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## 2023 IL IFYE Annual Meeting

The IL IFYE Association Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the home of Linda Eilks. If you are staying for lunch and the activities, the cost is \$25 each.

To register and pay by mail, please fill out the form at the end of this Newsletter and mail to Toni Frank (address on the form). You may also register via email, providing the required information (don't forget to choose a meal) to Toni by **April 17**, [Tonifrank10@yahoo.com](mailto:Tonifrank10@yahoo.com) and pay when you arrive.

### Location

Linda Eilks' home  
202 East Petersburg Street  
Oakford, IL 62673  
Cell: 217.635.5383  
[Eilks1@aol.com](mailto:Eilks1@aol.com)

### The 2023 Illinois IFYE Association Annual Meeting Agenda

#### Friday April 28, 2023

On your own. Depending on where you stay, see links below for possible site seeing and restaurants. For those staying with Linda, we will eat at the Oakford Farmhouse Restaurant. They have fish on Fridays. We will probably eat a bit early because it can get crowded. Anyone is welcome to join, just coordinate with Linda.



## Saturday April 29, 2023

**8:30am** Coffee, tea, juice, pastries at home of Linda Eilks, feel free to bring your special breakfast items.

**9:30-11:00am:** Business Meeting at Eilks' home

**11:00-11:30am:** Movement to the winery (only a couple of miles away, but in case the meeting runs long)



**11:30am:** Lunch at Hill Prairie Winery, (23753 Loundsberry Road Oakford IL, 62673). Meal is a choice of Chicken, Shrimp, or Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, not including drinks. 4rfc

**12:30-1:30 pm:** Presentation by winery owner Mark Loundsberry on his business and some local history

**1:30-2:00 pm:** Movement to Petersburg

**2:00 pm:** Meet at the Menard County Historical Society (125 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St, Petersburg, 62675)

Presentation by Historic Society President Cathy Smith about Petersburg and Lincoln connections. *In case of rain, carry umbrellas and we will meet inside the building.*

**3:00 pm:** Movement to the Starhill Forest Arboretum (12000 Boy Scout Trail Petersburg, IL 62675). The official teaching and research arboretum of Illinois College.

Presentation and tour by Guy and Edie Sternberg. *In case of rain, carry umbrellas and we will meet at the field lab building.*

**6:30pm:** For those who plan to stay for the evening, meet at the Hand of Fate Brewery on the square in Petersburg for dinner. (107 E Douglas St, Petersburg, IL 62675)

## Sunday April 30, 2023

Open schedule. Please feel free to attend a church of your choice in the area, hang out and relax, go shopping or return home at your convenience. Safe Travels!



## Lodging Options:

- **Linda's home** – We have a spare bedroom in the basement with one full size bed and one twin (in the same room), a comfortable couch in our basement living room, and a inflatable single bed mattress can be set up. Please bring slippers and socks to wear.
- In **Petersburg** 10 miles south of Oakford  
[http://www.petersburgil.com/p\\_accommodations.html](http://www.petersburgil.com/p_accommodations.html)  
<https://www.airbnb.com/petersburg-il/stays>
- In **Havana** – 20 miles north of Oakford  
<https://www.historichavanaininois.com/havana-illinois-lodging-and-places-to-stay.html>  
<https://www.airbnb.com/havana-il/stays>
- **Springfield** Illinois  
<https://visitspringfieldillinois.com>

## Local attractions to explore on your own

<https://www.visitmenardcounty.com>

### Petersburg Illinois

- Edgar Lee Master's home
- Rose Hill Cemetery (east of Petersburg off IL Rt 123) – many civil war graves to include Dr. Benjamin Stephenson – founder of the Grand Army of the Republic
- Oakland Cemetery (south of Petersburg) Edgar Lee Masters, Ann Rutledge
- Shopping and antiques

### New Salem State Historic Site (south of Petersburg 2 miles off IL Rt 97)

Open 9:00am - 5:00pm

<https://www.lincolnsnewsalem.com/>

### Historic Marbold Farmstead (IL Rt 29, Greenview IL)

<https://www.historic-marbold-farmstead.org/>

### Ma's Got'a Notion quilt shop

305 W. Main St., Havana, IL 62644

309-543-6613

Open Tuesday-Saturday 10:00-5:00

<https://www.masgotanotion.com/>

Voted the top quilt shop in Illinois by the Local Quilt Shop 2023 Contest

## Springfield IL sites

<https://visitspringfieldillinois.com>



## Direction to Linda Eilks' home

Most of you will use an app to get to our home. However, some apps have confusion about East vs West Petersburg Street (technically there is not a west street). If you need additional directions, contact Linda for further instructions. Traveling from the South or North, you will arrive via IL Rt 97. If you are traveling from the West or East, you will be arriving via blacktops.

