Dear Alumni & Friends of JYM,

We hope you’ll enjoy this issue of JYM Alumni News. A big “thank you” goes to Sommer Forschner in our Munich office who put it together.

Please email me news or reminiscences you’d like included in the next issue: JYM@wayne.edu.

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JYM: Where the Journey Begins

For nearly all students, coming on the JYM program is the beginning of a life-long, life-changing journey. In retrospect most consider the JYM experience to be pivotal. Friends and self-discoveries are made, never to be forgotten. As it turns out JYM is just the starting point, a rite of passage, if you like. To foster this, the program likes to encourage digging deeper, looking below the surface at every turn, be it in academics or recreation. Naturally, JYM must keep up with the times – the program has long gone Facebook and even has its own YouTube channel. And yet while it is important to evolve, it is also necessary to hold on to tradition. JYM does this with certain tenacity. Some things really are as timeless as the great works of literature and traditional brewing techniques, and why mess with the “tried and true”? Helping new generations of JYM students to begin their journey in the truest sense, Resident Director, Professor Hans-Peter Söder offers a new course on the tradition of travel, Goethes Italienische Reise, now in its 3rd year.

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“I must write a few lines to keep alive the memory of this happy day, or at least, make a historical report of what I have been enjoying.”

From Goethe, Italian Journey (1786-1788)

Everyone knows that Goethe is one of the giants of European literature. Not as well-known is the fact that with his account of his journey to Italy he became the father of German travel literature. The word travel is closely related to the French term travailler (to work). All of us travel (after all, life is but a journey), but not all of us realize how much work goes into true travelling. Professor Söder’s seminar Goethe’s Italian Journey is unique in the European study abroad world as he takes JYM students on intellectual journeys through German literature, philosophy and art. As students visit Goethe’s house in Weimar, as they “travel” back to antiquity in Berlin’s Pergamon Museum, they have the opportunity to reflect on their own journey to Germany.

Prof. Söder encourages all participants of his seminar to write their own travelogue. An added attraction for students studying for the year is the opportunity to complement the various intellectual journeys with practical fieldwork during the semester break. Students can join Professor Söder on a journey to the heart of Renaissance Italy. Via Mantova, Bologna, Vicenza, Verona and Venice, students discover not only the genius of the Renaissance, but also a part of themselves.

Thanks for traveling with JYM: Goethe would have approved!
Frank Lyman from the class of 1957-58 sent us this group photo as well as the Grüss Gott magazine for that year. We were very impressed with the sketches done by Eleanor (Wahlbrinck) Oliver who was also on the JYM program that year, a couple of which are reprinted here. In his covering note Frank says the following: “JYM was my life’s adventure. I am a much richer person for it.” We like that, and hope you all feel the same way!

The following is a reprint of an insightful article from the Grüss Gott 1957-58 written by Frank Lyman which really captures the Zeitgeist of those post-war years.

A NEW DISTANCE

“Gee! I’m going to Germany! It all seems like a wonderful dream!” Even as the ship slowly glided away from the crowded pier, it was hard to believe I was actually on my way toward a year in Germany. As we sailed by the Statue of Liberty, her face smiling in the sun, I realized that the only country, the only people and traditions I had ever known, were gradually slipping behind me. Now I began earnestly trying to imagine what Europe and Germany would be like.

