



# IFYE NEWS

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Victoria Warren, Pres  
IFYE Association

Dear Fellow Members of the IFYE Association,

2016 sees the dawning of the second year of the revival of the National IFYE Program! 2015 was a busy year for your Board of Directors, the various committees, our staff, our inbound and outbound IFYEs, and the State IFYE Coordinators. And, 2016 will be just as packed.

#### *A Little About Me*

I became a Board member-elect in May last year and was elected to be your President for 2016 in October.

The past few months have been a whirlwind of learning! So here I am, hard at work with the Board and staff building and growing the IFYE Program that is so special to us!

Before I discuss some of what happened at the end of 2015 and what is to come, let me tell you a little about myself.

- I was an IFYE Representative from Missouri to Germany in 1978, back when it was West Germany, of course.
- Upon return from Germany, I immediately became active in the Missouri IFYE Alumni Association pretty much holding every office except Treasurer.
- I married fellow IFYE, L. Arthur Warren (Colorado-Finland 1974) in 1985, but he went to heaven in 2013.
- I have been a volunteer for IFYE and States 4-H International helping with interviews, orientations, and reporting back for decades.
- I have attended quite a few conferences and have lots of friends from those conferences, but had not become active in the Association outside of that. As I learned the National IFYE Program was being revived, I thought this might be the time for me to get active.

#### *IFYE in 2015*

In the last newsletter, our past President, Betty Jo Smith-Roberts told you about a relationship we are building with Agriculture Future of America (AFA). In November 2015, I had the opportunity to participate in the Think Tank with AFA. Attendees came from several universities and corporations, the Institute for International Education (IIE), AFA members, and IFYE alumni (Association staff, recent returnees, and those who went out quite a few years ago). The corporations and universities told us that they believed host family stays that IFYE provides would enhance their internship or study abroad experiences.

We worked on three models for a global internship experience with an “IFYE twist”. The corporations are interested in putting this into place, but we learned that the earliest it can be done is 2017. To a “man” (or woman), everyone participating was enthusiastic about the work done! And every youth participant said they were interested in participating in an IFYE experience!

The final thoughts from one participant, Mark Avilla, 2013 IFYE to the UK and an AFA alumnus showed me that the spirit of IFYE and the desire to contribute to our world are alive and well in today’s young adults: “The traditional IFYE is an ambassador of his or her country; the (future) internship IFYE is a global employee.”

#### *On to 2016*

We are working on building a solid financial, programming, and staffing base while offering the IFYE experience in multiple countries and multiple states. I’m not going to address the financial need as you have received information and solicitations about that over several months.

While I encourage you to give financially as you are able, I am asking for you to consider how you can give of your time and energy to the program, to our Association, to the young people who want to be today’s and tomorrow’s IFYEs. How can you help? Let me count the ways!

1. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be part of the leadership of a non-profit? If you have, we need Board members.
2. Do you have an interest in finance and/or budgeting? The Finance committee could use a few more members.
3. If you serve on the Program Development committee, you will be helping to assure a continued quality experience for outbounds, inbounds, and host families.
4. Want to have a hand in helping to find funds, identify sources of funds, write or review grants? Then the Resource Development/Fundraising committee may be tailor-made for you. There are many things to do. We need quite a few good hands to make the work go faster and easier!
5. Social media and websites are how many members and potential IFYEs are communicating today. We really need you if you have those interests and skills.

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**2016 IFYE National Conference**  
Manhattan, KS  
August 10-14, 2016  
See pages 6-8 for more information



## 2016 IFYE Program

Alan Lambert, IFYE National Program Director

[alanelambert@ifyeusa.org](mailto:alanelambert@ifyeusa.org)

The 2016 IFYE program is beginning to take shape as more applications from US and participating countries are coming in. Our goal is to send 20 US IFYEs abroad and to receive approximately 25 inbound delegates from around the world.

### Country Additions for 2016

Efforts over the past couple of years have resulted in Costa Rica, India and Poland rejoining the IFYE program. We anticipate exchanges with approximately 20 countries in 2016. Many are in Europe, and we are now having an increased number of countries in Asia. As you can imagine, adding countries is an exciting event, but does take time.

### State Additions

Each year, we attempt to add new state coordinators and increase the number of participating states. Florida and Ohio joined our ranks last year with Alaska, Indiana, and Nebraska joining in 2014.

