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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Alan Lambert



A New Year and IFYE Program

- The timing of this newsletter coincides with the beginning of a new year and a renewed invigoration of the IFYE program. As many of you are aware, the current outbound and inbound exchange numbers are drastically different from years past. While we each have had

remarkable international experiences, as with any volunteer organization, it is up to each of us to continue to promote the program. While our slides and photos might be a bit dated, the message has not changed over the decades. With the acknowledgment of the importance of international exchanges, program awareness, promotion and implementation are recognized from the highest levels of government, down to local communities and individuals.

The vision of the IFYE Association is an ambitious one. At the 2010 IFYE National Conference in Charleston, West Virginia, the membership approved the formation of a committee to develop criteria for the potential selection of an Executive Director for the IFYE Association. Much effort will go into the process including a job description, selection criteria, and obviously a way to fund this position. We believe individuals in our membership have the expertise to help guide us in this process. Please locate the section of the newsletter where we are asking for your experience, wisdom and a willingness to help. *(See center insert)*

Global 4-H Network Initiative - As noted in the last issue, National 4-H Council has introduced the new Global 4-H Network Initiative. Dr. Mary Crave, 1980 WI IFYE to Sri Lanka, was selected as the Project Director for the pilot phase for work in Tanzania, Africa. This program focuses on youth development through research-based knowledge centers and technical assistance that help the Tanzania 4-H program grow. This may be an area where former IFYEs may once again impact the world with their knowledge and expertise, or be an avenue which new IFYEs will have the opportunity to impact communities, in addition to potential host families.

Larry Zilliox, a past IFYE President and YDP (Youth Development Project) delegate to Botswana in 1968, shared a few thoughts after his trip to Australia to the World Conference in 2008 and subsequent trip back to Botswana. Larry remarked, "I believe the 4-H program has some of these skill traits that should be shared around the world. We have great youth leadership and adult volunteers whose expertise could be shared."

Out-going Board members - I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to out-going board members: Past President Larry Zilliox, Carol Hagen, Karen Bonnet, Judy Stewart and Eleanor Smith (completing a 'fill-in' one year term). Under Connie Fukudome's leadership and persistence, the Board was able to vastly update the Association database, clarify the Association's Bylaws and the Policy and Procedures Manual. During her two year presidency, she has contacted each of the 50 states to get updated contact information and helped inject enthusiasm and possibilities back into the organization.

New Board members - I would also like to welcome incoming Board members for three-year terms. They include: John Wells, MD, Region A; Ken Jones, GA, Region B; Chad Kerkman, WI, Region C; and W. Robert Doster, AZ, Region D. More information about them was included in the Summer 2010 Edition of the IFYE News. Virginia "Ginny" Warner, PA-New Zealand-1971/72, joins us as the Newsletter Editor.

Update of database - Board members are continually working with state contacts to update the database. If your email address, home address or phone number has changed, please notify one of your board members, or the association secretary. Please help us minimize the costs associated with bulk mailing return postage.

2011 IFYE Conference - Please take some time to consider attending the 2011 IFYE Conference in Waterbury, CT this summer. They have a great conference planned, and a registration form is included with early bird registration discounts. Hope to meet you there!

2011 CONFERENCE HOTEL CONTACT UPDATE

Please be sure to check the latest contact information on page 11 of this newsletter as it has changed since last newsletter.

Thank you



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RECONNECT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Art Deisher - Chair

Since the last issue of the IFYE News, the committee has been busy setting up activities for 2011. A December conference call welcomed the new Association President, Alan Lambert, to the committee, making us 10 strong.

A list of "core values" is being developed to aid the committee to communicate with potential international programs with whom IFYE might connect what we are seeking to achieve.

A committee workshop will be held in Washington DC from February 11 through 14. Seven of the ten on the committee plan to attend and the rest will possibly join us via Skype (Free Internet conferencing).

