



IFYE NEWS

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Victoria Warren, President
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Dear Fellow Members of
the IFYE Association,

As I think back on 2016, much was learned and much was shared. Our IFYE outbounds learned about life in cultures unlike their own and shared their experiences in newsletters, social media, and on-line. Our IFYE inbounds learned about our culture while sharing in family and community life in many states. Host families learned the joy of hosting (for the first time or again), the joy of adding a new member to their family

and communicated their experience through social media, on our website, and in the newsletters. We alumni shared what made for “life-changing experiences” in our newsletters and at the national conference. Our new IFYE updates shared progress in the program, funding, and Board of Director efforts.

In review, though, it appears as if perhaps not enough was shared to help all to learn what is happening, what can happen – with your help! I suggest this because in a variety of ways and in different settings, I have heard it said that perhaps the IFYE Program is not relevant in today’s world. Thinking about the word relevant and two common meanings – important or significant - I ask you, in response to the question “Is IFYE relevant today?” the following: Is family relevant? Is friendship relevant? Is cultural understanding relevant? Is learning relevant? Is peace relevant? Is personal growth relevant? Is sharing relevant? Is adapting to and thriving through challenges relevant? Is finding both similarities and differences and learning to appreciate each relevant? If IFYE even helps with one of these, doesn’t that make it relevant? When I met the 2015 IFYEs at their return, they described the value of their experience in terms such as:

- “Actually getting to know the people”
- “Can’t put a price on new friends and family”
- “Connected in many ways”
- We are “different but similar”
- Learned to be “adaptable, independent”
- “Pushed out of comfort zone in a good way”

Should one be asking, has the IFYE program lost its relevancy or is the IFYE exchange becoming obsolete? After all, today anyone can be in another country or continent in 24 hours

or less - air travel is that easy! And, unlike when many of us were IFYEs, lots of young adults have traveled with family, friends, church, and/or school. If that’s the case, why IFYE? Why not just “fold up our tents” and put our money and our efforts elsewhere?

In response to that, please read about the value of cultural immersion and cultural competence from the *IFYE Case Statement*¹ (© December 2015 by Nancy Valentine Harper, Ed.D., Group Leader WV-UK 1978).

Cultural Immersion - According to Art Markman (2015), in “Why People with Multicultural Experience Are More Creative,” he believes a person who has immersed themselves in another culture has the openness and cognitive flexibility to make organizations more creative. He goes on to say that “most creative people have two things in common: They are willing to consider alternatives to the way things are currently done, and they see objects, people, and situations from multiple perspectives.” Being immersed in a culture, Markman believes, increases your overall openness to new experiences and you begin to realize that everything in the world can be viewed in many different ways.

Research by Adam Galinsky and his colleagues at Columbia Business School has shown that people who have spent time adapting to more than one culture are better able to generate new ideas both in laboratory studies and in corporate settings.

Cultural Competence - One of the long-term outcomes of the IFYE program is to build cultural competence in individuals, families, and organizations. Cultural competence has been defined in different ways. In the August 2015 edition of the Diversity Officer Magazine, one article says that “cultural competence refers to an ability to successfully negotiate cross-cultural differences in order to accomplish practical goals (Vaughn, 2007). The goal may be selfish, as in dating someone who speaks a different language, socially responsible, as in trying to create a more inclusive society, or collaborative, as in working as a member on a cross cultural team. Cultural competence has four major components: awareness, attitude, knowledge, and skills (Pedersen, 1997).”

And here are some ways in which the IFYE experience is different, again from the *IFYE Case Statement*¹:

Host families:

- Fully integrate IFYEs into the family unit where they become integral to all aspects of family life, such as

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sharing household and family chores, enjoying family outings, and joining in community activities.

- Develop lifelong family and community relationships
- Increase cultural competence.

