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## Celebrations Reign in 2008 and 2009 and the Future

A festive National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, was the site of a **Celebration of 60+ Years of 4-H International Exchanges and Assistance to Youth Programs Around the World**. It was held in connection with a December meeting of the IFYE Association of the USA board of directors (See pages 4-5). The Australian Rural Exchanges Association hosted the **Ninth World IFYE Conference** celebrating 60 years of IFYE exchanges, in Adelaide, South Australia, October 4-11, 2008 (See pages 6-7). 4-H International exchange alumni in Indiana are preparing to host the **51st National IFYE Conference** in Fort Wayne, June 24-28, 2009 (See pages 8-9). States and Regions and some country groups have also held similar celebrations and reunions, such as the **Michigan and Ohio 60th Anniversary Celebrations** in May and July respectively and the regional gatherings in the New England and Southern Region (See the Summer 2008 issue of IFYE News). Preparations are underway for **Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2011** - National 4-H Council coordinated 4-H Peace Corps projects in several countries in the early years of the program. The **Tenth World IFYE Conference** will be held in Thailand in 2013. Where in 2018? Will the USA host the **75th Anniversary World IFYE Conference** in 2018?

Happy New Year ! ☆



June 24-28, 2009 — Fifty-first National IFYE Conference — Fort Wayne, Indiana — (See Pages 8-9)



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# IFYE Association of the USA



## Celebrations Reign! 60+ Years of 4-H International Programs!

National 4-H Council Reconnecting Internationally  
Australia Relaxes...Indiana and Thailand Plan and Prepare

4-H Fellows Reunion Includes 21 4-H International Exchange Alumni

## Happy New Year!



...from the Thompson family (top left), the 2008 IFYE Association board of directors and past Association presidents attending the recent Celebration of 60+ Years of 4-H International Programs held on December 6 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. See pages 4 and 5.

The 2008 Association board of directors (column left) met in connection with the Celebration. Attending were (lower left standing l-r) Becky Grandle, Larry Zilliox, Jean Miller, Bev Osterberg, Judith Stewart, Art Deisher (2009 board), Roger McCoy, and (seated l-r) Eleanor Smith, Carol Hagen, Connie Fukudome, and Marianne Roseberry.

Past Association presidents attending the Celebration were (lower right standing l-r) Larry Zilliox, MN-Botswana 1968 (elected 2007-08); Roger McCoy, MO-New Zealand 1968 (2006); Bob Ellis, Gambia 1971 (1995-97); John Werner, IN-Germany 1963 (1969); seated, Verle Lanier MT-Japan 1958 (1967); Mel Thompson, MI-Turkey 1953 (1963 and 2001-2003); Dick Tenney, OH-France 1959 (1966); David Pace, IA-Uruguay 1961 (1968).

Of special significance at the Celebration was the presentation by Don Floyd, president of National 4-H Council. He outlined a new direction that will expand Council and 4-H's involvement in the international arena with a new 4-H global focus and new opportunities. See page 5. More information forthcoming as plans develop.

The ninth World IFYE Conference is history. Australia alumni are relaxing after five years of preparation. Over 140 U.S. alumni and friends attended. Thailand will host the tenth world event in 2013. See page 6 and 7.

Indiana alums (top right l-r) John Werner, Germany 1963; Bob Ellis, Gambia 1971; and Roger Sherer, Poland 1978, at the recent World IFYE Conference in Australia, prepare strategies for promotion of the National IFYE Conference in Fort Wayne in June 2009. Indiana alumni and their planning committee are organizing for top "Hoosier" hospitality. Those pictured with the promotional banner on pages 1 and 8 are (l-r) Bob Ellis; Maureen McKaig Cook, Peru, 1967; John Werner; Holly Hahn Yoder, Japan 1970; Betty Jo Smith Roberts, KS-Ecuador 1970; Jon Roberts, Panama 1970; the late Pam Samuelson Waugh, Australia 1970 (see In Memoriam page 12); Cindy Hoggatt Barnett, Korea 1975; Rita Stetzel McCabe, Brazil 1968; Roger Sherer; and Carl Broady, Barbados 1979. See pages 8 and 9. Register today.

An early fall celebration focused on the National Payne/4-H Fellowship program that recognized 131 Extension staff between 1931 and 1969 - including 21 4-H International exchange alumni. See page 10. Enjoy this issue! 2009 Dues are due! Contributions encouraged! Keep us updated with your address, telephone and e-mail via [melvinhi@aol.com](mailto:melvinhi@aol.com) or to address below.

