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The Southwest Airlines ticket draw was won by Tom Lee, who purchased 10 of the 52 chances. Congratulations, Tom!

If you are interested in helping in any way with Faces or Peaceful Song Village, please email Beth Jenkins at jinkdog@comcast.net.

Mark Your Calendars:

June 11
4 to 5:30 pm
Faces Dedication Day

July 7
4 to 6:30 pm
Peaceful Song Village Open Day

August 11-12
Reentry Overnight for Villagers, JCs, Summer Campers

August 12-13
Board and JB Board Retreat

August 18-20
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From the President…

I am very excited to announce that CISV Jacksonville will be presenting its first **Peacemaker of the Year Award** at a luncheon to be held on Thursday, October 12, 2006. We are currently seeking nominees for the award. For the purposes of the award, "Peacemakers" are those who have encouraged Jacksonville to join together to build on the strengths of its many talents and facets – from race, to religion, to ethnic origins, to neighborhoods in Jacksonville. Their efforts should have promoted an end to hatred and the building of a stronger, more tolerant community willing to accept each of us as we are. For more information, please email Carol Daniels, Chairperson of the Award Selection Committee, at carol61@bellsouth.net. Please plan to attend the luncheon on October 12.

As our 2005-2006 year winds down, I want to thank all our officers, board members and volunteers for helping to make the year such a success. I also want to thank the Junior Branch, so ably led for the past two years by Adrienne Divertie, for their enthusiasm and leadership.

In CISV, Val Chritton

National Leadership Training in Jacksonville

The Jacksonville Chapter hosted National Leadership training the first weekend of April at Camp Blanding. This CISV adventure was like no other because participants had to be checked and cleared by soldiers at the gate before driving by tanks and planes to be housed in a military barracks. Awakening to soldiers chanting and marching was a new twist to add to a CISV training. This weekend proved once again that CISV is about people, because although the site was a bit unusual the training weekend was filled with CISV Spirit!

The people who met Friday evening came from many different chapters including Atlanta, Gulf Coast, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Chattanooga and Jacksonville to prepare for either an international CISV program or a local ethnic camp. This amazing group of trainers, staff, leaders and JCs became a CISV community participating and learning from each other. The planners, Carol Daniels and Vickie Breedlove, stayed with us on site to make sure everything went smoothly and made sure we had wonderful meals. National Leadership Training can be a powerful, but exhausting learning experience. Needless to say everyone left on Sunday with new friends, with more knowledge of CISV and better prepared to be leaders.

Faces of Jacksonville Village Prepares for 3rd Annual Camp

Delegations from China, Peru, Korea, India, Lutheran Social Services (with delegates from Liberia, Senegal and Lebanon), Boys and Girls Club, the Bridge of Northeast Florida and for the first time, CISV, will be participating in the 2006 *Faces of Jacksonville* Village. The camp will be held from June 7 – June 21.

The staff, leaders and Junior Counselors attended CISV National Leadership Training held in Jacksonville April 7-9. The diversity of our group was a welcome addition to the training.

Co-Directors, Amy Conarton and Eleanor Fails, have been working with the rest of the staff to plan the pre-camp Play Days and the 2-week camp. Serving with them on staff are Mozella Raines, David Price and a member of the CISV Brandywine Chapter, Sharon Sweitzer.

The first *Faces* Play Day was held on Saturday, May 6 at Lutheran Social Services on Philips Hwy. This was the first chance for the participants to get to know each other through name games and other fun activities. Enthusiasm was high and we look forward to meeting again on May 21 for our next Play Day.

Staff member, David Price, communicating during training at Camp Blanding

Director Eleanor Fails having fun at training

Junior Branch News

Junior Branch President's Letter

Wow! What an amazing two years the Junior Branch has had! During this time the JB has increased its membership tremendously. We have been having regular monthly meetings, and monthly (almost bimonthly this year) activities. We have been hosting biannual mini-camps. Perhaps most significant is our switch to activities planned by the kids on the Junior Branch board all of which are designed with an educational purpose based on the CISV Education Circle. Our increase in participation has called for a lot of hard work on the part of our JB board and especially our JB advisor Chris Banks, who has been so supportive of us in everything we do. I am convinced OUR JB is the best one in the country! GO JB!

The past seven years since my participation in a CISV village have seen many changes in my life. My involvement in CISV has really influenced me as a person. I have learned so many things through my involvement with CISV. I have a new appreciation for diversity, of course, but have also acquired organizational, planning and leadership skills in my tenure as president. I would encourage all parents of CISV participants to strongly encourage your children to participate in JB activities. The growth you will see in your children will pay off!

During the past two years I have worked with some of the most amazing people I could have ever asked for. I want to especially thank Chris Banks, Eleanor Fails, my mom (Viky Divertie), and the entire JB board for helping me in all that I have done and putting up with my overall craziness. Our parents also deserve a huge thanks for making our seemingly impossible activities happen! Without all of you there would not be a JB.

