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September 2009

CISV's Annual Extravaganza Approaches!

Looking forward to Extravaganza 2009 on October 8, committee members have been busy with preparations. It promises to be another exciting, fun-filled evening. Proceeds from Extravaganza will underwrite our own CISV Village 2010 and other CISV Jacksonville chapter activities.

Since we left off in April, more tickets have been sold for this special night of CISV camaraderie.

prize, EVERYONE should want one of these tickets!

The second important aspect of Extravaganza is the Silent Auction. Many extraordinary items have already been donated and cataloged. There's definitely something available for everyone but there's always room for more! As a friend of CISV, please consider making YOUR contribution now. Suggestions include: sporting, cultural or other event tickets, wine, a



Nonetheless, there are still more tickets to be sold. Anne Lufrano, Ticket Sales Chair, has requested that the ticket stub and money from any tickets previously sold be returned to the CIV office as soon as possible so that an accurate count can be made. Also, if you have unsold tickets in your possession, please remember that it is still your responsibility to sell these. With an entry into a reverse draw with a \$5000 grand

travel package or weekend at a vacation home you own, sports memorabilia, small electronics, gift certificates...the list is endless! And if you have a special talent or business, we'd love to help you showcase it. Please contact Jeannie Blocker at 223-7989 or Peggy Sue Williams at 389-8098 for additional information.

We're looking forward to seeing YOU at Extravaganza!!



Mayor Peyton, Mayor Beto Richa (Curitiba, Brazil) and our own Helen Parker (now a Rotary Exchange student) at the April 3rd sister cities ceremony.

Junior Branch News



Junior Branch Board

Katie Stewart, President

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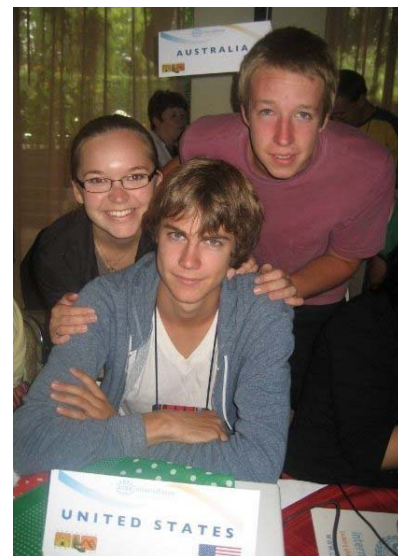
Junior Branch is off to a rockin' good start. South Regional Mini Camp (SRMC) is scheduled for 9/25-9/27 in Folkston, Georgia. We will be taking a bus of Jax JBers to have a great time exploring the theme of censorship and free speech

“Speak no evil, Say no evil, Hear no evil”.

The JB board will be meeting 9/6 to plan the 2009-10 calendar; Stay Tuned!



L to R: Adrienne Divertie, Kelly Spencer, Lizzie Utset, and Ben Blackshear at NYM



Ben Blackshear and Adrienne Divertie represented the U.S. at the International Meeting in Guatemala. They are shown here with USA Committee Youth Trustee Elect, Daniel Pritty. Congratulations to Adrienne Divertie who has joined the International Junior Branch Committee and the America's Regional Member's Team.



CISV Jacksonville's immediate past-president, Kenzie Crane was named as one of 12 freshmen to the Service Scholar program at Florida State University's Center for

Leadership and Civic Education. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize students with outstanding records of service and leadership, and to prepare them to become active leaders in their communities. Service Scholars follow their own paths of individual community service, participate in group projects with fellow Scholars, attend educational sessions, and train in leadership and advocacy skills.

Congratulations!



Extravaganza 2009!

\$5,000 Grand Prize

Don't let it get away!

National Youth Meeting *by Murphy Williams*

The National Youth Meeting (NYM) for 2009 had around 15 delegates from Jacksonville. This is special because any one chapter usually does not have many

balance. The activities done were followed up by discussions that made each individual think about what had just happened and how that relates to life.

