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Mr. Nelson Llewellyn  
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Dear Mr. Llewellyn,

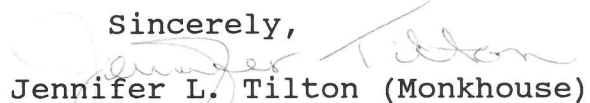
My father, Reginald Monkhouse, called me after speaking with you at the Gymanfa in Windsor. He asked me to drop you a line concerning WAY.

I was the first National President of WAY in 1969. WAY was created and approved by the National Trustees with the idea of keeping the young people interested in the Welsh Heritage. As I'm sure you remember, my mother was very active in the Gymanfa, both nationally and locally in Buffalo. So it was a given the my sisters and I learned the organization. Anyway, I believe it was in Milwaukee the\at WAY was conceived.

The group was open to young people from age 12 to 20. Within that we had our own national officers. Wherever the Notional was held, we had our own meeting room, so that while parents were in meetings or things the young people were not interested in, we could get together and talk, have refreshments and get to know each other. The hope was that if a bond formed for"long distance friendships" that then we would continue attending and have pride in our heritage. We did however, attend the major events, such as the Gymanfa, Eisteddfod (excuse my spelling) and the banquet.

It was my job as President, to speak to the Board of Trustees every year and encourage both financial and moral support for WAY. I also contacted all members at least twice a year in the form of a newsletter which we put out, highlighting different things going on throughout the US and Canada. The ultimate goal was to have WAY groups within each local Gymanfa Ganu Society to keep up the interest throughout the year. I know that some groups had quarterly meetings and in areas where the Welsh population is high, monthly meetings.

I hope that this little bit of background is helpful and if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
  
Jennifer L. Tilton (Monkhouse)

P.S. I would be interested in knowing if there is a Gymanfa in this area. (Colorado-Wyoming)