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## 2019 Global Seed Grants

### **Associazione Lo Deposito Fogliano Redipuglia, Italy**

The Carso Upland, extending along the border between Italy and Slovenia, was severely damaged by conflicts over the centuries. The Upland is isolated and harsh, and the inhabitants say that the red leaves, which are typical of its shrubbery, are in fact "painted by the blood that was spread here." The Upland, a natural border between the Balkans and the Northeastern edge of Italy, was never an inviting place for the multiple ethnic groups of Slovenians, Italians, Istrians, Bosnians, and Serbians. The situation has become worse since the most recent humanitarian crisis. Due to the wars in Middle East, Asia and North Africa, thousands of refugees following the

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### **Intercultural Economic Development Program (IEDP)**

#### **Herchaha Nepal**

Since the deadly earthquakes of 2015, many families in Sankhu Village, Nepal, still live in temporary structures, without running water or electricity, lack daily necessities and are unable to send their children to school. There are four main social-cultural groups in the area: Tamang, Dalit (Low caste), Newar, and Brahman (high caste). IEDP plans to use Lisle's seed grant to improve intercultural understanding among the four groups which will, in turn, facilitate their efforts to help the poorest members of the community get their children back into school, improve their economic conditions, and become self-reliant. To help improve intercultural understand-

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### Four Lisle Seed Grants awarded for 2019!

In 2018, Lisle received 43 grant inquiries, and after pre-screening, 17 projects were determined eligible, assigned mentors and invited to apply. At its 2018 meeting in Seattle the Board awarded 2019 funding to four exciting projects in Liberia, Nepal, Pakistan and Italy. Warm appreciation is extended to the 11 Lisle mentors for this process: Barb Bratton, Dianne Brause, Betsy Bridwell, James Burke, Anne Hayner, Mark Kinney, Sharada Nayak, Mary Newman, Lindsay Opiyo, Marty Tillman, and Shaban Varajab. For a detailed description of the application and mentoring process, see <https://lisleinternational.org/> We hope you will join us in mentoring this year!

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*2018 Board Meeting on Lopez Island*

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### **Business for Peace Community Development Foundation (B4P CODEFOUND)** **Monrovia, Liberia**

B4P CODEFOUND is organizing a Women, Peace and Development Forum in Liberia, with the purpose of engaging young women from various ethnic backgrounds to understand and participate in the broader post-conflict peace and development trends across the country. Currently, most ongoing national level meetings exclude university and college women from these discussions. To further assess this situation and create an opportunity for engagement, B4P CODEFOUND proposes a ten-dialogue series to be held in at least three universities across Monrovia. At least 30 young women from different ethnic and religious backgrounds will come together at the first session to discuss issues of concern that will then be presented at a National Women Peace and Development Forum, with a special space created for inter-generational exchanges and learning. Key points from these meetings will then be used to develop nine more university-based

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### **Learn-Empower-Act-Promote (LEAP)** **Faisalabad, Punjab, Pakistan**

The goal of the LEAP project is to reduce hatred, crime and extremism among youth in the Faisalabad district and to unite them through inter-cultural peace, conflict resolution and community building. Young people make up 60% of the total population of Pakistan. Unfortunately, there is a growing intolerance among youth that is contributing to hatred and violence, frequently observed and experienced on the streets, roads, markets, colleges, universities, offices and other common places. At the root of the conflicts are growing economic and cultural divides, extremism, poverty, and economic instability. In response, LEAP will use Lisle seed grant funding for the following activities: The formation of ten youth peace groups, each with twenty participants from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds; the formation of five university and college youth peace groups; a three-day training of fifty participants on democratic leadership, peace building, conflict resolution and tolerance; the establish-

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### Final Reports from 2018 Funded Projects Compiled by Mark Kinney

