



CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL SUMMER VILLAGES

fall 2004

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CORPORATE SPONSORS OF THIS SUMMER'S PARADISE VILLAGE!

CISV Jax launched our first corporate fundraising campaign this spring. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with that campaign: Sally Parsons, Debbie Blackshear, David Breedlove, Valerie Chritton, Kirby Chritton, Whit Hyde, Cheryl Grymes, Phil Parsons, Patty Pritchard, Amy Crane, Viky Divertie, Anne Lufrano, Leah Donelan and Chris Banks.

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Save the Date

Fall Meeting - November 7th

Watch for your invitation. All delegations from Summer 2004 will share a fun presentation.

EXTRAVAGANZA WRAP UP

Thanks so much to all of you who sold and/or purchased a ticket to this year's Extravaganza! With your help, we raised a net \$19,000 from ticket sales and silent auction proceeds, \$1,600 more than our budget.

The winner of the Reverse Draw grand prize of \$5,000 was Lesli Ward, whose son, Chase, is a member of this summer's Village delegation to Finland. Congratulations, Lesli!

UNITED WAY

Did you know that your gifts to the United Way can be designated to the Jacksonville Chapter of CISV? Well, they can! Please consider such a designation. If you have any questions about how to designate your United Way pledge to CISV, please contact Valerie Chritton, (904) 798-5473 (telephone) or valerie.chritton@hklaw.com.

Calling All Members...

We are collecting e-mail addresses so we will be able to save on the printing costs and send our newsletter out electronically. Please send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address (re:CISV e-mail address solicitation) to Valerie Chritton at valerie.chritton@hklaw.com. Thank you!!



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Extravaganza 2004 - Cabaret!

In true Cabaret style, we left our troubles at the door and entered the world of Extravaganza 2004. The outpouring of help and enthusiasm has created a new challenge - to thank everyone on one page!

Our special thanks go to Val Chritton, for her dedicated work and countless hours coordinating ticket sales. Nancy Darragh delighted us with the overall set-up and menu selections. Decorations for the event, compliments of Sally Parsons, enhanced the perfect party atmosphere. Extravaganza would not be complete without our master of ceremonies, David Breedlove - thank you for your expert guidance and careful placement of the numbers on the ticket display board! Chris Banks showed tireless energy managing the Junior Branch and the JB Fundraising Headquarters along with Amy Conarton and Eleanor Fails at the JB Sideboard.

Many hands made the Silent Auction an overwhelming success, but special thanks to Debbie Blackshear, Val Chritton, Leah Donelan and Karen Hyde who were the four core co-coordinators. Thank you Kirby Chritton, for helping your wife sell that last ticket! Entertainment was an added treat this year - compliments of Soiree Away - thank you Barb and Mark Williams for welcoming us all to your Cabaret!

The list continues with special thanks to the following for helping the day and evening of the event: Barbara Banks, Sissy Barker, Joe Blackshear, Vickie Breedlove, April Conarton, Amy Crane, Viky Divertie, Jodi Dughi, Roseanne Ennis, Cheryl Grimes, Whit Hyde, Janie Jones, Ann Lucas, Anne Lufrano, Barb Maddern, Karen Mueller, Raul Orta, Mimi Pierce, Tom Price, Patty Pritchard, Don Raines, Lani Redington, Joelle Weinstein and of course our club liaison and event coordinator, Amy Jenkins of the San Jose Country Club. To the approximately 40 Junior Branch Members who came and worked so very hard, we THANK YOU!

Interchange Invitation for 2005 / 2006

Youth age 14-15

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Vitoria, Brazil

for more information
contact Terry Yip @ 620-8191

We want to recognize our many donors and contributors to this event:

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- Lisa Booth, Alhambra Dinner Theatre
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Thanks to Marian Dickson for photos!

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Jacksonville, Florida – Florence, Italy

By: Virginia Jones

This summer a great group of twelve youth and two leaders hosted an interchange from Florence, Italy. The leader of the Interchange was Petti Maloney and the junior leader was Virginia Jones. We had 7 boys and 5 girls in our delegation and this summer we hosted 14 Italians from June 28th to July 26th. The participants from the Jacksonville delegation were: Corey Fisher, Spencer Durden, Austin Burr, Kyle Fields, Casey Simonetta, Stephen Yip, Garrett Livengood, Savannah Durden, Katherine Ennis, Kelsey Jimenez, Sarah Ussery, and Natasha Williams. During the Interchange, we joined the other interchanges that were in Jacksonville and had a combined mini camp. Mini camp was held at Epworth by the Sea, in Georgia.

We also had many other plans for the month, including the welcome party, a Disney trip, a 4th of July celebration, a Suns Baseball Game, a trip to the mayor's office, skating, a beach party, a birthday sleepover, family week, and the farewell party. We recently went and saw Shrek 2 together and are all excited and looking forward to this experience and traveling to Italy in July of 2005!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thanks to all of you who continue supporting CISV Jacksonville with your membership. A special thank you to those of you who went above and beyond by donating to the Village and Scholarship Funds! You can expect to pick up your 2004 Membership Directory at the Fall General Meeting on November 7th.

If you have had a change in address or email since the 2003 Directory, please email them to Zoraya Gonzalez (zoraya_gonzalez@hotmail.com) so that we will have updated contact information on your family.

The Membership Committee welcomes the addition of a new committee member for 2004-2005, Lynn Bennett!

