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President's Corner

Wow! I just came back from spending four excitingly busy and inspirational days at the CISV National Adult Meeting and National Board Meeting and my head is spinning. While brainstorming with other CISV presidents and international leaders, I was struck by the depth that CISV stands for and the powerful principles beneath all the programming we offer. As an eleven year old, I travelled to village and had so much fun that I never thought about the "educational" content of what we were doing more than learning about other countries. You know... just playing with my new friends. When my children have crossed the globe in various directions, they too came home with amazing stories and experiences. But this weekend I really learned the HOW and WHY our programs are what they are...and how we are making a huge impact on the world. got away reminded me as to WHY. Travel opportunities will give our local delegates the chance to meet and develop friendships with people from different countries, backgrounds and cultures, but everyone one of our programs have a PEACE EDUCATION focus. CISV's educational principles are:

- 1) We appreciate the similarities between people and value their differences,
- 2) We support social justice and equality of opportunity for all
- 3) We encourage the resolution of conflict through peaceful means
- 4) We support the creation of sustainable solutions to problems relating to our impact upon each other and the natural environment.

Four days at a CISV event gave me all this, imagine what weeks and even a month can offer!!! Look further in our newsletter to see the educational travel opportunities that are right for you, your friends and/or your family. Or consider getting involved on the local level. Either way, I invite you to join us as we change the world one friendship at a time.

Mark Your Calendar

- ♦ Nov. 1 Skype Board Meeting
- ♦ Nov. (tbd) JB Activity Cleveland
- ♦ Dec. 5 Holiday Party
W Persson Home, Girard
- ♦ Dec. 6 Skype Board Meetings
- ♦ Apr. 11 2011 Gala

CISV USA's Vision Statement

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

Where In The World?

Jay, Denise, Ketti, Hannah and Wendy recently spent 4 days at the national meetings/trainings at CISV USA headquarters in Cincinnati.

Here are our travel options for summer 2011

- ♦ 11 yr delegation (w/female leader) Village - Vestfold, Norway, 7/1-7/28
- ♦ 11 yr delegation (w/female leader) Village - Kansai, Japan, 7/31 - 8/27
- ♦ 12-13 yr delegation (w/leader), Interchange - Brazil
- ♦ 14 yr delegation (w/leader), Summer Camp - Michigan City, Indiana, 7/1-7/23
- ♦ 14 yr delegation (w/leader), Summer Camp - Sweden (tbd) 6/28-7/18
- ♦ 15 yr delegation, Youth Meeting - Victoria, Canada, 7/2-7/16
- ♦ 16-17 yr (female), Junior Counselor - Sor-Trondelag, Norway, 7/1 - 7/28
- ♦ 16-17 yr (male), Junior Counselor - Munich, Germany, 8/3 - 9/1
- ♦ 17-18 yr (male), Seminar Camp - Hordalund Norway 6/30-7/20

Everyone Is Responsible For Recruiting

While recruiting, please remind everyone that these are not just travel opportunities but multi-cultural experiences that incorporate activities that teach CISV's four peace education components:

Diversity, Human Rights, Conflict and Resolution, as well as Sustainability

Selection Day has been designated for Sunday Jan 23 (snow day Sunday Jan 30)
Mark your calendars!

Village (age 11) is unique to CISV. This three or four-week international camp is attended by delegations (two boys and two girls) and an adult leader from twelve nations. Approximately sixty Villages are held each year in various locations worldwide.

Interchange (ages 12-15) is a family-centered, international exchange that usually involves one month visits in each of two consecutive summers. During the first year a delegation (five boys and five girls) and an adult leader visit partners of the same age, gender, and general interests in another country for four weeks. The following summer, the delegation that visited first then hosts its partners for another four-week visit. In some instances an entire Interchange is completed in one summer, with consecutive three-week visits to each country.

Summer Camp (ages 13-15) is a three-week camp aimed at slightly older children than the Village. Summer Camp encourages participants to take initiatives towards leadership and responsibility for program planning. In addition to promoting the CISV philosophy, each Camp focuses on a specific educational theme, aiming to overcome prejudices, build self-confidence and stimulate critical thinking, through activities and discussion Delegations from six or nine different countries consist of either four or six young people plus an adult leader.

International Youth Meetings (IYMs) are 6-14 day international camps. The size of an IYM is 15–25 participants, with a staff of 3-5 adults. IYMs provide an opportunity for CISV members who have participated in Villages, Summer Camps, Interchanges and Seminar Camps to continue their involvement with the organization and to develop leadership skills for future involvement.

