

## IFYE UPDATE – JUNE 2016

Dear IFYE Alumni and Friends,

This is the first in a new venture to keep you informed of IFYE activities and events of interest of the IFYE program and association activities. The intent is to send an update every 6-8 weeks by email or if you are without email, by postal mail. The purpose of this communication is not to replace the IFYE News. That publication, published on a roughly quarterly basis, will continue to share alumni and conference news as it has in the past.

This communication will focus on the “nuts and bolts” of the IFYE operation. It is hoped that the information will be useful and appreciated

### **DESIRED UPDATE TO YOUR COMMUNICATION FROM US**

If you have email and are currently receiving our letters via postal mail (and wish to save the IFYE Association mailing costs, (About \$1.25 per mailing item), please send your email address to our database manager, Ginny Warner, [vwarner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vwarner@sbcglobal.net) or contact her at 775-772-1706. Thank you.

Likewise, if you do not wish to receive this new update letter, please contact Ginny and she will note such in the database from which our mailing lists are updated before each communication.

### **IFYE BOARD UPDATE:**

Board Monthly Conference Call - The IFYE Board meets monthly by Conference Call on the second Sunday of each month. Shortly after that second Sunday, the approved minutes of the previous month are published on the <http://ifyeusa.org> webpage in the membership portal.

One must be a member of the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. and must have a password in order to log on to the Member Portal of the website where the minutes are published. You are a member if you are already a Life Member or have paid the current year's \$30 membership. If you are a member but have no password, please contact Keith Ferris, [ferriskd@hotmail.com](mailto:ferriskd@hotmail.com).

New Board Members Sought:- IFYE Alumni or Friends of IFYE who are interested in Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture, Water Conservation, Forestry, or any other related fields are encouraged to join the Board of Directors of the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.

There is a need for new Board members starting January 1, 2017. The Board's expectation is that these new Board members will participate in the August 9 and 10 face-to-face meetings in Manhattan, Kansas prior to the beginning of the 2016 National IFYE Conference.

If you or someone you know is a good candidate for the Board, please notify Betty Jo Smith-Roberts, Chair of the Nominating Committee, [bjobkan@gmail.com](mailto:bjobkan@gmail.com). Each region is now represented on the Board, but all regions can have additional Board members.

### **IFYE NEWS**

A summer IFYE Newsletter is currently being written. If you have news articles pertaining to IFYE or IFYE alumni that you would like to share, please send them to IFYE NEWS Editor for approval, Ginny Warner [vwarner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vwarner@sbcglobal.net). NOTE: If you are receiving this letter via email, there is still time to meet the deadline for JUNE issue - JUNE 20 but you can also ask about authoring for a later issue.

### **IFYE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM UPDATES:**

#### **The IFYE participants in 2015 were:**

Andrea Marlow, Alaska to Estonia

Beau Nistler, Florida to Thailand

Amy Keas, Kansas to Germany

Monica Campen, Missouri to Switzerland

Tiffany Hulinsky, Minnesota to Finland

Courtney Reints, Minnesota to Norway and Luxemburg

Katie Schulte, South Dakota to the United Kingdom and Switzerland

Elizabeth (Lizzy) Burst, Virginia to Taiwan and Switzerland

Colleen MacMurtrie, Virginia to Estonia and Switzerland

Dakoda Harris, Virginia to Finland and Austria

If you can make arrangements for a speaking engagement at 4-H Clubs, Civic Groups, school or University groups in the state from which these IFYE Representatives come, please contact their appropriate State IFYE Coordinator from the list below with information about the group you propose

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Connie Fukudome [cfukudome@gmail.com](mailto:cfukudome@gmail.com)

#### **The IFYEs leaving in June 2016 are:**

Kelley Dickman, Ohio to Finland and Costa Rica

Grace Garza, Ohio to South Korea and Thailand

Rachel Manning, Maryland to South Korea and Thailand

Caitlyn Kruger, Minnesota to Finland and India

Alyssa Dye, Nebraska to Estonia and India

Taylor Hannon, Nebraska to Costa Rica and Luxembourg

Erica Peterson, Nebraska to Poland and India

You will be hearing more from and about these 2016 Representatives in the coming months. The Board's intention is to have another group of IFYEs leave in September 2016.

#### **FINANCIAL POSITION of the IFYE ASSOCIATION UPDATE:**

Thank you for your continued and much needed financial support! Financial donations are doing well!

Current position: Over \$140,000 has been donated toward our \$331,000 budget for 2016. This is wonderful. 1968 IFYE alumni have made a group pledge of \$25,150 to match donations made by other alumni before October 1, 2016. They will donate \$1.00 for each \$6.00 you give. That means for every dollar you donate, almost 17% will be added! Where else can you get that return? If the match is completed, the budget for 2016 will be achieved. Thanks to all those that have already made \$39,540 donations toward this match.

How to Donate: Here are some ideas that may help you support IFYE:

1. Support an IFYE: Orientation will be conducted in Washington, DC this month. The cost for inbound and outbound IFYEs is \$750 each. You can sponsor a participant by indicating that you wish your funds to go for this activity.
2. Are you over the age of 70? If so, and you have an IRA or retirement plan such as a 401(k), you need to take a Minimum Required Distribution (MRD) each year.

- Are you aware that Congress allows any MRD withdrawal made directly to a charity to be TAX-FREE? This means you can donate to IFYE and that money would not be taxed. The donation must come directly from your IRA or retirement account to IFYE. It cannot be placed into your personal accounts and then donated to IFYE and qualify for no-tax treatment. Contact me if you have

questions or need procedure information. Please also consult your tax advisor for further information.

- If you have already donated to IFYE, but did not use the process I just mentioned for your IRA, but you would like to do so, please contact me. There is a way that this can be accomplished. There are steps that must be completed and it is something that should be done on an individual basis. This process has been done by a few IFYEs in the past, so it is a workable plan. Contact me [adeisher@bex.net](mailto:adeisher@bex.net) and we can discuss it further.

3. Small donations on a regular basis are appreciated. The “big checks” are nice and very helpful, but a small regular donation is equally important. And you do not need to give your bank information to anyone or have computer involvement!

Yes, if you want to make a monthly donation of \$10 or more, that can be done at the [http ifyeusa.org/donate](http://ifyeusa.org/donate).

Several IFYEs are making monthly or quarterly donations from their checking accounts by instructing the bank or holder of the funds to send a check! In a couple of cases, the check does not even show the name of the donor. That is confidential and the gift at that point is anonymous. The Treasurer or myself go to the source of the check, provide our credentials, and then we can obtain who the donor is and give proper credit.

#### **Why donate?**

At this time we are more dependent than we like on the IFYE alumni for financial survival. Efforts are being made to change this situation. We are positioning the IFYE program so businesses and industry will provide funding in the future. But we are not to that position yet ... maybe next year. There are a lot of options that are “in the works” but progress is slow. One point is certain; we cannot expand the IFYE program and expect the IFYE alumni to financially carry the financial requirements of that expansion. Please contact me if you want to know specifics of what is being done in this area.

In the meantime, if you have not done so, please consider donating to IFYE. Print the [donation invoice](#) to mail your donation. To use your credit card to make a donation on line, click [ifyeusa.org/donate](http://ifyeusa.org/donate).

We want to keep you informed. It is our hope that the above information was useful and appreciated.

Respectfully,

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