



# CISV Waterloo Champer

*Children's International Summer Villages -- Waterloo Chapter*

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## CISV Mission Statement – submitted by Heinz Boehnke

### **Purpose:**

#### What do we do?

Group, age, education, 2-way relationship, cross-cultural, leadership, mediation

#### What are we in business to accomplish?

Educate individuals to increased cross-cultural understanding

#### What problems do we address?

Prejudice, ignorance, lack of self-awareness, cross-cultural barriers

#### What are our outcomes?

Increased awareness + knowledge + skills for overcoming cross-cultural differences

### **Business:**

#### How do we fulfil our purpose or promise?

Cross-cultural groups, multiple exposure, educational focus, ongoing, trained facilitators (before, during, after), establish bonds, kinship

### **Limitations:**

#### Whom do we exist to serve?

Youth from around the world

#### Where we will focus our efforts?

Children & youth world-wide

### **Values:**

#### Why do we do this work?

Children are our future, hope for a better world, positive impact on children lives, create excellent educational programmes, responsibility for the future of the world, positive impact of the work

#### What is our philosophy?

Each person makes a difference

### **Competitive Edge:**

#### Why is our approach unique?

CISV provides a range of unique educational group activities which develop cross-cultural understanding in children and youth from around the world.

By encouraging respect for cultural differences and the development of self-awareness, CISV empowers each participant to incorporate these values into their lives as they become global citizens and strive for a more peaceful world.

## The Five CISV Principles

1. That individuals will make close friendships around the world, that is, that countries will become known to them in terms of close friends rather than as abstract places on a map, or a stereotype built up from ignorance or limited experience.
2. That individuals will become aware of basic likenesses of all humans, and at the same time come to know and appreciate differences.
3. That individuals will develop personalities that are essentially free from barriers, for example, essentially free from the barrier of prejudice.
4. That individuals will acquire skills of communication with other individuals and with groups, even when many languages are represented and where no common language exists.
5. That individuals will acquire an active desire for world peace and a desire to work for it.



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## Mini-Camp 2002 – The Next 50 Years of CISV! by Erin Franklin

Where will you be in 50 years? What will the world be like then? What will CISV be like 50 years from now, on it's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary?? These are questions explored by the CISV Waterloo youth who attended another fantastic Mini-Camp organized by our committed & enthusiastic Junior Branch Executive.

Everyone attending was assigned to a "cabin." In one of the activities, each cabin had to pretend they were forming a new country and come up with a name and a flag, which would be posted on their cabin door. Future countries consisted of: Fruitopia, Nordenswecan, Mello Yello, Futropia, Sububitopia, and Jalamacajam.

The Junior Branch also participated in a number of other games, all with a "futuristic" theme, such as "Constellations." The Austria Summer Camp ran "Alien Alert," a fast-paced running game involving radioactive snot! The Norway Interchange delegation guided us in

discovering "Future Possibilities" for ordinary items. The leaders organized the "World of 40," a simulation game. Thank you to all the delegations! You were super and your help was much appreciated!

On Saturday night, a futuristic dance was held. Everyone dressed up in what they thought would be a future fashion. We had a great time dancing, and even made up a future Macarena!

The food at this camp was absolutely delicious. Thank you very much, Amy Dale! She devised the menu. Some "Refueling" highlights were pancakes, soup and sandwiches, and a pizza pasta concoction. And don't forget dessert, Dirt Pudding, and Cherry Crisp. Thanks again, Amy!

A huge thank you goes out to Breanne Carter, Jill Carter, and Sue Owens from JB Waterloo. You've helped the exec through so much this year and made it so much fun for the Junior Branch! Thanks!



*"Your talent and enthusiasm make Waterloo JB activities the place to be!"*

## Major Mini-Camp Thank-You's – by Sue Owens & Jill Carter

Thank you to everyone on the JB Exec for all your hard work at Mini Camp. Your talent and enthusiasm make Waterloo JB activities the place to be! What a successful weekend! Thank you to the leaders and the adults who gave of their time too!

Special thanks to Amy Dale for the food planning and preparation, and to the parents who helped out with meals, and to Jane Schuett who worked hard in the kitchen all

weekend!