The purpose of the weekend is to finalize the core values from the committee's perspective and prepare for meetings with 3-4 agencies currently conducting international programs. We plan to make presentations to these agencies and, hopefully, learn where common ground and core values exist between them and ourselves. These meetings will occur on Monday, February 14th. Details will be reported to you in the IFYE News, as well as via email if we have your address.

At this time, we are just gathering information. The committee will seek alumni input and participation before any final decision is made.

If time allows in our weekend workshop, the committee will continue preliminary

work on the Executive Director project. Past Association President, Connie Fukudome, will continue to lead this sub-committee in this task. Currently, Betty Jo Roberts and Norm Bauer, from the Reconnect Committee (RC), are on the criteria development/selection team. Creating a job description is their first task. Additional members for this committee are being sought; if you are interested, please contact Connie.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a "Talent Search" form. The Reconnect Committee would like each person that participated in the program or is on our database (*couples will need to make copies, please*) to return the form. Everyone has talents or connections. Those that the committee feels can assist our efforts may be contacted. Please PARTICIPATE.

The State Coordinators who have maintained exchanges for those over the age of 19 since 1991 are especially encouraged to share their ideas. Two RC members, Dottie Nelson (VA) and Alan Lambert (SD), also serve as State Coordinators for the over-18 year old exchange programs in their respective states.

Finally, it is encouraged that you contact any member of the Reconnect Committee with your thoughts and opinions. (These members were listed in the last issue of the IFYE News.) You can also contact any Association Board member for the information.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have a current article/information which you feel may be relevant/appropriate for upcoming newsletters or an article that may have been missed in the recent past, please feel free to submit to Newsletter Editor. Photos are also much appreciated.

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2011 53rd NATIONAL IFYE CONFERENCE

“Locally Grown, Globally Sown”

Coco Key Water Resort
Waterbury, CT
June 26-30, 2011

“Locally Grown, Globally Sown” is the theme for the 2011 National IFYE Conference, hosted by New England and held in Waterbury, CT. Registration opens at noon on Sunday, June 26. You have free time to enjoy the Coco Key Water Park, on site at the hotel, before the conference begins with a Mix and Mingle hosted by Connecticut’s own Mark Twain. Following dinner and opening ceremonies, Mr. Twain will share some of his international adventures.

Monday morning opens with our guest speaker, Gina Barrecca, a very witty and inspirational speaker. The general session will include a Plenary session on the state of the IFYE program led by Art Deisher. Your afternoon will keep you well occupied participating in your choice of workshop sessions on the Body and Mind, Green Agriculture, High Touch-High Tech or Capturing and Sharing Memories.

Service Project - Our service project will be introduced during our after-dinner program. The focus is on sustainable agriculture, health, and education in South Africa (<http://ecolinks.org>). Funds will be raised with a Swedish Tombola (like a raffle) and our live auction featuring the higher end items. Thank you for bringing an item or two. Contributions large and small, gift cards and certificates (national use) are warmly welcomed.

Tuesday is travel day, tours and a dinner cruise on the Connecticut River. Make sure to sign up on your registration for your choice of specialty tours.

The Historic Hartford tour will visit the Mark Twain House and Museum, Harriet Beecher Stowe’s family home and a tour of the State Capitol. You can take a break from all the history while meandering in Elizabeth Park.

The Coastal tour will visit the historical Mystic Seaport, which includes its museum, the Charles W. Morgan and a 19th century whaling village.

The Agriculture tour will visit the Regina Laudi’s Cloistered Abbey, Arethusa Farm, and one of the best Tractor Collections on the East Coast. Lunch will be at Hopkins Vineyard.

The Whimsical/Wine tour will visit the New England Carousel Museum, the Mattatuck Museum and the New Britain Museum of American Art. A vineyard tour along the way is a good possibility, too!

We wind up our day with a lazy cruise on the Connecticut River with a buffet dinner and music by our own special IFYE DJ.

Wednesday morning is the Plenary with the Annual meeting, followed by lunch and free time in the early afternoon to relax. We are then off to Jones Family Farm (6th generation) for a relaxed taste of New England with an international flair. Of course, there will be lots of time to socialize. Our group photo will take advantage of this beautiful Connecticut location.