Junior Counselors (ages 16-17), like adult leaders, are carefully selected and trained. They too need a love for working with children and a belief in the philosophy of CISV. They have an important function in the Village Program being able to relate to both the adults and the children. Although Junior Counselors who have been involved in other CISV Programs will have an advantage, that is not a prerequisite.

Seminar Camp (ages 17-18) is a three week multi-cultural experience with 30-35 participants from many nations that creates an environment of sharing ideas, concerns, and living together as a community. This unique program allows participants to create the camp and achieve its goals with the help and guidance of the staff.

Trustee Report: NBM (National Board Meeting) 2010

The BOT (Board of Trustees) had a full agenda at this year's NBM. I have included just a couple of the highlights below.

Hosting:

Chapters were asked to update their hosting schedules. Chapters are required to host programs every 3 years. Due to circumstances locally we requested to not host (Village) as scheduled in summer of 2010. Permission was granted moving our Village hosting to summer of 2011. After this summer (2011), we have requested to host again in 2014, 2017 and 2020. We are able to revise the schedule annually. The general rule is that it is always better to add than to cancel.

Motions:

There were 20 motions (19 passed and 1 was withdrawn) including the approval of the National program fees and the budget. There was much debate but finally the BOT voted to adopt the "4-1-1- plan" for the next three years. For the programs chapters host such as Village, Summer Camp, Seminar Camp and Youth Meeting the NA (CISV USA) will receive 6 GBP (Great Britain Pounds) This plan allocates 4GBP to be returned to hosting chapters in any given year, 1GBP to go towards reducing Village participant fees and 1GBP to be retained by the National Association for additional administrative & technical support which will partially reduce chapter support. The BOT also approved a major financial undertaking in electronic communications to develop data base and other enhancements to the current capabilities to CISV USA and its website. Some funds were allocated from our financial reserve and others the budget.

Group Hub:

The Group Hub is an online sharing and communications tool that CISV USA is using for information sharing. Access to information is determined by the group to which you belong such as Chapter President, Chapter Trustee, JB Advisors, General (all), etc. If you think we would benefit by your having access to the "General" groups information, please let me know and I will check on that availability.

Website Jay Rosenthal, web master

Please check our website for updated information about upcoming program invitations as well as links to many resources. The plan is to update this information on the website before the end of October if not sooner.

Membership Jay Rosenthal, membership chair

It is not too early to consider your 2011 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.

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Sharon ~ JB Advisor

Greetings from me, Sharon, your JB advisor!

The JB had a great time on Sunday August 29, 2010 at the Welcome Back Swim Party/ Fall General Membership meeting. They enjoyed some activities and accomplished their own meeting. There are a few important things going on that you'll want to know about:

1. Registration is now under way for the Regional Mini Camp, to be held in Pittsburgh November 12-14, 2010. All the plans are in place, and this weekend promises to be amazing fun, you won't want to miss it! Please see Hannah Meropol's JB column for details on how to register, and please let Hannah know you're coming so she can help organize transportation.
2. We are trying to schedule regular JB meetings, please make sure Hannah has your email, and when she emails you to arrange a meeting, please answer!
3. In addition to enjoying other activities together, we want to help raise funds to help support next summer's Village. We're planning a phone-a-thon, and other fun fundraising events, so please stay tuned!
4. Please make sure to check out our multicultural experiences available to you this summer through CISV in Indiana, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Brazil, and Japan!!
5. Please note that CISV is YOUR organization, and YOU are an ambassador! You know how great CISV is, tell your friends and family members about these opportunities to get involved, meet others with similar interests and explore other cultures!

Hannah Meropol ~ Mini Camp

East Midwest Regional Mini Camp
Let the Wild Rumpus Begin!

This year's regional mini camp will be in Pittsburgh during November 12th-14th, with kids from Pittsburgh, Columbus, and Cincinnati! It is at a beautiful site, and is a great opportunity to make friends from other chapters in CISV USA and also to get your CISV-fix that you've been missing this fall! The camp was planned and will be staffed by me and other JB presidents and representatives from our East Midwest region. The camps' theme is "Where the Wild Things Are," and our peace activities stem from themes of the children's book. The pre-camp was previously sent in an email (from me), let me know if you need me to send another. Registration must be post-marked by November 3rd, so please do not hesitate to sign up! You can reach me at hmeropol@gmail.com. Also, please let me know when you register as I am in charge of arranging chaperones. In addition, we need volunteers to drive/carpool to the site in Pittsburgh as well, You must be 25 years or older. Please let me know if you can drive. Please feel free to come to me with any questions/concerns! I can assure you that this will be a great weekend full of new and old friendships, as well as fun-filled, thought-provoking activities focusing on peace education in the CISV tradition. See you there!

