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CISV Jacksonville

March 2008

JB Winter Mini Camp Rocked- *more photos and article on page 5*



Extravaganza *2008*

April 17, 2008
6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
San Jose Country Club

Join us for an elegant evening of dining and socializing with old and new CISV friends.

We'll look for you there!!

Silent Auction

Do you have a vacation home for which you'd offer to a friendly CISV family or CISV friend for a week or even weekend? How about donating a gift certificate from your favorite nail salon or coffee shop? These are just a few gift ideas for the silent auction at Extravaganza.

Please contact Ashley Rea at 273-0733

A Note From the President.....

It has been a busy winter for the Jacksonville Chapter! JB hosted a highly successful minicamp with the theme of apathy: "Waiting for the World to Change". The selection team had a very busy time with many more very well qualified applicants than spots for most of their programs. We again hosted an interchange/summer camp overnight in addition to our three village selection play days. For the second

year in a row the training team held 3 CISV 101 orientation classes for new parents. We are now in the midst of planning the preparation meeting for traveling delegations, local leadership training, extravaganza and upcoming FACES and International Village programs.

Jacksonville was the site for the CISV National Executive Committee

winter meeting coordinated by our own Leah Donelan in February. We are hosting the National Leadership Training in March coordinated by Vickie Breedlove. We are also in the process of planning ahead for hosting the 2009 National Youth Meeting here in Jacksonville.

None of this could possibly be accomplished without all of YOU! Thank you to everybody for your

hard work, fun and friendship this winter.

Viky



Junior Branch News

This winter has been a great one for the Jacksonville Junior Branch. JBers have participated in three very successful events: the holiday party, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade and the winter minicamp. All of these events were incredibly fun learning experiences. The Junior Branch thanks all who came to these activities. At one point the holiday party had at least 70 people in attendance which might make it one of the largest events in Jacksonville JB history.

We also have big plans for the spring including several coffee houses, a service project as part of Global Youth Service Day (<http://www.gysd.net>), the spring general meeting and the National Youth Meeting. NYM will be hosted by the

Gulf Coast Chapter this year in Biloxi, Mississippi so we should be able to send more than a few participants. I urge any interested JB members to fill out a JB board application. If you need one of these just send me an email: cisv03@yahoo.com. The JB Board plans and runs activities and events throughout the year. JB is a fabulous leadership opportunity and is also tons of fun. It requires a good deal of work, dedication and a serious time commitment from the members. I recommend anyone who feels passionate about CISV to apply. I am excited to see all of you at our upcoming events.

Keep the Dream Alive!
Peace,
Ben Blackshear

What is Junior Branch Anyway ?

This question was recently posed by a newly returned village delegate!

Junior Branch is the backbone of CISV; it's what we are all about! Every past CISV and FACES delegate is a member. Every CISV member under the age of 25 is automatically a member and adults can participate as chaperones. The Junior Branch gives its members an opportunity to stay connected and get to know each other better while participating in fun activities. More importantly our mission is to

spread the message of "peace through understanding" in our community. Those of us on the board have the opportunity to attend local and national leadership training and use our skills planning the JB events. We are having a lot of fun...most of our events are attended by 20-40 participants. As one JBer put it, "JB is the one place where I can be myself". Come see for yourself! Adrienne Divertie JB National Youth Trustee Elect former JB president (Reprint of Fall 2005 Article)



CISVers have fun no matter what they do!



Upcoming JB Events:

- ☞ Coffee Haus: Friday, March 7th 7-10 PM at the Mango Street Office (8th grade and up)
- ☞ Coffee Haus: Friday, April 18th 7-10 PM at the Mango Street Office (all ages welcome)
- ☞ Global Youth Service Day: Saturday, April 26 (more details to come)
- ☞ Spring General Meeting: Sunday, May 4th

Martin Luther King Day JB Event

by Shannon Novakowski

This year the Junior Branch braved the freezing cold to march in the Martin

the spectators what CISV is all about. Along the parade route, everyone was waving,

Luther King Parade on January 21st. We had about 12-15 attendees carrying MLK signs, posters, and one



giant CISV Jacksonville banner! The banner and posters about peace, told

cheering us on and thanking us for coming. Following the parade, entertainment and



food was available. Our fantastic JB grabbed a bite to eat and ate by the water. We had an excellent discussion on how Dr. King changed our country forever

and how different our lives would be if he didn't have his dream.

Peace Through Understanding

Extravaganza 2008!

\$5,000 Grand Prize

Reverse Draw Raffle & Silent Auction to Benefit the Jacksonville Chapter of CISV

Go Junior Branch!!

The Junior Branch has donated the money from their "Shake Down" fundraising campaign to support the rehabilitation of Child Soldiers in Africa through YAI (Youth Action International.) YAI is a program started by Kimmie Weeks who was the keynote speaker at Peacebuilder Luncheon 2006.

Global Youth Service Day

On April 25-27, 2008 the Jacksonville JB will join millions of youth from around the world to participate in a service project as part of the 20th Annual Global Youth Service Day. At the National Board Meeting in Cincinnati in October the Junior Branch voted unanimously to participate as a national organization to address some of the most pressing issues of our time, such as literacy, poverty, disease, climate change, disaster relief and more. Any youth or adult is invited to join the planning team for this worthwhile event. Please call Ben Blackshear 285-4085 or email at cisv03@yahoo.com.