NOTE: Children’s programming is available Monday and Wednesday only. Children tour with parents on Tuesday.

Thursday we say farewell, with the hope that you enjoyed your visit in New England. Please consider staying a while longer to celebrate a true New England July Fourth Fireworks spectacular in one of our several states! There are many options in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, or head north to Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

WATERBURY



(NOTE: See travel information on right)

THANK YOU, Mel Thompson!

A special thank you is extended to Mel Thompson from the over 4,000 IFYEs, IFYE families, and international contacts that Mel has connected with over the past several decades!

Mel has given us many stories and countless hours of memories as he has shared articles in the IFYE News about current and former IFYE activities.

Mel was an IFYE from the state of Michigan in 1953 to Turkey. Professionally, he worked at the National 4-H Center for numerous years providing leadership for 4-H International Exchange Programs. He had the privilege to work with the founding leaders of the IFYE program and learned from their tutelage. After his retirement, Mel continued active involvement with the IFYE Alumni Association.

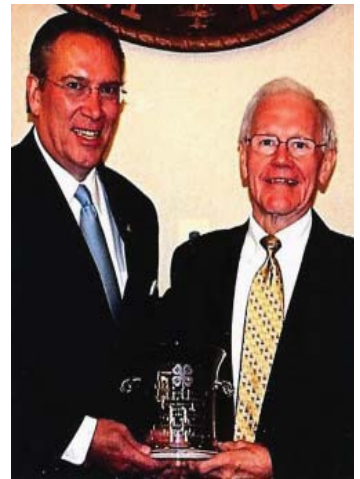
Mel’s work with the Association has included: serving as the Association President in 1964 and 2001/02/03, secretary in 1999, and ex-officio member as Newsletter Editor many years. His tenure and involvement made him a natural source of institutional IFYE knowledge. To this day, when someone gets stumped and can not solve an IFYE concern, “Why don’t you ask Mel Thompson?” will be the suggested solution. His international and domestic connections are hard to match.

Mel’s family also has been involved with IFYE. His wife Linda was recently inducted into the Michigan 4-H Hall of Fame. She willingly shares Mel’s IFYE life and provides much appreciated support. Their love for the IFYE program extends to the next generation of their family, as both his son and daughter-in-law are IFYE alumni.

He was also a 4-H agent in the early 1960’s, as well as on the Peace Corps staff in west Africa in the mid-60’s.

Thank you, Mel Thompson, for your many uncounted hours of dedicated work for the IFYE Association and we wish you the best in the coming years.

This past December, Mel (shown on right) was recognized by 4-H for his “lifetime service and leadership to the 4-H movement and dedication and support to 4-H International Programs and 4-H Globally”. Presentation was made by Donald T. Floyd, President, National 4-H Council.



NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL IFYE CONFERENCE TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIRPORT information can be received in more detail from NE Committee and with your conference confirmation letter.

- **Conferees are responsible for their own transportation**

- Limo is available from CTlimo.com

- You may also call the hotel to find out connection information from your arrival point (203-706-1013) or to see if there is any transportation from your arrival point directly to the hotel.

- **BDL (Bradley Int’l - Hartford/Springfield)** - about 1/2 hr drive to Waterbury;

- **Smaller airports in Connecticut** - cost and access may have issues due to limited service areas and ability to manage larger aircraft

- **Boston, Newark, New York City airports** - about 2-3 hours drive time plus tolls from New York;

DRIVING information to hotel - The hotel is directly accessible from RT 84 which is linked into all the other major highways in the state.

1965 IFYE's to INDIA REMINISCE 45 YEARS of LIFE

Cathy Kunkel-Mains

Forty-five years ago, in 1965, 16 young men and women representing 15 American states left for the country of India as delegates from the 4-H International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE's official name at the time) program. Many of us are now retired and remembering the bond of being part of a unique group of persons traveling around the globe with a youthful goal of bringing peace and building cultural exchanges with an impoverished nation that touched all our hearts. As youth who were selected because of our Junior Leadership experiences and the charge to help assist in the development of India teen youth we all forged forward with confidence and determination.

