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2015 Annual Meeting

The 2015 Illinois IFYE Association Annual Meeting will be Saturday, April 11, 2015 in Normal IL at the home of Bev and Jim Hornickel; 104 Cornell Drive. Bev and Jim have opened their home to us for this annual meeting and Bev has ordered wonderful weather plus she has planned a day of Fellowship and IFYE Business.

9:45 AM General IL IFYE Business Meeting

11:15 AM **Natasha Fetzer, 2014 IL IFYE** will give a report back.

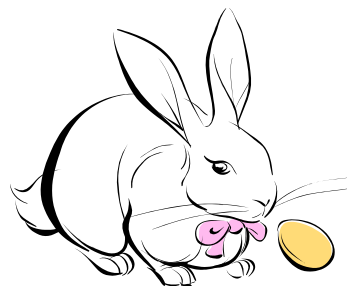
12:15 PM **Dutch Treat Lunch** at Hibachi Grill in Lakewood Plaza at 1407 N. Veterans Parkway; Bloomington. Buffet is \$6.59 plus tax and tip.

2:00 PM Tour the **McLean County Historical Museum** in downtown Bloomington at the Old Court House.

4:00 PM Return to Bev's Home for **Pizza and Fellowship**.

Deadline for meal planning is April 7, 2015. Call or text Bev at 309-830-4810 or email at: bevbikr@msn.com

If anyone is interested in staying overnight, Bev has accommodations for 5 in beds plus 2 sleeping bags. There are also other IFYE's in the area for overnight accommodations. Call Bev if you need overnight accommodations.



Host Families Needed

Your Illinois IFYE Association needs 4 host Families from June 22, 2015 until September 9, 2015 to host an IFYE from Austria. The National IFYE Association has asked Illinois to host Doris Bieregger from a farm in upper Austria. She is 23 years old and will turn 24 during the National IFYE Conference in Atlanta GA.

Doris enjoys reading books, likes sports like volleyball, hiking, skating and horseback riding. She also enjoys time with friends and traveling. Last summer she was in France as an AuPair. She is fluent in English, with German as her native language. She also can understand some French. Her family farm raises wheat, oats, corn, and soja. They have about 100 pigs and 330 laying hens on the farm.

If you know of a host family please let Toni Frank or Larry Wachtel know as soon as possible.

Doris will be attending the National IFYE Conference in Atlanta June 17 to 21. Paul Rice and Larry Wachtel will bring her back to Illinois after the conference.

The host family should be on a farm or have a close farm connection. If there are other young adults or older children in the family that would be great, but not required. It is very important to find and finalize these host families as soon as possible. Please see if you can help find host families for Doris.



More Host Families Needed

Illinois is serving as host for 54 Labo and LEX students this summer. They will arrive on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 and depart on August 18, 2018. Host Families should have children between the ages of 12 and 15 years of age. If you would like to serve as an host or know of a family interested, please contact Miriam Rosenbohm at 309-339-8282 or email at: rosenbohm07@comcast.net

Miriam is the state coordinator for Illinois. She needs our help in finding families throughout the state. If you need a flyer or brochure for any event or for possible host families, contact Miriam.



2015 National IFYE Conference

The 2015 National IFYE Conference will be June 17th till June 21st in Atlanta GA at the Westin Airport Hotel. Full registration is available at the National IFYE web site: www.ifyeusa.org The early bird registration discount date is past. The registration fee is \$385 until May 23rd. After that date the fee goes to \$420. Hotel rooms are \$99 per night and must be made by May 22nd.



From The President

Dumela or Hello to IL IFYES and Friends:

Good bye winter and hello spring. Time has flown by and it's time for our spring meeting. You will find more information about the spring meeting and activities throughout the newsletter.

The world continues to become smaller due to the many forms of instant communication—Facebook, FaceTime Skype and Yet the need for IFYE remains strong. Peace through understanding fostered by one to one communication living with your host family and experiencing life in another culture/country —is the best..

Kudos to Larry for agreeing to be our liaison this year so that IL IYFE could answer the call from IFYE Association of USA and host an inbound IFYE. Illinois will be the host state for Doris from Austria. IL IFYE will need to find and screen host families for Doris, if you know of interested folks contact Larry or myself for more information.

While the IL IFYE association board agreed that we (the IL IFYE association) could do this and Larry agreed to be our liaison/coordinator, we do need to secure a volunteer state coordinator responsible for coordinating in and out bound activities here in IL with IFYE Association of the USA for continued opportunities. If you are interested and need more information, please contact me.

I hope to see you in Bloomington/Normal.

Toni Frank

IL IFYE President

Email Address Please

Today most of us have an email address. And many of us change email addresses frequently. However if you have an email address and have not sent it to me, I request that you send your email address to me at: wachtell@gcctv.com Your email address will only be used to communicate IFYE information and business to you. It will not be sold to others.

