

\*\*\*\*\* THE WATERLOON: The monthly newsletter of the Waterloo Region Chapter of CISV \*\*\*\*\*

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\*\* International Racism Day, March 21, Keats Way Public School \*\*

To recognize this important day, the Junior Branch (JB) will be holding activities on Wednesday March 21, 2007 at Keats Way Public School from 7PM to 9PM. This activity will also coincide with the weekly meetings for families of kids participating in travel programs this year. This will be a great way for established members to welcome new families. We hope everyone can make it out.

\*\* Brick by Brick \*\*

CISV Waterloo Region's Junior Branch, together with other Canadian chapters, will be raising funds to help build a new school for a needy community in China. We will be participating in the Brick by Brick program of the Free the Children organization ([www.freethechildren.org](http://www.freethechildren.org)), the global network of children and youth helping their peers in need. Free the Children was founded by Canadian children's rights activist Craig Kielburger. Our JB will be running a series of activities to raise awareness for this project and to raise funds to build the best possible school. Keep watching for details of upcoming activities, including the 20 hour famine and a bottle drive.

\*\* 20 hour famine: Friday April 20-21st, Forests Hill United Church \*\*

The first fundraising activity for Brick by Brick will be a 20 hour famine. Our JB and supporters will go without food for 20 hours to raise awareness of the difficulties that others in the world face on a daily basis. We will be soliciting sponsorships and proceeds will go towards

our project school. Participants will be starting the famine on their own at 2PM, Friday April 20th. We will gather at Forest Hill United and spend the night together. We will conclude the famine the next morning at 10AM. At that time, we will be hosting a family breakfast and all of you are invited. Stay tuned for more details.

**\*\* Bottle by bottle \*\***

Another fund-raising activity for the Brick by Brick project is a large bottle drive to be held on May 25, 2007. In Ontario, all beer bottles and cans, wine bottles, or spirit bottles are worth between 10 and 20 cents each. The JB will be circulating details about collection of bottles. This is the one time when you don't want to clear up that clutter of old bottles from the St. Patrick's Day party. Save them to help make our Brick by Brick project a great success.

**\*\* 2007 Waterloo Region Summer Village \*\***

This summer, the Waterloo Region chapter of CISV will be hosting a summer village from July 4 to July 31 at the Emanuel Bible College, in Kitchener. If you have any questions or want to help out please contact Dave Thompson ([green.thompson@sympatico.ca](mailto:green.thompson@sympatico.ca) or at 519 893 4080). Also, one of the highlights of any Camp is Open Day where the public is welcome to visit and experience a bit of the CISV world. We'll be sending out the actual date in the near future and we hope your family (and your friends and relatives) can join us for this fun day.

Also keep an eye open for details regarding Village Home Stays. We will need to find weekend host families for visiting delegations at the beginning and at midpoint of the Village. We will be sending information out shortly. This is a great way to meet some of the great kids from other countries first hand.

**\*\* Mini Camp May 4,5,6 (2 nights) \*\***

The Junior Branch mini camp will be held on Friday May 4 through till Sunday May 6, 2007. Details on fees and location will be sent shortly. Mark your calendars for one of the highlights of the year for our JB.

**\*\* 2007 Farewell Party and Silent Auction, June 14 \*\***

Every year, we send off our travel delegations in style with a Farewell Party and a silent auction to raise funds for the chapter. This year

will be very special as it will be held at the beautiful St. George's Banquet hall on June 14, 2007. We hope to make this event the best yet!

Here what you can do to help:

- make sure your family can attend
- bring AT LEAST one additional non-member family to this great event
- solicit local businesses for gift donations (including gift certificates) for the main silent auction (don't forget that third fondue set that you received for Christmas)
- save good condition used toys, games, and items of interest to kids for the Children's silent auction

More details will follow as we get closer to the date. For more information, contact, Krista Hunter khunter@rim.com) Mark your calendars.

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If you have a question about the newsletter, contact Tom Lee [tle@maplesoft.com](mailto:tle@maplesoft.com) . If you have questions about specific articles or information contained in the newsletter, contact the respective people mentioned in those articles. I'm only the messenger :-)

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