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A Parade of International Flags opened the 50th National IFYE Conference on the campus of Oregon State University – Oregon’s land, sea, sun, and space grant university. Conferees included over 200 4-H International exchange alumni, families and friends. Youth on campus for the Oregon 4-H Summer Conference, participated in many of the events, including a global country location challenge (upper left) and several workshops. Each contributed to the conference theme, “One World, Many Faces.” Dr. Matthew Kaplan (above center), Associate Professor for Intergenerational Programs and Aging with the Extension Service at Pennsylvania State University, was the opening keynote speaker and a resource throughout the conference on intergenerational challenges and programs. The conference was also the 50th Anniversary reunion for 1957/1958 IFYE delegates, including Violet Klobas Shepard (right), Oregon-Austria 1957, who proudly displays her 50th Anniversary name tag and models her Austrian national dress. More on the conference throughout this issue. ☆

## 50th National IFYE Conference - “One World, Many Faces”



June 26-30, 2007 - National IFYE Conference - Oregon State University - Corvallis, Oregon



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# IFYE Association of the USA



## Conferences. Friendships.

## Octo/Nano-genarians. Taiwan. The Archives

Oregonians all (above)! They made the 50th National IFYE Conference a memorable experience...and their smiles tell you the conference is about to end! They'll really enjoy the 51st in Indiana, June 24-28, 2009.

In the meantime, the focus is on the ninth World IFYE Conference to be held in Adelaide, Australia (see page 3). It brings back memories of the third World IFYE Conference held in New Zealand in 1977. Geraldine Miller Campbell, NZ-USA 1967 (lower left center) was the chair of that event, married Jamey Campbell, Canada-Australia/New Zealand 1968, moved to Canada, and chaired our 48th National IFYE Conference in Chatham, Canada, in 2005. Geraldine is doing well with cancer treatments and extends her appreciation for the many get well wishes she has received from U.S. alumni and others.

It was a toast to a long friendship when I got together with Joan Pierce Boewe, MI-Belgium 1953 (left), earlier this year after some fifty years. And Linda Eilks, IL-Germany 1982, wrote of a great reunion with Mark Bowen, IN-Switzerland 1982, and Susan Hovey (standing), IL-Germany 1978. (Also see Alumni in the News on page 7.)

80 Years+ Club! Are you eligible? We introduced four alumni who have reached 80 Years Young at the conference in Oregon: Margaret Slate Dixon, MA-UK 1949, Glenn A. Klein, OR-NZ 1951; Shirley Lindahl, WA-UK 1948; and Art Ries, WA-Israel 1952 (see photo page 8). Do we have more Octogenarians? Nonagenarians? Please let me know with date of birthday!

The 2007 Taiwan delegation (lower right) visited the National 4-H Center prior to returning home. I enjoyed helping with their arrangements. They are (l-r) Shi-Ting "Maxine" Huang, hosted in South Dakota; Chia-Ying "Katrina" Yang, Virginia; Me(l), Hui-Chen "Jane" Chiu, Kansas; and Chung-kai "Ken" Wang, Montana. All are involved with the Taiwan 4-H program.

And from the archives (lower left): Warren Schmidt of the International staff at National 4-H Foundation (now Council) with the late Rhonwyn Lowry, GA-Denmark 1951 (see In Memoriam page 7), and Glenn McClanan, VA-Israel 1957, National IFYE Conference, National 4-H Center, 1961.

Enjoy this issue of IFYE News! Let us hear from you!

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## Challenges Ahead!



Larry J. Zilliox  
YDP, MN-Botswana 1968  
President, IFYE Association

What a great conference in Corvallis, Oregon. I take my hat off to the committee members who put together a great conference and in ordering such fine weather. IFYE's know how to interact with all ages as Matt Kaplan, our keynote speaker, found out in the various exercises.

Thanks to all of the board members who contributed to the passage of the revised bylaws. A task that no one enjoyed, but there are times when it needs to be updated. The original committee of past officers had laid the groundwork for our current document. I will see that it gets updated on our Web site in the near future.