### Fees for IFYE Participation

In working with the Development Director and the Finance Committee to prepare financial information for grant seeking and funding outside of IFYE alumni, the budget indicates the true cost of the exchange program. With 20 outbounds the cost is approximately \$17,000 per person.

## Countries Sending/Receiving IFYEs to/from the US in 2016

Australia (Tasmania) (\*)

Austria

Costa Rica

Devon Co. England

Estonia

Finland

Germany

India

Jamaica

Korea

Luxembourg

Northern Ireland

Norway

Poland

Scotland

Sweden

Switzerland

Taiwan

Thailand

Vietnam

Wales

(\*) Australia alternates years of sending/receiving -  
They will send to USA in 2016

In the past couple of years, the IFYE Association had been able to offer some scholarship monies to each outbound IFYE. These scholarships covered the travel expenses which the IFYE paid directly to the travel agent.

This year the fee structure for IFYE is changing. All travel arrangements and costs will be paid by the IFYE Association and a participation fee of \$2,600 will be charged to each IFYE participant. By making this change the program will be more efficient and the travel costs can be better managed. The \$2,600 represents only about 15% of the total program cost per individual. Thus, contributions from IFYE alumni and other sources are vital to the IFYE program's continued success.

### 2015 IFYEs available for Presentations

The 2015 IFYEs returned in mid-December 2015 and are available for presentations. Those individuals came from Alaska, Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota and Virginia. I can help you contact those individuals for speaking engagements.

### Many Hands ...

The IFYE program will continue to need your involvement, whether it be in helping locate, select or prepare outbound IFYEs, find and train host families, support the program financially, continue to share your IFYE story, or in many other ways. Your efforts will help in untold ways. As my great grandmother was fond of saying, "Many hands make light the work!"



## Perfect Timing

*Beau Nistler, 2015 Florida IFYE to Thailand*

I began my IFYE trip on a bumpy note, but it worked out well. The main thing I learned about being in Thailand is to go with the flow.

My first host family lived and worked an Organic Sustainable Agriculture farm called Sukphoang Farm near Chom Bueng, Ratchaburi Province in western Thailand. While there, I learned how important bamboo was to the Thai people.

My host brother Potter, who goes by “Pot”, was the main director of the farm and was the one who spoke the most English. He had the idea that we would build a chicken house made of bamboo.

“Pot”, another farmer worker whom he called “Brother” (Boonlert) and I gathered our supplies. This included a “Meed” (\*) which was a large knife, the tractor, and some long clothing. Over the course of 2 days, we collected over 400 pieces of bamboo! We used the tractor to haul it over to the spot where we would build the chicken house. (\*) Also called “axe witch” or in Thai - “Kwan”.



*Here I am helping to cut bamboo.*

One of the first things I learned at this farm was how to weave a basket. This experience came in handy building the chicken house as we were actually weaving one huge basket. After cutting each piece of bamboo in half and working it through the weave, we would continue to put more and more pieces into place.



*Splitting bamboo*

After many cuts and close calls with the knife, we were nearly done! I don't think I have been more proud of building anything in my life.



*“Pot” taking a break as we get close to finishing the chicken house*

While at Sukphoang Farm, I also learned how important bamboo is to the Thai people. They use it in construction and in bamboo shoot soup! This soup was Pot's favorite dish so I had it every day I was there. <http://www.thaitable.com/thai/recipe/fresh-bamboo-shoot-soup>

A fact I learned - If you eat bamboo shoots raw, you may die because raw bamboo shoots contain cyanide (\*\*). So, you must be careful to cook it thoroughly.

(\*\*) “Bamboo shoots

*The following shoots are typically taken in the preparation of bamboo shoots: (i) fresh bamboo shoots are cut in half lengthwise; (ii) the outer leaves are peeled away and any fibrous tissue at the base is trimmed; (iii) the bamboo shoot is thinly sliced into strips; (iv) the shoots are boiled in lightly salted water for 8-10 minutes. In Thailand and Vietnam some shoots are finely grated and used in salads. In Japan, shoots are sometimes boiled whole for in excess of 2 hours. The most common preparation involves boiling the shoots in stocks, soups or salted water for use in assorted dishes.”*

[https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/publications/documents/28\\_Cyanoge\\_nic\\_glycosides.pdf](https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/publications/documents/28_Cyanoge_nic_glycosides.pdf)

Thailand is full of surprises and I was surprised every day! I will never forget my IFYE trip and first host family. I saw and accomplished more in the one week with them than I thought I would in a month!