The National Youth meeting benefits the kids in exposure to CISV and the great messages it sends to the world's up and coming generation, and it benefits them in the ways of friendships. Kids from Jacksonville are close with those of Maine, and Texas. This sort of thing is hard to come by with people still in elementary and high school. CISV is an opportunity for children all over the world to share ideas for the world.



Alex Kaplan and Murphy Williams go to NYM

people attend a mini camp. Our very own Jacksonville, FL always has one of the best turnouts for local and national mini camps. This year in Atlanta, GA we had another successful run at NYM.

The theme was "bring your spark", which dealt with competitive eating. This showed the kids who attended what the negative effects of excess consumption are. Excess is not only dealing with too little of something, but also too much. The activities that were created for this year's theme consisted of ones that emphasized the importance of



Marie Claire Levy On the rock at NYM



Conner Austin and Leah Simpson at NYM

Brasil Interchange *by MC Levy*

On the warm summer morning of July 3rd, 7 American teenagers waited excitedly for their Brazilian friends to arrive. After much chatting and jumping up and down, they finally came and bombarded us with hugs. The month continued with a bevy of activities from Islands of Adventure and Wet n' Wild, a tour of JaxPort, and a dance-filled National Night. Some other highlights include Ichetucknee and minicamp, a Suns game that was the first baseball game for all of the Brazilians, and just being together as a group. The Brazilians also absolutely

loved the shopping here and

had to leave sometime, but

before they left we gained a new addition into our little interchange family. Congratulations Meghan and Andy Ewanyk on the birth of Annabelle Grace!



L to R – Kevin Kozik, Brook Robinson, Marie Claire Levy, Kylie Leuthold, Murphy Williams, and Henry Osborne.

Not Picuted: Megan Ewanyk, traveling portion of interchange and Eleanor Fails, leader for hosting portion of interchange.

the SUVs they thought looked like buses. We were all able to bond more and learn many new things about each other, like the fact that G can cook and Kylie knows the lyrics to every single song imaginable. Unfortunately, the Brazilians



Megan (Brazil delegation leader) and Annabelle Grace



Brazil Delegation National Night



International Junior Counselors: Shelby Banks and Katie Stewart

Wanted

Job market got you down? Need to beef up your resume? We have jobs providing experience in Project Management, Team Coordination, Publications, and Non-profit management.

Available positions:

- Newsletter
- Interchange Chair
- Village Planner
- Faces Planner
- Mosaic (LMO/Community Service) Chair



No experience necessary. Comprehensive training and ongoing support will be provided. Questions: CISV Office 306-0820

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This is for YOU!

Do you have trouble explaining CISV to your friends? Yes, your child had a life-changing experience....why?

Come learn more about the learning theory, purpose and mission statement.

Guess what?....It's CISV so the learning will all be FUN!

September, 29 6:30-9:00
South Jax Presbyterian Church.
All members strongly advised to attend!

FACES of Jacksonville 2009

by Maggie Fitzroy reprinted from the Times Union, Beaches Shorelines.

When 30 kids with family ties to Korea, China, Peru, Venezuela, Cuba, Burma and Africa met two weeks ago at Fletcher Middle School, they were strangers.

When they leave today, after attending a Children's International Summer Villages residential camp at the school, many will be lifelong friends.

They've bunked together in classrooms converted into bedrooms. They ate meals together. And they played games that exercised them socially, emotionally and physically.

The aim was for the kids, who are all 11 years old, to understand other cultures in ways that few kids their age ever could.

"It changes your perspective on things," said Betty Lu, 17, a junior counselor who was born in China and now lives in Jacksonville.

Since she participated as a camper five years ago, Lu said she's kept in touch with the friends she made.

"The people you meet are amazing," she said. "Everyone looks different and are from different countries. But inside, they all want the same goal: love, peace and hap-

piness."

Children's International Summer Villages is a volun-

counselors, the kids participated in daily planned activities, including silly games such as "Jungle Fever" Wednesday morning.

They ran around shaking hands, and one person, who was "it," infected others, causing them to keel over "dead."