#### 42ChangeMakers: Rethinking Our Future Kenya

Kakamega, Kenya

<https://www.facebook.com/42-ChangeMakers-1839699379678399/>

42ChangeMakers works with at-risk youth from 42 tribes in Kenya and other stakeholders to help young people change their communities by becoming tolerant, peaceful, resourceful and active community members. Their "Rethinking our future Kenya" project, held in the Kakamega community, actively engaged youth from diverse ethnic backgrounds in community reconciliation, visioning and action for change. The background of this project was rooted in the violent 2007 and 2017 elections which saw stakeholders across the nation expressing the need to engage youth and develop closer tribal relationships. The goal of this project was to build bridges between young people and the wider community. The activities included stakeholder meetings, the recruiting and training of youth coaches, formation of youth chapters, joint community service projects,

street theater shows for peace messaging, and an annual youth summit. The project provided opportunities for young people in Kakamega to break down stereotypes and improve previously tense relationships among different ethnic groups. The individual experiences of the young people and community participants in this project were positive and beneficial. A number of youths noted that joint community service projects resulted in their talking to, learning from, and becoming friends with youth from backgrounds different from their own and who they would have been unlikely to meet and get to know (especially their similarities) otherwise. The projects also increased the connection between community stakeholders and youth. Youth felt more appreciated. Now, community leaders see youth as part of a solution and not a problem. One of the leaders observed that it is only by fostering a spirit of inquiry in our young people that we can begin to bridge our differences and find those values and beliefs that are common to all of us. The post activity evaluation revealed that the project is improving young people's ability to deal with and manage personal issues relating to alcohol and drug use, anger, conflict and self-esteem. Through issue-based street theatre, the youth have increased their knowledge of life

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survival skills, while the stakeholders still feel the need deepen community involvement in order to address complex underlying conflicts, sources of tension and social conditions that makes some groups feel excluded. 42ChangeMakers will be implementing the remaining activities during the December 2018 festive season.

#### Sembrandopaz: Peace Building and Stream Restoration in Colombia

Montes de Maria, Colombia

[sembrandopaz.org](http://sembrandopaz.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/Sembrandopaz-313639495410734/>

The Peace Building and Stream Restoration in Colombia project by Sembrando Paz was held in Sincelejo, Sucre, Colombia. This program for the young people of the Montes de María created the Ecological Protectors groups which completed the assessment of 37 km of the Palenquillo stream, with five community leaders and three Ecological Protectors. The findings were the same for both stream areas: There was deforestation, sand extraction, erosion, contamination, and stagnation. The work was complicated by the weather, with strong rains resulting in dangerously high river water levels. The work joined together Afro-Colombian youth from the lowlands with mestizos (a mix of indigenous and Spanish heritage) from the highlands to work as a team with all the joys and frustrations that brings. The project was hampered by several conditions, in addition to the weather. Because of conflicts between school, agricultural needs, and work, the start date changed several times. The organization saw that more communication with the impacted communities about what was done and the state of the stream would have been beneficial. Finally, the community project in

Mampuján did not happen. However, by acting with patience, respecting the actors' obligations, and making clear that this project was to benefit them, good things happened with their projects.

#### Center for Culture and Education (CCE) Sonta

Svilojevo and Sonta, Serbia

<https://www.sites.google.com/site/centarsonta/>

<https://www.facebook.com/centarsonta>

CCE, Centre for Culture and Education Sonta, was founded with the aim to include all members of the community, no matter their ethnicity, religion, age, sex, or disability. The project, "Svilojevo and Sonta work and learn together" brought 17 participants together for workshops over 4 days which focused on two themes: interculturality and theater techniques. They also started volleyball games which involved 28 kids. Throughout, they worked to develop intercultural performances and occasions. During the span of the project they involved four partner organizations, held 2 weekend workshops and 2 intercultural performances of about 15 minutes each which were both performed twice. They reached an audience of 200 people. The intercultural performances are ongoing in other towns and villages. Currently meetings and workshops are taking place in their drama studio with the aim to create a script for a longer stage play and continued performances as a regular play written and directed by the participants/actors. Volleyball games will also continue to be organized. They reported that the Lisle funds helped them achieve their project aims. They even ran out of t-shirts for participants in the volleyball games because they had more interested participants than were expected. They co-funded all additional costs of the project with their own funds

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### 42ChangeMakers

together with funds they receive from the local municipality and province governments, as well as from private donors.

