

# Children's International Summer Villages

Greater Youngstown Chapter Newsletter

September 12, 1998



## New Website

Check out our new CISV Youngstown website at address: [home.switchboard.com/cisvyoungstown](http://home.switchboard.com/cisvyoungstown). You will find information there about CISV, our calendar of events, chapter contact names/addresses and beautiful sights and sounds of CISV. Thanks to Jay Rosenthal for all of his hard work.

If you have an e-mail address, please e-mail us so we will be able to communicate with you on the internet.

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The Peace Race is to kick-off a week of peace activities as proclaimed by Youngstown Mayor, George McKelvey. This

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proclamation was sponsored by the Peace Race Foundation and Greater Youngstown Chapter of Children's International Summer Villages.

## Promote the Peace Week October 11th -17th

### We need the support of CISV families and friends on October 11th

to: (1). Represent CISV in the two Mile Fun Run/Walk, "Team-Up for Peace". The event begins at 10:30 am. Advanced registration is required -fee \$2.50 (\$12.50 if you want a Peace Race T-Shirt). (2). Help with registration and other tasks during the Peace Race on October 11th.

Help is needed beginning at 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon with registration, distributing snack & beverage. Advanced sign-up is requested.

In addition we need the support of CISV families and friends during the week of October 11th - 17th to "Promote the Peace" by contacting groups and organizations with which you are involved and having them present peace activities. These activities can be quite simple and should have a peace theme associated with the CISV Peace Education Circle. It is important to have the activities registered in advance.

## Message from the Outgoing President

C.I.S.V. is an organization in whose philosophies I have grown to believe. I experienced a Village program first hand ten years ago when I took a delegation to Finland. At every CISV "flag" raising or lowering and at every CISV "friendship circle" since; I have been reminded of those fond experiences of the "Pink Pig Camp" Village in Lappeenranta, Finland.

I have been somewhat involved locally with CISV ever since. However three years ago I became more than "somewhat" involved." I can still hear the words of Vicky Oesch, the outgoing president, "Don't worry, it won't be that difficult. This is not a Village year and we [CISV board members] will be there to help you." I did accept the nomination with some

apprehension and was elected president. To be honest it did take a while to adjust to presidential responsibilities and there were some difficulties, but that is to be expected. Over the last several years, I have always found our local CISV members supportive and helpful as their time permitted. As I look back, I am not sure what significant contributions I have made to our CISV, I hope there have been some. In any case I could not have done it without YOU, the families and friends of the Greater Youngstown Chapter CISV, and I want to thank everyone, especially the board members who were there for me and our CISV.

I know that people cannot devote all of their time to CISV, but let us remember that CISV is not a thing, but a belief, a dream. It began as the dream of Doris Allen in 1951, and today it has become the dream of many others, myself included. CISV is

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## Small World '98

Our world is a bit smaller, now that our Village has ended. Seventy more people and 15 countries are no longer connected, along with the chapter, to make the world better and smaller.

Youngstown State University was a wonderful site and dorm life was a Village plus, as well as the Newman Center. The staff of YSU, the Newman Center, and Cafaro House did a fantastic job of making us feel welcome, secure, and at home during our months stay.

Our Staff -- Jason, Stacey, Lisa, and Dave, were quite busy, a bit overworked, and exhausted afterwards, but superb, nonetheless.

We had an excellent group of Adult Leaders and JC's, along with the best group of Child Delegates ever. Everyone worked well and together to make the Village a success.

The computer age has linked most of us, making the world even smaller. E-mails flow back and forth between most of those involved and some have added on line services since the Village ended, to keep in touch. Comments from the participants range from "excellent Village" to the "best Village I ever attended" [from Adults and JC's who have had more than one experience.] Many of the Children have expressed a desire to have the experience again, with all of the same people, of course.

Special thanks to those who, sometimes on very short notice, came to our aid to transport the Village participants to off-site locations. Also, thanks, to those who hosted during pre-village, homestays, and post-village periods.

Our deepest gratitude is also extended to Dr. Stephanie Dewar, Village Physician, who made herself readily available in taking care of our medical needs.

Thank you's in 14 languages go to Jason, Stacey, Lisa, Dave, and Barb: the Local Board and Chapter members; YSU; the Wood Company (food services); Cafaro House Staff; and those who emotionally and financially supported the Village and the Staff.

