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# NEWS

## President's Corner

As I began writing the articles for this newsletter, I began to worry that I sounded super corny and like a broken record claiming "to have so much fun" at each event. Silly or not, it's true! I have "served" on boards and while sometimes I even enjoyed some of the people it I worked with, it usually still seemed like work to me. Not so with CISV. We are a bunch of fun-loving, kid-connected, passionate people. By far our organization's greatest asset is our interesting and dynamic members. We are diverse in ethnicity and interests, backgrounds and education. That's the beauty of us all...our differences are what makes it all so fun. I appreciate the creativity and different perspectives, the open-mindedness of our bunch and the no-fuss, down-to earth ability to be real. This year, CISV USA has deemed it the year of diversity. Our chapter, is living proof that diversity works! Don't get me wrong, we put in the hours, sometimes long hours. But it is because we all have such big hearts, it just doesn't feel like work. Please join in on the fun . See you at our next play date: The Going Away Party for our delegates on June 13, 4:00 PM Boardman Swim & Tennis Club.

In the Spirit of CISV  
Wendy Persson, President

## Village application submitted for 2011

**Application was submitted to the national office to host our chapter's Village in 2011. The Village is scheduled to begin on June 22nd and end on July 19th.**

With the estimated Village budget around \$40,000 and the need for additional (more than the current day-to-day) Chapter resources we are counting on everyone to help. There are many tasks (some large and some small) for which we will need volunteers. More specific information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Village co-planners for the 2011 Village are:  
Dave Armstrong [darmst1309@aol.com](mailto:darmst1309@aol.com) and  
Denise Shade [denise\\_shade@hotmail.com](mailto:denise_shade@hotmail.com)

## Mark Your Calendar

- June 13 Bon Voyage Party 4-7 PM Boardman Swim Club
- July, TBA Monthly Board (Skype) Meeting
- Aug. 29 Membership Meeting, Social & Welcome Home Party
- Sept. TBA Monthly Board (Skype) Meeting
- Oct. TBA Monthly Board (Skype) Meeting
- Oct. 14-17 NBM, NAM, NJBoT, Cincinnati Registration begins in Sept.
- Nov. TBA Board Meeting & JB Activity Cleveland
- Dec. 5 Holiday Party W Persson Home, Girard

## CISV USA's Vision Statement in 2014

CISV USA is an organization known regionally, and possibly nationally, for its high quality volunteer-driven programs and activities that educate and inspire action for a more just and peaceful world. It is a network of hard-working interdependent chapters that are supported regionally and nationally by a strong infrastructure designed to support volunteer self-management, recruitment and retention of diverse participants and human resources, and financial resource development. CISV USA continues to develop new and innovative ways to engage its alumni to provide leadership and support to the organization.

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The secret of life is not to do what you like but to like what you do. - Anonymous

## 2010 Chapter Interchange to Forli, Italy

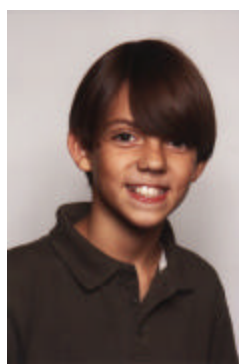


My name is **Emma Bartz (left)**. I attend Roxboro Middle School and am in the eighth grade. I am 14 years old. I enjoy being in musicals. I also enjoy playing the piano. I have a pig collection and hope to own my own pig when I am older also. If I am not an actress when I am older I would either like to be a teacher or a doctor. I am very excited to be going on the CISV exchange to Italy and I know it will be an absolutely amazing thing that I can experience!

Hello my name is **Ian Bartz (right)** and I am twelve years old. My favorite sport is baseball and I like playing pitcher and catcher. My favorite position is catcher. I go to Roxboro middle school and take honor classes. I enjoy playing sports and I like meeting people. I will turn thirteen on July twenty fourth. I act and enjoy that to. My favorite kind of music is heavy metal and my favorite band is Metallica. My favorite food is steak and my favorite fruit is peach. My favorite kind of ice cream is mint chocolate chip. Those are a few things about myself.



Hi, my name is **Katie Pataki**. I am a 14 year old, 8th grade student at Wilmington Middle School in western Pennsylvania. I live with my parents and 11 year old brother Matt in New Wilmington, PA. I love spending time with my friends and taking guitar and dance lessons.



