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Spring GALA

Please join us
Saturday, April 9th, 6pm - 10pm
for

CISV Northeast Ohio Chapter's 6th Annual Passport to Peace Gala

Fun, food, family, friends, a reverse raffle,
and fundraising all to benefit the
month-long VILLAGE our chapter
will be hosting this summer!

Mill Creek Metro Parks
Fellows Riverside Garden
Davis Center, Youngstown, OH

Mark Your Calendar

- ♦ April 9 2011 Gala
- ♦ May 26-29 Nautica Charity Festival
- ♦ June 22 - July 19 NEO Chapter Village

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.

President's Corner

Happy Spring to everyone. CISV is all a buzz with so many exciting happenings. We are all about preparing to host our village this summer.

Children from all across the world will be in here in no time and there are a million and one things to do ... from raising funds (See our Nautica Article and Gala Article) to finding volunteers (See Village article).

Hilary Clinton said "It takes a village to raise a child." We say "It takes a village to host a Village". We need you! The kids of this world need you. Please keep your Memorial Day Weekend Open to help us with our biggest fundraising effort to date: The Nautica Charity Poker Festival. We have the opportunity to raise ALL THE MONEY we need for this year's village in ONE WEEKEND. We need hundreds of volunteers to make that happen.

Please volunteer your time.

See the enclosed article and sign up to help. In addition, we are busy training and getting our travel program delegates ready to experience the peace education summer programming for which they have been selected to participate.

This year, we are sending a Village Delegation to Norway, a Junior Counselor to Norway, A Junior Counselor to Germany, a Seminar Camper to Norway, a Summer Camp Delegation to Indiana, a Summer Camper to Brazil and Interchangers to Austria. Peace to all. See you April 9th at the Gala!

*Wendy Persson, President
Northeast Ohio Chapter CISV*

2011 Auction Items Solicitation Letter



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Please use the letter below to assist you when procuring donations items for the Gala.

Many thanks in advance. We couldn't do this without your efforts!

Dear Friend,

CISV is a non-profit organization made up of a global community of dedicated volunteers creating opportunities for children of all ages to experience the excitement and enrichment of cultural diversity through our educational programs. We are founded on the belief that peace is possible through friendships and that the real difference can be made by starting with children.

CISV USA was founded in 1951 by Dr. Doris Twitchell-Allen in Cincinnati, OH following WWII. Dr. Allen believed that you must start with children to break down preconceived ideas and stereotypes so that Indonesia or Jordan is no longer a country on a map but where a friend lives.

The Northeast Ohio Chapter was established in 1963. For the last 48 years, our chapter has joined the more than 90 other countries involved in CISV in teaching children tolerance, cooperation and conflict resolution.

This year, our chapter will be hosting a month-long Peace Program for 11 year-olds right here in northeast Ohio. To make that happen, we need to raise \$40,000 to house, feed, transport and educate these ambassadors of peace.

Over 48 international children are counting on us. We need your help! To raise these funds, the NEO Chapter of CISV will host a reverse raffle and silent auction at our Passport to Peace Gala event on April 9, 2011 at the Davis Center in Mill Creek Park, Youngstown, OH.

We would greatly appreciate your donations for the fund raising event. A gift certificate, basket, or monetary donation would help fund our upcoming village. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt of the donation will be sent to all donors. The tax ID # is 23-7617040.

In the name of children and world peace, we thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Wendy Persson,

President, Northeast Ohio Chapter, CISV

Please visit our local website at www.youngstown.cisvusa.org to see all that we do here in Northeast Ohio to make an impact in promoting world peace.

Fund Raising ~ Nautica Charity Festival

CISV Northeast Ohio has a unique fundraising opportunity, which has the potential to raise enough funds to cover the cost of hosting a Village. Nautica, located in the Flats near downtown Cleveland, offers qualifying non-profit organizations the opportunity to participate in a Nautica Charity Texas Hold 'Em Poker Festival. During each festival, the hosting non-profit provides dealers for the tables. In exchange, the hosting organization keeps 100% of the profits generated by the festival.

Not every 501c3 organization qualifies. CISV was required to complete a lengthy application. Most of the other organizations participating in these festivals have programs focused on children and families such as Ronald McDonald House, Friends of D.A.R.E and Special Olympics to name just a few. All of the organizations and a description of the festivals can be found at the festival website:

www.nauticacharitypoker.org

Many organizations are waiting for an opportunity to host a festival. We are thrilled that CISV has been invited to host Memorial Weekend, May 26 -29, 2011. This is a unique opportunity to raise all of the funds for our Village in only one weekend. Due to the demand for festivals, CISV may have only one chance to host. We need every person to help us make this a success.

