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Upcoming Events

Check the web site for more details

11/16/14	Parent Info Meeting
11/15/14	JB Fall Activity
12/20/14	JB Cookie a thon
1/2-4/15	Holiday Mini Camp
1/15/15	Applications due
1/17/15	JB Planning Meeting
1/25/15	Applicants Play Date
2/28/15	JB Movie Night
March	Regional Mini Camp
4/24- 27/2015	Maine Mini Camp
5/22-25/15	National Mini Camp

From the President

Dear Friends;

Welcome to another year of CISV activities! I am Marie Aquilino, your new president. I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful organization which has had such a positive impact on my family and me. CISV is an amazing group that accepts people for who they are. You do not have to try to fit in. You just simply have to be you. And because you are unique, CISV needs your talents to continue its mission of creating a more just and peaceful world. Certainly one person cannot send 31 travelers abroad as we did in summer 2014. So I am asking for your support as we begin our new year. Call me and I will find a place for you to contribute that meets your needs, interests and desires. We have many small jobs and some large ones. I am delighted to be here and have this opportunity. I look forward to working with each one of you.

I want to thank Dawn Metcalf for speaking at our annual meeting about diversity in children's literature. Her talk was extremely enlightening and inspirational. Follow her on twitter at @dawnmetcalf.

In peace and friendship,

Marie



Is there a United Way Campaign at your work place? In addition to your annual donation to CISV, you can support peace through the United Way. Just write in CISV on the United Way form. This is a great way to support CISV and the United Way.



CISV Greater Springfield participated in three Villages

This year, we were thrilled to be able to send three delegations to Villages! A total of 15 representatives, 12 delegates and 3 leaders, from Greater Springfield CISV participated in the CISV Village experience, attending villages in Spain, Germany, and Japan! In the history of our chapter we have had so many Village participants in one summer.

Village, the cornerstone program of CISV, is a four week international camp experience, which emphasizes cooperative and intercultural living through participation in a mix of educational, cultural, and sporting activities. Delegates from 10-12 countries participate in each Village. Each year, dozens of Villages are held throughout the world, creating opportunities for 11 year olds to experience the excitement and enrichment of cultural diversity. Our delegates created memories that will last a lifetime! Here are some quotes about their experiences

“CISV Barcelona was a fun and exciting experience. I made so many new friends.” – Sadie Ehrenberg, Barcelona, Spain

“It surprised me that although English was spoken at camp, it sounded so different...different words,

accents, just different...My favorite part was when the firefighters came and sprayed us with the hoses and then sprayed each other. It was a huge water fight....Lullabies were fun. Each night we picked a different spot to sit and different people to be next to. We would lay on each other....The hardest part of camp was saying good bye.” – Ryan Peluso, Hamburg, Germany

“My trip to Japan was amazing! The people, the cultures and customs, and just the whole experience was truly wonderful! We went to the beautiful Nagoya Castle, ate Okonomiyaki, which is like a kind of meat and vegetable filled pancake, and also just had loads of fun at the camp! I am glad I went and it was a very memorable experience.” – Luke Norman, Tokai, Japan



2014 Greater Springfield CISV – Village Delegations

Hamburg, Germany

Ryan Peluso
Kalib Zuckerman
Maya Powe
Sireen Orman
Toby Sneidecor, Leader

Barcelona, Spain

Ian Kelly
Gavin Holland
Kelsy Harris
Sadie Erhenburg
Jeff Cirillo, Leader

Tokai, Japan

Emily Earle
Vivian Gaus
Luke Norman
Liam Garrison
Talia Hirsch, Leader

Special Friendships are made at Village in Amsterdam

By Andrew Healy

In 2013, I traveled to the Netherlands to participate in Village. I made some great friends there, especially Friso from The Netherlands and Peter from Dusseldorf, Germany. This summer, I had the awesome opportunity to host Peter and his family as they vacationed in the US from Germany. Their vacation included time in Boston and Maine and then they came to Longmeadow, specifically to spend time with us! We hosted a BBQ with some other CISV families; Allison Pollard, who also attended Village last year; and Shahein Kiaresh, our delegation's leader. We took them to the Basketball Hall of Fame and to New York City, where we went to a Yankees game and Times Square. It was so nice to be reunited with my good friend and to meet his family. My family really bonded with them because they were such warm, wonderful people. We are already making plans to

see them again, possibly as soon as next year. They may be vacationing in NY, so we can meet them, or they have invited us to come visit them in Dusseldorf. I can't wait to see them again!



