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Kateri Maille, PA-Jamaica 2002 and the daughter of David and Andrea Maille, PA-Philippines 1971 and Brazil 1970 respectively, expresses the feelings of all who were in Sigtuna!

Swedish IFYE alumni and Sigtuna, the very historic and oldest city of Sweden, were very capable and gracious hosts for the 8th World IFYE Conference, July 19-26. Four hundred fifty-four attended from 22 countries and dependencies around the world, including 136 from the USA.

Ninety-two of those attending were U.S. 4-H International exchange alumni. (See list of those attending from the U.S. on page 5.)

The conference theme, "For a Better Understanding..." happened! Conference goals were met....attendees gained a great understanding of Sweden, an increased knowledge of the world, and made new friends from around the globe.

The conference was headquartered at Sigtunaskolan

Eighth World IFYE Conference Sweden Wows All!

AUSTRALIA TO HOST IN 2008

Humanistiska Laroverket (SSHL - The Sigtuna School), the largest boarding school in Sweden, and the nearby Ansgarssliden retreat and conference hotel.

Registration day ended with an assembly in St. Per Ruins in downtown Sigtuna, the ringing of church bells, and a torch light procession to St. Mary's Church for a beautiful and inspiring vesper service, officiated by Gunnar Weman, the former archbishop of Sweden.

The conference got underway on Sunday morning with a colorful procession in national dress with country flags and folk music, to the Sigtuna Town Square for the official opening ceremony. The keynote speaker was the Swedish

representative to the European Union parliament, Karl-Erik Olsson. Others participating included Helle Bonderup, president of the European IFYE Alumni Association, and Robert Ellis, former president of the IFYE Association of the USA.

The week included a choice of tours of Stockholm, Uppsala, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Natural Resource and Environmental Protection projects, the DeLaval Experimental and Ecological Farm, and the Styromsholm Royal Castle and Equine Training Center. And there were opportunities for visits to 4-H programs and host families.

Conferees participated in seminars



Dora Andres, Switzerland-US 1979, a member of her canton government and former president of the European IFYE Alumni Association, was one of the speakers introducing the seminar sessions during the conference. She spoke on democracy and the Swiss government and referenced the slogan, Think Globally; Act Locally, which she picked up when a program staff assistant with National 4-H Council.

focusing on Environmental Issues, Democracy and Organized Anarchy, The Multicultural Society, Rural Development, International Solidarity, Adult Education, Gender Equality, and International Youth Work and Exchanges.

A highlight of the week was Skokloster Day when everyone traveled by boat or bus to Skokloster Castle, one of the best-preserved seventeenth-century

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The 8th World IFYE Conference - The Sigtuna School - Sigtuna, Sweden - 19-26 July 2003

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Greetings!

World Conference, Task Force Report, Exchange Programs, Address Updates, Dues, Contributions, Reunions, Memories.....these are some of the topics referenced in this issue.

A most successful eighth World IFYE Conference is now history! We dedicate this issue to the Swedish alumni who so graciously hosted this event. Harlan Persinger, IA-Norway 1970, sent the photo shown here of the farewell dinner. He wrote, "My fondest memories from the conference included the vespers at St. Mary's Church, Nordic night, Skokloster Castle, and seeing Larry Wachtel (IL-Sri Lanka 1969) sizzzzzzle in the sauna! My treasured souvenir is the vik-mug - carrying that little plastic folding cup to the various events paved the way to renew old acquaintances and gain more friends around the world. Three cheers for the Swedes!"

I've received many inquiries recently regarding the report of the Task Force on 4-H International Programs. A report was presented to the National 4-H Leadership Trust. The Trust accepted the report and agreed to "support the work to date of the International Task Force. (Trust) Members will share the Task Force's report with their constituents...and will be prepared to address the issue more fully at their January 2004 quarterly meeting." As is obvious, we cannot give you a more definitive plan as to the future of 4-H International programs at this time. I have shared the report with the IFYE Association and IFYE Foundation boards of directors and others who have expressed an interest. Please contact me if you would like a copy.

4-H International exchanges will continue in 2004 via state/country connections and coordination as in 2003. Very few states have indicated they will participate in IFYE exchanges. There is considerable interest on the part of cooperating countries - with some wanting to send delegations of five to fifteen



World Conference Farewell Dinner.

exchangees to the U.S. A major challenge relates to visas for inbound participants; a special concern with countries that are not part of the new U.S. special Visa Waiver Program (VWP). The VWP program primarily involves European countries and limits the length of visas to 90 days. University international offices in two states did issue regular exchange visitor visas for their inbound IFYEs. See article on page 3 on how alumni in the Midwest assisted with an orientation program this year.