Once I get the Newsletter finished I will send it to National IFYE for posting on the National IFYE site. You can read it there many times before it arrives in the U.S. Mail. Some have said they would like the newsletter only via email, while others have said Newsletters they get via email sometimes don't get read, since they don't have time to read it when they open their emails and then don't go back. If you have an hard copy on your desk you can go back a read it, as it is visible to you. From personal experience I know that is what happens to me. I get one Alumni Newsletter only via electronic form and many times I don't read it.



Wonderful Winter Weekend

December 29th-January 1st were the dates of the past Wonderful Winter Weekend for IFYE's and friends of IFYE's. Headquarters was the home of Larry L. Wachtel. Participants stayed either at Larry's or the Northfield Inn in Northern Springfield. The biggest number of participants was 20 that showed up at the Osaka Dining for a Japanese Dinner. They also enjoyed a Mexican meal on Monday night and then on New Year's Eve it was a traditional American meal with grilled pork chops. Marty Tarter and Crystal Yonker were the great side kits that fixed a lot of the food for the event. Santa Claus even left a big bag of Christmas Gifts for the participants for Larry to distribute to them.

It was a great time for IFYE Fellowship. A similar event is in the works in Findlay Ohio this New Year's Eve with Keith and Pam Ferris as our hosts.



Blast From The Past

Below are some outtakes of IL IFYE Newsletters in the far past. I had some favorable comments when I included these previously, so I am doing it again. I hope you enjoy.

From Spring 1966:

“Ray Ropp expects Uncle Sam to send him to Korea in late June. That will be different from an IFYE experience, won't it, Ray?”

“Dick Wagner (Korea 1965) is the new Vo-Ag Instructor in Fairbury.”

“Margaret (The Netherlands 1961) and George Wolf are settling permanently in Des Moines IA, where George is in Sales administration work for FS Services, Inc.”

From Spring 1967:

“Ray Ropp (India 1964) is now serving in the Army. He was in the group that helped protect President Johnson on his tour of Korea last October.”

“Walt Griffith, (Sweden 1961) is now a member of the National 4-H Services Committee in Chicago. He is a staff member of the Information Services Department. Also he was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the National IFYE Assoc.”

“John Martin (Ceylon 1961) announces the birth of a new daughter, Meredith Ann born September 13. He and his wife live in Silver Springs MD and he is on the National 4-H Foundation staff as Assistant International Program Leader.”

From Fall 1968:

“Mary Jo (Cunningham) Stewart (Peru 1961) announces the birth of a son, Gregory Scott, March 11, 1968.”

“Ex bachelor, Bud Aupperle, (Chili 1954), finally decided Illinois needed some new varieties of “Buckeyes”. He and Virginia Edgington, 1959 IFYE from Ohio to Australia were married on August 11, 1968. Bud even has Virginia paying the bills already such as IFYE Lifetime Membership.”

“John (New Zealand 1959) & Lois (Australia 1960) Revell announce the birth of a new daughter born in June and a new home that is not yet completed.”

From August 1970:

“Officers for 1970-1971 are as follows; President: Nancy Maxwell; Vice President: LeMar Fesser; Secretary-Treasurer: Natalie Riecks; Public Relations: Dick & Eileen Wagner; and International Programs: Ron Tarter.”

From Fall 1971:

“Bud and Virginia Aupperle slipped out to Portland OR for some official business in December. Bud keeps sending us news clippings about a “Miss Nude Contest” in “Pigs Are Pretty” envelopes, so we do not know what kind of business it might be out west.”

“Norm and Barb Bauer are just as busy as ever down in Union County. Norm flew his parents to Europe in November for their first trip overseas to visit their Teen Caravan delegate in Amsterdam. Norm is also heading up construction of a 4-H Junior Building at the Union County Fair Grounds.”

From February 1974:

“Jim & Bev (Panama 1970) Hornickel are anticipating the arrival of an “IFYE hopeful” to their family. Due date: August 15, 1974.”

“The first non IFYE to pay his \$2.00 annual dues in the Illinois IFYE Association was Hugh Wetzel, chairman of the IL IFYE Committee. The second non IFYE to join our Association is George Daigh, Executive Director of the IL 4-H Foundation.

Dues Payment Form

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Annual Dues _____ \$7.50

Lifetime Dues _____ \$90.00

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Make checks payable to:
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Note: Annual dues were due January 1, 2015. If you have a "2015" on your mailing label, you have paid your 2015 dues. If you have a "2014" or lower number, your dues are now due or in arrears. Please pay your dues today. If you have the word "**Lifetime**" on your label, you are a paid up lifetime member. If you have a fraction after the word "Lifetime" that means you are on the installment plan and indicates how many out of four payments have been received. **2015 Annual Dues are now due.**

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