And 45 years later, one of those IFYE's, Dalton Still of South Carolina decided to do something about getting us all together and with passion and determination was able to contact all of the former 1965 IFYE's to India. The monumental task of contacting all 16 of the IFYE's was accomplished

This November 14 -17, 2010, history repeated itself as 14 of the 16 were able to reunite to share their memories of that time years ago in India. We met in Branson, Missouri, a day's drive for the majority of us.

We shared remembrances of our India life together as traveling partners to the 16 existing states of that time; we further acquainted our spouses with our IFYE Brothers and Sisters and officially dubbed the "SpIFYE's". We shared how this remarkable opportunity and trip to India affected our life goals and our journey as young men and women moving forward as adult citizens.

We remember our assignment as," be an IFYE to India and represent the United States Government, the National 4-H Program and the citizens of America as goodwill ambassadors". Our uniqueness to this assignment was being sponsored by the government PL 480 wheat program in which the U.S. had an ongoing relationship with India to provide wheat as a way to help offset the severe poverty of the time. In accepting this task, not only was there to be cultural sharing by living within the Indian families but also the assignment of teaching demonstrations of what changes could be introduced to India to assure a better life for the village folks.

Partnering in this task in India were young men and women from villages who came to learn such information as cooking with a smokeless Chula (stove) to assure poisonous gasses did not contaminate their health. Also, we shared in teaching sewing projects for home use and sales, proper nutrition, and new farming methods as the steel tipped plow was a major new addition to each farmer's land management.

It seemed the people were eager to have us as visitors and to know our lives as they were just beginning to experience and develop an understanding of the role of democracy. The people of India had a great reverence for John F. Kennedy and his family and we each commonly shared Kennedy half dollars as souvenirs from the United States with our host and new friends.

Among our many common experiences upon our return to the United States, several of us revealed that we do not wear a watch these days which we felt was influenced by the difference in the concept of time that we experienced while living in India. Often we would be told we will pick you up tomorrow at 9 AM and they actually showed up two days later at 3 PM because there were other priorities or the Jeep to transport us was not available.

Much discussion and memories were shared about our government host and the tragic death of Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri soon after our arrival in the country and the process to elect the new Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Our opportunity to meet her and discuss India's future and the youth of India remains a

highlighted memory. I will always remember my thinking that two great nations at the time had women leaders - India's Indira Gandhi and Golda Meir of Israel. It was such a mystery that our own nation had not reached that status of recognizing such female leadership.

One of our assignments from the State Department was to develop a document that would share insight and recognition of the many types of struggles India had to endure as a nation from our perspective and to submit recommendations for change.

In retrospect, we each wonder if "The Document" ever made it off the shelf and into the hands of those important people who set policy and programs between India and the United States. We prefer to think that it did and we were part of a small but very significant change that began between our two countries 45 years ago.

There was a large delegation of IFYE delegates from other states attending other countries who were part of the program that year and we all had the opportunity to be at the 4-H Center for orientation and to count them among our friends. How great it would be to continue connecting to some of these other delegates.

Hoping to reconnect with as many of former IFYE's as possible. If you have a story to share or would like to reconnect with any of the India IFYE's of 1965, we invite you to contact Cathy Kunkel-Mains at (859) 512-9882 or via email:cakuma50@insightbb.com

With this great renewal of friendship and purpose, "our plan is to stay connected as much as possible virtually and to try to meet as a group again next year at the 2011 IFYE Conference in Connecticut".



The 1965 IFYE's attending were:

(Sitting, l to r): Karen Dockendorff-Murphy (IA), Deana Ellis-Delong (NM), Nancy Hiersche-Kavka (MA), Cathy Kunkel-Mains (KY)

(2nd row *l to r): Mary Kay Munson (KS), Jane Lee-Ebert (NC), Sharon Sharrett (OH)

(Back row, l to r): Larry Wright (SD), Willis Alt (IN), Rich Hawkins (KS), Linda Wilcox-Kim (CA), Richard Krueger (MN), Ed Mies (IL), Dalton Still (SC)

Greatly missed and unable to attend were Charlie Barnes (UT), who was in New Zealand and Fred Roberts (CT), who was relocating this week.

