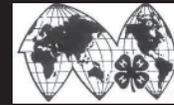




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4-H Executives From Nine Countries, Five Continents Meet To Form Global 4-H Partnership

Mary Crave, Project Director, Africa 4-H Pilot, National 4-H Council; 1980 IFYE to Sri Lanka

Executives from 4-H programs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America gathered at National 4-H Conference Center in late January to kick off discussions on a vision for, the purpose of and steps to creating and sustaining a Global 4-H Partnership. Several IFYEs from the Washington, DC area were among the 100 plus attendees who joined the festivities on January 23 for an opening ceremony and reception.

Maryland 4-H members escorted the executives and carried the national flag of each of the countries represented. As each executive gave a welcome and overview of his or her country's 4-H program, he or she and the young escort signed a register or guest book to commemorate the historic occasion.

Jeremy Embalabala, National 4-H Council Board of Trustees and Council Global Task Force member was master of ceremonies and spoke to the leadership opportunities the executives and their counterparts around the world have. Donald T. Floyd, Jr., President and CEO of National 4-H Council painted a vision of the potential that partnerships with 4-H programs, government and non-government organizations, and private businesses have in developing youth to be agricultural leaders and entrepreneurs. Jim Borel, Chair of the Board of Trustees of National 4-H Council and Executive Vice President, DuPont spoke of the need to involve youth in the development of their countries and in addressing the challenges of food security. Special guest, The Honorable Dan Mozena, former US Ambassador to Angola and 1971 IFYE to Nepal called us to action through a dramatic story of how 4-H opportunities inspired him as a young man growing up on a "farm at the end of the lane" near Dubuque, Iowa to eventually join the Peace Corps and Foreign Service.

The ceremony closed with the "Song of Peace", so familiar to IFYEs. The ceremony and reception were sponsored by Novus International, Inc.

Following the opening events, the executives worked for three days to determine same core values and philosophy of the Partnership. **The vision of the partnership is "a sustainable and innovative global 4-H network will empower youth to reach their full potential."** The executives agreed that this initiative should not be US-focused nor an umbrella under which other country 4-H programs should operate. They also agreed that unity does not mean uniformity; 4-H programs must be shaped and organized to fit the needs and cultures of the respective country.

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*Participants in International 4-H Executive Conference/
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Tanzania 4-H members pledge their heads to clearer thinking ...



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Planning for the Future



We all believe that 4-H International programs are an important and vital part of the overall 4-H experience.

In 1991, the IFYE program for those over the age of 19 was separated from the national 4-H programming. The international programs for those under the age of 19 continued as the 4-H international program through USDA, 4-H Headquarters and the Cooperative Extension service.

The IFYE program, for those 19 years of age and older, has continued under the authorization and coordination of individual states' Cooperative Extension offices and their support staffs and/or volunteer IFYE alumni and IFYE alumni associations.

The IFYE motto, "Peace Through Understanding", is applicable in a wide context as we move forward. We realize that business relationships may evolve over time. Though organizations may move in divergent directions, mutually beneficial opportunities might develop in the future.

Reconnect Committee

The Reconnect Committee, formed prior to last year's annual conference, has followed through on many of the tasks outlined in the last IFYE NEWS. The committee's efforts are helping the IFYE Association develop some potential new alliances to reinvigorate and expand the IFYE program. It is still undetermined what direction and evolution will come of these efforts, but forward movement is necessary to keep the program alive. See the Reconnect article elsewhere for more details.

Executive Director Position Update

The membership at last year's conference in WV, also charged the association with developing/exploring an executive director position. Many hours have been spent defining the qualifications, job description and the interview process. With initial leadership from Past President Connie Fukudome and the committed involvement of 10 individuals on Reconnect Committee, documents have been generated for IFYE Board and membership approval, as necessary. The issue of funding this position has not been resolved yet, and we will need your input into this matter. This executive director position has been talked about in meetings and minutes off and on for nearly 10 years, and I am glad to see that deliberate steps are being taken to explore this completely.

"IFYEs Got Talent" Survey

You may have also seen an "IFYE's Got Talent" survey in the last IFYE NEWS. We know that many of you have talents that can help the association in a variety of ways. However, we don't necessarily know who you are!! Share your expertise with us. As my grandmother often said, "Many hands make light work!" (See the related article elsewhere in the newsletter.)