Unfortunately, to many Americans, foreign lands exist only as potential travel and vacation grounds, their countryside only as colorful pictures on a travel poster, and the people themselves hidden behind a misty veil of our misunderstanding, ignorance, and lack of interest. Ever since we were tiny tots, we had been constantly reminded of how much we have in America. Where else could one find baseball, football, and such ice cream? Anywhere they don’t have that stuff must be nowhere. In school we learned where one finds ore, who produces cocoa, and what the capitol of Germany is—facts that are soon forgotten. This, in most cases, was the extent of our world geography while we were constantly steeped in America, America, America! Our two years of college showed us more plainly that we live in a complicated interrelationship of nations, which deepened and matured our embryonic concepts of foreign peoples. Yet we were still left with a rather distorted and unreal picture of Europe.
Underneath the external layer one finds nearly the same desires and goals, the same fears and hopes that are found in all people. But the underlying outlook that motivates so many of their actions is itself a product of a different tradition and history. The question of existence – the problem of yesterday, the reality of today, and the unknown question of tomorrow are seen through eyes unlike ours. A little more than ten years ago their cities lay in rubble and ruin; they were reduced to a bare existence. To be sure, one readily sees here in West Germany how well the people have returned to comfortable living once again. But the question of tomorrow hovers ominously over them. Can they now build and believe in a future? How does one convince a twenty-one year old law student, who remembers how s/he and a friend hid in a ditch to avoid strafing planes, that tomorrow will not be like yesterday? Such events are just newreels and movies to us. Twice in the last forty years the D-Mark has been reduced to almost valueless paper. What happens then to security and belief? What happens to optimism when people have nothing to eat? Life returns to normal, but one never forgets completely. And today fear exists – fear that history will repeat itself. And this fear is not without its foundation. Here in Europe, in Germany, the events of present world politics live and breathe; here they touch close to the lives and very existence of every man and woman. Our basic optimism as a people is so deeply impregnated in our being that any German will tell you, “To spot an American one has only to observe the facial expressions or the manner of conduct!” Our behavior exudes the cocky self-assurance of a boxer who has never been defeated.

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What can now be said about Germany after living among and observing the people for a period of time? Externally, it does not take any great effort to adjust to the laws and restrictions of a new country. We often hear the same songs we heard at home and dance to the same jazz. We meet American expressions mixed with the everyday-German. The cars are smaller and the traffic more dangerous. It is interesting to note that many interests in Germany are shifting, to a certain degree, toward the American prototype.

Memories of JYM 1957-58, cont

Studying in Germany, one begins to see America from another point of view. It follows that one forms a more critical opinion of his own country and way of life, while at the same he learns to appreciate the benefits of his homeland. This new critical and questioning attitude is the only cure for our greatest problem - a people who live in stagnation and self complacency; a people convinced that their way life is the best and only way for all people in a harmonious world. The only positive approach for us is to delve beneath the surface, to try to understand the basic difference in character, a difference which is the result of an entirely different past. Only when one makes progress in this direction can one hope to understand the Germans, and in particular one’s German friends. We are learning from our present experience, to see the German and the American way of life in a less distorted relationship. We are learning that there are people living on this earth who are different than we and simultaneously losing our characteristic naiveté. In this case the understanding is not a book matter but a living experience. If only in this connection, this year will have served a lasting purpose.
Claire Berman (JYM 2003-04) with children at a Neighborhood Care Point

Claire Berman was a JYMer during the 2003-2004 academic year. After completing her B.A. in English and German at Truman State University in 2005, she returned to Germany on a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship and spent ten months teaching English at a high school in Mainz. After spending the next several years in St. Louis working first for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri and then Washington University, she did some fundraising and quit her job to move to Swaziland, Africa in June 2009 to volunteer with Save the Children Swaziland. Her intended stay of two months turned into a year when she was asked to be the Grant Writer and Program Manager for an HIV Impact Mitigation and Child Protection initiative funded by PEPFAR and USAID. The program that Claire managed equips local volunteers based in rural and urban communities around Swaziland as Child Protectors, who act as watchdogs and referral mechanisms for children who have been made vulnerable due to HIV and AIDS. The project also reaches out to vulnerable children directly with much-needed psychosocial support and economic strengthening services. Claire moved to Boston in 2010 to attend Tufts University School of Medicine and will complete her Master of Science in Health Communication in May 2012. She currently works with issues of homelessness, mental illness, LGBT health, and recovery at the Center for Social Innovation in Boston as a writer, editor, researcher, and program manager.

