

CISV Jacksonville



November 2006

First CISV Peace Builder Award Presented to Walter M. Lee, III

Established to recognize people who go above and beyond in their efforts to build a more peaceful and tolerant community in the Greater Jacksonville area, the 2006 CISV Peace Builder Award was presented to Walter M. Lee III, president of the 4,000 member Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, by City Council Member Lad Daniels at the CISV Peace Builder Award Luncheon on October 12, 2006. The Jacksonville Chapter of Children's International Summer Villages (CISV) introduced the CISV Peace Builder Award as part of its 30th anniversary

sary celebration.

Recognizing the need for



Left to right: Lad Daniels, Peace Builder Award winner, Walter M. Lee III, Alyson Lee, and CISV President, Val Chritton at the Luncheon

a dynamic and open business environment, the Chamber, under Wally Lee's leadership, established the Chamber Di-

versity Committee, which adopted a strategic plan with

specific goals including improved cultural education; increased diversity in its staff and members; and a greater sense of open

d i a l o g u e through the development of individual relationships. Lee

has worked closely with many of

the areas minority business service organizations including the African American Chamber of Commerce and

the First Coast Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, Lee, in partnership with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, initiated the Gun Bounty Program. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of illegal guns on Jacksonville streets with hopes to build a more peaceful community.

The Jacksonville chapter of CISV commissioned Jacksonville artists, Sarah Crooks Flaire and Johnathan Christie, to create the special award presented to Mr. Lee. The original artwork is a hand blown glass sculpture of a dove in flight resting on a granite pedestal symbolizing peace.

Kimie Weeks, Child Rights Activist, in Jacksonville

Kimie Weeks is a 24-year-old who proves that leaders come in all ages. The Jacksonville Chapter of CISV brought Weeks to Jacksonville as keynote speaker for the 2006 Peace Builder luncheon and related 30th anniversary celebration events. The theme of his presentations, "Making Poverty His-

tory: An Extraordinary Task by Ordinary People," served



Kimie Weeks with JB President, Emily Hyde, and President Elect, Ben Blackshear

as a challenge to ordinary people to do extraordinary things to enact change.

In addition to addressing the 200 plus attendees at the Peace Builder luncheon,

Weeks spoke to educators at the Schultz Center for Teaching & Leadership, to 150 students, faculty and administrators at Jacksonville University, and to 75 students at Ribault High School. His three day visit to Jacksonville culminated in an all day workshop with the CISV Jacksonville Junior Branch.

Mr. Weeks currently

serves as the executive director of Youth Action International, one of many charitable organizations that he has founded. CISV Jacksonville raised over \$7,000 in support of the work of Youth Action International during Mr. Weeks' visit to Jacksonville. To find out how you can help, go to www.peaceforkids.org.



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PEACE Presentation by Junior Branch

by Ben Blackshear

On October 12th, several members of the JB had what CISV means to them, and it went very well. The

theme was peace: P was for People (Emily Hyde), E was for Equal (Alice Dughi), A was for Attitude (Mackenzie Crane), C was for Change (Ben Blackshear), and E was for Earth (Lizzie Lufrano).

After the luncheon, we had the opportunity to meet Kimmie and talk with him about our plans for the event on Saturday the 14th.



Chris Banks, intrepid JB Advisor.

the pleasure of attending the Peace Builder Award Luncheon. This was lots of fun and it was great to hear Kimmie Weeks speak. After he spoke, the JB did a presentation about



Below: Katie Stewart and Mackenzie Crane in costume at the National Board Meeting.



Bring a Friend Day


by Brian Dughi

On Saturday, September 16, the JB Board hosted Bring a Friend Day.

MacKenzie Crane, Taylor Figura, Shelby Banks, and Brian Dughi.

The event took place at South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church. At the gathering there were 20-30 kids in which eight were non JB members. The activities were planned by

The event was successful because the non CISVers were able to get a taste of what a typical CISV event is like. It was an added bonus that the non CISV attendees joined the Junior Branch!