Minnesota is making waves as they plan for the 2004 National IFYE Conference in St. Paul. The theme is Waves of Today. Plan to attend and experience the Colorful Waves, the Crime Wave, and the Amber Waves. It's a family affair! See page 8.

Exciting news. Programs similar to 4-H are being developed in Armenia and Namibia. Assisting with these efforts: Gary Heusel, recently retired state 4-H leader in Nebraska, in Armenia; Sue Kleen Benedetti, WY-India 1966, in Namibia. Sue and husband, Dave, OR-Mexico 1965, attended the World IFYE Conference in Sweden, where they sold Namibian crafts in support of the program. Stories on these programs will be in the next issue of IFYE News.

The Board of directors will be meeting at the National 4-H Center

in early December. They will join alumni in the national capital area for a 55+ Anniversary dinner the evening of Saturday, December 6, in Celebration of the 55+ years of 4-H International exchanges and assistance to youth programs around the world. For more information to join the celebration, e-mail ifyeassociation@aol.com or call me at 301/493-5301.

Note the information on address changes and "911" address updates (important!) and 2004 dues (Dues it today!) on page 7, the guidelines on estates and wills on the IFYE Foundation page, the announcements regarding an opportunity via www.iraqischools.com, and enjoy the pictorial review of the World Conference in the center section.

Mel Thompson
President and Editor,
IFYE News ☆

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castles in Europe. Also underway at the time was the Skokloster Pageant, an annual event celebrating the cultural history of Sweden during the Middle Ages, Sweden's Golden Age (the 17th century), and the turn of the 20th century.

The conference ended with the World General Assembly on Friday morning and a Farewell Dinner and Party that evening, featuring "a Taste of the Swedish Kitchen."

[Visit www.4h.se for information on 4-H in Sweden.] ☆

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2004 Minnesota Conference...continued from page 8

Stillwater, Minnesota's oldest city. Antique hounds will love the chance to poke around this river city searching for the perfect souvenir.

Conference facilities are a short bus ride from downtown St. Paul. Expect an evening tour of the Capital city.

Catch the shuttle or bus and you are at the Mall of America in 20 minutes. Worry not - plenty of time to explore the mega mall on your own! Camp Snoopy at the Mall of America is fun for all ages with daylong passes for unlimited rides. And don't miss Lego Land while you're there!

Campground facilities are within ten miles of the conference site. A children's program is sure to please kids of any age because St. Paul is brimming with fun—Minnesota Science Museum, the Como Zoo, a Children's Museum

and a super water park close by.

Coming or going - route your itinerary through southwestern Minnesota for fun and history to include a "Pilgrimage to Pipestone"

- home of the symbolic Peace Pipe. You can also tour one of the Midwest's fastest growing wind-power generating fields, visit Laura Ingalls Wilder's famous Walnut Grove and see corn, soybean, dairy, orchard and seed production operations. Arrangements for RV's, tents or other lodging are available.

Registration materials to be in the winter issue of IFYE News or on the web.

Minnesota is waving - join us next June! ☆



1957 South Asia Delegate Reunion

Eleven of the 19 delegates to South Asia in 1957 and their spouses met in Fort Collins, CO, earlier this year for their biennial reunion. Ten of the group are pictured above (l-r) - Mark Keffeler, SD-India; Lowell Doenier, WI-Pakistan; Donald Culp, AR-India; Mary Lou Douglas Richardson, IN-India; Fred Fisher, PA-Pakistan; Virginia Rothfus Bunse, IA-India; Joyce Carlson Clayton, NE-India; Dale Miksch, KS-Pakistan; Charles Rust, ND-Pakistan; and Earl Sonnemaker, IL-India. Vern Eliason, WA-Nepal, was parking his fifth wheel recreation vehicle in the mayor's private parking space behind the city hall when the shutter clicked. Unable to attend were Philip Edwards, ID-Burma; William Twarogowski, OH-Burma; Jessie Baldwin Merritt, NH-India; Margaret Mallak Walshe, MN-India; Theodore Tidwell, OR-India; Keith Russell, OH-India; and Andrew Good, VA-Pakistan. Thomas Rasmussen, WA-India, is deceased. The next reunion will be in Gettysburg, PA, in 2005. ☆

