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2014 Fall IFYE Meeting

The Fall meeting of the IL IFYE Association will be Saturday, October 4th at the home of Sue Herren in Belleville at 11:00 AM. A Dutch treat lunch will follow at 12:30 PM at Eckert's, which is just a few blocks from Sue's home.

Sue's address is: 2833 Fairway Drive; Belleville IL 62220. 618-234-2045

The IL IFYE Board will meet at 9:30 AM at Sue's home.

Please send your reservation for the meeting and lunch to Sue at: sherren@peaknet.net or via regular U.S. Mail. Sue needs to know how many are coming and we need to let Eckert's know the number coming.

Using your GPS is the best way to Sue's, but here are directions:

Take exit #17 to US-40 East towards St. Jacob Highland almost 2.5 miles, then you turn Right onto Troy O'Fallon Road - same road turns into Scott Troy Road... turns into Air Mobility Drive that whole stretch is about ten miles. Then, when it ends at IL-161 you turn Right. Go west until you hit Green Mount Road. I think that is a couple miles. At GreenMount Road - you go left (south) - you go through one set of stop lights IL-177. And, the next stop light is a three way... Greenmount, and the entrance to the Orchards. If they go too far, the next light half mile down the road is Eckert's

Or take Troy/O'Fallon Road to IL161. Take it west to Green Mount Road - go left - south to next stop light go into the Orchards Subdivision - Golf Course Drive. Take Golf Course Drive through first two stop signs. At third stop sign, go left - eleven houses down on the left.



From Our President

Hello IL IFYE's

The fall activities such as festivals, homecomings, football, soccer, and other celebrations are upon us so let's enjoy these things and others with family and friends from near and afar.

The annual conference in Reno was a new IFYE experience for the IL teaching team. A big thank you to all who assisted and to our fearless leader Hope Heslop and her husband-John.

Illinois is being proudly represented by Natasha Fetzer so be sure to check out her blog: journerywiththepuddlepirate.wordpress.com. Natasha's IFYE experience started before she ever left the US (check it out). It brought back memories of my arrival in Botswana on the president's birthday (a national holiday) and both of my trips to Australia. I'm sure each of you have a similar story and I'm looking forward to hearing them at our gathering.

Toni Frank



From Our Past National President:

NEED CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF IFYE ASSOCIATION OF USA

This year the Board's Nominating Committee has been assigned the responsibility to find and nominate new Board Members that will begin their three year term on January 1, 2015. The National Board meets at least once each month and most Board members are also active on various Board Committees. Time commitment is around 4 to 10 hours each month. Those attending the Reno Conference in June learned that 7 board members have completed their terms on the Board. Since there are only 12 State Associations left, the National Board has opened the Board Member selection from being a state rotation system to asking for anyone interested to serve to be considered.

Please contact Dick Wagner at 309-473-2308 or rwagnerrotary@juno.com if you would like to learn more about serving on the Board and/or to obtain an application. Dick needs to know of your interest by September 30, 2014.

Illinois States Exchange Report

I'm Anna Hevrdejs a 2014 States' 4-H International delegate to Japan!

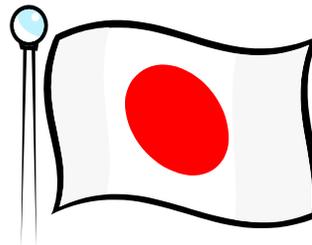
I'm officially immersed in Japan! Today was my second of three days in school. Yesterday, after learning how to wear my uniform of navy knee socks, a gray box-pleated skirt, white Oxford, and ecru vest, I had my first day in a Japanese school. My host sister, Hina, her friends, and I all walked to Nakayama Chugako (junior high school) and had four classes. I had Japanese, P.E., Geography, and Home Economics. I was utterly lost in Japanese class but swimming laps in P.E. was very nice as it is so hot! Geography was my second favorite yesterday (after P.E.!) The teacher actually spoke to me thrice, trying to explain, and didn't just lecture. I was able to figure out that we were studying Kyushu and Miyazaki City. Home Economics seemed more like Health in the U.S. It was about food science (sort of!) and nutrition. I'm under the impression

that, at least at home in America, Home Economics is learning skills for the home. Anyway, I ended up sitting for an hour while the other students took a test.