#### Deepam Trust: Creating Inter-caste Understanding

Kumbakonam, Tamilnadu, India

<https://www.facebook.com/www.deepamtrust>

The Deepam Trust project, Creating Inter-caste Understanding, was to prepare affected caste youth for increased inter-caste understanding and to make attitudinal change among youth through village reconstruction activities and the understanding of the traditions and cultures of other castes. No other organization in the region takes this unique approach. The youth were actively involved in training and seminars where they asked many questions and conducted debates to begin to understand how the caste system impacts the region. The project provided an opportunity for rural youth to discuss their own and their community's needs. The participants learned about the role of politicians, they became energized, and saw their potential. The project formed an Intercultural Development Forum that helped them learn about community issues like access to basic amenities, and rights-based humanitarian problems. By using street theatre, the youth began to see that they didn't like the violence based on caste. The audience reaction to the street theater themes was mostly appre-

ciated. During the evaluation, the audience and participants commented about the bad impacts of the caste system. The performers met some difficulties in Kodiyalam and Sikkalnayakanpet. Some high caste people threw stones at the actors and made derogatory sounds. One old man came to the street theater stage and reduced the tension. He spoke about the importance of inter-caste and inter-cultural collaboration. With this help, the problem was solved after some time. We then continued the street theater for 45 minutes. The project has sown seeds of awareness, knowledge and collective efforts to create empowerment and justice. The poor Dalit people realized their own power through the various dialogues, interactions, resource materials, and the street theatre show. The important role of the youth for their own village and community development was highlighted. The project provided an opportunity for rural youth to discuss their needs and those of their community such as basic amenities, right based humanitarian issues. Youths from the Dalit caste and other castes were happy to learn that Lisle supported their activities.



### Sembrandopaz

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### Center for Culture and Education (CCE) Sonta

They expressed their gratitude to Lisle for its solidarity and collaboration.

#### Accountability Lab: Civic Leadership Academy

Multan, South Punjab, Pakistan

<http://www.accountabilitylab.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/accountabilitylab>

The Accountability Lab proposed to address the deep lack of accountability in South Punjab which performs poorly on all indices measuring human development, the provision of basic human rights, social and political entitlements, and economic opportunities. The Civic Leadership Academy identified social gaps that induce and facilitate conflict in Pakistani society and then came up with local solutions. Six cohorts of 25 youth each were selected from Muhammad Nawaz Shairf University, including women, religious minorities, and persons with disabilities. The youth were trained in skills related to conflict mapping and resolution, civic engagement, use of social media for advocacy purposes, story-telling skills, and visual arts. They then developed stage theater performances on various social issues which were then played before hundreds of students, faculty, and representatives of the civil society. The project also organized seminars and dialogues on issues around religious harmony, countering hate-speech, and promoting practices of responsible citizenship. The Civic Lead-

ership Academy was able to equip the youth with skills and tools to create a more balanced, tolerant society that has greater acceptance of religious and cultural diversity. The students trained under the program continue to perform events, sensitizing their fellow youth and spreading awareness about these issues at the university.

**Sarus: Peace Leadership Incubator Program**  
Thailand, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar & Vietnam

<http://saruseprogram.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/saruseprogram/>

SARUS, named after the majestic Sarus crane, proposed a "Peace Leadership Incubator Program" designed to bring one alumnus with the best project idea from each of four countries—Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam. The goal was to generate active peace leaders who will initiate peace building projects in their home countries. These individuals traveled to Bangkok to receive training on project design, implementation, evaluation, adaptive leadership, community mapping, etc. Their objective was to submit a final proposal and budget by the end of the 10-day training. One of the projects, as an example, was with the people living in a Rohingya settlement



### Deepam Trust

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**Accountability Lab**

community in Bangladesh, who are not being accepted or allowed into the local community while the living condition in the camps keeps getting worse. After implementing the different projects, the overall SARUS project was evaluated through the brief reports submitted by the individual project managers and through an online sharing session where the whole group, along with SARUS staff and project leaders, joined in expressed their feelings about completing their projects, their learnings, the challenges, and the future plans regarding their peace leadership journey.

