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youngstown-cleveland northeast ohio chapter

President's Corner

Hello fellow peace lovers! While this presidency started filled with anguish and heartache, it has blossomed into a remarkably satisfying and exhilarating experience. Tracie has truly passed the torch and with her in mind, we are excitedly forging ahead. We have much to be thankful for. Our chapter joined together when moral was low and made a tough decision to carry on...and since then I am proud of the work we are accomplishing. We have renewed energy and our board is growing. Our two important fund raisers -- pie sales and the Gala -- are underway all in preparation for raising money for the village we will host in 2011. Our enthusiasm seem to be restored.

To support our effort, National CISV will be facilitating a retreat in the Youngstown-Cleveland area (for our chapter only!) in early January. (Come to our holiday party on Dec 6 to learn more!) Until then, our energies are all about recruiting now as we have village, JC, interchange and seminar camp invitations for summer 2010 to fill. And while we are on the upswing, we need your continued support. With everyone over extended, please know any small thing you can do for us will make a difference. Paying your 2010 membership dues before the end of the year will help us financially, selling tickets to the Gala will ensure its success, talking up CISV to young people will make recruiting that much easier. No deed is too small. I thank you in advance for your efforts and look forward to your joining the vision of our newly revived chapter.

Wendy Persson, President, Y-C NEO Chapter

Chapter's Village is scheduled for 2011

National has approved our request to delay hosting our Village until 2011. **We will need everyone's help if we are to be successful. We hope you will do your part when contacted.**

Holiday Party is scheduled for December 6th

*While neither **Santa** nor **Chanukah Charlie** will be attending, a representative from CISV USA will be with us at our Holiday Party!*

This is a GREAT RECRUITING OPPORTUNITY! Invite anyone and everyone who may be interested in CISV to meet and greet this inspirational person. During that time also we will be planning some of the details of a chapter retreat which will be facilitated by someone from CISV USA in early January.

CISV family holiday party:

- Sunday, December 6th from 2 pm - 5 pm
- Persson home: 1969 Twin Oaks Drive, Girard, OH
- Please bring festive food to share.
- And kids, we will be making scarves to give to needy kids. Everyone is welcome.
- Please RSVP by December 1 to (330) 759-7223 or wendygpersson@aol.com.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

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2010 Program Invitations

VILLAGE (Youth delegates must be 11 years of age between Jun 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010 and the adult leader at least 21 years of age.)

- **Norway, Oslo & Akershus**, 7-2 thru 7-29-2010
- **Canada, Ottawa/Montreal**, 7-3- thru 7-30-2010
(Per football pool pick at NBM there will also be a USA JC from the Brandywine Valley Chapter attending.)

JC (JC must be 16 or 17 years of age and a male.)

- **USA, Gulf Coast Chapter**, 6-25 thru 7-22-2010
(Per football pool picks at NBM there will also be a USA JC from the Washington DC Chapter and a delegation from the Greater Springfield Chapter attending.)

SEMINAR CAMP (Delegate must be 17 or 18 years of age and a male.)

- **Italy, Padora**, 7-18 thru 8-7-2010
(Per football pool pick at NMB there will also be a Female delegate from the Jacksonville Chapter attending.)

We need to find delegates to fill these positions for our 2010 program invitations. If you know of anyone, please direct them to the appropriate person below and then please be sure to follow-up.

- **Cleveland:** Ketti Finneran - 216.932.0017 or ketti@whosfirst.com
- **Youngstown:** Heidi Saleh - 330.533.3939 or emaly33@hotmail.com

2010 Interchange

CISV Youngstown-Cleveland Northeast Ohio has been chosen to participate in a 2010 Interchange with Forli, Italy. Our chapter is seeking boy and girl delegates ages 13 & 14 to be a part of this great travel opportunity. Delegates' birthdays must fall between June 1, 1995 and August 31, 1997. We are also looking for applicants for the adult leader position

CISV Interchange is a family-centered, international exchange that involves visits of each country. During the first part a delegation of six to ten young people (boys and girls) and an adult leader visit partners of the same age, gender, and general interests in another country for two to four weeks. **Continued—Page 2, Column 2**

2010 Interchange—continued

Next, the delegation that visited first then hosts its partners for a comparable visit. The Forli, Italy Interchange will be completed in the summer of 2010, with consecutive three-week visits to each country. Dates have not been finalized but our delegation has requested to be traveling to Italy June 26 – July 17 and hosting the Italian delegation July 24 – August 14. These dates are subject to change.