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Noffsinger and Mark Maggitti, Barbara Maidment, Andrea and David Maille, Dominique Maille, Kateri Maille, Louis and Mary Malkus, Mary Ball Massey, Betty McCoy and Nick Shrauger, Harriet McIntosh, Bob and Vivian Miller, Jim Morgan, Mary Kay Munson, Kerine Mydske, Sally Narhi, Dottie Nelson, Helen Obernagel, Carolyn Olson, Beverly Osterberg, Ron Paasch, Ellen Paine, Lydia Palma, Harlen Persinger, Marla and John Peterson, Ron and Ruth Anne Petrak, Patricia Quinn, Anna Rademacher, Darlene Resh, Joe Rodonis, Mary Rosendahl, Armin and Ellen Samuelson, Allison Sarna, Laura Schick, Linda Schultz, Alice and Steve Sedgwick, Donika Shrauger, Marlene and Harlan Stoehr, Art and Joan Tenbrink, Dick and Mary Lou Tenney, Mel Thompson, Layne Tirrell, Jamie Tomek, Ruth Trail, Jo Ann and Tom Trail,

Shirley Uong, Larry Wachtel, Mary Wengryn, Betty Werner, John Werner, Dave and Joan Wieckert, Duain and Donna Vierow, Mary Williams, Arlene and Gene Vincent, Dale and Crystal Yonker, and Larry and Karen Zilliox ☆

4H in Sweden

4H in Sweden, patterned after the U.S. 4-H program, was started by JUF (Agricultural Youth Association) for rural youth in the 1920s - first known as "Young Cultivators." 4H became independent in 1979 and open to all Swedish youth.

IFYE Alumni Conduct Participant Orientation

Kansas and Missouri alumni went into action early this year when they learned there would be no nationally coordinated IFYE program in 2003. In cooperation with their State 4-H International Program Leaders and state IFYE associations, they organized a mid-west orientation program. South Dakota, Colorado, Montana, Wisconsin and Michigan joined the effort and 26 inbound and outbound participants attended.

The program was conducted at Park University in Kansas City. Host families were recruited for those inbound participants arriving prior to the orientation.

A debriefing program is planned for early December.

Program organizers - Mary Kay Munson, KS-India 65, Nancy Coleman, MO-Australia 75, and Sarah Staude, WI-Finland 01 - reported a very positive and successful experience despite participant cancellations, delayed visa approvals, early and late arrivals, missing

luggage, and incomplete travel arrangements. They plan a similar effort in 2004.

Exchange program arrangements, as will also be true in 2004, were made directly between states and countries.

Other alumni and friends assisting with this pilot effort included Shelly Anderson, Joanna Flock, Marjorie Loyd, Corey McLain, Nancy Nelson, Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen, Peg and Dan Olsen, Jeanne Ridder, Jamie Tomek, Jeannie Traskowsky, Gary and Laura Wesche, and Larry and Jeanne Wright, along with

Extension 4-H staff - Gary Gerhard, KS; Sharen Hunt, KS; and Joyce Taylor, MO. ☆



2003 Inbound and Outbound IFYE participants during their orientation program on the campus of Park University in Kansas City. Mary Kay Munson (back right) was one of the program organizers and leader for the IFYE Ambassador group to Norway.



Scenes from Sigtuna



St. Mary's Church



Skokloster Slott



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The U.S. Delegation - 8th World IFYE Conference - Sweden -



Opening Procession



8th World IFYE Conference

The U.S. delegation of 136, including those living abroad and exchanges living in the U.S.: Norma and Dave Ashbrook, Grace Backman, Norm and Barbara Bauer, Caron and Kris Beard, Brandon Bell, Judy Bell, Dave and Sue Benedetti, Dean Bloch, Lew Bordeaux, Tami Briggs, Russell and Delores Briggs, Phyllis and Lynn Brown, Suzanne and Don Bunn, Don and Gail Campbell, Linda and Dale Carr, Peggy Chrisman, Mary Crave, Melissa Cummins, Virginia Dennis, Margaret Dixon, Joyce Drewiecki, Stephany Duvall, Bob Ellis, Connie Fukudome, Vivian Ganoung, Shirley Garrity, Beth Gehrke, Eula Mae and Don Goodfellow, Larry and Joan Gould, Alison and Charles Guthrie, Martin and Rachel Guthrie, Carol Hagen, Sharon Heck, Henrietta and Jim Hensler, Hope Heslop, Kay and Roger Hobler, Faulton Hodge, Prue and Ken Holton, Pat and Dennis Hutsell, Maurice Johnson, Charles and Mary Larson, Alice Leonard, Nancy and Wayne Leyh, Mei-Chu Roberta Lin, Marjorie Loyd, Leona

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Opening Ceremony



IFYE Foundation of the USA

IFYE Foundation Report

Your Will Says Something About You

As noted in the attached table, making a will is something we tend to put off to an older age for one reason or another.