IFYEs themselves typically have much different experiences than other exchange programs. For example, they:

- Live with multiple families in different regions of their host countries, thus gaining a broader understanding of varying cultural, geographical, political, and climate differences.
- Reside in one or more host countries for three to six months (with six months as the preferred model) which enables IFYEs to form a deep appreciation for their host countries and its peoples.
- Experience total cultural immersion without being distracted by expectations of educational institutions or other obligations.
- Are likely to approach their international experience from a “service learning” perspective and the desire to make a difference

The IFYE program itself has the following characteristics and attributes:

- an established international network of IFYE alumni
- an established international network of countries interested in...and actively engaged in...cultural exchange programs
- a nation-wide network of approximately 4,000 IFYE alumni who have the potential to work with companies and post-secondary institutions to recruit young people interested in internships abroad that could result in a career and/or employment with specific companies
- the ability to provide opportunities for domestic and international young people to inform local, state and U.S. government agencies, land-grant universities (many of whom have established programs with other countries), and organizations of needs and priorities in other countries.
- offers total cultural immersion for IFYE participants to be completely engaged in the family, community, and culture of the host country.

So, what is it that we may have failed to share with you about where we are trying to steer the ship of the IFYE Program? In August 2015, a group of young adults in Minneapolis, MN were invited to participate in a focus group to get feedback on continuing and expanding the IFYE Program. Participants favored a 3- to 6-month experience during a college/university semester, or the summer between semesters, or right after graduation. There was interest in college credit, international internship experiences related to career goals, service learning, and being able to develop and implement a project. While the current IFYE Program cannot provide an internship or college credit, Alan Lambert, our National Program Director, and the Program Development and Resource Development Committees are working to identify ways to help participants who wish to enhance their IFYE experience with any of these components. We are also contacting agricultural companies about combining international internships with host family experiences.

I leave you with some final thoughts from the *IFYE Case Statement* that show the continued relevance of IFYEs overarching goal of “Peace Through Understanding”:

William Hunter (2004) states that “until September 11, 2001, most U.S. citizens considered themselves untouchable, distanced from the evils of war and terrorism {but}...this presumption of invulnerability was destroyed...as the planes slammed into the World Trade Center towers in New York.” Bikson, Treverton, Moini, and Lindstrom (2003) believe that “the events of September 11 {2001} underscore the importance of developing a broader and deeper understanding of the differing perspectives of people from other countries and other cultures, and of learning to work effectively with people who differ in language, customs, and in some cases, political and social values.”

Your IFYE friend,
Victoria (Vicky) Fehrmann Warren

¹A case statement is a concise document that clearly explains what need your organization seeks to meet, how you have and plan to meet that need, and what you could achieve with additional resources. (From: *How to Write a Great Case Statement* by Kim Jones and Rahki Kasa at https://cfpub.epa.gov/watertrain/pdf/finance/case_howto.pdf)

ASSISTANT for VICE PRESIDENT and TREASURER

The Assistant will work with the Vice President, Finance Committee, Treasurer, and IFYE Bookkeeper to evaluate accounting information on an ongoing basis and to provide Excel spreadsheets for use by the IFYE Board of Directors. The volunteer should be able to design and modify Excel spreadsheets with formulas and to work in QuickBooks. Tasks will include: evaluating the Bookkeeper’s QuickBooks accounting - monthly entries of donations, expenses, and IFYE conference; and evaluating monthly and year-to-date actual expenses to the budget by department. With the VP and Treasurer, the volunteer will develop future estimated donations and expenses and prepare the Excel worksheets. The volunteer will also work with the Vice President, Treasurer, Bookkeeper, and Finance Committee to develop the annual budget for Board approval. **Estimated monthly time required: 16 to 18 hours.**

Be a WEBSITE CO-ADMINISTRATOR

The volunteer will coordinate and communicate with current administrators, Keith Ferris and Ginny Warner, and the Website Committee. Ideally, the volunteer will have an interest in program marketing and be familiar with website design processes and have some experience in changing website content information, but a motivated volunteer can learn. Examples of tasks include: keep the IFYE website database up to date with current IFYE and Alumni portal sign-in information, suggest design changes, get answers on website technical issues related to IFYE website changes, and make ongoing changes in the Firespring website Springboard. **Estimated monthly time required: 16 hours.**

To volunteer for either responsibility, please contact Victoria Warren at vwarren@ifyeusa.org.

DONATE to SUPPORT IFYE

To Pay 2017 membership OR donate on the IFYE website (<http://ifyeusa.org>) by credit card

- (A) **BECOME A PAID MEMBER for 2017:** If you want to become a paid member for 2017, go to "Membership" (on the website and fill in the appropriate information. By paying your 2017 membership, you will have current access to the "Member Login" area. **Individual annual memberships are \$30.00 per year. (Life members are not required to pay annual memberships.)**
- (B) **DONATE:** If you are already a 2017 paid member or a life member and want to donate to IFYE, go to "Ways to Give" on the homepage and then to "Make a Donation" and complete the information to donate. Recurring monthly donations are appreciated.

