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CISV Jacksonville

November 2007

Human Rights Commission Director Charlene Taylor Hill Named 2007 CISV Peace Builder

More than 250 people were in attendance when CISV Jacksonville named Charlene Taylor Hill the 2007 CISV Peace Builder on October 4, at the Wyndham Hotel on the Riverwalk. Through the award, CISV Jacksonville recognizes a person who works to develop a more peaceful and tolerant community.

Both Mayor John Peyton and Wally Lee, President of the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, provided remarks about Ms. Hill, citing her dedication to the community's interests in moving peace forward in Jacksonville by creating

opportunities for dialog



around issues of race. As Executive Director of the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission, Ms. Hill launched the Study Circles

Initiative to improve race and ethnic relations in Jacksonville. Her goal was to dispel the perception that Jacksonville was one of the most racist cities in Florida. Study Circles involve small groups of diverse individuals who meet regularly to discuss topics pertinent to Jacksonville's racial and social landscape. Since the program's implementation in 1997, more than 3500 citizens have taken part. Additionally, Ms. Hill has

used the successful Study Circle model to launch other initiatives including the Corporate and Community Leaders Study Circles program and the "Mix It Up" program which encourages students to interact across racial and ethnic lines during the school lunch hour.

The Peace Builder Luncheon featured keynote remarks by Huong, an artist and peace activist. At 25, Huong fled her native Vietnam during the war – wearing just one shoe – with her infant son. From Saigon she traveled to Guam, then to California and Alaska where she began her career

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Happy Holidays to CISV members!

It's no secret that CISV Jacksonville is a fantastic chapter. At the national board meeting they talked about the international strategic plan. I want to let you know what it is so that you can realize how we are meeting the international goals in everything we are doing.

Strategic goal:

1. Leadership is the key to success. Not only

do we have fantastic local leadership training and excellent family training but this year we will have our second leadership training program for parents.

2. Increasing quality through cooperation with LMOs. We are affiliating with many LMOs through FACES of Jacksonville and we actually have a designated board position for an LMO affiliated person.

3. Help financially

support CISV in every continent. Although we are not helping other CISV chapters the JB is engaged in a project to raise money to build a well in Africa.

4. Help strengthen existing chapters. We have invited all the southeast chapters to our local leadership training for the past three years.

5. Work on avoiding excluding people. My theme for this year is

"building local friendships". I hope we are all working on this in every aspect of our lives.

All of the other U.S. chapters look to CISV Jacksonville as a model chapter. We are a strong chapter because of all of our passionate, loyal and dedicated members.

Thank you.

Viky Divertie,
President

Junior Branch News

Peace: Bring it On! - The JB and Huong's Peace Mural

By Ben Blackshear

On Wednesday, October 3rd, several JBers attended an interactive viewing of Huong's Peace Mural at UNF. It was an

chance to add to her project by choosing a peace related quote and writing it along with our name on the mural somewhere. We later talked



eye and mind opening experience. The Mural is enormous in size and in what it accomplishes as a work of art. It has several different sections dealing with themes of war, peace, politics, child soldiers, and many other current issues. There were also many quotes painted throughout the panels as well as "peace" written in countless different languages. After giving us a tour of her work, and telling us about it, Huong let us explore the mural by ourselves for a bit. Then she offered us the

about how cool it was that she allowed us this participation, which really showed us that peace requires cooperation and inclusion. After the workshop, we had a brief discussion outside about the mural and what peace means to us. It was a great event for the JB to go out and support peace awareness alongside other members of the community. We thank Huong and the University of North Florida for sharing this special experience with us.

International Peace Day

By MacKenzie Crane

On September 21st, CISV Jacksonville held a local celebration of International Peace Day at the Mandarin



Community Club. Members of the Junior Branch planned activities around the Chinese Proverb below. Approximately 30 JBers and their families participated in the small and

large group discussions and energizers. The evening culminated in a display of luminaries made by the participants, each with an individual peace message.

"If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

- Chinese Proverb

Junior Branch Community Service Activity

The Junior Branch will be driving to Biloxi, Mississippi for the weekend of November 9th to participate in a Hurricane Katrina cleanup effort. We will be joined from other chapters around the country to help out our Gulf Coast CISV friends. For information email Ben Blackshear at cisv03@yahoo.com.