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2009 board members and officers will be listed beginning with first 2009 issue of IFYE News

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## President's Message



Larry J. Zilliox  
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President, IFYE Association

The 9th World IFYE conference in Adelaide, Australia, is history. It can go down in the books as a major success. The conference coordinators were acknowledged for doing a super job from the planning to the final banquet. I believe each and every one of the 450 conferees found a country with hospitality in every corner, and I might add - a bottle of wine! This is the wine growing area in Australia and they proudly gave us a tour to some of the best. The spring time weather cooperated with the trees greening more each day, although the Australians would have preferred more rain.

The conference provided me the opportunity to do an around-the-world trip that included a visit to Botswana. 4-B program. It was 40 years since I was a 4-H International Youth Development Project (YDP) delegate to that southern Africa country, helping to establish their 4B youth program. The program is still functioning, although it has enlarged the scope and now serves young people up to 35. It still concentrates on rural youth and teaching the values of agriculture to young people who remain in the villages. Their struggle is to raise money outside of government, much like our own foundation programs.

What struck me as I traveled was the number of youth in other countries and their eagerness to attend school. I wish I had the energy these young children have as they walk to school in groups laughing and enjoying friends. The potential is so great. The problem seems to be that as they finish secondary school the real opportunities of life are cut off quickly. Job training opportunities are very limited and so many of these youth lack skills that would allow them to earn more than a dollar or two a day. 4-B and other youth programs around the world need to build skills that can be marketed to provide a better wage for them and their future families.

I believe the 4-H program has some of these skill traits that should be shared around the world. We have great youth leadership and adult volunteers whose expertise could be shared. Today we have the internet, a tool that can bring people closer together. It is taking the 4-H YDP and Peace Corps models that worked so successfully in many countries one step further to help others in the world. Fortunately, National 4-H Council, under the leadership of Don Floyd, is taking a look at such ideas and recognizing the value of international programming in this global world.

I rediscovered that the world is a pretty good place to be. Sure we all have our struggles and some have it better than others. Those smiling and cheerful children walking to school convinced me that they would find a way to survive and live another day. If we share our knowledge we will all be better off and contribute to improved international understanding and world peace! ☆

## IFYE and 4-H International - Looking Ahead!

**IFYE Association Dues/Contributions are Due! See page 11.**

Think January 31 - If a life member - consider a contribution

**National IFYE Conference - June 24-28, 2009**

Fort Wayne, Indiana - See pages 8-9.

Early Registration Rates - Prior to April 1

**National IFYE Conference - August 3-7, 2010**

Charleston, West Virginia ☆



## 2011 National IFYE Conference

**Bids Due March 15, 2009**

Venues for National IFYE Conferences are selected two years in advance. Bids for the 2011 Conference must reach the president of the IFYE Association by March 15, 2009.

Guidelines are available on the website or from the president or the secretary. ☆

## 2009 IFYE Association Awards

### Nominations Due April 15

IFYE Association Recognition Award nominations for 2009 are due April 15. Recipients will be announced at the International Banquet during the annual conference in Indiana in June.

There are four categories of awards:

- Friend of 4-H International
- Commendation for Contributions to International Understanding
- Meritorious Service to 4-H International Programs by Extension personnel
- Outstanding Contributions by 4-H International Alumni to 4-H International Programs.

Information/nomination forms available from Becky Grandle, 931 Churchmans Mill Road, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 - Telephone 540/337-4528 or E-mail [cgrandle@rica.net](mailto:cgrandle@rica.net). Information available on the website [www.ifyeusa.org](http://www.ifyeusa.org) ☆

## Association Board Representation...Did You Know?

Board Members for the IFYE Association represent four regions. These states are listed in alphabetical order within each region and board members are selected in rotation. Your current board members are listed on page 2 of each issue of IFYE News.

States will be notified in January 2009 and are asked to identify a board member so he/she can attend the national conference in Indiana in June. The members-elect will then be ready to assume the three-year board position the following January for the 2010-2012 term. Eligible for the coming term are the National Capital Area, Georgia, South Dakota and Alaska. If a representative cannot be identified, the position moves to the next state.

Board members represent the state from which they are selected even if they reside in another state. States do not have to have an alumni association to have a representative.

The list of states by region are found in the Policy and Procedures Manual on the IFYE website ([www.ifyeusa.org](http://www.ifyeusa.org)). Check the list to see when you can represent your state. Contact the Board president or a board member from your region and let them know of your interest. ☆

## Alerts and Admissions

**Ohio's 60th Anniversary** of 4-H International Programs took place on July 18-19, 2008, not in June as noted in the last issue.