Hi, my name is **Evan Radivoyevitch**. I am in 7th grade at Roxboro Middle School in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. I play baseball and tennis, and discovered that I also enjoy middle school wrestling. I am involved in a lot of musical groups since I play clarinet and bass clarinet, and sings in a choir. If you don't count recess or lunch, my favorite subject has always been math. I also like French, social studies and science. I am also involved in Boy Scouts, Science Olympiad, and theatrical stage productions (sometimes as an actor and sometimes as a techie). I get a lot of scheduling support from my mother and a lot of direction from my



Hi, I'm **Anna Brock**. I live in Cleveland Heights and am a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Wiley Middle School in University Heights, Ohio. I traveled with CISV to a Village in Italy in 2008. I participate in many school activities including student council, the school newspaper and Science Olympiad. I am also on the school volleyball team.

father. I am the second oldest of four boys in my family, plus I have an international exchange sister from Germany. I'm looking forward to going on Interchange to Forli, Italy this summer because I like new experiences, pizza and spaghetti.



Hi, my name is **Stephen Bell**. I am 13 years and am finishing the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Roxboro Middle school, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. My favorite classes are science, math, and computer classes. I live with my brother Andy, my Mom, and my Dad. I also have a pet dog and cat. I was a delegate to a CISV Village in Segovia, Spain in 2008. I like to listen to rock and like to play video games. I like to play on computers and play sports outside. I love the summer. I also like to just relax and am looking forward to traveling to Forli, Italy with the



Hi, my name is **Lani Cupo**, and I live in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. I am fourteen years old, and go to Jefferson Middle School. Some of my hobbies are riding horses, karate, and playing the flute. I also like reading and writing books and hanging out with my friends. That 's some serious nut-shelling!

CISV Interchange this summer.



Hello, my name is **Sherri Pataki**, and I am the adult leader for the Interchange. I am a psychology professor at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. I enjoy traveling, learning about other cultures, and meeting new people. I also love spending time with my family and taking long walks with my two dogs, Bones and Mal-lie.

## 2010 Chapter Village Delegation to Montreal Canada



Hi, I'm **Ian DeGaten**. I'm an active kid who plays baseball, basketball, golf and tennis. I'm a black belt in karate. My favorite food is pizza and my favorite dessert is cake. Gym is one of my favorite subjects in school. I like to read a lot and I like history. I'm outgoing and rarely shy. This is my first time on any CISV trip. I am looking forward to seeing the sights in Montreal. I am hoping to learn how other cultures celebrate their holidays. I want to make new friends with other kids from around the world. I am so glad that I am able to go on this trip to Canada!!



Hello my name is **Alexis Marie Denney** but everyone calls me Lexi. I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Canfield Village Middle School in Canfield, Ohio. I have a brother Philip Denney (PJ) in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I have two loving dogs who always make me happy. I love to play sports like hockey and soccer. I also love to draw, sing and do theater arts. My favorite food to eat are chocolate, chili, and BBQ ribs. Some of my favorite things to do are to play board games with my Mom, Dad and brother. I also like to take my dogs for walks in the park and play with them outside. Some day I hope to be a nuclear pharmacist and be involved in research for curing diseases. I think someday I will help many people!



My name is Melissa Grace Federle, but everyone calls me Mia. I live in Avon Lake Ohio and I am ten years old and in the fourth grade. I skate on a competitive synchronized skating team called the Cleveland Edges. I have two brothers, a mom, dad and step dad in my family. We have 3 dogs, a cat, a hermit crab and two saltwater aquariums. I like to color and draw and do puzzles with my family. I first heard about CISV from my mom.



My name is **Amanda Thompson**, and I am going to be the leader of the Youngstown-Cleveland NEO Chapter delegation who is traveling to Montreal this summer. I am going to be 25 years old this June and I am a full time student at Youngstown State University. I am pursuing my second degree in Art Education and I will be student teaching this fall. My first degree is in Painting and I really enjoy painting portraits. They are very exciting and colorful. I began painting portraits mostly of my family and friends, but after graduation I started doing commissions of other individuals families, friends, children, and even pets! In 2006, I studied abroad in Aix-en-Provence, France, and while there I had the opportunity to travel throughout France, Croatia, and Italy. Additionally, I have traveled to Mexico and Canada. I love meeting new people and sharing new experiences. I am really excited for this trip because I know this will be an amazing experience for everyone involved. This will be something our delegation will remember for the rest of our lives. I am so proud to be a part of CISV.



