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An Historic Inauguration January 20, 2009

An historic inauguration is now history! Several 4-H International exchange alumni - and many others with 4-H backgrounds were in Washington, D.C., amongst the thousands who filled the Mall and surroundings areas (including hundreds of ticket holders who didn't allow enough time to get through security and witness the event first-hand). And of course, millions throughout the country and the world were witnessing the event via computers and television - with better seats than most in the VIP sections at the Capitol and on the Mall. Some were surprised that 4-H was not represented in the procession from the Capitol to the White House. Where was 4-H? The inaugural site in 2009 (above right); the inaugural site for Abraham Lincoln's first inauguration in 1861 (above left - Capitol under construction). Read Lincoln's "Farewell Address" when leaving Springfield, Illinois, on February 11, 1861, on page 5 of this issue. ☆



51st National IFYE Conference June 24-28, 2009

The next major event for 4-H International exchange alumni and friends is the 51st National IFYE Conference being held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 24-28, 2009. "Peace through Understanding" is the theme. The Fort Wayne Marriott (lower right) is ready and waiting for arrivals from around the country and the world. And the conference planning committee (lower left) and all Indiana alumni are anxious to welcome you and all! All 4-H International exchange alumni and their families, host families, Extension staff, and friends are welcome. Celebrations will honor the 25 (1984) and 50 (1958 and 1959) year anniversary groups. The conference service project is the Indiana/Poland 4-H Exchange (see page 8). Register today. Conference information and the registration form are available in the fall 2008 issue of IFYE News and on the website - www.ifyeusa.org, or on the Indiana conference website - www.four-h.purdue.edu/ifye. ☆



June 24-28, 2009 — Fifty-first National IFYE Conference — Fort Wayne, Indiana



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IFYE News — Dues — Contributions — Updates The Development of 4-H International Exchanges

The new year - 2009 - is well underway. This issue brings information on the upcoming National IFYE Conference (page 1), a unique "4-H/Aussie Fire Brigade" Book Project (page 3), a report on the Tanzania "Take a Lead" Seminar (page 4), the Indiana-Poland 4-H Exchange (page 8), Association and Foundation contributions (pages 8 and 10), Association memberships (page 9), Green Since 1902 (page 11), the Memorial Column and Alumni and Friends in the News (page 12), and interesting alumni involvement throughout.

Who is the IFYE in the above photo...and Where are they? Learn about them, the program and the opportunities they represent in the coming summer issue of IFYE News.

Dues — Contributions — Address Updates

There is some confusion regarding (1) IFYE Association dues, (2) contributions to the IFYE Association, IFYE Foundation, State programs, and National 4-H Council, and (3) exchange alumni and member records.

IFYE Association Dues and Contributions. Both annual and life memberships are available through the IFYE Association (see form top of page 11). It is expected that exchange alumni attending the National IFYE Conference be either life members or have paid annual dues (not required of family and others). This form also helps update records of alumni and other Association members. This form is also used for contributions to the Association - needed to cover related costs and operational expenses. Fill out the form completely to assist in updating records.

IFYE Foundation Contributions. Contributions to the IFYE Foundation are for support of IFYE and other exchange programs (see information and form on pages 10 and 11).

State Program Contributions. Individuals who wish to support 4-H International education and exchange programs in a specific state should contact their State 4-H Program Office and/or 4-H Foundation.

National 4-H Council. Many do not understand that IFYE and other 4-H International exchanges are no longer administered by National 4-H Council. All programs are now coordinated at the state level. Council is currently exploring a renewed effort to reconnect the U.S. 4-H program with other countries through a Global 4-H Network focusing on assistance, development and support of similar programs in countries around the world. Information on this new program effort will be forthcoming in the near future.

4-H International Exchange Programs

IFYE, founded in 1948, was the first 4-H International exchange program. The IFYE logo was the focal point for programs through the 1960s. The name was changed from International Farm Youth Exchange to International Four-H Youth Exchange in 1973. It was at the time that IFYE became one of several different programs. The 4-H International logo (below right) was designed in 1974 to encompass the array of programs that are or have been a part of 4-H. They have included:

- IFYE Representative (continuation of the original IFYE program).
- IFYE Ambassador program, first called the 4-H Member exchange and later the 4-H Caravan program.
- 4-H International Youth Development Project (YDP)
- 4-H Peace Corps Projects (as part of the U.S. Peace Corps)
- 4-H Japanese Exchanges (Labo, Lex, Utrek)
- Professional Rural Youth Leader Exchange (PRYLE)
- Agricultural Training Program (for inbound participants) (ATP)
- Agricultural Work Experience (for U.S. participants) (AWE)
- Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX)
- Young Agricultural Specialists Exchange (YASEP) with Soviet Union
- International Extension 4-H Travel Seminars
- and...many other special state, national and international programs

May 4-H International Development, Education and Exchange Programs continue, develop, grow and thrive!