**Remember Jade Lester**, the 13-year-old singer who performed at the 2005 National IFYE Conference in Chatham, Ontario? Conference Chair Geraldine Campbell reports that "Chatham's Idol" recently won the Canada Talent Competition for entertainers under age 26. ☆

## IFYE Association Board Elects 2009 Officers

The IFYE Association Board of Directors elected officers for 2009 during their December meeting at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. They are:

President — Connie Harms Fukudome, KS-Netherlands 1971

Vice President — Marianne Roseberry, NE-Australia 2000

Secretary — Becky Upton Grandle, WV-United Kingdom 1978

Treasurer — Art Deisher, Ohio-United Kingdom 1971 ☆



# Celebrating 60+ Years of 4-H International Exchanges and Assistance to Youth Programs Around the World



4-H Citizenship and International Programs have been part of the U.S. 4-H program since the early 1900s. This is the 60th Anniversary year of the IFYE program, the first 4-H International exchange. It has been pointed out that 4-H was emphasizing citizenship from its very beginning. 4-H International relationships began as early as the 1920s when Extension staff were helping countries organize programs similar to 4-H...like A.G. Kettunen, Michigan's State 4-H Leader, who assisted with the founding of 4-H in Finland. Thus, a 60+ Anniversary Celebration!



Over 70 exchange alumni, hosts, friends and National 4-H Council staff attended the celebration held at the newly refurbished National 4-H Conference Center on December 6, 2008. The 50 exchange alumni represented 25 states and 30 host countries. The four photos (left top-bottom) represent alumni attending who participated in programs in the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, and from 1980-2008.

The afternoon and evening program included tours of the Center, visits to Kathleen's Corner, the room at the Center dedicated to and in memory of Kathleen S. Flom, and a reception followed an International Dinner and 60th Anniversary Dessert and Program.

Council staff member Freeman Thompson conducted the tours. The visits to Kathleen's Corner were hosted by Sue Benedetti, Wyoming-India 1966, and Eleanor Wilson, retired USDA Extension staff member.

Mel Thompson, Michigan-Turkey 1953, served as master of ceremonies. Alganesh Tedla Piechocinski, Ethiopia-USA 1971, led the pledges, and Bob Miller, Wisconsin-Norway 1952, reflected on his experience and provided the invocation.

Larry Zilliox, Minnesota-Botswana 1968 and president of the IFYE Association of the USA, welcomed the group, reflected on the recent World IFYE Conference in Australia, introduced the 2008 and 2009 board members and passed the presidential peace pipe to the newly elected 2009 president, Connie Harms Fukudome, KS-Netherlands 1971.

Celebration Greetings from Grant Shrum, former president, National 4-H Council, and alumni Francis Pressly, Dan Mozena and Russ Mawby, were shared during the evening (see page 5).



Memories and reflections were shared by five alumni (l-r below): Ruth Carson Proctor, Indiana-Ireland 1951; Shawnda Gregory, Virginia-Finland 2002; David Pace, Iowa-Uruguay 1961; Jane Krill Thompson, Ohio-Israel/Netherlands 1986/88; and Verle Lanier, Montana-Japan 1958.

Don Floyd, President and CEO of National 4-H Council, highlighted the evening with a presentation, "Today's 4-H Windows to a Wider World," a look at a new approach to 4-H strategies to meet global youth needs (See page 5).

The program ended with the singing of 4-H International's theme song, the "Song of Peace," led by Dick Tenney, Ohio-France 1959. ☆





## National 4-H Council Reconnecting to the World and

### Exploring New Global Focus and Opportunities for 4-H

Don Floyd, President and CEO of National 4-H Council, challenged and inspired those attending the Celebration of 60+ Years of 4-H International Exchanges and Assistance to Youth Programs Around the World, with his presentation on “Today’s 4-H Windows to a Wider World.”

National 4-H Council staff has spent a year visiting 4-H-type organizations and youth leadership around the world. “4-H is an effective, salable and sustainable model that strengthens communities, builds individual capacity, and expands opportunities for young people worldwide,” Floyd emphasizes. Over 80 countries have similar programs. He points out that 405 million young people are unemployed worldwide, and at risk.

He outlined an exciting vision for a Global 4-H Network that would combine positive youth development, agro-economic development and innovative partnerships to eradicate the intellectual, emotional, physical and financial poverty of marginalized youth. This will be a strategic goal for the National 4-H Council in collaboration with the Land-Grant Universities and state 4-H programs and international partners. 4-H’s “Learning by Doing” philosophy will be the foundation of an innovative and strategic effort. An investment in such a network will open new doors to strengthen communities, develop youth and expand opportunities.

4-H International exchanges and programs in the past have provided a solid foundation. New approaches and efforts will build thereon and provide for stronger youth and community development worldwide.

As has been emphasized for 4-H over the years:

**“An Image of Excellence includes an International Dimension!” ☆**



## Celebration Greetings

### from Grant Shrum, Francis Pressly, Dan Mozena and Russ Mawby

The following are excerpts from Celebration messages received in connection with the Celebration of 60+ Years of 4-H International Exchanges and Assistance to Youth Programs Around the World:

**Grant A. Shrum**, President, National 4-H Council (Retired)

The 60th Anniversary of 4-H International Programs lights many positive memories of “better understanding” experiences and testimonials of those touched by this program. I first experienced IFYE as a county agent in Missouri and found participants very enthusiastic about better understanding between people everywhere. This program has contributed well beyond what any of us can measure or imagine.