Join CISV in the
**Martin Luther King
 Day Parade**
 Monday, January 15,
 2007

Junior Branch Brainstorms with Kimmie Weeks

by Ben Blackshear

Saturday's workshop was an all day activity in which about 30 JB members and several parents heard Kimmie's message and life personal environment. Kimmie's story inspired us,



Kimmie Weeks and the attendees at the JB workshop



Kimmie Weeks brainstorms with the Jacksonville Chapter JB



Kimmie Weeks and the Brazil 2005 Summer Camp delegates: Lizzie Lufrano, Emily Hyde, Jamil Bryant, and Ben Blackshear.



Kimmie Weeks and Hunter Paulson-Smith



Kimmie Weeks and the Bryant Family

story, and discussed these with him. His story is incredible: he has been left for dead and then saved by his mother; he has negotiated with rebel leaders; and he was forced to flee Liberia because his government wanted to kill him. All of this happened to him before he was 20 years old! It was great to get to talk to such a fascinating and influential person in this relaxed and

and taught us that we can make a difference as he has, even at our young ages. We also brainstormed ways that we can raise awareness of global poverty in our community and ways that we can help alleviate this problem through Kimmie's organization, Youth Action International. We will later go over these ideas and formulate a more concrete plan of action.

Luncheon Invocation Captures Essence of CISV

The 2006 Peace Builder Award Luncheon was a successful and memorable occasion for CISV. It was made very special by the Invocation delivered and authored by Rev. Joy Smith, a Presbyterian Pastor working with a new church development in Yulee, FL. Joy and her husband, Chuck are CISV Parents and volunteers. Joy's invocation is an eloquent and apt description of CISV:

Children's International Summer Villages is not about one style of government process, nor is it based on one particular religion. The founding premise of CISV is recognizing and bringing together many cultures, many faiths, many regimes of governance - so that we might become a more peaceful place. Because I am a person of faith, I believe there must be something more than our human efforts to bring forth a transforming gift of peace -and we all have different names for that energy and spirit. With those kinds of thoughts in mind, you may open or close your eyes and ...

Let us invoke the Spirit of Love that moves above us and below us, around us and within us. Let us invoke the Spirit of Love that surely prompted this organization, Children International Summer Villages, that teaches and nurtures children as they carry out the mission of

Peace all over the globe. Let us invoke that Enthusiastic Spirit of Children to fill this place that we too might be more like them. Let us invoke the Spirit of Courage, Hope, and Love that calls forth Peace in our world even though there is violence and war and unrest in our world.

Let us invoke the living spirit of the peacemakers who have gone before us:

Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Teresa, Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth, Mahatma Ghandi, to name a few. Especially let us invoke the spirit of Kimmie Weeks who has inspired peace with children especially in West Africa and here in the United States. Let us invoke all these Courageous Spirits. Let us invoke the Spirit of Love that is lived as solidarity of each with all, of one with the other:

man with woman...
adult with child...
black with white...
young with old ...
Christian with Buddhist
with Jew with Muslim with Hindu.

Let us acknowledge our Interconnectedness.

Let us make real the solidarity we know can become real - as we acknowledge that it is broken...

...broken by our prejudice and fears of those whom believe are different than us ...

...broken by disparity

between the rich and the poor ...

...broken by inadequate funding of education in rural towns and inner cities ...

...broken by bombs that destroy homes, shatter neighborhoods and make children orphans or even kill them ... broken by our brokenness that cause us to forget our neighbors who are more needy than us ...

Let us invoke the Love that moves above and below us, around us and

within us.

Let us invoke the Spirit of Love that is greater than us, but which is made real through us -- and only through us.

Let us invoke that Spirit of Human Solidarity that makes justice possible and through which by making justice, we make peace possible. Let us invoke Love and live it as solidarity. Let us invoke the Spirit that made this day. Our lives are our prayers.

Amen.



