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Children's International Summer Villages -- Waterloo Chapter

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Waterloo Chapter Thanks Joe Sieber!!

Joe Sieber, the former chairperson of the CISV Waterloo Chapter deserves a big debt of thanks from all of our members. He spent countless hours on volunteer work over the past three years as our chairperson. Time and again, Joe took on additional tasks besides his chair responsibilities. We thank Joe for his many contributions to our chapter, which has continued to provide quality experiences for our youth and adults. While still maintaining his chair duties, Joe was the Coordinator of the Magical Village, which our chapter hosted in 2001. This village was truly a magical experience for all who were lucky enough to participate! The USA leader said it was the best village she had ever attended, and she had attended about 7 villages. A lot of the credit should go to Joe for doing such a fantastic job! It will be a hard act to follow for our next village, which is scheduled for 2004.

Some of you may not know that Joe's CISV volunteer career has spanned 21 years!

How it all began:

In 1982 his daughter Jackie tried out for

Village but wasn't selected. Not letting that be a deterrent, his family billeted kids that summer for the Village we were hosting, and at Open Day he flipped 800 hamburgers; there were 250 people in attendance! Bingo!!!!

Roles in the chapter:

- 1986 - Home Stay Coordinator for Village at Emmanuel Bible College
- 1988-89 - Interchange Leader - Germany (Hamburg)
- 1990-91 - Interchange Leader - Austria
- 1988-92 - Local Interchange Coordinator (LIC) Waterloo Region Chapter :-)
- 1992-94 - National Interchange Coordinator (NIC) CISV Canada
- 1999-00 - Waterloo Region Chapter Vice-chairperson (Sept.-Feb.)
- 2001 - Coordinator of Magical Village - Waterloo
- 2000-03 - Waterloo Region Chapter Chairperson

Wow! That is quite a list!! Thanks again Joe, to you and your family, for all of your contributions! CISV Waterloo will miss you!!

Spring Fling 2003!

Who: All present and former CISV families and friends!

When: Saturday, April 12, 2003 6:30 pm – 1:00 am

Where: Knights of Columbus - Maryhill

Tickets: Adults - \$20, Child (11 and under) - \$12

Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Cheesecake

Festivities: Silent Auction, Door Prize, 50/50 Draw, DJ and more!

Please **RSVP** to Carolyn at

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Make cheques* payable to "CISV Waterloo Region Chapter"

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*Please indicate the # of adult and # of children attending. Thanks.



I imagine! – submitted by Heinz Boehnke

Imagine tens of thousands of volunteers from 65 countries working together toward a common goal...

Imagine children from countries as diverse as Jordan, Indonesia, Guatemala, the U.S., Spain and the Czech Republic learning together to shatter stereotypes and build bridges for the future...

Imagine a worldwide network of youth and adults running innovative social action programs to improve their local communities...

For over 50 years, CISV has been making these dreams a reality.

CISV's cross-cultural educational programs change people's lives by opening young hearts and minds, and enabling youth to develop self-awareness, empathy and respect for those different from themselves. Young people from around the world participate in CISV's international villages, camps and exchange programs that feature a range of educational and cultural activities emphasizing tolerance and cross-cultural understanding. CISV's programs have a life-long impact on participants. Many of the young people who participated in CISV's international programs are now leaders around the world, promoting CISV's principles of tolerance and peace in their personal and professional lives. Children's International Summer Villages (CISV), an international, non-profit apolitical organization promoting cross-cultural understanding and community service among youth, is unique in both scope and age range. CISV's greatest asset is its international network of 40,000 dedicated volunteers of all ages and backgrounds. They are united in the belief that young people can learn to find a common ground with one another, accept and value diversity and work together to improve the lives of their families, communities and the world.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT CISV...

CISV (Children's International Summer Villages) is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides programming to 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 participants to incorporate these values into their lives as they become global citizens and strive for a more peaceful world.

