

To all IAESTE Spring Retreat Participants:

It was a pleasure to meet all of you during the Spring Retreat held at our property this past weekend here in Rubicon, Wisconsin (a.k.a. "RubiKuhn"). My husband and I were delighted to meet so many friendly, intelligent, humorous, and courteous students, who, no doubt, will be future leaders in our world! Besides the U.S. students, we determined that there were at least eight other countries represented. What a fabulous blend of ethnicity & culture!

Many thanks to all of you that offered assistance in the meal preparation and serving, with special thanks to the five U.W. Madison students who participated in our Saturday "cook-a-thon" three weeks ago. Those students included Ana Considine, Sarah Offutt, Zeb Plotnick, Matt Anderson, & Joel. I am also grateful to friends and neighbors that lent us folding chairs, tables, one generator, an entire chest freezer to store food items and a Gator to transport luggage and equipment to the top of the hill. That hill, by the way, was also known as "Magic Mountain" named by the Girl Scout organization that previously owned this land. I would say that its magical presence has been further enhanced by the events of last weekend! Our Wisconsin nights were indeed very cold with temps dipping in the mid-20s, but I'm glad Mother Nature provided such a glorious sunny days on Saturday & Sunday, evidenced by all your sun-burned faces!

So many of you voiced your appreciation for my cooking efforts and I was touched by your sincerity! Well, the cook's ultimate compliment is seeing hearty appetites satisfied, and I'm happy to report that you cheerfully consumed the following:

- 40 Wisconsin grilled brats with buns
- 18 lbs. of Swedish meatballs
- 15 lbs. of potato casserole
- 60 cream-filled cupcakes
- 68 "Cinnabon" cinnamon rolls
- 6 large bowls of various salads
- 2 large 15" x 10" sheets of pepperoni/sausage calzones
- 1 9" x 13" pan of Alfredo lasagna
- 1 large dish of Alfredo linguine
- 3 large 9" x 13" dishes of "Stuffed Italian shells"
- 5 loaves of garlic/cheese bread
- 65 chocolate éclairs
- 55 cream puffs
- 4 large 9" x 13" Egg/Sausage brunch dishes
- 8 lbs. of hash brown potatoes
- 4 gallons of orange juice
- 19 liters of lemonade & soda
- apples, oranges and bananas
- various chips, dips, pickles, bread, cold cereal and milk

Many of you requested recipes for the items above, and they are all posted on the website. If you should have any questions regarding them, please don't hesitate to contact me at kuhn5@netwurx.net.

In addition, I am extremely proud of Joel's efforts and hard work in organizing this event. Preparation and planning required endless hours on his part with the ultimate goal that this retreat be a fun-filled one with many different contests and amenities for all participants, and provide an atmosphere in which you would be comfortable and become further acquainted. This, as you know, included the tire-rolling contest, joke-telling contest, piped-in music, sack race, wire-balancing contest, bathroom facilities, 30 x 40 meeting tent, hayride, walking tour, and the bon fire. I would also like to acknowledge that our other two sons, Marcus and Ryan, have also made contributions to the success of this event and lent their assistance (along with my husband, John), in the kitchen as well.

Once again, it was indeed a pleasure to meet each and every one of you and I wish you continued success in all your travels, studies and endeavors!

Warmest regards,

Carol Kuhn