To Pay 2017 membership or donate by mail;

Complete and return this form. Please check the appropriate box below for the support you wish to provide.

Please mail this completed form with payment and/or request to:

Don DeWerff, 29 Arrowhead Drive, Lyons, Kansas 67554

PLEASE COMPLETE:				
NAME _____		EMAIL _____		
ADDRESS _____		CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
HOME PHONE _____		CELL PHONE _____		

I wish to support IFYE in 2017 with the following: ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ Other Amount \$ _____

\$30 for 2017 annual membership**

** You can be a member with your \$30 membership without additional donation, but all donations above \$30 include memberships. **Note: If you are a life member, you will always be a life member and do not need to pay the \$30 annual Membership**

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ I have enclosed my check# _____ in the amount of \$ _____ payable to "IFYE Association of the USA"

☐ **Please charge my credit card:** Total \$ ____ MC ____ Visa ____ Discover ____ Amex
AMOUNT \$ _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: ____ / ____ Security Code: ____
SIGNATURE _____

☐ Please send me (by email) access information to the IFYE website "Paid Membership area"
My email address is: _____

"Member Login" Area of the Website

The "Member Login" area gives you one-stop access to IFYE Association information such as Board Minutes, Association Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures. You can also update your personal information to include: change of address, phone number, and email address. This will assist the Association in keeping your information in the IFYE database current and accurate.

If you are a life member or are an annual member and have paid your 2017 membership, you can access the "Paid Member" area of the website.

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**Do you need sign-in information to access the "Member Login" area of the website?**

If you are a life member or if you are an annual member that has paid your 2017 membership,

- Go to the IFYE website, <http://ifyeusa.org>

- Click on "About Us" in the navigation bar

- Click on "Contact Us" and send us a message requesting sign-in information.

We will respond to you by email with your personal sign-in information.



## 2017 IFYE Program Report

*Alan Lambert, National Program Director*

The 2017 IFYE program continues to provide unique cultural opportunities for both inbound and outbound IFYEs. In addition to the traditional host family experiences and the invaluable personal growth that occurs, recent and current IFYEs are asking for opportunities to advance their professional development.

While this is not an easily remedied task, efforts are being made to incorporate activities which result in sharing of professional knowledge, learning from country experts, and service learning or community volunteerism. Pilot programs are beginning to take shape in participating countries where IFYE and 4-H are integrally linked (Costa Rica and countries in Asia & Scandinavia). Additionally, several US states are 'putting on their thinking cap' to find ways to similarly positively impact inbound IFYEs as well.

### *Outbound IFYEs*

The 2017 IFYE program expects to send 10 individuals abroad for either a six or three month program. They will have the opportunity to choose from 13 participating countries in 2017. (See map on <http://ifyeusa.org> homepage.)

Those US IFYEs on the six-month program will be placed in two countries for approximately three months each, while those IFYEs on the three-month program will be placed in one host country. Each outbound IFYE pays a program fee toward the total program cost. Host countries are asking for more US IFYEs, so please visit with and encourage a young adult, age 19 and above, and help them apply immediately! The application is on the <http://ifyeusa.org> website under the EXCHANGE PROGRAMS tab. They may also contact me at my information at the top of the next column.



### *Inbound IFYEs*

Nearly 20 inbound IFYEs from approximately 12 countries are expected to stay with US Host families in 12 states. Most will be on a three-month program beginning in mid-June and ending in early September 2017. Final numbers are not known at the moment and there may be some last minute changes. Our goal is for each of the multiple host families to welcome an inbound IFYE into their home and lives for approximately three weeks during this three-month program.

### *Sharing IFYE experiences*

The recently returned 2016 IFYEs have been sharing their IFYE experiences since January and are reporting enthusiastic response from their presentations. They have spoken to numerous and different types of groups planting the seed for future program participation and growth. Two new 2017 IFYEs are immediate results of those occurrences!! Will you help grow the program further? It is not too late to share your IFYE enthusiasm and find "one more IFYE"!