JYM is delighted to report that Claire's brother Michael will be participating in JYM this fall and like Claire is also being admitted from Truman State University.

With a man in traditional dress at the Reed Dance

Claire and a family of orphaned children she visited often
One afternoon in 2005, my high school chemistry teacher pulled me aside, stuffed a brochure in my hand and encouraged me to apply for a study abroad program in Germany. “It’s free - what have you got to lose?” he said. Seven years later, I’m married to a Münch’nerin whose language I speak fluently, living in Germany’s exciting and trendy capital and working as an independent journalist at various media outlets like SPIEGEL ONLINE and CNN.

Where would I be if my chemistry teacher had never pushed me to spend a year abroad? By the time I got back home and was ready to start college, getting back to Europe was the only thing on my mind. This time around, however, I needed the credits I was earning abroad to count at home. JYM made that possible. And while JYM might not have been the reason I came to Germany, it certainly gave my career a considerable boost. During my JYM I took journalism classes at the LMU, and Sommer (Sherrit) Forschner at JYM Munich Office helped me get an internship at a local communications agency, Threeview GmbH. The contacts I made there recently landed me an internship in Berlin at SPIEGEL International - the English website of Germany’s most-read news magazine, and from there, I moved on to CNN International.

And while a freelancer’s pay might not be great, these gigs aren’t without their perks. Last year, my editors at SPIEGEL sent me to Munich for 10 days to be their Oktoberfest correspondent. That meant besides pursuing “research” on the world’s largest beer festival, I was given the chance to kick back one ice cold Maß after another and soak up Bavarian culture at its finest – while getting paid. A few months later, I found myself standing two feet away from Angelina Jolie while I interviewed her at the 62nd Berlin Film Festival.

Every step of the way, my fluent German has proven to be an invaluable resource that sets me apart from the competition - not to mention being a great icebreaker. The German courses that JYM offers were something that really stood out. Already familiar with the language, I was enthralled to learn that their courses were geared toward people at my level. Their language teachers were able to pinpoint the areas that needed work and adjust the subject matter accordingly. At the same time, the course was aimed at helping everyone achieve the language certification needed to come back and study in the country in the future. And I can’t even tell you how many times I’ve been asked at interviews whether I can prove in writing how proficient my German is. (Now I can.)

Chris Cottrell (JYM 2008-09) graduated from American University and is currently residing in Berlin working as a freelance journalist for such agencies as SPIEGEL ONLINE and CNN. After graduation he also spent a couple of months as a journalist in Occupied Palestinian Territories. He reports here on how he attributes much of his success to the experiences gained and contacts made during his JYM.
1957-58
Frank Lyman wrote that he happened to be entertaining German friends from his JYM Year when the Summer 2009 Alumni Newsletter arrived. There are several dorm mates of the international dorm on Türkenstrasse in Munich with whom he has never lost contact, either by letter or in person. He has also been reunited and in touch with others from his year by email, including Ken Hanf who now lives in Barcelone. Frank wrote that he was starting a new German discussion group in New Hope, following a successful one in Columbia, MD.

1961-62
Clare Trautmann posted in Facebook: “50 years ago today, I was IN the JYM program! 1961-62. Anyone else from that year on Facebook?”

1965-66
Karen M. Vigeland lives in Vancouver and is hoping to get in touch with any of her classmates. She writes: “Many of us are now retired and have more time to catch-up with JYM friends”.

Emily Burch Dunagin lives in McAlester, OK. She received her BA from Boston University and a degree in Architecture from U. of Texas-Austin. She is married with two daughter. She turned to portrait painting 12 years ago and studies with Michael Shane Neal. She spends much of her time doing volunteer work as President of Friends of the Library in her city.

Jim Weisz writes: “After 35 years of ordained ministry and 2 years of retirement, I am going back to teaching German at a small college. From 1968 to 1973, I taught German at Albright College in Reading, PA, and then went into the ministry. Now that I am retired in Florida, suddenly I received an email asking me if I would be interested in teaching college German again. For the Fall Semester of 2011 I will be teaching German 101 at Flagler College in St. Augustine. It is a one year contract, but who knows what will happen after that. There have even been some preliminary talks about me taking a group of students to Munich for a month.”