2011 New England Conference

The New England Conference Committee has developed an awesome conference for us in late June. If you have not done so, make plans to attend a great week in a fantastic part of our nation as the 4th of July holiday follows on the heels of the conference. Linger a while longer in New England. I hope to see you there.

Alan Lambert
2011 Association President

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4-H Commemorative Coin Initiative Moving Forward

The initiative to gain passage of legislation to authorize a 2015 commemorative coin program honoring the centennial of 4-H becoming a national program is very much alive and moving forward.

"We've encountered a couple of speed bumps, but they will not stop our effort," said Michael Ellis, the Georgia 4-H alumnus and nationally known coin expert who launched the campaign 10 months ago.

The "speed bumps" Ellis referred to include a March 9, 2011, letter from National 4-H Council CEO Donald T. Floyd Jr. stating that 4-H Council would not support the commemorative coin initiative and presumably declining the opportunity to be a recipient organization for surcharges from the coin program. (See full copy of Floyd's letter on page 4.)

"If National 4-H Council does not want potentially \$6 million to support 4-H programs in the United States, we certainly can't force it to be a recipient organization," Ellis said.

Upon learning of Floyd's letter, Ellis made contact with the American Numismatic Association, a non-profit organization that is chartered by Congress to provide education to the public about the nation's coinage.

"ANA leaders are enthusiastic about the opportunity to create and develop educational materials about the study of money for

use by those advising and teaching young people ages 9 to 19 in organizations such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts," Ellis explained.

"The new draft of the legislative proposal now specifies the ANA as the organization to receive 85 percent of the surcharges. The IFYE Foundation of the USA, Inc. would receive 15 percent of the surcharges."

The second "speed bump" is the change in leadership of the agricultural committees in the 112th Congress, which convened in January.

"We had been in contact last fall with potential chief sponsors. With the changes, we have more contacts to make and leg work to do before the bills can be introduced in both the House and the Senate," Ellis noted.

The first round of meetings with members of Congress and their staffs in Washington, D.C., was conducted April 6. "There's lots of support for a commemorative coin program honoring 4-H," Ellis said.

Joining Ellis April 6 for the meetings were: Norm Bauer, President of the IFYE Foundation of the USA, Inc.; Larry Shepherd, Executive Director of the ANA; Barbara Spangler, a 1971 IFYE from Virginia to the United Kingdom; and Beth Deisher, Editor of *Coin World* and a 1968 IFYE from North Carolina to Iran.

Come One, Come All to the 2011 National Conference!

*Coco Key Resort in Waterbury, Connecticut
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Globally Sown**

LOCALLY GROWN, GLOBALLY SOWN ... is the motto of both this year's conference and echoes our IFYE one, as well. We all strive to support the essence of all things "home", while sharing the benefits with our greater global community.

Start your 4th of July celebrations early with a true New England Party!!

Opening festivities are hosted by Connecticut's own Mark Twain. Meet him up close and personal at the "Mix and Mingle". Then, share dinner and listen to stories and insights gained during his international travels.

Discover one of the reasons the University of Connecticut is so highly rated as the special touch of UCONN English professor Gina Barrecca starts off Monday's program.

Participate in your choice of workshops:

- Go Green with Agriculture,
- Replenish your Mind and Body,
- Match High Tech with High Touch, or
- Capture and Share the essence of the IFYE experience.

Be on the move and explore the Connecticut's corners:

- from the seacoast where the whaling experience comes alive at Mystic Seaport,
- through the premier agricultural operations on the Litchfield Hills Farm Tour,
- into the Historical neighborhood of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Mark Twain in the Capitol Region, or
- you can let whimsy guide your feet through museums and vineyards.
- End the day relaxing on your dinner cruise down the Connecticut River.

IFYE's International flavor spices the entire conference with a South African eco-friendly service project (Don't forget to bring a thing - or 2 - for the auctions!!) and discussions on IFYE futuring, the usual lively Annual Meeting, and time to share the company of IFYE friends during "AfterHours" with Jim George.

Just when you're sure the experience can't get better, you will "Banquet under the Stars" at the 6th generation Jones Farm. Local vistas, food, and beverages will be presented with an international flair and served in a uniquely New England manner.