It has been a few years since our chapter has been able to fill an Interchange - it would be wonderful to take advantage of this one! Our 2007 13 year-old Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Interchange was a huge success! Please spread the word to any child in the eligible age group that you think would be interested. Feel free to contact our Interchange Chair, Ketti Finneran at 216-536-2375 or ketti@whosfirst.com with any questions or recruiting ideas.

“The Power of Love is greater than the Love of Power.”

Doris J. Allen
Founder CISV

Tracie M. Nicolaou Memorial Fund

CISV Youngstown-Cleveland NEO Chapter has established the Tracie M. Nicolaou Memorial Fund.

If you would like to make a Memorial Contribution, please send check made out to CISV Youngstown-Cleveland and put Nicolaou Memorial on the memo line.

Money from this fund will be used by the Chapter in consultation with the family.

It has been very difficult, as you can imagine, for the Nicolaou family to start getting their lives back together after Tracie's passing.

Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers and maybe even an occasional call or email to let them know we are thinking of them.

Summer Social and Membership Meeting

On August 30th at the Summer Social and Membership Meeting officers were elected and the future of the chapter was discussed.

The Chapter's officers that were elected include Wendy Persson filling the remaining year of the President's term, Denise Shade filling the remaining year of the Vice-President's term and Heidi Saleh filling the remaining year of the Treasurer's term. Also elected as Members-at-large for one year were Chantal Dothey (Cuyahoga County area) and Beth Finley-Belgrad (Mahoning County area). Officers who will be continuing include Karen Hack as Secretary, Jay Rosenthal as Trustee and Wendy Persson as Member-at-large (Trumbull County area).

There was much discussion as to the future of the Chapter even to the extent of requesting that National consider making us a Steering Committee. The main concern is (has been) the lack of human resources to operate effectively. While that concern is still exists, the members present voted to continue as a Chapter, request a postponement of the scheduled hosting of a Village in 2010, and National assistance to help rebuild the Chapter.

Many thanks to all those that attended and helped to make these important decisions. Also many thanks to those to have volunteered for positions on the Board. A complete list of Board members and their positions maybe found on page 5. There are still open board positions that need to be filled. Anyone interested should contact Wendy Persson at 330.359.7223.

International Statistics 2008

National Member Associations - 50

- ◆ # of International Participants - 7,421
- ◆ # of Activities Hosted - 258
- ◆ # of Chapters - 196

National Promotional Associations - 18

- ◆ # of International Participants - 286
- ◆ # of Activities Hosted - 9
- ◆ # of Community Groups - 17

Top 5 Member Associations by # of Chapters

- ◆ 22 - United States
- ◆ 17 - Norway & Sweden
- ◆ 15 - Denmark
- ◆ 12 - Canada & Italy
- ◆ 10 - Brazil & Germany

Since CISVs first Village in 1951, CISV has had international programs consisting of 214,414 participants.

2010 Gala

Our annual Passport to Peace Gala will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at the Davis Center in Mill Creek Park from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Tickets are \$100.00 and admit two with a chance for the \$1000.00 prize in the reverse raffle. (\$50.00 of that is tax deductible!) Guest tickets are also available for \$25.00 which covers the dinner and open bar.

Ways that **you** can help our Chapter prepare for the Gala include:

We need Silent Auction and Chinese Auction items. For example; gift baskets, gift cards for restaurants in the Cleveland and Youngstown areas, gift cards for services (lawn care, oil changes, etc.), vouchers for places to visit (zoo, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, etc).