Today I think will have been my favorite out of all three days. We started the day with music and sang two songs in Japanese, which was OK with me. I can understand the Japanese phonetics and the teacher romanized one of the songs for me. Then we had English class. As English is my mother tongue, this was a little bit boring but it was very interesting to watch and listen. Geometry was insanely difficult. Mainly because I couldn't understand the instructions and made the worksheets harder than they actually were! Algebra was easy because I am a year older than the class I'm in here, and have done the problems before. Math itself is another language entirely if made solely up of numbers and symbols. It's when you add other languages to it that you have difficulties. Between English and Geometry classes I was able to share my Introductory Scrapbook with my classmates. Their favorite page was 'My Home', since my family has a pool! After school, yesterday, Okaasan (mother) and I went to the elementary school taiko drum club and I got to participate! My ankles hurt from the foot positions. After school today, we went again to the elementary school to make zori, old-fashioned, Japanese, cloth sandals. That was really fun, though my pair turned out a little narrow! My strips of fabric were ravelling like crazy and little bits of thread were everywhere! Tonight we have a Labo Party (meeting). Labo is the partner with 4-H that my exchange is through.

One last thing to end this note; I have yet to go through a full day without someone touching my hair and saying ``Kawaii`` (cute). This is because I look like the stereotypical American, meaning I have blonde hair and blue eyes! Ja mata! Anna Hevrdejs

Anna



Anna's Second Report

Here is my second and last article;

On July 22 we went to the National Theatre of Japan to see a Kabuki (traditional Japanese play). The play we saw was called Keisei Hangan Kou by a artist considered the Japanese Shakespeare. It's the story of a painter, Matahei, (who has a stutter) and his wife, Otoku, who go to visit his mentor, Tosa no Shogen and Shogen's apprentice, Shurinosuke. Matahei has an impossible stutter so Otoku speaks for him. Matahei's wish is to be bestowed the right to use the Tosa name which carries prestige, by Shogen. Suddenly a soldier rushes in and informs them that a neighboring princess has been captured by rebels and he needs help rescuing her. Shogen sends Shurinosuke to help the princess. Even though Matahei begs to be of some help, Shogen refuses to let him help because of his stutter. Matahei wishes to be of aid to try and earn the Tosa name but Shogen rebuffs him saying that prowess with arms is not going to help him as the Tosa name only passes to accomplished painters. Distraught that he can't be useful, Matahei and then Otoku decides to take their lives. (There's some echoes of Shakespearean drama!) Before they do the deed though, Otoku asks Matahei to paint his self portrait on the side of a stone well for his headstone. Matahei puts every ounce of his strength into the portrait and the paint amazingly goes all the way through the stone well to the other side! Unaware of the miracle, He tries again to kill himself but Otoku stops him, suggesting a last drink of water. She goes to the well and looks for the dipper (which has fallen in front of the well). When she sees the exact copy of Matahei's portrait on the front she has a humorous reaction.

Shogen who has witnessed the miracle from inside, comes out and gives Matahei the Tosa name, a scroll and Paintbrush to signify his change in status from a souvenir painter to a much more accomplished artist. Then Shogen sends Matahei to help Shurinosuke rescue the princess. The play ends with Otoku telling her husband that he shouldn't shuffle anymore but walk with more confidence.

In a play that could have ended tragically, the plot turns around at the last minute to end comedic. You can see the love of Matahei and Otoku throughout the story and the actors (they are all men) portrayed the characters so well.

Unfortunately this is my second and last article because I only have 10 days left. I'm off to camp tomorrow with many friends. Thanks for listening to my blather about literature! Anna Hevrdejs

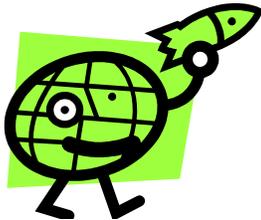
You are right, the time is passing so fast!

Thanks so much!

Anna

European IFYE Conference

There were 11 USA people attending the 2014 European IFYE Conference in Hesselberg Germany July 19 to 26. Four were from Illinois. Those from Illinois were Dale Yonker, Crystal Yonker, Carolyn Gehrke, and Larry Wachtel. There were a total of 177 participants at the Conference. The 2015 European IFYE Conference will be in Elgin Scotland August 15 to the 22nd.



Experience the World

So—would you rather take a bite of triple fudge dark Chocolate frosted brownie with white chocolate shavings, or merely read the recipe? Or—would you rather dive into the clearest coolest waters on a hot summer day, or just read a book about swimming?

There is so much to do, see, and learn about the world and the IFYE Exchange Program would like to help you truly experience—first-hand—those things that our world neighbors have to offer.

