin to think of what lies ahead; cooler weather for those in the "HOT" zones, changing of the leaves, hunting and the upcoming holidays. Of course we are also reminded daily of the upcoming elections.

There is always something to keep our minds working and asking us to make decisions, whether it's our job, household duties or volunteer activity.

This fall, the IFYE Foundation is working to attract Corporations and Foundations to help support our efforts in supporting 4-H International Exchanges and the possibility of an over age 19 exchange like many of us experienced.

Yes, there are some now over 19 who have participated, but we are talking about "Reconnecting" the IFYE program on a larger scale. Is there an organization that will adopt the IFYE exchange ideals and take on the challenge of managing the program?

We know from experience that many of the over 19, especially those completing university, say they can't participate, because they have student-loans and need to find employment to pay them back. But what about the ones who are 25 and have a job, but could take a leave of absence for 6 months.

If ever there was a time that we need the cultural exchange between countries, it is now. There has been is so much misunderstanding in the world about who we are and who they are that we need to live together and learn we are similar.

So, while the Foundation and the IFYE Association work together to foster a new beginning to IFYE exchanges, there is still much to be accomplished. It's not (President's Message Continued - lower right column)



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For a brochure or information about special gifts you might wish to consider, contact Norman Bauer, President, IFYE Foundation, 111 Woodland Trail, Anna, Illinois 62906, nbauer36@gmail.com ☆



**IFYE Foundation Board of Directors 2010** (l-r) Maurice Johnson, Tom Trail, Eldon "Bud" Aupperle, Norm Bauer, Marjorie Loyd, Betty Stephenson, Dick Tenney, and Bob Ellis. Not pictured: Charles Larson, Sarah Hileman Song, Mary Ottmar, Dale Yonker and Mildred Crawford Weidemann

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(President's Message continued)  
known what the final outcome will be, both from a financial standpoint and an entity to organize and manage a program. Please stay tuned.

Your part is to be active at home and encourage 4-Hers to take part in International projects, participate in an international experience now and create a desire to return to that country or another at a later time.

Your contribution to the Foundation is used to support 4-H International Exchanges and we appreciate your support.

Yes, fall is a time to look ahead and the IFYE picture is looking brighter.

Norman C. Bauer, President  
IFYE Foundation ☆

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## IFYE Association Reconnection Committee Progress

Art Deisher, Chairman

If you have been following articles in the recent issues of the IFYE News, you know a nine-person committee representing the IFYE Association board, the IFYE Foundation board, State coordinators, Extension, and the general alumni have been working for several months. Their efforts have been to establish where the IFYE program, for those over 19 years of age, is today and how it can be changed to help ensure IFYE's continuance in the future.

It became apparent that no consolidated information existed to show the number of exchange participants that went from each state from 1990 to the present. A matrix requesting the number of participants both under and over the age of 18 for those years was developed by the committee and sent to all 50 states. To date approximately 33% of those forms have been returned.

The committee has also gathered information from the Association database that indicates a lack of current contact information and participation as measured by dues paid. The Association board continues to work to locate persons and encourage those who can pay dues to show their support.

The Reconnect Committee has challenged the IFYE Foundation to rekindle its efforts to seek corporate and non-alumni funding for support. A sub-committee has met via phone conferencing with individuals that were involved with previous funding efforts. Valuable suggestions have been obtained for the Foundation to use as it moves forward. One deficiency identified is the need for the mission statement for IFYE to be updated. The Association board will begin work on that soon.

The Reconnect Committee has had positive phone and face-to-face meetings with USDA personnel. Additional meetings are desired by both the committee and USDA and are likely to occur before the end of 2010.

A surprise development that occurred in late July was the Commemorative 4-H Coin project. Details of this project are given in another article in this issue, but both the Foundation and Association boards approved resolutions to support this project. This project will help provide the chasis upon which the Reconnect Committee can identify and build its case for reconnection with a national entity to assist continuance of the IFYE exchange program.

A motion was passed at the conference to form a new committee to set criteria, establish a job description and to select an Executive Director for IFYE. The Reconnect Committee will also be working with this new committee. Although nothing has been decided, common sense implies the Executive Director would work with both IFYE Boards. They also would work with whatever entity we reconnect with, State Coordinators and/or Directors at land-grant universities promoting international exchanges for those over the age of 19. Public relations, communication and fund-raising skills will be needed in this full or part-time position.

Since the National IFYE Conference in early August, numerous twists and turns have occurred while communicating with National 4-H Headquarters (USDA), Members of the US Congress and National 4-H Council. These adjustments are partially explained in the 4-H Commemorative Coin article elsewhere in this issue. Once 4-H Council agrees to accept the 85% share of the surcharge proceeds or a suitable replacement is located, the focus of the reconnect committee will be clearer with whom IFYE should ultimately connect in order to continue.

This committee is working for you and the IFYE program continuance. Please send your input via email or call us by phone. We will be glad to clarify for you the best we can or listen to your suggestions.

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## 127 Hours

Remember Aron Ralston, Colorado 4-H alum and avid mountaineer who was pinned in a deep narrow canyon for six days and told the story at the 2006 National IFYE Conference in Colorado (Fall Issue 2006)? It is now a movie, "127 Hours" opening November 5.

It is directed by Danny Boyle. Ralston is played by James Franco.

The movie is based on Ralston's book, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, NY Times Bestseller, published in 2006. Ralston donated the proceeds from sale of his book during the Conference to the service project, Futures for Children, benefitting Native American students. ★

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## 1970 IFYE Delegates to Latin America Reunite at National IFYE Conference in West Virginia

Nine IFYE delegates to Latin America in 1970 reunited and reminisced during the 2010 National IFYE Conference in West Virginia. It all started as a result of two earlier IFYE couples who were then working with a University of Nebraska USAID project in Bogota, Colombia, - the Tenneys - Dick, OH-France 1959, and Mary Lou, OH-Colombia 1960, and the Trails - Tom, ID-Nepal 1956, and Jo Ann, VA-Sweden 1956.