Hello. My name is **Jad Saleh** and I am 10 years old. I like most sports, mainly soccer. My favorite soccer team is Barcelona and my favorite player is Lionel Messi. I also play the trombone. I have 2 brothers, my parents, and 2 cats. We have all been in CISV for a while (except the cats). I want to go to village to make new friends from different countries. (Jad is on the left.)

**THE VILLAGE PROGRAM:** The Village is a unique four week international camp that was the original CISV program and is still its flagship. Delegates to this multilingual and multicultural experience participate in a mix of educational, cultural and sporting activities, which emphasize cooperative global and intercultural.

Delegations come from 10 - 12 countries. Each delegation comprises 2 boys and 2 girls with an adult leader (age 21+). The camp is coordinated by an adult staff supported by Junior Counselors (age 16-17).

In 2011 The Youngstown-Cleveland Northeast Ohio Chapter will be hosting a Village program and we are counting on your volunteer and financial help to make our Village a success.

## Global Youth Service Day

On Sunday, April 24, 2010 youth all across the globe gave service to our fellow man in honor of Global Youth Service Day. CISV was no exception. We joined with the like-minded organization of B'Nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) through the Youngstown Jewish Community Center to put in a community garden. In spite of weather of delays, youth from both organizations turned a local playground into a growing space for food. The goal is for the youth to grow food to give to the hunger in our community. To learn more as to why we picked this service project, check out the article at <http://www.vindy.com/news/2010/feb/11/hunger-rate-in-valley-soars/?newswatch>. We will be doing a service project every year in honor of Global Youth Service Day. If you have a service project you would be interested in recommending, please contact, our Junior Branch President, Hannah at [hmeropol@gmail.com](mailto:hmeropol@gmail.com).

## JC to Mississippi



**Daniel (long blonde hair) with other JCs at National Leadership Training in Detroit**

Hi, I'm Daniel Persson. I am a sophomore in high school and I'm going to be a JC in Mississippi this summer. I love to do many fun things but playing sports is one of my favorite. You could name any sport and I have probably played it. My three favorites would

have to be soccer, tennis, and basketball. I also do some volunteer work in my community. I am a volunteer in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. My little brother and I have so much fun together. His name is Joel and he is 8 years old. I am also very active in my school apart from sports. I am on the Speech and Debate team, a member of marching band and in our Global Action Awareness club. In addition, I was just elected Vice President of CISV's Youngstown-Cleveland Junior Branch.

I love CISV and I think its a great organization. This is the first time I will be traveling with CISV. And I'm so excited! Everyone that I have ever talked to about being a JC said it's "THE BEST!" My sister went to Brazil as a JC and she said it was the most fun she had ever had. People say that JCs are the rock stars of the camp -- because the kids think you are cool and the adults treat you like one of them -- and I can't wait to be that rock star. I look forward to making new friends from all over the world and learning about so many new cultures. After this CISV experience, I plan to stay very active in the junior branch and hopefully get to go to seminar camp when I'm older.

## Chapter Retreat

The Y-C held an overnight chapter retreat facilitated by Madeline Collison, CISV USA Chapter Development Chairperson and Caryn Helhowski, CISV USA Board Secretary. For 24-hours, the 15 attendees hunkered down to learn all we could from these seasoned CIS-Vers...from fund raising to database management from recruiting to junior branch advising. We brainstormed, played games and found inspiration (and great Mexican food) and were gifted with concrete tools that will assist our overall administration. Our new family orientation was a huge success with standing room only and lots of new facing getting to know our chapter. Thank you to all the loyal servants of our chapter (you know who you are!), the new families and soon-to-be volunteers (you know who you are too!) and CISV USA for your belief in us as a chapter. We are one proud family.

