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IFYE Fall Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the IL IFYE Association will be **October 6, 2018** at the home of Paul Rice, New Berlin IL. (3 miles West of White Oaks Mall, Springfield IL)

Oct 5 - Friday PM: Arrive at the home of Paul & Denise Rice, 6150 W. Iles, New Berlin, IL. Located 3 miles west of the Springfield White Oaks Mall. Next to Centennial Subdivision. You are welcome to arrive mid-afternoon or later. We will make plans to eat at a hibachi grill on Wabash Ave called **Osaka Japanese Restaurant, 1665 Wabash Avenue, Spfld.** I will make reservations for **6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Larry if you will join us.**

Oct 6 – Saturday: Early risers can help with chores at the farm and breakfast will be served as well. At **9:30 we will serve coffee**, doughnuts and fruit. **10:30 am will be the business meeting. 12:29 pm lunch** served, sandwiches, chips, fruit. Following lunch, we will venture into town to tour the Dana Thomas house, a Frank Lloyd Wright home. **At 3:30 we will tour the Governor's Mansion. We need RSVP's for tickets**, they are free, please let Larry know who will go on the tours with us. Following the tours, we will head over to **Obed & Isaacs Microbrewery & Eatery** to recap our time and enjoy some refreshments and eat supper. Located at **500 S. 6th St, Springfield.** Return to the Rice's for evening fun and fellowship.

Oct 7 – Sunday: Open schedule. Please feel free to attend a church of your choice. Hang out and relax at our home, go shopping, or return home at your convenience. Safe travels!

Accommodations: Our home has two guest bedrooms upstairs and a full basement downstairs for air mattresses. Local hotels on the west side include Quality Inn & Suites, \$88, 3442 Freedom Dr., Springfield, 217-787-2250. Fairfield Inn by Marriott, \$109, 3446 Freedom Dr, Springfield, 217-793-9277. Sleep Inn, \$83, 3470 Freedom Dr, Springfield, 217-787-6200. To get these prices you must go online and book over the internet. Prices are slightly higher if you show up at the door.

Other options for lodging... Google 'Airbnb Springfield IL'. There are rooms in peoples home starting at \$35 per night. I am impressed by the number of offerings for this. Take a look and check it out. If you need help

or have any questions please feel free to call me at 217-899-3713 (voice or text). My email is Paul@myersrice.com

ACTION NEEDED: Email or send by U.S. Postal Service your intent to participate in the weekend and which activates you will participate in: I.E. Friday Night Hibachi grill Dinner; Business Meeting; and Governor's Mansion Tour. Please respond by October 1, 2018.



World IFYE Conference

By the time you receive this IFYE Newsletter 227 IFYE's and Friends of IFYE's from 21 Countries are on the Alaskan IFYE Cruise for the 11th World IFYE Conference hosted by USA in the North American Continent. The Cruise dates are September 9-16.

There are 134 participants from the USA. Those from Illinois or have a connection to Illinois are: Cathy Drake; Joyce Drewiecki, (WI); Anita Embree; Eff Embree; Toni Frank, (Co-Conference Chairman); Hope Heslop; Bev Hornickel; Joe Rich, (OR); Nancy Maxwell-Rich, (OR); Mary Kay Munson, (KS); Marty Tarter; Ron Tarter; Susan Walters; David Walters; Crystal Yonker; and Dale Yonker.

The 12th World IFYE Conference will be in Austria in 2023 with actual dates to be determined.

Barb Leithenmayr from Austria Writes:

First Host Family Schwoerer:

I can be very happy that the Schwoerers welcomed me in their house. They treated me like a real family member. I helped working in their garden, processing the harvested vegetables and milking the cows. They went with me to Chicago, to a play, celebrated Thanksgiving with me in July, organized me a day in the hospital and five days at the McLean County Fair. Their house was always full of life and I am very happy that I was part of their wonderful family for a month.



Second Host Family Luthers:

The Luthers tried to show me as much as possible during my stay. I went to a cattle auction, to the Missouri state fair twice, showed me nearly all their beef cattle, went to Hamilton, Parkville, Independence, Topeka, Watkins Mill, Kansas City and saw a Kansas City Chiefs Game. Moreover, Rhonda taught me some sewing skills and we spent some time in her sewing room. They did a great job in explaining as much as possible.

One of Barb's host families was in Missouri, since no host family in Illinois could be found. Here is what the Missouri host family wrote about the experience:

It has been a busy few weeks at the Luther House in rural Missouri. The first two weeks we needed to run water for the cows daily due to a serious drought. We visited the Missouri State Fair where she met Otto the talking car and attended the Outlaw concert. Barb says her favorite band that night was The Marshall Tucker Band.