Two issues that now take on importance for the board are representation and voting procedures. Fewer and fewer states have staff working in international programming or have active IFYE Associations. Finding someone to contact to see about filling board positions is next to impossible. I asked for suggestions at the regional meetings on how we might restructure filling board positions. Several recommendations were made and the board will discuss them during the next board meeting.

The other issue is voting procedures related to association business. Current bylaws state that changes in bylaws and other important issues take place at the annual meeting. The problem is that when conferences are on the coast we have poor representation from the other end of the country. All of the membership should have a voting right in these types of issues, so I challenge the board to look at this issue and come up with some recommendation to present at the 2009 Indiana Conference.

The weeds got ahead of me while I was away, but we are in a drought situation so that helped keep them from overrunning the place. Another week and I may have things under control, wishful thinking, before the summer starts waning. I hope your summer has been a delight and you found time to enjoy it. ☆

## Ninth World IFYE Conference Adelaide, Australia - 4 -11 October 2008

"Many Cultures, One Country, One World... Peace Through Understanding" is the theme of the ninth World IFYE Conference, 4-11 October 2008. It will be hosted by the Australian Rural Exchanges Association (AREA) in Adelaide, Australia.

It will be springtime in Australia. Adelaide is a beautiful city with just over one million people and the conference headquarters will be right in the heart of the cultural center at the Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, with additional accommodations - from hostel to 5-star - available just a few steps away.

Registration and a welcome event will take place on October 4. The official opening will be on October 5 following an interdenominational church service with optional tours that afternoon. In addition to experiencing Australian cuisine and customs during the week, conferees will participate in educational and cultural tours, workshops, farm visits, an event in the "Old Ram Shed" near the city, and meet some of their unique native wildlife. The formal closing event and dinner dance will take place on Friday, October 10. Departures on October 11.

Complete conference and registration information is available on the website - [www.ifyeoz2008.com](http://www.ifyeoz2008.com) - or E-mail Deb Clarke, Conference Chair: [ifye.oz2008@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ifye.oz2008@ozemail.com.au) or [melvinhi@aol.com](mailto:melvinhi@aol.com), or by writing IFYE Association USA, 5811 Lone Oak Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814.

### Pre/Post Conference Tour Options

Two tours in connection with the World IFYE Conference are being coordinated and hosted by IFYE alumni.

**Petrak Tour.** Ron, IA-Ireland 1953, and Ruth Anne Petrak have pre- and/or post-conference opportunities in Australia. The pre-conference itinerary will begin with the flight from Los Angeles to Melbourne on September 28. After some time in Melbourne and Victoria, you will travel on to Adelaide via the Great Ocean Road Tour, Mt. Gambier, and on to Adelaide. The post-conference tour begins on 11 October with a flight to Cairns and a full day Great Barrier Reef Cruise the next day. Then by Scenic Rail and Skyrail to Kuranda Station and a visit to the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Then it's on to Sydney for a tour that includes the famous Opera House and a cruise on Sydney Harbour. The last day takes you to the Blue Mountains and a Koala Wildlife Park.

For information, contact Ron and Ruth Anne Petrak at 515/262-3691; E-mail: [ronruthanne1507@msn.com](mailto:ronruthanne1507@msn.com) or 1507 Pennsylvania Avenue, Des Moines IA 50316.

**Deisher Tour.** Art and Beth Deisher, OH-UK 1971 and NC-Iran 1968 respectively, have a pre-conference 21-day excursion opportunity that includes Auckland, Rotorua, Mount Cook, Queenstown and Christchurch in New Zealand, and Sydney and Adelaide in Australia with many interesting stops in between each location. There is an optional early departure from the U.S. with a three-night stopover in Fiji and/or a post-conference four-night visit in Australia to Ayers Rock, Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef and an Outback River Cruise. Departure from Los Angeles is on September 14; the 11th if you choose the Fiji option.

For information contact Art and Beth Deisher at 937/599-2559; E-mail [adeisher@charter.net](mailto:adeisher@charter.net), or 3912 CR 130, Bellefontaine, OH 43311. ☆



Adelaide



Outback

## U.S. Bed and Breakfast Guide

The Missouri IFYE Association has recently published their updated Bed and Breakfast Guide - to help alumni find lodging when traveling in the USA. Each of the families listed welcome 4-H International exchange alumni into their homes for one night and breakfast at no cost. When making plans, contact the hosts as soon as possible - you know how busy alumni are with personal and professional schedules!