As the world becomes a more global community, the need for individuals to develop an awareness and appreciation for other cultures is more important now than ever. Cross-culture awareness and understanding on the part of US citizens will be crucial to effective leadership, competitiveness, prosperity and national security in the coming decades.

IFYE promotes and encourages understanding among the diverse cultures of the world through first hand cultural involvement. It offers young adults 19 years age and over, an invaluable learning experience by providing opportunities to live and work with host families around the world.

The IFYE Exchange Program with the motto, "Peace Through Understanding", began in 1948 with 17 US delegates went to Europe and 6 European delegates traveled to the United States. Since then thousands of youth from across the United States, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the South Pacific have participated in the program.

Young adults derive many benefits from living abroad. They gain new cultural perspectives, help make career and life decisions, and improve their problems-solving, communications, and language skills. Stereotyped impressions are changed as personal friendships are established.

IFYE participants believe that their involvement in the program has made a positive impact on their lives. Participants describe their experiences as "life changing" and "a growth experience."

Additionally, IFYE participants have affected others around them. They believe that their family, friends, and community are more aware of global events as a result of their participation.

IFYE's live with host families for several weeks each and have the time and opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with members of host culture while they learn about the culture. Significant changes in participant's self-perceptions, sensitivity towards other cultures, greater awareness of global events, and increased involvement in their own community activities have been demonstrated. IFYE alumni agree that the IFYE Exchange Program is a valuable program that continues to have an impact on their lives.

For more information, or to request an application, please contact: Alan E. Lambert, National IFYE Program Director; alanelambert@gmail.com (Applicants must be 19 years of age or older for this program)



Wonderful Winter Weekend

What do friends plus food plus fun equal? It is a wonderful winter weekend December 29-January 1st in the Springfield/Sherman IL area. Last year several IFYE's and families got together in Seymour IN for a few days of fun, fellowship, and food. The group decided to get together again this year. The home of Larry L. Wachtel, '69 IFYE to Sri Lanka, will be the headquarters. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Northfield Inn & Suites in Springfield under the group name: "IFYE".

This is an event that some people come for only one day or all days. It is a time for visiting with friends and exploring the area if desired. Tuesday December 30th will be the day to visit Abraham Lincoln Museum and Lincoln's Home. Wednesday will be our traditional movie day. New Year's Eve will feature a pork chop BBQ at Larry's home followed by a wine and cheese tasting event. New Year's Day will feature a Brunch before all depart for home. Additional information and registration forms will be sent out via email in a few days. Contact me at wachtell@gcctv.com for additional information.

Email Addresses

If you have not provided me with your email address I request you sent it to me. It will not be sold or given to any business and only used for IFYE information. If you received an email from me last week telling you the date of the Fall Meeting, then I have your correct email address. If you did not receive that email, then I don't have your email address or I have a bad email address. Several emails came back as undeliverable. My email address is: wachtell@gcctv.com

Some of you have said I don't need to send you a paper newsletter—just the email newsletter. Since I always get emails back due to changed emails, I know this way you will get the newsletter.

From The Past!

Following are some tidbits from IFYE Newsletters written by IFYE's while on the exchange.

"Have you ever tried eating peas, noodles, fried eggs, or rice with chop sticks? How about eating cold food that makes your throat feel like you just swallowed a flaming torch? If you hav not, you have never eaten at a Korean table." Dick Wagner, '65 IFYE to Korea; July 6, 1965/

"I have really enjoyed the typical Peruvian food and have gotten use to the 'hot' sauces. I know that I will miss eating in the Peruvian method and their food. Fried bananas are one of my favorites. I am anxious to try my recipes on my friends at home—guess I'll start with 'Arroz con Pato'—that is duck and rice." Mary Jo Cunningham Stewart, '61 IFYE to Peru; March 1961.

"How would you like to hire a matchmaker to find your matrimonial partner? Well, that's how it is done in Ceylon. Pillai, my 24 year old host brother showed me a picture of the girl he intends to marry in 3 years. He has never personally met this 17 year old girl, but a matchmaker made contact for him. The matchmaker was hired by Pillai. The matchmaker has to check, race, religion, caste and ready forth horoscopes. Pillai informed me that 'love' marriages just don't seem to work in Ceylon." John Martin, '63 IFYE Ceylon; December 1, 1963.

"After finishing shopping, we left the city to return home. Instead of coming home in the neighbor's jeep, we took the public bus. It took two hours by the jeep, but 4 hours by the public bus. The bus had to make many stops for the many passengers. Since the passengers have been marketing each passenger is loaded with his purchases. Anything can be transported on the bus. The man next to me had two live chickens. There was a small buoy with a goat riding in the luggage rack on top of the bus. The bus doesn't really run on a schedule, the people just wait along the road until the bus comes. Anita Mitchell, '69 IFYE, Philippines; November, 1969.