Other activities were more "intense, and serious."

That afternoon they were slated to participate in a role-playing game that teaches how it feels to be stereotyped.

The kids were to wear signs on their backs, labeling them as "homeless," or "rock star" or "new immigrant."

The game features four festive parties, and each kid has to try to join the parties.

Some kids get upset, Gordon said. Some might cry.

"For an 11-year old, it's hard to understand the world," she said. "But this way, they feel it."



Matthew McCully, Stephanie Donelan (leader), Anne Arden Pomar, Charlotte Puopolo, and Cameron Fontaine, not pictured, Jensen Alex

teen-based nonprofit organization that promotes peace education.

The organization offers several camp programs in the Jacksonville area every summer.

One of the camps is a four-week program for kids from a variety of foreign countries.

Various community organizations nominate campers for the program, said director Susan Gordon.

Guided by a live-in staff of counselors and junior



L to R: Vanessa Celis-Mata (staff), Maria Stam, Mary Moran, Betty Lu, (Faces JCs), Cory Stallings (staff), Stephen Yip, and Bobbie Baek (faces JCs). Faces JCs not pictured: Keturah Brown, Brooke Robinson, and David Weinstein.

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China Delegation Experiences Jacksonville

by Elizabeth Utset

July 2009, a month unlike any other. After weeks of anticipation, a frenzy of cleaning and preparation, and much excitement from the delegates and their families, the plane from Guangzhou, China arrived at the Jacksonville airport on July 12th. The tension was mounting in the air, we clutched the welcome banner, and watched the people stroll out of security, continually scanning the hallway for signs of our

happening. But the initial shock soon wore off and we went kayaking, vacationed in the North Carolina mountains, walked the beach, taught her how to swim, went bowling, Linda clapped her hand to her mouth, and I ran over to give her a big hug! The rest of the month

family. Throughout the month we went kayaking, vacationed in the North Carolina mountains, walked the beach, taught her how to swim, went bowling,

floated down the Ichetucknee, shopped the St. John's Town Center, toured downtown Jacksonville and Disney. I will never forget both of our delegations (we are like one big family), shaving cream games at minicamp, Kobe's Michael Jackson dancing, Sindy and Linda's crazy antics, and so much more. So far, this has been the best month of my life, and I would not trade it for the world. I can't wait to go to China next year!



L to R - Taylor Robinson, Katie Mackoul and Elizabeth Utset
Not pictured: Quinn Magevney and Ryan Gober and Sharyn Allen, leader.

partners. People would come up to us and say, "We just saw them. They're coming now!" and our delegation would scream. When I first saw my partner, Linda, I could hardly believe what was

enthusiastic, crazy, fun and a younger sister. She loved spicy food, gorillas, and fruit salad!

Linda's visit was not only an AMAZING experience, but also a great learning opportunity for my

flew by in a haze! It was a little hectic, and there were obstacles we had to overcome, and problems along the way, but I cannot imagine anything more worth it! Linda was the best partner, I could have ever asked for. She was

*An excerpt from an email to the McClure's from the mother of the Chinese delegate they hosted this summer: ".....Because Bosco's flight delay one day, he had arrived home last night. He told me he very very miss you and Connor and your family. He said when you said goodbye at airport, after he turn he feel sad and want to flow the tear. When he heard the flight delay, he hope can return your house to meet you again. And he told me he want go to US university to study. Then he will buy a house to live near you house.....
Maybe Bosco don't know how to expression his sentiment, but I sure he will remember this holiday forever. I want to say "thank you very much" as Bosco's mom, thanks for you take care him so well, thanks for all people in your family give him so much laugh."*

Summer Camp in Kiel, Germany

Even before we boarded the plane to Germany, I think we all knew it was going to be a great summer camp. We had met most of the participants on Facebook in the weeks leading up to our three-

week stay, so we already felt really close. Our hopes for a fun time were assured by the first night, as we all stayed up late singing, learning each other's languages, and getting to know each other....