If you would like to be listed in the Guide, send name, address, phone, e-mail, accommodations available, smoking preference, and a short description of area highlights to Mary Simon Leuci - [leucim@missouri.edu](mailto:leucim@missouri.edu) - or 491 E. Hackberry, Columbia, MO 65202.

For a copy of the Guide, send a check for \$2.50 payable to Missouri IFYE Association and mail to Joyce Taylor (B&B Guide), 4-H Global Education, 802 Clark Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211. ☆



1957 Delegates Aboard the Ship Julius Caesar\*

Returning Spring/Summer Delegates - November 1957\*\*



Conference Organizers with IFYE Association President, Larry Zilliox\*\*\*\*

**Photo Idents**

\*1957 Delegates to Near East and Southern Europe: Front row (l-r): Ray Brown, GA-Greece; Robert Young, CA-Spain; Bob Weiss, IL-Iran; Warren Seamans, MA-Greece; Dwight Quisenberry, MI-Iran; Virgil Rayton, WA-Austria. Standing (l-r): Robert Doster, OH-Portugal; Norman Bauer, MI-Turkey; Barbara Boyd Bauer, IL-Turkey; Violet Klobas Shepard, OR-Austria; Florence Papageorge Blosser, UT-Greece; Elaine Lunt Stelter, KS-Austria. and Herman Weingart, CT-Spain.

\*\*Welcome Home Breakfast in New York - Hosted by Grocery Manufacturers of America.

\*\*\*Front Row (l-r): Don Ingle, ID-New Zealand, the sole 1958 soul at the conference; along with 1957 delegates: Violet Klobas Shepard; OR-Austria; Genevieve Carter-Lervik, MN-Sweden; Marilyn Neill Bourn, OR-Brazil; Eleanor Inman Smith, GA-Ireland/N. Ireland; Barbara Boyd Bauer, IL-Turkey; and Bob Doster, OH-Portugal. Back row (l-r): Fred Fisher, PA-Pakistan; John Welser, MI-Scotland; Norman Bauer, MI-Turkey; Bob Weiss, IL-Iran; Duain Vierow, MN-Netherlands; Dorothea Drane Dowler, Mo-Denmark; Virgil Rayton, WA-Austria; George Van Nuys, NJ-Switzerland; Dennis Elgrim, NJ-Ireland/N. Ireland; and Cleo Kottwitz, MO-Brazil.

\*\*\*\*Ray, WA-Sri Lanka 68, and Nancy William; David White, CA-Philippines 79; Lillian Larwood, OR-India 68; and Larry Zilliox, MN-Botswana 68. The conference bell, a gift to the U.S., is a replica of the bell used at the first World IFYE Conference in Switzerland in 1965. ☆



Just Where on Which Continent is this Country Located?



IGADs (IFYE Guild of Ancient Dames) Encore with ISLYs (IFYE Society of Ladies Young) in Awe!



Silver Falls Tour Group



1957 50th Anniversary Conference Display

1957/1958 Delegates at 2007 Conference\*\*\*

## 50th National IFYE Conference .....1957/1958 Delegates Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The 50th National IFYE Conference provided a unique experience for conferees and 4-H youth. Both groups were on the Oregon State University campus for their respective gatherings and participated in combined programs and workshops during the week. And 1957/1958 IFYE Delegates celebrated their 50th Anniversary!

Dr. Matthew Kaplan, Associate Professor for Intergenerational Programs and Aging with the Pennsylvania Extension Service, was a resource throughout the IFYE and 4-H Summer Conferences on intergenerational programs in exploring faces of communities, cultures and people through intergenerational activities and in facing the benefits, challenges, and solutions in a mix of generations.

Several workshops during the conference focused on intergenerational issues, cultural connections, international exchange experiences, the history of 4-H, and international service programs.