Following the conference, we are sure you will extend your New England stay to

partake in the region's traditional July 4th events: New London to Boston to Acadia - there is something special waiting for you in NEW ENGLAND!

Registration form is located at: <http://www.ifyeusa.org/conferences/national.html> OR in Feb 2011 issue of IFYE NEWS.

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March 9, 2011

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Dear Norm,

I am writing to inform you of National 4-H Council's decision not to actively support the IFYE Foundation's effort to secure a 4-H commemorative coin.

In my letter to you last fall, I outlined the steps that Council would take to determine whether to join the IFYE Foundation in this effort. Those steps have been completed.

We have concluded the necessary due diligence on the commemorative coin process and have found that there is no risk, and potentially significant benefit, to being identified as a recipient of the coin surcharge. We thank you and your experts in the field for help and engagement on this issue.

However, while a 4-H commemorative coin appears to be a worthwhile effort financially, neither our Board of Trustees nor Cooperative Extension leadership has expressed approval or interest. We were advised by our Cooperative Extension Trustees and several state 4-H program leaders to not pursue the coin legislation at this time. They feel strongly that given the currently funding climate, there are other more pressing issues to be addressed with Congress.

In addition, we have learned that 4-H National Headquarters at NIFA/USDA has turned down the IFYE Foundation's application for Name & Emblem authorization. The lack of this authorization would make it difficult to collaborate on this effort as national fundraising partners on behalf of the domestic 4-H youth development program.

As alumni of the 4-H youth development experience and proponents of its global application, the IFYE Foundation has much to contribute to 4-H. We at Council applaud your efforts and sincerely hope that we will find new areas of cooperation and collaboration in the future.

Best

To advance the 4-H youth development movement, building a world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change.

IFYE FOUNDATION of the USA

President's Letter

Donald T. Floyd Jr, CEO of National 4-H Council, was a guest speaker at the Indiana (Fort Wayne) Conference in 2009 and indicated National 4-H Council was ready to work together with IFYE on 4-H international exchanges. Following is a quote from a letter received from Don Floyd Jr. dated March 9, 2011. The entire letter is included in this issue of *IFYE News*.

Dear Norm,

"I am writing to inform you of National 4-H Council's decision not to actively support the IFYE Foundation's effort to secure a 4-H commemorative coin"

The letter somehow makes the impression that it was the IFYE Foundation that initiated the 4-H commemorative coin project. It was not, but a coin collector from Georgia, who has been inducted into the GA 4-H Hall of Fame. Beth Deisher, IFYE and editor of *Coin World*, has been the person working with all the entities to try and make the project a success.

National 4-H Council was asked to join in the project and receive 85% of the surcharges from the sale of the coins. The Foundation was to receive the other 15%, which equates to a possible 1.2 million dollars.

I have just returned from a meeting in Washington DC. This meeting discussed the current draft of the 4-H Commemorative coin bill with the American Numismatic Association (ANA) receiving 85% and the IFYE Foundation 15%. The group left Washington with a positive feeling towards the success of the coin project. More information will be available at the National Conference.

Why the ANA? Well, the ANA is chartered by Congress to educate the public about coinage. It will produce age-appropriate (9 to 19) materials about coins and currency for youth organizations and leaders who guide and teach members of 4-H, Girl and Boy Scouts in the USA and its territories. A recent incident provided the perfect reason, since the U.S. Justice Department said, "the people are ignorant of our currency."

So, the gears are turning and progress toward commemorative coins honoring the centennial of 4-H becoming a national program is again going forward. The Reconnect committee has been working diligently to create the goals that would provide a national exchange program for those over 19. It will require financial support and the Foundation will need to find the funds to support the 15% that will be available from surcharges.

I end with another quote from Don Floyd.

"As alumni of the 4-H youth development experience and proponents of its global application, the IFYE foundation has much to contribute to 4-H. We at Council applaud your efforts and sincerely hope that we will find new areas of cooperation and collaboration in the future."

It is disappointing that after hearing Don Floyd in Fort Wayne, National 4-H Council has chosen to not participate in the coin project. Why would they turn their back on over 6 million dollars to support 4-H? Only they have the answer.

Hope to see you in CT at the conference, where you can learn more about the coin project.