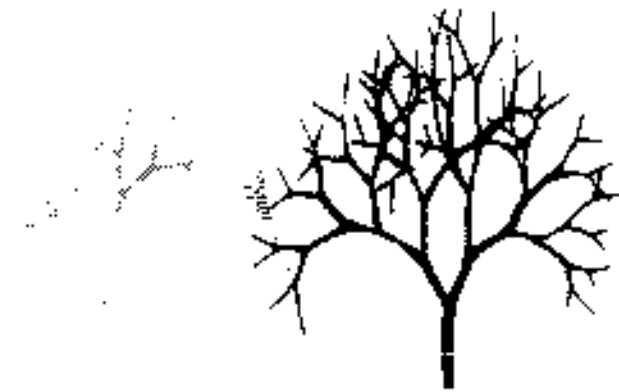
More information, stories, and "Small World" occurrences will be shared in subsequent Newsletters.

Again, thanks to all of those mentioned and the numerous supporters who have not been formally acknowledged, as of yet.

## Gala Dinner

The Youngstown Chapter's 35th Anniversary was celebrated by 200 people. Jason Herron, Director, and Dave Armstrong, on staff, were the Masters of Ceremony of the evening. Each visiting delegation performed in their national costumes.

Youngstown State's Kilcawley Center was decorated beautifully with showboards; one presentation of each delegation and a set of five brightly colored boards representing each facet of CISV. Special thanks goes to the Historian Committee, a group of parent volunteers, who organized photos, newspaper clippings, and personal items donated to begin the tracing of Youngstown Chapter's past. Make time to drop a note of thanks to Jean Estephan, Jean Little and Heidi Suleh for preparing the display boards.



## Tree Dedication

During the Gala at YSU on July 11, 1998, young seedling trees were dedicated in the CISV spirit. The CISV song states, "sow a seed and plant a tree, beneath whose branches there may be, all the nations gathered free." The Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District sponsored a grant to the Youngstown Chapter through the National Tree Trust Foundation of 100 trees to be planted from this dedication. Tree varieties were red maple, red oak and honey locust. The seedlings new homes stretch from Leesburg, Va. (home of our founder Doris Allen) to Pittsburgh, PA; Pindlay, OH; Miami, Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties, all in Ohio. READ about more tree dedications and plantings in the upcoming newsletters.

Children, leaders, JCs and Village staff planted an Alberta Spruce which sits in the garden outside of Cafaro House where our Village was held on the campus of Youngstown State University. The tree was donated by Kate Goerig's brother. Kate was on staff of the World Village '95.

## "Small World '98" *continued*

### Open Day

Sunday, July 12 was a beautiful afternoon to greet the community. Guests were introduced and a special greeting was given by Congressman Jim Traficant. What followed were songs, dances, and skits given by each delegation of children and of Junior Counselors. The afternoon concluded with a butterfly launch. The caterpillars were purchased and raised by a parent volunteer. Nearly 80 Painted Lady butterflies were released at the same time in the lovely fountain area of Youngstown State University. A \$5.00 donation to the Scholarship fund for each butterfly was collected. The launch was a perfect ending to any CISV Open/Dedication Day gathering.



### Kudos

CONGRATULATE these dedicated staff/planner members who volunteered their complete self and their complete life to making Village a SUCCESS. Staff members, STACEY MYLAN, LISA KHOURY, DAVE ARMSTRONG, JASON HERRON, Director and BARB LOEWIT, Planner were busy 24 hours a day, seven days a week for 5 weeks donating 4,820 volunteer hours. Planning began in the fall of 1976 for site selection and active work by committees and staff continued through the end of Village on July 25, 1998.

We are collecting the number of hours donated to our chapter, FOR THOSE OF YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO DID VOLUNTEER WORK FOR OUR CHAPTER FROM SEPT. 1, 1997 THROUGH NOW, SEPT. 1, 1998 ...PLEASE... use the voice mail box at 793-0050 .

(You do not have to wait for the communication center to be open to leave voice mail.) LEAVE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER, SHORT DESCRIPTION OF YOUR VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND AN ESTIMATE OF HOURS THAT YOU VOLUNTEERED. THANKS!

## Village News

### Old and New Villages

The early report is in for the Villages that were held in Brazil and Mississippi this summer. Both Delegations had an exciting CISV experience. You can read more about the Mississippi Village in the next column. The two groups will be meeting for the debriefing exercise on September 3, 1998 at St. Charles School, from 7 to 9 PM.