And many thanks are owed to our former JB Exec who came back to work hard and help ease the work load so everyone could enjoy more.

You have all played an important part in developing the next generation of CISV Waterloo JB! Congratulations on a job well done!

Thanks again!

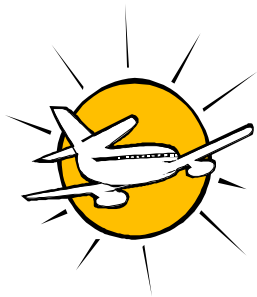
Sue Owens and Jill Carter



## Update on 2002 Travelers!

Welcome to our new Amager Denmark, Village Leader: Chris Schuett

One of our Seminar Camp Delegates, Kyle Stewart, has been re-routed from Israel to Germany



*"The Norway Village group took us on a train trip across Canada..."*

## Farewell Party - by Lianne Franklin

A small, but appreciative, audience was entertained recently, at the Farewell Party for our travelling delegations. Presentations were made by several delegations, which will be included in their "National Night" presentations. The "I Am Canadian" rant was recited by the Norway Interchange group. The Austria Summer Camp group presented a play about getting lost at the airport, and coming home wrapped in bandages -- let's hope it doesn't come true... The Swedish Village group was represented by one delegate and their leader, who introduced themselves, and told us how excited they were about their trip. And finally, the Norway Village group took us on a train trip across Canada, highlighting various tourist attractions, and singing & dancing typical Canadian songs, including that good-old "It's the Bye that Build's the Boat" (sp?), and our National Anthem – Oh Canada!!

while a report was presented by Paul Lacey, for our Chair Joe Sieber, who was unable to attend. This was "Part 1" of the Annual General Meeting. A fundraising report was presented by Ted Bleaney, Fundraising Chair, and the 2001-2002 budget was presented by Treasurer, Heinz Boehnke. Parents were invited to sign up for volunteer positions for next year. The Annual General Meeting will be concluded at the Welcome Back Party in September, and the executive will be formally elected at that meeting.

Thank you to Amy & Jim Dale for opening their church to us for this party. The delegations really appreciated the support of those who were able to attend.

Please plan to attend the Welcome Back Party to find out how our Villagers, Summer Campers, Interchange and Seminar Campers made out, and whether anyone actually does get lost at the airport...

Following the presentations, the JB adjourned for games & activities,



## Silent Auction Results - by Kirby Julian

The silent auction and penny action were well supported at the Springa Flinga. There were about 30 items for the silent auction and 30 prizes for the penny auction. Everyone had lots of fun making bids, putting in tickets for the penny auction, and bidding up others.

year, profits for this were very close to \$ 1 000.00. Thanks to everyone who contributed items, bid on items, purchased items and supported the event. Funds will go toward the CISV general fund.

Special thanks to those who helped out with collecting money and sorting out the prizes and to Barb Julian for keeping things organized at this event.

Barb Julian was fantastic at building enthusiasm for the event, and encouraging participation. Again this





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## Our Magical Hosting Experience! – by Lianne Franklin

Feeling rather adventurous, and wishing to help out the local CISV Waterloo chapter, which has been so good for our kids, our family decided to host some of the Magical Village delegates in summer of 2001. We had heard that this would be a great experience for our family, and would allow us parents a chance to learn more about what CISV is all about. And we were not disappointed!

We decided to host 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, since we have a son & a daughter. Our 11-year old son Andrew had never traveled so this would be one of his first real CISV experiences. Our 14-year old daughter Erin had been to a Summer Camp the year before, so she was our resident expert!!

On Friday evening we went to the school to pick up our charges. Our two boys were from Argentina & Belgium, and our two girls were from Germany and Norway. Eventually our crew was assembled, and they followed us out to our car for the trip home. Erin told us we should give them a tour of the house, showing them where they were to sleep, etc. She also showed the kids how the toilets flushed, and how the showers worked, just in case their's work differently. Very good advice! We took them to dinner at McDonalds the first night. They were all happy with that, and very pleased with their “Happy Meal” prizes. Our only problem was understanding that “bread, meat, bread” means a plain hamburger with nothing on it, not just a hamburger!