2008 CISV Jacksonville Delegations

Village

Maine, USA

Amanda Leclere, Leader
Mak Kapetanovic
Emmanuel Stamatogiannakis
Catherine Yip
Katie Oliver

Village

Roskilde, Denmark

Stephanie Donelan, Leader
Alex Kaplan
Sammy Spencer
Brandon George
Devin Johnson Hogan

Village

Sao Paulo, Brazil

Jonah Perrin
Will Taylor
Delaney Stemrich

Seminar Camp

Amsterdam, The

Netherlands

Lizzie Lufrano

Summer Camp

Finnmark, Norway

Kathryn Seigler, Leader
Cameron Austin
Chase Divertie
Helen Parker
Maxine Weiss

Interchange

Vest-Agder, Norway

Sarah Leuthold, Leader
Connor Austin
Andrew Blocker
Katherine Mackoul
Jack Moorner
Kelly Spencer
Bailey Arrendale

Interchange

Brazil

Meghan McArdle, Leader
Kylie Leuthold
Kevin Kozik
Marie-Claire Levy
Henry Osborne
Ian Paul
Brooke Robinson
Murphy Williams

Junior Counselors Faces

Jacksonville, FL

Keturah Brown
MacKenzie Crane
Taylor Figura
Bernie Levy
Tommy Lucas
Katie O'Connor
Lindsay Ott
Shannon Thomas
Stephen Yip

Detroit, Michigan USA

Kelsey Jimenez

Podova, Italy

Shannon Novakoski

Faces of Jacksonville

Kasandra Damirkasan, Leader

Andrew Pascual
Connor McClure

Rachael-Janai Pace
Robin Zeng



Left: Jody Dughi and Terry Yip, part of the selection team, hard at work.



Scenes from Mini-Camp

by Ben Blackshear

The JB Winter Minicamp was a great success this year. Held at General Coffee State Park in GA, the theme was "Waiting on the World to Change". Over this weekend, the JB examined the issue of apathy. We defined this term, looked at where we are apathetic in our lives and ended the weekend by pledging to take a certain

action to be less apathetic. There was also a fun underwater theme and the JB discussed our plans for Global Youth Service Day and a

fundraiser for the future. It was a really fun weekend for all who were there and through the skits, teambuilding, and other games, I think we all became better friends and learned much about ourselves. Several new JBers also attended this event, and it was great to have their input and smiling faces. I encourage the JB

to continue thinking about apathy, and thank all who attended and helped make this camp possible, a lot of outside work went into this operation. I can't wait for the next Minicamp in the fall so we can have another wonderful time together as a JB!



Holiday Traditions Party: Huge Success

What's one fantastic way to show CISV spirit during the holidays?

Throw a party! The holiday party was a great success and CISV'ers of all ages enjoyed it. After some of CISV's most popular ener-

gizers several families shared their holiday traditions with us and showed us how other cultures spend that



time of year. We also got the chance to share our own family traditions with others. Afterwards people mingled



while drinking hot chocolate and decorated holiday cookies. Some made decorations for the "peace tree" and wrote holiday cards to

send to their CISV friends around the world. By the end of the night everyone was feeling holiday spirit and CISV spirit together.....Kelsey Jiminez (editor's note: over 60 people attended this hugely popular event)



2008 International Village

Planning for our upcoming Village is underway. Busily planning are Nicole Novakowski and Steve Durden. Bhagya and Ravi Sanka are the FACES planners and Susie Morrow is the delegation homestay and transportation planner.

Since EVERYONE is expected to participate when we're hosting a village plan now to participate. We will need delegation hosts for the weekends of June 27-29 and July 11-13. We will need volunteers to take lead-

ers on their days off, help serve meals, pick up bread from Panera, help set up and clean up, barbecue on the 4th of July, watch the kids on leader's night off, etc. If you would like to coordinate any of the following we would love to have you on the planning committee: excursions, site set up and clean up, Open Day, or Leader's Weekend. **Call now to sign up:**

Nicole - 273-5244 - novakosf@comcast.net
Steve - 363-3632 - smdurden@fcs.edu
Susie - 389-0119 - jeffersonwm@aol.com

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Sindy Lee, Robin Zeng, Gloria Li, Enal Zheng, Brianna Sheng (Chinese and CISV delegation Girls to 2008 FACES Village) at Pan Asian-American Cultural night 2/16/08.

Swedish Delegation Rings in the New Year

by Chase Divertie

The Swedish delegation came to visit us in December of this past year. Most of us took our partners to school one day which was an experience for them. We had a jam-packed schedule. We posed with Santa and then enjoyed a hayride. We had our wel-

come party the same night as the JB holiday party so we got two parties for the price

of one! We went to Disney, had a great minicamp and saw New Year's fireworks up close and personal from Slayton's Dad's office overlooking the river. We spent the night at the zoo where we had a behind the scenes

flashlight tour. My partner liked this best. Our going away party was New Year's Day at the Stam's house where we put on skits depicting special memories of our interchange. We had an exciting time and we all got better acquainted with our Swedish friends.



Above: Katie Chritton and her Swedish Junior Leader partner, Nana

Wanted:

International Village Staff

Local Female staff age 21 or older for Village.

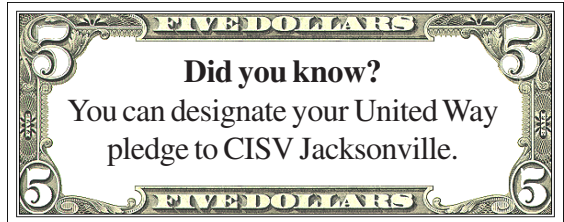
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Meet Dana Leavitt!

If you've been to the office lately you've met our charming new office assistant, Dana. Dana is working on her Master's degree in Theology and spending her afternoons from 2-6pm M-F at our Mango Place office helping us out in so many ways. Drop in and say "hi"!

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