CISV provides a range of international and local youth exchange and community based social action programs (Please see Appendix 1 for a detailed description of the programs). With over 50 years experience in educating for tolerance and peace, CISV is known for its high-quality educational programs and life long impact. CISV's programs are meticulously planned, researched and evaluated to ensure that their impact upon participants is long-lasting (Please see Appendix 1 for a description of CISV's educational philosophy). CISV programs are almost entirely staffed by volunteers. All volunteer staff receive extensive training in CISV program content, problem recognition, cultural awareness, group facilitation, risk management and conflict resolution to ensure that participants benefit from consistently high-quality programming.

Since 1951, a total of **4,497** International CISV activities have been held with **170,000** participants from **100 countries**.

Today, **65** nations participate in CISV activities, and there are over **150** chapters around the world. Each summer, over **7,000** people, most of them children and youth (aged 11 – 18) participate in CISV's international programs.

There are close to **40,000** CISV members worldwide.

CISV's international volunteer staff devotes a total of **over 250,000 hours** each year to running CISV's programs.



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CISV's Educational Philosophy... – submitted by Heinz Boehnke

CISV educates through action, stressing cooperation rather than competition in its activities. Its programs are interactive, sensitive to cultural variation, multi-lingual and fun. By letting participants learn from direct experience rather than from books and teachers, CISV provides unrivalled opportunities for experiential education. Examples of experiential

activities include role-play exercises, games, simulations, and music and drama. These are then followed up by discussions based on the learning experience, and formative evaluation. Programs explore a variety of ideas linked to a selected theme, such as communication, bridge building or cooperation.



CISV's International Programs - submitted by Heinz Boehnke

The CISV Village is a four-week international camp for 11 year olds that brings together delegations of five people (two boys, two girls and one volunteer leader) from 12 countries to participate in a multi-language camp featuring a mix of educational, cultural and sporting activities that emphasize cooperative and intercultural living. Between 40 and 50 villages operate around the world each year.

Interchange is a bilateral group exchange program for 12 to 15 year olds between two international chapters. Each chapter sends delegations (of six to 12 young people plus a volunteer leader) to spend two to four weeks with carefully selected host families. The Interchange program enables participants to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of another culture by giving young people an opportunity to live as family members. Between 75 and 100 interchanges take place each year.

International Summer Camp is a three-week camp for teens aged 13 to 15 that builds self-confidence and leadership skills by encouraging participants to take responsibility for program planning and activities. The camp brings together delegations of four to six young people and an adult leader from six to nine countries. Camp activities and discussions focus upon a specific educational theme with the goal of helping participants confront and overcome prejudices and stereotypes,

develop critical thinking and explore new avenues of communication. Between 12 and 18 Summer Camps operate each year.

International Youth Meeting is a six to 14-day regional theme camp for approximately twenty participants and staff from different countries. It provides an opportunity for young people to explore important intercultural issues and develop leadership and organizational skills. International Youth Meetings build on the foundations created by participation in the Village program and promote continued CISV participation. Meetings are organized by age groups 11-12, 12-13, 13-14, 14-15, 16 – 18 and 19+. Between 12 and 18 Youth Meetings are conducted each year.

Seminar Camp is an intensive three-week camp for approximately 30 young adults aged 17 to 18 and five volunteer staff. Participants actively conduct all camp activities and are encouraged to discover and form opinions about individual, international and intercultural matters and gain experience in positive conflict resolution. Seminar camp fosters interest in global issues and increases participants' self-awareness. Between 12 and 18 Seminar Camps operate each year.

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More CISV Programs! – – submitted by Heinz Boehnke

International People's Projects provide adults, aged 19 and over, with a means of acquiring first-hand knowledge about important national and global issues while actively contributing to the community. In partnership with local institutions delegates participate in three weeks of hands-on work involving a specific theme or project, such as nature conservation or immigration. Prior to the work period, delegates carry out extensive research and prepare educational activities related to their chosen theme. 25 local and international people participate in each IPP.

Local Work is a continuous educational process that provides participants and local members of all ages with an

opportunity to translate awareness, attitudes, skills and knowledge gained through international programs into concrete action within their schools and communities. Each local chapter organizes a program of activities based on themes related to cross-cultural and peace education, according to its own culture, resources and members' interests.

Junior Branch Activities (JB): A Junior Branch (JB) is a group of local CISVers (typically aged 11–25) who organize their own educational and social activities consistent with CISV goals, allowing them to exercise their leadership skills in their home communities.