What does CISV need from you?

We need every member age 18 and over to volunteer to deal cards.

Nautica provides all of the training and organization so that participating in a festival is very easy. You will be trained so you will know exactly what to do.

Nautica provides machines so that you do not have to shuffle cards. You do not need to know anything about Texas Hold 'Em. Nautica provides the experts; CISV provides the dealers. The biggest challenge is making certain that we have 35-50 volunteers there during all hours of the festival.

The dates and times for the festival are:

Thursday May 26th 3:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Friday May 27th 3:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Saturday May 28th 1:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Sunday May 29th 1:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Please ask friends and family to help too. It will be fun and festive. We will provide food and reimburse parking for all volunteers. We are also asking all CISV members not yet old enough to deal, but old enough to babysit, to volunteer to help watch the children of the parents who are dealing.

Also, the Mentor Figure Skating Club is hosting their festival April 20th- April 23rd. They have agreed that if CISV members deal at their festival, they will provide experienced dealers for our festival. By signing up volunteers to help the skating club, we can better assure that we will have enough volunteers for our festival. Mentor's hours are the same as ours.

This is the most important opportunity we have for fundraising and has the potential to surpass all of our other fundraisers combined with no expense to our members. If this is going to be successful, it is critical that all past, present and future members and friends help.

Please contact **Denise Shade** at **denise_shade@hotmail.com** or **203-952-9870** to sign up for hours and ask any questions.

CISV Y-C NEO Village 2011 ~ Committees And Coordinators

Camp Store Coordinator and Committee

Coordinate merchandise, sales and accounting system for the Camp Store/JC Shop. Work with Chapter Merchandise Chair for CISV merchandise.

Committee – Ernesto Cupo – Merchandise Chair

Cleveland Day Coordinator and Committee

To arrange for a day in Cleveland. To arrange for the venues, activities, transportation and related costs. To arrange for meal(s) to be provided.

Committee – Kristen Radivoyevitch

Communications Coordinator and Committee

Coordinate communications needs and equipment. Arrange for Official Village Photos. Arrange for candid shots during Village

Coordinator – Jay Rosenthal

Evening Snack Coordinator and Committee

Arrange evening snacks throughout the duration of the Village for both children and adults

Coordinator – Heidi Saleh

Excursions Coordinator and Committee

Make arrangements for excursions taken away from the Site and assist with arrangements for Staff/Leaders/JC's day off.

Coordinator (Shopping Day) – Heidi Saleh

Coordinate arrangements to religious services, if needed

Food Coordinator(s) and Committee

Ensure that Delegates are fed nutritious, well-planned meals

Fundraising Coordinator and Committee

To assist in raising funds for the Village

Grants Coordinator – Monica Lloyd

Grants Committee – Denise Shade

Medical Coordinator and Committee

Arrange for the services of medical professionals for the duration of the Village. Procure on-site medical supplies and travel first aid kit. Arrange for lice check upon arrival at beginning of Village

Coordinator – Karen Hack

Junior Branch Role and Committee

Provide welcome bags or some token of welcome to all Delegates. Plan and coordinate an afternoon or evening activity. Assist with site set-up and take-down

Coordinator – Hannah and Sharon Meropol

Homestay and Arrival/Departure Coordinator and Committee

Arrange for the transportation, welcome and hosting of Village Delegations upon arrival and departure from Cleveland Hopkins. Arrange all aspects of "homestay" weekend

Homestay Coordinator – Heidi Saleh

Laundry and Bedding Coordinator and Committee

Coordinate laundry services through the duration of the Village and all bedding needs (excluding mattresses)

Committee – Joleen DeGaten

Leader/Staff/JC Weekend and Hospitality

Plan and coordinate Adult/Staff/JC weekend, Leader/Staff/JC Welcome Party, and other Leader/Staff/JC hospitality

Welcome Party Coordinator – Wendy Persson

In-kind Gifts Coordinator and Committee

Assist in the procurement of donated goods and services, including food and meals

Open Day Coordinator and Committee

Coordinate all aspects of this very special day which serves to celebrate and share the CISV spirit with Chapter Members, Alumni, the Community and the Village Delegates, reconnect CISV Alumni with CISV and each other, promote CISV, and acknowledge donors and volunteers

Committee – Jay Rosenthal, Julia Fisher

Public Relations Coordinator and Committee

Coordinate public relations efforts striving to get as widespread media coverage as possible

Coordinate in Campbell, Youngstown and Cleveland

Risk Manager and Committee

Review and advise in matters relating to CISV National's safety and security issues which pertain to hosting the Village

Site Coordinator and Committee

Coordinate set-up and take-down of Village Site, including mattresses. Help trouble-shoot any facility issues during Village

Set-up Committee – Julia Fisher

Supplies and Equipment Coordinator and Committee

Coordinate the supply needs for the Village, specifically, office, arts and crafts, recreation and audio visual.