Sarus had several challenges. The first challenge was fitting all of the activities into the limited budget. A second challenge was to maintain the momentum of the program when they working in different locations and communicating virtually. All of their participants had regular jobs in addition to their peace-building activities and it was very challenging for them to continue their jobs and also work on their projects. Because of these complications, the program schedule got

stretched and the projects got delayed. Another challenge was the safety of their participants during the project implementations. Since all of the projects were taking place in different countries it was not feasible for the Sarus staff team to be physically present. However, each group tried their best to make changes with project design and gather support from local authorities and other established organizations to ensure safe implementation of the projects. Even though there were challenges throughout the program for all beneficiaries, it was a successful implementation of the inaugural Peace Leader Incubator Program. More information on the projects funded by Lisle is available on our website: [www.lisleinternational.org](http://www.lisleinternational.org)



**Sarus**

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive.  
-Maya Angelou-

## Leadership Report



*Bill Kinney, Lisle's Past President*



*Mark Kinney, Executive Director*



*Anne Hayner, Incoming President*

### Leadership Report 2019

**Mark Kinney, Executive Director**

**Bill Kinney, Past President**

**Anne Hayner, Incoming President**

Lisle is moving strongly into its 82nd year. We have new officers, new program support and a new website ready to launch, and a new year of possibilities, fueled by a renewed clarity of what we want to accomplish. Beginning in 2019 we will have several new officers. At the 2018 annual meeting in Seattle we elected our then secretary, Anne Hayner as president and Betsy Bridwell as secretary. Betsy will focus on the formal communications of the office, and she will seek others to record meeting minutes. Bill Kinney, our past president, was elected treasurer, but when he realized he would not be able to serve, Gail Bier agreed to serve temporarily as treasurer (while Barbara Bratton will continue to provide book keeping responsibilities). That, together with continuing vice-president James Burke, becomes a very strong set of officers for the new year. This year we will be looking for a treasurer who can commit for a few years --let us know if you would like to join the team! In 2018 we hired a new Seed Grant Program Manager, Luis Miranda, to take over from the important work which Lindora Diawara began and systematized last year. Early in 2018, Lindora moved to Mali and began a new job as program coordinator with Mercy Corps for Women, Peace and Security, and she reluctantly decided it would be difficult to continue her work with Lisle. Luis has a wealth of experience living and working in five countries, most recently in community development with immigrant families in the Salt Lake area. He immediately assisted us in clarifying our tasks and the purposes we have for doing this work. In the fall, however, Luis was unexpectedly offered a new full time

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job, and decided he needed to resign as the Program Manager. We will launch a search for a new program manager in the coming year. A lot of released energy for creating a new year of possibilities has come with all these changes. We are preparing to launch an exciting revision of our website in 2019. We are also updating the software to improve the usefulness of our membership database. This project has hit a number of snags in the past and we are hopeful that a resolution will soon be found. During this year we also reviewed and revised Lisle By-Laws to allow for electronic participation in our meetings. At the Fall 2018 annual meeting we honored the efforts of VP James Burke with the 2018 Ligon award. Congratulations James! More details about the award can be found in a separate article. Our next annual meeting is scheduled for Oct. 25-26, 2019 in Austin, Texas. Hope you can join us! §

### Mentor a Seed Grant!

**What is Mentoring All About? All applicants for a Lisle Seed Grant are required to have a mentor — a Lisle who can help the applying organization understand Lisle's interest in supporting intercultural understanding. Mentoring is an easy way for any Lisle to get involved and play a meaningful role in the Lisle Seed Grant programs and work directly with organizations from around world — from the comfort of your own home. Mentors communicate with their projects by phone or email (no travel required) and review and provide input on the proposal before it is officially submitted to the grant selection committee. The**

**mentor is simply responsible for helping guide the project through our process — as a mentor you are not expected to vouch for an organization or held accountable for its performance. For me, mentoring is about helping an organization put its best foot forward when applying for a Lisle Global Seed Grant. This rewarding effort creates a dialogue between others who are attempting to make important things happen in their world and me, who is interested in making sure I can really understand what they are talking about, how possible I think it is, and how it fits into Lisle's mission. I have mentored more than 10 Lisle seed grant project proposals and, in the end, only a couple of them received Lisle seed grants. So, should I give up and quit mentoring? I think not! Over time, I realized that my mentoring is most successful when I follow several principles: First, I am mentoring a project not because I think it will receive funding, but rather I am mentoring a project so that the application will be the best it can be. The mentored project is then passed on to the selection committee for evaluation. Thus, it is better when I don't become emotionally attached to a project. Second, I find my mentoring suggestions work best when I see that my comments are designed to help the other organization understand better the process of writing a grant application. Thus, if I have done my job, that organization will be better equipped in successfully apply for future grants. Third, mentoring works really well for me when I find ways to help the organization throughout the project time frame, if they are funded.**