Conferees had their pick of tours during the week that provided for a better understanding of Oregon. They included a History Tour - Covered Bridges, the Mission Mill Museum, and a cruise on the Willamette Queen; an "Experience the World" opportunity, which included visits to the Oregon Zoo and World Forestry Center; a Silver Falls hiking tour; and the Willamette Valley Agriculture Tour.

Of special interest on the Oregon History Tour was a visit to the Larwood Covered Bridge named for William Larwood, great-grandfather of Lillian Larwood, OR-India 1968, and Larry Larwood, OR-Japan 1970. The Larwood family settled on the banks of Crabtree Creek and Roaring River in 1888. He platted the little town of Larwood, built a store and blacksmith shop and served as the postmaster from 1893-1903. The town of Larwood and original bridge no longer exist. Roaring River, which empties into Crabtree Creek near the bridge, is the only river to flow into a creek, an oddity in U.S. geography featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not.

Friday afternoon provided a choice of tours to the Newport/Bayfront Fishing Community, the Depoe Bay and Whale Watching Center, and the Yaquina Head Lighthouse (photo right). The 135-year-old lighthouse is 93 feet high - the tallest in Oregon - and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Recently restored, it is still active with its original fresnel lens.

The conference service project - support for the Tsadiku Yohannes School in Gondar, Ethiopia - involved a silent auction, and a "very lively" live auction, with auctioneer Sandy Gross, OR-New Zealand 1972. The conference raised over \$7,000 to provide books and supplies for the school, a program of the Corvallis/Gondar Sister Cities program. Conferees contributed various items and state products for the auctions.

The conference ended with a visit to the Hatfield Marine Science Center at the ocean and an evening dinner at the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Oregon 4-H International exchange alumni hosted the conference, with support from alumni in Idaho, California and Washington. ☆



Corvallis/Gondar Sister Cities Representatives



ISLY Cheerleaders in Action!

Yaquina Head Lighthouse Tour

# IFYE Foundation of the USA



## IFYE Foundation Board of Directors

IFYE Foundation board members meeting during the recent National IFYE Conference in Oregon: (Seated l-r) Norman Bauer - president; Dick Tenney - secretary; Paul Langseth. (Standing l-r) Maurice Johnson; Mildred Crawford Weidemann - advisor, Dale Yonker, Tom Trail, Sarah Hileman, Marge Loyd - vice president, Bob Ellis, Betty Stephenson and Mary Henningsen Ottmar. Board members not pictured: Eldon "Bud" Aupperle, treasurer; Chuck Larson - advisor; and Larry Zilliox - president, IFYE Association. ★



## The Value of Giving

Contributors to the IFYE Foundation have often honored a loved one or friend. Memorial gifts honor those who have lived a life of service. Making gifts in recognition of others offers a wonderful way to affirm your personal priorities and values.

Gifts in cash or check are the most common method of giving. They are convenient and tax deductible as allowed by law. Other property, such as stocks and bonds which may have gained in value, offer the benefit of tax savings with the opportunity to avoid capital gains tax on any increase in value.

Consider a gift which will continue the impact of your international experience. Designating the IFYE Foundation as beneficiary in an insurance policy or your will extends your values to others.

**Contributions should be sent to: Treasurer, IFYE Foundation, 29470 Saxon Road, Toulon, IL 61483.**

For a brochure or information about special gifts you might wish to consider, contact Norman Bauer, President, IFYE Foundation, 111 Woodland Trail, Anna, IL 62906; nbauer@aj-internet.net or 618/833-3228 ★

## Montana Extension Director Meets with 2007 IFYE Exchangees

Doug Steele, Montana's Extension Director, visited with the 2007 IFYE Exchangees hosted in Montana, along with Eric Dunn, MT-Switzerland 2004, and Edie Walker, MT-UK 2006, who were helping with the inbound program during the State 4-H Congress in July.

The group, pictured below, included Chung-Kai "Ken" Wang (front) from Taiwan, and (mid-row l-r) Jennifer Rowland, England; Susanne Kopf, Austria; Sylvia Feldmann, Germany; Edie Walker; (back l-r) Eric Dunn; Susanne Mader, Austria; Richard Alcorn, North Ireland; and Extension Director Steele.