Mel Thompson, Michigan-Turkey 1953, Editor, IFYE News

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President's Message



Connie Harms Fukudome
KS-Netherlands 1971
President, IFYE Association

Re-define in 2009

Welcome to a New Year. As I write it seems a bit belated but a New Year and new IFYE Association board has begun since the last newsletter. I am honored to be the president for 2009 and I believe we will have an exciting year and will accomplish a great deal.

Thanks to the 60th anniversary celebration in Washington, DC, in December, the 2008 board and those who had been appointed at that time to begin their terms on the board for 2009, met in a joint board meeting. Much was accomplished.

One highlight of the board meeting and the weekend was a presentation by Don Floyd, Presi-

dent and CEO of the National 4-H Council. The board listened intently as Don introduced us to his vision of how the 4-H format can be used to increase youth development worldwide. Comments of "positive approach," "a breath of fresh air," "finally, a new direction," and "this might be what we have been wanting" along with other positive but cautious comments were expressed. His approach is very wide in scope and, in his opinion can assist in solving world hunger, economic stress, aids, and other social issues. If you get the chance to hear his presentation (and you will have that opportunity during the Saturday National Meeting in Indiana) please make the effort to do so.

The IFYE board will be very active between now and June. Being able to meet in December, the 2009 board has a balanced projected financial budget for 2009. Additionally, our board has decided to try to accomplish the following goals during 2009: 1. Establish or improve communication between board members, state contacts, and individual IFYEs. 2. Update the website and make it a useful tool. And 3. revitalize the IFYE program and its purpose. I will use this forum to keep you informed of our accomplishments.

Regarding communication, I can proudly report that the IFYE Association board has all the appropriate states represented and a full roster of board members is serving the organization. The board has divided the 50 states amongst themselves and is well on the way to having all the states contact information up to date by the end of February. The next task will be to contact all the "lost" IFYEs to see how they want to be reconnected to the association plus updating the membership address and e-mail information.

Regarding the website, some updates have been made - www.ifyeusa.org. Please "refresh" your page when you first enter so that you will get all the new updates. We especially want you to check "Links to other sites" and then click on "State 4-H sites." If your state has a web page and it is not linked, please send me the URL so that I can get our webmaster, David Riecks, Illinois-India 1985, to include it in the list. The upcoming national conference is listed and registration forms available. We want our website to be as useful as possible to all in our association or anyone who views it.

Regarding the alumni association and its purpose, thanks to Roger McCoy and others, the IFYE logo has been officially registered for the Association's ownership and use. The By-laws and Policy and Procedures committee is aggressively working to update the documents to make them a functioning document. More information in this area will appear on the website and in the IFYE News. Action may be taken at the June conference.

As you can see, your IFYE Alumni Association is on the move! In many ways we are going to "Re-define in 2009!" It is an honor and privilege to serve as President of such an enthusiastic and motivated board. I hope every IFYE catches our renewed spirit!

Our board wants to encourage each of you to consider attending the Indiana Conference June 24-28, 2009. A wonderful program has been put together by the hard-working Indiana committee. Come and join us for the whole or part of the conference. There will be plenty of time for re-establishing friendships and making new friends.

Please contact me via email, phone, or regular mail with any and all comments on anything I have mentioned. This is YOUR organization. Let's keep it alive! ☆



4-H International - Looking Ahead!

Association Dues/Contributions are Due! See page 11.

If a life member - consider a contribution!

National IFYE Conference - June 24-28, 2009

Fort Wayne, Indiana - See page 1.

National IFYE Conference - August 3-7, 2010

Charleston, West Virginia ☆



Support the Australia Book Project Join the 4-H/Aussie Fire Brigade! "Youth Helping Youth!" Need Your Help!

Remember the recent fire disasters in Australia? The 4-H International Youth Group going to Australia this summer will be hosted by the State of Victoria - the area hit the hardest. Over 200 people were killed in the worst fires in Australia's history. Many school libraries were destroyed amongst the extensive destruction.

4-H International alumni and friends can help support the Australia Book Project. The group will take the funds raised when they depart in mid-June. In consultation with the Australia Exchange Network and the Victoria school system, they will purchase and present the books during their one-month program.

The fifteen 4-H'ers from nine states will be hosted by families in Victoria. The fund-raising for this unique service project is being coordinated by Lillian Larwood, OR-India 1968. The Australian Exchange Network is directed by Julie Bosch Drechsler, MN-Trinidad and Tobago 1988, who relocated to Australia following her IFYE experience.

