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## CISV Jacksonville Chapter Serving the Jacksonville Community for 30 Years 1976 - 2006

### Reflections On Our Beginnings

As we celebrate our 30th Birthday, it is appropriate to remember how we got started. Our founder, Dorothy Groshell, presented this history of the Jacksonville Chapter at the 1990 National Board Meeting in Cincinnati:

CISV Jacksonville had its beginnings in January 1975 after I read an article in the *Saturday Review of Literature*, Education Section, entitled "Catch Them While They're Young," explaining CISV.

I had an eleven-year-old son and thought CISV concepts were wonderful and I wanted my son to participate. My correspondence with Hildreth Miller (at the time CISV USA Executive Secretary) informed me that without a Chapter in my area that would not be possible. So I agreed to start one.

Hildreth sent me a guide for starting a Steering Committee, and Anne Meranus from the CISV USA Expansion Committee came to visit me and convince me that Jacksonville needed CISV. She suggested that I pay the \$250 to start a Steering Committee and then look for committee members!

By 1976 I had the committee formed and came to National (the CISV USA meeting) with two members and faced the Round Table (Board of Trustees). We left Cincinnati with two Village delegation invitations – one international and one domestic – and a Junior Counselor position. Little did we know what lay ahead! We did find the children, leaders, and Junior Counselor, formed a strong Steering Committee and took an Interchange from El Salvador. (Back then an Interchange came via the telephone frantically asking "can you take them?") We did – or I should say I did – because most of them stayed with me for the month.

In 1978 we hosted our first Village – "Children In the Sun Village" – and CISV Jacksonville was born! The rest is history.

**Love and Peace, Dorothy Groshell**

### Looking Back on 2005

What did we accomplish in 2005? In addition to opening our first office and continuing our Reflective Practice work, we

- Hosted "Faces of Jacksonville," a two-week overnight local multi-cultural camp modeled on the CISV Village format for local students;
- Hosted teens from 4 different US Chapters of CISV, including a delegation of 4 from Jacksonville, at the first ever CISV National Summer Camp;
- Hosted an Interchange from Brazil and sent Interchange delegations to Sweden and Italy;
- Sent delegates to two different Villages in Norway, and to a Village in Dallas, Texas;
- Sent delegates to a Summer Camp in Sao Paulo, Brazil;
- Sent a delegate to Seminar Camp in Detroit, Michigan;
- Sent one Junior Counselor to Sweden and one Junior Counselor to Chattanooga, Tennessee;
- Sent eleven Junior Branch members and two adult leaders to the CISV National Youth Meeting in Detroit, Michigan;
- Maintained an active Junior Branch program all year long; and
- Hosted our first regional Junior Branch "mini-camp".

**Thank you to all of you who helped make all this possible! Valerie Chritton, President**

# THANK YOU!

**To All the Many  
Volunteers over the  
past 30 years,**

**Thank You!**

We wouldn't be where we are today without the hundreds of thousands of hours you have selflessly given to CISV Jacksonville.

- Valerie Chritton,  
President

# Junior Branch News

## What's it all about? JB

*Adrienne Divertie, JB president*

The Junior Branch has had a busy winter season and is revving up for a very eventful Spring.. The “Bring a Friend to CISV” event was held December 3 at the South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church Family Life Center and was well attended by members and guests.

On Martin Luther King day, a group of 25 of the Junior Branch met at the Friendship Fountain and walked across the Main Street bridge to watch and support the MLK day parade. After the parade the group walked to the Treaty Oak where we ate lunch, played games and had a very meaningful discussion about the state of racism and integration in our city.

On February 11 after the “Welcome to CISV” training, we hosted our annual “Cookie-a-thon” overnight. (see article)

On April 27 The JB board will be selling raffle tickets at the chapter fundraiser The *Extravaganza*. Look for us there and support JB by buying our tickets!

At the May 7 *Spring General Meeting* we will vote on our new bylaws and elect new JB officers.

The *National Youth Meeting* will be held May 26-29 in Dallas. There are no limits on attendance this year and we’re hoping to have record participation by the JB. This is an extra special opportunity for us. Emily Hyde and I are on the planning committee for this national event so plan to come and give a good showing for JB Jacksonville!!!