Fund Raising ~ Mmmmm ... Pie!

This year the Northeast Ohio Chapter of CISV sold frozen pies from the Gardener Pie Company in Akron. We sold a total of 174 pies for a total of \$1696.00. After paying for the pies and shipping, we raised \$567.84 for the Chapter. There are still some pies left if anyone is interested. There is one 10" pumpkin @ \$10.00 and some 8" NO Sugar Added (NSA) pies for \$8.00. We have 6 NSA apple, 1 NSA blueberry, and 6 NSA peach.

They might be smaller but they taste just like the regular 10" pies. All pies come frozen with baking directions on the box. They are nice to have in the freezer if unexpected company arrives.

If you are interested in purchasing a pie, please contact Karen Hack at khack@neo.rr.com or 330-799-5825.

The pies will be delivered to the Jewish Community Center (on Gypsy Lane in Youngstown) on Wednesday, November 17th. Volunteers are needed to sort the pies. If you can help, please contact Karen.

Fund Raising ~ "GoodSearch"

Several years ago we joined other non-profits in setting up an account with Good Search. Every time someone uses Good Search as their search engine and uses our chapter, we raise money. You can also use it for on-line shopping with a percentage going to our chapter. Since this was set up before the name change, we have to stick with CISV-Youngstown. Spread the Word ... Get involved with GoodSearch! There are dozens of ways you can help us spread the word about GoodSearch and earn funds for your school or non-profit.

SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. The more people use GoodSearch on behalf of your cause, the more money it will raise! A simple email to spread the word can go a long way! Please feel free to customize the following message:

Subject: Childrens International Summer Villages - CISV - Youngstown Needs Your Help!

As you know, I'm a supporter of Childrens International Summer Villages — CISV-Youngstown and I want to share with you a simple way for you to help support this organization or any other cause that you care about.

Just go to: www.goodsearch.com. When it asks for the name of your charity, scroll down to CISV-Youngstown. Make sure you choose Youngstown, since other Chapters are also involved with Good Search. Each time you search the web with GoodSearch's Yahoo-powered search engine, about a penny will go your charity or school. Also, every time you shop online at 1,000 participating stores including Amazon, eBay, Target, Apple, Staples, Expedia, etc., a percentage of your purchase will be donated for free! The site also has thousands of money-saving coupons!

We can raise money for our Chapter just with the click of a mouse! To give you a sense of how the money can add up, the ASPCA has already earned more than \$30,000! Please tell 10 friends about the GoodSearch toolbar today. They've been featured in the NY Times, the Wall Street Journal, CNN, Oprah Magazine, Good Morning America and more.

Hannah Meropol ~ NJBot/NYBM

The National Junior Board of Trustees
and
The National Youth Board Meeting

The National Junior Board of Trustees (NJBot), made up of the Junior Branch Presidents from each chapter in the USA, has been hard at work this year! At our training last spring, we voted to make Global Youth Service Day a permanent annual event for each chapter, decided this year's National Activity of exploring human nature, and created the position of a National JB Advisor. During three successful meeting sessions during the National Youth Board Meeting (NYBM), the NJBot elected new youth representatives on the Executive committee, nominated Brett Vottero (President of CISV International) for the JBer for Life award, changed the name of the annual National Youth Meeting to National Minicamp, approved 2011's national youth committee, and discussed many topics such as an online CISV merchandise store and the improvement of recruitment. Besides meeting sessions, the NJBot participated in many activities during NYBM with youth from around the country. We discussed fundraising, how to relay information through our junior branches, techniques for planning activities and minicamps, and the importance of caution when portraying CISV events and programs with pictures through social networking websites. At night, the youth watched movies, learned to contra dance, and had a lot of fun choreographing a group dance to a song that is very popular internationally within CISV, Shakira's "Waka Waka" (see youtube or facebook for the video).

NYBM was a fun and productive weekend, and I encourage members of our Northeast Ohio Junior Branch to attend in October 2012!

