

AYF ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Dear JYF and AYF Alumni!

Today, we would like to share

- News about our new Alumni Profiles Project, a
- Reunion Roundup from the Class of 1966-67, and
- Ask you to renew your alumni newsletter / mailing list signup.

Since this is an urgent action item, let me start with the

NEWSLETTER SIGNUP CONFIRMATION AND PERMISSION / GDPR

The European Union and Germany, too, have generally been quite serious about data protection and online privacy, and they are about to get even more serious with new EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). This affects the Academic Year in Freiburg and the German chapter of the AYF alumni club (AYF Alumni & Friends e.V.) as well.

One key aspect of GDPR are new consent requirements for newsletter mailings. Thus, we need to (re)confirm that you would like to receive the AYF Alumni Newsletter and other content from us. To ensure compliance with this law, we are rebuilding our alumni mailing list from scratch with a double-opt-in procedure.

And we need your help to do so. Please go to our webpage and (re)subscribe to our alumni mailing list at <http://www.ayf.uni-freiburg.de/alumni/intouch/> Even if you signed up before, please kindly to do so again.

After signing up for the alumni mailing list, you will receive an activation email with a link. After clicking on the activation link, you will receive a confirmation/welcome email with more details. **The contact information stored in our alumni mailing list will not be shared with any third parties.**

If you encounter any problems with the signup form, just send me an email at ulrich.struve@ayf.uni-freiburg.de and I will personally assist you with the signup.

We look forward to staying in touch with you through the AYF Alumni Newsletter. Thank you for your response and signup renewal!

PS: Please note that by signing up for the alumni mailing list, you are granting permission to the Academic Year in Freiburg to contact you via email with mailings of the AYF Alumni Newsletter (generally 2-3 times per year), alumni club updates and other pertinent information (e.g., announcement of reunions).

You will be able to update your subscription and unsubscribe from the alumni mailing list at any time by using the link to "Change your profile information or unsubscribe" at the bottom of future

mailings. Should you experience technical difficulties, please send us an email to info@ayf.uni-freiburg.de and we will assist you with managing your signup.

And now it is my great pleasure to announce the new **ALUMNI PROFILES PROJECT**

We would like to highlight members of our alumni community on a regular basis in our publications. Academic Year & Junior Year Freiburg alumni are therefore cordially invited to share their stories. By sharing your story, you will inspire current and future AYFers and maybe even fellow alumni!

Personal stories may be submitted in writing or as a video testimonial. You will find more information and submission guidelines at <http://www.ayf.uni-freiburg.de/alumni/profiles/>

Examples of alumni profiles, e.g. by Jack Hildebrand (AYF 10-11) and Maddie Kaiser (AYF 14-15), can be found in our blog <http://www.ayf.uni-freiburg.de/ayf/blog/>

Preserving a Dialogue Seven Years Later

By Jack Hildebrand, AYF 2010-11

I arrived at Frankfurt international airport and quickly made my way to the baggage carousel to claim the belongings that were to last me through the year. These consisted of a large backpack filled with my computer and books, a roller suitcase with all my clothes, and a cardboard box the size of a doorframe, which held a disassembled bicycle. The route to the city's Hauptbahnhof was simple enough, just a couple stops on the airport shuttle train, but became an hour-long geometric challenge to fit everything I had through turnstiles, escalators, and crowds of commuters.



Finally, I hope you'll enjoy this wonderful **REUNION ROUNDUP**

In his essay, John Tenhunen (JY 66-67) reflects on his group's arrival by ocean liner, the many changes that have taken place throughout the decades, and his impressions of the 50th Reunion that took place in the fall. You'll find John's essay at <http://www.ayf.uni-freiburg.de/reunion-2017/>

Our 50th Reunion in Freiburg

By John Tenhunen, JY 1966-67

On September 16, 1966, fifty students in their Junior Year at colleges distributed across the USA, sailed from New York on the SS Rotterdam with the destination Freiburg, Germany. Their personal goals were to broaden their knowledge of the world and to learn first hand about other cultures, other languages and history.

These participants in the Junior Year in Freiburg (JYF) class of 1966-67 grew up in a post-World War II atmosphere strongly influenced on the one hand by anti-communism rhetoric, but at the same time idealism suggesting that world problems could be



With cordial best wishes,

Ulrich (Ulli) Struve, AYF Program Director



NOTE: The AYF Alumni Newsletter is published two to three times a year for all Freiburg alumni who studied at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität under the auspices of the Junior Year in Freiburg or the Academic Year in Freiburg.

Please forward the Newsletter to other JYF and AYF Alumni with whom you are in contact. Thank you! To update your contact information, please go to www.ayf.uni-freiburg.de/alumni/intouch

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