IFYE FOUNDATION of the USA

4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

With sixteen million 4-H'ers in the USA, it's curious why we don't have more interest and participation in international exchanges. Let's explore some of the reasons.

For those who do participate, are they creating excitement among the age group who would be future exchangees? We know those returning do share their experience to some degree, but we're not seeing a rush for others to join the program.

The Foundation has provided support for several years to National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta. Our support goes to the International night where those attending can sample foods from around the world in an atmosphere of being in another country. The cards and letters I receive from the participants reflect how much they enjoyed that event and express how they experienced other cultures. However, very few ever say they want to visit another country, why?

The Japanese exchange program coordinated by States 4-H brings young Japanese students, ages 11-16 to the USA. Parents begin when the children are very young, saving and preparing for such a trip. The parents pay all the fees for this trip.

We know that in the USA, we all are busy and our schedules prevent us from doing all the things we want to do. Perhaps that is also an issue. If parents don't help their children set their sights on participating, as they get older, they get involved in sports and other activities that take precedence.

What can we do? Perhaps we need to dust-off our photos and slides and give an IFYE talk. You say you went 50 years ago? Well, what has changed? Maybe we need to talk to the parents of young children to help them prepare for the future. The people in those countries we visited are still the same even though the landscape has changed. What we lived as an adopted son or daughter can be the same today. Is there a need for "world-understanding" today? I think so and I pray for world peace that comes from people understanding people.

Your friend in IFYE,
Norm Bauer, President



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TREASURER'S REPORT

2010 and Looking Ahead

Art Deisher

2010 was a year of many financial gains for the IFYE Association. In the mode of the month: "Mr. President and members of the Association, the status of the Association is STRONG!"

2010 and its successes did not occur by accident. The groundwork for our gains was laid in 2009. We benefited from the:

- Strength of the reestablishment of a full Association board, representative of all the states and regions of the country.
- Completion of a current active list of volunteer state contacts from all 50 states.
- Contacting of alumni to get current contact information on our database and email addresses.

Thresholds we achieved in 2010 include:

- Half of the 5000 on our database have been reached for updating
- Almost 1800 names have email addresses
- Over 36 became life members this past year (*bringing the total to 1229*)
- Annual membership reached 244, exceeding our goal of 214 (*Note: annual membership for 2008, 2009, 2010 was 89, 159, 244*)
- Number of missing IFYE database persons reduced from over 900 to under 700

Donations - At the very end of 2010, the Association Board approved donation request letters to be sent to all life members. Due to technical difficulties, those members with email addresses were not sent. Those without email addresses were sent letters.

The letter pointed out that life members lack \$17.50 per person annually in supporting the Association equally with the \$25 annual dues members pay. Of the 305 letters sent, approximately 8% have returned generous donations equating for 220 life member shortages! Donations are still encouraged and are being received. When the email technicalities are remedied, all life members with email addresses will be extended the opportunity to participate.

Executive Director - In the near future, as Treasurer, I hope to be able to advance a proposed budget for the Association that includes a compensation package for an Executive Director. Others will be pursuing the details of the position, and the logistics of the working environment, but a key component is the method of funding the position.

I feel the alumni need to have input and the opportunity to review the financial structure proposed prior to the position being implemented. I encourage you to contact me directly at (800) 497-7840 on this matter, before February 10th. Feel free to leave a message and I will return your call.

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Many thanks to the above-listed 2010 donors for their contributions to the IFYE Association of the USA, as well as to those who became lifetime members during 2010 and are listed below.

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IFYE's Got Talent

Your Association leadership is convinced that every IFYE has special talents. However, many of us have been hiding them under a basket-or just going about our daily business not realizing that we have talents/skills that would be useful to the Association.