Remember JB is our organization. We bring the message of “Peace through Understanding” to Jacksonville through everything we do. Live the dream; participate in JB!!!

### Junior Branch National Youth Meeting Invitation Calling all chapters of CISV USA!

There will be a gala NYM in Dallas in May. The dates are Friday May 26 thru Monday May 29. The age range is 13 and up. Please let all of your youth know about this fun gathering. Have them plan to arrive in time for dinner Friday afternoon and to leave after breakfast on Monday. We will provide transportation to and from the airport (DFW). We have a wonderful site. The national staff is developing great activities. We expect to be able to accommodate everyone who wants to come. More details later. Start looking for those low fares! *Garrett Schenck, President, CISV Dallas*



The JB at the Martin Luther King Day parade.



JBers participate in the Circle of Love after the Martin Luther King Day parade.



**Jr. COMMUNITY  
QUARTERBACK  
★ AWARD ★**

**Adrienne Divertie Wins 2005**

**NFL/Jaguars**

**Junior Community Quarterback Award**

Adrienne Divertie, President of the Junior Branch, was one of six winners of the Jacksonville Jaguars Junior Community Quarterback Award. Adrienne was recognized for her outstanding volunteer leadership at CISV. The Junior Branch received a check from the Jaguars in the amount of \$3,333 to help defray the costs of JB activities, including the Spring and Fall Mini-Camps. Congratulations, Adrienne!



Reed Divertie accepts the 2005 NFL/Jaguars Junior Community Quarterback Award for his sister, Adrienne Divertie, at the December 11, 2006, Jaguars Football game.

**Cookie-a-thon raises  
\$1,800.00 for JB**

*By Viky Divertie*

The annual Cookie-a-thon overnight was held February 11. Forty-seven kids had a good evening of CISV fun. We played a very active game of "Cookie Masters". We baked 780 cookies, which were delivered to the IM Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless. \$1,800.00 was raised which will go directly to the JB budget.

Many thanks to the following JBers who raised at least \$100.00 for JB: **Max Spadafora, Emily Hyde, Stephen Yip, Lizzie Lufrano, Katie Stewart, Linda Tillbrook, and Quenton Wright.**

Congratulations and thanks to the JB planning committee of Brian Dughi (chair), Tommy Lucas, Cory Stallings, Catie Orta and Viky Divertie. Thank you to parent helpers, chaperones and cooks including Jody Dughi, Anne Lufrano, Diane Stallings, Joyce King, Laurie Tilbrook, and Darlene Spann. Thank you to the chaperones: Joe Hofrichter, Catie Orta, and Leah Donelan.

**CISV JUNIOR BRANCH  
SPRING MINI CAMP  
MARCH 11-12, 2006  
CAMP MONTGOMERY**

**LAUGH ATTACK:**

*A Look at humor and culture through cartoons, comics and jokes*

**Meeting place:** MacDonald's Hwy 17; Orange Park  
[Across from Orange Park Kennel Club]

**Departure:** 8:45a.m. Saturday March 11

**Return:** 5:30p.m., Sunday March 12 [same place]

**Cost:** \$26.00 includes dinner Saturday evening, breakfast and lunch on Sunday and also snacks & drinks. This includes the tenting and a few inside bunks; the group will also have a meeting room to use for both days.

**Items to bring:** Sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, bug spray, change of clothes [please pack light], **Sack lunch** for Saturday.

**Volunteers needed to drive on Saturday and Sunday.**

Questions: E-mail [jodvdughi@hotmail.com](mailto:jodvdughi@hotmail.com)

Your check to CISV is your reservation needed by February 17, 2006

Send to: Jody Dughi, 1318 Ardsley Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207

**Applications Sought for JB Board Positions**

*Adrienne Divertie, JB president*

The major accomplishment of the board this winter has been to write a draft of the JB bylaws. These bylaws will spell out how our organization will be run and how officers will be elected. We hope to have them reviewed by the adult board and approved by the membership soon so that we can begin using them this spring.

The Junior Branch Board is a much sought after, fun, amazing leadership opportunity for any JB member. With the leadership role comes the responsibility of attending monthly board meetings and extra committee meetings, attending the majority of the JB events and being a role model for the younger members. If you would like to be considered by the nominating committee for a position on the board you have to submit an application to the current JB board by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The board positions are:

- President & President elect –it is required that they be in High School
- Treasurer, Secretary-it is suggested that they be in High School
- Historian, Members-at-large (4 representatives)-may be any age

Applications will be available at the coffeehouse and the spring mini-camp. You may call me with any questions: 874-4507.