Alan Lambert

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*Rachel Manning - MD to South Korea and Thailand (2016)  
- giving a presentation regarding experiences and knowledge  
gained during her time in these two countries*



*Kelley Dickman (OH to Finland and Costa Rica - 2016) at Camaronal Wildlife Refuge - known for preservation of sea turtles*

## Tere, Namaste, and Hey Y'all from the Sandhills of western Nebraska!

Alyssa Dye, Nebraska to Estonia and India 2016

45,000+ kilometers. 180 days. 2 countries. 14 host families. This shines only a sliver of light on the relationships and experiences that occurred in six months – and really, my exchange is just the beginning to a life-long IFYE adventure to come!

### Estonia (*Eesti*)

Not only did I pick up a lot of the language, but have fallen in love with the people, potato salad, sunsets, folk sayings and everything in Estonia. It's possible I'm part Estonian, but I would also attribute that to my "baptism by sauna". Stepping outside my comfort zone to sit and sweat and skinny dip with my families was nerve-wracking to anticipate; yet, the traditional *Eesti* sauna was thoroughly satisfying after my first go.

In Estonia, I lived with seven families, taking on some of the day-to-day projects of gardening, rolling up electric fence, packaging sausages, serving in a café kitchen, prepping for the first day of school, teaching country western dances, and picking berries galore. With long summer days, we had time to play – exploring festivals, forests, lakes, castles, beaches and bogs.



*Relaxing in the "wood"(s)*

I have treasured the opportunity to see Estonia through the eyes and hearts of the amazing families that live here, and I am looking forward to returning to my *kodu* (home) away from home.

The icing on the *Eesti* cake was getting to go to the European IFYE Conference held in Estonia this year! Less sleep = more fun. IFYE Conference = life-long friends in 17 countries = couches to crash on around the world.



*Enjoying time with host mom (Reelika Rüütli) during IFYE Conference*

During my free time between countries, I landed in Wüstring, Germany for bonus IFYE time with new friends.

### India

Lesson #1 in India was learning how to embrace the ebb and flow of traffic, language, culture, food, life, and time relativity. Incredibly beautiful and diverse, life is an organized chaos of cultures, religions, languages, and people.

Caitlyn and I stayed with seven families throughout northern India. We spent time in New Delhi, Agra, Chandigarh, the terraced apple orchards in Himachal Pradesh (foothills of the Himalayas) and the agricultural breadbasket of Punjab. We went with our families to Hindu temples and Sikh *gurdwaras*. We helped juice apples, cook, milk cows, groom horses, update farm ledgers, and create a video for one family's farm stay. (*Google "Himalayan Orchard" and check it out for your next trip to India.*)



*Alyssa (left) and Caitlyn Krueger (Finland and India) on right*

On November 8, India's Prime Minister Modi announced without warning that all 500 and 1000 rupee notes were no longer valid, slamming the brakes on the Indian rhythm of life during wedding season, wheat planting, and paddy harvest. People had to get creative to carry on. Hundreds of people in queues (lines) for banks and ATMs were (and still are) a common sight. Caitlyn and I queued for days to get needed cash. With a cap of withdrawing 2000 rupees/day (\$30 USD), it took a while. It was an interesting time to be in India and see demonetization from many different perspectives and empathize with some of the challenges of this change.

Of course, traveling by car, bus, cab, train, *tempo* (a type of open van), Uber, and camel in Indian traffic was half the adventure. We crossed off some major bucket list destinations like the Taj Mahal, Golden Temple, Rock Garden, and the India-Pakistan border with our families and friends or on our own.

I was so challenged and humbled by this experience and am looking forward to trekking back.





Rekindle the **Magic** of IFYE!

August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Rosen Plaza Hotel  
9700 International Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32819  
1-800-627-8258



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please print the **conference registration form** or **register on line** at <http://www.ifyeusa.org/2017-registration> for conference activities and optional tours. (**Tour descriptions are on a separate page.**)

### Conference Headquarters/Hotel Reservations

Headquarters will be at the **Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, Florida (across from Pointe Orlando)**

*NOTE: The conference single or double rate will be \$99 per room per night plus 13.6% room tax.*

Children 17 and under stay free.

**Hotel Reservations must be made by August 9, 2017 to guarantee room rate.**

To make reservations on line click link below:

[IFYE ALUMNI CONFERENCE](#)

or call 800-627-8258 and ask for the **IFYE Alumni Conference rate** (rate code **GRPIFYE**).

## ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION:

- **Self-parking** complimentary for overnight guests.
- **Airport transportation** is at the attendee's expense. For shuttle service, call for reservation and costs: Town & Country: 407-828-3035  
Mears: 407-423-5566
- **Free internet** connection in each guest room and a complimentary 24-hour business center
- **Private IFYE Hospitality room**

### Conference Information or Questions

For additional information or questions, contact:

**Joyce Strollo** [JJSTROLLO@COMCAST.NET](mailto:JJSTROLLO@COMCAST.NET)  
203-980-0695.

**Registration: Open Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

**1 PM – 5:30 PM plus open daily**

## 2017 Live & Silent Auctions at Conference

We look forward to your quality items for the auctions at the 2017 National IFYE Conference in Orlando. Some ideas include:



- 1) **Themed basket** - by state, region, country, wines, regional foods, travel goodies, etc.
- 2) **Individual items** - new items from your area or country - wines, regional foods, pictures, etc.

Please include a written description of individual items OR what items are in the basket, as well as who is donating the basket or item.



**All proceeds from the auctions will support the 2017-18 IFYE program.**

**FRIDAY TOURS: See Tour Description Page**

**Thursday lunch, Saturday lunch, and Sunday breakfast are "on your own".**

Orlando has many activities that children would enjoy. Please plan to bring your children, grandchildren or other relatives.

For information about travel around Orlando:

<http://www.visitorlando.com>



## 2017 National IFYE Conference

Rekindle the **Magic** of IFYE! August

30<sup>th</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Rosen Plaza Hotel

9700 International Drive

Orlando, Florida 32819

1-800-627-8258



(Please use a separate sheet for each conference registrant)

|             |             |                        |      |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------|------|
| First Name: | Last Name:  | First Name for Badge : |      |
| Address:    | City:       | State:                 | Zip: |
| Home Phone: | Cell Phone: | E-mail:                |      |

|                         |          |          |                         |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|
| IFYE Program:           | State:   | Country: | Program Year:           |
| Host Family Involvement | Country: | Year:    | Other Relation to IFYE: |

My contact information may be listed in the Conference Attendee's Directory: Yes ☐ or No ☐

**Conference Payment** - Please place an X next to the appropriate registration type and fee in the following chart:

**Full time registration fee includes: Wednesday dinner, Thursday breakfast and dinner theater, Friday breakfast and dinner, and the Saturday breakfast and banquet.**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE ATTENDEE BY Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> - 5 pm TO BE GUARANTEED THE IFYE RATE.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TOUR CHOICE WITH YOUR RESERVATION**

| Registration Type                                                       | Fee           | X |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Full time, EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION<br>(postmarked before 5/31/17)       | \$365         |   |
| Full time, early bird plus (postmarked 6/1 thru 7/29)                   | \$415         |   |
| Full time, regular (postmarked after 7/29 and on site)                  | \$440         |   |
| Adult DAILY - Wednesday, August 30                                      | \$ 75         |   |
| Adult DAILY - Thursday, August 31<br>(dinner theater included)          | \$100         |   |
| Adult DAILY - Friday, September 1(tour additional)                      | \$110         |   |
| Adult DAILY - Saturday, September 2 (includes banquet)                  | \$125         |   |
| Adult DAILY - Saturday, September 2 (Banquet only)                      | \$ 90         |   |
| See Tour Description page for Tour information                          |               |   |
| Tour 1 - BOK Tower Gardens - lunch included                             | \$ 70         |   |
| Tour 2 - A day in Mt. Dora - lunch on your own                          | \$ 40         |   |
| Tour 3 - Winery & Citrus farm - lunch included                          | \$ 65         |   |
| My additional contribution is enclosed for support of the IFYE program: |               |   |
| _____ \$ 50                                                             | _____ \$100   |   |
| _____ \$200                                                             | _____ \$300   |   |
| _____ \$500                                                             | _____ \$Other |   |

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| TOTAL CONFERENCE FEES & CONTRIBUTIONS |  |
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**Please mail this conference registration form with your check, money order, or credit card information to:**

Attn: Don DeWerff, Associate Treasurer

**2017 National IFYE Conference**

29 Arrowhead Drive Lyons, Kansas 67554

620-680-0780

[dcdewerff@cox.net](mailto:dcdewerff@cox.net)