1968-69
Don Verity updated the class reunions video on YouTube under the heading: Junior Year in Munich 68-69 Reunion including Milwaukee (or visit the JYM website for the link)

1969-70
Ed Vos posted in Facebook: “Missed Woodstock, but more than made up for it in Munich. Motorcycles, Alps, German….wow…love to hear from classmates….I’ve been in New Zealand since ‘85…what a place!”

1977-78
Tilde Mariana has lived back and forth between the States and Italy since she graduated from college. She has 4 children, two of whom attend ISF (International School of Florence). Her older two are in college.

Kenn Kobb posted in Facebook: “77-78… the year of Der Amerikanische Freund, Deutschland im Herbst and the death of Charlie Chaplin which was a huge, big deal in Germany and largely ignored in the States.” He also posted a few class photos.

1980-81
David Harvie posted in Facebook: “To the class of 80-81… Every year, I put on my Christmas tree a half of a walnut shell that has Luke’s Christmas narrative handwritten by I believe Todd and Becky. I think they made one for each JYMer and put them in our mailboxes. Does anyone else still have it? I have other Christmas tree ornaments that I bought at the Christkindlmarkt but this one has special meaning to me. Todd, Becky? Vielen Dank if you read this!”

1983-84
Cheryl (Miller) Fox lives right outside Washington, DC, where she moved right after college graduation. She and her husband have three boys - Charles, 11, Jacob, 6, and Raleigh, 2. She has worked at the Library of Congress, now as a manuscript archivist, since 2002.

1985-86
Mark Perlman posted in Facebook: “looking in on the JYM page. I was in Berlin this spring for 2 weeks, as well as Leipzig and Dresden, and gosh darn it if my old German still worked (rusty though it is). What’s more, learning it in Munich was like getting thrown into the deep end, with the Bayerisch accent. So when you go to northern Germany it is so much easier to understand them, it feels like a relief from the days of trying to wade through Bavarian accents. Though I was in Vienna a few years ago, and they sounded more like the Munich folks, and I was glad I had learned to understand it. Ironically, I still haven’t made it back to Munich. It’s on my list.”

1988-89
Jeff Winkler is a software developer working for Phase Forward in Waltham. He just married recently. He is curious as to the whereabouts of his other classmates and would like to get in touch.

1989-94
Christine (Henry) Martinez worked a while after finishing school and then went on to law school. She currently practices Customs and International Trade law, helping people import and export goods in Chicago and tries to use her German as much as possible.

1998-99
David Lutz posted in Facebook: "Greetings from the class of ’98-99! I'm still amazed at how my experiences with JYM still continue to change me and my outlook on life more than a decade after I've returned home."

Cynthia Muerling spent two weeks in 2009 vacationing in Argentina with classmate Kevin Cain, her best friend their JYM year both living at Agnes Adelheid. Kevin is based in Boston these days, and they catch up as often as possible. Cynthia wrote that it was wonderful, 11 years later, to spend uninterrupted time together again! She attached this picture of them taken in Bariloche, Argentina.
1999-2000
Congratulations to Peter Smith who finished a Master’s in German at Middlebury College (2009)!

2000-01
Dana (Kirby) Ettmayer finished her degree at WSU and got a job at Detroit Diesel. While working at Detroit Diesel, she got her Master’s in Foreign Language and International Trade from Eastern Michigan University. She spent all of 2007 in Stuttgart working as an “Ex-Pat” at Daimler (where she met her husband), Detroit Diesel is subsidiary of Daimler. She had to move back to the States for most of 2008, but since then she has been back in the Stuttgart area on a local contract.