Delegations can get together and make up baskets or offer a service. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Heidi Saleh at ema-ly33@hotmail.com

We'll need help in getting a mailing out. The invitations and response cards are being done by Chantal Dothey in Cleveland. Perhaps some Cleveland people can give her a hand with the mailing. (wouldn't be till early next year)

We're looking for a Master of Ceremonies to welcome everyone and read the ticket numbers as they are pulled and to announce table closings for the Silent Auction. If you know of anyone that has the "gift of gab" and a personality to match, please contact Karen at khack@neo.rr.com

We'll need help with setting up the morning of the Gala and of course, tearing down afterwards.

The Gala is our largest fundraiser and we need it to be successful to build up our Village Fund. Please do your part in helping our Chapter. For any questions please contact Karen at khack@neo.rr.com Thanks!

"Dr Allen is an extraordinary woman who deserves the gratitude of everyone for making peace in children's hearts."

Quote from a CISV delegate

Pie Pick-up set for November 16th

Our chapter again sold frozen pies this fall from Bakemark. We sold a total of 191 pies for a total of \$1,351.00. After we pay the bill, we will have a profit of \$253.60.

We also have some pies left over (we have to buy the whole case). If anyone is interested in buying additional pies, please contact Karen at khack@neo.rr.com ASAP. They will be on a first come first serve basis.

The available pies are 10" unless indicated:

- 3-Apple at \$7.00
- 4-Peach at \$7.00
- 1-Peach Praline at \$8.00
- 1-Pumpkin at \$8.00
- 3-NO Sugar Cherry (8") at \$6.00

The following are "Thaw and Serve" and are 8" and cost \$6.00:

- 2-Coconut Cream
- 3-Banana Cream
- 3-Chocolate Cream
- 2-Whoo-pie (like a ho-ho)

We also have one Pumpkin/cream cheese roll available for \$6.00

If we can sell these remaining pies we'll add an additional \$149.00 to our profit.

Pick up will be on Monday, November 16th at the Jewish Community Center on Gypsy Lane from 1:30pm-4:00pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your pies. If you cannot come during that time frame, you **must** notify Karen at khack@neo.rr.com (330.720.2320) or Wendy at wendygpersson@aol.com.

If you are able to help with pie pick-up and sorting please give Karen Hack a call at 330.799.5825 or email her at khack@neo.rr.com.

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

Dr. Doris J. Allen

2010 Chapter Membership Kick-off

Membership kick-off for 2010 has begun.

There will be a drawing for a free membership at our holiday party in December. Only those who have paid 2010 memberships at that time will be eligible.

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.

Board members please remember that a current members is required.

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 2009 members for their financial support.

I—INDIVIDUAL F—Family P—Patron

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| • Adams B (I) | • Goerig-Eastlake K (I) |
| • Altman (F) | • Graham (F) |
| • Armstrong D (P) | • Hack K (I) |
| • Bell (F) | • Hopey (F) |
| • Brock (F) | • Johnson (F) |
| • Brown (F) | • Luccino (F) |
| • DeChellis L (I) | • Miele (F) |
| • Donley (F) | • Nicolaou (F) |
| • Dothey (F) | • Oesch V (I) |
| • Finley-Belgrad (F) | • Persson (F) |
| • Fredrich (P) | • Rosenthal J (I) |
| • Gay (F) | • Saleh (F) |
| • George T(I) | • Seybert (F) |
| • Gisser (F) | • Shade (F) |
| • Grinstein (F) | • Timmings (F) |
| • Herman (F) | • Vinton (F) |

CONTACT / MAIL TO:

Jay Rosenthal, Membership Chair
253 Lowell Ave NE, Warren OH 44483
330-883-0821 or thejbird@bigfoot.com