## Chapter Database

One of the action items recommended from the chapter retreat was to create a data base of all Chapter members and all persons who have traveled over the last five to ten years. Chantal Dothey, who is an active member of our board and the Member-at-large for Cuyahoga County area, is a practicing physician living in the Cleveland area. Chantal has volunteered (with our help) to begin the data base project. Do you know someone who was a CISV delegate? Well, let's see. Chantal has been with us since 1999 when her son, Sebastian, was a Village delegate to Egypt. The data base has begun!! Now wasn't that easy? If YOU have participated in a CISV Program, please contact Chantal to share the information. Her email is [cdothey@metrohealth.org](mailto:cdothey@metrohealth.org).

We are counting on you to help.

## Chapter Development Weekend

On April 9-11, Denise (Chapter VP) and Wendy (Chapter President) attended the national Chapter Development Weekend in Cincinnati. Surrounded by leadership from 22 chapters in America, they shared with each other what worked and what did not for each chapter, brainstormed, met staff and had fun getting to know each other and CISV's mission. As this was their first time attending a national event, they were profoundly inspired by the national and international network that supports each individual chapter. They also learned that comparatively speaking, as a chapter, we are strong and very progressive. Yay us! And while this was a working gig, Denise and Wendy had fun together and with all the other people they met. This weekend is open to anyone interested in learning more about the CISV so think about joining us for next year!

## Passport to Peace Gala 2010



**Wendy Persson (l), Chapter President & Heidi Saleh (r), Gala Co-Chair**

On Sunday March 14, CISV members and guests gathered at Davis Center in Mill Creek Park, Youngstown, Ohio for the 3rd annual reverse raffle and auction. 81 adult tickets and 28 guest/youth tickets were sold for the fun-filled event. At

this time, the fund raiser generated \$4915.57 toward the Youngstown-Cleveland village to be held in 2011 at St. Joseph the Provider, Campbell.

Many hugs and heartfelt smiles were exchanged at the Gala by old and new friends. A wonderful group of Polish Dancers entertained the attendees as a diverse selection of items were bid upon in the silent auction. The ticket type of auction



**Karen Hack (l) Gala Chair & Tricia Perry (r), Guest Moderator**

items are always a hit with all as well. A big THANK YOU to all generous donors of baskets, items, and monetary donations!!!!



**The food was DELICIOUS!**

The reverse raffle got under way and kept people busy listening for their ticket number. Delicious food was provided by Cater 2 U.

A very special thank you to the junior branch kids and young adults. This is the only fundraiser I know of where the youth take such an active role in every aspect, whether selling scholarship tickets, helping with the computer, closing silent auction tables, pulling reverse raffle numbers, or being gophers...every JBer jumped in and helped. We truly couldn't do it without them. The committee put in so many unnoticed hours prior to the Gala and Gala chairperson Karen Hack led like a trooper.



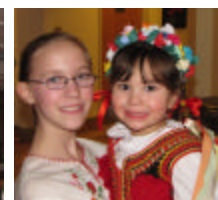
**Two JBers, Treavor English (l) & Noah Persson (r), helping out**

Mark your calendars or put it on your phone-next year's Gala is SATURDAY, April 9, 2011 - same place. It will be the last major fundraiser before the village beginning in June and members and friends support will be extremely necessary!!!! Thank you in advance for your support!



**One of the many silent auction tables**

Sincerely, Heidi Saleh



**The Polish Dancers were very entertaining as they performed.**

**Mark Your Calendars: Gala 2011 scheduled for Saturday, April 9th**

## Junior Branch

JB elections were held at the Spring Meeting on May 16th. The officers to take office in September include:

President—Hannah Meropol  
Vice-President—Daniel Persson  
Secretary—Madeline Shade  
Treasurer—Anna Brock  
Senior Voice—Noah Persson  
JB Advisor—Sharon Meropol

## Spring Meeting & Social

### Family Fun at the Spring Social



*The sound of cheers and children's laughter echoed through the huge backyard as and adults alike enjoyed the sunshine, green grass and "get to know you" games CISV style at*

*the Spring social held at the beautiful home of Denise and Loren Shade. Lunch included homemade delicious delicacies from many countries around the world. Who knew*



*we were all such ethnically-talented creative cooks?!? A meeting outlining our plan to host a village in 2011 and Board Elections followed. Our next event on June 13th at Boardman Swim Club!*



**Lest We Not Forget  
Tracie Nicolaou  
1964 - 2009**

CISV Fall Social September 11, 2005

## 2010 Chapter Membership

Membership fees are applied toward the daily operation of our local chapter. In order for us to carry on our day-to-day operation membership revenue is essential. Monies designated for special areas such as scholarship, village, etc. cannot be used for this.