2004-05
Kurt N. Hollender graduated from Kenyon College and since then, in his words, hasn’t “veered far from German or Germany’. His academic pursuits have included being a Fulbright Scholar in Hamburg in 2006-07 and a German literature student at the Freie Universität Berlin. He then earned an M.A. in German from the University of Illinois in 2010 and went on to become a PhD candidate. When he wrote in 2010 he had spent a year as a study abroad student and visiting lecturer in German at Universität Göttingen.

2003-04
Corbin Butcher has had what he would describe as a “non-traditional” path since his time in Munich. He stayed with German, graduating with honors, in addition to his physics major and went immediately to USMC OCS. After two deployments to Iraq, one as a mounted assault vehicle platoon leader and the second as an adviser to the Iraqi army, he ended up based in Frankfurt looking after security at Embassies in North and West Africa. Lots of frequent flier miles helped him to hit all the hot spots including Egypt, Tunisia, Nigeria, etc. He stayed in the Marine Corps an extra two years to get the Frankfurt assignment and while there played hockey with a German team, dated a German girl and toured not only Germany but also extensively Austria and Switzerland, skiing in all and making good use of his German language skills. Last August, Corbin separated from the Marine Corps and is now an MBA candidate at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. After his classes he spends time skiing at Telluride, CO, reliving his Alpine days. He has been having discussions with a variety of investment banks in NYC in hopes of being offered an internship next summer and hopefully a job. He stays in touch with a couple of his class mates from JYM, in particular with Monica Kurlemann, also a 2003-04 JYMer, who visited him in Evanston last fall. According to Corbin, they have become very close and good friends. He writes: “When I was going through Marine Officer training in Quantico, VA, Monica was living and working in Arlington, VA. Every weekend, I would escape the barracks and stay with her and her friends to get away. When I was in Iraq, she and her friends would send me a variety of cookies, magazines, cigars, and many other things to keep morale up. Anyway, I thought you’d like to know that JYM really does create life-long friendships that matter in the toughest of times.”

2004-05
Leslie Berner has been living in Munich for nearly four years now. She has been working as a teacher at Elly & Stoffi, a private daycare center. She came back to Munich to be with the Bavarian gentleman she fell for during her first stint in Munich. They are engaged to be married this coming September!

2006-07
Julia Hahn writes: “For the past two years I have resided in Munich, Germany where I have been working at the Fraunhofer Institute on a tumor-therapy project while attending the Biochemistry Master’s Program at the LMU. However, recently I decided to pursue my life-long dream of becoming a medical doctor. In January 2012, I was accepted as one of the 7 non-EU students to attend the prestigious University of Tübingen Medical School. My medical education in Tübingen will not only be top tier but tuition-free. I look forward to this new chapter of my life and thank all of my mentors and friends at JYM for their support through the years.”
Ron Strube (JYM 1978-79) passed away quite a few years ago of AIDS, but his classmate Al Lareau only learned about it in the fall of 2009 and few of his other classmates knew. Lareau writes “I’ve been corresponding with Nan Hussey, who was a close friend of his and spent time with him during his illness, and we thought we could set up a memorial fund at JYM in his honor, as his year in Munich was one of his most important experiences in his relatively short life. 1957-1992”

Ron Strube grew up on a ranch in Riverton, Wyoming and was very active in his church and community. In high school he was in student government and on the debate team. He graduated from the University of Wyoming in Laramie after spending his junior year in Munich in 1978-79. He then went on to earn his JD at University of Colorado, Denver in 1982 and remained in the city, where he practiced law, specializing in divorce. Ron had a large group of friends and was active in GLB associations. Ron confronted and overcame many obstacles in his life. Growing up on a ranch in generally conservative Wyoming was no easy childhood for this (eventual) gay urban lawyer. Coming of age before the existence of AIDS was widely known outside certain parts of the medical community as also difficult. Before succumbing himself, Ron had lost many friends to this terrible disease. What Ron never lost was the wry, even sarcastic, edge to his sense of humor and the ability to see through people’s rationalizations, two attributes of his personality that were cherished by his friends and that also served him well as a lawyer. Thanks to the initiative of his friends Nan Hussey and Alan Lareau from the JYM Class of 1978-79, a campaign is now underway to establish an annual scholarship within JYM in Ron’s memory. For more details please visit the JYM website: http://www.jym.wayne.edu/ron_strube_scholarship.html