Make your tax-deductible contribution - check payable to the IFYE Foundation of the USA - and send to Lillian Larwood, 105 Ballard Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-3608. Note on the check "Australia Book Project" and mail to arrive by May 28, 2009. ☆

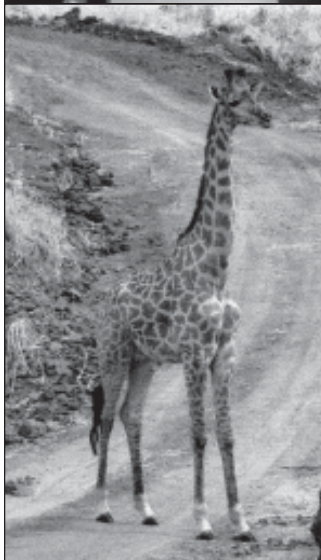
2009 IFYE Association Awards Nominations Due April 15

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. Information available on the website www.ifyeusa.org ☆



Tanzania Entrepreneurship "Take A Lead" Seminar

High praise from the participants for the recent "Take A Lead" seminar sponsored by Tanzania 4H and the Finnish 4H Federation. It was held at the Kange 4H Centre in Tanga, Tanzania, February 10-25. An African 4-H Network as part of a global networking effort is underway!

The 40 Seminar participants included youth program staff and trainers from Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia in Africa, and from Austria, Denmark, Finland and the United States.

Objectives of the seminar: To promote and broaden intercultural learning and awareness, to show how exchanges with others increase tolerance, knowledge, skill and attitudes, and to help dispel misunderstandings and increase communication between youth of Africa, America and European countries.

Seminar planners included Ms. Susan Naburi and Mr. Bernard Goliama of Tanzania 4H, and Ms. Paivi Haapasalo of the Finnish 4H Federation.

Representing the National 4-H Council (and U.S. 4-H) were - Don Floyd, President; Jennifer Sirangelo, Senior Vice President, and Linda "Jo" Turner, Foundation Relations Consultant. They conducted a survey of the countries represented to provide a better understanding of country programs. Prior to the Tanzania Seminar, the Council representatives participated in a meeting of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) in Nairobi, Kenya.

Pictured above (l-r) Don Floyd with Beatrice Siame and Fridah Namfukwe Musonda of Zambia; Juha Ruuska and Paivi Haapasalo, Finland; Dina Koranteng, Ghana; and Jennifer Sirangelo, U.S.

The Tanzania Seminar report is available via e-mail - write melvinhi@aol.com or Paivi.haapasalo@4h-litto.fi ☆



G. Kamala De Silva, Sri Lanka-USA 1963 - Memories!

G. Kamala de Silva (right), Sri Lanka's first female IFYE, came to the U.S. in 1963, the third year of the program with the country then known as Ceylon. She was active with the Young Farmers Club (YFC) program and provided volunteer help for the YFC headquarters, near her home. She met and hosted many U.S. delegates when in Sri Lanka, who remember her fondly.

Kamala's host states were Illinois and California. "In America I had six host families. All were the best anyone could find, loving, caring and they looked after me like a true daughter. Traveling across the country from Washington, D.C., to Illinois to California gave me a good idea of the vastness, variety and differences in the whole of America," wrote Kamala, "Flying in an airplane, meeting a totally different culture, new faces, changed my way of thinking and my life for ever," she continued.

The George and Helen Martin family in Illinois was her first host family. Their son, John, 1961 IFYE, was the first U.S. delegate to Sri Lanka. Photo (above left) of John, Kamala and Mrs. Martin in 1963.

Ray William, WA-Ceylon 1968, and his wife, Nancy, now living in Oregon, and their family visited Kamala in Sri Lanka in 1988. Remembering her help with his program and their continual communication with her over the years, they named their daughter, Kamala, in her honor.

Kamala revisited the U.S. in 1992 with her late husband, S.C. Kanagarajah. They visited some of her host families, including the Martins', and the Williams'. They are pictured above (right) with Ray, Nancy and her namesake, Kamala.

Kamala retired to her home village of Gampola, near Kandy and close to the famous Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. She enjoys having her nephew, Neil, and his family nearby. "I am so blessed," she wrote. ☆





Springfield, Illinois Abraham Lincoln's Farewell Address February 11, 1861

When Abraham Lincoln left Springfield, Illinois, to start his inaugural journey for Washington, D.C., he paid unforgettable tribute to his friends and neighbors in what is known today as the Farewell Address. Lincoln spoke these famous, emotionally charged words as he boarded a special presidential train at the Great Western Railroad station, now a restored Lincoln visitor site.

The day Lincoln saw this depot for the last time, he recognized most of the people in the huge crowd gathered outside. Ahead of him was war, death, and enduring fame; behind him were the warm-hearted people who provoked this response:

"My friends, no one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of the Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell." ☆

"Dairymen of the Year 2008" Started with an IFYE Interview

When Charles Crave applied to be an IFYE Representative in 1977 he was open to new adventures. But becoming a business partner with one of the interviewers, and eventually becoming a partner in an internationally prominent dairy farm and cheese processing business was not an adventure he imagined.