Fall Information Meetings

Spread the word & bring a friend. We are recruiting youth ages 11-18 and leaders age 21 and older. Presentations will include information about upcoming international opportunities. Past participants and their families will be available to share their pictures and experiences. For more information, contact Steve Durden @ 646-3514 or Vickie Jimenez @ 285-9151.

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Sunday October 17, 4-5 PM
Jacksonville Country Day School
4-6th Grade Wing
10063 Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville

Saturday October 30, 3-4 PM
Florida Coastal School of Law
7555 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville

Late breaking news!!!

Jacksonville has accepted an invitation for a 12-13 year old interchange with Stockholm, Sweden!!! Current plans are that we will be traveling for 3 weeks in the summer of 2005 and hosting for 3 weeks over Christmas 2005.

Contact Vickie Jimenez 285-9151 or Terry Yip 620-8191 for details.

National Board Meeting

Oct. 21-24. Anyone welcome to go. If you want the "bigger picture" of CISV this is the way to get it! Email Karen Hyde for info.



Mini Camp



From our Executive Committee:

Leah Donelan, Viky Divertie, Debbie Blackshear.

The last six months have seen a flurry of CISV activity! First we had a successful Extravaganza on April 22 at San Jose Country Club. A highly successful fundraising effort and an enjoyable evening were had by all.

On May 2 we had our Spring General Meeting.

On May 28-30 Emily Hyde, Charlotte Rea, Katie Chritton and Adrienne Divertie represented our chapter at the National Youth Meeting.



National Youth Meeting crew.

June 2-16 the first annual "Faces of Jacksonville" (FOJV) village was held in conjunction with NCCJ (The National Conference for Community and Justice). This local work project is a 2-week village for children from different cultural and ethnic groups within Jacksonville.



Faroe Island Delegation

Executive Committee (cont.)

June 18-July 15 we hosted our international "Paradise Village". See pictures on page 5.

June and July delegation activity: 3 village delegations traveled to Finland, Denmark and Faroe Islands. The Danish and Italian interchangers hosted their counterparts.

August 20-21 JB Minicamp at camp Montgomery was a blast and a half! 47 JBers participated!!! Wow!

September: We received the Reflective Practices Grant! Thank you to Val Chritton!!!!

In August our new board and JB board started planning for 2004-5.

Seminar Camp

By: Rachel Lufrano

Seminar Camp in Ottawa was unbelievably fantastic! There were teenagers from Brazil, Mexico, Canada, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Algeria, and two from the United States. The best part was having a chance to discuss controversial issues about religion, politics, ethics, and culture. I would recommend seminar camp to anyone who has an opportunity to attend, as you will leave feeling as if you have close friends and a better understanding of people from all over the globe.

Information Packets Available Now!!!!

We have put together CISV informational materials intended for school teachers and others that have direct contact with likely CISV participants. We ask YOU to give them to the principal or teachers in YOUR school. To request materials that can be emailed or mailed, contact Joelle Weinstein at joellenico@yahoo.com or 642-5563.

NEWSFLASH!!!

CISV Jacksonville awarded a Reflective Practices Grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Community Building Fund of The Community Foundation. This award was due to the hard work of Val Chritton who authored our grant proposal.

The grant will provide funds and assistance for CISV Jacksonville to review the structure and processes of our chapter. During this 2 year process the grant will pay for an outside consultant to help us with our internal restructuring.

Look for information on Focus Group Meetings, Board Retreats and a visit from our consultant.
THANK YOU VAL & AMY!

Faces of Jacksonville Village

In June of 2004, Ladd Daniel's vision of promoting cultural understanding by bringing the CISV village to all the ethnic groups of Jacksonville became a reality!

Delegations representing different ethnic groups and areas of Jacksonville came together under the leadership of experienced CISV directors Sadie Blanton and Susan Gordon. For two weeks, 11 year old children representing China, Hispanic Culture, Korea, Jewish Culture, the Northside, Westside, and immigrant population came together to participate in traditional CISV village activities. CISV's own Eleanor Fails, Adam Conderman, Lauren Schoonover, and Adam Whitefield served as counselors and staff while Adrienne Divertie, Corey Stallings, David Price, Stephanie Donelan and Sergio Kelsor were JC's.

The village was felt to be a highly successful project and planning is underway to hold the second annual FOJV in 2005. Any group or individual that wants to help with planning or wants to provide funding for this program (free to all participants) please contact Carol Daniels: 641-6484,

Paradise Village

"Paradise" was the theme for this year's village in Jacksonville. Forty-six children and fifteen adults from around the world spent almost a month in Jacksonville participating in peace education activities. See page 5 for pictures. Children from Brazil, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, India, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Canada, Thailand, Mexico and the U.S. participated.

Leah Donelan was the Village Director and Viky Divertie was the planner. Staff included Eli Carranza from El Salvador, Anne Kristensen from Denmark, Lesley Anne Smillie from Cincinnati and Reed Divertie from Jacksonville. Over 60 volunteers spent hundreds of hours working together to make the village a success. Thanks to all of you who hosted delegates, acquired donations, coordinated home stays, stuffed goodie bags, ran the JC shop, coordinated open day, cooked, ran errands, cleaned up trash, made beds, loaned blankets, hosted parties and made arrangements with the school, bus service, Disney, Sun's game and the web site! Many individuals and corporations in our community combined efforts to financially support our village. A big thank you to all those who assisted us in promoting world peace through peace education one child at a time.

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