Exciting Upcoming JB Events!

- JB Holiday Party –
Friday, December 14th
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day Activity –
Monday, January 21st
- Winter Minicamp –
Friday, February 15th
Sunday, February 17th

**Mark your calendars!!!
We'd LOVE to have you join us!**

Program Opportunities 2008

Villages

Maine, USA
June 27 - July 24, 2008
2 boys and 2 girls, age 11
Leader (male or female), 21 or older

Roskilde, Denmark
July 4 - July 31, 2008
2 boys and 2 girls, age 11
Leader (female), 21 or older

Sao Paulo, Brazil
December 27, 2008 - January 23, 2009
2 boys and 2 girls, age 11
Leader (female), 21 or older

Faces of Jacksonville Staff

Faces of Jacksonville Staff,
Age 21 or older
Jacksonville, Florida USA
June 12-26, 2008

Village 2008 Staff

International Village
Jacksonville, Florida USA
June 27 - July 24, 2008
2 males, 21 and older
2 females, 21 and older

Interchange

Brazil
July 2008 and July 2009
3 boys and 3 girls, ages 14-15
Leader (Male or Female), 21 or older

Vest-Agder, Norway
Summer 2008 (host and travel in the same summer)
4 boys and 4 girls, ages 12-13
Leader (Male or Female), 21 or older

Junior Counselors

Detroit, Michigan USA
June 27 - July 24, 2008
Female, age 16 or 17

Podova, Italy
June 27 - July 24, 2008
Female, age 16 or 17

Faces of Jacksonville Village, Jacksonville, FL
June 12-26, 2008
8 youth (M or F), ages 16-18

Summer Camp

Finnmark, Norway
June 27 - July 19, 2008
2 boys and 2 girls, age 14
Leader (male or female), 21 or older

Seminar Camp

Amsterdam, The Netherlands
July 5 - July 25, 2008
Female, 17 or 18 years old

APPLICATIONS available online at www.jax.cisvusa.org

National Board Meeting (NBM)

Sixteen local CISV members traveled to Cincinnati on Oct. 18 - 21 to represent the Jacksonville chapter at the National Board Meeting. For those of you who don't know, NBM is actually several meetings rolled into one. Leah as a member of the national executive committee and Tom Price as the chapter trustee attended the actual board meeting where the fees are determined and motions are reviewed and elected upon. Meanwhile Adrienne Divertie as a member of the National Youth Committee led the kids including Ben, Mackenzie, Alice, Shannon and Kelsey in activities about Junior Branch (JB) board succession planning, activity planning, etc. Jody Dughi and Alixe Stam attended Interchange Coordinator Training. Meanwhile Viky, Terry and Kathryn attended the national adult meeting where Vickie Breedlove gave a workshop on Ethnic Villages. Patty Pritchard was everyone's hero being the planner for the entire national meeting! Thank you, Patty!

Congratulations

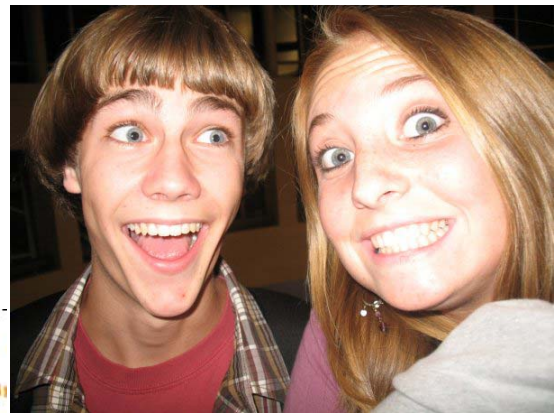
to **Adrienne Divertie** on her election to the position of *Committee Youth Trustee Elect* (CYTE). In this national position Adrienne will be in charge of the group of national Junior Branch (JB) presidents and will be responsible for planning the JB portion of the National Board Meeting next year. In addition she will represent the United States at the International Board Meeting in Italy and the meeting of North, Central and South America all next summer.