Please also consider an additional donation to the Village Fund or Scholarship Fund. We respect the designation of your donations which are tax deductible.

**SHOW SUPPORT FOR OUR CHAPTER BY BECOMING A MEMBER. Thank you to our 2010 members for their financial support.**

I—INDIVIDUAL F—Family P—Patron

Names in **RED** are new members. Welcome aboard!!

- Armstrong D (P)
- **Bartz** (F)
- Bell (F)
- Brock (F)
- Brown (F)
- **Connelly** (F)
- **Cupo** (F)
- DeChellis L (I)
- **Denney** (F)
- DeRosa (P)
- **DeGaten** (F)
- Dothey C (I)
- Goerig-Eastlake K (I)
- **Federle** (F)
- Finley-Belgrad (F)
- George T (I)
- Grinstein J (F)
- Grinstein P (F)
- Hack K (I)
- Herman (F)
- Johnson (P)
- Miele (F)
- **Meropol** (F)
- Oesch (F)
- **Pataki** (F)
- Pendleton (F)
- Persson (F)
- **Radvoyevitch** (F)
- Rosenthal J (I)
- Saleh (F)
- Seybert (F)
- Shade (F)
- **Thompson** A (I)

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330-883-0821 or [thejbird@bigfoot.com](mailto:thejbird@bigfoot.com)

Please use the link below to print out the membership application form.

[LINK TO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

## Adult Board elects officers

The Adult Board has elected officers for 2010-2011. Their terms will begin/continue in September. They include for a term of 2 years:

- President—Wendy Persson
- Vice-President—Denise Shade
- Treasurer—Dave Armstrong

Members-at-Large for a term of 1 year include:

- Cuyahoga County—Chantal Dothey
- Mahoning County—Beth Finley-Belgrad

The Secretary position will be filled at the August Membership Meeting following proposed changes to be made in the current by-laws.

## 2009-2010 Chapter Board Information and more

**What is the chapter board?** The chapter board consists of the **Executive Committee** made up of board officers elected by the general membership at an announced membership meeting and the **Committee Chairs** who have been appointed and approved by the Executive Committee.

**Why are board meetings necessary?** Operating the chapter and other important decisions need to be made. These decisions are made by the board and usually during board meetings.

**How often does the board meet and who needs to attend?** The by-laws state that our board needs to meet a minimum of five times a year, and that the meetings are open to the general membership. The executive committee may meet as necessary and these meetings are open to executive committee members only. All board members are expected to attend the meetings. A quorum of five is required to transact business at any board meeting.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for 2010-2011

Position	Officer	Email	Phone
President	Wendy Persson	wendygpersson@aol.com	330.759.7223
Vice President	Denise Shade	denise_shade@hotmail.com	440.240.1779
Treasurer	Dave Armstrong	darmst1309@aol.com	330.788.6217
Secretary	Position proposed to be revised and elections take place in August 2010.		
Trustee	Jay Rosenthal	thejbird@bigfoot.com	330.395.0078
MAL - Cuyahoga	Chantal Dothey	cdothey@metrohealth.org	216.381.1050
MAL - Mahoning	Beth Finley-Belgrad	elizabethfinleybelgrad@yahoo.com	330.782.0364
MAL - Trumbull	PLEASE INQUIRE		

### CURRENT BOARD CHAIRS

Position	Chair	Email	Phone
Recruiting	Heidi Saleh Ketti Finneran	emaly33@hotmail.com ketti@whosfirst.com	330.533.3939 216.932.0017
Interchange	Ketti Finneran	ketti@whosfirst.com	216.932.0017
Selection	Debbi Grinstein	dlgrinstein@hotmail.com	330.759-3529
Membership	Jay Rosenthal	thejbird@bigfoot.com	330.395.0078
Newsletter	Jay Rosenthal	thejbird@bigfoot.com	330.395.0078
Website	Jay Rosenthal	thejbird@bigfoot.com	330.395.0078
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Village Planners	Dave Armstrong Denise Shade	darmst1309@aol.com denise_shade@hotmail.com	330.788.6217 440.240.1779
JB Advisor	Sharon Meropol	nsmeropol@gmail.com	216.938.7963
Merchandise	Heidi Saleh	emaly33@hotmail.com	330.533.3939
Insurance	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Public Relations	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Fundraising	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Scholarship	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Nominations	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Social	PLEASE INQUIRE		

