

# CISV Jacksonville



March 2007

## The Power of Walking the Earth Like Brothers

by Amy Crane

CISV Jacksonville broke new ground again this year, as a group of Junior Branch members and adult members marched in the city's Martin Luther King Day Parade on January 15. Approximately 25 CISVers carried banners and flags, but for those even more curious about group, the marchers handed out candy and information cards about CISV.

bers began singing Village songs. A great discussion,

organization to the thousands who attend.

We may never know if the parade watchers understood the songs' messages of peace and friendship, but we hope that they remember our



group of different races smiling and laughing together, fulfilling Dr. King's

dream just a few people at a time.

*"We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers."*

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

the parade. All agreed that the parade was an extremely worthwhile activity in which to participate. Some reflected on the fact that our group was more diverse than others participating, and even more diverse than those watching the parade.

JBers suggested that t-shirts and posters with peaceful messages could help further connect Dr. King's message with the CISV mission. It was unanimously agreed that in the future more CISV members need to participate - what an impressive statement it would make about our small, but passionate peace



### Reflective Practice Continuation Grant

CISV Jacksonville is grateful for the award of a grant of \$10,000 from the Jessie Ball duPont Community Building Fund at The Community Foundation to continue reflective practice beginning February 2007 and ending September 2007. If you are interested in learning more, contact Val Chritton, President, at [jaxciv@bellsouth.net](mailto:jaxciv@bellsouth.net).

### Save the Date!

Spring General Meeting

(Catered by Carraba's)

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday May 6  
South Jacksonville  
Presbyterian Church

# Junior Branch News

## JB Board Starts the New Year Off With A Bang!

by Katie Stewart

The JB Board has taken the initiative to recommit to leading and improving CISV Jacksonville Junior Branch by participating in a board retreat led by Leah Donelan. The purpose off the retreat was to train the board members to lead our chapter more effectively and help the JB grow as a community. The retreat was also a bonding experience for the board. The first activity of the long day spent in the CISV office a.k.a. "The Mango," was designed to help them get to know one another better. Through the activity they learned things about each other they might have never learned otherwise.

Despite the bits of fun, the majority of the day was spent discussing Junior Branches' weaknesses and ways the Board can improve them. Through hours of exchanging of ideas they decided on certain areas that require immediate improve-

ment. With Leah's help they brainstormed creative ways in strengthening our JB and building a strong foundation on which to build the rest of the year.

Throughout the New Year the JB Board will work on its communication with the Junior Branch which has been rather sloppy lately. They have committed to sending out notices for upcoming events farther in advance so the chapter can be more informed. The Board has rededicated and reenergized and is devoted to being more proactive in accomplishing our goals. They plan to continue working together with our region, sharing ideas and planning events. The goal for the rest of this year is continuous improvement within our chapter and Junior Branch. The board has come together as a strong and cooperating team with plans that promise a bright future for CISV Jacksonville.

## Shakedown!

by Ben Blackshear

The Jacksonville JB has recently started a new fund-raising program called **Shakedown!** This program raises money to donate to Kimmie Week's organization, **Youth Action International**. The goal of **Shakedown!** is to raise \$750 this year, in order to donate a clean drinking well to a needy community in Africa. Kimmie Weeks made us aware of how the money that Americans spend on "extras" such as sodas or vending machine snacks, how those nonessentials could make a tremendous difference to the people in Africa. The JB plan will make all of us aware of the "extra" money we have in

our pockets and how we can use it to make a difference to people in need.

Money is collected by '**Shaking Down**', a process in which everyone is encouraged, but not required, to donate their loose change or more to the cause. All of the money is collected in a container and safely protected in the care of the JB treasurer. The JB shakes down every time they have an activity including board meetings! Don't forget to bring your spare change to the spring annual meeting or any other CISV event so you too can participate in this wonderful project. And don't be surprised if a JB member asks you to turn your pockets out - it's for a good cause!

## Calling all JBers, ages 14 - 17!

**What:** Forum IV: An Exploration of Peace

**Where:** Westtown, Pennsylvania

(transportation provided by the Brandywine Chapter from Philadelphia International Airport)

**When:** April 27- 29, 2007

**Cost:** \$65 plus airfare

The Forum is a Junior Branch activity for youth, ages, 14-17, that combines CISV activities with JB leadership training. The first part of the weekend will be planned and executed by the staff, while the participants will be responsible for the planning and running of other activities throughout the weekend.