This is a talent search. You are requested to (voluntarily, of course) help the Association identify the many talents, skills, special knowledge and professions that could be called upon to help your Association. Please take the time to complete the survey. Your reply is not a commitment. We are gathering data to test our theory that IFYE was an excellent training program which provided significant individual and societal benefits. You may complete it on line by following this link: <http://surveymonkey.com/s/7BLVGY3> OR you may complete the survey in this newsletter and send it to: **Betty Jo Roberts, 8464 N. Syracuse-Webster Rd., Syracuse, Indiana 46567**. If you have questions or comments you may reach Betty Jo at 574-834-2348 or e-mail her at: bjrobkan@gmail.com.

Survey:

1. Profession (active or retired), circle all that apply:

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2. Please clarify your career. For example, if you are a farmer, specify your major crops. If you are an educator, tell us your audience/students. If you have had several careers, please include specifics on each.

3. Please list the employers you have had in each of your careers discussed above.

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2010 ANNUAL MEMBERS

During 2010, there were 244 annual dues-paying members. We thank you for your support of the IFYE Association in this manner. NOTE: Due to space limitations in this issue, donations will be listed in the next issue. Thank you for understanding.



IN MEMORIAM

Information regarding the deaths of the following 4-H International alumni, spouses, staff, family members, and Association friends, members, and supporters has been received during this past year and up to publication time. Where known, date of death is included.

Adam Anthony NM-Antigua-1985 (09/7/2009)
Rebecca Bahn WI-Japan-1997
Jack Barker GA-Switzerland-1960 (Vietnam Victim)
George Bohl MT-Sweden-1975
Willis Brewer IN-El Salvador-1957
Lynn Brown (11/20/2010)
Wally Caine IN-Israel-1958 (1992)
Kathryn Carsten MI-Italy-1958 (10/21/1974)
Barbara Chenall (wife of Glenn Chenall) IA-Italy-1955 (11/19/2010)
Barbara Olsen Chrisman WA-Germany-1957
Maurice L. Conn OH-Spain-1963 (11/01/2010)
Donald Davenport MA-Chile-1953 (2006)
William Desmond CA-Japan-1991(04/2006)
Doris Jerome Elavsky ID-Switzerland-1957 (4/15/2010)
John Dale Grubb WA-Pakistan-1958 (4/7/2009)
Charles Gruner MI-Ireland/No Ireland-1952 (12/19/2010)
Rhonda Hicks Grebing MO-India-1978 (12/22/2010)

Jerry Howard ID-Korea-1965 (12/18/2009)
Anne Lyman Kierklewski VT-England/Wales-1951(12/24/2010)
Ramon Larsen SD-Turkey-1961
Duane Larson SD-Venezuela-1968
Stanley Meinen KS-Switzerland-1949
Robert Peck NY-Greece-1951 (10/5/2000)
Jane Pfitzner (wife of Tom Pfitzner) MO- England-1955 (5/10/2010)
Kiernan Powers WI-Venezuela-1968 (11/4/2007)
Gary Schwartz SD-USSR-1978
Fonda Wellings Simmons WV-Ireland-1950 (11/5/2009)
Walter South II IN-Iraq-1956
Valrey Vogel ND-Costa Rica-1972
Al Weidemann (husband of Mildred Weidemann) VA-Israel-1955 (12/5/2010)
Cynthia Wilkie NH-Ireland-1955 (1/24/2010)
Robert Yeaton NH-Uruguay-1956 (2002)

Notice of deaths, 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 vwarner@sbcglobal.net OR "snailmail" to IFYE Association, PO Box 2332, Carson City, NV 89702



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4-H COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROPOSAL

(as of 15 January 2011)

The originator of the idea of a 2015 commemorative coin program to honor the centennial of 4-H becoming a national program says it is time to seek another organization, other than National 4-H Council, to receive 85 percent of the surcharges.

“We have tried to communicate with the leadership of National 4-H Council but they are unresponsive,” said Michael L. Ellis, the Georgia Master 4-H'er and prominent coin collector who conceived the idea.