☐ I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to "2017 National IFYE Conference"

**Please charge the fees on the left to my credit card:**

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American Express ☐ Discover ☐

Name as it appears on your card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR Complete your conference registration online by using your credit card at**

<http://www.ifyeusa.org/2017-registration>

Please list any dietary (allergies, etc.) and/or requests for

Other specific needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellations/Refunds** - All refund requests must be made in writing and mailed or emailed to the above address. Refunds will be made if cancellation/ refund request is postmarked prior to August 1, 2017. Refunds will not be issued after August 1 except in the case of documented medical or family emergency. All refund requests are subject to a \$75 administrative fee.

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AREA BELOW FOR OFFICIAL USE: RESERVATION # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Check information

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on check \_\_\_\_\_

Check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# IFYE Conference Tour Descriptions

## Friday - September 1, 2017

Please submit your tour choice with an X on the reservation form. Tour costs are in addition to your Conference reservation cost.

### Tour 1 – Bok Gardens and Pinewood Estate - (\$70)



<https://boktowergardens.org/blog/turning-stone-into-water/>

Bok Tower Gardens, a National Historic Landmark, has enthralled visitors since 1929. When founder Edward W. Bok visited the area near Lake Wales, Florida, during winter retreats, he became enchanted with the beauty and vistas. From the hilltop, 298 feet above sea level, Bok marveled at serene sunsets and was inspired to preserve the area for future generations. At the center of the garden, the Singing Tower, features 60 carillon bells ranging in weight from 16 pounds to 12 tons, which play daily. Also at the heart of the garden is Pinewood Estate - a Mediterranean-style mansion built in the early 1900's.

You will tour the lovely gardens and Estate and UF/IFAS Extension will present a horticulture workshop. Lunch is included; choose from a pre-selected menu of chicken salad, turkey and smoked gouda cheese sandwich or a vegetarian wrap. There is a museum on the history of the gardens, Children's Garden and a gift shop. Visit <http://boktowergardens.org> and learn more about the gardens.

### Tour 2 –Historic Mount Dora - (\$40)

Mount Dora is a city of about 12,500 people, located in Central Florida. It was founded in 1880, and it has everything we love in a historic small town. There are plenty of lovely old buildings, shops and boutiques, museums, restaurants, parks, and fun tours. Mt. Dora is on the shores of beautiful Lake Dora in the Harris Chain of Lakes. Join us to simply relax and escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Lots of unique shops and restaurants to explore as lunch is on your own.

#### Some optional things to do in Mt. Dora:

Premier Boat Tours offer eco-tours through Mount Dora's scenic canals, surrounded by ancient cypress trees and native Floridian wildlife like herons, alligators and turtles. The cost is \$28. **You will need to call 352-434-8040 in advance to make a reservation for the 11:00 AM tour,** For more information, go to <http://doracanalatour.com/tourinfo>

Visit Mount Dora Museum of Speed <http://classicdreamcars.com/THEMUSEUM.html> Visitors can see classic cars and all kinds of Americana. The cost is \$15.

Visit <http://www.visitmountdora.com/> for pictures and recommendations of what to do in Mt. Dora.

### Tour 3- Lakeridge Winery / Citrus Farm – (\$65)

This is a two-part tour.

First stop is *Lakeridge Winery* which begins with a 15-minute video presentation that shows the growing of the Florida grapes to the wine-making process and finishing with the bottling and labeling. Your personal Tour Guide will then show you the production area and the spectacular view of the vineyards where the grapes are grown and harvested. The Wine Tasting is held at the large tasting counter. The winery tour and wine tasting lasts approximately 45 minutes. Visit <http://lakeridgewinery.com>

On the second tour, we will travel south to the *Showcase of Citrus*. It is a family-owned and operated Estate cultivating over 70 varieties of citrus. **Included is a box lunch at the grounds when we arrive.** You will visit an Old Time Farm Store & Market and sample local sauces and tasty treats before your adventure through the 2,500-acre estate on the world's largest 4 x 4 vehicle.