Last October, Charlie (center left) and his brothers (L-R) Tom, George and Mark Crave were named Dairymen of the Year at the 2008 World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The award was given for their outstanding dairy production, quality breeding, progressive management, industry leadership, and community involvement.

It was during that interview with David Wieckert, WI-Sweden 1952, that Charlie said he'd like to own a dairy farm but it wasn't likely the home farm had the potential for the kind of business he dreamed of. Dave had taught Charlie in one of his dairy science courses at the University of Wisconsin and knew of his ambition. Dave wanted to invest in some dairy cattle and saw an opportunity. Soon after Charlie returned from his IFYE experience in Taiwan, Dave, Charlie and his brother, George, became business partners in Crave Brothers and Wieckert.

They first rented a small farm milking 57 cows. Two years later they bought a larger farm in Waterloo, Wisconsin. Brother Tom joined the business that same year and youngest brother Mark, in 1988. All four brothers had Dave as a professor when studying Dairy Science.

Today Crave Brothers Farm milks 1200 purebred and grade Holstein cows three times a day (30,000 lb. herd average) and crops 1800 acres of corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese, started in 2001, makes prize winning artisan cheeses under the Crave Brothers and other labels around the U.S.

Numerous groups, international visitors and students have toured the farm – about 1000 persons each year. Charlie, George, Tom and Mark each have traveled to other countries to conduct seminars and help train others in dairy management techniques. Crave Brothers Farm has also offered work experience for dozens of international trainees.

The Craves were featured on the NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams "Making a Difference" segment this past May for their process of digesting manure from their 2500 dairy animals, converting it into electricity that powers their cheese plant, farm, and 120 area homes. The manure digester is managed by Karl Crave, the oldest son of Charlie and his wife Joni, in collaboration with Clear Horizons, a Wisconsin firm that specializes in organic waste management solutions and biogas energy systems.

The brothers credit their success in part to their ability to specialize in different facets of the business. Charlie does bookkeeping and feeding, Tom is in charge of crop production and farm maintenance, Mark man-



The Crave Brothers Tom, Charlie, George and Mark
At the Farmstead Cheese factory, Waterloo, Wisconsin

ages the herd and 40+ employees and George manages the cheese factory across the road from the farm. Several of the next generation are employed on the farm and/or are studying for careers that will contribute to the business.

Crave Brothers' partnership with Dave Wieckert ended in 2000, though it's not unusual to still see Dave at the farm tending the landscape, admiring cattle, or giving tours to professional colleagues from around the world.

July 21-23, 2009
Crave brothers and their Families
will host
Wisconsin's Farm Technology Days
Waterloo, Wisconsin

The Crave brothers and their families will host Wisconsin's Farm Technology Days for about 80,000 visitors, July 21-23, 2009. All are welcome.

The farming brothers have three other siblings, all of whom have been Wisconsin IFYEs: Mary, Sri Lanka 1980; Bridget, Switzerland 1981; and Paul, Botswana 1986, Paul was part of the 1986 Young Agricultural Specialists Exchange (YASEP) that was canceled after their three month training program due to the Chernobyl disaster; thus his Botswana program.

Dave Wieckert is married to Joan Engel Wieckert, KS-Denmark 1952.

For more on the Crave Brothers enterprises and Farm Technology Days, see: www.cravecheese.com. ☆

The Beef Princess of Practical County

Michelle Thomas Houts, Author and Educator

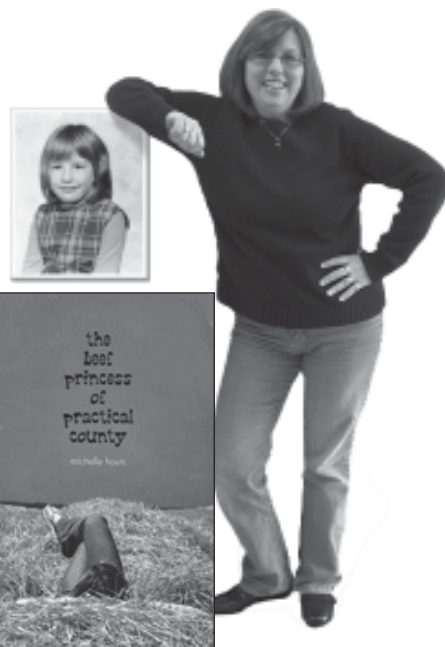
Imagination reigns in the heart of Michelle Thomas Houts, OH-Denmark 1988. Her website - www.michellehouts.com - is a joy to visit. It overflows with Michelle's personality. No matter your age, you'll want to read her book, *The Beef Princess of Practical County!* It is being released on April 14.

"My first memory of writing was in the first grade. Yes, that's me, a first grader, in the photo I'm leaning on," writes Michelle. Her first was a retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk using her friends and herself as the characters. The teachers loved it and so did the kids.