Daniel Persson ~ JC, Mississippi

Hi, my name is Daniel Persson and I had the best experience of my life this summer. I was a Junior Counselor (JC) at a village in Biloxi, Mississippi. It was my first CISV experience and it will definitely not be my last. I met many new people and made many life long friends. Its amazing how close we became after only a couple weeks. The CISV programming is so interesting and unique it helps us get to know each other and each other's culture in a deep way. During this village, everyone was friends with



everyone. I became very close with my fellow JCs who are all 16 or 17 years old. Usually every village has 6 JCs all from different countries My village was a little bit different as we only had five, two guys and three girls. The other male JC, Thiago (Brazil), was my best friend. We got along



really well together and had so much fun together. He was a great JC and a great friend. We had a lot in common but I learned so much from him too. I will never forget him. The other three JCs were also so cool, and I miss them so much! The JC's favorite activity was either the "Pony Song" or "Purple Soup". After the JCs did them a couple times, the kids fell in love with those activities, too. The kids would ask to do those energizers every time we had an activity. It wasn't just the kid's favorite, it was also all the leader's favorite. To wrap it up, this village and my JC experience was so much fun. I wish I could do it 300 more times. This summer was the best summer of my life and it is all thanks to this village.

Amanda Thompson ~ Village, Canada

Village this summer in Montreal, Canada was AMAZING! Our delegation became friends with individuals from all over the world! The other countries that were at camp with us included: Austria, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, and Thailand. We did a lot of cool activities together and got to see some of Montreal's sites. We got lost in a Labyrinth and and rode roller-coasters at the amusement park. We also climbed a mountain to see the beautiful views of Montreal. It was extremely hot, which is unusual for Montreal, so we took many trips to the local pool to cool off and we even had an Olympic Water Sports day! Our month flew by, and before we knew it we had to say goodbye to all of our new friends. We cried for days anticipating our sudden departure and we cried for days after. We all miss our new friends dearly. Some day, we will all meet again!

Ian DeGaten ~ Village, Canada

I liked my CISV trip to Canada a lot, especially meeting all the different kids. I also liked when we had our shopping day. We went to Montreal and walked around to buy stuff like souvenirs and mementoes to remember that we went to a Canadian Village where we made lots of new friends to remember for the rest of our lives.



Jad Saleh ... Village, Canada



"The food was interesting but it was SO worth it." That is what I told my parents at the end of my village in Montreal, Canada this summer. My favorite thing about "The Worldwide Smile Camp" was meeting people and making friends from different countries. My best friends were from Mexico and England. I play xbox with some kids from my camp to keep in touch and we have a facebook group too. We had a really great excursion to an amusement park where we rode a lot of rides. It was so fun. I also liked the rich and poor day, even though I was one of the poor people.. I thought it was really interesting and educational. I had a great delegation with the best leader. We all got along really well. Thanks CISV for the chance to go to village and meet friends from all over the world. I will never forget it.



Evan Radivoyevitch ~ Interchange, Italy

I enjoyed staying with the Matteucci family in Forli, Italy. They were very nice. I actually arrived at their house on my birthday, and they had made me a cake that we could eat with our hands. Together, we played beach tennis and went swimming in the Adriatic Sea because they have a beach house there. We did that a lot and it was fun, but I wanted to see more of Italy than just the beach.

I was really happy to go with our whole CISV delegation to Venice. We stayed there for the whole day, so we had time to walk around the city and explore the canals from the sidewalks and bridges. The gondolas were too expensive, but we did get to ride public transportation which is, of course, a boat. We also had a water fight. I had a great time on my CISV trip and now I want to travel more to different places!

Junior Branch

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

International Peace Day



Northeast Ohio Chapter of CISV honored International Peace Day with two of our local Junior Branch board members playing soccer for the Liberty High School Team. Vice President Daniel Persson (left) Voices Noah Persson (middle) and Tyler Vestal (right) holding the CISV sign. It was a win-win situation... the game ended in a tied and everyone present got to learn about CISV and the International Day of Peace.



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SHOW SUPPORT FOR OUR CHAPTER BY BECOMING A MEMBER

Thank you to our 2010 members for their financial support.
Note * indicate members also paid for 2011.

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)
- **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)
- ***Radivoyevitch** (F)
- **Rosenthal** J (I)
- ***Saleh** (F)
- **Seybert** (F)
- **Shade** (F)
- ***Thompson** A (I)
- ***Tinsley** (F)

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

[LINK TO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

Chapter Board Information and more

Board Meetings

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.

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 November and December 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. First time skype meeting attendees, be sure to set up your account ahead of time and request to be a friend to wendygpersson on skype.

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?**

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