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IFYE UPDATE – August 2023

IFYE 75th Anniversary Celebration – Come and Celebrate!

Pat Donahue and Bob Ellis Co-Chairs

The 75th IFYE Anniversary Celebration planning committee is excited about all that is in place to make this a memorable weekend celebration! It includes the 75th Anniversary Celebration Reception at 5:30 PM on Saturday, October 7th, and International Banquet immediately following. Regular registration is open until August 31st. [Click here](#) for registration. We are near 90% for our goal (of 130) for attendance! The weekend will be filled with sharing memories, reliving our IFYE adventures, renewing friendships and making new ones. Hotel rooms are still available at the [hotel reservation link](#). We hope you will join us!



Tribute Tables (In Honor Of)

A special way to honor someone in the IFYE Family and world who has made a direct impact on your IFYE experience is through donating to a Tribute Table. We will honor these special individuals (or groups such as an Alumni Association or IFYE) at the tables throughout the ballroom. If you choose, your name may also be listed as a donor. [Click here](#) for more details.

S.O.S.!! Deadline Extended to submit items to Share Your Memories!



Part of the program will be sharing your pictures, etc. of IFYE through the years through displays, video clips and other media. The deadline for submission was August 15th. However, **we would love to have more** photos, slides, thoughts, memories, and/or video clips. **The deadline has been extended to August 30th**. Send submission(s) to Ginny Warner/Cora Rhode at 75years@ifyeusa.org. For questions, please call Ginny 775-772-1706 as time for submitting is limited.

75th Anniversary Cup and Globe Mementos

An Anniversary Hot/Cold Tumbler or a crystal-etched globe paperweight. Both mementos are \$20.00 each. [Click here](#) to order your memento(s)! Contact tchambers@ifyeusa.org for bulk orders.



Globe and Tumbler

IFYE 75th Store

You still have time! Order IFYE logo and 75th Celebration logo items from [Squad Locker](#) to bring to the celebration!

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IFYEs In Action!

Melissa Haberstroh, National Program Director

Our IFYEs have been capturing their activities in photographs and video. Take a moment to check out our new [“IFYEs in Action”](#) page on the website. It’s a great companion to both the Inbound and Outbound introduction pages where you can learn more about the 2023 IYFE Delegation. Be sure to click on the [Meet our 2023](#) program participant page for bios and videos telling their stories.



From left to right: Elisabeth Dalke (SD to Austria), Melissa Haberstroh (NPD), Elizabeth Schroeder (CO to Norway), Stephan Rolle (GA to Germany - HALLE)

My! How time flies ...

It seems like only yesterday that we saw the arrival of thirteen Inbound IFYEs, the departure of six Outbound IFYEs, and another orientation in the books in June. Our group of two-month IFYE Outbounds arrived home on Monday, August 14th and spent two days debriefing in Sterling, Virginia. Phillip Wessel, 2022 IFYE IL to Germany, gave presentation preparation tips and John “JP” Passino of the Foreign Ag Service spoke with the group on reverse culture shock and careers in the Foreign Ag Service.

New Country Visits

Immediately following debriefing, I am traveling to Zambia and Tanzania to officially kick-off the new IFYE programs in those countries. Aside from a personal introduction to my counterparts there, we’ll be meeting to discuss program details, officially signing the memorandums of agreement, and visiting the farms and families that our IFYEs will become part of. Each country will be hosting two IFYEs each: Kyle Newland (OH) and Tori Rasmussen (SD) to Tanzania and Meghan O’Reilly (OH) and Abby Schmidt (MO) to Zambia.

I’m looking forward to meeting ya’ll at the 75th Anniversary Celebration in Kentucky!



Stephan Rolle, GA to Germany, visits his little sister’s elementary school.

Click the picture to go to the IFYEs In Action Page!

Farm Bill Progress

With the summer break in Congress, there have been very few activities to promote the IFYE Farm Bill request in recent weeks. We were unable to find local IFYEs to attend the Farm Bill Listening Sessions in Minnesota and Maine.

The links to our new IFYE website pages were emailed to the committee that highlight both our American and International representatives to keep Farm Bill committee members up to date on the IFYE program. Click the picture to see the IFYEs in Action!

Our sources tell us that the committees are hard at work trying to negotiate the 2023 Farm Bill. We’ll continue to provide updates as we receive them from our contacts in the congressional offices.