Stephanie Davison, State 4-H International Programs Leader, wrote that the IFYEs created displays and discussed their countries and youth programs with the 4-H'ers attending the Congress. ★



Those attending the reunion and pictured left included (front row l-r) Sibyl Pressly (spouse), Norma Shade Canfield, Bob Anderson, Priscilla Thorsrud Dolan - CA-New Zealand 1960. (middle row) Juan Rosario, Charles Furrow, Pat Furrow (spouse), Corrine Hay - NJ-France 1957, Esther Diaz, Gerald Rutland, Miriam Acevedo (friend), Jean Hadley (spouse), (back row) Francis Pressly - NC-Italy 1951 and Project Director in Brazil, Bob Hadley, Myra McBride Anderson - OR-Japan 1959, Dick Loos, Lori Adams and John Dolan. ★



## First 4-H Peace Corps Volunteers Celebrate 45th Anniversary in Puerto Rico

The first Peace Corps Volunteers to Brazil arrived in March 1962 - 4-H Peace Corps volunteers who would assist with the development of 4-S, the Brazilian counterpart program to 4-H. The 43 volunteers worked with 4-S under the leadership of the Brazilian Agriculture Extension Service. Project direction was provided by the National 4-H Foundation (now National 4-H Council) under contract with the Peace Corps.

Fifteen of the group met in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, June 25-30, 2007, for a ninth reunion to celebrate their 45th Anniversary. The return to the western region of the island, where part of their initial training took place, provided an opportunity to renew friendships and tour some of the sights of the area. Twelve family members and friends joined in the celebration.

Forty-one of the volunteers had been 4-H members, six were IFYE alumni, and several joined the U.S. Extension Service and worked with 4-H on their return home.

# In Memoriam

The IFYE Association has recently received word of the death of the following 4-H International alumni, spouses, staff, family members, and Association friends, members, and supporters (L-Life Membership):

- ★ Donald A. Williams, IA-Costa Rica 1959, L-1094, February 19, 2007, Villisca, IA
  - ★ Henry Moon, PA-Extension 4-H International Travel Seminar-Africa 1971 and retired Pennsylvania State 4-H International Program Leader, December 16, 2006, State College, PA
  - ★ Rhonwyn Lowry, GA-Denmark 1951, April 15, 2007, Stone Mountain, GA
  - ★ Robert W. Jones, GA-Greece 1952, May 15, 2005, Blairsville, GA
  - ★ Maryelaine Ely Rampton, CO-Italy 1952, May 29, 2005, Syracuse, UT
  - ★ Ruth Akehurst Kavanagh, MD-Great Britain/Denmark 1948, L-0577, November 20, 2004, Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada
  - ★ Erin and Beth Ready, daughters 8 and 11, of Ruth Witte Ready, NE-UK 1986, and her husband, Sid, and nieces of Donald Witte, NE-Australia 1977, in an automobile accident April 14, 2007, Scribner, NE
  - ★ Larry E. Kramer, SD-Paraguay 1966, March 28, 2007, Burnsville, MN
  - ★ Robert E. Smith, husband of Eleanor Inman Smith, GA-Ireland/N Ireland 1957, April 2, 2007, Houston, TX
  - ★ Rose Duggins Massie, host family to several IFYEs from Central America and mother of Nancy Massie Moga, VA-New Zealand 1974, December 8, 2006, Louisa, VA
  - ★ Betty Jane Gorham, Friend of IFYE/host family/and mother of Elizabeth Gorham, IA-Costa Rica 1967, December 30, 2006, Brookings, SD
- Deceasements, corrections and updates are appreciated. Please send full name, State-Country-Year or relationship to program, date of death and address. E-mail to [melvinhi@aol.com](mailto:melvinhi@aol.com) or mail to IFYE Association, 5811 Lone Oak Drive East, Bethesda, MD 20814. ★

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## 4-H International Alumni in the News

**Doris Cazier**, IL-Switzerland 1979, husband Lynn and family, are back in Kenya as Missionaries to the Maasi after a one year home leave.