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## James Burke honored with 2018 Walt and Betty Ligon Service Award



James Burke is a middle school STEM teacher at Tyee Middle School in Bellevue, WA. He first became involved with Lisle when his non-profit, Afro-Caribbean Technology Exchange, was awarded a Seed Grant for a Jamaican - American technology exchange program in November of 2006. In the summer of 2007 James, and Lisle stalwart Bill Kinney,

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**If you know of a project whose work promotes intercultural understanding, why not invite them to apply for a seed grant and be their mentor? Or, if you don't have a project in mind but would like to be a mentor, let us know at [office@lisleinternational.org](mailto:office@lisleinternational.org) and we'll assign you to one of the many wonderful programs that apply for Lisle Seed Grants every year! §**

mentored a group of James' students along with students from Sheffield All-Age School in Negril, on the west side of Jamaica. They created a cultural bridge between the two cultures using computer literacy as the medium of exchange. The initial five-year project is still active on the island and has expanded to multiple schools and a University and facilitates exchanges with both students and teachers as of 2019. James is a returned Peace Corps volunteer from Mali, West Africa and promotes culturally responsive teaching as a daily routine. He is advisor to his middle schools FemiSTEM girls club and they have just opened, in partnership with U4D director Abdul Lebbie, a girls computer center, the first in the country, in Sierra Leone. He is program manager for the Engineers Without Borders biodiesel program in the Caribbean and is currently a teacher in residence for the Microsoft corporation developing STEM curriculum that is used in developing countries all over the world. His unique designed centered STEM program was just awarded the 2019 Washington State STEM program of the year award. His service for Lisle has been as an associate board member, board member and is currently in his second term as vice-president. Congratulations James for your continued efforts in bringing the Lisle philosophy into all of your programs! §

### Mentor a Seed Grant!

## Making Connections

### Lisle's Electronic Communication

Lisle has added to the ways it communicates with the world. Up until last year, we have mailed out letters three times a year, updating Lisler's about what we are doing and requesting they help us do that. We also have published Interaction. In the past couple of years we have limited the number of issues of Interaction from twice a year to once a year because of the increasing cost of printing and disseminating it. As a result we have been looking at a way to begin sending other communications electronically.

We now have that process and have begun sending out occasional e-newsletters. These will allow us to send out more information to you and to fill in the time gaps between our other communications. We hope these communications provide something in addition to what we can provide in print. If you have suggestions

If you have not received the E-news, and wish to do so, you can add your email to our list at the Lisle website.

of how we might maximize the effectiveness of the e-newsletter, please contact us at [office@lisleinternational.org](mailto:office@lisleinternational.org).

If we have your e-mail address, you should have received a couple of these so far. If you have not, then it probably means we do not have your e-mail address or the

e-mail is arriving in your junk e-mail box. If you have not received the e-news, and wish to do so, please send us your e-mail address. §

### Want to Meet Interesting People? Join the Lisle Board

Please consider becoming a member of the Lisle Board of Directors. Some organizations' board meetings are boring, and work. Lisle Board meetings are a joy (and work). Our current members include people from all over the United States and include the retired, persons between jobs, a school teacher, an accountant, a university administrator, a global peacemaker, a non profit administrator, among others.

We are united by our commitment to making a better world through intercultural learning, and sharing in the work of budgets, grant selection and planning. Call any of the current Lisle board members if you want to know more about time commitment and personal rewards. The rewards are huge, the time investment shared.