Norm Bauer
President

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Reconnect Committee Update

Art Deisher

The Reconnect Committee had a successful weekend in Washington, D.C., on February 12-15, 2011 and we want to inform you of the responses we received and the action we are pursuing. Eight of the ten on the committee completed the trip with the two unable to attend joining us via Skype.

The committee met on Saturday and Sunday and reviewed all aspects of the IFYE Program and endeavored to develop what we hope the program will be in the future. Great concern was expressed that as we approach national entities we need to have our house-in-order and know what we want in order to be seriously considered and received by potential agencies with whom we might connect.

The committee understands the IFYE program that began in 1948 is equally as important, if not more so, in our world today as it was in 1948. There are core-values that we felt should be incorporated into a program flexible enough to be acceptable to those with whom we want to work.

With this backdrop, the committee used the two days to develop the following documents: IFYE core values, IFYE Mission Statement, a Memorandum of Understanding between the IFYE Association and IFYE Foundation, and we began working on goals for the IFYE program. Each of these documents will need to be approved by the respective groups affected before acceptance is made.

The committee also looked at the possibility of arranging for a person to manage the IFYE program nationally. This may be an executive director, employee or independent contractor, an agency contracted, or a person in the agency in which we reconnect. No decision was finalized on this. However, duties and responsibilities were developed and possible funding arrangements were discussed. If, and when, the time is correct, the interviews will be conducted. The talent survey in the February issue of the *IFYE News* hopefully will provide some clues for possible persons to consider for either the position or an interview panel.

On February 14, 2011, seven of the ten members on the Reconnect Committee met with three agencies in Washington, D.C. Our purpose was to learn what they have to offer and what exchange programs they currently operate. Those we met and their responses are as follows:

- 1. National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) of USDA** – We met with Lisa Lauxman, Ralph Otto and Michael McGirr. Michael has Peace Corps connections. We were politely received but they suggested we go elsewhere for support. They mentioned the Land Grants as a possibility. Informal discussions with Mike McGirr after the formal meeting still gives us hope that we may be able to connect through his agency connections.
- 2. Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of USDA** – Emel J. Lyons, Deputy Director, Trade and Scientific Exchanges Division, Scott J. Lewis, Cochran Fellowship Branch Chief, Susan T. Sadocha, Branch Chief, Scientific Exchanges Branch Trade and Scientific Exchanges Division, and Lindsey Ite Skandsen, International Training specialist (and a former 4-Her). They were eager to share with us their agency's programs. Two in particular (they have 8 exchange programs) were of interest to us:

The Cochran Program began in 1984. Mid-career professionals from abroad come to the US to learn in their same field (Agriculture specialties). Our group suggested that perhaps we could connect with this exchange program by providing host families for their delegates for an add-on portion of their trip.

The Borlaug Fellowship Program also has mid-career people from developing countries come for 6 weeks or more. There is also a faculty exchange program from Eurasian countries (former Soviet Union republics) coming to learn about animal science and agriculture. We might suggest that the same host family proposal would work with these delegates. Continued contact will be made with this agency.

- 3. Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)** - Kerry D. Bolognese, Senior Councilor, BIFAD (Board for International Food and Agricultural Development) and International Programs; Linda Kay Benning, Executive Director, Northeast Cooperative Extension Directors Associate Director, Extension and Outreach (a former 4-Her and knowledgeable about IFYE); and Elizabeth L. Armstrong, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) Linda Benning gave us some very positive input and supported what we were trying to accomplish. She made some suggestions that the committee has already begun reviewing.

Our committee discussions following the meetings centered on the realization that agencies in Washington, D.C., respond best to people in leadership positions. Therefore, it was concluded by the committee that the President of the IFYE Association needs to take the lead in future correspondence with the above groups and agencies.

As anticipated, the last two meetings have produced positive response through follow-up contacts by Alan Lambert, the IFYE Association President. The committee will continue to encourage NIFA to communicate.

Further information will be shared as it develops by using email (MailChimp), the IFYE News, and at the Connecticut National IFYE Conference in June.

If you have suggestions for our future reconnection with a national entity, please direct your questions and suggestions to any one of the Reconnect Committee members:

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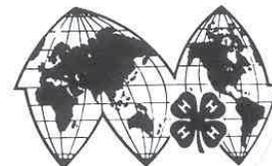
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“Tied at the Heart” An Irish Reunion in New Zealand

Gwyneth Jones Augustine

1962 Iowa IFYE to Ireland/N. Ireland

Back in August/Sept. of 1962 (that's 49 years ago), I had the pleasure of staying with the Rankin Family on the Newtownards Peninsula in County Down, Northern Ireland. Mrs. Rankin, recently widowed, with six children made up the family. It was a very busy household as it was barley harvest time.