Dr. Ed Aiton and a handful of visionary extension leaders are recognized for their vision that through exchange and peaceful living we can achieve better understanding between people around our globe. They were right. Our challenge for the next 60 years and beyond is to rekindle the vision, the passion, the participation, the determination and the will to create the plan that will move the program to that ultimate goal of a world at peace.

**Francis Pressly**, North Carolina-Italy 1951, Director, 4-H International Programs (Retired), National 4-H Council

Sixty years of partnering young leaders of this country with their counterparts in nearly 100 countries around the globe has had a positive influence on the lives of so many people. I pay tribute to the pioneers like Ed Aiton, Al Hoefer and soon after, Warren Schmidt, Les Nichols and Kathleen Flom, to name a few.

Anniversaries are a time for celebration, but they also offer an opportunity for taking stock. After 60+ years, it is appropriate to hold up a mirror to see ourselves for what we are. The land-grant university system has changed, Extension has changed, 4-H has changed, and counterpart programs around the world have changed. The direction of 4-H International programs has changed, expanded, and is ever changing - spawning an enthusiastic emphasis in international education, exchange and development throughout the world.

**Dan Mozena**, Iowa-Nepal 1971, U.S. Ambassador to Angola

Recently, I hosted the Deputy Commander of the U.S. Military Africa Command. She asked how Grace and I had made the journey from the back roads of rural Iowa to American Ambassador to Angola. We responded that nearly 40 years ago 4-H, through the IFYE program, had

opened a door to the world that never closed. The Deputy Commander laughed as Grace and I told stories of two Iowa innocents’ first exposure to the broader world - mine in Nepal and Grace’s in Thailand. The culture shock train that hit us during our IFYE experiences prepared us to take in stride most anything, including the challenges of Angola.

Our IFYE experiences were the first step that led to Peace Corps, work with 4-H International programs at National 4-H Council, then the U.S. Foreign Service and now the position of U.S. Ambassador to Angola. No path would have been better for Grace and me and our family. We know that IFYE launched us down this road, and for this, we remain forever grateful.

**Russ Mawby**, Michigan-England/Wales 1948, President, W. K. Kellogg Foundation (Retired)

Greetings and congratulations to all who have gathered this evening for the 60th Anniversary Celebration of 4-H International Programs, with a special salute to IFYE.

Like you, my life — both professionally and personally — has been influenced dramatically by a 4-H international experience. In the summer of 1948, I had the privilege of being one of the 17 4-H members who were pioneers in the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE). Living with farm families in England and Wales changed my perspective and aspirations in life. IFYE has been an important factor in shaping my career and life. My first job was with Extension where I had the privilege of serving for a decade as State 4-H Leader. My career next took me to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation where I started as Director of the Division of Agriculture and then served as CEO and president for quarter of a century. 4-H and IFYE have been a consistent part of my life.

In reflecting on life, people are the most important. I marvel at the few who were key in making IFYE a reality starting with those former 4-H members in New York State following World War II. Now, for six decades, others have carried on the IFYE mission, making modifications as circumstances changed and adding an amazing array of new 4-H International Programs.

There is a greater need today to have an international dimension as a part of the 4-H experience than there was 60 years ago. The challenge to each of us, as committed internationalists, is to do what we can do and ought to do to enhance the human condition. To what more can we aspire? ☆



**A Beautiful and Meaningful InterFaith Service**, preceding the official opening of the ninth World IFYE Conference, was held at the Kent Town Uniting Church (below) with the Rev. Chris Harkness officiating. Assisting during the service were (l-r) Miguel Dumlao, Philippines; Deb Clarke, president, Australian Rural Exchangees Association and Conference Chair; Marianne Svensson, Sweden; Rev. Harkness; Janette Smith, Scotland; and Larry Zilliox, president, IFYE Association of the USA.

Over 450 people from 24 countries attended the conference, including 140 from the U.S. The week began with cool weather and rain, but quickly turned to warm, typical Australian sunshine. What started with raincoats and umbrellas, ended with sunscreen! There were lots of firsts for many of the conferees - feeding kangaroos, holding koala bears, and spring (in Australia) in fall (at home). Conference headquarters was at the Grosvenor Hotel.

The program included a multicultural dinner at the National Rail Museum, visits to Cleland National Park and Mt. Lofty Summit, an Aussie Bush Dance with the Old Gum Trio, and full day tours to the coastal area, Adelaide and environs, wineries, agricultural development and research and

horticulture and wetlands management sites.

