



IFYE News & Views

**International Four-H Youth Exchange Association of Colorado, Inc.
Newsletter**

Spring 2010

National Orientation: June 17-20

Following the success of last year's program, the IFYE Association of Colorado is once again hosting the National Orientation for inbound and outbound IFYEs from several states and countries.

The committee has been building upon what was learned last year to plan a successful program.

Inbound IFYEs will arrive on Thursday night and Friday morning. If you'd like to volunteer to help with airport pickups/transfers to the hotel, please contact Faith or Kenny Kroshel at kroshels@gmail.com.

The orientation program will take

place at the Curtis Hotel in downtown Denver and begins at noon on Friday. Informative sessions will relay helpful information to IFYE participants, while social outings, including a Rockies game, a history tour and a night on the town, will give IFYEs the opportunity to get to know one another and to experience Denver.

If you are interested in helping with this event and have not yet connected with the committee, please contact Erin Comden at erin.doherty@colostate-pueblo.edu.

State 4-H Conference IFYE Presentation: June 23

Our association is taking a new approach to promoting the IFYE program this year at State 4-H Conference. Instead of a reception, we are planning to present a three-part session to 4-Hers that involves incoming IFYEs and IFYE alumni. The event is slotted for June 23 from 4-5:30 p.m. Three groups of 100-125 4H members will rotate

through three IFYE sessions. The first will be a "Nuts and Bolts" of the IFYE program. The second will be the incoming IFYEs teaching words and phrases in different languages and answering questions about their home countries. The third will be a game show themed session led by our 2009 IFYEs, Susan and Lana. We need all the volunteers we can

Upcoming Events

- **June 17-20: National IFYE Orientation**, Curtis Hotel, Denver.
- **June 23: State 4-H Conference IFYE Session**, 4-5:30 p.m., CSU, Ft. Collins.
- **July 31-August 7: European IFYE Conference**, Salzburg, Austria.
- **August 3-7: National IFYE Conference**, Charleston, West Virginia.



get! If you would like to help, please contact Kellie Martindale at kelliebetty@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

Raziq Qazi, husband of Lorna Paine Qazi, CO -Germany
1953, June 19, 2009
Northglenn, CO

Annual Meeting Minutes

The Annual Meeting was called to order on January 16, 2010 by Jamy Traub at 3:27 PM.

The meeting began with the introduction of new officers, members, and guests and followed with a review of the 2009 meeting.

Lynette Earley, IFYE Treasurer, reported that our expenses since the last meeting were \$791.17 and our income was \$1110.00, leaving a difference of \$318.83.

Lynette reminded members to pay state and national dues. She also discussed the checking account and the endowment fund (which is used as a base to use the interest of the account for promotion or to send a third IFYE).

Next, members discussed giving money to the Colorado 4-H Foundation. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500 from the endowment fund. The motion didn't pass and will be discussed again next year.

Kellie Martindale briefly discussed the postcard project for address updates from last year; however,

the full committee wasn't present, so a review of the project was postponed until the next meeting.

Kellie Martindale reported on the Ice Cream Social that was held at the 2009 Colorado State 4-H Conference in June to promote the IFYE program. She stated it wasn't very successful because the 4-H members didn't actually get to interact with the IFYEs. This opened up discussion for possible marketing strategies for IFYE.

Several ideas were introduced:

- Set up a meeting with the IFYE board members and the 4-H June Conference Planning Committee. Erin and Jamy volunteered to be in charge of making the connection and attending the meeting.
- Provide ice cream at the State 4-H Conference dance
- Do an IFYE presentation at state conference (work with Melissa Oliver) – Erin and Jamy
- Send out an email to CSU students
- Start a Facebook group for Colorado IFYE – Lana Weber and Susan Kasza are in charge of

this group.

- Get into the 4-H Alumni Facebook group – Susan Kasza is in charge of this.
- Meet with Collegiate 4-H – Adam
- Do a IFYE presentation for CSU Collegiate 4-H – Susan and Lana
- Send an email with State 4-H County Agents – Kelly Moyer
- Suggest to 4-H agents to talk with students who are our age and ask them if they are interested in applying

As a result of all the ideas, a marketing committee was formed.