# Extravaganza 2006 - Silent Auction and YOU!

We are excited to make this a successful Extravaganza 2006 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 add one more outstanding reason to attend Extravaganza 2006. 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.

## **Calendar of Upcoming JB Events**

### **February 2006**

- 24 Coffee House: "Current Events"  
(recommended for JB in 8th  
grade and up)

### **March 2006**

- 11-12 **Mini-Camp: "Laugh Attack"**

### **April 2006**

- 7 Coffee House (recommended for  
JB in 8th grade and up)  
27 Extravaganza

### **May 2006**

- 6 World of Nations  
7 Chapter Spring Meeting  
12 Coffee House (recommended for  
JB in 8th grade and up)  
26-29 **National Youth Meeting**  
(age 13 and up)

## **CISV 101**

*Viky Divertie and Leah Donelan, Local Leadership Chairs*

On February 10 the local leadership team hosted the first ever "Welcome to CISV" local leadership training program for parents in addition to the traveling delegates and leaders. This was our first step towards bringing some of the educational opportunities that the kids and leaders are experiencing to the families as well. We hope that with exposure to some of the theoretical principles behind the program activities the families will have enhanced appreciation for the CISV program.

The evening included a review of the CISV song by the traveling villagers and JCs, and a skit about the founding of CISV by the interchangers. The leaders reviewed the education circle for all participants and the parents discussed the CISV Principles. Finally, the adults participated in an activity to heighten awareness about personal attitudes and values. A wonderful dinner coordinated by Christine Mack topped off the evening. We would like to thank the leadership team of Nancy Anchors, Chris Banks, and Adrienne Divertie. Thank you also for the help of Sylvia Paz, Debbie Blackshear, Anne Lufrano, and Suzanne Bass.

## **NATIONAL NEWS - CISV GETS NEW LOOK!**

CISV International has decided that it is time to update our look, and is in the process of what they call "Rebranding." That means that they are developing a new logo that will be consistent throughout the world. Over the past 50 years, it seems that many nations and chapters and even programs have begun developing "off-shoots" from the original - yes, even USA. So, in an effort to become more consistent as well as modern, they have narrowed the new logo down to three choices. YOU CAN VOTE by logging on to the following website:

<http://friends.cisv.org/survey/47512444/index.cfm>.

*From Detroit newsletter.*

# Extravaganza 2006!

## \$5,000 Grand Prize

### Reverse Draw Raffle & Silent Auction

#### San Jose Country Club

7529 San Jose Boulevard

Thursday, April 27, 2006 — 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 Village 2006 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 .*

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# ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF RECRUITING

Thank You Amy Crane, Recruiting Chair!

## Village Delegations

### Ostfold, Norway

Joe Hofrichter, Leader  
Langston Witcher  
Josh Jenkins  
Leah Jimenez  
Anna Rea

### Denver, Colorado

Catie Orta Leader  
Quenton Wright  
Adam Tate  
Stacy Young  
Mia Zanghetti

### Faces Of Jacksonville

Lorraine Lee, Leader  
Herman Mickles  
Krystale Hyde  
Mark Lester  
Dee Spann

## International Youth Meeting

### Munich, Germany

Leah Donelan, Leader  
Max Spadafora  
Zach Jenkins  
Alice Dughi  
Tiffany Clarke  
Maria Paz  
Hunter Paulson- Smith

### Junior Counselors

#### Detroit, Michigan

Lizzie Lufrano

#### Faces Of Jacksonville

Ben Blackshear  
Jamil Bryant  
Yang Ge  
Lizzie Lufrano  
Rose Li  
Emily Hyde

## Interchanges

### Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Julie Stormont, Leader  
Casey Bailey  
Linzee Ott  
Katie Stewart  
Keith Jenkins  
John Edward Balbona  
William Thompson

### Sao Paulo, Brazil

Leah Donelan, Leader  
Linda Tilbrook  
Cathy Hardin  
Sarah Towers  
Anslie Prudhomme  
Nick Figura  
Brian Dughi

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
APRIL 27, 2006**

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