Host family day was well received by all and ended with the families joining the conferees for dinner at the conference site.

Workshops included, among others topics, wine appreciation, Aussie folklore, native flora and fauna, indigenous bush tucker walk and Australian Rules football.

A highlight of the conference was the address by South Australia's Deputy Governor Hieu van Le. His story of how he and his wife, Lan, fled Vietnam following the War, sailed in a fishing boat to Darwin via a refugee camp in Malaysia, were granted temporary permits and sent to Adelaide in 1975, and, in 2007, became the Deputy Governor of South Australia. "There was nary a dry eye in the house...and he received a standing ovation," wrote Conference Chair Deb Clarke.

One participant wrote, "It was a conference, a reunion of old friends and new converts to the cause. No other program is like IFYE and no other program will take its place."

It all ended with a dinner dance and closing ceremony at the Adelaide Oval marquee. A conference to be remembered! ☆





## World IFYE President Barbara Miller Maidment's World IFYE Conference Opening Message\*

Welcome friends! Greetings one and all to the 9th World IFYE Conference. A special greeting also to host families, Australian interstate exchangees, participants from the Australian P&O Shipping sponsored program, Department of Agriculture and Rural Youth Staff from around the world, and friends of IFYE. It is wonderful to see you all here.

It seems only yesterday we were all in Sigtuna, Sweden, for the 8th World Conference and my goodness, hasn't the world become a different place in the last five years. Terrorism, war, hunger, poor health, and now financial collapse plague the world's great economies and those striving to take their rightful place in the world. Modern issues such as climate change, dwindling oil reserves, cyber-crime, the growth of China as the manufacturing powerhouse and India as the emerging technology giant challenge and provide opportunities for us all.

The IFYE motto of "Peace through Understanding" seemed a very appropriate slogan on which to build a new program for youth following the devastation of World War II. But I ask you, do we understand our neighbors any better now than we did 60 years ago in 1948?

In modern times, improvement in the scope and quality of international exchange programs relies on several key issues: Democracy — providing for free choice and voluntary work to maintain and develop democracy. Knowledge — formulation of a broader and deeper knowledge of our multicultural global society. Learning — instilling in our youth and practicing ourselves the love of learning throughout life. Rural Development — holding a reverence and international solidarity for the productive rural components of our various countries and acknowledging the role of the rural sector in creating wealth and stabilizing the economy. Environmental Stewardship — building sustainability in the use of our natural resources. Gender Equality — recognizing that women as well as men as well as youth play significant roles in the development of democracy and world understanding.

Overall, attention paid to these key issues will assist in capacity building, planning and the implementation of international activities.

Five years ago, when we discussed IFYE as an agent for better world understanding, it was recommended that each of us, in whatever capacity, work personally for improving the quality and scope of the IFYE program. We stressed the need for global capacity building with particular attention to the developing nations of the world. And we agreed to continue the dialogue on how IFYE can make an impact.

So, here we are in Australia, ready to launch into a week full of activity and meeting up with old friends. Debbie Clarke and her organizing committee have put together a splendid program during which your knowledge and understanding of the land down under will be greatly increased and will hopefully leave a legacy in your mind of the people and places that Aussies call "home." I would like to particularly thank Debbie for her foresight and courage in standing up to say "we can do this" back in 2002 when the Australian Rural Youth Exchangees Association had their national meeting.

As you move through the week of touring, discussion, and host family visits, be thinking in the back of your mind...what have I done in the last 5 years to help IFYE make an impact where I live? And what are my plans for the next five years to improve my personal global understanding?

Once again, a warm welcome to the 9th World IFYE Conference - Many cultures, one country, one world...Peace through Understanding!

\*Barbara Miller Maidment, Oregon-Uganda 1968, is married to Australian Geoffrey Maidment. They live in Cowaramup, Western Australia.

She has served as president of the World IFYE Board during the past five years. ☆





## 51<sup>st</sup> National IFYE Conference - June 24-28, 2009 Fort Wayne Marriott - Fort Wayne, Indiana

“Peace Through Understanding” is the theme of the 51<sup>st</sup> National IFYE Conference. The conference will be held at the Fort Wayne Marriott, which is located just off I-69 on the north side of the city. Room rates for our conference are \$94/night and will be honored until June 1 or until all rooms are sold out. Please call 1-800-228-9290 and ask for the IFYE room block to make your hotel reservations.

Fort Wayne is an exciting city that offers agriculture, shopping, museums, culture, semi-pro sports teams, several universities and colleges, the largest genealogical collection in the United States and is home to people of 63 countries.

Our conference will offer fun, education, IFYE business, and lots of time to make new friends and renew friendships. The keynote speaker and workshops will focus on our theme, “Peace Through Understanding.”