Kellie gave a report on the success of the 2009 National Orientation. The National Orientation Committee for 2010 was formed.

Courtney Loflin introduced the FLEX and LEX students.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned by 5:30 pm.

The Colorado IFYE Association can be reached by email at ifye_co@hotmail.com. Feel free to email any comments or questions to this address and one of the association officers will get back to you as soon as possible.



Host Families Needed for Incoming IFYEs

There are several outstanding incoming IFYEs in need of host families this summer. The hosting period is generally 2-3 weeks. Please contact Courtney Loflin at 970-491-2711 if you are interested.

Austria – Markus Derler, male 20 – June 25 – July 27 – English and German, no allergies – interests are soccer, tennis, skiing, other cultures, language, anything having to do with animals (particularly cows and horses), international economy, tourism, geography, law. Would like to see Rocky Mountain National Park.

England – Mike Martin, male 20 – June 25 – July 27 – English, no allergies – interests rugby, dairy farming, tourism, 4-H clubs (Young Farmers Clubs). Would like to see large and small scale production methods of food on US farms and learn about livestock farming in dryer and hotter climates. Would like to see the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas, if possible.

Greece – Philippos Antoniadis, male 17 – June 25 – July 27 – English and Greek, no allergies – interests

basketball, guitar, music, biking, camping, computer games. Would like to learn how Americans live, learn about the culture, and see basketball games.

Scotland – Alison Miller, female 24 – June 25 – August 2 – English, no allergies – currently a pharmacist, 4-H clubs (Young Farmers Clubs), netball, brass band. Would like to see different types of farming, including dairy, and learn more about the US, as well as Colorado 4-H clubs.

Scotland – Thomas Cameron, male 26 – June 25 – August 2 – English, no allergies – interested in dairy, beef, sheep enterprises. Would like to learn more about the US and attend competitions (county fairs).

Switzerland – Caroline Eggenschwiler, female 20 – June 25 – September 4 - French, German and English – no allergies – currently a fundraiser – interests are basketball, sports, music, reading, learning language, and hopes to work in international hotels in the future. Would like to learn more about the US and its culture, practice English. She would like to learn more about agriculture.

Colorado IFYE Association Financial Report

As of date, the Endowment Fund and the General Fund are still in the same checking account at Wells Fargo totaling \$9837.70.

Since the beginning of the year, we have received \$480 of income. Four members have sent in annual dues for a total of \$80, two donations came in for the General Fund for a total of \$150, and one donation of \$250 for the Endowment

Fund was received.

The only two expenses we have had this year was \$99.46 for the December 09 newsletter and \$8.80 for stamps to mail out receipts and thank you notes.

The Endowment Fund, still contained within the checking account, is at \$9306.06, which leaves us with a total of \$531.64 in our

checking account for general use.

Thank you so much for the members who have paid their dues and sent in donations!

—Lanette Earley, Treasurer

Any information or articles for the newsletter can be submitted to Shelley at lilpie22@yahoo.com.

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2010 Outgoing Colorado IFYE Representatives



The Association is excited to send two outgoing IFYEs this year.

Shane Sheridan will represent Colorado for a six month stay in Austria and Greece.

During his 11 years in the Elbert County 4-H program, he held various leadership positions, including President of District 4. He holds a BA in Technical Journalism and a BA in Performing Arts from Colorado State University, where he participated in Collegiate 4-H from

1999 to 2009.

Shane has many interests: politics, international relations having to do with civil liberties, legislation and its relationship with the environment, and sustainable agriculture.

The second IFYE, Kelly Moyer of Rio Blanco county, will spend her six month IFYE experience in Germany.

Graduating this May from Colorado State University, Kelly will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business and a Bachelor of Arts degree in



Communication Studies.

She is a 9-year 4-H member and has extensive leadership experience including serving as President of the CSU Agribusiness Association and as an Ag Council Representative.

Interested in agricultural policy and rural development around the world, Kelly would like to learn about government support and the protection of agriculture and the role of families in agriculture internationally.