We decided that we would do some low-key things around K-W, rather than taking the kids on any sight-seeing trips. This turned out to be a good decision, as the kids seemed exhausted the night we picked them up. They were happy to watch TV (which they hadn't seen for two weeks), watch movies, and play a game of Chinese Checkers, and then they all went to bed early. We took all the kids to the Waterloo Recreation Complex for a family swim. Everyone had fun. They

really enjoyed the big waterslide, and the huge hot tub. Our Belgian boy, Julien, loved jumping off the high tower. We also took the girls shopping, plus Alejandro from Argentina. The girls had fun trying on clothes, and Alejandro was bound and determined he would find a new pair of running shoes. We eventually found him a pair he liked. The boys went mini-golfing, but the girls weren't interested in that. They had apparently done that with their first host family. We also set up some sprinklers in the back yard for some good old-fashioned fun, and ordered pizza. We all went to watch Andrew's baseball game, after being encouraged to take the kids along to our kid's sporting events. Alejandro was very interested in watching the game, but the others were happier playing cards, and kicking around a soccer ball. It was good that we had brought along these alternate activities.

The children were all wonderful. Julianne from Norway spoke excellent English, along with Alejandro, who was so adorable – he was the clown of the bunch, and kept making us laugh! Julien spoke very little English, but fortunately we could speak French with him if we were desperate. Shirin from Germany didn't speak much English, but I suspect she knew more than she tried... She had a long braid down her back which she never seemed to take out. I told her that I could help her redo it if she liked. She surprised me by coming down with her hair out, and with her brush, and asked if I would do her hair. We had quite a time, because her hair was so long and so fine, and it tangled so easily. We got out Erin's braid book, and showed her a picture of a French braid. She liked it, so Erin & I French braided her hair. Her hair was beautiful! Then we asked Julianne if she would like to choose a style from the book, and we did her hair too. Erin and the girls then had fun doing their nails with Erin's nail polish collection. A fun girls afternoon!  
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## Our Magical Hosting Experience! – cont'd – by Lianne Franklin

Food was interesting. We were told to put out a variety of foods and let the kids pick and choose, so prior to hosting we made a trip to Zehrs and loaded up our cart with all kinds of foods, hoping that we would have some treats, as well as enough variety to please our guests. It turned out that they weren't very adventuresome with food, however there were some successes that I thought I would share. Pizza was a favourite enjoyed by all. Spaghetti was also popular, but was eaten in several different ways. Some liked just tomato sauce. Some liked to add meatballs. Some liked just butter. The garlic bread was popular, but no one tried the Caesar Salad. I asked if they ate salad at home, and Alejandro said that his mother made him, but he didn't like it! Pancakes were very successful as well, although they didn't all try our famous Canadian maple syrup... Shirin ate her pancakes with Nutella. Alejandro ate his with nothing! They all liked the bacon. Cold cereal was popular for breakfast, along with yogurt and toast, but oatmeal was not popular at all. Julianne had told us that their Norwegian delegation had made

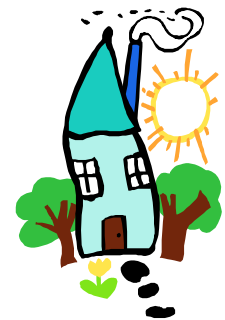
their special porridge for national night, so I thought I would make her some oatmeal. Well, she wasn't interested -- I guess I'll have to find out from Andrew what this special Norwegian porridge is like when he gets home from Norway this summer! They all managed to find foods they liked, and I must say that none of this upset me at all. I had been prepared for fussy eaters, after all, I have two of my own -- actually three!!

We offered the kids the opportunity to send emails home. Julianne knew her parent's email address, and sent and received a few emails from home. Alejandro also sent one home, but the others didn't know their addresses unfortunately...

It was a lot of fun hosting our young villager people. I would do it again anytime. We really enjoyed having them, and learning a little about them, and their countries. It was a treat, which I would definitely recommend to other CISV families! I was sad dropping them all off on Sunday night... Maybe we'll meet them again someday!