**Mary Crave**, WI-Sri Lanka 1980, has been named to the International Home Economics Services (IHES) board of directors.

**Linda Eilks**, IL-Germany 1982, assumes new appointment as an Agricultural Attache with the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala in October.

**Gwen Western El Sawi**, MN-India 1969, is in Amman, Jordan, as the Workforce Development Solutions Leader for a USAID economic project - Sustainable Achievement of Business Expansion and Quality (SABEQ).

**Natalie Hahn**, NE-New Zealand 1967, is president of Hahn Associates, an international consulting firm in NY and Founder of The Malaika Foundation, - promoting global education for Nebraska children.

**Brian Langton**, MT-Australia 1965, and his wife, Karen, have been missionaries to Azerbaijan, China, Hawaii and Thailand since retirement.

**Verle Lanier**, MT-Japan 1958, was recently named Associate Director for Volunteer Support with the U.S. Peace Corps in Washington, D.C.

**Russ Mawby**, MI-UK 1948 and Chairman Emeritus, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, will receive the Michigan State University Philanthropist Award in October.

**Helen McHugh**, MO-Germany 1954 and Dean and Professor Emeritus at Colorado State University, recently received the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Distinguished Service Award.

**Barbara Miller Maidment**, OR-Uganda 1968

and World IFYE Committee president, recently announced the opening of her Consultancy Business Center in Margaret River, Western Australia.

**Dan Mozena**, IA-Nepal 1970, has been named the U.S. Ambassador to Angola in southwest Africa. He and his wife, **Grace Feeney Mozena**, IA-Thailand 1970, will begin their tour the end of this year.

**Glenn Porter**, PA-Nepal 1961, and **Lola Rigel Porter**, PA-UK 1980, retired from Wycliffe Bible Translators (WBT) on May 1 after 34 years.

**Tom Trail**, ID-Nepal 1956 and member of the Idaho legislature, recently received the Distinguished Alumni award from the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

**Doris Schleppe Utzinger**, OH-India 1956, was recently inducted into the Ohio State University Farm Science Review Hall of Fame. ★

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**Dressed-up Friends...**

Lyle Warren, CO-Finland 1974 and  
Harlan Persinger, IA-Norway 1970

**Michigan 4-H Foundation International Endowment Fund**

The Michigan 4-H Foundation recently launched the Michigan 4-H International Programs Endowment Fund. The five-year campaign will include a special celebration in 2008 of 60+ years of Michigan 4-H International global and cultural education and exchange programs, as Michigan 4-H observes its Centennial Anniversary (1908-2008).

Former Michigan State 4-H Leader A. G. Kettunen had a keen interest in international relationships, provided leadership for 4-H development in Finland and helped develop the first 4-H International youth exchange program during the 1920-1940s.

Russell G. Mawby, who followed Kettunen as Michigan State 4-H Leader, chairman emeritus of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, and honorary chairman of the endowment campaign, was Michigan's first exchange participant - an IFYE to the United Kingdom in 1948 (also see Alumni in the News on page 7).

The goal is to raise the first \$60,000 in 2007 and complete the initial \$120,000+ cash endowment in 2008. The five-year goal is to more than double that amount with contributions and pledges.

Mel Thompson, MI-Turkey 1953 and chairman of the campaign, wrote, "As Michigan 4-H International exchange alumni, we are fortunate to have had considerable financial and staff support from the beginning. This is an opportunity to show alumni appreciation by contributing support that will help insure continued Michigan 4-H international Programs in the future with our 100% participation!"

Information on the campaign is available from Mel Thompson - melvinhi@aol.com, or Cheryl Howell, Executive Director, Michigan 4-H Foundation - chowell@msu.edu or 517/ 353-6692.

Contributions can be sent to the 4-H International Endowment, Michigan 4-H Foundation, Michigan State University, 140 Sparta Way, East Lansing MI 48824-6005. ☆



**80 Years+ Club** (see page 2)

Art, WA-Israel 1952,  
and Margaret Ries "Thinkin'  
Australia!"



Helen Obernagel,  
IL-France 1978...  
Where have you been?



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