For many days Betty, the oldest daughter, and I rode the combine, holding the burlap bags for the grain and when filled tied the twine tightly and dropped the big bags to the ground. I think this is when we became “tied at the heart.” We sang, laughed and jollied ourselves through the work because we knew there would be dances and fun at the end of the day. Two years after my visit, Betty determined she would emigrate to New Zealand traveling by ship which took 6 weeks to arrive in Auckland. We corresponded by mail.



Betty's brother, John, having tea with Betty (middle) and me (right) in the barley field. No jeans for us girls - just scratched bare legs from the barley bags!

In a couple of years Betty married Keith Hamilton, a Dairyman and 3rd generation Scottish/New Zealander. They became parents of two sets of twins (boy/girl, boy/girl) 18 months apart. We continued to correspond. Of course, I too was sending pictures of my family, husband, Ed, son, Martin and daughter, Amy and telling the ups and downs of growing families. I can only recall TWO phone calls in the first 40 years and we both wanted to talk at once!!!

However, over this time period I had 6 friends who traveled to New Zealand and I would ask them to call Betty. They did, some even visiting her. In the last nine years and after the death of Keith, Betty called a few times, but I especially recall the one in February

when she said, “It is 90 degrees here. What is it like in Iowa? (On that day it was 20 degrees below zero.) When are you coming to visit?” Yes, there is a tie at the heart.....and it is a warm one!

In the fall of 2010, it was decided we were going in February and we would celebrate BOTH our birthdays (Ed's and mine) at that time. Betty wanted us to stay 2 weeks with her in Waiuku, on the North Island, then we would be on our own to tour the South Island. That's what we did. Although one of her daughters wondered if we would recognize each other, there was no problem. Could it really be 49 years since we had last seen each other? Those years melted away after all, we are tied at the heart. We got to be with ALL of her adult children, Brian & Suzanne, Peter & Kathleen, plus most of the grandchildren. As well as enjoying the 80 degree weather and the magnificent beauty of NZ, we also were a part of Betty's activities (Isn't that the IFYE spirit?)....Meals on Wheels, The Garden Ramble (visiting 11 gardens), the Opportunity Shop, and The National Party fund raiser/garden party. Our birthdays were celebrated in the Orbit Restaurant at the Sky Tower in Auckland. We will not forget our 70th birthdays!! And all the while, laughing and singing our way along, yes, we are tied at the heart.

It was hard for me to say good-bye. After tight hugs, Betty just disappeared as we boarded the train for Wellington. We were off to the South Island to enjoy its beauty and adventure.

And yes, we were in Christchurch on February 22, 2011, planning to have lunch in the city centre, along with touring the cathedral, and the botanical gardens. But, it took longer to rent the car, the queue at the postal station was long, and the misty weather made us decide we would wait until later to see all this. Not to be. The 6.3 earthquake hit at 12:50 p.m. that day. We felt the aftershocks. Our families and friends were so thankful we could send text messages to inform them we were alive and just fine. Of course, Betty called to check on us ... remember we are “tied at the heart.”

I am ready to make my phone call to Betty, “When are you coming to visit?” We remain “tied at the heart.”

Betty (sitting) and me at my birthday celebration in the Orbit Restaurant at the top of the Sky Tower in Auckland.



MailChimp “Opt-In” Update

Alan Lambert

It is encouraging to see that many of you (over 950 and counting) have opted in to the suggested service that emails IFYE newsletters and information to you via the internet. This opt-in only takes a minute or two to complete on your part, yet saves the association considerable time in communicating with our membership.

If you have not done so, and wish to receive information electronically, please go to www.eepurl.com/ciaVr and complete the brief instructions.

It will ask you for your email address, first and last name. After you have completed the requested action, click on the ‘subscribe’ button. You will receive a confirmation email in your inbox from IFYE LIST. Open that email and complete the brief instruction. That is all there is to it!

If at any time you wish to cancel, you can opt-out. In any case, the printed and mailed communication is always available if desired.