Once you find our home pull all the way into the driveway so not to block the drive. Our house is on one side of the driveway, another building on the left, and a garage is to the front of the drive. There is parking for several cars in front of the garage. Or you can park along the street.

## From the President

Hello IL IFYE's and friends,

I had a little time on my hand while recovering from knee surgery. I do hope you can join us for the spring meeting.

IFYE USA was awarded a grant from Brandt's. Thank you to all who utilize their services. Grants were also awarded to IL FFA alumni for scholarships for FFA members to attend annual convention. Local (Springfield) grants were awarded to Mercy communities and Mini O Brien Crisis Nursery. The work of these groups helps women, children, and underserved of Sangamon county. In case you didn't know Brandt's headquarters is in Springfield.

Illinois is taking time off from States Exchange due to staffing changes at the state office. IFYE USA has been busy—hopefully you saw our 2022 IL IFYE's at work through the FB posts.

Thank you, Larry, for keeping us informed on the lost of IFYE friends.

If you have any ideas or activities that you would like to see IL IFYE pursue, please contact Bev Hornickel or myself.

Toni  
IL IFYE Association President

## Our Sympathy

**Natalie Wiggers Riecks**, 89., of Loda, IL passed away on March 6, 2023. Natalie was an IL IFYE to the Philippines in 1954. Natalie was an early leader of the IL IFYE Association. A celebration of life

memorial will be held later. Condolences can be shared with the family at [baierfuneralservices.com](http://baierfuneralservices.com)



**Eldon R. “Bud” Aupperle**, 90, of Toulon, passed away March 11, 2023, at his home. Bud was an IL IFYE to Chile in 1954. Bud also was group leader for 15 IFYE Ambassadors to Switzerland in 1989. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.golnickschuenemanfh.com](http://www.golnickschuenemanfh.com)

## IFYE 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The National IFYE Program is 75 years old this year. The National IFYE Board is planning a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. Earlier this year we got an email to vote on either Denver CO or Nashville TN for the location. Nashville was the winner of the poll. Tentative dates are October 6-8. That is long weekend as October 9<sup>th</sup> is a legal holiday and makes it a long weekend. Hopefully soon plans will be finalized. Because the World Conference is in Austria this summer, there will not be a National meeting,

## New National IFYE Program Director

Following an internal posting and search for a new National Program Director (NPD), IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. President Jan Wood is pleased to announce that Melissa D. Haberstroh has been offered and accepted the position. Melissa began her NPD duties on Jan. 2, 2023, succeeding Alan Lambert who held the post for nine years.

Her responsibilities include expanding the number of US outbound delegates; collaborating with participating states and countries; and building relationships with other domestic and international entities focused on cross-cultural exchanges for young adults.

Haberstroh was an IFYE two times: Belgium in 1988 and Botswana in 1992. In addition, she served on the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. Board of Directors from 1998 to 2000.

## 12<sup>th</sup> World IFYE Conference

The 12<sup>th</sup> World IFYE Conference will be August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 2 in Velden Austria. At this time the Conference Registration is full. They are accepting registrations that will be put on a waiting list and contact you for payment if there is room for you. There are several from Illinois who are on the confirmed Conference list.

## Email Address, Please!

If you have not provided me with your email address, please send me your email address so IL IFYE can communicate with you quickly. Also if you have changed your email address, please update your new email address. I have several emails returned as the account no longer exists. Send your email address to; [wachtell1945@gmail.com](mailto:wachtell1945@gmail.com)

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## Lost IFYE's

The following IL IFYE Newsletters have been returned for no valid mailing address:

Brooke Bachelor, 1999 Labo Japan

Lois Chapman, 1957 IFYE Sweden

Sarah Sharon, 1998 8-State Exchange Australia

If anyone knows the current valid address of these IFYE's, please send me their address. Thanks in advance.

# Host Families 2023



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### Illinois IFYE Association Annual Meeting Registration

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Business Meeting

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the luncheon and afternoon activities \$25 per person. Choose a meal:

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Pork Chop \_\_\_\_\_

Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to: Toni Frank. P.O. Box 86; New Berlin IL 62670; or email: tonifrank10@yahoo; or text 217-652-8879 if you are attending and your choice of meal. Make checks payable to: **IL IFYE Association** Due: April 17, 2023