Excerpts from Mary Lou Tenney's memoirs tells the story: We had 13 IFYEs visiting us in Bogota. Those in Ecuador wanted to return home via Bogota to visit the Nebraska Mission and some folks they knew in that group. The Tenneys and the Trails decided to invite all of the U.S. IFYEs in Latin America to Bogota. The response: 100% acceptance! They had not contacted those in Panama and the Dominican Republic since they didn't think they would backtrack to Colombia on their way to Washington. However, on a shopping trip to buy souvenirs, they ran into the four of them. They had come to Bogota on their own. They joined the group that evening - thirteen 1970 IFYEs and four "older ones" around the table. With turkey and all the trimmings, they felt like it was Thanksgiving and Christmas all in one! A fun time! ★



September 1970, San Jose, Costa Rica Photo (upper left) during Orientation and Language training: Back row (l-r): Tom Trout, OH-Peru; Ken Pilch, WY-Dominican Republic; Jon Roberts, IN-Panama; and Larry Holbein, NE-Ecuador. Mid-row: Joan Mayer, CT-Venezuela; Phyllis Frizzell, NH-Argentina; Beverly Laesch, IL- Panama; Sandy Hofacker, MI-Venezuela; Lauraine Miller, MT-Dominican Republic; and Judy Scott, IA-Argentina. Front Row: Betty Jo Smith, KS-Ecuador; Carol Twellman, MO-Venezuela; Candy Benedetti, OR YDP-Costa Rica; Nadine Spitz, OR-Peru; Merrilee McFadden, VT-Venezuela; and Grace Woodman, Instructor, MI YDP-Costa Rica 1968.



August 2010, Charleston, WV, Photo (lower left) during Reunion with the Tenneys and Trails: Back row (l-r): Carol Twellman Thiel, Betty Jo Smith Roberts, Merrilee McFadden Fortune, Larry Holbein, Dick Tenney, Tom Trail, Sandy Hofacker and Jon Roberts. Front row: Beverly Laesch Hornickel, Mary Lou Tenney, Jo Ann Trail, Phyllis Frizzell Torrey, and Lauraine Miller Johnson.

## 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):

- ★ **Adam A. Anthony**, NM-Antigua 1985, September 7, 2009, Elida NM
- ★ **Benjamin M. Mogwera**, husband of Susan McKean Mogwera, YDP CO-Botswana 1982 L-0891, June 7, 2010, Gaborone, Botswana
- ★ **Robert I. Peck**, NY-Greece 52, October 5, 2000, Clinton, NY
- ★ **Fonda Wellings Simmons**, WV-Ireland 1950, November 5, 20009, McLean, VA
- ★ **John J. Simon**, MO-Belgium 1977, November 24, 2008, Blacksburg, VA

Deceasements, corrections and updates are appreciated. Please send full name, State-Country-Year or relationship to program, date of death and address, copy of obituary or contact person. We must verify information before listing. E-mail to [melvinhi@](mailto:melvinhi@)



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## Mary T. Crave, WI-Sri Lanka 1980, and Helen A. Strow Representing Two Generations - Both Internationalists and 4-H Supporters - A Salute!

Two women who represent two generations of strong support for Extension and 4-H are Dr. Mary T. Crave, Wisconsin 4-H'er and IFYE to Sri Lanka in 1980, and the late Helen A. Strow of Ohio, known as "a home economist for the world!" Mary has recently been named Project Director for the initial phase of National 4-H Council's new Global 4-H Network (see page 5). Helen, who passed away in 1999 at the age of 94, was recently named to the Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology's Hall of Fame.

Mary currently works with the University of Wisconsin-Extension as Program Development and Evaluation Specialist. She has more than 30 years experience in Extension education including 4-H/youth development at county, state and international levels as faculty, academic staff, and volunteer educator. She has written and managed grants for extension and outreach programs, and has worked professionally in twelve African countries.

She is founding leader and continuing member of the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension International Programs Committee, focusing on internationalizing programs for more than 20 years. Mary was president of the IFYE Association of the USA, 1988-1990. She is a member of many professional organizations.

Reflecting on her career she recently wrote, "I always say that being sent to Sri Lanka on the IFYE program, rather than Australia or New Zealand, was the best thing that ever happened to me." She did get to Australia - for the World IFYE Conference in Adelaide in 2008! Three siblings were also 4-H International exchange participants.

Though not directly working with the 4-H program, Helen Strow was a strong supporter - especially of 4-H International Programs throughout her 60 year career.

Helen trained home economists in Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Africa. Her overseas adventures started during World War II with the American Red Cross in England and Germany. They continued under the Marshall Plan in post-war Germany.

In 1956 she joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture as International Extension Specialist, leading to worldwide travel for 18 years with assignments to every continent except Antarctica. A colleague noted, "Her ability to work wisely and judiciously was based on her knowledge and sensitivity to the cultures, educational structures, governmental agencies, and the political situa-



Mary T. Crave



Helen A. Strow

tions in many countries."

Even in retirement she worked to strengthen ties between the American and international chapters of the Federation of Home Economics. Still active, the United Nations invited her to serve on the task force for its 1994 Year of the Family.

Helen and the late Kathleen S. Flom, long-time "first lady and hostess" of the National 4-H Center and National 4-H Council staff member, both known to Extension and youth program staff and 4-H International exchange alumni around the world were two of the founding members of International Home Economics Services (IHES), Inc. Mary Crave currently serves on the IHES board of directors. ★