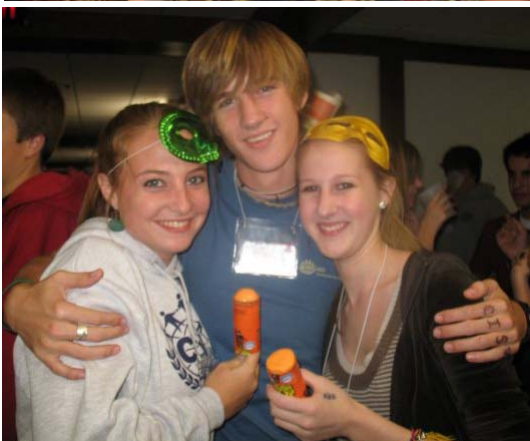
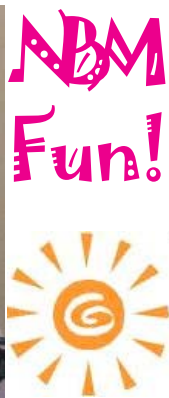
Adrienne Divertie, NBM

Congratulations

to **Ben Blackshear** on his election to the *National Youth Meeting Committee* (NYMC). Ben will be part of the team that will plan the National Youth Meeting to be held in May for all American JBers.



Ben Blackshear and Shannon Novakoski



South East Regional Mini Camp

Labor Day Weekend saw two bus loads of Jacksonville JBers travel to Georgia to the SE regional mini camp where the theme was "The Power of Privilege". The group had a great time exploring the concept of wealth and advantage compared to the situation of those with less affluence. One activity that was used to explore this concept was similar to Monopoly where the kids were randomly assigned amounts of money, education, family

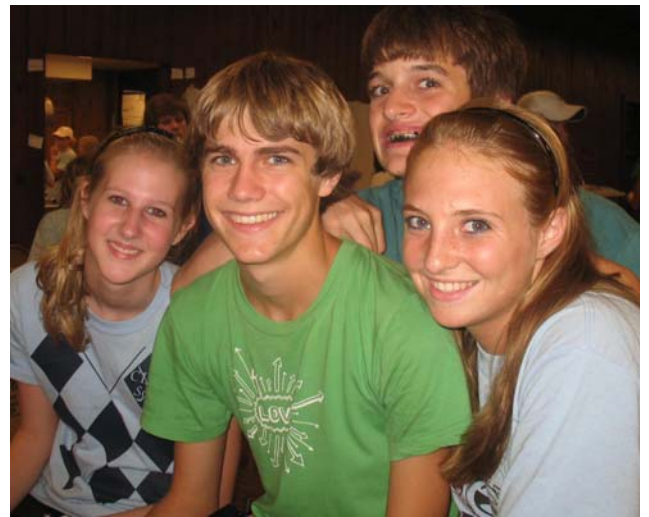
background and were treated in certain predetermined ways depending upon this artificial social standing. They had the opportunity to better their situation by purchasing additional education if they could afford it and seeing how that advanced their social standing.

Throughout the weekend came away with a greater



they participated in many activities and

appreciation of the advantages that they have.



2008 Program Schedule

Our programs for 2008 have been set and the final informational sessions will be held in November with the application deadline being December 1, 2007. If you have an interest in applying or know of someone you would like to refer for a program, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, applications are available online at www.jax.cisvusa.org.

November Informational Recruiting Sessions:

Thursday, November 1st @ 6:30 pm South Jax Presbyterian, Harvin Hall, call 673-4229

Saturday, November 10th @ 10 am South Jax Presbyterian, Harvin Hall, call 234-1382

Tuesday, November 13th @ 6:30 pm South Jax Presbyterian, Harvin Hall, call 612-9300

Saturday, November 17th @ 2:00 pm Fernandina area, call 612-9300

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as a painter. Since then, she has launched 85 solo exhibits throughout Canada and the United States. Collectively, her works address the global issues of war and peace. She is the founder of the Art, War and Peace Museum and Gallery in Jensen Beach, Florida.



Mayor John Peyton congratulates Charlene Taylor Hill.

The event was highlighted by a presentation by the CISV Jacksonville Junior Branch members.

The group walked through the luncheon crowd singing the CISV Song. Meeting on stage, each one of the five presenters and JB president, Ben Blackshear, provided a personal interpretation of a portion of the song's lyrics. The presenters were: Connor Austin, Marie Claire Levy, Katie Stewart, Kelsey

Jimenez and Ailish Ullmann.