Pebbles ... Ponds ... Ripples

Carolyn Gehrke, 2010 Illinois IFYE to Germany

After growing up listening to my mother's stories of her IFYE exchange in 1979, I decided to create my own IFYE experience. Since I am of 100% German ancestry, love Europe, and speak some German, I selected Germany as my host country. Taking off the fall 2010 semester from college to participate in the IFYE program is easily one of the best decisions I've ever made! I participated in the three-month program, and traveled for about two months after my exchange ended.



I had four host families (in the states of Nordrhein-Westfalen, Niedersachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt, and Bayern) and spent three weeks with each of them.

My first host family has approximately 1500 pigs and 160 acres of crops (barley, wheat, and

corn). My second host family runs an organic farm of 200 acres (forest, clovergrass, peas, and grains), 60 cattle, and 100 pigs. They have a butcher shop on their farm and sell meat and sausage from their own livestock (shown above). My third host family has 1235 acres of various crops (including wheat, sugar beets, canola, and corn) and 360 acres of organic crops. They also raise about 80 deer on 7 acres. My fourth host family raises over 1000 pigs and has 345 acres of crops (wheat, barley, and canola).

There were a wide variety of activities in which I participated during my IFYE experience, including helping with whatever farm work my families had available for me to do. This included sorting pigs, cleaning stalls, loading pigs, farm and yard maintenance, unloading straw, watering plants, making a road through a forest, and helping prepare meat for sale, among other activities. I helped in the kitchen quite a bit, and cooked and baked American recipes often. My families took me to many cities (Cologne, Münster, Berlin, Leipzig, Hof, Wittenberg, Quedlinburg, and Prague, to name some) and local sites, and also to musicals, museums, and other miscellaneous activities (farm and agricultural firm tours, high rope climbing, swimming in a canal, lots of barbeques, etc.)

I went to school with almost all of my host siblings, and gave presentations about the USA to the English classes. I also enjoyed going out with new friends I met.



(Above L to R:) With 3 of my host siblings; Me, milking cows in a beautiful new milking parlor; My youngest host brother and I showing our love for John Deere.

During my exchange, I also attended the 52nd European IFYE Conference in Salzburg, Austria, and the fall meeting of the German IFYEs in Brandenburg. (If you ever have the chance to go to a European IFYE Conference, I very highly recommend going!)

Upon the conclusion of my IFYE time, I took a train to Switzerland. For the remaining six weeks of my trip, I traveled around Switzerland and visited friends, and also spent a few days in Paris and Milan. My mother was an IFYE to Switzerland, and she has kept in touch with all of her host families and a lot of friends. I stayed with nine families during the six weeks, and had an absolutely fantastic time! Fellow IFYE Amy from Kansas and an Austrian friend came to visit for a few days, and I also spent a weekend in Sweden visiting a friend I met in college.

My mother often describes choices in life as throwing a pebble into a pond. Just as results will surely come from your choice, ripples will surely come from your pebble. The ripples that resulted from my mother's exchange are quite profound. She has been back to Switzerland 8 times since her exchange. I have been there 5 times, and we have had over 80 Swiss friends visit.

One of the neatest stories that resulted from my mom's exchange is that of two Swiss friends who met at our house in 1999. Ten years later, we attended their wedding. I cannot begin to describe the joy that comes from having international friends, and the bittersweet feeling of having people you care about so much live an ocean away. Now I am excited to see what ripples will come from my trip!

Right after I left for my exchange, I heard a quote by St. Augustine that I believe to be true: "The world is a book, but those who do not travel read only a page." There is so much to be gained from international travel, and I know the love of traveling will stay in my blood for the rest of my life!



Above - International friends in my favorite European city - Salzburg, Austria - I'm in the black jacket in the middle!

IFYEs Got Talent - But the Search Continues

It is time to take that basket off and let your little light shine!!! A number of our members did just that when you responded to a request in the last IFYE News. You were invited to complete a brief survey that was designed to help your leaders (Board) identify the multitude of skills and professions represented within the IFYE family.

The survey is just one way of identifying the skills and interests that make IFYEs unique and hopefully will result in broader participation in the many opportunities for more members to help manage, promote and support the IFYE goal of expanding world understanding.