Visit <http://showcaseofcitrus.com>





The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. has given permission to the SD IFYE Association to market embroidered IFYE polo shirts. This is a fundraiser for the SD IFYE Association and a portion of the profits will be donated to the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. for national IFYE programming

The polo shirt orders will be coordinated by Wanda Osman (1980 IFYE SD to The Netherlands). The SD IFYE Association plans to bring a variety of sizes to the 2017 National IFYE Conference in Florida. Please let them know of your purchase intent in advance, so they will have your shirt on hand. SD will work with the 2018 World Conference Logo Committee to have specific shirts available for that event as well.



**IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.**  
*Peace Through Understanding*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

| Size                                 | Price   | Quantity<br>Unisex | Quantity<br>Ladies | Total: |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Adult S/<br>Ladies S                 | \$28.95 |                    |                    |        |
| Adult M/<br>Ladies M                 | \$28.95 |                    |                    |        |
| Adult L/<br>Ladies L                 | \$28.95 |                    |                    |        |
| Adult XL/<br>Ladies XL               | \$28.95 |                    |                    |        |
| Adult XXL/<br>Ladies XXL             | \$30.95 |                    |                    |        |
| Adult<br>XXXL/<br>Ladies XXXL        | \$32.45 |                    |                    |        |
| <b>Added<br/>Total</b>               |         |                    |                    |        |
| <b>Shipping<br/>And<br/>Handling</b> |         |                    |                    | \$7.00 |
| <b>Tax - SD Only</b>                 |         |                    |                    |        |
| <b>Grand<br/>Total</b>               |         |                    |                    |        |



**Mail Form to:**  
**Wanda Osman**  
**3512 W. Eide Drive**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57107**

**Phone: 605-376-6794**

**Checks made Payable to South Dakota IFYE Association**

Payment Options:

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## USA IFYEs - 2016

*Top Right - Alyssa Dye (NE to Estonia and India)*

*Middle Left: Rachel Manning (MD to S. Korea and Thailand)  
Grace Garza (OH to S. Korea and Thailand) holding Seoyeon  
- Rachel's and Grace's host sister  
Photo shows S. Korean tea ceremony setup*

*Bottom Left: Kelley Dickman (OH to Finland and Costa Rica)*

*Bottom Right: Taylor Hannan (NE to Luxembourg and Costa Rica); Caitlyn Krueger (MN to Finland and India); Erika Peterson (NE to Poland)*







## Thank You, Host Families!

Without your hospitality and friendship, IFYEs would not be able to receive the same experience. You are an integral part of the IFYE program since our beginning in 1948. Thank you for all you do for our IFYEs. And, to the USA host families, a similar thank you for opening your homes and hearts to our inbound IFYEs. Hosting crosses generations!

*Top Left: (India) Capt. RPS Gill, Alyssa Dye, Caitlyn Kreuger, Mrs. Gill.*

*Top Right: (Estonia) Four generations of host family: (seated l to r) Reelika's grandmother; Reelika Rüttili - Host mom with children Robert and Madleen while standing are: Reelika's mother, aunt, and uncle. Alyssa was also hosted by Reelika.*

*Bottom Right: (Costa Rica) Walter Segura Villalobos - 3rd from right and family with Taylor Hannan (left of Walter)*

*NOTE: Capt. Gill, Reelika Rüttili, and Walter Villalobos are also IFYE Coordinators in their respective countries.*

## Peace Through Understanding

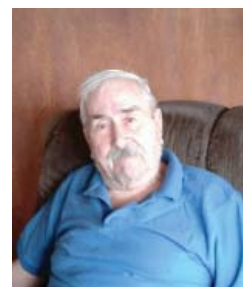
Following up on a couple of tips from IFYE alum re John's and other alumni's part in the early days of IFYE, this editor visited John Geurtze (NY Germany 1951) earlier this spring.

John shared letters and other information that he had written "back home", as well as those of Les Nichols, who had just started work with the "IFYE Project" on the national level. In 1951, there were 58 IFYEs representing 33 states (and Alaska - not a state until 1959) traveling to 22 different hosting countries.

