



ILLINOIS

February 2017

2017 IL IFYE Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the IL IFYE Association will be Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the home of Larry L. Wachtel. The address is: 15048 North Haarmann Avenue; Effingham IL 62401.

Meg Cline from the University of Illinois will attend this meeting. She will talk about our IL IFYE Endowment Fund and be able to answer questions about the Fund. Other items of business include election of: Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 directors. See the left side of this page to see whose terms expire this year.

Schedule of day:

9:30 am to 10:30 am—Continental breakfast (Juice, Pastries, fruit, coffee and tea.)

10:30 am to noon—Business Meeting

Noon to 1 pm--Lunch

1:15 to 2:00 pm—Tour Wachtel Farms—a 6 generation farm and a Drone demonstration—weather permitting

2:15 to 3:00 pm—Tour Wendte Farm with huge modern Machine Shed.

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm--Travel to Altamont IL—8 miles—to Tour Dr. C.M. Wright Mansion.

<http://www.wrightmansion.org/history.htm> This will be a private tour at no cost to us, but any donations will be accepted.

5:00 pm—Evening meal at Joe's Pizza in Altamont—near the Interstate. We will order from the menu.

After we have finished the evening meal all are invited back to the Wachtel Home for IFYE Fellowship.

For those who wish to stay overnight, there are several motels at the 159 & 160 exits on interstate 57/70.

Please register using the form at the end of this Newsletter.

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Directions: From Interstate 57/70, take Exit 160 on IL 32 North/IL 33 West. Go about 3 miles west to Lake Sara Road/1000 East. (Phillips 66 Gas Station). Turn left, South and go 1.7 miles to the “T” at North Shore Drive/1550 North. Turn left, East and go ½ mile to Haarmann Avenue and turn left, North. My home is the 3rd house on the right.

Coming from the West or Northwest, take IL 33 east from Beecher City to Lake Sara Road/1000 East (about 9 miles) and follow directions above. If you get lost call: 217-341-1402 or 217-881-9117 for assistance.



Thoughts from our President

Once an IFYE, always an IFYE... For most of us, when we signed up to be an IFYE, this was our first opportunity to travel to a country outside of the USA. I can remember that feeling as if it was yesterday. And, for me, it was my first time to fly on a commercial airline. That excitement and emotion stays with many of us, even to the point that we want the experience to continue throughout our lifetime. Since my travels to Switzerland in 1981, I have taken on many new and exciting opportunities to travel with IFYE programs, mission trips, and personal travels. While each trip has its own interests, none really compares to the 4-H program that opened my eyes to the world and upon returning home to continue to share that experience with a young IFYE from Italy who stayed with my family on our farm in Iroquois County. While we have great experiences from our previous travels, where are your interests today? Would you consider continuing that experience today or in the near future? As with any organization, its strength is in its membership. Consider participating to make it the great organization that it is. We have a number of very committed members who are, well to me I think they are, “awesome” as they are an important part of the livelihood of this group!

As an alumnus of IFYE I would like to reach out and encourage you to consider joining us for future events. If not at this time, keep us in mind for future events. A good time is enjoyed by the friendship and stories that we enjoy sharing between those in the group. Send me an email message or letter to let us know how IFYE was a part of your experiences. Coming up March 4th we will be meeting at Larry Wachtel’s new home near Effingham. Join us for a day or weekend of reunion and fellowship. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Upcoming events to keep the IFYE spirit:

- ❖ The 2017 National IFYE Conference in Orlando, Florida, August 30-September 3rd.
- ❖ The 59th European IFYE conference will be in Vaunarcus, Switzerland, July 15-22nd.
- ❖ In 2018, the US IFYE group will be hosting the World IFYE Conference with an Alaskan Cruise.

Stay in touch, we would look forward to hearing from you. Go to www.ifyeusa.org for current updates.

IL IFYE ASSOCIATION FUND:

The IL IFYE Association entered an updated agreement with the University of Illinois Foundation and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences with regard to the Illinois IFYE Association Fund on August 10, 2016. The principal of the Fund shall be held as an endowment and the principal and/or net income shall be used to support international opportunities for youth, formerly known as the Illinois International Farm/4-H Youth Exchange Program (IFYE). Uses of the principal and/or net income may include, but is not limited to, financial support to the participating inbound and/or outbound opportunities offered through the National IFYE Association Programs and States' 4-H International Programs. Examples would include, but not be limited to: Hugh Wetzel Travel Award, smaller travel awards, host family stipends, and/or to support participant program costs and fees related to Illinois IFYE Association supported programs.

The updated agreement changed the name of the fund to "IL IFYE ASSOCIATION FUND" from "4-H International IFYE Endowment Fund". The IL IFYE Association is currently working with IL 4-H Foundation to update their website, changing the name of the fund to match that of the updated agreement.