However, would you believe that from our cast of literally thousands of members, less than 100 survey responses were returned? Out of these, much talent can be gleaned but what we are missing is mind blowing. We have nurses, lawyers, public servants, farmers, educators, researchers and many self-employed. There are those who love to garden, cook, fund-raise and write. Would you believe that in this small accounting over 52 percent like to travel and over 76 percent support international exchange programs as a result of their IFYE experience. Are you one of these?

Just who responded? Eighty eight percent were IFYE Representatives, 45 percent were host families, 7 percent were YDP and 8 percent teen caravan participants.

If you are not in these numbers, it is not too late. You are urged to:

Go to the following link and complete the online survey
(<http://surveymonkey.com/s/7BLVGY3>)

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Wisconsin IFYEs to Celebrate 60 Years



Wisconsin will be celebrating 60 years of sending 4-H delegates globally. The celebration will be a luncheon/celebration on September 24th at Chu Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. It will be a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Highlighting each decade and a photo contest will be part of the celebration.

Wisconsin alumni and host families will be invited to participate with invites being sent out in June. Those from other states are also cordially invited.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Wisconsin IFYE Alumni President Dean Bloch at bloch.dean@yahoo.com.

Treasurer's Report

Art Deisher

As IFYE alumni, we can recall numerous events in our IFYE experience. Many of us can recall the interview process, and the honor of being selected. During orientations, we learned about ourselves and the country we would be visiting. We traveled to a distant country, many of us sailing or flying for the first time. We EXPERIENCED the new culture as we lived with host families and interacted in the local community. We communicated via letters to our families and home states. We returned and shared our experiences with family, friends and many people we did not know personally.

For most of us, our financial responsibility for our IFYE experience was just the "spending money" we needed for incidentals and the "free-time" we had at the end of our cultural exchange.

Upon returning home, we gave our presentations for a while, then possibly forgot about IFYE, and got on with our lives. Financially, for 78% of our nearly 5,000 alumni, that appears to be a true statement. Currently, only 22% of the alumni support IFYE as either life members or \$25 annual dues paying individuals.

If our average age as participants was 22, and our life expectancy is 85 years, then there have been 63 years for possible financial support. Individual annual dues of \$25 per year would equate to a contribution over the years of \$1,575. This is approximately one half the monetary cost of the average IFYE experience.

Many of us chose to put our careers on "hold" for 3 to 6 months or perhaps up to 18 months if you participated in the YDP program. Perhaps we did not start earning money quite as quickly, but the "immeasurable quantity" is the personal growth and character building that many of us developed, and continue to use every day.

What is next? The key is participation.

- ▶ Your participation occurred because someone invested in you before you applied.
- ▶ Your participation afforded the opportunity for you to share your culture with host families, and the other country's culture with others upon your return.
- ▶ Your participation inspired others to follow in your footsteps and participate in future exchanges.

How can you participate?

- ▶ Complete the talent survey in the February IFYE News. (Go to the www.ifyeusa.org website.)
- ▶ If you are an IFYE life member, consider making a donation to make up the difference between the membership cost and the \$25 annual dues. (Several have already done so.)
- ▶ Pay your annual dues of \$25. (See the clip out form in the newsletter for details.)
- ▶ Whether you are able to contribute financially or not, if you have a computer, please consider allowing us to participate together to continue the IFYE opportunity for others by "Opting-In" to the MailChimp service. This allows the IFYE Association to communicate electronically with you in a timely and cost effective manner.

Exciting events and activities are anticipated yet in 2011 and the near future. We want you to have immediate access to the information.

Please take a few moments to help your IFYE Association.

“Global 4-H Partnership” (Continued from page 1)

Each region is investigating first strengthening or starting a regional network. Each of the participants joined a small team such as to investigate further interest from other countries in their region or how to implement technology to encourage continued communication. The participants reported being both energized and exhausted. Every oral and written comment needed to be translated into English, Spanish and Korean.

Internet format and mobile phones in addition to the traditional 4-H project booklets as ways of helping members and their leaders access resources.

Tanzania 4-H Provides Lessons as Pilot Site for Global 4-H Initiative

A third goal during the initial stages of developing a global 4-H partnership is to determine what practices and processes help build and sustain 4-H programs in Africa. To do this, National 4-H Council is partnering with Tanzania 4-H to gather information, provide training, and test technologies that might be scaled up or adapted by other African 4-H programs.