Our church was asked to serve dinner at a local auction and Barb went with the group to shop at Sam's Club. I am sure she thought we were crazy. Then on the following Friday, we cooked and provided the food porch where she was able to meet several of the locals. Barb presented a fantastic program on Austria at the local Senior Tuesday dinner. We attended the Lathrop Sew and Sews Quilt Club meeting where we had a hands on learning experience on how to dye fabric.

During her stay she has learned to sew and do machine embroidery making a zipper pouch, Santa door hanger, sachet, and a bag/purse. Tim taught her to ride a four-wheeler and she explored the home farm. We attended the first Friday Night Lights football game at the local high school so she could have the experience of American football. The Kansas City Chiefs had a home preseason game and she was able to attend that with our hired hand, Jake, who she said did an excellent job explaining the whole thing. We visited the Harry Truman home and explored Independence, MO, the Kansas Sunflower fields, ate at a restaurant that served us a 14-inch hamburger, visited the World War 1 museum, Watkins State Park and the Nelson Atkins Art Museum. We have had a great time and look forward to another opportunity to host an IFYE in the future.

60th European IFYE Conference

The 60th European IFYE Conference was held at Greenmount College, Antrim, Northern Ireland July 21-28th. Carolyn Gehrke, Dale & Crystal Yonker, and Larry Wachtel from Illinois attended the conference along with 16 others from the USA. Following are a few stories about the Conference from **Crystal Yonker**.

First Article:

For lunch one day at the IFYE conference in Northern Ireland we were taken to Belfast to St George's Market. One could buy most anything there...original paintings, crafts, clothes, kitchen supplies and lots of different kinds of ready to eat food.

A relative of one of the conference organizers had a booth, Hot Lips. I had some of her curry. Good and filling.

Dale had falafel from another booth. He watched it being made. Fun.



The picture shows a unique hotdog. The pieces standing up around the hotdog are thin slices of potatoes which had a hole through the middle.

Larry, IFYE from IL, said to pull off potato & eat that. As it was revealed then you could eat the hotdog.

After lunch Dale and I chose the tour of the botanical garden led by IFYE Claire, the horticulturist for Greenmount College. We then went to the very interesting Ulster Museum adjacent to the gardens. It showed history of prehistoric Ireland though The Troubles. They even had an Egyptian exhibit.

The evening entertainment back at Greenmount was Fancy Dress--"Around the World in 60 Years" to commemorate IFYE's 60th anniversary. There were lots of cowboys and cowgirls, a Statue of Liberty, none of whom were from the USA. There were very clever costumes involving cardboard boxes and pictures. Some wore garments that reflected something special about their country. The Europeans really go out for the Fancy Dress nights.

Second Article:

The first European conference for returned IFYEs was held 60 years ago. This year's theme is Around the World in 60 years. Although most actual IFYE exchanges were in the past, the exchangees continue to travel. Many form friendships at conferences then travel together for many years. National boundaries are of no consequence.

The opening ceremony on Sunday had travel as the theme. Travel sayings from other lands were read in the native language. Since few are fluent in Norwegian, Danish, Welsh, German etc they were then translated into English, the official language of the conference.

Official picture of the whole group then country photographs were taken in the walled garden. All the plants and flowers showed their vibrant colors with not a blade of grass out of place. Thank you, Claire!

There are 20 Americans here. Ages of all participants are 18-80++. There is also a baby boy & his mommy here from Luxembourg. Everyone interacts with everyone. Usually we do not sit with the same people at meals, bus trips or other socializing.



President Sue Reports:

Amanda Braun, 2018 outbound IFYE from Illinois, is ending her first three months in South Korea and is headed for her last three months in Thailand. She wrote on Facebook, September 6th, "***I am excited to go to Thailand but also sad because I in the short time I've been here, I have fallen in love with this country.***" Amanda spent time with seven host families during her three months in South Korea. She has watched a demonstration on hand painting of fans and attended a Korean wedding. One of her host families had horses. July 13th and 14th, she attended a 4-H camp in Jinhaegu, Chang-wonsi. She attended a seminar writing, "**about the Korean War with Japan and how the general was the greatest leader of all. After that lecture we made wooden boat models that the soldiers used in the war. I was told they are called Turtle-ships because it has armor on the top to protect from bombs. We played games and exercises and had a great time with my new friends! the second day we went out on the ocean in a boat! The ocean is so beautiful and being with awesome people makes it even better!**" She participated in

community service of 'weeding'. During the last week of July, she headed to International 4-H camp. July 30th, she, "**went to the fish market with Mr. Peter in the morning and there was soooo many people! I saw huge octopuses and eat soup with octopus! It was so yummy! Then we went to the beach and did water sports! I crashed into**