Michèle Moriarty (JYM 1973-74) passed away in January 2009 due to complications from breast cancer. She is survived by her husband of twenty years, Tom Forhan, who writes: “It was easy to see how the JYM experience deepened both her love for language and her wanderlust. Michèle often thought back to her academic year in Munich and how it changed her life. After her return, she graduated from Wellesley College the following year with a major in German. She won a national competition sponsored by the German Ambassador to the United States, which sent her back to Germany to study and teach. After that, she went to Cameroon where she taught English. She joined the World Bank staff in Senegal, and later returned to work at the Bank headquarters in Washington DC. Over the last fifteen years she built a very successful private practice as a translator for clients such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the Department of State. She not only did translations, but also mentored other translators, checked their work, and compared versions of international treaties to make certain they were in agreement regardless of the language they were written in. Though her life was cut short, it was not only richer and rewarding because of the JYM, but also much more fun because it instilled a great love of travel that she enjoyed throughout her life.”

Wayne Brown (JYM 1958-59) passed away as a result of a stroke shortly after Christmas 2009 while he was visiting his son Ray Brown in Woodinville, WA. Ray Brown writes “My dad first came to Germany as part of the JYM program. Part of the cultural integration involved visits with local families in their homes. He met my mother as part of such a get-to-know event. He returned very briefly to the US after his junior year, but then came back to Munich to settle down permanently. I was born in Munich in 1967. With his language training he took a job at Radio Liberty (which later joined with Radio Free Europe) in Munich as a translator. Shortly thereafter his career transformed, and he became a journalist for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. He stayed in this position until 1995, when the organization relocated to Prague.”

“...I recall clearly how difficult a year 1995 was for my dad: RFE/RL had offered to move him to Prague, and he was very much motivated to continue his career. However, there was something that bound him to Munich, and he ultimately declined to relocate, choosing to retire early instead. And so he lived for another 15 years in Munich, the place he called his home.

It has at times been difficult for me to understand what caused this tight connection between him and this place he didn’t even grow up in. I have certainly had an entirely different experience: I realized early on that Germany was not the place for me, and I left right after my Abitur. I’ve lived in many different places in the US since then. I think that in order to grasp the relationship between Munich and my dad, one needs to consider his entire life experience: my dad grew up poor, in West Virginia, during a time that predates the more recent societal achievements in the US. As a result he came to see this be a significant advancement. The fact that Germans are by-and-large more ‘world-literate’ and aware of global affairs than Americans was not lost on him. He saw Germany as synonymous with its centuries-long cultural traditions and literary history. To him, Germans always were indeed ‘das Volk der Dichter und Denker.’ The decision to come to Munich certainly turned out to be the defining choice of this life, one that was facilitated by JYM. When my dad died in 2009 he was certain of one thing: that this choice had been the right one.”
2009-2011 Gift-Giving

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to all alumni and friends of JYM who donated to our annual scholarship funds, endowed scholarship funds, and program advancement fund in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Because of your generosity, in the past three years we were able to award scholarships to 75 students from 46 colleges and universities!*

*We're sorry that we weren't able to identify everyone by year of participation.