Our evenings will be filled with good food, fun and laughter. When was the last time you square danced? Have you been to a dinner theatre recently? Dr. Stosh, a Polish doctor, will visit us on Friday evening.

The tours will offer something for everyone...for the ladies, for the men, for the children...agriculture, Amish, gardens, history, shopping, and a taste of Hoosier cuisine.

The conference service project is the Northeast Indiana/Poland 4-H Exchange. This program began in fall 2004 and will continue until June 2012. Indiana hosts in odd years and travels to southeast Poland in even years. Each year, approximately 20 youth and adult volunteers travel and stay with host families. Funds raised during the auction on Friday evening will be used to support this exchange. Cash and checks accepted. (States and/or individuals are encouraged to contribute an item representing your state, crafts, homemade items, baskets of items representing your state or host country, food items, and/or something unique for the auction.)

Celebrations will honor the 25 and 50 year anniversary groups.

A display area will be available to share your international programs, state activities, future conference sites, etc.

The International Banquet on Saturday evening, featuring local entertainment, international food and an inspirational speaker, will be one of the highlights of the conference.



Fort Wayne

## Welcome to Indiana!

Complimenting the conference program and activities will be a Children’s Program for youth between the ages of 5 and 12.

You can travel to Fort Wayne by four different modes of transportation — car, bus, airplane or train. Fort Wayne is within a one day’s drive for over half of the United States. Hotel shuttle service will be available from the Fort Wayne International Airport. Other airports you may consider are: South Bend, Toledo, Detroit and Indianapolis. If you are interested in traveling by train, Waterloo, Indiana, is the closest stop on Amtrak. Greyhound Bus Lines has a terminal in downtown Fort Wayne.

The conference gets underway with registration on Wednesday afternoon, June 24, and ends with a breakfast buffet and closing devotional service early Sunday morning, June 28.

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### Pre-Conference Tour - Wednesday, June 24

(\$15 Fee)

**Fort Wayne Walking Tour.** Wednesday, June 24, 2-4:30 p.m. Historic downtown Fort Wayne - Embassy Theatre ([www.fwembassytheatre.org/home](http://www.fwembassytheatre.org/home)) Cathedral, and other sites.

### Conference Tours - Friday, June 26

(Tour and lunch included in Registration Fee)

**History on Wheels.** Travel to Auburn with visits to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum ([www.acdmuseum.org](http://www.acdmuseum.org)), National Automotive and Truck Museum ([www.natmus.org](http://www.natmus.org)) and the National Military Museum ([www.militaryhistorycenter.org](http://www.militaryhistorycenter.org)). Lunch at Ryan’s Restaurant.

**Chocolate, Purses and More.** Fort Wayne visits to Vera Bradley factory and retail store (for shopping) ([www.verabradley.com](http://www.verabradley.com)), Lunch at Joseph Decuis ([www.josephdecuis.com](http://www.josephdecuis.com)). Afternoon dessert and tour at DeBrand Chocolates ([www.debrand.com](http://www.debrand.com)).

**Shipshewana.** One hour bus ride. Visits to Menno-Hof Cultural Center ([www.mennohof.org](http://www.mennohof.org)), family style lunch at Blue Gate Restaurant ([www.riegsecker.com](http://www.riegsecker.com)), and afternoon Amish farm visits.

**Garden Tour.** Half or full day visits. Fort Wayne City Parks ([www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)), Botanical Conservatory ([www.botanicalconservatory.org](http://www.botanicalconservatory.org)), and Allen County Master Gardener Display Gardens. Picnic lunch.

**Agricultural Tours.** Visits to a large crop producer, a specialty farm, and a value added agriculture operations and other attractions. Lunch at a local restaurant.

**Children’s Tour.** Visit to Science Central. ([www.sciencecentral.org](http://www.sciencecentral.org)) and the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo ([www.kidszoo.org](http://www.kidszoo.org)) Parents and grandparents welcome.



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*(One day or multiple days, but not full conference - includes meals only)*

Number of days \_\_\_\_\_ @ 100 per day = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which days you will attend:

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- Friday  Saturday

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PreConference Tour

\_\_\_\_ Historic Ft. Wayne Walking Tour - **Wednesday, June 24 – \$15**  
*All other tours with lunch are Friday, June 26 and are included in the registration fee. Indicate your top three choices by putting the numbers 1-3 in the blank provided.*

- \_\_\_\_ History on Wheels
- \_\_\_\_ Chocolate, Purses, and More!
- \_\_\_\_ Shipshewana
- \_\_\_\_ Garden Tour
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## 4-H Fellows Reunion Celebrates 77th Anniversary of National Payne/4-H Fellowships Included 21 4-H International Exchange Alumni

Thirty-one former National 4-H Fellows and friends celebrated the 77th Anniversary of the National Payne/4-H Fellowship program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center during National 4-H Week in early October. Fellowship recipients were recognized for outstanding achievement as 4-H Educators.