A graduate of Ohio State, she holds degrees in special education, early childhood education and speech pathology. You guessed right! She loves school. And that's where she met Mark, the farmer of her dreams!

The photo right is of Michelle and other Ohio IFYE delegates at the 60th Anniversary Celebration in Columbus last summer. Seated (l-r) Beth Rinehart Gress, Switzerland 1988, and Jill Davidson, Switzerland 1990; and standing, Michelle (left) and Lynn L. Hamilton, Norway, 1988. Think she's promoting her book?

Her book will be available at your neighborhood bookstores and online through Random House Children's Books, Amazon.com, Borders and Books-a-Million. ★



Bauer Family Global All The Way!

You have to measure up when you arrive at the Bauer home in Anna, Illinois! Barb makes sure! Just ask Nickolay Schwarz (left), Tajikistan-USA 2002, on the FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange) program! Nick was 64.5" tall when he applied in 2001, 69" on arrival at their home in 2002, 72" on departure 2003; 74" on a visit May 2007 while at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT); and 75" on his visit last October. Norm and Barb attended his IIT graduation in 2007.

Nick (above), now on a work intern program in Chicago, with Natsuki Amari, on her year-long program and her host, a neighbor of the Bauer's, 4-H'er Elizabeth Bell, who has visited Natsuki's home in Japan. Natsuki was also hosted by the Bell family when on the 2004 Labo summer program.

The Bauers have hosted over 100 international participants for an evening dinner to year-long programs - 4-H International, Rotary, American Field Service and other programs.

Norm and Barb, 1957 IFYE delegates to Turkey - Norm from Michigan, Barb (Boyd) from Illinois - also proud of a global family (photo right) - via 4-H and other programs. Norm is president of the IFYE Foundation of the USA and Barb coordinates 4-H Japanese exchanges in Southern Illinois.

Daughter Beth and Doug Hileman and family have hosted exchangees and participated in mission programs in Croatia and one to the jungles of Surinam. Granddaughter Sarah Hileman, IL-Germany 2003, has taken study tours to South Korea, arranged a year-long study program for a Japanese teacher, and spent time in Ecuador to enhance her Spanish ability. Grandson Jacob Hileman is currently in Peru and Ecuador working on coffee plantations and studying Spanish.

Son David, International Agricultural Work Experience (AWE) in Switzerland, 1983 and IFYE Ambassador group leader to Switzerland 1985, was part of the 1986 Young Agricultural Specialists Exchange (YASEP) that was canceled after their three-month training and language program due to the Chernobyl disaster.

In the extended family, niece Emily Boyd Beanland's son Logan was a People-to-People delegate to Australia in 2003. Aunt Colleen Garrott, 90 (lower left), lived in France and Germany with her Air Force husband in the 1950s and now "encourages the rest of us!" writes Barb. ★





4-H, Folk Art, Crafts, & IFYE Create a Paper Cutting Artist 1976 IFYE Delegates Return to Poland for Celebrations

Folk art and crafts were always an intricate part of the life of Carolyn Gorham Guest, VT-Poland 1976. An active 4-H'er in Vermont, it was in 1976 that 4-H took her to the country that would introduce her to the Polish Folk Art of Wycinanki (vee-chee-non-kee) - paper cutting! It has become a way for her to tell of her experiences, the stories she has heard and reflects her rural Vermont heritage.

Carolyn (above left) challenges herself by seeing what she can cut with her sheep shearing shears, a choice she chose in tribute to her Polish teachers and the Polish Women who only had sheep shears with which to cut "Wycinanki." She also finds them easier to use since a hand injury some years ago. Two of her cuttings, "Car Crossing" and "4-H Barn" are shown above and right. Her Polish and Cutting interests have taken her back to Poland seven times since her IFYE experience. Visit Carolyn's website at www.sheepshearcuttings.com - note the information on her copyright challenges!

Dorothy Reid Roholt, an Oregon IFYE with Carolyn in 1976 has also been back to Poland several times since. Both were hosted by a family in Chrzelice, a village in the Silesian area of southwestern Poland. In 2006, Dorothy, husband Robert, and sons Nathan, Ian and Collin joined Carolyn in Chrzelice for the 45th Wedding Anniversary of their host parents and the 700th Anniversary of the village. They are shown above with the commemorative stone honoring the village celebration - the Roholt's and Carolyn (right). An unofficial highlight event of the celebration - the Roholt sons teaching villagers how to play baseball! The local soccer players had a great time and did well once they got the hang of the game. ☆



Ohio 4-H International Alum Reflects "From One Island to Another"

LeAnn S. Eyerman, Ohio-Jamaica 1985-87 (seated right), spent two years on the 4-H International Youth Development Program (YDP) working with 4-H in Jamaica. It was an experience that promoted her decision to embark on a missionary journey.