Everyone who owns anything has an estate—no matter how small. A will is a legal declaration of a person's intentions as to the disposition of his/her assets after death.

A will reflects on your values, relationships and what is important to you.

First, having a will says that you care about your loved ones and wish to provide for their benefit.

Second, it means that you have sought to

conserve your estate. You can reduce taxes and probate costs by designating what things will go where and who will be responsible for handling the details. The cost savings resulting from a carefully constructed estate plan means that more of your estate can go to family members and other beneficiaries. Without a will, the disposition of your assets will be done with assumptions and

directives established by state law, which may be totally different than what you would have wished.

Third, your will provides insight into your lifetime involvement and concerns. Bequests to family members tell of your love and concern for their welfare. And bequests to your church, organizations or causes you designate speak volumes about your values.

For example, when you include the International Four-H Youth

Exchange Foundation of the USA, Inc., in your will or estate plan, you reveal that the your IFYE experience impacted your life and that you wish the mission to be continued to promote understanding among peoples of

different cultures.

If having a will says so many good things about you, what does the absence of a will reveal? We at the IFYE Foundation want you to experience the good feelings of having a well-considered and well-crafted will and/or other comprehensive estate planning documents. We encourage you to take care of this very important matter in consultation with a competent

Estate Planning Statistics That Shape Your Finances

People who do not have a will—by age groupings*

Age	Percent without a will
35-44	59%
45-54	37%
55-64	38%
65 and older	25%

*Source: Market Facts for U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray, USA Today

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★ Consider a gift that will continue the values of your IFYE experience. Designating the IFYE Foundation as the beneficiary in an insurance policy or your will extends those values and their impact to others. The legal reference for inclusion in either is "International Four-H Youth Exchange Foundation of the USA, Inc., 1719 Dora St., Fort Collins, CO 80526."

★ For a brochure or information about special gifts, contact Stanley Dreyer, President, IFYE Foundation, 6609 Robin Road, Springfield, VA 22150; 703-569-1348 or e-mail: ifyefound@erols.com

★ Contributions to the IFYE Foundation of the USA should be sent to: Treasurer, IFYE Foundation, 29470 Saxon Road, Toulon, IL 61483

attorney or financial advisor.

While we do not advise in these matters we would be happy to send you some relevant brochures for review on such topics as: What Difference Does a Will Make; What to Tell Your Attorney About Your Plans; and When Should a Woman Have a Will? Send your request for these or other information to the:

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The IFYE Foundation received the following contributions during the summer months:

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Correction.

Contribution by Ken and Prue Holton listed in last issue was in memory of Prue's mother, Mary Brown; not Mae Hostetter. (Mae Bleiler Hostetter, PA-Argentina 1969, is president of the Pennsylvania alumni association and very much alive.) ★

Opportunities

Two opportunities have just been announced: a Workforce and Youth Development Specialist position with USAID, and a 12-month Howe Youth Policy Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

Information on the Specialist position is available at www.usaid.gov/educ_training/gwt.htm or by e-mail to gwelsawi@usaid.gov; for Fellowship Program www.aypf.org or e-mail aypf@aypf.org. Deadline is January 9, 2004.

Iraqi Schools

A group of Minnesota citizens responded to U.S. soldiers in Iraq. As a result - www.IraqiSchools.com, an impressive effort. Visit the website and assist. Follow guidelines carefully. Let them know 4-H folks understand and are willing to help!

IVS Volunteers

In an article on IVS volunteers in the spring issue, we left out Betty Hutchinson Wiser and Thomas L. Cooper, IVS Volunteers to Iraq, 1955-57 and Vietnam, 1962-67, respectively. Wiser, now living in NC, was an Ohio IFYE to Italy in 1953; Cooper, now deceased, Idaho to Chile in 1958. This makes a total of 11 known IFYE alumni who served as IVS Volunteers. ★

Paid Your Dues?

2004 Dues are now due!
Become an annual or life member today and receive all Association mailings. If already a life member - contribute to the Association's general operational support. ☆

Address Changes

Alumni are hard to keep up with...and difficult to track!
- 911 Addresses -
Still using a rural route/box address? We get many returns as the postal service will not deliver if you now have a "911" road/street address.

Returned newsletters cost a minimum of 70 cents and the postal service doesn't always give new address - especially if several months have lapsed since the change. ☆

Mini-Grants & Recognition

4-H World Understanding mini-grants and nominations for IFYE Association recognition awards are due April 15.