Life is all about timing. If things would not have happened as they did, I never would have had the chance to live with this family as they were not on my original schedule. I'm glad I was able to experience this family as well as all the others!



*Ratchaburi Province, Thailand - Area of Beau's first host family and his helping to build a bamboo chicken house. (See story on page 4.)*



**2015 OUTBOUND IFYEs**

**Back Row:** *Katie Schulte, SD to UK and Switzerland; Andrea Marlow, AK to Estonia; Colleen Macmurtrie, VA to Estonia and Switzerland; Elizabeth (Lizzie) Burst, VA to Taiwan and Switzerland; Courtney Reints, MN to Norway and Luxembourg ; Tiffany Hulinsky, MN to Finland.*

**Front row:** *Beau Nistler, FL to Thailand; Monica Campen, MO to Switzerland; Dakoda Harris, VA to Finland and Austria*

*Not pictured: Amy Keas, KS to Germany*

*(Left) Beau is featured on a PBS broadcast that took place at a Walk/Run Event in Thailand on Global 4-H day!*

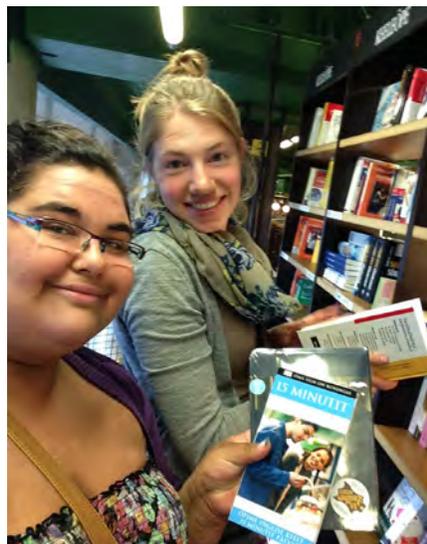


*"11/22 . . . It is the first time I have ever made a wreath! I started with a hay-bound ring and began forming small evergreen branches and other greenery together, securing it onto the ring with a strong wire. Luckily the greenhouse was warm; it is starting to get quite chilly outside!"*

*Katie Schulte - The above excerpt is from Katie's Blog: <http://mysixmonthjourneykatieschulte.blogspot.com/> Excerpt is from "Older Posts" (2015)*



*Tiffany - processing Finnish honey*



*Andrea (left) looking for an Estonian dictionary*

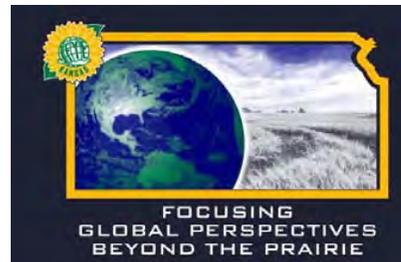


*(L to R:) Monica, Lizzy, and Colleen sharing a photo op*



## 2016 National IFYE Conference

August 10-14, 2016  
Hilton Garden Inn  
410 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Manhattan, KS 66502



### CONFERENCE & HOTEL REGISTRATION:

#### Conference Registration

Please print the **conference registration form** or **register on line** at <http://ifyeusa.org> for conference activities and optional tours. (**Tour descriptions are on the back of the registration form.**)

#### Conference Headquarters/Hotel Reservations

Conference headquarters will be at the **Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan, KS.**

*NOTE: The conference single or double rate will be \$109 per room per night plus 14.9% room tax.*

**Hotel Reservations must be made by July 9, 2016, to guarantee room rate.**

**To make reservations:**

[http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MANGIGI-IFYE-20160808/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MANGIGI-IFYE-20160808/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)  
or call 785-532-9116 and ask for the IFYE rate.

### ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION:

- **Self-parking** in the attached parking garage is free
- **Free Hotel Shuttle** from 6 AM to 10PM from the Manhattan airport, 24 hours notice required. American Eagle has 2 flights a day from Chicago and two flights from Dallas.
- **Free Internet** connection in each guest room and a complimentary 24-hour business center
- **Common Hospitality room**

### ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

#### Conference Information or Questions

For additional information or questions, contact:  
Marjorie Loyd [mloyd1@cox.net](mailto:mloyd1@cox.net) (785-233-1431)

**Registration: Open Wednesday, August 10, 2016  
10 AM – 5:30 PM**

### 2016 Live & Silent Auctions at Conference

We look forward to your quality items for the auctions at the 2016 National IFYE Conference in Manhattan. 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 2016-17 IFYE program.**

### FRIDAY TOURS: See Tour Description Page

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

Manhattan has many activities that children would enjoy. If you are interested in bringing children to the conference, notify Marj Loyd by May 1, 2016.