The Payne Fellowship, initiated in 1931, and later renamed the National 4-H Fellowship, prepared Extension staff for leadership positions in the 4-H Program. The one year program combined graduate study with an informal study of the federal government and related organizations. A total of 131 Extension staff from 39 states were inducted into this program, which continued through 1969.



Significantly, nearly one third of the Fellowship recipients were instrumental in international programs, including nineteen IFYE alumni, two who participated in International Extension 4-H Travel Seminars and one on the Professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange (PRYLE). IFYE alumni included Rhonwyn Lowry, GA-Denmark 1951; Eldora Keske, WI-Austria 1951; Joan Engle Wieckert, KS-Denmark 1952; Ruth Brasher, UT-Phillipines 1954; Eleanor Inman Smith, GA-Ireland/N Ireland 1957; Jim Kemp, CO-Ireland 1955; John "Jack" Heller, KY-Greece 1951; Don Mitchell, ID-Netherlands 1950; Wanda Gumprecht Redmond, CA-Japan 1956; Barbara Smith Turner, NH-Germany 1956; Jane Kamisato Larson, HI-England/Wales 1958; John Stanley, IL-Dominican Republic 1958; Margaret Stahly, NE-England/Wales 1960; Georgia Beth Smith Thompson, UT-Switzerland 1962; Betty Easter Walch, MO-Turkey 1963; Sue Kleen Benedetti, WY-India 1966; Jim Sais, NM-Ecuador 1958; David Pace, IA-Uruguay 1961; and Glenice Rugland Johnson, MN-India 1966.

Lois Redman, KS, was a PRYLE participant to Sweden in 1967. David Pace, MN, and Linda Crow, ND, participated in the Travel Seminars to Africa in 1971 and 1976 respectively.

4-H International alumni attending the 4-H Fellows Celebration included (upper left standing l-r) Sue Kleen Benedetti, Jim Sais, Glenice Rugland Johnson, (seated) Joan Engle Wieckert, Eleanor Inman Smith, Barbara Smith Turner, and (not pictured) Linda Crow.

The reunion was organized and coordinated by Joe McAuliffe and Harlan Copeland, 4-H Fellows in 1953-54 and 1956-57 respectively, and Sue Fisher of the National 4-H Council staff. Copeland and McAuliffe also wrote a book about the Fellowships and the 4-H Fellows titled, "Windows to a Wider World." As part of the reunion program, Don Floyd, president of National 4-H Council, presented "Today's 4-H Windows to a Wider World," with a focus on 4-H and a new global emphasis. ☆



## IFYE Foundation of the USA

### Looking Back and Forward

Summer is again behind us and the memories that many host families have of their exchange student remain fresh in their minds. The opportunity to host a person in your home for six weeks, six months or a year is truly a chance to grow an understanding of how people in other lands live. All IFYE alumni have had the experience of living in homes in other countries. We shared our families through pictures and stories. They did the same and we learned about them.

The financial support you provide has been generous and the Foundation Board thanks you. We understand the current financial situation in the world has caused many to take steps to protect their investments and retirement funds. However, the exchange delegates continue to come to the U.S. and many will again go abroad from here and need our support.

In the last issue of the IFYE News, we included a "tear-off" for the convenience of those who wish to contribute more than once per year. The fall campaign that the Foundation has conducted for the past several years will soon be in your mailbox. The participants need your support and they do appreciate any monetary help they receive.

The IFYE Foundation is dedicated to support 4-H International Exchanges. Last year we were able to contribute \$75 to each outbound delegate. In addition, we supported International night at National 4-H Congress in Atlanta and the orientation of "state to country" exchanges held in Michigan. As requests for grants increase, we will need to find the resources to support those containing requests.

Again, our thanks to you for your support of 4-H International Exchanges. You have made many young people happy and their experience something that will change them for life. If ever there was a need for Better Understanding in a troubled world, it's now. Increasing exchanges to more countries is in the forecast, but it will take more support from you and others like you to make it happen.

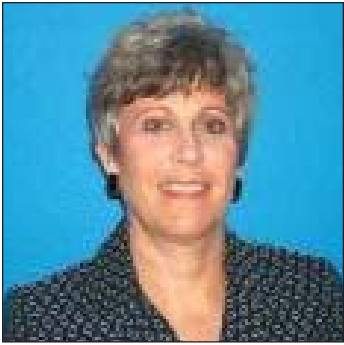


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### Marietta Marvin Mason OSU Recognition

Marietta Marvin Mason, OH-Taiwan 1978, received the Career Achievement Award from Ohio State University's College of Education and Human Ecology in early November. This award honors alumni who have proven records of career accomplishments and who have made outstanding contributions to their profession. A certified financial planner and chartered life underwriter, Mason has built her own business, Mason Associates LLC, since 1999 with particular emphasis on advising women. ☆

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### Michigan 4-H International Association Holds Annual Summer Meeting

#### 1958 Delegates to Switzerland Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The 1958 Delegation to Switzerland (right) celebrated their 50th Anniversary in early August at the home of Cecile and Girdon Buck in Skaneateles, NY. Renewing friendships and reminiscing were (l-r) John Burr, CT, Cecile Reapsome Buck, PA; Tom Kelley, PA-France (adopted by the Swiss), Shirley Maxon Newcombe, MI, in Swiss dress, and Arnold Fast, OH.

