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IL IFYE 2020 Annual Meeting

The 2020 IL IFYE Annual Meeting will be Saturday, March 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall; 715 East Illinois Street; New Berlin IL 62670. Take Exit #82 off of Interstate 72 for New Berlin.

The Community Women's Club is hosting a Soup and Salad luncheon and the cost is \$8.00 per person and Reservations are due **March 14, 2020**. Call or email Toni before this date to make your reservation. Mail your check—**payable to IL IFYE**—for \$8 to Toni.

9:30 AM - Continental Breakfast sweet bread, coffee, juice at St. Mary's Parish Center-404 E. Birch Street, New Berlin IL.

10:00 AM Business Meeting at St. Mary's Parish Center.

12 Noon Lunch at K of C Hall (Doors will open at 11:30 am) and this is about 3 blocks from St. Mary's Parish.

Afternoon Activities are still being worked out by Ed and Paul. There are so many available, they are having trouble picking just one. Be assured there will be a tour of a facility or museum. Also they are working on a group supper in the Springfield area.

Paul Rice has invited those who stay over on Saturday night to Farm Breakfast at his home on Sunday morning.

Meeting

IL Outbound IFYE

My name is Erin Huckins and I am a senior at Iowa State University. Originally from Illinois, I decided to attend Iowa State in order to study Global Resource Systems and Environmental Studies. I am passionate about many aspects of global cultures and am very excited to learn more about Finland during my stay there! This experience will surely provide me with a greater understanding of global agriculture, as well as allow me to create lifelong memories and friendships. I am looking forward to the opportunity provided to me through IFYE and cannot wait to continue supporting this program in the future.



From the *President*

I am writing this on a snowy day in February – hopefully by the time you read this, it will be warmer outside, and we'll have less snow on the ground. So, I hope everyone survived the holidays and is well into celebrating this new decade. It makes me think how many decades it has been since I was an IFYE – too many. At least I got to Germany this past fall to visit my brother who will be there with his family for the next few years. It was a wonderful trip and a treat to get my Dad to Europe for the first time since he was in the service in the early 60's.

It was great to see some of you at the Fall Meeting in Effingham. Thanks so much to Larry for hosting a wonderful weekend, which besides great food and company, and included a tour of the John Boos Factory Showroom Outlet, The Cross at the Crossroads, and an opportunity to check out harvest at the Wachtell Family Farm.

It was also a busy fall meeting where Toni Frank agreed to be elected to fill the President-Elect spot on the Board and Carolyn Hansen was officially appointed to the State Coordinator role – she has some great updates for the Spring meeting. As an association we also agreed to not renew our MOA with IFYE USA.

Be sure to join us for the Spring Meeting in New Berlin on Saturday, March 21 – a big thank you to Toni, Ed, and Paul for putting activities together for the weekend. It was mentioned at the fall meeting to invite our host families, so please reach out if you know them. Besides a full business agenda, our returning IFYE, Nick Birsa will be talking about his exchange to Taiwan/Thailand.

Hope to see you all soon!

Your IFYE Sister, Jonna Burck, IFYE Rep to The Netherlands, 1986



2020 National IFYE Conference

Missouri alums are diligently working to provide you a great conference Sept. 10-14 in the beautiful Missouri Ozarks. As we confirm major portions of the schedule, more info will be forthcoming. However, we do have a few requests where we need assistance:

Cleo Kottwitz (cdk13@socket.net) would appreciate hearing from those planning to attend the conference who are knowledgeable about other world religions. Cleo is in charge of the Sunday morning interfaith service and is seeking participants to help with providing a service including all faiths represented at the conference.

We are also seeking an IFYE who participated in 1995 and is willing to contact others from that year for the 25year reunion. Please contact co-chair Faye Worley (flw51@sbcglobal.net) or Delbert Frericks (delbertfrericks@gmail.com) for guidance. Reunions for the 1970 (50-year) and 1980 (40-year) groups are in the planning stages. A volunteer from the 1980 fall outbound group would be greatly appreciated!

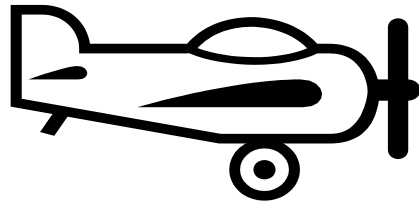
Those interested in pre-conference tickets for Noah The Musical on Wednesday the 9th should note that with tax, ticket costs will be \$53.47 for adults and \$26.24 for children 3-12 years. A one-hour behind-the-scenes Noah tour on Thursday at 1 p.m. will cost \$10.09 per adult and \$5.04 per child. Blocks of tickets have been reserved for the 3:30 and 7:30 shows on the 9th and for the tour on the 10th. More information on how to reserve tickets from the IFYE block will be in the next UPDATE, and on the website once it is published.