Andrew and Peter admire Times Square when their families vacationed together last summer

6th Annual CISV GS Peace One Day Soccer Game

In the late 1990s filmmaker Jeremy Gilley explored questions about the fundamental nature of humanity and the issue of peace. He decided to create a documentary about his campaign to establish an annual day of ceasefire and non-violence. In 1999, Jeremy founded Peace One Day, a non-profit organization, and in 2001, Peace One Day's efforts were rewarded the United Nations unanimously adopted the first ever annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence on 21 September – Peace Day. Since then, millions of people have been active on Peace Day in every country of the world, and hundreds of organizations have carried out life-saving activities in areas of conflict. Peace One Day's Campaigns and activities in Education, Music, Film, Sport, Dance, Art and Online have proved that the day works. Inspired by a 70% recorded reduction in violent incidents on Peace Day in Afghanistan (source: United Nations Department of Safety and Security), and in order to build a strong foundation for 2012, Jeremy launched the Global Truce campaign that involved the creation of a series of Peace One Day coalitions, each with a lead partner: the NGO Coalition; the 'Reducing Domestic Violence' Coalition; the Student Coalition; and the Schools' Network. Through their own initiatives and collaborations with various parties, Peace One encourage organizations and individuals to take specific actions to reduce violence around the theme: **Who Will You Make Peace With?** CISV is proud to support Peace One Day

**“AWARENESS OF PEACE DAY CREATES ACTION,
AND THAT ACTION SAVES LIVES.”**

-Jude Law - Peace One Day Ambassador



Dean Johnson receives the 2014 Rudie & Vicki Memmel Volunteer Service Award

Dean Johnson embodies all of the CISV values of Friendship, Engagement, Enthusiasm, Cooperation and Inclusiveness and actively demonstrates these values in the volunteer work he shares with our Chapter.

Dean and his wife Fran have been key volunteers in the CISV of Greater Springfield since our beginning. Their daughter Liz, one of his three children, was part of the first Village delegation our Chapter sent off to continue the mission Doris Allen began in Cincinnati in 1951. While Fran has served as President, Dean has been the unflappable gyroscope of our Chapter, building a database, Website and IT capabilities that have been the glue that has kept us together in the lean years, celebrated, and sustained us in our better years since 1997. We currently have a Website, blog, Facebook, and Twitter presence, an Annual fundraising appeal, Board terms and calendars all that miraculously are up to date and sent out to the right list on time because of Dean Johnson and his commitment to the vision of CISV. He works on our website to help build the CISV community in Hampden County.

Dean and Fran have been the definition of CISV volunteers. They open their home and pool to welcome Village leaders and staff, Interchange

delegations, and Board members when asked, and even offer it when not asked! They give of themselves from the heart because they



Dean and Fran Johnson are joined by Pres. Marie Aquilino (on left) at the National Board Meeting in October

want other children to experience what they and their family experienced—the love and connection of CISV. Their home is the perfect place to feel at home and part of the CISV experience. Many leaders, JC's and staff over the years have said so!

He and his family participate in so many facets of CISV volunteering including; meal serving, program set up and take down, head checks when lice breaks out, packing, storing, cleaning, and financially supporting our growing Chapter. It is very clear to us that there would be no CISV of Greater Springfield today without the work, dedication, and love of Dean Johnson. We could never thank him enough and know that this award will be a token of our deep appreciation and affection for him and all that he does for CISV. The Rudie and Vicki Memmel Award is given once a year by CISV USA to an outstanding volunteer. To be eligible volunteers must be active for at least 10 years in CISV.



In March, 2013 CISV Greater Springfield hosted our first 5k race and family fun walk. The race was held on the Bright Nights 5k course at Forest Park and was attended by about 150 runners and walkers. At the completion of the course there were cupcakes for all participants that were supplied by the Junior Branch. This family fun activity has become our premier fundraiser and will held on March 29, 2015.