As I move on to college and prepare to leave the reigns in the hands of the wonderful Emily Hyde, I want to take a moment to step back and reflect on how amazing our Junior Branch really is. I'm so glad I was able to be a part of the Junior Branch and I hope each CISV delegate takes advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered by the JB. I can't wait to see future JB successes, and I hope that I can continue to be a part of JB Jacksonville. I love you all, and will sincerely miss you.

Adrienne Divertie

JBers man the CISV booth at World of Nations.

JBers and friends relax at World of Nations.

Adrienne Divertie, outgoing JB President, and Cory Stallings at Extravaganza.

Our 2006 Delegations

Faces of Jacksonville Delegation
Herman Mickles, Jr., Krystale Hyde, Chad Regier, Dee Spann and Mark Lester.

Denver Village Delegation
Adam Tate, Quenton Wright, Mia Zanghetti, Catie Orta, leader, and Stacy Young.

Photos courtesy of Paul Figura

Norway Village Delegation
Langston Witcher, Josh Jenkins, Leah Jimenez, Anna Rea and Joe Hofrichter, leader.

IYM Delegation
Leah Donelan, leader, Hunter Paulson-Smith, Zack Jenkins, Alice Dughi, Maria Paz and Max Spadafora (not pictured: Tiffany Clarke).

Slovenia Interchange
Katie Stewart, Kylie Leuthold, Casey Bailey, Mary Kelley Moran, William Hart, Keith Jenkins, John Edward Balbona and Muffet Tussey, leader (not pictured: Linzee Ott).

Brazil Interchange
Nick Figura, Leah Donelan, leader, Brian Dughi, Anslie Prudhomme and Cathy Hardin (not pictured: Sarah Towers and Linda Catherine Tilbrook).

Hamburg Summer Camp Delegation Selection Complete

Congratulations to Stephen Yip, Viky Divertie, leader, Jack Moran, Shannon Novakoski and Liz Lancaster on their selection to represent the Jacksonville Chapter at the Summer Camp to be held in Hamburg, Germany, June 21 thru July 14. The theme of the Summer Camp is "World Cup."

IYM Delegation Returns from Munich

Our delegation from Jacksonville traveled to an International Youth Meeting in Munich, Germany and made history! This was the first time that CISV USA sent a delegation to an IYM. And it was a wonderful, life changing experience! Leah Donelan led the delegation of Tiffany Clarke, Alice Dughi, Zack Jenkins, Hunter Paulson-Smith, Maria Paz and Max Spadafora to Munich for 8 days in April. Once we recovered from our jet lag, we met our fellow delegates from Finland, Germany, Sweden and Thailand, as well as our great staff and JCs. We spent the next week getting to know each other, forming permanent friendships, and learning about each other. We also had the opportunity to share about our spring traditions, including Easter and Passover while learning how the other countries celebrate spring. The only complaint that we had was that the program was too short!

Our IYM delegation in Munich. From left to right: Max Spadafora, Zack Jenkins, Alice Dughi, Hunter Paulson-Smith, Tiffany Clarke, Leah Donelan, fearless leader, and Maria Paz.

"Friends, Food and Fun" The Jacksonville Chapter Spring General Meeting

The theme of "Friends, Food and Fun with CISV" was the perfect theme for this year's Spring General Meeting held on May 7th. Everyone enjoyed an informative meeting and delicious meal and had a great time visiting with old and new friends.

During the meeting Val Chritton was reelected president, Karen Hyde was reelected Vice President (this time VP operations), Lani Redington was reelected Secretary, Anne Lufrano was reelected treasurer and Debbie Blackshear was elected Vice President of Programs. Viky Divertie will serve a one-year term as Trustee.

The 2006 delegations were proudly presented to the chapter.

Thanks go to Christine Mack and her dedicated assistants for an excellent event. A delicious meal catered and partially funded by Carrabba's, with dessert sponsored by Winn Dixie and beverages provided by Publix, was enjoyed by all. Thank you also to all members for their donations of supplies for the 2006 Peaceful Song Village.

SEMINAR CAMP UPDATE

Since the last newsletter, CISV Jacksonville received two additional Seminar Camp invitations. We have selected delegates for all three exciting opportunities: **Rev Darragh** will attend a Seminar Camp in **Costa Rica** this July. **Caitlin Moran** will represent our chapter at a Seminar Camp in **Luxembourg** in July and August. **Emily Hyde** will travel to **Perth, Australia**, for a Seminar Camp beginning in late December. Congratulations, Rev, Caitlin and Emily!

The JB roughed it at Mini-Camp at Camp Montgomery.

CLASS of 2006 CISV JB

Congratulations to our graduates…

Adrienne Divertie, Paxson School for Advanced Studies, will be attending the University of Florida this fall. **David Price**, Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, will be attending New College this fall. And **Cory Stallings**, Stanton College Preparatory School, is headed for the University of Central Florida.

We will miss you!