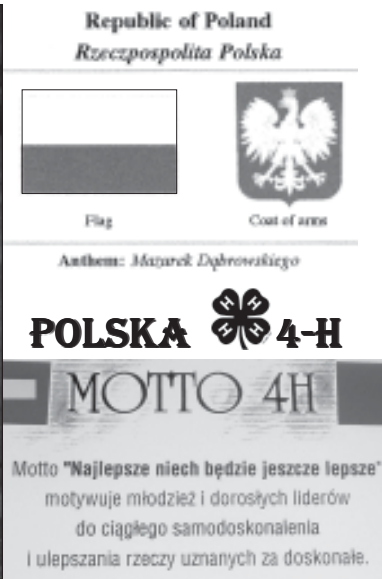
She reflects: "Sitting with peers who have assembled from about 20 locations around the world, I reflected on the amazing path my life has taken that has me tapped to lead this 3-day meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand. This is the 2008 international leadership council for Mission to

Unreached Peoples (MUPs), the agency with which I have been affiliated since 1995. Helping to have an orderly discussion, keep on topic, reach clear decisions, and manage our meeting, ... are important skills learned during my 4-H days.

"I had already been working on the island of Taiwan since 1990. My earlier experience in Jamaica was one of the factors God used in encouraging me to embark on my missionary journey to Asia.

"My formal education was in Food Science and Nutrition. However, my informal education through 4-H and the Ohio Cooperative Extension Service (OCES) has been invaluable in my ministry and teaching roles in Taiwan. From my childhood days in 4-H to University 4-H and being a volunteer as a young adult, I received many invaluable training courses and evaluations in areas which have helped me to conduct myself professionally, complete my tasks responsibly and develop effective teamwork. In addition, for various groups of young adults, community residents, professionals and staff members, I have enjoyed developing and teaching specially tailored training courses over the years.

"My current ministry focus is small group and individual discipleship, counseling and prayer. I have some responsibilities in the local church and in the broader Christian community in the Taipei area. The majority of my ministry is with young adults (aged 25~40) in Mandarin Chinese. At the university, God has also given me the privilege of starting and leading an exploratory Bible study group, which has been an evangelistic outreach to administrative staff over the past four years. Since late 2006, I have also been part of the MUP international director's leadership team." ☆



Indiana-Poland 4-H Exchange

July 4, 2008, was a special day for 15 Indiana 4-H'ers and adults returning from 17 days in Poland. They landed in Chicago, toured the city and observed the Independence Day fireworks celebration. A picturesque finale to their adventure 4,000 miles away in southern Poland!

Indiana 4-H is now preparing to host 16 youth and 11 adults from Poland, May 26 -June 9. This will make a total of 39 American and 77 Polish participants over the first five years of the exchange. Indiana is already planning for a group to Poland in 2010, making three groups from each country over six years.

Two Polish 4-H leaders, being hosted by Indiana in late June, will participate in the National IFYE Conference in Fort Wayne.

The exchange is between the Swietokrzyskie region of southern Poland and Northeastern Indiana. Participants live with host families and have an opportunity to experience 4-H and community activities, along with some sightseeing. The Indiana group also visited Krakow, one of the largest and oldest cities in Poland, and the Auschwitz concentration camp.

The Indiana Exchange planning committee includes Lee Stanish, State 4-H International Programs Coordinator, and Extension 4-H Educators Cindy Hoggatt Barnett, IN-Korea 1975; Roger Sherer, IN-Poland 1978; Barbara Thuma, IN-Poland 2006; and Neasa Kalme.

Indiana 4-H'ers, 4-H staff and others involved in the 2008 exchange with Poland 4-H while at the Agricultural University in Krakow were (back l-r) Cindy Hoggatt Barnett, IN-Korea 1975 and Extension 4-H Educator; Kazimeirz Wiek, Professor at the University; Laci Boxell; Kyle Thompson; Phil Jakabowich; Rachel Atkings; Rita Jakabowich; Kathleen Derrick; Barbara Bubien, Polish 4-H Exchange Coordinator; two Polish 4-H members; Mathew Derrick; and (front L-R) Lee Stanish, Indiana 4-H International Programs Coordinator; Steve Makowski; Tad Makowski; Katie Barnett (Cindy's daughter); Olivia Schuman; Naomi Mauger; and Alex Cushman. They are pictured above with their Polish host families at the Hotel Agro. Photo top left - Lee Stanish and Polska 4-H'er. ☆