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

[LINK TO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

Current 2010 Members

- Armstrong D (P)
- Finley-Belgrad (F)
- Persson (F)
- Rosenthal J (I)
- Seybert (F)
- Shade (F)

2009-2010 Chapter Board Information and more

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. A copy is available on our website. ([by-laws](#))

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

Position	Officer	Email	Phone
President	Wendy Persson	wendypersson@aol.com	330.759.7223
Vice President	Denise Shade	denise_shade@hotmail.com	440.240.1779
Treasurer	Heidi Saleh	emaly33@hotmail.com	330.533.3939
Secretary	Karen Hack	khack@neo.rr.com	330.799.5825
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	Wendy Persson	wendypersson@aol.com	330.759.7223

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
Communications	Jay Rosenthal	thejbird@bigfoot.com	330.395.0078
JB Advisor	Mary Seybert	soccerdebc@yahoo.com	330533.7912
Gala & Pies	Karen Hack	khack@neo.rr.com	330.799.5825
Village Planners	Dave Armstrong Denise Shade	darmst1309@aol.com denise_shade@hotmail.com	330.788.6217 440.240.1779
Merchandise	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Insurance	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Public Relations	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Fundraising	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Scholarship	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Nominations	PLEASE INQUIRE		
Social	PLEASE INQUIRE		

HAVE YOU PAID IT FORWARD?

2009-2010 Board Information

When and where does the board meet? The board has been meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. In October they met at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Rootstown which is about half way between Youngstown and Cleveland. November's meeting is also scheduled in Rootstown but at the Wendy's Restaurant.

In addition to board meetings there are also committee meetings. These are scheduled by the committee chair. Because of everyone's busy schedule and the travel time needed we are also looking at using such vehicles as **skype** to permit members to attend the meetings via their computers from home.

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.

NBM - NAM - NYBM 2009

More CISV lingo!! Time out for translations!!!

- ◆ NBM = National Board Meeting
- ◆ NYBM = National Youth Board Meeting
- ◆ NAM = National Adult Meeting

Every year around the third or fourth week of October these meetings have been held and usually in the Cincinnati area.

NBM

Each chapter is responsible to send a representative (a trustee) to this meeting and until just recently they were required to send two (a junior and a senior trustee). This meeting represents the annual adult's business meeting for CISV USA. **Jay Rosenthal** attended as our chapter's trustee.

NYBM

The NYBM is the youth's counterpart of the adult's NBM. For purposes of CISV an individual may opt to be a youth until they are 25! **Dana Gisser** attended from our chapter.

NAM

NAM is the newest of the meetings and was created because of the number of adults that attended the board (business) meeting as observers. While adults still may attend as observers, NAM provides a good opportunity for the individuals who would rather spend the time learning ways to improve their local chapters and network with members from other chapters. **Denise Shade** attended from our chapter.

Trustee's Report

The National Board Meetings have always been exciting to me since I first began attending them around 1988, and while it is an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new friends, it is also the trustee's obligation to work on the business of CISV representing his local chapter as well as the national organization.

As has happened at previous NBMs there was an orientation for trustees. This is especially important since there are always people who are attending as trustees for the first time. Also it is good to review what is expected of a trustee.

Some of the interesting business we attended to included:

(1) Strategic Plan

CISV International had their Strategic Plan approved during AIM of 2009 and CISV USA following suit has also created a Strategic Plan which was approved by the BOT at NBM 2009. **continued page 6, column 2**

Trustee's Report

The priorities include:

1. Financial stability as a national organization of semi-autonomous chapters will improve the quality of our programs and our internal operations.
2. Our operational stability and strength is key to our organization's success in the next 10 years.
3. Sustaining and improving CISV USA's hosting of and participation in programs both at the international and local levels will further our mission in exciting ways.
4. Improving recruitment and retention of human resources at the chapter and national levels for both operational and programmatic responsibilities will better CISV USA and make us a more diverse and stable organization.
5. Developing new and innovative ways to engage alumni to provide leadership and support for the NA and Chapters.