If you have a son or daughter, or niece or nephew, who is involved in cross cultural and/or peace building activities, please encourage them to attend a board meeting to see how consensus decision-making works and to then consider joining the Board. We'd love to hear from you. Please contact us at: [office@lisleinternational.org](mailto:office@lisleinternational.org) or 512-259-4404. §

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### Gifts and Bequests to Lisle

Do you have fond memories of your Lisle times and experiences? Keep those memories alive in your hearts and help others to spread the Lisle mission in our world. In the recent past our Seed Grant program has greatly expanded. One source of resources that has allowed Lisle to award additional grants has been through generous bequests and donations. Lisle operates due to the generous donations that you and others make to the organization. Many Lislers have made plans to help support Lisle into the future by naming Lisle in their will or by planning to donate to Lisle as a part of legacy estate planning. Think about the Lisle relationships that you have enjoyed and the joy that you felt working with groups from around the world. Allow others to take part in similar experiences by continuing to support Lisle. Please consider a bequest to Lisle so that we can continue to promote and develop relationships with youth from around the world. Please contact us: [office@lisleinternational.org](mailto:office@lisleinternational.org).§



### Lisle Shirts!

This shirt is designed by board member Lori Bratton. It is comprised of all the Lisle Units and Seed Grant countries. Get yours today. See page 31 to order.

### Suggest Organizations for Lisle Grants to fund!

Know of an organization whose work furthers the mission and goals of Lisle — improving intercultural understanding by bringing people of diverse backgrounds together to share, work together, and learn from one another? Encourage them to apply for a Lisle seed grant! Lisle awards "seed grants" of up to \$3,000 to innovative projects which match our goals. Help us find organizations that are doing "Lisle-type" work, and to encourage them to apply. Send suggestions, ideas and questions to [office@lisleinternational.org](mailto:office@lisleinternational.org). Can you help "mentor" a grant? We need Lisle "mentors" to work with grant applicants to ensure that the project they propose is aligned with Lisle's values. The mentor is a Lisle member who is interested in the grant process and willing to help an applicant edit and focus their proposed project so that it is a good fit for Lisle. If you already know of an organization you feel would be a good fit for a Seed Grant, you can be the mentor for that applicant. If you don't know an organization personally, but are still interested in being part of the process, please let us know. Each year we receive many inquiries from organizations that do not have a Lisle mentor. If we feel the project is worth considering, we try to find them a mentor. If you could review an application and help the applicant to fit their project to Lisle's goals, you would be a great asset. §



### The Browns of Bainbridge Island By Barbara Bratton

Part of the joy of having our annual meeting in the Northwest is catching up with the many old friends from Lisle. This year, I was welcomed into Betsy Bridwell's charming home for 3 days. Betsy (Bali '97 and Turkey 2007) is coming back onto the Board of Directors from an Associate Director's position. We thoroughly enjoyed the Chihuly Museum with its beautiful glasswork and I was charmed by the Troll under the Bridge. We had a terrific Seattle brunch with Leyla Welkin and then lunch with her mother, Judy Brown and caught up with the all the activities of the Browns of Bainbridge Island. Judy and Jack Brown were stalwarts of Lisle for many years –California 1954, Uganda 1993, Turkey 1997, India 1998, US/Turkey Exchange 1999, Pacific NW 2002 and Holland 2003. Jack passed away in April 2001 and Judy is now living in a retirement community in downtown Seattle. Judy is a published author under "Judith Reynolds Brown" and her works include Faranji: A Venture into Ethiopia; Trou-

ble –What's That?; When Sorrow is Joy; Sufi Flights; A Turkish Wedding; and A Glove on my Heart: Encounters with the Mentally Ill. Their daughter, Leyla, spent several years as a psychological counselor working with Syrian refugees on the Turkish border. Leyla (Uganda 94, Turkey 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, US/Turkey Exchange 99 and Pacific Northwest 2001 and 2002) has come home and established a private practice in Seattle. She is also working with a committee of Quakers, through the OCEA in Brussels, and piloting a program training people involved in helping forced migrants in Europe and in the Middle East. They are training a group of 9 dedicated women from all over the globe to understand trauma effects in themselves and others, and to prevent harm and improve self-care for people affected by the violence of forced migration. Betsy, Judy and I had a gorgeous day in Bainbridge Island. Judy and Jack had hosted the Lisle Board meetings there in the olden days and her grandson and family now live in the family home so we could hike down to the beach for a picnic. We spent the rest of the day visiting art installations on Bainbridge by Judy's son Craig Jacobson. One is called the "Rainbringer" and the other "The Caregiver." They are in front of the High School and at the Owens Playground and were dedicated by the Suquamish Tribe whose Spirit was the inspiration. Craig Jacobson (Bali 97, Bali 99 and the Lisle Board) has been working in the arts for over forty years. He is a sculptor, and many of his wood and bronze works can be found in many private and public collections. Zann Jacobson (Bali 97, Bali 99 and the Lisle Board) also works as a visual artist