The Michigan 4-H International Association (above) met during August at the home of Shirley Cubitt Garrity. Attending were (standing l-r) Jim Hensler; Larry Nicholas, Lebanon 1955; Frank Kapp, OH-Pakistan 1958; Ron Voorheis; Mary Walquist Voorheis, Philippines 1957; Katy Aylsworth; John Aylsworth, OH-Greece 1955; Margaret Thar Foster, Netherlands 1957; Murray Sayre; Sally Narhi, Taiwan 1970; and Henrietta Vereyken Hensler, Luxembourg 1956; (seated l-r) Hostess Shirley, England/Wales 1956; Jean Stewart, Turkey 1962; Carol Kapp; Sandra Hofacker, Venezuela 1970; Maxine Harris Sayre, Sweden 1955; Marian Pike Huey, Norway 1955; Rhoda Kelly Reini, Greece 1954; and John Seidis. ☆



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## 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):

- ★ **Ruth Oster Cone**, SD-Australia 1952, June 21, 2008, Carmichael, CA
- ★ **Pauline Rogers Greene**, OH-Austria 1954, L-0886, wife of Chester Greene, L-0887, December 15, 2008, Georgetown, OH
- ★ **Richard Loos**, CA-Brazil 1961, September 16, 2008, Baja, CA
- ★ **Francis Wayne Mack**, SC-England/Wales 1957, January 3, 2008, Chattanooga, TN
- ★ **Elsie O. Miller**, long time administrative assistant to the president of National 4-H Council, November 17, 2008, Gaithersburg, MD
- ★ **John J. Simon**, MO-Belgium 1977. 2008, Blacksburg, VA
- ★ **Harold Sweet**, served on New York State 4-H and National 4-H Council staff - keen interest in 4-H International programs, December 1, 2008, Ithaca, NY
- ★ **Evin C. Varner Jr**, SC-Japan 1961, December 1985, Mecklenburg, NC
- ★ **Pamela Samuelson Waugh**, IN-Australia 1970, L-0381, Pam has been on the Indiana Planning Committee for the 2009 National IFYE Conference, December 10, 2008, Pierceton, IN
- ★ **George Wolf**, husband of Margaret Allen Wolf, IL-Netherlands 1961, October 31, 2006, Hudson, IL

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. ★

## Life Memberships

The following became life members of the IFYE Association in 2008: John R. Baird, Kansas 1962  
Elizabeth K. Beavers, Iowa 2005  
Raymond Borton, Michigan 1952  
Dorene A. Dufek, Wisconsin 1964  
Evelyn J. Senecal, Michigan 1958



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## James P. Tobin, IA-Soviet Union 1978 Recipient of the Gary L. Davis Award



Jim Tobin, IA-Soviet Union 1978, (above left center) was the 2008 recipient of the Gary L. Davis Award, which recognizes individuals who consistently demonstrate strong leadership skills in advancing the 4-H youth development program. The award was presented during the National 4-H Hall of Fame's Induction Ceremony and Awards Program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center on October 10 during National 4-H Week. Present for the presentation were his parents (left) Kelly and Irene Tobin of New Market, IA, and his wife, Gina. They are pictured with Don Floyd, president and CEO of National 4-H Council.

Tobin leads Industry Affairs for the Commercial Acceptance Group of the Monsanto Company in St. Louis. An Iowa 4-H member, he was a participant on 4-H International's Young Agricultural Specialist Exchange Program (YASEP) with the Soviet Union in 1978. He previously worked with the Iowa Extension Service and served on the State 4-H Council. He has also served on the boards of trustees for both the Missouri 4-H Foundation and National 4-H Council. As part of the recognition, the awardee designates a community to receive a monetary gift to build 4-H afterschool programs and 4-H efforts within the state.

Jim is pictured (above right) with Dan Mozena, IA-Nepal 1970, and currently the U.S. Ambassador to Angola in southwest Africa, and Mel Thompson, Dan was coordinator of the YASEP program and Mel was director of 4-H International Programs with National 4-H Council when Jim was a participant. Ambassador Mozena was in Washington for a meeting at the time of Jim's recognition. ★