We will again be returning to Forest Park and will host the race the weekend after the very popular Holyoke St. Patrick's Road Race.

If you would like to help on the day of the race, please contact Laurel Grow , laurel.grow@verizon.net

To participate in the race, please stay tuned to our web site and coolrunning.com for registration details.

We are always looking for sponsors for this event. If you know of a business that would like to support inspiration for peace and action in Greater Springfield then please get them in touch with CISV.

SPOTLIGHT ON : Sally Roberge

Conductor for the CISV USA greater Springfield, "Boarding Pass to Peace" local programming since 2010

Sally, lower right, with the JCs from the 2013 'Color Outside the Lines Village'

Submitted by Jennifer Metsch

Sally began CISV as a participant to a Step Up Camp and continued her leadership development as a Junior Counselor at 16, traveling by herself to Japan to participate in an international Village program. I began to know Sally as a leader for our 11 year old delegation to France and again when she led an 11 year old delegation to Denver in 2012. During that time and to the present, Sally has worked with me to develop CISV, peace education programming for the Springfield Public Schools. Sally brings energy, enthusiasm, integrity, compassion, and great insight to the program aimed at 4-6th grade students. She leads activities with 12-35 students at a time and facilitates a debrief conversation for the group after each activity. She has been a consistent leader in this "Boarding Pass to Peace" programming. Our Chapter relied on her participation to be able to implement these programs. The "Boarding Pass to Peace" programming began with 2 schools in the 2010-2011 school years, another 2 schools received programming in 2011-2012, and last year we worked with 2 more. We will have worked with over 400 students since the 2010 school year. Sally has been part of the development of the program, the implementation and worked with school personnel on the evaluation of the program. Her activity planning skills have shaped our Mini Camps and our JB leadership during her time as JB Advisor as well. She is a great example of CISV leadership in action working to educate and inspire others for a more just and peaceful world.

Currently Sally is enrolled at Mt. Holyoke College as a Francis Perkins Scholar. We are very proud of her and the work she has done in our community.



Sally with some of her delegates from our chapter

Grace Bianco with group enroute to JC to Village in S. Korea

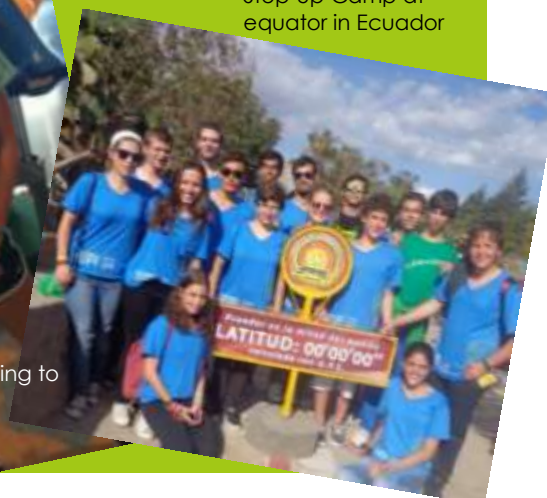


Mary Kate Grow at Seminar



Step Up Camp at equator in Ecuador

Elizabeth Metsch heading to Germany to JC



A word from our new Interchange Coordinator Marie Aquilino

Announcing Interchange 2015 - Brazil

This summer, 12 and 13 year olds from our chapter will have a wonderful opportunity to travel to Brazil on a CISV Interchange program. Interchange is unique in the CISV program structure. It engages families in the intercultural process. It occurs in two phases over approximately five weeks. Families host delegates in their homes and treat them as family members. When your child travels to Brazil, your delegate's family will welcome your child into their home. In order to travel to Brazil, each delegate will need a plane ticket that will cost approximately \$1500. Also, Brazil requires a \$160 visa which can be obtained from the Brazilian consulate in Boston. It would also be prudent for delegates to check with Baystate Hospital's Travel Medicine Clinic about necessary immunizations. If you would like to apply for Interchange, please find the application on cisvspringfield.org. Interchange is an exciting, demanding program that will make a lifelong impact on your child and family.

Marie Aquilino

Local Interchange Chair



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