CISV's 48 Full Member Nation Associations:

Argentina	France	Lebanon
Australia	Germany	Luxembourg
Austria	Great Britain	Mexico
Belgium	Greece	Netherlands
Brazil	Guatemala	New Zealand
Bulgaria	Honduras	Norway
Canada	Hungary	Philippines
Chile	Iceland	Portugal
Colombia	India	Slovakia
Costa Rica	Indonesia	Spain
Czech Rep	Israel	Sweden
Denmark	Italy	Switzerland
Egypt	Japan	Thailand
El Salvador	Jordan	Turkey
Faroe Isles	Korea	Uruguay
Finland	Latvia	USA



CISV's 17 Promotional Associations:

Algeria	Malaysia	Romania
China	Mali	Russia
Ecuador	Mongolia	Singapore
Estonia	Palau	Slovenia
Greenland	Peru	Ukraine
Lithuania	Poland	



"I'd love to see a CISV youth member win this contest... go for it!"

Peace Balloon Project! – by Art Joyce, Victoria, BC, Canada

A group in Victoria, Canada is building an 8 storey tall hot-air 'balloon for peace' which they intend to fly at peace events. They are trying to collect 100,000 signatures on the panels of the balloon so that all that will show once the panels are covered with signatures

is the word PEACE.

You can have your name added to the balloon by signing on at -

www.worldpeaceballoon.org

The website also has more information about the program.

Butterfly 208 Contest!! – submitted by Judy Coates

(2003-19) News Release

February 6, 2003 :

Ottawa -- The Honourable Susan Whelan, Minister for International Cooperation, today launched the 2003 edition of butterfly 208, a national contest for Canadian youth sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Butterfly 208 encourages youth to take action and make a difference in the world.

"Butterfly 208 is based on the idea that a butterfly flapping its wings in one part of the world can have an impact on the other side of the globe," Minister Whelan said. "This contest gives Canadian youth the opportunity to think about how they can address poverty and injustice in some of the poorest countries on earth."

Minister Whelan launched this year's contest during the butterfly 208 Youth Forum, held today in partnership with the Museum of Nature in Ottawa and YouCAN! (Youth Canada Association). Students from schools across the city participated in this day of workshops during which they identified the development challenge they wanted to focus on and developed action plans that they took back to their schools.

This year, CIDA welcomes Développement International Desjardins, the Museum of Nature, Save the Children Canada, the YMCA, YouCAN!, and the Youth Mine Action Ambassador Program as butterfly 208 partners. The contest encourages Canadian youth between 14 and 18 to submit an essay or artwork based on one of the following themes: child protection; education; HIV/AIDS awareness; the environment; or health

and nutrition. As they develop their submissions, participants learn about the issues and how they can make a difference in the lives of others. This year's slogan ? One flap. Global impact. ? was created by a dedicated youth committee.

"Youth are the leaders of the future ? what they decide to do with their lives today will help determine what kind of world they and generations to come will inherit," Minister Whelan said. "Canadian youth are in an ideal position to play a significant role on the international scene ? they have the education and the resources to make things happen."

The butterfly 208 website (www.bp208.ca) provides interested youth with information about development issues, real-life stories, and links to other non-profit aid organizations.

Contest entries will be accepted until **May 9, 2003**. The contest offers a number of **prizes**, one of which is a trip to a country in Africa to experience first-hand what life is like in the developing world.

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Introducing Our 2003 Travelers!

Congratulations to all of the following village delegates & leaders for Summer 2003!!

Oestfold, Norway:

- Kaela Newman
- Cindy Graham
- Duncan McKerron
- Chris Thompson
- **Leader:** Dave MacPherson

Malmö Lund, Sweden:

- Brianna Morgan
- Jean Murray
- Michael Leger
- Richard Schuett
- **Leader:** Keri Beu

Brasilia, Brazil:

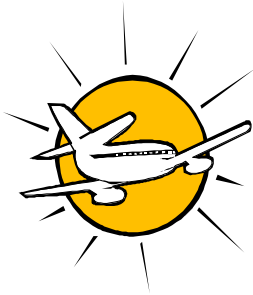
- Timothy Ruppel

- Graham Stan
- Grace Bleaney
- Kaitlyn Horner
- **Leader:** Jill Carter

Congratulations to **Cat Hay** who was selected as a JC (Junior Counsellor). Cat will travel to Denmark this summer!