For information about travel in Kansas:  
[www.travelks.com/travel-tools/travel-guide/](http://www.travelks.com/travel-tools/travel-guide/)



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 Manhattan, KS 66502  
 785-532-9116

**(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 lunch and dinner, Friday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and the Saturday banquet.**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE ATTENDEE BY JULY 9 TO BE GUARANTEED THE IFYE RATE.**

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

| Registration Type   | Fee   | X |
|---|-------|---|
| <b>Full time, EXTENDED EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (postmarked before 5/1/16)</b>       | \$350 |   |
| Full time, early bird + (postmarked 5/2 thru 7/1)                                   | \$400 |   |
| Full time, regular (postmarked after 7/2 and on site)                               | \$425 |   |
| Adult DAILY - Wednesday, August 10  | \$ 50 |   |
| Adult DAILY - Thursday, August 11   | \$150 |   |
| Adult DAILY - Friday, August 12 (tour included*)                                    | \$175 |   |
| Adult DAILY - Saturday, August 13(includes banquet)                                 | \$100 |   |
| <b>See Tour Description page for Tour information Included in registration cost</b> |       |   |
| <b>Tour1—Abilene - lunch included</b>   |       |   |
| <b>Tour 2-Flint Hills – lunch included</b>  |       |   |
| <b>Tour 3 – Manhattan/Wamego—lunch included</b>                                     |       |   |
| <b>Tour 4 – Topeka – lunch included</b>   |       |   |
| <b>No tour wanted, subtract \$25.</b>   | \$-25 |   |
| Navy blue T-shirt with conference logo on front<br>Indicate size: S M L XL XXL XXXL | \$13  |   |
| <b>My additional contribution is enclosed for support of the IFYE program:</b>      |       |   |
| _____ \$50                      _____ \$100   |       |   |
| _____ \$200                     _____ \$300   |       |   |
| _____ \$500                      _____ \$ Other                                     |       |   |

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| <b>TOTAL CONFERENCE FEES &amp; CONTRIBUTIONS</b> |  |
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 AREA BELOW FOR OFFICIAL USE: RESERVATION # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check information:  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Name on check \_\_\_\_\_ Check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this conference registration form with your check, money order, or credit card information to:**

Attn: Michael Coates, Associate Treasurer  
**2016 National IFYE Conference**  
 4193 Riverview Road  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52411  
 319-294-8320  
[mcoates@mchsi.com](mailto:mcoates@mchsi.com)

I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to **"2016 National IFYE Conference"**

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

Master card                       Visa   
 American Express                       Discover   
 Name as it appears on your card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**Complete your conference registration online by using your credit card at <http://ifyeusa.org>**

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, 2016. 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.

# IFYE Conference Tour Descriptions

Friday, August 12, 2016

*Please submit your tour choice with your reservation.*

*A tour is included in your reservation cost.*



*Eisenhower Pylons*

## **Tour 1 – Abilene**

Abilene is the home of the 34th president of the United States. We will visit his boyhood home, museum, library, chapel, and visitors' center. Lunch will be at Mr. K's Farmhouse, a restaurant patronized by President Eisenhower.

The afternoon will include a visit to the Heritage Center with a history of independent telephone companies and a 1901 C. W. Parker Carousel built in Abilene, the Seelye Mansion, decorated with many items from the 1904 World's Fair in Chicago, and a stop at the Russell Stover Candy Factory.

## **Tour 2 – Flint Hills**

Visit historic Cottonwood Falls with the oldest courthouse in Kansas built in a French Renaissance style, a Western wear store, and an art cooperative. We will visit the Tallgrass Prairie National Historic Site.

Lunch will be at The Hays House, established in 1857 in Council Grove, last stop on the Santa Fe Trail. A city guide will show us historic sites in the city. The afternoon stop will be at the Moxley Hereford Ranch.



*Bison grazing on the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve.*

## **Tour 3- Manhattan/Wamego**

Visit the Goodnow House and the Riley County Historical Museum to learn about the history of Kansas State and Manhattan. Visit Justin Hall to learn about Kansas State Programs in Human Ecology and tour Bill Snyder Stadium on the K-State campus. Visit the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Grains and Feed Technology Center.