Mini-grants are for projects to enhance international understanding amongst youth in local communities and to fund projects in countries involved in 4-H exchanges.

Recognition awards are for outstanding contributions and leadership related to international development, education, exchanges and understanding. Information on the website - www.ifyeusa.org ☆

IFYE Association Board Members

The following states are eligible to name a board member of the IFYE Association for the 2005-2007 term: Rhode Island, Texas, Minnesota and Utah. New members are expected to attend the national conferences starting in 2004 and throughout term. States should notify the Association president by January 31 of intent and name the board member within 30 days. ☆



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For contributions to the IFYE Foundation of the USA, see page 6.

The IFYE Shoppe...

IFYE Shirts

Children, "Future IFYE" t-shirts youth sizes 6-8, 10-12 and 14-16 at \$6. Each shirt has a colorful design on a light gray background.

Adult, IFYE "Flag" t-shirt white with full-color IFYE logo and 12 flags of the world. Available in XL, \$12; one XXL, \$14.

IFYE golf shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton. Embroidered green and white with "4-H International" over IFYE logo. Tri-colored polo white with green collar and sleeve trim and blue placket, available L-XXL \$32 and XXL \$34. Putty color polo available S-XXL \$29.

Baseball caps cotton or mesh fabric. Cotton cap in khaki with adjustable band \$14. Logo on cap embroidered in green and white with "4-H International" over IFYE logo. On green mesh hat, IFYE logo silk screened in white; adjustable with plastic band \$4.

Other Items

☆ Travel/waist pack with IFYE logo embroidered in green \$5.

☆ Bumper sticker, "I support the International 4-H Youth Exchange," 50¢.

☆ Post-it Notes \$1.25 for a 50-sheet pad.

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☆ IFYE logo lapel pin, \$4

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> \$75.01 call for quote



In Memoriam

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

★ Burton P. Olson, WI-Norway 1951, and third president of the IFYE Association of the USA (1955), L-646, November 1, 2003, Foley, MN

★ Charles W. Thomas, VA-Uruguay 1958, March 3, 2003, Round Hill, VA

★ Willis B. Creamer, husband of Anna Hansen Creamer, WY-Norway 1948, August 18, 2003, Albuquerque, NM

The IFYE Association would like to update their records to reflect all 4-H International exchange alumni and spouses, program staff and other Association members who are deceased. Please send full name, State-Country-Year or relationship to program, date of death, and address at that time, to Ifyeassociation@aol.com. ★



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JUNE 23-27, 2004

Learn about the Colorful Waves of immigrants that have arrived throughout our history, past and present. Expect the best in guest speakers and entertainment!

Hear about the experiences of a Hmong refugee coming from his hill-tribe-village in Laos into the wintry cold of St. Paul. Gain insight from an immigrant who represents a significant growing Latino population.

Our Scandinavian heritage cannot be forgotten; you'll hear a lively concert of Scandinavian music by a top-notch ensemble. And expect Ole and Lena to show up to provide a few laughs!

Take a look at the tour options! Experience the Crime Wave of the 20's and 30's on tour narrated by costumed gangsters. Learn about the hideouts and shoot-outs that were once a dark side of St. Paul's past. The Minnesota History Center is a part of the St. Paul tour.

Learn how the Amber Waves of grain have had a colossal impact on the development of Minnesota's economy since the early days of the first settlers. Tour the newly renovated Mill City Museum along the banks of the Mississippi. The Peace Gardens, near the wavy lakes of Minneapolis offer enjoyment of flowers after your study of flours! Fans of Mary Tyler Moore are in for a treat on this tour.

The first Swedish immigrants landed on the shores of the St. Croix River, the beautiful natural border between Minnesota and Wisconsin. They settled in great numbers near the chain of Chisago lakes just northeast of St. Paul. Lindstrom, a small community adorned in blue and gold, is noted for its special sister city relationship with the homeland village in Sweden. Fascinating stories of early lumbering will be told as you visit

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Future Conferences

2004 National IFYE Conference
June 23-27, 2004
St. Paul, Minnesota

2005 National IFYE "Great Lakes" Conference
June 21-25, 2005
Chatham, Ontario, Canada



2006 National IFYE Conference
Bids due April 15, 2004

2004 European IFYE Conference
July 24-31, 2004
Dunblane, Scotland

2008 World IFYE Conference
October 4-11, 2008
Adelaide, Australia

The Australia delegation in Sigtuna, Sweden, promoting "Australia in 2008." Holding the sign is our own Barbara Miller Maidment, OR-Uganda 1968, who now lives in Western Australia.