The Leaving Footprints Summer Camp 2009 in Kiel, Germany was the most incredible experience of my

lifetime. Between simulation activities, excursions,



L to R: Halle McClure, Rachel Buff, Haley Pritchard, and Chase Divertie

scavenger hunts, discussions, and plenty of trips to the market, I became best friends with people from Brazil, China, Germany, Italy, Lebanon, Norway, Spain, and Sweden. We played Chinese Masters, The Killing Game, and House of Feelings. Of course we had a Gala Night, where we all

by Rachel Buff

dressed up and escorted our dates to a night of dancing and fun. The games and activities were both entertaining and eye-opening, and our camp included a reoccurring theme of frogs and cows.

Through our ups and downs we stuck together, even when the Staff yelled at us to clean our rooms, even when we were forced to perform a

dance over and over again for a German TV film crew, and even when we couldn't concentrate from lack of sleep. In everyone's opinion, the camp passed by way too quickly, but was worth every minute. Thanks to CISV for bringing together so many amazing people for such a wonderful event. I begin every day with high hopes to one day visit my friends again.



L to R: Chase Divertie, Halle Pritchard, Rachel Lufrano (leader), Halle McClure, and Rachel Buff



Save your **Junk** CISV is having a Garage Sale!

October, 17 at the corner of San Jose and Emerson
Donations may be dropped off at the Mango office
between 9-5 Monday through Thursday.

Volunteers needed for the day of the sale.

Call Suzanne Bass: 398-9005.

More info to come!

Kimberly Griffin (village 96, IC 98) is working in Shanghi working for Walt Disney Company after receiving her MS in International Affairs. Way to go Kimberly!

If you have announcements please email the editor, Viky Divertie at:
divertiemc@aol.com

2009 Village Delegations

Dallas Village

by Erin Wiggins



L to R - Elisa Pena, Erin Wiggins, Cassidy Spencer; Leader: Amy Conarton (not pictured).

There were a lot of things I liked about village. I loved eating unusual foods, especially the pasta. I learned a lot of new energizers; my favorite was "Brown Squirrel". My host family took us to the stock yards and I saw real cowboys. I'm staying in touch with everyone from camp, but my favorite new friend was from Denmark.



Cassidy Spencer



Elisa Pena, Erin Wiggins, and Carolyn Sterns

England Village

by Caroline McMullen



Jacob Blaudow, Jonathan Mackoul, Caroline McMullen, Shannon Manuel, Leader: Cory Stallings (not pictured)

Village was a blast! It was an inspiring and extremely memorable experience that definitely changed the way I look at countries and cultures. I met lifelong friends and the site (Ford Castle) made the village "come alive" with new things. I hope that anyone that has the opportunity to go to village goes and has as great of a time as I did (although that is highly unlikely, because words can't even explain the experience.)





Congratulations to Chris (village 91, JC 96, leader 2001) and Helen Mueller on the birth of their son, William James Mueller "Will". (Chris was the 2008 CISV secretary).

Recruitment Playday

Want to have a fun morning at village?

Bring a prospective village aged kid to come to a play day and re-live the village excitement!

October, 17 - 9-12

South Jax Presbyterian Church Gym.

Info meeting for parents will be held jointly at the adjacent Mango Office.



Congratulations to Kathryn Seigler for receiving the Neil Hall "Above and Beyond Award" awarded to teachers for their community involvement and for exceptional effort in bringing the world into their classroom.

Extravaganza 2009

\$5,000 Grand Prize

Reverse Draw Raffle & Silent Auction
to Benefit the
Jacksonville Chapter of CISV

Please contact Jeannie Blocker at 223-7989 or Peggy Sue Williams at 389-8098 for additional information on Extravaganza 2009!

Save the Date!



Annual Fall Social

Presentation of the 2009 Delegates

South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church, Harvin Hall

October, 11, 2009 - 2-3:30 pm

Don't forget to visit Patty at the office!
Monday - Thursday 9-5
2148 Mango Place
(behind South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church)
306-0820