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.

(2) Three Year Village Hosting Requirement

CISV USA has required that each chapter host a Village every 3 years. Chapters could host a Village more frequently, but three years was a minimum. In the "off" years chapters could and were encouraged to host other programs.

The motion proposed allowing chapters to host any program (Village, Summer Camp, Seminar Camp or Youth Meeting) to meet their three year hosting requirement was passed. There was some concern that the number of Villages the US hosted would decline because of the cost, but in order to have the first choices of the Village football you have to host. Another concern was that the US would get fewer invitations, but the US usually hosts more Village programs that is needed and if the US could not fill its quota it can ask another NA in the Americas Region to pick up the ones it cannot fill.

(3) Program Fees

The current way programs are funded internationally are not the same, but that is about to change in 2011. **continued page 7, column 1**

Trustee's Report—continued

For Village, Summer Camp, Seminar Camp and International Youth Meeting, the formula for sending will be £9 per participant x # days. The formula for hosting will be £6 per participant x # days for all the above mentioned except Seminar Camp which will be £3 per participant x # days. This is due to the expense of requiring an international staff and their training.

The CISV Regions

Americas Region:

National associations:

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru & USA

North Europe Region:

National associations:

Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, & Sweden

Central Europe Region:

National associations:

Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland & Ukraine

South Europe Region:

National associations:

Algeria, Austria, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Portugal, Spain & Turkey

Asia Pacific Region:

National associations:

Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand & Vietnam

(4) Delegate Sharing

The Chapter Trustees led by the Trustees-at-large met several times outside of the BOT meeting to discuss issues. One of those was the practice of "delegate sharing." All felt that this was important enough to have further discussion on which we did and a document for the "Temporary Guidelines for Delegate Sharing for Village, Summer Camp, Interchange and IYM" was drafted. The document approves sharing delegates if a chapter has filled 50% of the delegation from its jurisdiction and the members of the delegation can meet as is required prior to and during (in the case of an Interchange) for the necessary activities. The request to share need to be made prior to the date that the program is to be returned if it cannot be filled.

Jay Rosenthal, Chapter Trustee, Y-C NEO Chapter

NAM Report

This year Denise Shade attended NAM representing the Youngstown - Cleveland NEO Chapter. This was Denise's first year to attend NAM (NBM). The theme for this year's meeting was "Keeping the Dream Alive". The discussions and activities focused on various chapter development topics including recruitment program participants and volunteers, selection, communication, peace education goals and program planning. One of the greatest benefits of attending NAM was the opportunity to hear best practices from other chapters. There were representatives from all over the country participating in the meeting. The experience level ranged from CISV "lifers" to those who have only recently become members.

In typical CISV fashion the meeting was peppered with energizers and activities which can be incorporated into our children's programs. A focus throughout the meeting was on the four content areas of peace education, which are diversity, human rights, conflict resolution and sustainable development. These four peace education content areas have recently been redefined and it is expected that at least one of these be included in every CISV program. Another benefit was the many resources that we were able to bring back for our chapter to use. We were given a CD full of materials that is intended to aid our chapter planning and execution of our programs.

One area of concern that seemed to be shared among all of the chapters was the feeling that CISV is a well kept secret. There was much discussion about how to get the word out about our programs. To that end the University of Cincinnati has created a wonderful short video, which chapters will soon be able to download from the website. The intent is to use the website to make all marketing materials available so that chapters will have the choice of ordering them from National or printing them locally.

In addition to NAM, there was plenty of time to mingle with those attending the National Board Meeting. The enthusiasm for CISV is contagious and you can not avoid returning from this meeting feeling excited about what CISV brings to the children. During the Saturday night banquet a montage was shown called the "Circle of Chapters". It included pictures and videos from programs that each of the chapters participated in during the previous year. Besides the tears it drew from the audience, it was illustrative of the diversity and multitude of programs CISV offers. More importantly it showed the delight of the children participating in the programs and interacting with their global friends. It was a strong reminder of why we stay involved.