JB Extravaganza

By Brian Dughi

On Thursday April 27, the Junior Branch Board and other members of the JB participated in the CISV Extravaganza by selling tickets for the raffle drawing and for the side board. With selling raffle tickets, the JB raised $865.00 and also raised $220.00 at the side board; resulting in $1085.00 in total for the JB. Special thanks goes out to the kids who helped sell raffle tickets: Adrienne Divertie, Cory Stallings, Ben Blackshear, Emily Hyde, Katie Chritton, Brian Dughi, Katie Stewart, Nick Figura, Taylor Figura, Shelby Banks, Charlotte Rea, Chase Divertie, and Tommy Lucas.

JB Mini-Camp "LOL" Fun

In March the JB hosted a Mini-Camp at Camp Montgomery. The theme for the camp was "Laugh Attack, and explored the many ways that humor is used to communicate cultural bias. Many games involved creating or discovering ways that others can be offended by what we might call "humor". This included various types of humor such as social, comic books, political cartoons like the ones run by the Danish Newspaper recently and more. As has become the custom lately, all the games were original and were planned and executed by the JB Board and advisors.

Another new element was our sleeping arrangements. Most of the participants slept outside in tents! Not only did this reduce some of the expense of mini-camp, but it was fun! We had over 30 people come to the event including both new JB to CISV who will soon travel to Village and JB who are seasoned pro's in CISV.

Thanks to all those who donated time and tents to this project, especially Leah Donelan, and Ann Lucas! The JB hopes to see all of you at the Mini-Camp in The fall…**Don't miss out!**

JB Elects Officers for 2006-2007 and Adopts Bylaws

By Mackenzie Crane

The CISV Jacksonville Junior Branch has been lucky to have been led by such an innovative and dedicated group of kids during the 2005-2006 year. But with the year coming to a close, the time has come to elect a new board. New faces have been eagerly welcomed into the mix along with a few old ones. The 2006-2007 board will consist of:

President: Emily Hyde
President-Elect: Ben Blackshear
Treasurer: Brian Dughi
Secretary: Mackenzie Crane
Historian: Katie Stewart
Members-At-Large: Shelby Banks, Taylor Figura, Yang Ge and Daniel King

We expect great things from this talented group of kids!

Also new this year, are the Bylaws of the Jacksonville Chapter Junior Branch of CISV. The writing and adoption of the bylaws was made possible due to the efforts of the 2005-2006 board members, particularly Emily Hyde. The bylaws contain information including member eligibility, organization affiliation, procedures for running elections, and rules and regulations regarding the board. They will be available for reference on the CISV Jacksonville website in the near future.

And the winners are...

The Extravaganza Reverse Draw Grand Prize was shared by Ed and Beth Jenkins and Scott and Glenda O'Connor. When we got down to the final two tickets, the Jenkins and O'Connors stopped the action with the announcement that they had agreed to share the prize: one-third to the Jenkins, one-third to the O'Connors and one-third back to CISV Jacksonville. Ed, Beth, Scott and Glenda, thank you for your generosity!

Extravaganza 2006

Celebrating 30 Years in Jacksonville

So much to celebrate and be thankful for! We are thankful for all of those who paved the way and contributed so much over the years. We are thankful to our members and families - old and new - that helped make this a first class event. With your help, we raised over $40,000 net to support Village and other CISV Jacksonville programs and activities!

TICKET SALES AND REVERSE DRAW

Our sincere thanks go to Tom Price for his dedicated work coordinating ticket sales and to all of you who sold tickets. Extravaganza simply could not take place without our unfaltering, unflappable master of ceremonies, David Breedlove. Helpers at the big board, we salute you – Whit and Whitley Hyde, Raul and Chris Orta, Lani Redington, Tom Price, Vicki Jiminez, Kirby and Andy Chritton, David Jones, Anne Lufrano, Amy and David Crane, Nancy Darragh and Don Raines. Special thanks to Jody Dughi and Ann Lucas for giving so many hours of their time supporting the Junior Branch and heading up the JB Fundraising headquarters for the night. To the many Junior Branch members who came and worked so very hard, we thank you! Patron Co-chairs Val and Kirby Chritton and Deb and Bob Stewart – you have elevated CISV Jacksonville to a new level of success in fundraising.

SILENT AUCTION

Many hands made the Silent Auction a great success, with special thanks to Val Chritton, Debbie Blackshear, Ashley Rea, Anne Lufrano, Patty Pritchard, Brenna Durden, Janie Jones, Lani Redington and NeeCee Lee. From start to finish, you helped make the evening move along smoothly. We are forever thankful for those who solicited items for the Silent Auction – Amy Hyde, Anna Shea, Debbie Blackshear, Pat Corda, Liz and Paul Figura, Karen and Jay Mueller, NeeCee Lee, Janie Jones, Pam Phillips, Patty Pritchard, Nancy Hoppe and Lani Redington .

HOSPITALITY

Our Hospitality chair, Christine Mack delighted us all with a fabulous menu – desserts were the best ever! And thank you to Bailey Publishing and Communications, Inc. for the wonderful programs.

I personally celebrate the friendships made while working together to make good things happen for CISV. *Karen Hyde*

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