## Tips for Parents on Re-Entry of Your Child

1. Be careful not to ask too many questions about your child's experience. The information will eventually be shared, but it may take some time.
2. Allow your child to be alone if they need it. Planning a busy social outing immediately upon your child's return may not be appropriate.
3. Encourage your child to call the other members of his/her delegation to keep in touch.
4. Don't expect your child to be the same as they were before their CISV experience as they have experienced a variety of situations and different feelings. Your child may well respond differently both to you and the world around them.
5. Encourage your child to maintain contact with their leader, to write letters and to maintain communication with friends from both their own local chapter as well as others. This will all help ease the process of re-entry.
6. Encourage your child to become involved in new areas if that is their wish (i.e. contacting various ethnic groups, becoming involved in other charitable/peace-oriented organizations, learning more about other countries and cultures, etc.)
7. Encourage your child to stay involved in CISV through areas such as Junior Branch, Local Work and other programmes.
8. Encourage get-togethers with the rest of your delegation or Interchange group. They will need to talk to people who "understand" their experience.
9. Communicate with other parents of your delegation/interchange group to share your thoughts, feelings and observations.

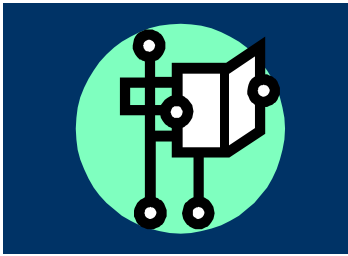


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*"Encourage your child to stay involved in CISV..."*





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*Deadline for next  
issue is Oct 1, 2002.*

*We're on the Web!*

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## Mark Your Calendar

Board Meetings (everyone welcome):  
Sept 9, Oct 7 (7:30 pm Holy Rosary  
School??)

JB National Camp: Aug 19-25, Ottawa

Welcome Back Party, Annual General  
Meeting: Sept 29, 2-4pm

JB Activity: Oct 25, Dec 13, 7-9pm

## Champer Notes! – by Lianne Franklin

Are you accessing the Champer  
successfully on the CISV Waterloo  
website?? If not, please contact the  
editor who will ensure you get a printed  
copy, one way or another...

## Help Wanted!

There are several volunteer positions  
available on the CISV Waterloo  
Executive board, as well as Committee  
positions. We really need your help to  
run this wonderful organization which is  
so great for our youth & families. Please  
contact Carolyn Keating who can answer

## CISV Canada Website

Check out the awesome CISV Canada  
website. It's full of interesting articles &  
information on CISV Canada. Our  
Champer, as well as many newsletters  
from other CISV Canada chapters are  
also available. The members only area  
is accessible using the following: User Id:  
nbm2001, Password: vancouver.  
On this site you will also find a tribute  
page to our beloved founder, Doris Allen,

## About Our Organization...

"Children's International Summer  
Villages is a *Unique* Youth Exchange  
Organization. As a charitable,  
independent, non-political, volunteer  
organization promoting peace education  
and cross-cultural friendship, CISV is  
unique in both scope and age range.

The organization evolved initially from a  
firm conviction that lasting peace is  
possible if individuals and groups can  
learn to live together as friends. For  
CISV, the key to making this vision a  
reality was to start working with  
children and youth. Programmes were  
developed which offered young people  
opportunities to meet their peers from

NBM: Nov 8-10, Ottawa

Information Nights: Nov 21, Nov 22, 7-  
9pm

Selection Dates: Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25

**NOTE:** Dates are subject to change.  
Watch email for final dates & locations

The next Champer deadline is **October  
1<sup>st</sup>**. Please encourage your travelers  
and you delegations to submit an article  
for one of the upcoming issues. We  
would LOVE to hear for you!!

your questions, and tell you about the  
available positions.

The Junior Branch Executive is also  
looking for helpers for next year's activity  
planning. This is a great opportunity for  
the youth in our organization to get  
involved, and to have fun!!

who passed away recently. It contains  
several photographs submitted by CISV  
Canada members.

The Webmaster is Roman Parzei, and  
he's done an excellent job! Keep up the  
good work Roman !!

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CISV Canada

other countries and to form  
intercultural friendships.

CISV has subsequently established global  
credentials as a reputable youth  
exchange organization, through which,  
since 1951, over 150,000 delegates,  
from 100 countries, have participated in  
official international programme  
activities.

Locally, programmes give people the  
chance to learn about cultures in their  
own communities and to explore  
important themes related to peace and  
understanding."

Source: CISV International 2000 Annual Review.