Committee – Jay Rosenthal

CISV Y-C NEO Village 2011 ~ Help Wanted

Hello CISV friends,

We are looking for Staff/Jr. Staff and a possible Director for our Village.

Village dates are June 22 -July 19, 2011. A few days prior to the start and a few days after the ending will be needed. There is an honorarium accompanying each Staff/Jr. Staff positions and for the Director's position. Payment of travel expenses to required National Leadership Training as well as NLT fees will be paid. The following are the qualifications:

Director

See qualifications under Staff. In addition, Director should, if possible, have previous experience as Adult Leader and Village Staff. The Director also assumes the following responsibilities as liaison to Chapter/ Village Committee, prepare Pre Camp information, act as Host Staff coordinator, reviews all delegates' health forms/ medical needs/ legal forms, and has the ultimate legal responsibility for the Village and its program.

Junior Staff

A Junior Staff member of a Village Staff must be 19 or 20 years of age, from the hosting National Association. The Junior Staff should consider the Director as a mentor, view the Junior Staff position as one of learning, and offer support to the more experienced Host Staff. The Junior Staff should bring leadership qualities, experience, energy and knowledge to the overall program. Duties may include assisting the Host Staff in preparing schedules, distributing mail, overseeing the Village Store, overseeing arts and craft supplies, overseeing sports equipment, leading meetings, planning and organizing activities, preparing Village diary, overseeing and assisting duty groups to accomplish their tasks.

Staff

Have an understanding of and a commitment to CISV goals, and, if possible, previous experience in the CISV program. Administrative ability, which includes planning, organization, coordinating and control. Experience and interest in working with children. Ability to share leadership with other adults and a working knowledge of group work concepts and methods.

Ability to give to the children, as well as learn from them, and through sharing, to gain their respect and friendship. physical and mental fitness. Warm and friendly personalities. Must be 21 years old with one member at least 25 years of age. Special talents, abilities and experience along the lines of duties they will carry out. Flexibility in getting along with adults and children of various nationalities and cultures. Emotional stability/open mindedness. Completed CISV Leadership Training requirements. Have no criminal convictions or history of mental illness, emotional counseling, violent behavior, child abuse, drug/alcohol abuse, prejudice, etc. that would disqualify the person from participation in CISV International's cross-cultural and peace education programs. Have driving license and insurance appropriate to type of vehicle in use. Must be a member of CISV, complete staff application form, reference forms and pass police background check.

If you or anyone you may know is interested in any of these positions, please contact Dave Armstrong at darmst1309@aol.com. Please put the word Village in the subject line.

Dave

Facebook

Have you seen our new Facebook page?

The newly launched page features easy access to our website, programs and announcements. But, most importantly, it allows our members to stay connected and for you to share your experiences with CISV.

We want you!

We encourage you to share your story on our Facebook wall. Tell us how you got involved with CISV. Are you currently participating in the Village? Did you participate when you were a child? Where did you travel? Was it beneficial for you? We have heard time and time again that the Village has made a tremendous impact on the lives of the children... Let us know how it impacted you.

Please take advantage of our Facebook page to connect with other Villagers, to keep in touch and to share your experiences.

Search for us under
'Northeast Ohio Chapter CISV'
or 'Like' us on our website,
www.youngstown.cisvusa.org.

I believe that we have a wonderful opportunity with Facebook to find missing and lost people who have been affiliated with our chapter, and with our upcoming 50th anniversary this could be very important.

*Facebook Administrator
Julia Fisher*

Jay Rosenthal ~ Trustee's Report

CISV is 60!!!

Save the date and plan to attend and join in the festivities.

~~~ When ~~~

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

~~~ Where ~~~

The Embassy Suites River Center & Northern Kentucky Convention Center

The Celebration & Gala will be held during the week of NBM, NAM & NYBoT. The National Adult Meeting (with guest alumni speakers and service project) will begin Thursday evening, October 20th and end on Sunday, October 23rd

More information will be forthcoming!!