## Board Meetings

### Attend a board meeting from the convenience of your own home!

The board has been using **Skype** to help eliminate the need for excessive travel, and this has allowed more members to "attend." The upcoming Skype meetings are scheduled for September and October in 2010 and will most probably be an evening during the week. The meetings begin at 6:30 pm but the exact dates have not yet been set. You are able to attend the meetings from your home or join others locally.

### Face-to-face board meetings are also scheduled.

The board has also planned "face-to-face" meetings. The plan is to alternate these meetings between Youngstown and Cleveland and to also plan a Junior Branch meeting for the same time. There is one currently planned for November (date and location to be determined).

### Committee Chairs and Members Needed

Our Chapter is an all volunteer organization, and as you can see from the table to the left we still are in need of committee chairs. Please contact Wendy Persson if you are interested.

If you don't feel like taking on the responsibility of chairing a committee, plan to **join a committee** or two. Most all the committees listed need additional members to accomplish their work, and sometimes the work need requires minimal time and effort on your part. Please contact the committee chair if you are interested or Wendy Persson if no chair is listed.

**HAVE YOU  
PAID IT FORWARD?**

**IF THE WORLD WERE A VILLAGE OF 100 PEOPLE...**

**In the world today, more than 6 billion people live. If this world were shrunk to the size of a village of 100 people, what would it look like?**

59 would be Asian  
14 would be American (North, Central and South)  
14 would be African  
12 would be European  
1 would be from the South Pacific

50 would be women, 50 would be men  
30 would be children, 70 would be adults.  
70 would be nonwhite, 30 would be white  
90 would be heterosexual, 10 would be homosexual

33 would be Christians  
21 would be Moslems  
15 would be Hindus  
6 would be Buddhists  
5 would be Animists  
6 would believe in other religions  
14 would be without any religion or atheist.

15 would speak Chinese, Mandarin  
7 English  
6 Hindi  
6 Spanish  
5 Russian  
4 Arabic  
3 Bengali  
3 Portuguese  
The other would speak Indonesian, Japanese, German, French, or some other language.

In such a village with so many sorts of folks, it would be very important to learn to understand people different from yourself and to accept others as they are. Of the 100 people in this village:

20 are undernourished  
1 is dying of starvation, while 15 are overweight.  
Of the wealth in this village, 6 people own 59% (all of them from the United States), 74 people own 39%, and 20 people share the remaining 2%.

Of the energy of this village, 20 people consume 80%, and 80 people share the remaining 20%.  
20 have no clean, safe water to drink.  
56 have access to sanitation.  
15 adults are illiterate.  
1 has an university degree.  
7 have computers.

In one year, 1 person in the village will die, but in the same year, 2 babies will be born, so that at the year's end the number of villagers will be 101.

If you do not live in fear of death by bombardment, armed attack, landmines, or of rape or kidnapping by armed groups, then you are more fortunate than 20, who do.

If you can speak and act according to your faith and your conscience without harassment, imprisonment, torture or death, then you are more fortunate than 48, who can not.

If you have money in the bank, money in your wallet and spare change somewhere around the house, then you are among the richest 8.

If you can read this message, that means you are probably lucky!

(The statistics were derived from Donella Meadows "State of the Village Report" first published in 1990)  
[Professor Donella Meadows Biography](#)

More about the woman behind the world village numbers Donella Meadows was an environmental scientist, teacher and writer. She is best known as the lead author of the influential book *Limits to Growth*, which made headlines around the world, and as the person who boiled down the world's statistics into an article that began, "If the world were a village..."

During her lifetime, Meadows was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, won the Walter C. Paine Science Education Award and was honored both as a Pew Scholar in Conservation and Environment and as a MacArthur Fellow.

She wrote a weekly column called "The Global Citizen," which appeared in more than 20 newspapers and provided commentary on world events from a systems viewpoint. It was in this column that she wrote the "world village" article.