Presently we are accepting applications for Villages for the summer of 1999. Both boys and girls are needed to represent our Chapter and the United States in Villages around the world. If you or someone that you know would be interested in a position as 11 year old delegate, Jr. Counselor, or Adult Leader, please contact me immediately. The sooner we have the people in place, the better prepared the Delegation will be. The National Board Meeting will be held in October and we will then bid for the countries to travel to next summer. Join in the fun and excitement by getting involved in the recruitment of our future ambassadors of peace.

Mary Jo Marsh  
(330) 726-8061

Do you know of any 11 year olds that want a once-in-a-lifetime experience?

### Mississippi Delegation

The "Pelicans for Peace" Village, sponsored by the Gulf Coast (Biloxi, Mississippi) chapter, was a great experience for our delegation. Amid 90 to 100+ degree temperatures, high humidity, sudden downpours, and "friendly" insects, the villagers called Fernwood Jr. High School (a.k.a. "The Pelican Palace") our home. Because of the heat, we tried to be flexible with our activity schedules and learned to adapt activities to smaller indoor (air-conditioned) areas. Some of our special activities were: a visit from the Biloxi fire department for a fire drill and some water fun, a trading market, a soccer tournament, tie-dying Tee-shirts with the Philippine delegation, a talent show, disco parties, and a comedy night presented by the leaders.

In addition to our on-campus activities we were privileged to have taken a variety of excursions including a walk to the beach for 4th of July fireworks, a boat trip to a beach island, and visits to: a children's discovery center, a marine education center, an art museum, and various swimming facilities (pools, water slides, and a wave pool). We also received a generous donation of tickets for the entire village to see the movie, Mulan.

The local paper published several articles about the

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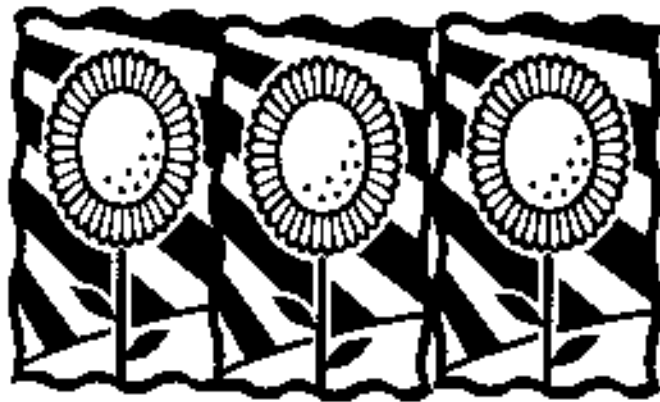
## Mississippi Delegation

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village and its participants, and the village was included in the making of a video commemorating Biloxi's upcoming centennial celebration.

Though we all experienced times when we missed our homes and families, we were amazed at how quickly we as a village had become a family. The trip home was flavored with thoughts of good times, tearful partings, happy homecomings, and plans for the future.

Joy Schaefer, Delegation Leader.



## Seminar Camp

This summer I was very privileged to attend a seminar camp in Hamburg, Germany. Going into the seminar I did not know what to expect. I had heard great things about the program. I was uncertain as to how it was all going to work.

When I arrived in Hamburg I was very impressed with their chapter. It had 2,000 members and owned an entire house. They were hosting both a seminar camp and a village in one summer. They also held seven different interchanges. CISV Haus Hamburg was a great place to stay. For three weeks I shared that house with thirty other people from seventeen different nations. They became my family; and we all worked hard to create our camp. We discussed and held activities on topics such as racism, abortion, sexism, land mines, ourselves, and tons of other issues. It was a wonderful time in my life and I do not want to lose contact with my new family.

Looking back on my experience, I realize that it is impossible to expect anything out of a seminar camp. Each one is so different and special; maybe some better than others. I learned that a camp is only as good as the participants make it. I am glad that I had such an amazing camp.

Katie Davidson

## Message from the Outgoing President

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the dream of world peace and understanding among all the nations. A dream that begins with our children, who will someday be the leaders of these nations of the world. A dream that will only happen if we help to make it happen. I hope that CISV will also become your dream.

In the Spirit of CISV,  
Jay Rosenthal  
Past President

Don't forget to say hello  
to our new president,  
Barb Loewit.