CISV Jacksonville will begin accepting nominations for the **2007 CISV Peace Builder Award** on June 1, 2007. The nomination form will be available on the Chapter website under Chapter Forms by May 15. Mark your calendar now for the **Peace Builder Award luncheon on Thursday, October 4, 2007.**

# Seminar Camp *by Emily Hyde*



Christmas Eve 2006, I left home on a very long international flight - setting out to participate in the experience of a lifetime - Seminar Camp in Perth, Australia.

## What is Seminar Camp?

Seminar Camp is an international three-week camp where individuals ages 17 and 18 years come together in a community-like setting. In my camp the 30 participants cooked, cleaned (not so much), planned, and resolved conflicts, better than most adults might, given the same situation. Over the years, I've participated in many CISV programs. I've grown to appreciate the uniqueness of each program and how much research goes into making each one appropriate to the age group. Seminar Camp is now my favorite program!

## What countries were represented in your Camp and what was unique about your group?

The countries in my camp included: Australia, Brazil, Sweden, Philippines, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Canada, Austria, Norway, United Kingdom, Germany, Finland, and USA. We noticed differences in the laws and media of our home nations, but otherwise felt like we could have come from the same country.



*Seminar Campers at the Perth Zoo*

## Please describe your Camp setting to us?

Our camp was about an hour drive inland from the city of Perth, Australia. The campsite was situated on top of a small hill surrounded by dry grasslands. We lived in two houses with bedrooms holding two to four participants each. The "dome" as we called it, was a room where many of our group discussions were held. We were very grateful for the air conditioning - and always kept a look out for spiders.

## What else can you say about Seminar Camp that would make me want to participate?

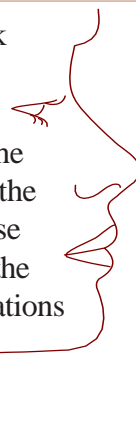
As a participant, you are given more responsibility and more freedom to plan and discuss topics in greater detail. The friendships made were intense and will certainly be lifelong - it was an honor to be part of this camp experience with these amazing friends. We're already planning our next trips together. In closing, I would like to thank CISV Jacksonville and CISV Perth and all the people that made this magical experience possible.

### **YOU'RE INVITED TO NATIONAL YOUTH MEETING 2007!**

This year's NYM will be held in Maine the weekend of May 25-28. All JBers 11-25 are invited to attend. The theme this year is the environment. The cost is \$110 plus airfare. Application must be postmarked April 14th or there will be a \$20 late fee charged.

If you have any questions please contact Viky Divertie, Jacksonville's chaperone, at Divertiemc@aol.com or 642-7128.

**Faces of Jacksonville**, a two week residential camp, based on the International Village concept, will take place June 6 thru June 20 at Fletcher Middle School. This is the fourth year that Faces has brought together the 10 and 11 year old children from the diverse communities in our own city. Faces enjoys the support of many local businesses and corporations and continues to plant the seeds of peace among each of us with our own ethnic neighbors and friends.



## Extravaganza 2007 Success Depends on You!

We are excited to make this a successful **Extravaganza 2007** and the **Silent Auction** is an important part of this event! Of course, meeting our goals directly depends on the excitement and shopping spirit we can generate by having valuable and amazing items for bidding. That brings us back to YOU! Your early and generous commitments will help us enhance enthusiasm and participation in the **Silent Auction** and all one more outstanding reason to attend **Extravaganza 2007**. As a friend of CISV, we hope you will consider making a contribution to the **Silent Auction**. We appreciate all donations and your generosity, and will provide recognition for your contributions on the CISV web site and other printed material.

Need Ideas?? How about a travel package, week-end at a vacation cottage, gift certificates, sporting, cultural, and other event tickets, unique experiences, wine, art, small electronics, services, or other wonderful and desirable items. Maybe you would like to showcase your own company's product or service.

Contact Karen Hyde 777-8899 or email [hitwyde@aol.com](mailto:hitwyde@aol.com) to help with your tax-deductible donations.

*Always consult your tax professional regarding the tax benefits of your donations.*

## Kudos to the Local Leadership Training Committee

Local Leadership Trainers Viky and Adrienne Divertie, and Leah Donelan conducted the first ever Adult Leadership Training Workshop on January 18th covering CISV Principles, Leadership Theories, Experiential Educational Methods, Planning Activities and encouraging youth in their leadership roles. Over 20 people attended

the workshop which received rave reviews.