2006 Peace Builder Award Presented to Walter Lee.
Original art piece designed by local artist, Sarah Crooks Flaire, and hand blown by Jonathan Christie of Jacksonville University.

Looking for a special gift for someone who has everything? Please consider a donation of \$15 or more to CISV Jacksonville in honor of a teacher, friend, or relative to support "Peace Through Understanding."

National Board Meeting 2006

The Jacksonville Chapter was represented by 16 members at the National Board Meeting (NBM) in Cincinnati October 26-29:

Emily Hyde, Ben Blackshear, Mackenzie Crane, Katie Stewart, Shelby Banks, Daniel King and Chris Banks, for the Junior Branch, and Val Chritton, Karen Hyde, Vicky Divertie, Anne Lufrano, Catie



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"JBer for Life" by the National Junior Board of Trustees, which is made up of the Junior Branch Presidents from each US Chapter, and to Adrienne Divertie who was elected to the National



Youth Committee. We are proud of you both.

The theme of the National Adult Meeting was "Birds of a Feather Flock Together": working with LMOs (Like-Minded Organizations). The southern region Chapters hosted

a Mardi Gras party Saturday night. Kudos to our own Vicky Divertie for her great ideas and hard work to make the party such a success!

Thanks also to Karen Hyde for so ably representing us at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Leah Donelan serves as co-chair of the National Chapter Development Committee; Sadie Blanton is chair of Chapter Expansion Committee; David Kruse, formerly a member of the San Francisco Chapter and now a member of the Jacksonville Chapter, chairs the National Mosaic Committee; and Vicky Divertie is a member of the National Summer Camp Committee.

CISV Mourns the Loss of Glenn K. Allen

The Jacksonville CISV family has lost former member, Glenn K. Allen, 57, who died on September 27, 2006. Glenn succumbed to leukemia but only after waging a courageous battle.

Glenn was a prominent member of Jacksonville's legal community where he was known for his keen intelligence, masterful advocacy in the courtroom, a predictable and entertaining sense of humor and an unflappable upbeat and cheerful spirit.

Both Allen children,

Jordan and Kembra, were extraordinarily active in CISV. Both attended multiple interchanges and were officers in the Junior Branch. Glenn and Sharyn volunteered in many capacities for CISV.

All from the Allen household embraced CISV with zeal and passion. Sharyn and Glenn epitomized the precepts of CISV. Glenn was often heard to say that through CISV he, "felt like Sharyn and I had children all over the

world".

A memorial service was



held on Sunday, October 1 where Glenn was tenderly remembered through the thoughts and comments of

friends and family. In memory of Glenn a *Tree of Life Fund* has been established planting in a public place, and subsequently maintaining a stand of trees. Tax Deductible contributions are welcome and can be sent: Glenn K. Allen, Tree of Life Memorial, c/o Congregation Ahavath Chesed, 8727 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32217. Cards can be mailed to 8108 Vineyard Lake Road N., Jacksonville, 32256.

Informational Meetings

Our Children's International Summer Village (CISV) opportunities for 2007 have been finalized. Attached is the roster of villages, interchanges, summer camp, junior counselor and other opportunities available through the Jacksonville Chapter.

Informational meetings will be held in November and December. Come and learn more, ask questions, get answers and receive assistance with the application process. The application deadline for all programs is December 31, 2006.

<u>Monday,</u> <u>November 13th @ 6pm</u> Balis Community Center San Marco Public Library 1513 Lasalle Street	<u>Thursday,</u> <u>November 16th @ 6pm</u> Southeast Public Library 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd., Jacksonville	<u>Wednesday,</u> <u>November 29th @ 6 pm</u> South Mandarin Regional Library 12125 San Jose Boulevard	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>December 3rd @ 2 pm</u> Beaches Regional Library 600 3 rd Street Neptune Beach	<u>Monday,</u> <u>December 4th @ 6pm</u> Balis Community Center San Marco Public Library 153 Lasalle Street
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2007 Program Opportunities