## Trustee's Report

**National AD leaves:** Laura Fidler who was hired as the Administrative Director of the National Office last summer has left the position this April to pursue a new opportunity. There is a part-time staff person, Emily Heidrich, who was hired after the January National EC meeting to help with the 2010-2014 CISV USA Strategic Plan. Emily has brought to the office wonderful skills, and also keen knowledge about CISV programming, as she participated in CISV as a delegate. Laura and Emily, along with a few other volunteers and technology specialists have done a lot to create a smoother workflow and to improve the quality of service our office can provide.

The Executive Committee will be working with the Human Resources Committee to conduct a search to select a new CISV USA Administrative Director for the vacant position. Completion of the final selection of the new Director is scheduled to be completed by May 10th.

**CISV International creates new financial structure:** CISV International has created a new financial structure that will change the way national associations (NAs) receive income. The net result is that CISV USA will receive 6£ (Sterling British pounds) per delegate per day for programs hosted in the US. These programs include Village, JC, Summer Camp, Seminar Camp and IYM. So for example an average Village has 48 youth delegates and lasts for 28 days. (48 x 6 x 28) means that 8064£ will be received for that one Village. The US generally hosts 7 Villages a year making the year's total for Villages 56448£. It is then the intent to pass some of this income along to the chapters and several plans have been developed by the National Finance Committee for discussion and a vote will be taken at the 2010 NBM.

### UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN

**The five priorities approved for our national strategic plan presented at the 2009 NBM include:**

1. Improve our financial stability
2. Improve our operations for stability and strength
3. Improve our retention and recruitment of human resources
4. Develop new and innovative ways to engage alumni
5. Achieve sustainable and improved hosting and participation

Everything has its beauty  
but not everyone sees it. - Confucius

## Trustee's Report continued

### UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN continued

**During the 2010 retreat in January the Expanded Executive Committee developed:**

1. Outcome Statements - These are the main results of the priorities that are measured to indicate success. They are what we expect to accomplish at the end of the plan. They were developed for both 2014 and each current year.
2. Goals for 2010 and 2011 - These are the targets that are used to coordinate the work together to help achieve the outcomes for the year, and ultimately the entire plan.
3. Action Steps for 2010 and 2011 - These are the committees to-do list that are coordinated to achieve a goal
4. Committee Plans -
  - Committee Chairs were trained on the committee planning/report form
  - Committee Chairs revised plans based on the goals/outcome for 2010
  - Committee Chairs will report on their accomplishments and will present plans for 2011 at the 2010 NBM in October.

"Peace is possible only as individuals  
and groups learn to live amicably  
with one another as friends."

Dr. Doris T. Allen

### Chapter's By-Laws to be Reviewed

**Why are the by-laws of our chapter important?** Our chapter's by-laws provide the "who, what and when" information for the operation of our chapter. The by-laws of our chapter were last revised in May of 2006. A copy is available on our website by following this link. ([by-laws](#))

An Ad-Hoc committee to be named the "by-laws committee" has been created. The committee will be chaired by Jay Rosenthal, Chapter Trustee, and will consist of the members-at-large: Chantal Dothey (Cuyahoga County area), Beth Finley-Belgrad (Mahoning County area) and Wendy Persson (President). They will examine our current by-laws and decide if changes are necessary in keeping up with the times. That being the case, members will have a chance to discuss and vote on any recommended changes at the August 29th meeting.



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## Wish I had said that

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — Mohandas Gandhi

"Our lives begin to end the day we stay silent about things that matter." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

"A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition." ~ Anonymous

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." ~ Percilus

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." ~ Lao Tzu

"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things." ~ Henry Miller

"Peace begins with a smile." ~ Mother Theresa

"To have a friend, be a friend." ~ Proverb (Author Unknown)

"After all is said and done, a lot more will have been said than done." ~ Author Unknown

"If you do not hope, you will never find what is beyond your hopes." ~ St. Clement of Alexandra

"If it were any easier, it would not be worth as much." ~ Karen Conelly

"Money is like manure: in a big pile it just sits and stinks, but spread it around and it makes things grow." ~ Anonymous

"Activism is our rent for living on this Earth." ~ Anonymous

"A hug is the best gift you can give someone; one size fits all and no one ever minds if you return it!" ~ Anonymous

"The world is a book, and those who don't travel read only one page." ~ St. Augustine