## Ethnic Village

This summer, CISV Greater Youngstown held its second ethnic mini-camp. The day camp was held from June 15th to June 19th at the Birch Hill Cabin in Mill Creek Park. A closing picnic was held on Saturday, June 20th at Slippery Rock Pavilion. Participants enjoyed ethnic foods and a pinata. We had 55 participants representing 13 area schools. The children, ages 9 - 12 were from various ethnic groups in our Valley.

During the week long camp, participants shared and learned about different cultures through arts and crafts, games, dances, and sports. A tree planting was held on Friday. The ethnic village was modeled after a CISV village.

The goals of the village were to introduce CISV to our community and educate people to implement the CISV philosophy in their communities and families. It was also a way to recruit future villagers, J. C.'s, adult leaders, and chapter members.

A special thanks to our local chapter members who helped at the ethnic mini-camp. They were: Nancy Johnson, Mary Jo Marsh, Katie Davison, Marilyn Herron, Liz DeWar, Karen Kinney, Dave Armstrong, Jay Rosenthal, Jason Herron, Stacy Mylan, Lisa Khoury, and Barb Loewitt.

Hopefully, we can continue this valuable local work project. The village was funded through a grant from the Center for Cross-Cultural Understanding. Various local merchants also donated food and supplies. Anyone interested in Ethnic Village '99, please call me!

Brenda Miele  
(330) 544-6591

## Bean Babies

Well, we started out with 1,184 babies and sold nearly 800 of them for a \$10 donation each. The sale defrayed the cost of the delegate's meal ticket for three meals a day for 28 days (times seventy Village campers. The Chapter still has more than three hundred babies available to sell for pure profit to the '98 Village account. Also, if you have any babies that you don't think you'll be able to sell, please return them to Barb Loewit. Our goal is to see that all of the "Bean Babies" get "adopted".

Members and friends of CISV Youngstown who have contacts or associates in the community should give this information to any board member. **HELP US FINISH WHAT WE STARTED!**

Barb Loewit  
(330) 793-1670



**If you would still like to adopt one of these cute "Bean Babies", they are still being sold. Wouldn't an orange-colored one be a GREAT HALLOWEEN GIFT?**

## Youngstown Advocacy Group

A series of three meetings were held at the Center of International Studies/Programs under the direction of Dr. Sylvia Hyre. These informative presentations gathered people of YSU campus members who are now advocates of CISV philosophy and CISV objectives. The group of professors, department heads, students and staff members help CISV Youngstown recruit for child and adult delegates, post and pass on the CISV calendar, and publish articles about CISV through the University Press. Goals to enlarge that Advocacy group and encourage more interaction between Staff/Students and our CISV Junior Branch are forthcoming.

CISV participated in Earth Day, and YSU's First Annual International Week Celebrations during last school year. We look forward to more opportunities to interact with the University Community.

## National Board Meeting

The National Board Meeting will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Thursday evening, October 22, 1998, through noon, Sunday, October 25, 1998, at the Holiday Inn - Cincinnati Airport, 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd., Erlanger, KY 41018; phone (606) 371-2233.

Deadline for registration, without having to pay a late fee, is the Sept. 10, Board Meeting. A Chapter check must be sent instead of individual checks. Make individual checks payable to Youngstown CISV.

For further information and registration forms, contact Barb Loewit at (330) 793-1670 or loebarb@aol.com

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#### CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL SUMMER VILLAGE

### Board Meetings

The parent volunteers, past participants and interested business, cultural or other like-minded persons are invited to meet with the CISV BOARD on the SECOND THURSDAY, of each month at DENNY'S backroom, at 7:30 PM in AUSTINTOWN.

The Business Meetings will start PROMPTLY at 7:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM, followed by planning committees and promotional/recruitment team meetings. This is a NEW FORMAT that will begin with the meeting on September, 10.

Community members, parent volunteers, past participants, adults/youth from like-minded groups, Junior Branch (chapter youth), and committee members are always invited to these Senior Branch meetings. Please note that refreshments may be purchased before 7:30 and after 8:30 so as not to interfere with meeting proceedings.



### Don't Miss the Fall Social

**When:** September 27, 1998  
2:30 to 4:30 PM

**Where:** St. Charles School

**Bring:** Snacks / Finger Foods

Village, Interchange, Seminar delegates, please bring items such as pictures or mementos of your experiences to share with the group. We are really looking forward to hearing about all of the fun you had. Hope to see everyone there!