Hotel reservations are being accepted by the Branson Radisson by calling 417-335-5767 and requesting the IFYEUSA group rate. The rate is \$123.25 tax included, double or single occupancy. (Triple and quad occupancy are an additional \$5 and \$10 plus tax.)

All information will be on the www.ifyeusa.org web site shortly.

From IL IFYE Coordinator

As I look at the calendar, I see Spring is only about six weeks away. I'm ready for a change in weather, hopefully more sunshine and green grass! It also means it is time to think about inbound and outbound IFYEs. As you have seen elsewhere in the newsletter, we are pleased that Erin Huckins, who is from the Chicagoland area and a graduating senior at Iowa State University was selected as an IFYE. We're still waiting to find out which country she will travel to.



INBOUND IFYES – We will be working to find host families for two inbound IFYE’s in Illinois. I don’t know yet their home country, but we need your help. Each IFYE should have a minimum of three and up to four host families. They will arrive mid-June and leave around Labor Day. If you have hosted an IFYE in the past, maybe it is time to do so again. If you know of families who might be interested, please visit with them and then please send me their contact information. We had such wonderful, warm and welcoming families last year and Helena from Germany and Bow from Thailand had a great time in the land of Lincoln. Remember, the families do not have to have children living at home, although that really does add to their experience. It is helpful for them to have their own room but definitely must have Don’t be afraid to ask a family that hasn’t been part of 4-H, last year two of our families had not been part of the 4-H family, but were converts by the end of the program. their own bed. Just think back to your days an IFYE and how much your families added to your experience! We will have a welcome picnic mid-June, probably in Bloomington. We’ll ask all the host families to come and meet the IFYEs and they’ll go home with their first family. We’ll also have a farewell picnic.



OUTBOUND IFYE PARTICIPANTS – We-IFYE USA- currently have around 12 IFYEs who have submitted applications and have been accepted into the program but it’s not too late to encourage those whom you believe would be great IFYEs. We are working with Schools and Colleges of several universities, mostly in the Midwest to identify candidates interested in global agriculture. We’ve been able to work with them to arrange for college credit. If they go in the summer, we work with the candidates so they can leave after Spring Semester and return by the mid-August, in time for Fall Semester. Please direct interested candidates to our website, www.ifyeusa.org to find the application. You may also give them my contact information. We usually try to have them talk to a recently returned IFYE. I think our very own Illinois IFYE, Nick Birsa has already been a reference for several outbound participants around the country.

STATE CONTACTS COMMITTEE – No one person can find host families, interview and inspect the homes and provide orientation for the families and outbound IFYE’s. It’s a lot of work, but it has been fun meeting and making new friends – just like when I was an IFYE. If you might like to help, please give me a call or drop an email. I will be planning a teleconference call for our current and new State Contacts in March, just to review what can be done. I hope you’ll join the effort.

Respectfully submitted,
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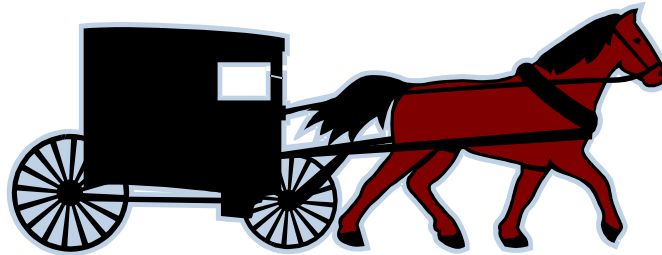
Annual Dues are Now Due

If you are an annual dues paying member of IL IFYE your 2020 Dues are now due. Annual dues are \$7.50 per calendar year. If you have the year "2019" or earlier, on your mailing label your dues are now due. All Lifetime dues members have the word "Lifetime" after their name on the label. Lifetime dues are \$90.00. Mail a check to: **Larry Wachtel; 15048 N. Haarmann Avenue; Effingham IL 62401** payable to IL IFYE to pay your dues.



Wonderful Winter Weekend

A Wonderful Winter Weekend for IFYE's was held December 28th to January 1st in Effingham IL. The Home of Larry Wachtel served as headquarters with the Lexington Inn serving as housing for the 16 IFYE's that participated at one time or another. There was plenty of IFYE Fellowship with lots of food and snacks. A grilled port chop supper at Larry's home started the New Year's Eve activities. One other highlight was visiting an Amish farm where we saw a horse shoeing activity and the inside of an Amish home.



Finally remember to register with Toni for Annual Meeting by March 14, 2020!