New E-mail Addresses

Three new email addresses were created for us by national using Gmail (Google email). While we may still choose to use our personal email addresses when communicating with chapter members, these provide a way for nonmembers to contact us.

<i>Email Name</i>	<i>Email address</i>
Webmaster:	neo-webmaster@cisvusa.org
Information:	neo-info@cisvusa.org
President:	neo@cisvisa.org

Chapter Website To Get A New Look!

The chapter's website will be getting a look very similar to the websites of CISV USA and CISV International. Members can currently view the "Beta" website by going to our current website and sending an email from the webmaster's link making that request. All suggestions are welcome for website contents. It is estimated that the new site will be completed sometime in late spring. At that time notifications will be sent making the announcement. The new website will have the address of www.neo.cisvusa.org replacing our current website address.

Area Youths in Delegation to Italy

The November 10, 2010 issue of Heights Observer ran the following article written by Kirsten Radivoyevitch

Although social networking websites, such as Facebook, have the ability to connect people from one point of the globe to another, CISV International programs connect people face-to-face. Five area youths learned this firsthand as participants in CISV's Interchange program in Forli, Italy.



"After exchanging e-mails for about four weeks, it was nice to finally meet the Matteuccis in person. I lived with them for two weeks. We swam in the Mediterranean, ate gelato every day, and learned a lot about each other," says Evan Radivoyevitch, an eighth grader at Roxboro Middle School. Another area delegate, Ian Bartz, learned that "it was a lot easier to communicate than I thought it would be even though we didn't speak the same language. It was a lot of fun!"

CISV was founded over 50 years ago as an independent, nonpolitical volunteer organization. It promotes peace education and cross-cultural understanding through the interactive experiences of its participants. Local and international chapter programs are available for participants of any age, though most programs focus on age groups ranging from 11 to 30 years old. CISV programs do not focus on traveling, but rather on the opportunity to share time with people in places participant would otherwise know little about.

This year's Northeast Ohio delegation to Forli was part of the Interchange program, which encourages a deep encounter between two cultures by placing young people within families.

Interchange takes place in two phases with one delegation visiting another country and then reciprocating by hosting the delegation from that country.

Delegates are carefully matched with one another to ensure that the program is a mutually enriching one. "I loved the experience of being able to see another country and learn what their culture is like, and I love the family I stayed with" says Emma Bartz, a freshman at Cleveland Heights High School. "They made me feel like I was part of the family."

After experiencing family life in Italy for two weeks, the American children returned home. Three days later, the Italian delegation came to the United States to experience life in the Heights. Anna Brock, an eighth grade student at Wiley Middle School, said "It was great to have the Italian delegation here! They were all really excited to be in America. They were especially excited to see how we live and to visit places that they had read about, like Niagara Falls. They all really liked that."

Face-to-face connections are the focus of the programs, but modern technology makes them even more effective. Having participated in two CISV programs, Stephen Bell feels the world getting smaller and smaller. "I enjoyed learning what kids in other countries do, and I was amazed how many things we have in common. Thanks to CISV, I have friends in 12 different countries who I stay in contact with through the Internet!"

Photo: Area delegates pose with two members of the Forli delegation in Venice, Italy. Photo by Anna Brock.

Kirsten Radivoyevitch is an early childhood educator, mother of four boys and longtime Heights resident.

Editor's note: Some may wonder what the acronym CISV stands for. CISV was formerly known as the "Children's International Summer Villages," but has dropped the name because the organization has many other programs aside from the Village program.

Daniel Persson Summer Camp, Norway

Everyone has had something really influential in their life. It could range anywhere from a pet, to a friend, or to a celebrity. The influence that this specific thing has on you, shapes your personality and how you react with the world around you. I am proud to say that the thing that influenced my life tremendously was, you guessed it, CISV.

I know this sounds somewhat generic and this is probably what every teenager that is involved with CISV writes about. But for me, this comes from the heart.

CISV is such a big part of my life that I don't remember what life was like without it. My entire family has been active with CISV since before I was born. CISV has been a part of me before I even knew what CISV was. It's because CISV has taught my parents the true meaning of peace and acceptance, and they passed their wisdom down to me. So I was raised with the idea of CISV in mind and that alone changed my way of life forever.

If that wasn't enough, my recent trip to Mississippi as a junior counselor has effected my life more drastically than I ever thought it could. This was my first large scale CISV experience I had and it will not be my last. When I first arrived at the airport, I had feelings of nervousness and excitement mixed together. But right as I stepped through those big glass doors and saw this guy grinning cheek to cheek with a huge CISV sign, those nervous feelings disappeared and from that moment on, I knew that CISV was going to be part of my heart forever.