Village: Hareskov-Vaerlose, Denmark July 6 - August 2, 2007 2 boys and 2 girls, age 11 Leader (female), 21 or older	Village: Oslo og Akershaus/Aska og Baerum, Norway July 6 - August 2, 2007 2 boys and 2 girls, age 11 Leader (male), 21 or older	Village: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA June 25-July 22, 2007 2 boys and 2 girls, age 11 Leader (male or female), 21 or older	Village: Faces of Jacksonville June 6- June 20, 2007 2 boys and 2 girls, rising 6 th graders Leader (male or female), 21 or older
Junior Counselor: Belgie, Belgium June 30 - July 27, 2007 Male, age 16 or 17	Junior Counselor: Cincinnati, Ohio USA June 16 - July 13, 2007 Female, age 16 or 17	Junior Counselors: Faces of Jacksonville Village June 6-20, 2007 6-8 youth (male or female), ages 16-18	Summer Camp: Vancouver, Canada July 6-July 28, 2007 2 boys and 2 girls, age 13 Leader (male or female), 21 or older

Faces of Jacksonville Staff: Jacksonville, FL June 6-20, 2007 2 Males, age 18 or older 2 Females, age 18 or older Campers are rising 6 th graders	Seminar Camp Staff: Jacksonville, FL July 6 -July 26, 2007 One male, age 21 or older One female, age 21 or older Campers are age 17 -18	International Youth Meeting: Florence, Italy December 27, 2007-January 3, 2008 Male or female, age 16-18
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Interchange: Bastad-Bjare, Sweden Travel July 2007, host winter break 2007 4 boys and 4 girls, ages 12-13 Leader (male or female), 21 or older Junior leader (female), 18 or older Bastad is located on the west coast of southern Sweden. Three small towns form this CISV chapter: Angelholm, Bastad and Laholm. It's Sweden's 2 nd largest CISV Chapter. Bastad is synonymous with tennis, sunny beaches and salmon fishing. The most popular summer event in this area is the Swedish Open Tennis tournament. Also, in the summer is the Chamber Music Festival.	Interchange: Klagenfurt, Austria Host July 2007, travel July 2008 4 boys and 4 girls, ages 14-15 Leader (female), 21 or older Klagenfurt is in the southern part of Austria bordering Slovenia and very close to Italy. The city is situated in a mountain lake region on the Glan River. Austria is a country known for its natural beauty, spectacular mountains, castles, and the Danube River Valley. It is also known for its music festivals. Klagenfurt has a very active CISV Chapter.
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If you are interested in any of these opportunities, you should start the application process now. Application forms can be found at www.jax.cisvusa.org under "Programs/How to Apply." There are several different parts of the application- please don't wait until you have all the supplements and references completed before mailing, we can start the process with just the application. As you complete the forms please send them to CISV, 2148 Mango Place, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Honorary Life Members - 2006

CISV - as you have no doubt heard many, many times - is a volunteer organization. It's an organization we all love, but it takes a tremendous amount of work to operate our chapter and the national and international organizations.

We know it's worth it because of the wonderful programs we provide and the difference we're making in the lives of young people and adults. We are all volunteers and contribute our time and talents to the extent we can to help CISV maintain a strong organization.

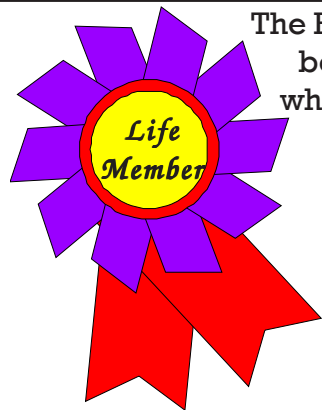
But there are some people who truly go the extra mile by devoting an extraordi-

nary level of time, commitment or sometimes-financial resources to CISV. Without those who have a great pas-

to the Jacksonville Chapter, our bylaws provide that the board of directors can select up to two members annually

rectors, Interchange leaders and yes, many of them more than twice!