IFYE leaders have sought a statement of National 4-H Council's intentions. On Oct. 21, 2010, CEO Donald T. Floyd Jr. said to IFYE leaders: “We are doing due diligence” and “a decision will be made in early November.” Despite repeated requests to make known National 4-H Council's decision, Floyd has not communicated since Oct. 21.

Ellis wrote to Floyd on Jan. 10, 2011, noting: “We are at the point of decision. Does National 4-H Council, as an authorized fundraising entity for the United States 4-H program, desire to be designated in the legislation as the recipient organization for 85 percent of the surcharges? If yes, we look forward to working with you. If no, we will seek other organizational partners.”

Ellis asked Floyd to respond in writing no later than Jan. 14. Ellis said on Jan. 15 that he had not received any communication from National 4-H Council or Floyd.

“We have to take the silence as a ‘No.’ We will move on to identify other organizations that may be interested and qualify,” Ellis said.

Ellis said he remains committed to the project and looks forward to working with the IFYE Foundation as the 15 percent recipient organization.

IFYEs will be updated via e-mail and are urged to share the news with other 4-H and IFYE alumni

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SOLAR OVENS in Haiti

Taking part in one of the 3 trips annually put on by the United Methodist churches of the Dakotas, Ruby (Enander) Walters (ND-AU-55/56) went to Port of Prince area in Haiti along with 13 others to help in the assembly of 250 solar ovens and training seminars held for the Haitians in November 2009.

During this 2-week trip, Ruby and others worked with Haitians to assemble the ovens given out by the organization. Local individuals/families must pay a fee of \$15 USD for the oven – and that money must be already saved into one of the “micro-banks” in the area. (*Considering that if someone in the family has a job, the average pay is about \$1/day.*) Costs to the Haitians are able to be kept “low” due to many donations coming in through the mission fund for this particular outreach. Ruby indicated that in the USA, this same solar oven would cost a minimum of \$125. (*The materials for the ovens are assembled, holes drilled and packaged in Brookings, SD and then shipped to Haiti.*)

The people receiving the ovens must attend a 2-day seminar as well, after which they will receive an oven. During this seminar, they attend training sessions on how to cook with a solar oven (which will reach 350°F!), putting food together, helping to build the ovens, etc.

Each oven has three pans with covers (these are made in Haiti), oven thermometer, set of measuring cups and spoons, cook book (in English and Creole), and a water temperature gauge - so they can pasteurize water making it safe for drinking.

Ruby indicates that “Because so many trees have been cut down in Haiti, the cost of charcoal has gotten so high the people have to pay as much for the charcoal as they pay for the food - We find that many people save enough with the oven that they can send their children to school now. It is a wonderful project and now with the earthquake disasters, the ovens are even more needed. The people say that the Lord gives us the sun free! They love the solar ovens!”

Photo left: Looking down on the ovens filled with food. There is a double layer special plastic cover that keeps the oven hot!

Photo right: Ruby wiping off fingerprints on an oven; in the background are Haitians helping to put together some of the 250 ovens being assembled on this trip.

IFYE EMAIL PROCEDURE CHANGES - Your Help is Requested

Over the past two years, over 1,800 of our members have helped the Association minimize publication related expenses by their willingness to receive IFYE information via email.

We have encountered some technical difficulties with emailing to a large number of recipients at once. With large numbers of emails going out from a personal source, the originating email address could have been labeled as a “spammer” by recipient servers.

In order to avoid this problem, and to make disseminating information to the membership efficient, the Association Board approved using a service called “MailChimp” to help us.

The IFYE Association Board would like your help. You are currently receiving a printed or emailed copy of the newsletter. This change in email delivery process of IFYE information will require a quick two-step process on the Internet to implement.

Step 1: Please enter: www.eepurl.com/ciaVr and complete the form as instructed.

Step 2: You will receive an email in your email inbox from IFYE LIST. Complete the brief instructions there.

You will receive a confirmation email from IFYE LIST once you have completed both steps.

That is all it takes! You have now given permission for the IFYE Association to communicate with you via email.

If you experience any difficulties, contact Association President, Alan Lambert.