His first letter (July 4, 1951) "back home" told of the IFYEs' purpose which was developed on the ship voyage to Europe: *"We International Farm Youth Exchange Delegates feel that agriculture is the backbone of any nation and that the rural youth are future leaders of the world. By living, working, playing and exchanging ideas with World farm families and organizations, we hope to develop peace and understanding throughout the world."*

In John's last letter home (October 7, 1951) before leaving Germany, he wrote: *"If there could be more programs of this type, I know we of the United States would increase the sense of brotherhood which means so much in this confused world. The world is getting smaller every day and all of you know*

*as well as I that peace is cheaper than war. So let's all help in every way we can to have better understanding in the home, nation, and world for that is the big step toward world peace. These people should no longer be called 'foreigners' but 'neighbors'. We are all alike but just speak a different language. However, actions speak louder than words."*



*John Geurtze - NY  
Germany 1951*

Although these letters were written over 65 years ago, the heartfelt words hold true today as well. It is evident that John truly believes in doing what he can to further agriculture. This not only has been seen through his philosophy but while on his IFYE experience and in his life's work.

John and others from 1951 served on the committee to create the IFYE logo. Although slightly changed, he indicates that it was his submission that was awarded and is basically our logo today.

Thank you, John and others from the early years of IFYE to the present alumni for your support. "Peace Through Understanding" stands as our motto even today.



## IN MEMORIAM

**E. George Baca, Jr.** (NM Brazil 1951)  
*October 13, 2016 LM*

**Donald P. Bachman, Sr.** (PA Costa Rica 1953) *December 24, 2015 LM*

**Myra Colglazier** (IN Jamaica 1977)  
*August 15, 2015*

**Gene L. Duke** (TX Pakistan 1954) *August 10, 2016*

**Louis E Eyerman** (Host Family) *DOD unknown LM*

**Carl Ivan Grable** (WY Peru 1957) *January 07, 2014*

**Dr. John W. Harrer** (MT Greece 1951)  
*March 23, 2015 LM*

**Susan (Amundsen) Parr** (OR Philippines 1954) *September 16, 2016 LM*

**James Pedersen** (MN India 1953)  
*September 26, 2016*

**Doug T. Putnam** (Supporter) *August 23, 2016*

**Anna Rademacher** (MO Germany 1969)  
*December 21, 2016 LM*

**Karen (Gresham) Wedeking** (OR Columbia 1966) *October 02, 2016 LM*  
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## 11th World IFYE Conference (September 9-16, 2018)

*Kim Reaman (Co-Chair)*



A highlight of 2018 could be “Cruisin’ with IFYE” at the 11th World IFYE Conference! The conference will be aboard a 7-day Alaskan cruise which will depart from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on September 9th and arrive in Seward (Anchorage), Alaska on September 16th, 2018. The cruise will feature many of the traditional components of a World IFYE Conference, but you will be aboard the Holland America ms Noordam, sailing past a breathtaking coastline where you will have a chance to see all of Alaska’s natural wonders – from calving glaciers to breaching humpback whales.

**Registration for the conference and cruise booking:** Registration will be available online in June 2017. The registration fee for the World IFYE Conference will be minimal because most of the expenses will be included in the cost of the cruise. There is a variety of staterooms and suites available on the ms Noordam so you will be able to find one which fits your budget. Most cabins will be comfortable for two people. Some cabins can accommodate three or four people comfortably. It will be important to register early to make sure you get your first choice. A cruise informational flyer highlighting the cabin types and basic cost will be available soon on the IFYE website. **Note:** Check out the various possibilities available for your trip onward from Seward after the cruisin’ 2018 World IFYE Conference.

**Meet and Greet Pre-Conference Activity:** For those individuals who wish to participate in a Meet and Greet Pre-Conference activity (whether or not you are booked for conference or sailing on the Holland America ms Noordam), the event will be held on the evening of September 8 in Vancouver.

**Committees:** If you are interested in helping to plan and organize the World IFYE Conference, please send an email to: [2018-world-committees@ifyeusa.org](mailto:2018-world-committees@ifyeusa.org) with the following information: your contact email and phone number(s) and the committee on which you are interested in serving. You will be contacted this spring with more details about the committees.

**Passports:** Because you will be leaving from Canada on the cruise ship and also visiting Alaska, USA passport holders (as well as those individuals from other countries) need to make sure of the latest regulations regarding entering/returning USA and Canada. For those of you who have a passport close to expiring, you might want to check into getting it renewed. Also, here are a couple of the latest USA passport option updates:

<http://passport-visa-service.com/apply-for-a-global-entry-card/> and <https://www.dhs.gov/trusted-traveler-programs>

**Website:** Check the IFYE website (<http://ifyeusa.org>) after June 1, 2017 for updated conference details and online-only registration for both the conference and cruise.

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