We hope this gives you



The Board of Directors is pleased to honor two additional members of our chapter who have helped so much to make us what we are today. They are both still very actively involved.

Patty Pritchard

Currently: Co-Planner of 2007 Seminar Camp
 President of Jacksonville Chapter two consecutive terms
 1999-2000; 2000-2001
 Village Leader to Argentina
 Village Planner in 1994
 Vice President (1997-98)
 Trustee to National board (2002 and 2003)
 Seminar Camp chair
 Chair of (CISV USA) NBM Store, 2004-2005

Susan Gordon

Co-Director of Faces of Jacksonville 2004 and 2005
 National and Local Leadership Training
 Village leader -2 times
 IC leader - 3 times
 Village selection committee
 Village Director - 1996
 Interchange Chair

Honorary Life Members

*Dorothy and Howard Groshell
 John and Gail Goode
 Allen and Rosemary McCorkle
 Marion Scarbrough
 Marilyn and Maurice Olsson
 Lad and Carol Daniels
 Gene and Anne Fontaine
 Walt and Harriet Courtney
 Whit and Karen Hyde
 Jack and Gena Taylor
 David and Vickie Breedlove
 Sadie Blanton
 Eleanor Fails Hayden
 Patty Pritchard
 Susan Gordon*

sion for CISV, our chapter - and also CISV USA and CISV Worldwide - would not be where we are today.

To recognize and honor in a meaningful way those members who have made extraordinary contributions

to be honored for their commitment as Honorary Life Members of this Chapter. These honored members include our local Chapter Founder; others who helped host our first village; many provided financial support when funds were few or provided facilities for our various functions and play days; several served as President, sometimes more than once; they have served on countless committees, some at the National and International level; they have worked tirelessly for the local chapter as Village leaders, Camp Di-

an understanding of the kind of dedication, hard work and commitment demonstrated by those who have been previously selected as Honorary Life Members.

This is not an honor that is casually bestowed; in our Chapter's 30-year history we have had between 1500 and 2000 families as members. During that time we have selected 15 as honorary life members, including this year's honorees, Patty Pritchard and Susan Gordon. Please join us in celebrating these members and their dedication to CISV .

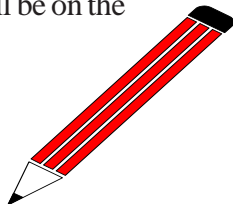
Attention, Members

Please take a close look at the new Directory to verify all information listed there: address, email address, phone numbers, spelling, etc. Let me know if there is any unique aspect to the listing that you would like to see done differently next time. I hope the hyphens and the titles are reported the way in which they should be or the way you want them but if not we'll make it right next year. I'll be on the lookout for your corrections.

Email: bass@jaxlawyer.com;

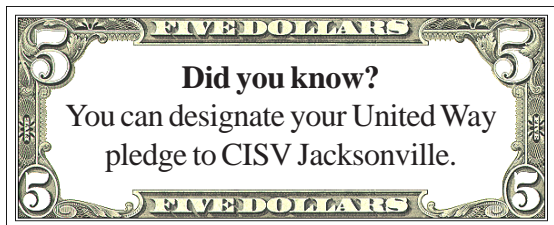
telephone: 396-2277.

Thanks, Suzanne Bass



*Mark your calendars now for
Extravaganza 2007
Thursday evening, April 19, 2007
at the San Jose Country Club*

Susan Gordon and Patty Pritchard Tapped as
CISV Jacksonville Honorary Life
Members See page 7



Did you know?

You can designate your United Way
pledge to CISV Jacksonville.

THE PLAYERS

**Thank you to
The Players Championship for its
donation in support of Faces of
Jacksonville of \$5,000 from the
proceeds of the 2006 tournament.**

TPC tournament dates for 2007 are May 7 thru 13.
Tickets can be ordered by calling 285-7888.

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