For both email and printed newsletter recipients, please consider taking the time right now to join us in this update process.

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NOTE: The following articles were omitted in the 12-page hard copy mailed to members receiving the newsletter via postal service -only. As promised, information is included in this February 2011 issue.

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.

How 4-H and IFYE Impacted My Life and Outlook

*Martha Hikes Muratsuka Albin,
PA-Switzerland 1966*

Martha Hikes Muratsuka 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. After that, she has never stopped traveling! She does serve fondue - all the time! ... and with fondue pot, 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 Muratsuka from Hawaii. They married 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. They met through the Kawaiaha’o Church, where they both attended. The church, founded by missionaries from New England in 1820, is known as the Westminster Abbey of 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 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.

Her family is a melting pot of races - 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 through Compassion International. Martha retired in 2000 after 30 years of service with the Department of Education of Hawaii - as a

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An Iowa Host Family Remembers -- 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, and also to 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,

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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, 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.



Matt, Fikran, Sarah enjoying time 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!

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teacher for 12 years and librarian for 18 years. A teacher at heart, she still volunteers in the classroom.

Martha is pictured below with two colleagues, Chloe and Karen. Chloe is of Japanese ancestry and Karen is Hawaiian/Chinese. Karen was known as *Kupuna Lei*, the Hawaiiana teacher!



Martha 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. “‘*Haole*’ 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 ... with the most recent - Israel just this past fall. 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.

## 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 lifesaving 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 1975 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.

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Globally Sown

## 2011 National IFYE Conference

June 26-29, 2011

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Please list my information in the Conference Attendees' Directory

**Registration Fees** include all scheduled Conference activities beginning Sunday evening through Wednesday's International Banquet. Please **place an X** next to the appropriate fees in the following chart: (NOTE: Travel as well as housing/hotel is the responsibility of individual.)

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| Wednesday Only                             | \$175       |          |
| International Banquet Only                 | \$75        |          |
| <b>Group Photo (additional fee)</b>        | <b>\$25</b> |          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               |             |          |

All Conference attendees are expected to be members in good standing of the IFYE Association of the USA in order to participate in the Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday during the Conference.

Please select one of the following four tours, all of which will take place on Tuesday during the Conference.

Parents: There will be no special programming for children on Tuesday. Children must accompany parents on tours.

- Historical/Hartford
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**Questions?** Contact Norma Wu

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Our Conference group rate is \$115 per room per night (1-4 persons per room), plus applicable taxes.

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From John T. Capps (NC-Spain-1968)

<...>  
“IFYE experience provided the opportunity for the past 25 years to participate as a Volunteer Rotary Club member, on many humanitarian projects from immunization of Polio vaccine, literacy schools, water wells and wheelchairs and other service projects from South America, Mexico, Southeast Asia, India and in my home town in North Carolina with the homeless and others less fortunate.”



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The following persons are listed on our database but there is no information, other than the name, available. A search of all Association and Foundation records, as well as checking with Mel Thompson and Dick Tenney, have provided no information or reason for retaining them on the database.

If there is no further information provided and/or reason for the following individuals to be retained on the database, the names listed below will be removed on 4/1/2011.

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It is important to increase the number of active members on our database as the Foundation begins to seek outside funds to match funds raised in the Commemorative Coin Project. Showing 42% of the database being life or annual members will assist the Foundation in their efforts. Currently, we are at about 32.8%.

Should you have information on anyone listed above, please contact Sheila Peterson, Association Secretary, [sheila.peterson@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:sheila.peterson@legis.state.ak.us). Thank you.



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“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 (pictured above) included:  
(Back row, l to r) 2010 delegates: Shane Sheridan, CO-Austria; Amy Sents, KS-Germany/Switzerland; Carolyn Gehrke, IL-

Germany, and Kelly Moyer, CO-Germany;

(Mid row, l to r) Bari Dworken, CT Group Leader Korea 2007 and Estonia 2008; Carol Forgue 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.

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Wayne, hope to visit Bayta 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 lifelong 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.”