Because of CISV, I have such a more open mind and I believe I am just an all around nicer person. CISV teaches you to accept other people's differences. Just because other people don't do what you do, doesn't make them wrong. I live my entire life off of CISV's rules and mottoes. It is not because I am being forced to or that is how I was raised, but it is because that is what I believe in. CISV has changed my life so much and if you get involved CISV will change your life too.

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.

Fifth-grader picked for peace-promoting trip to Norway

The February 16, 2011 issue of the Hudson Hub Times ran the following article by Laura Freeman | Reporter

Hudson -- An East Woods-fifth grader will travel to Norway on a mission for peace.

Cooper Anderson, 10, has been chosen to be one of four delegates from the U.S., along with 44 other children from a dozen different countries, to meet in Vestfold, Norway, as part of Children's International Summer Villages.

CISV is a charitable, independent, non-political, volunteer organization promoting international peace education and cross-cultural friendship by bringing children from different countries together to spend a month learning about each other.

The northeast Ohio chapter chooses two boys and two girls out of 11-year-old applicants from across northeast Ohio to represent the U.S. in Norway. The family pays for airfare and about \$1,000 toward expenses for the four weeks.

Cooper will live in Norway for one month beginning July 1. Although he'll spend most of his time in a dormitory with other children, he will spend weekends living with a family to understand their culture.

Cooper's mother, Kimberly Anderson, said when Cooper was 6, he told her he was a pacifist. She didn't even know if he understood the meaning of the word.

"I kind of fight with my brothers a little bit, but I don't like to get into trouble," Cooper said. "I don't like war."

Cooper has two brothers, Duncan in seventh grade at Hudson Middle School and Parker in kindergarten at Evamere School.

"He's not always a pacifist with his brothers," Kimberly added. "But he's always been interested in other countries and cultures."

The northeast chapter of CISV reviewed Cooper's application, interviewed him and observed his interaction with other children before choosing him.

The children selected must lack prejudice and get along with children who are different, Kimberly said.

"CISV believes age 11 is a critical age in development and it's important to expose children to other cultures at that time to prevent developing prejudice," Kimberly said. "It's a small window of opportunity."

Cooper will attend workshops in a few weeks to prepare him for his visit. When he returns he will be expected to share his experience with peers and his community but has no formal commitments.

For their part, the family is expected to participate in the program and host families from other countries in an ongoing commitment.

"By building global friendships it makes the world a smaller place," Kimberly said. "It teaches them to think beyond their local community."

Cooper said while he's in Norway he has one wish -- to swim in the Fjords, the inlet seas between high cliffs.

While in Norway, he will attend classes, learn about different cultures and participate in sports.

"I want to teach other kids what I learn," Cooper said. "I can share what happened and see if they want to go to a camp, too."

There are other programs available for older students. For more information about CISV go to www.youngstown.cisvusa.org.

CISV Travel Opportunities

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.

2011 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 2011 members for their financial support.

I—INDIVIDUAL F—Family P—Patron

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

- **Anderson (F)**
- **Armstrong D (P)**
- **Bartz (F)**
- **Bell (F)**
- **Brock (F)**
- **Brown (F)**
- **Cupo (F)**
- **DeChellis L (I)**
- **DeGaten (F)**
- **Denney (F)**
- **Dothey C (I)**
- **Estephan (F)**
- **Finley-Belgrad (F)**
- **George T (I)**
- **Goerig-Eastlake (F)**
- **Grinstein J (F)**
- **Hack K (I)**
- **Holleran (F)**
- **Johnson (F)**
- **Meropol (F)**
- **Miele (F)**
- **Mikan (F)**
- **Oesch (F)**
- **Pataki (F)**
- **Pendleton (F)**
- **Persson (F)**
- **Radvoyevitch (F)**
- **Rosenthal J (I)**
- **Saleh (F)**
- **Shade (P)**
- **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

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.

Board Meetings

Attend a board meeting from home!

The board has been using *Skype* to help eliminate the need for excessive travel, and this has allowed more members to “attend.” 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 wendygersson on skype.

“Membership” meetings

Twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, membership meetings are scheduled and all members are invited to attend. It is at the membership meetings that officers are elected and changes may be made to our by-laws. Along with the meetings a “social” is usually scheduled.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for 2010-2011			
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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.

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