The beginning of marketing the National IFYE outbound exchange has begun. The IL IFYE Association has also made a request to post the "Illinois IFYE Association Hugh Wetzel Travel Award" on their grants and scholarship web page with a link to this fund for future contributions. Once this is accomplished, there are three other possible webpages where the outbound national IFYE exchange and our award can be marketed (College of ACES, International Program Studies). Bill Million has also approached IL IFYE Association offering to post the same information on the 4-H web page and offering to send a "blast" containing IFYE exchange information to the 11th year 4-Hers in the state of Illinois.

It is time to begin fund raising for the Illinois IFYE Association Fund. Currently, the fund has a net income of approximately \$1500 each year. The IL IFYE Association can easily support one - \$1000 Hugh Wetzel Travel Award. With increased marketing, we may find ourselves in the position of wanting to give more than one travel award. Options to increase our ability to give from this fund: estate gifting, fund raising, moving life time dues to this fund, etc.

Margaret (Meg) Cline, Vice President for Gift Planning & Trust Services - U of I Foundation, will attend our meeting on March 4, 2017. She will be giving a presentation on general gift planning options that can be applied to gifting to our IFYE fund, as well as general gifting to any other charity.



2017 National IFYE Conference

The 2017 National IFYE Conference will be August 30th to September 3rd in Orlando FL at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. Early Bird registration ends May 31, 2017. You can go to the IFYE USA web site at: <http://ifyeusa.org> to register on line or print form and send it via U.S. Mail.

Sarah A. Lanier author of *Foreign to Familiar* will be the Keynote Speaker and Workshop Instructor for the Conference. She is from Georgia and her mother was active in Georgia 4-H. She is conversant in five languages and has lived in the Middle East, Netherlands, Chile and Africa to list a few locations.

2018 World IFYE Conference

Information about the 2018 World IFYE Conference, a cruise to Alaska, is anticipated to be available on the ifyeusa.org website by March 2017. The cruise will be 9-16 September 2018 aboard Holland American Line - MS Noordam.

The 7-day Inside Passage cruise will depart Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on September 9th, 2018. Ports of call stops in Alaska will include Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Seward (Anchorage) with a day of scenic cruising in Glacier Bay.

Mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend. You might consider your stay in Alaska for additional tours after the conference.



Bud Aupperle Honored

Bud Aupperle, 1954 IFYE to Chili, was awarded the VIP Citation Award by the National FFA Organization in October 2016. This Award was given in recognition of his significant contribution to FFA and agriculture education. He has worked at the National FFA Conference & Expo Alumni booth for 7 years, initiated new agriculture programs at Warren school in Monmouth, and new agriculture programs at Black Hawk College in Moline which received national attention and recognition. The VIP Citation recognizes the dedication of individuals who contribute to the FFA mission of students who succeed through their hard work and cooperation. FFA CEO, Mark Poeschl said, "Without such strong and outstanding contributions, FFA would not be able to help build strong character to its members who in turn build strong families, communities and businesses,"

IL 4-H International Programs

Six Illinois youth will be traveling outbound this summer. Their destinations include: Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, and Finland.

States 4H is still looking for adult chaperones to accompany the Japan and Costa Rican group (Spanish speaking abilities is preferred)

Currently one academic year-long student from Ukraine is staying with a family in Aledo. Anton is a delightful young man and would be happy to speak to any groups. He will depart for home mid-May.

Japanese Inbound program is committed to 54 youth and adult chaperones again this summer. Dates are July 22- Aug 18. Host family search will begin early March.

Illinois also is committed to finding host families for four Academic yearlong students for school year 2017-18. Two from South Korea and two from the FLEX program (Eurasia)

March 4 is our In-bound county coordinator orientation and March 11 is orientation for the six students traveling outbound.

As you see from the previous paragraph, Miriam Rosenblum 4-H Labo Coordinator will miss our Annual Meeting due to 4-H International Program Commitments



European IFYE Conference

The European IFYE Conference will be July 15-22 in Vaumarcus, Switzerland. The Theme is “Rock Around the Clock”. Currently there are 10 from the USA registered for the Conference and 6 of those are from Illinois. They are: Eff & Anita Embree, Dale & Crystal Yonker, Helen Obernagel and Larry Wachtel. Others from the USA are Elizabeth Carlson from NE; Alan Lambert from SD, Dean Bloch from WI and Ellen Paine from CT. Registration closes in March 2017.

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY**

Annual Dues

The 2017 IL IFYE Association Annual Dues are now due and payable. If you are an Annual Dues paying member please send your \$7.50 dues to the Treasurer, Larry L. Wachtel; 15048 North Haarmann Avenue; Effingham IL 62401-4484.



Registration for Annual Meeting

Name _____

_____ I will attend the Business Meeting and Lunch. \$6.00 per person enclosed

_____ I will participate in the afternoon Tours.

_____ I will attend the group evening meal.

Please mail this form to: Larry L. Wachtel; 15048 N. Haarmann Avenue; Effingham IL 62401 by February 28, 2017. Thank You. Please make checks payable to: **IL IFYE Association**