With more than 20 years of experience and assistance from the Finnish 4-H Federation, and 35,000 members, Tanzania 4-H has a staff, conference centers, and an advisory committee that provide financial sustainability and leadership.

Several types of 4-H clubs are scattered throughout about one-third of the country. Most clubs are centered in primary schools where a “volunteer” teacher is assigned by the head teacher to lead the 4-H program after school. Most clubs have a garden planted at the school that members tend during class breaks and after school. About one-third of the club members have projects at home. Vegetable gardens, rabbits, goats, and poultry are popular. Girls may also do some home economics but we haven’t found that subject to be very popular among boys.

Since August, colleagues and I have travelled to Tanzania several times to work with 4-H executives there to assess the participation of girls in 4-H activities, test the feasibility of a virtual knowledge center, gather baseline data, refine a monitoring and evaluation system, and explore partnerships with agricultural development organizations. More details on this will be shared with IFYEs when reports are made public.

Progress and Involvement of Others

IFYEs will want to know that the purpose of the 4-H executives gathering was not to discuss or re-establish exchange programs, such as IFYE, among the countries. However, IFYE wisdom has been valuable in developing this concept of global partnerships as Don Floyd has had an opportunity to speak with many IFYEs, both formally and informally. Don pointed out that what we are implementing follows very closely the plans he presented at the IFYE Conference in Ft. Wayne in 2009 and several IFYE gatherings at the Center over the last few years.

As we share lessons learned from Tanzania so that other young 4-H programs can develop their organizational capacity, there may be needs that current or former 4-H members or volunteers might be qualified to help with. More mature 4-H programs may be able to host study tours or service-learning activities. Land-grant institutions throughout the US are asking how they might help. As these global 4-H partnerships form, we will develop a process that provides IFYE’s, 4-H members, leaders, families, educators, and others who enthusiastically promote and support 4-H a meaningful way to be involved.



This girl takes her responsibilities as 4-H club secretary seriously. Every day she records members who fulfill their duties in watering the club garden. She told me, “I love 4-H soooooo much.”



(Above) District Advisors (DAs) show off some of their 4-H items following a week-long training supported by the Global 4-H Partnership Initiative. The Ministry of Education in Tanzania supports 4-H by paying small wages to district advisors who, in turn, guide club advisors. Club advisors are primary school teachers appointed to lead 4-H after school.

In addition to the executives’ meeting, African participants attended several conferences and events that addressed agriculture and development in Africa. One highlight was a visit to 4-H programs in Baltimore City, Maryland. Tanzania 4-H colleagues spent an additional weekend in Wisconsin as participants and facilitators in an annual orientation for outbound 4-H international exchange participants from Wisconsin, Illinois and South Dakota.

Bringing together these 4-H executives to explore long-term partnerships is part of an initiative led by National 4-H Council with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Nike Foundation, and Cargill, DuPont, and Motorola corporations. Though difficult to track, 4-H programs are in more than 70 countries around the world. As food security concerns become more critical, 4-H is seen by some as an important strategy for engaging young people in agriculture. Global partnerships can help 4-H programs learn from and contribute to each other’s goals by sharing wisdom, best practices and resources.

Global Partnership Concept

The purpose of the Partnership is to create new synergies by exchanging best practices and improve opportunities for youth (working with adults) in order to make a better society.

Overall, it is hoped that by integrating positive youth development, sound agricultural practices, and innovative partnerships, we can develop partnerships of 4-H programs to address food security concerns.

A second goal of the initiative is to develop a virtual knowledge center as a means of disseminating agricultural and youth development information and to link 4-H volunteers and staff. We are exploring using an interactive

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 since last issue and up to publication time. Where known, date of death is included.



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Arthur Henry Grabber - CT to Finland 1955 (1/19/2011)

Harold Joiner - GA to Germany 1952 (February 21, 2011)

Earl W. Threadgould - MI to Venezuela 1965 and 4-H Peace Corps - MI to El Salvador 1966-1969 (March 9, 2011)

Rosalie (Mueller) Warrick - MT to Germany 1951 (March 19, 2011) – wife of Harvey K. Warrick - OH to Austria 1951



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CORRECTION - from Feb 2011 issue
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Barbara Chenall (wife of Glenn Chenall)
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Should be **Barbara Chenhall**
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In Memoriam (continued from left column)

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