We are also pleased to announce that Tony Paola has been selected as leader for the "winter" Summer Camp to **Perth, Australia**. This Summer Camp takes place in January 2004. Delegate selection has not yet been completed.

Congratulations to Catherine McKerron who has taken over as the Interchange Leader for the 2-year interchange between Waterloo Region & Porsgrunn, Norway.



"Andrew and his partner have been busy on the Internet catching up on each other's activities."

Waterloo-Norway Interchange Part 2 – by Lianne Franklin

The Canada-Norway Interchange group is happy to have Catherine McKerron as the new Leader for our Interchange.

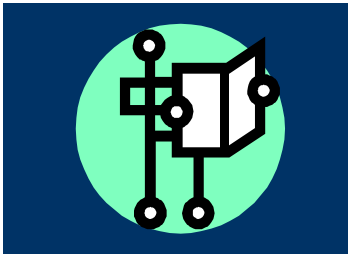
Our original leader, Laurie Laurendeau, has moved to Kentucky. We wish Laurie the best of luck in her new surroundings, and thank her for the wonderful care she took with our children on their trip to Norway.

This summer 7 Norwegian delegates and their leader will be staying with their Canadian partners. Final planning is in progress for events, activities, and a fun-filled mini-camp for 4 days. We are joining the Toronto chapter, and their Interchange partners from Brazil.

Planned events include trips to Niagara Falls, Toronto to shop at the Eaton Centre, see a Blue Jays game at SkyDome, and visit Wonderland. There will also be local activities including a trip to the Market, pool parties & potlucks. A highlight of the Interchange is National Night, when the Norwegian

group will provide some Norwegian food & entertainment.

Andrew and his partner have been busy on the Internet catching up on each other's activities (and sending each other pictures of their favorite sports cars...). It is going to be fun to have Sturla as our guest. Sturla will certainly learn a lot about Canada while he's here. We don't have a custom Mercedes, or a huge 2000 sq-ft "hut", but we do have a Mini-Van, and a tiny cabin on a beautiful lake to share with him! Hey, the lake is actually warm; Andrew froze in a Norwegian lake near Sturla's hut last summer. Andrew went tubing in the ocean last summer. This summer they can go tubing & water-skiing in our lake. We're not so different... They can't ride their bikes to the ocean, but they can ride to the mall or RIM Park. He'll have to wear a bicycle helmet, and get used to my cooking. Sound like fun?? We think so!!



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**Deadline for next
issue is May 1,
2003.**

We're on the Web!

Check Out:

www.cisvwaterloo.org



Mark Your Calendar

Board Meetings Everyone is welcome! These are held the First Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Sobey's Community Room in the front left corner of the store – corner of Fischer-Hallman & Columbia in Waterloo.

Emergency Meeting: March 21st, 2003 at Forest Hill United Church, 7:30-9:00 pm

Dinner-Dance: April 12, 2003, 6:30pm - 1:00 AM

JB Activity: Sorry I don't have dates for these!

Mini-Camp: Usually the Mother's Day weekend. Watch for emails on this kid-favorite activity.

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

Champer Notes! – by Lianne Franklin

Would you prefer to access the Champer from the CISV Waterloo website, or receive a printed copy by mail?? There is a question on the membership form for you to specify your preference. Feel free to contact the editor directly to request a

change. The next Champer deadline is **May 1st**. Please encourage your travelers and your delegations to submit an article. We would LOVE to hear for you!! Thanks for the submissions received for this edition!!

CISV Waterloo Website

Check out the great website that Paul Lacey maintains for CISV Waterloo. The address is:

www.cisvwaterloo.org

wish to explore the site, and check out older versions of the Champer. There have been some wonderful articles submitted over the past few years!

All editions of the Champer are available online on this website in the Members-Only page. New members may

If you ever have friends inquiring about CISV, this is a great place to send them for information.

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: nbm2002, Password: ottawa.
www.cisv.ca
CISV Canada

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

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.