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 Dennis E. Elgrim, 1957
 Frank A. Fender, 1962
 Lawrence A. Fenske, 1955
 Susanne G. Fisher, Friend
 Roger W. Fox, 1959
 Patricia Larson Fox, 1977
 Marjorie Frankenbach Hill, 1961
 Tresa Garcia
 David D. Gaumer, 1956
 Catherine Pempek Gourley, 1975
 Kay Binney Green, 1968
 Allison Earley Grove, 1993
 Alison Guthrie Saylor, 1953
 and Charles Saylor, Spouse
 Ronald L. Hall, 1983
 Dirk C. Hansen, 1972
 David S. Harrison, 1971
 Sharon Cubitt Heck, Friend
 Rollie F. Henkes, 1956
 Fred J. Henningsen, 1955
 Donna Powell Hershberger, 1974
 Guy A. Hummon II, 1954
 Irlene Rawlings Huntington, 1952
 Terry H. Jaspers, 1977
 Bruce I. Keeney, 1959
 Jane Craig Kolweier, 1981
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 Dennis Lettow, 1966
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 and Jeffrey S. Linn, Spouse
 Sherry Lynch Conrad, 1977
 Michlene Holwell Mankin, 1969
 Jack L. Morse, 1963
 Jay A. Muchow, 1976
 Margaret Reed Mukherjee, 1956
 Alton N. Nelson, 1949
 and Frieda Nelsen, Spouse
 Debra A. Nester, Friend
 Billy E. New, 1961
 and Loris New, Spouse



Life Memberships

The Winter 2007 issue of IFYE News featured a list of Association life members (including membership numbers) - issue available on the website. Twenty-seven 4-H International exchange alumni and spouses have become life members since, or were not included in the earlier list. They, along with their participation year and life membership number, include the following:

John R. Baird, 1962, L-1157
 Marilyn Bay Wentz, 1981, L-1135
 Elizabeth K. Beavers, 2005, L-1159
 Raymond E. Borton, 1952, L-1156
 Patrick W. Corcoran, 1975, L-1137
 Diane B. Corcoran, Spouse, L-1138
 Colleen L. DeJong, 1983, L-1143
 Dorene A. Dufek, 1964, L-1160
 Louise Wintermute Dukes, 1952, L-1145
 Beatrice Kasznay Garner, 1954, L-1139
 Clark E. Garner, 1954, L-1140
 Elaine Stephen Grant, 1968, L-1146
 Betty Sargent Guettler, 1960, L-0759*
 Robert Guettler, Spouse, L-1142
 Mary Jo Mauler Hamon, 1961, L-1161
 Dianne Coddington Henderson, 1982, L-1147
 Raymond Henderson, Spouse, L-1148
 David W. Humphreys, 1978, L-0769*
 Suzanne Humphreys, Spouse, L-1141
 Leslie O. Mergelman, 1968, L-1144
 Marlene Somers Palazzo, 1964, L-1149
 Michele V. Palazzo, 1964, L-1150
 Robert A. Schmidt, 1960, L-1155
 Evelyn Carlson Senecal, 1958, L-1158
 Eleanor Inman Smith, 1957, L-1151
 Nancy Aiken Varian, 1977, L-1152
 John R. Welser, 1957, L-1153
 Mark M. Wilson, 1977, L-1136
 Norma Lawton Wu, 1965, L-0795*
 Jung-Ming Wu, Spouse, L-1154
 *Spouse listed was included in 2007 listing.

Erna Wagner O'Brien, 1973
 Virginia Falter Olson, 1956
 Eleanor R. Pearce, 1953
 Aline Nelson Phillips, 1976
 Diane Dameron Plummer, 1956
 Dezzie Clegg Probst, 1958
 Eugene D. Richard, 1964
 and Mary Richard, Spouse
 John "Art" A. Ries, Jr, 1952
 and Margaret Ries, Spouse
 Judy Lukins Schrock, 1968
 Donald F. Schwartz, 1958
 Violet Klobas Shepard, 1957
 and Jerry Shepard, Spouse
 Mable Ann Davis Sherrill, 1958
 Grace Mitchell Shiffer, 1964

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 Carol Pehl Sparks, 1977
 Francis F. Spinks, 1958
 Margrieta Posch Stam, 1951
 Bob Stevens, Friend
 David F. Taylor, 1963
 Thomas L. Thorburn, 1963
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 Julie A. Tritz, Friend
 Claire Alessio Velyvis, 1957
 Linda Richter Walter, 1982
 Everett H. Whiting, 1955
 Larry L. Wright, 1965
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2009 Annual Memberships

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 Retha Hankey Davis, 1971
 Dennis E. Elgrim, 1957
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 Kathleen Fojtik Stroud, 1969
 Roger W. Fox, 1959
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 Jack L. Morse, 1963
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 Suzanne Schriefer Neufang, 1986
 Erna Wagner O'Brien, 1973
 Virginia Falter Olson, 1958
 Eugene D. Richard, 1964
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 Wayne W. Sharp, 1964
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See page 11 for the form for Memberships and Contributions and become an annual or life member. If already a life member - contribute to the general operational support. ☆

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President's Report

When times are tough, the tough get going or something similar to that. Our nation and the world are in a financial struggle. We hear and read each day that people are losing their jobs, their investments are losing value and families are trying to cope.