Lunch will be at the Friendship House in Wamego, followed by a tour of the Wizard of Oz Museum and the Columbian Theater, decorated with murals from the 1904 Chicago World's Fair. Stop on the way back at the KSU Dairy Bar for ice cream.



*Kansas State Capitol*

## **Tour 4 – Topeka**

Visit the newly-renovated Kansas State Capitol with the famous John Steuart Curry murals and many other beautiful murals and works of art. Visit the First Presbyterian Church with Tiffany stained glass windows. Stop at the Brown V. Board of Education National Historic Site, a school for black children - now a museum.

Lunch will be a catered barbecue lunch at the Kansas Museum of History with time for visiting the museum with its many exhibits of Indian life, early pioneer life, a Santa Fe train, and special exhibits.



## IFYE for 2016 - Growth and Change

Art Deisher, IFYE Development Director

Organizations and companies have life spans. At age 67, IFYE needs to strongly consider what its estate plan will be in order for future generations to experience the program all of us cherish and enjoy. What the IFYE Board has done along these lines and what we project for 2016 follows. Your participation and reaction is encouraged.

Over the past 5-6 years, the IFYE Board has studied its operational model and looked at the numbers. All involved realized if changes were not made IFYE was going to die. Though the process should have started sooner and maybe moved faster, the program has survived and started repositioning itself in 2015. Had the National IFYE program not existed in 2015, only 4 IFYEs from 3 states would have participated. As it was, 15 were selected and 10 participated from 8 states.

Starting any business, or in our case, restarting a program, often involves a negative cash flow. IFYE is no different. In 2015, approximately half of the life membership account was used to sustain the cash flow of the organization. IFYE alumni contributed around \$118,000 in support and the rest came from the life membership account. Obviously, changes need to be made in 2016 so the life membership account is not exhausted. Preparations for those changes in 2016 were put in place in 2015.

In 2016, the following goals have been set, subject to circumstances we may encounter during the year:

1. Periodic financial review and reporting will be done by the finance committee.
2. Approximately 200 qualified potential IFYE participants have been identified and will be approached for application.
3. 20 outbound IFYEs will be selected to go to 20 potential participating countries.
4. 25 inbounds will be placed with host families in 13 participating states.
5. The Association will continue relationship building with Family and Consumer Science groups, FFA, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Agriculture Future of America (AFA) and other program-supportive organizations.
6. A \$331,000 budget has been approved by the Board.
7. Application for funding to allow IFYE to become "financially stable" is being sought from a major company and a foundation. (Financial stability is defined at this time as "Revenue or pledge to provide \$200,000 annually for the next 3 years".) Either source being approached has the capacity to make that commitment. But, there are no guarantees.
8. Financial stability would allow reorganization of the IFYE operation to include an Executive Director who would administer the day-to-day operations of the IFYE exchange program. The IFYE Board would be able to focus on policy making and review activities.
9. Applications and processing paperwork will be completed with 3 major agriculture companies that have expressed interest in funding individual IFYEs in 2017.
10. 2016 operational funding will be sought from company and industry sources, as well as IFYE alumni. The IFYE Board Resource Development Committee has prepared an "IFYE Case Statement" from which they will work with a grant writer and the Development Director to approach funding sources. \$279,000 is needed. A recent letter from the Finance Committee chairman, Keith Ferris, outlined the details.

In 2015, 511 alumni donated. It is expected that that number will increase in 2016. The majority continues to be donated by life members, but annual membership is increasing.

A challenge gift of \$25,000 has been made by Roger McCoy. For each \$3.00 donated, he will match it with \$1.00. When alumni contribute \$75,000, and approximately \$54,000 has already been received, Roger will add \$25,000 for a total of \$100,000 of the \$279,000 need for this campaign. The remaining \$179,000 will be raised from alumni and corporate donations. See the donation clipout in this newsletter to make your donation.

### 2016 Board of Directors

#### *Officers of the IFYE Association*

President - Victoria (Fehrmann)Warren

Vice President - Keith Ferris

Secretary - Connie (Harms) Fukudome

Treasurer - Norma (Lawton) Wu

Associate Treasurer - Michael Coates

#### *IFYE Association Board Members*

Nancy Maxwell Rich

Jeff Miller

Jack Morse

Dottie Nelson

Betty Jo Smith Roberts

Nancy Valentine

## NOTES FROM ALUMNI

### Part of the Huge Book of IFYE

(Excerpts from letter received from Wayne Livingston in December 2015.)