The Peace Builder Award was created by Jacksonville artist Jonathan Christie, a professor of glass at Jacksonville University. The original artwork is a hand blown glass sculpture of a dove in flight resting on a granite pedestal symbolizing peace.

Many thanks to all of the event sponsors: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, Holland & Knight LLP, BB&T, The John Geer Companies and WJXT Channel 4.



Train the Trainers

The second annual "Train the Trainers" session will be held on December 10. It will be totally new information from what was covered last year.

This workshop is for those

- who want to help the JB
- involved in selection
- involved in recruitment
- Parents of present or future interchangers
- Who would ever consider being a leader
- Who want to know about how and why CISV activities happen the way they do

Topics to be covered

- Review of CISV Philosophy and Educational Principles
- Experiential Education
- How to Plan (how to help children plan) an activity
- Leading activities
- How to debrief an activity



CISV USA Honors David and Vickie Breedlove

At the 2007 National Board Meeting for CISV USA, Vickie and David Breedlove, longtime Jacksonville Chapter members, were honored with the Rudie Memmel Award.

The Rudie Memmel Award is given each year to an individual who best exemplifies the qualities of a committed CISV volunteer. The award was named after its first recipient, Rudie Memmel, a member of the Cincinnati Chapter. It was given posthumously to recognize Rudie's long years of quiet but substantial volunteer commitment to his Chapter. This award is meant to recognize the commitment and contributions of the finest of our many Chapter volunteers. To be eligible to receive the award, an individual must have been a member in good standing of CISV for a minimum of 10 years and must have made significant and continuous volunteer contributions to his or her Chapter.

Vickie and David Breedlove have been active chapter volunteers for 25 years. They have served in every capacity in the chapter including each serving terms as chapter president and chapter trustee. In addition to their loyal, annual board service, both David and Vickie are always supportive of the current leadership of the chapter and willing to share their experiences as parents, leaders, board members, national committee chairs, and international committee members. Vickie's style of leadership is one of thoughtful and direct advice – always listening to every side of a situation and providing her insight into what the best decision for the chapter will be. David's words of wisdom and patience are invaluable in making decisions for the future because of the

historical knowledge that he has. You will find Vickie and David at most chapter

invaluable support for our annual fund-raiser, Extravaganza, as the coordinator of the reverse drawing and champion of ticket sales. He is also a tireless solicitor of in-kind food donations for our hosted camps – over the past 25 years, he has secured well



events, often there early to help set up and late to help clean up. They always step up to the plate for even the most tiring volunteer jobs, whether it's moving iron bed frames from the storage unit to the village site and back again or staffing the kitchen and cleaning bathrooms for national leadership training or installing shelving in the CISV office (although that one might be a little self-serving, since their home single-handedly acted as the chapter's administrative storage for many years.)

Both David and Vickie have contributed many hours to both the national organization and the international organization. However, their involvement at other levels of CISV never took them away from their commitment and passion to the entire Jacksonville Community and CISV Jacksonville.

David's passion has served our chapter on the long range planning committee and budget committees, along with

over \$50,000 of value in food.

Vickie's passions include interchange, as a leader, local and national interchange chair, national trainer, and international interchange committee. She helped in the creation of Faces of Jacksonville, our local village and Mosaic project, to which she has served as co-planner for all four years. We also turn to Vickie often for her skills in conflict resolution, parent training, and risk management.

Although their children are both grown and not active in CISV, the Breedloves continue to be a dependable, thoughtful, integral part of the Jacksonville chapter.

Thank you, David and Vickie, and Congratulations in receiving this much deserved award for your unflagging commitment and willingness to serve in any capacity to further the mission of CISV Jacksonville, CISV USA, and CISV International.



2007 Village delegates Ailish Ullhman, Leena and Seema Sanka at the Indian Cultural Society annual even October 27, 2007



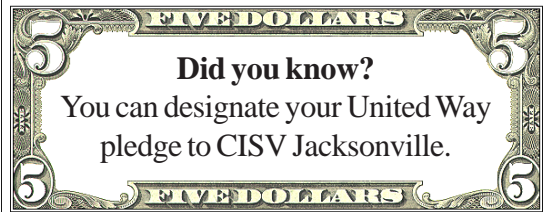
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JB adventures!



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