When we started the Campaign for 2008-2009, the real depth of the financial problems had just begun to surface. The concern was - will folks continue to support the IFYE Foundation, so it could fund international exchanges.

The answer to that question is a very positive YES. Contributions have exceeded last year's contributions, because the average giving has increased. Our supporters know the importance of giving to a program that supports a means to "Better Understanding."

The list of contributors is included here to show our appreciation. Without the support of these people we couldn't grant funds to a very worthwhile program. See the "tear-off" on page 11, so if you haven't contributed or wish to contribute again, you can easily do that.

While no decisions have been made at this writing, requests for grants have been received to support the exchanges of well over 100 individuals. The Foundation Board is excited to have the opportunity to help these young people have the experience that will change their lives and it's all because of you the contributors. Thank You!

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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):

★ **Beverly L. Buxton**, wife of Robert M. Buxton, OH-India 1969, L-0155, January 19, 2009, Warsaw, OH

★ **David N. Denton**, TN-England/Wales 1952, May 30, 2002, Jefferson City, TN

★ **Harold Krause**, husband of Betty Bowen Krause, WA-Norway 1954, L-0954, Newport, OR

★ **James Dominic Lay**, VA-Costa Rica 1954, L-0322, husband of Dorothy "Dottie" Osborn Lay, IL-Costa Rica 1956, L-0323, January 26, 2009, Rapidan, VA

★ **Larry D. Satter**, MN-Germany 1959, August 13, 2006, Madison, WI

★ **Laura Neu Vix**, OH-Norway 1995, L-1012, December 6, 2008, Union, KY

★ **Margaret Sparrer Wood**, VA-Netherlands 1971, January 28, 2009, Seaford, VA

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4-H International Alumni and Friends in the News

Raymond E. Borton, MI-Netherlands 1952, was recognized in 2007 as one of Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni. He graduated in 1953. He retired in 1996 as senior economist with the California State Office of Economic Research.

Ron Drum, PA YDP delegate to Botswana 1980, is the Resource Development Account Manager and Coordinator, 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology, with National 4-H Council in Chevy Chase, MD. Visit www.fourhcouncil.edu/science.



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Edwin Hadlock, NY-Colombia 1953, and 1959 president of the IFYE Association, is president of the R.T. Elethorp Historical Society in Hammond, NY. The Society sponsored and oversees the Hammond Historical Museum, opened in 1998. Visit www.blacklakeny.com/hammondmuseum.

Dan James, IN-Australia 1964, is founder and executive director of the Texas Global Exchange, a non-profit program offering cultural exchanges. He was the Texas 4-H International Programs Leader for 30 years before retiring, at which time Texas discontinued 4-H International exchanges.

Thomas A. Frangione, NH-Egypt/Botswana 1984/86, is with Pfizer Animal Health. He recently completed a term as chairman of the NH 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. Tom was part of the 1986 Young Agricultural Specialists Exchange (YASEP) that was canceled after their three-month training program due to the Chernobyl disaster; resulting in his Botswana assignment.

William Morton, AR-Netherlands 1959, is retired in Florida, after a two-job career - on the staff of the University of Florida and managing his own nursery. In retirement, he works with the Sugarcane Agricultural Center of South Florida. "Once an IFYE, always a farmer," he says!

Annabel Rupel, longtime Indiana State 4-H Specialist and 4-H International Programs Leader, celebrated her 90th birthday on November 21, 2008. A lifetime member of the IFYE Association, she resides in N. Manchester, IN.

Linda Schultz, WA-New Zealand/Soviet Union 1975/77, is on the state 4-H staff at New Mexico State University (NMSU), and recently spent time in Jordan, helping train female Iraqi Extension workers. NMSU and four other universities work with Tikrit University, their sister institution in Iraq, focusing on agriculture revitalization. NMSU is responsible for the women and youth component.

John S. Fisher, MN-Thailand 1981, is President, Trust House Philanthropic Services, in Fort Lauderdale, FL, in conjunction with Trust House, Inc. Visit www.THadvisors.com.

Harriet M. Smith, MI-Argentina 1964, is in her 39th year with Campus Crusade for Christ. She is the prayer coordinator in the ministry called Bridges International - student ministry of the crusade.

Thomas J. Thorburn, MI-Sweden 1963, is on the board of directors of ECHO - Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization in Florida. ECHO provides information, training and technical support to missionaries and others working with small poor farmers in some 130 countries. He and wife Jeanne have retired in Michigan (with a winter sojourn to Florida) after five years in Oregon with the Ford Family Foundation (unrelated to Henry) focusing on rural Oregon. He retired from the Kellogg Foundation in 2000. Tom wrote, "It was a pleasure to work with **Russ Mawby** (MI-UK 1948, and president emeritus of Kellogg Foundation) and I value his mentoring in the philanthropic work of Kellogg." ★