Denise Shade, Vice President, Y_C NEO Chapter

Chapter Delegation at the Village in Amsterdam



Madeline & Kai from Philippines



US delegation getting ready for Open Day



Adele eating cake on a string during Holland's national day - also Maia of Philippines



USA and Swedish girls on shopping day in Venlo, Holland



Delegation dressed up for Casino Night



Brandon and Omar, a special buddy from Egypt

**"Very Hungry Caterpillar" Village"
2009**

Netherlands

**leader:
Susan Anthony**

**delegates:
Brandon Seybert
Madeline Shade
Adele Belgrad**

Gilmour Academy has a Village Presentation

On October 9th, Madeline Shade had the opportunity to give a presentation on her experiences at the "Very Hungary Caterpillar" Village in The Netherlands to the Gilmour Academy Lower School children. Dr. Monica Veto, Director of the Lower School, generously provided the time during the school's convocation and she also extended an invitation to any parents that may be interested in their children participating in the future.

Madeline began the program with a short video of the Philippine delegation performing their national night dance. She wore the Philippine national costume, for which she had traded a t-shirt. She explained all about CISV, Doris Allen and how CISV develops peace by building global friendships. She discussed her delegation and the preparation that was required before traveling and then included many pictures of the village and activities that they experienced there.

There was much interest from many of the children and some parents inquired about how to be host families for the next Youngstown-Cleveland Village. Several asked for information about programs for next summer. Dr. Veto has graciously offered us the opportunity to provide upcoming program information to the students.

CISV Song

Here in this village you may see
Children living happily
Different race and different land
Here we come to understand
One another's point of view
Learning through the things we do
How alike am I to you

Here we live and eat and sleep
Talk and laugh and sometimes weep
Here we share our hopes and fears
Build a bridge across the years
Sow a seed and plant a tree
Beneath whose branches there may be
All the nations gathered free

That our children so may grow
In a world we did not know
Sharing all they have to give
Learning how to love and live
In our hands the future lies
Seize the moment there it flies
Stamp the present with an act
Dare to make our dream a fact

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our news letter. Your cooperation by deadline date has made it possible to publish this news letter in a timely fashion. Your continued cooperation is very much appreciated.

From the Editor

If **CISV people are everywhere**, then why are they so hard to find? Since I had nothing better to do, (That's a joke!) I attended an Arts Festival at the Davis YMCA in Boardman (a suburb of Youngstown, Ohio) where I work. As I walked around visiting the various exhibits and talking with the various artists, I came across something that made me think of CISV. The project's title was "Peaceful **Soleutions**." The project consisted of decorating the soles of the feet using peace as a theme. The artist is Suzanne Gray who teaches art at the Y and her goal is to collect 1000 foot prints! But there is more...

Her family's association with CISV began in 1987 when their oldest child, Elizabeth, was part of an exchange with Gotenberg, Sweden. It was her first experience with international travel...and it changed her forever. She subsequently graduated college with a degree in foreign relations, then lived abroad for eleven years.

The following year (1988), their son, Edward, was part of an exchange with Hamburg, Germany. He and his partner became such close friends that when Ed graduated high school a few years later, he and Olav spent a summer backpacking around Europe.

In 1991, their youngest, Rebecca, was on a team partnered with Padua, Italy. I vividly remember the day that Becca said to me, "Ti amo," in thanks for involving her in CISV. She remains in contact with some of her Italian friends through the wonder of Facebook.

I'm not sure of the year, but sometime in the early 90s, when Youngstown hosted a village, their family hosted two children for the family weekend. After that, their lives became chaotic and their personal association with the program ended.

Please visit her blog at www.1000footprints.blogspot.com to find out more about the project and consider submitting your footprints using CISV in the theme. The directions can be found on that site. There is a deadline so please do not wait too long.

Lend your soles to the 2010 Global Art Project for Peace



Jay Rosenthal, Newsletter Chair