the water hard but it was still very enjoyable, then at night we walked down the beach and looked at the lights! All in all it was a great day." In the third week of August, she, "**Enjoyed 4-H camp this week in Wanju-gun North Jeolla! At the camp there were many high school students, maybe 300 total and maybe 100 staff and young farmer members. We did activities like a nature walk, fishing with only nets, climbing, and a concert! It was a very enjoyable time. And the last night there was a huge ceremonial bonfire, and everyone stood in the clover shape holding candles! The sight was very beautiful."** She thinks her favorite food is, "**tobokki, which is a rice cake filled with cheese, mixed with spicy sauce and onions."** During her last day in South Korea, she helped make, "**막걸리, which is a traditional rice wine. "The rice is dried and made into a powder, and then sifted until only the fine parts are left. Then 10 L of water is added slowly as a person mixes. The rice becomes really sticky and hard to mix, so between the three of us we switched turns after the water is added, we must wait for half an hour for the water to cool down to 25 degrees C, or the enzymes in the rice won't ferment. It is then placed in a big pot to set for two days. After two days, we get to add more water and stay the mixing process over again!"**



From Cindy

Hi, I am this year to Illinois IFYE. I'm from Taiwan. This summer is my unforgettable memory. I tried many first time "things" with my host families. At the Millions', I made bread, pickled beets and pickled onions for the first time. I joined University of Illinois summer academies; there I had made many friends - together doing experiments and enjoy university life. This experience was very interesting. I also visited state 4H of office. I know more US 4H and education is important for 4H members.

At the Fites', I painted her house with her. We visited St. Louis. We went to St. Louis zoo, Museum at the Gateway Arch, Missouri Botanical Garden and Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. Also, we went to see the musical "Annie" in the outside theater. I really like this. It was the first time I saw outside theater. It is very funny and interesting.

I tried a lot with McClintocks. We went to watching baseball game in Peoria. And I first time join the wedding. It is amazing and beautiful. It is different with Taiwan wedding. And I also tried horse riding, camping and play the kayak. It is pretty funny. And then we went to fishing at the camp. And very important is I went to join Vacation Bible School with children. I assisted them to doing handcrafted and teaching learning. I think education in everywhere is all important.

With the Kaufman family. I visited the Kendall county 4H office. We exchange the 4H information and project. I get a lot knowledge about county 4H and they teaching children many different knowledge for them. I tried the deep pizza in Chicago. It was tasty. And I visited Chicago. Here is a busy city but nice place. Had pretty

Millennium Park. We also went to visited Yorkville high school to know host brother school and class when open house. I liked doing anything with host family. I enjoy together with family. Important memories of with IFYE volunteer. They are so nice to me. They show me United States lifestyle and farmer. I am so happy come to Illinois. I liked here and enjoy US life. I miss all in Illinois.

Thank you for supporting the hosting program!

The most important “Thank you(s)” to all the host families this year: Millions, Fites, McClintocks, Kaufmans, Schwoerers, and Luthers. Without you this program would not have been possible this year. Both of the ladies spent their last few days at the home of Sue Herren, prior to their outbound flights. They had the most wonderful stories about all of their host families.

“Thank you” to Victoria Warren, MO IFYE, for helping find the second host home for IL inbound from Austria, Barb.

Finally, “thank you(s)” to our own IL IFYE alumni is in order this year with regard to supporting the 2018 inbound IFYE program. IL inbound from Taiwan, Xin-Yu (Cindy), was met by Dale and Crystal Yonker at the St. Louis airport at 11:30 pm June 18th. The Yonkers’ opened their home for an evening as part of the process of transferring her from the airport to her first host family. Helen Obernagel met up with them the next day for breakfast. The Yonkers then drove Xin-Yu to Vandalia, IL where they met Larry Wachtel. Larry drove her the next “leg” of the trip to Mattoon, IL where she met her first host family. IL inbound from Austria, Barb, spent a day with Hope Heslop at her elementary school giving mini-presentations to several the grade school classes.

Helen Obernagel volunteered to take both of our inbound IFYEs, at different times, on a tour of Memorial Hospital East and an Emergency Services establishment.

Synopsis of Spring 2018 business meeting

Seven Board Members and ten members at large attended the meeting. The checkbook balance was \$514.09. The Lifetime Dues Investment account with Vitus Mutual Fund had a value of \$51,000. The “Illinois IFYE Association Fund” held by the University of Illinois Foundation had a balance around \$54,000, with approximately \$5000 available to distribute. \$1000 was set aside for the potential winner of the Hugh Wetzel Travel Award. \$1000 was distributed to Amanda Braun, outbound to South Korea/Thailand. Elected officers: President, Sue Herren; President Elect, Jonna Burck; Secretary, Crystal Yonker; Treasurer, Larry Wachtel; Directors 2018-2020, Hope Heslop, Ed Mies, Marcia Ripsch. Bev Hornickel will fill the unexpired term of Jonna Burck.