"Goeden Morgen! Net is zeven buux. Tijd voor onbijt.' Do you understand that? Then you have the same feeling that I had my first morning on my Netherlands farm. My host brother, alert, who is 6 and my host sister, Ati, who is 4 came running in my bedroom to wake me. 'Good Morning!. It is 7 o'clock. Time for breakfast.' My first thought was I must learn Dutch so that I could share life with the Holland children. Although I do not communicate very well with them asyet, I love every moment of it. The children are what we would typically think of when we visualize Dutch boys and girls—round faces, rosy cheeks, and blond hair. In spite of the language handicap, they have been very friendly o me. Margaret Allen Wolf, '61 IFYE, The Netherlands; April 1961.

"I have been in Australia two weeks today. Our ship, the S.S. Orsorua, landed at Sydney on October 25 after 20 days at sea. Our sea voyage was very good and smooth most of the way. The ship was British and most of the passengers were Australian and New Zealand, so we became acquainted with the accent right away. At first we had a little trouble understanding one another due to the accent, but after a few laughs we were able to understand one another quite well. The currency used on board ship was English sterling, so pounds, shillings and pence weren't do new to us when we came to Australia. My only problem with the money so far is Australian money has no value to me. I have to convert everything to American money. Lois Warfield Revell, '60 IFYE, Australia.

"When eating in India American manners are forgotten and Indian manners are gladly adopted. We slurp our food and chew with our mouths open. I think this is done more out of necessity since our food is loaded with chillies and spices. Our mouths are burning like coal furnaces. Our noses start to run and the room is filled with sniffing sounds from everyone. We also feel free to belch which expresses our satisfaction of the meal. We finish our meal by eating some fruit or something sweet because it aids our digestion. Actually it serves more as a relief for out flaming mouths. Ray Ropp, '64 IFYE India; October 1964



The following are tidbits from past Newsletters.

October 1962: Peg Hoffman, IL to New Zealand, 1954, has joined the Illinois State 4-H Staff as of January 1st.

Winter 1972: The 25th Anniversary Banquet will be Saturday, April 7, 1973 at the Student Union, Illinois State University, Normal IL. Cost is \$5.00 per person. G.B. Marion, Chairman of the Department of Animal Industries at SIU will be the speaker. Dr. Marion was one of the youth from New York who helped begin the IFYE Program. Natalie Riecks and Beverly Hornickel were the co-chairs.

Norm and Barb Bauer and three of their 4 children returned December 1st from Columbia. They had visited with Dick and Mary Lou Tenny.

Mike Coats sends greetings from Costa Rica. He is there on a Rotary International graduate Fellowship.

May 1975: The spring IFYE Banquet was held April 5th, 1975. There were over 200 in attendance. The highlight of the Banquet was to be a "Thank You" to Clareta Walker, however Clareta was hospitalized just a few days prior to the Banquet and was unable to attend. The response from the IFYE's and Friends in formulating a monetary purse for Clareta was just plain heart-warming. Clareta will have over \$700 for her own International Experience in the near Future. We missed seeing Clareta at the Banquet, but look forward to hearing about her travels.

The National IFYE Board met April 25-27 at the home of Norm and Barb Bauer, Anna IL. Visitors expressed their pleasure at having the opportunity to conduct their business amid the relaxed atmosphere of beautiful Southern Illinois.

February 1976: Wild Winter Weekend in Chicago was a huge success with over 50 people from 12 states and the country of Costa Rica. On Tuesday evening we went to a dinner theater to see the play, Tom Jones. Jim and Bev Hornickel drove up just for the play and to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary. They couldn't spend the night, as Jim had to get home to check his traps—I mean go to work. We had a quiet New Year's Eve party in our suite except for 3 uninvited Ladies who dropped in. See Ron Tarter or Larry Wachtel for additional details.

Illinois has two delegates to the first exchange with the USSR. They are Bob Bremmen from McHenry County and Ruth Fleck from Will County. They will leave in June.

Although Ron Tarter has lived in his house in Farmington for over 2 ½ years, it was just about 2 hours before the IFYE Board Meeting on Feb. 7th that he got his curtains hung.

John Litchfield as started as Extension Adviser, Ag in Fulton County. He also is engaged to Marilyn Farley and the wedding will be this summer. There is another IFYE Couple in Illinois.



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