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1954-55
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Axel Hoffer
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Irene Kostin

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Charles R. Connell
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1958-59
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Elinor A. Budelier
Kenneth Thomson

1959-60
Thomas B. Souders
Jean E. Wolf
Ralph Bayer
Russell C. Johnson
Richard H. Hart
Patrick W. Murphy
Maire Jaanus

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Carol Gluck
Mary-Margaret Goggin
Corwin L. Atwood
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1961-62
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Alice Barrows
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1962-63
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Carol F. Holdengraber

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Carol J. Rizzo
Edward L. Morris, Esq.
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Stella-Mae R. Seamans
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William Gardner
Elisabeth B. Parker
Steven L. Hagey
Hei L. Tomford
Alice M. Kelley

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Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
Michael Ross
Wayne F. Barnett

1968-69
Donald W. Verity
Jeffrey B. Kent
Jerry K. Stonewater
David M. Lillvis
Carolyn Dittmar
Richard C. Crispin
Susan M. Dupont
Marcia A. Roderick Stewart

1969-70
Janet C. Beger
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Gregory J. Mangan
Pamela J. Flynn

1971-72
Steven W. Stambaugh
Linda Cole
Christine P. Von Klencke
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Alan H. Lareau
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Laura T. Newman
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Charles Rhodes
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Kirsten Stoppel
Lisa P. Frick Smith
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Cheray Hogan
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Matthew Sanger

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John Lawton

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George Vladi
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Gregory W. Drake
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*We're sorry that we weren't able to identify everyone by year of participation.
Blog excerpt, October 2011
By Heather Painter, currently on JYM

Friday morning we were up nice and early for a group hike near Mittenwald. After a few exhausting hours, keeping up with the brisk pace of our German director, tour guide, and apparently extremely well-seasoned hiker we made it to the top of the mountain and had the most amazing view. I have attached several pictures from the hike. My feet were in serious agony though, because of course the closest thing to hiking boots I packed, were Sperry’s….

At the top of the mountain our director informed us that we were taking the lift back down the mountain… At first I was ecstatic… until I saw the lift. It consisted of a bunch of very old, rusty looking chairs, (one person per chair) attached by a thin bar to a cable. When I saw it I was immediately reminded of the final destination movies where everyone dies very bizarre and painful deaths…. However, I made it out alive and looking back had a really enjoyable day. Our professor even bought us all little souvenir canvas bags, so I will always have something to remember this day trip by.
JYM 1975: FDR Outreach and Mountain Tour “Up Mt. Brunstein”

It is hard to say when exactly the JYM Alpine tradition began. In earlier years, long-time Friend of JYM, Professor Karl Fischer, led many groups on tours through the Alps, as JYM’s fearless mountain guide. He sent these pictures to JYM from the first group he took up in 1975 when Frau Dr. Riegler was resident director. He recalls the JYM slogan of those years “FDR wants you!” and as part of her outreach starting in October 1975, she did. She gathered interested pedagogues including Stadtschulrat, Professor Dr. A. Fingerle, Oberstudiendirektor, Dr. Anwander, Studiendirektor, Dr. Necker, Columbus Society (CS) President, Ada v. Szankowska, not to mention Professor Fischer, himself, also a very active member of CS. Interested in building contacts with as many German students as possible, FDR found that CS-followers were eager to establish contacts with JYM students. The first meetings took place in October of 1975 at the JYM Headquarters on Leopoldstraße and “in class” with German students at the Sprachenschule der Stadt München as well as the Fachhochschule München. One such meeting was held “outside the classroom” led by Prof. Fischer called “Up Mt. Brunstein” on October 18th, 1975. Brunstein is located in the Bayerischen Voralpen and has a summit of 1,619 meters (5,311 feet). As can be seen from the photos here, the already substantial snow fall that fall was no object to reaching the summit for these Bergwanderer. Fischer writes his thanks to the JYM staff for their organization in those days: “Die meisten dieser Begegnungen hätten ohne die tatkräftige, organisatorisch einwandfreie Unterstützung von FDR-Mitarbeiter, Frank Conway und Cindy Reüter-Zingraff nicht stattfinden können. Ihnen gebührt ein besonderes Dankeschön!”

JYM thanks you, Professor Fischer, for your loyal friendship and expertise!

Here are some impressions from JYM mountain hikes of more recent years. In 2008 JYM even established an Alpine Club which recognizes students who participate in a minimum of two JYM hikes during the year and at least one independent tour.
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