“Merry Christmas to ALL.

It’s been a long time since I went to Turkey in 1951, along with Rosie Mueller (MT)<sup>1</sup> and Harvey Warrick<sup>2</sup> and a host of others (to other countries. Ed)

I was figuring how “old” the IFYE Alumni Assn. is. In 1952, a small group of alumni gathered at Mt Rushmore Memorial in S. Dakota. Ed Aiton, Les Nichols, Warren Schmidt, I believe, all attended the gang also. That’s when the alumni assn began<sup>3</sup>.

Later on Rosie and I worked at the 4-H Foundation orienting IFYEs for their trips while each of us worked on our Master’s degrees at Univ. of MD. Busy but interesting work.

After all these yrs, IFYE’s history grows into a huge “book”. Mine is “thick” for sure. After grad school and a short time @ home in Calif(ornia), I applied and was accepted to teach agronomy at and for the old American University of Beirut for some yrs.

To date I’ve been in 27 countries. A great experience. I’ve seen Africa from Egypt to the Belgian Congo. . . . There were NO newspapers, telephones, pharmacies, paved rds, H<sub>2</sub>O in their mud huts, no toilet waste facilities + no McDonald’s hamburgers. The Western world has NO CLUE! . . . So goes life!

What FUN those years were and we all hope we shared the work ethic, peace, and knowledge with others. . . . IFYE gave us all exceptional experiences always with a helping hand to others. Keep printing the IFYE NEWS. Hello to all and keep in touch.”

Sincerely,  
Wayne Livingston  
CA to Turkey 1951

#### Endnotes)

- 1 Rosalie (Mueller) Warrick – deceased  
– MT to Germany 1951
- 2 Harvey Warrick – OH to Austria 1951
- 3 IFYE Association was first incorporated in 1962  
but began meeting in 1952



### Marilyn Bay Wentz

(CO Costa Rica 1981)

*All We Like Sheep* - Published this past September, Marilyn and her mother share 45 stories from their many decades of sheep raising about what sheep can teach us about ourselves, others, and God.



*Prairie Grace* is a fictional account of the events leading up to the Sand Creek Massacre on Nov. 29, 1864 in southeastern Colorado Territory. <http://www.ushistory.org/us/40a.asp>

Historian Dana Echohawk states that “*Prairie Grace* brings home the importance of living together in harmony through mutual trust and respect.”

Congratulations to Marilyn (<http://Marilynbaywentz.com>) who has shared with us information regarding her two recent books – “*Prairie Grace*” (2013) and “*All We Like Sheep*” (2015).

### Elna (McClelland) Bragdon

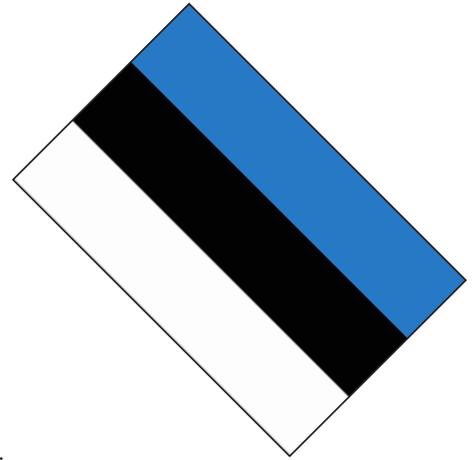
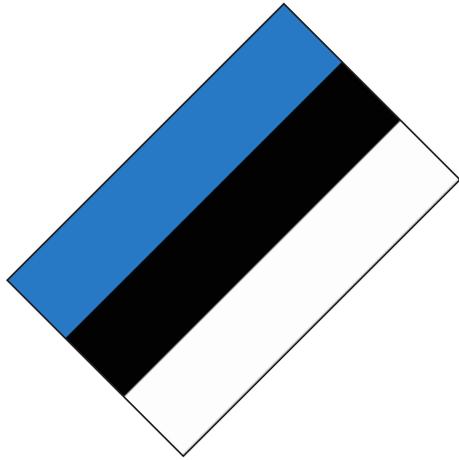
(GA to England/Wales 1962) shares the fun and joy of revisiting both the countries of her IFYE experience and keeping in contact with her host families over the years.