Since then they have been busy with the training team conducting three parent trainings, a weekend leader training and the traveling delegation Preparation Meeting on March 4th. They look forward to several more leader and parent/delegate workshops in the weeks ahead.



*CISV friends celebrate the marriage of Eleanor Fails, Life Member of the Jacksonville Chapter, to Lee Hayden on November 11, 2006.*

## Seminar Camp 2007

Our chapter will be hosting a Seminar Camp this coming July at Camp Montgomery. Seminar Camp is a three week program for youth 17-18 years of age. The following countries have been invited to send delegates to our Seminar Camp:

**Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and USA.**

Amy Conarton and Catie Orta will be our local staff, working with Camp Director Julie Stamp from Denmark.

As with all CISV programs, Seminar Camps don't happen without the help of chapter volunteers. We will need help with hosting delegates before and after camp, transportation (picking up delegates), errand runners, Open Day and in-kind donations of food and supplies. At the Spring General Meeting we will have a sign up sheet and other information on how you can be involved in making this Seminar Camp a success. Contact Viky Divertie ([divertiemc@aol.com](mailto:divertiemc@aol.com)), Patty Pritchard ([pdpritchard@bellsouth.net](mailto:pdpritchard@bellsouth.net)) or Leah Donelan ([doneleah@hotmail.com](mailto:doneleah@hotmail.com)) to volunteer or if you would like additional information.



# Extravaganza 2007!

## \$5,000 Grand Prize

### Reverse Draw Raffle & Silent Auction

**Benefiting the Jacksonville Chapter of  
CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL SUMMER VILLAGES**  
An Independent, Non-Profit, Non-Political, Volunteer Organization Promoting Peace  
Education and Cross-Cultural Friendship

### San Jose Country Club

7529 San Jose Boulevard

Thursday, April 19, 2007 — 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Dinner Buffet — Wine, Beer, Tea and Soft Drinks — Desserts & Coffee

\$150 Per Ticket — Admits Two

- Tickets are drawn beginning at 6:30 PM (Maximum of 250 tickets sold)
- \$5,000 Grand Prize to holder of LAST ticket drawn (Reverse Draw)
- Silent Auction offers dozens of items: Merchandise, Travel, Services
- You **DO NOT** have to be present to win
- Proceeds from Extravaganza underwrite Seminar Camp 2007, Village 2008 and other CISV Jacksonville activities

### JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING IN SUPPORT OF A WORTHWHILE CAUSE!

*Please make check payable to Children's International Summer Villages and mail to  
CISV Jacksonville, 2148 Mango Place, Jacksonville, FL 32207 .*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONGRATULATIONS 2007 CISV DELEGATES !

Thank you to Audrey Moran, Recruiting Chair, and the members of her committee, Donna Bailey, Camille Ott and Sally Parsons!

### Villages

#### Denmark

Viky Divertie, Leader  
Connor Austin  
Scott Biemiller  
Leena Sanka  
Ailish Ullmann

#### Norway

Cason Moody  
Jack Moorer  
Seema Sanka  
Leah Simpson

#### Philadelphia

Khalil Bryant  
Deion Henderson  
Kathryn Huyghue  
Codi Lamb

#### Faces Village

Andy Chritton, Leader  
Parker Hamilton  
Annemarie Pelle

### Vancouver Summer Camp

Kate Seigler, Leader  
Sam Buchwalter  
Angelica Klosowski  
Marie Claire Levy  
Hunter Paulson-Smith

### Belgium Junior Counselor

Ben Blackshear

### Cincinnati Junior Counselor

Mackenzie Crane

### FACES Junior Counselors

Ben Blackshear  
Jamil Bryant  
Kyle Guadagno  
Kelsey Jimenez  
Bernie Levy  
Lizzie Lufrano  
Jack Moran  
Shannon Novakoski  
Stephen Yip  
Jerry Xie

### Sweden Interchange

Anne Marie Bhola, Leader  
Katie Chritton, Junior Leader  
Cameron Austin  
Natalie Comeaux  
Chase Divertie  
Cooper Flower  
Slayton Morrow  
Helen Parker  
Ben Sapora  
Anna Stamatogiannakis  
Richard Williams  
Mia Zanghetti

### Austria Interchange

Andrew Daw  
David Drew  
Alice Dughi  
Hope English  
Mark Hodges  
Carly Pelle  
Max Spadafora  
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