She has made five trips back to visit both families and countries as well as hosting some of those same individuals in the USA - as many other IFYE alum have. . In addition, some of these host siblings also became IFYEs.

Elna indicates that one learns more about a country and its people each time visited and also by keeping in contact over the years.



Standing L-R: Maxine Sayre (MI to Sweden),  
Marian Huey (MI to Norway)  
Seated L-R: Larry Nicholas (MI to Sweden),  
John Aylesworth (OH to Greece)  
1955 IFYEs at Michigan IFYE picnic -  
July 26, 2015  
a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion



**23-30 July 2016**  
 Jõulumäe, Pärnumaa, ESTONIA  
*Joulumae is situated 150 km south from Tallinn  
 and 150 km north from Riga (Latvia)*

Estonian 4H and Estonian IFYE committee are happy to welcome you to the 58th of European IFYE conference in Jõulumäe.

<http://ifve2016.wix.com/ifve2016>

If you would like to stay longer in Estonia or come earlier look at this  
<http://www.visitestonia.com/en/>  
 or don't hesitate to ask  
 reelika.ryytli@gmail.com or kadritoomingas@gmail.com

## EUROPEAN IFYE CONFERENCE PROGRAM ONLINE

### SATURDAY - 23 JULY 2016

Registration  
 Mingle in the Bar  
 IFYE Scotland Presentation

### THURSDAY - 28 JULY 2016

General Assembly  
 Making the Culture and Creating Things  
 Evening Program

### SUNDAY - 24 JULY 2016

Church Service  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Civic Reception  
 Photographs  
 International Buffet (Bring something special to eat or drink from your country)

### FRIDAY - 28 JULY 2016

Shopping and Relaxing in Pärnu  
 Farewell Party

### SATURDAY - 30 JULY 2016

Saying Good-bye  
 12:00 Last Check Out

### MONDAY - 25 JULY 2016

Excursions Day  
 IFYE Bar  
 Contact Member Meeting  
 Country Meetings  
 Evening Program

### TUESDAY - 26 JULY 2016

Host Family Village Day  
 IFYE Bar  
 Estonian Evening - Wear Linen Clothing

### WEDNESDAY - 27 JULY 2016

Excursions Day to Different Towns  
 Swiss Presentation  
 "IFYE Conference 2017"  
 Evening Program

**Map of ESTONIA  
 Highlighting Region of Conference**



## IN MEMORIAM

We have received information concerning the passing of the following IFYE alumni and supporters of IFYE.

Although some are not during 2016, to the best of our knowledge, they are individuals whose passing has not previously been noted in the IFYE NEWS.

**Larry Baginski** (WA-Poland 1963)  
5/4/1995

**Evangelina (Linney) Barber**  
(NC-Scotland 1963) 12/13/2014  
(LM)

**William C Barrett** (NH-Finland  
1969) 1/5/2014

**Nelda (Cobb) Christian**  
(NC-Luxembourg 1956) 1/9/2014

**Bruce C Cotton** (KY-Switzerland  
1950) 7/15/2015

**Leslie C Damon** (MA-Peru 1956)  
10/23/2015

**Fredric R Fortney** (WI-Norway  
1955) 8/29/2013 (LM)

**Charles R Hale, Jr** (CT-Jamaica  
1970) 2/3/2012 (LM)

**Francis T Hart** (OH-Belgium 1954)  
9/5/2015

**Larry J Helzer** (OH-Nepal 1967)  
8/30/2015

**Henrik Hendrickson** (MN-Sweden  
1959) 4/29/2015 (LM)

**Gerald Ray Horne** (GA-Philippines  
1959) 1/4/2014

**Mae (Bleiler) Hostetter**  
(PA-Argentina 1969) 2/9/2016 (LM)

**Arno Hurd** (NH-England 1953)  
3/17/2015

**Tapeshwar Sing Kashyaap**  
(India-USA 1954) 1/11/2014

**Hugh Mackenzie** (CT-Mexico 1951)  
12/20/2013

**Dale Martin** (OR-Greece 1961) 2015

**Alice J Poling** (KY-Japan 1967)  
1/20/2016

**Lloyd L Rutledge** (Extension)  
5/2/2012

**William B Thompson** (VA-Australia  
1961)

**Paul Whitehair** (KS-Portugal 1953)  
8/10/2015

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(Art Deisher)
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