and an architect with her focus on masks and painting. For the past 15 years, Craig and Zann have run a mask fabrication and training company called "The Maskery" and they have made thousands of masks and performed hundreds of mask movement workshops for students throughout the world promoting the art of the mask. I am thankful to everyone for a wonderful visit to a beautiful part of the country and I'm awed by the talent and "worldmindedness" of the Brown family. §

### News from the Lisle Archives By Nancy Kinney

Many former Lislers have contributed memorabilia to the Lisle Archives, housed at the University of Toledo Library. In May 2018, Mark and I traveled to Ann Arbor, MI and spent part of it at the Bentley Historical Library at University of Michigan and then continued on to Toledo to visit the Lisle Archives. At the University of Michigan, we met with Aprille McKay and her colleagues, Melissa Hernandez and Greg Kinney—a Wisconsin Kinney!—We had with us five 16 mm "Lisle" films originally from Uncle Si's office that Jon Findley had tried to have digitized with no luck and had subsequently passed back to us. The thought was that at least one of the films was specific to the history of the University of Michigan and would therefore be of interest to the Bentley Historical Library. That turned out to be true; the film covered Lane Hall and the Student Religious

Association, Uncle Si's earliest responsibilities at Michigan. They were very happy to receive it. In the process Greg reviewed the other films and discovered they were all silent and covered the early years of Lisle in New York and Colorado. One, called "The Hidden Bridge," covered post-war Europe and Asia and some of the role of the YMCA. Then it was on to Toledo! At the Carlson Library's Canaday Center, we met with the new archivist, Lauren White. She had located the archived boxes that held video materials and showed us the additional materials that needed cataloguing. To this collection we added photos and slides we had recently received. Per her request, we identified faces and places as best we could and all agreed that it was a day well spent. Lauren indicated that she would be happy to have the Lisle films we had viewed at the Bentley Library. We urge any and all Lislers and seed grant recipients to send program photos, promotional materials, and memorabilia to the archives, after checking the archival guidelines, which can be found at: <http://www.utoledo.edu/library/canaday/archives.html>. Materials should be sent to: Lauren White, Manuscripts Librarian, University Libraries, Ward M. Canaday Center, 2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo OH 43606-3390. Please enclose a brief note indicating that content of the materials and that they are associated with Lisle International. §

Each person must live their life as a  
model for others.  
-Rosa Parks-



# Annual Meeting - Seattle, WA

## Fall 2018 Board and Annual Meeting By Betsy Bridwell

Fall 2018 brought us back to the Seattle area once again, our third and final year before moving on to Austin, TX in 2019. Board members made their way to the always delightful Lopez Island for our meetings at the local library on September 29-30 before heading back to Seattle for the Annual Meeting and banquet. Most of us came up to the island a day early in order to relax and explore. In addition to Plum Ducky, the Hayner family residence located right in Lopez Village, we were lucky enough to be able to rent the house next door. In addition to housing us in close proximity, it offered a large kitchen and dining area that could seat all 11 of us for

dinner. We feasted on wonderful baked goodies from Holly B's, had lunch on the beach at Watmough Bay after a short walk through the woods, and spent a spectacular evening at Shark Reef Park, watching the seals on the rocks prior to a lovely



View from Plum Ducky on Beautiful Lopez Island

sunset. Oh, yes, and we did some work, too! At our meeting, most of us had the opportunity to meet our new Office/Seed Grant Program Manager, Luis Miranda, for the first time (we also discovered he is a meticulous note-taker!). We spent a good portion of our meeting time on the Seed Grants, discussing the review committee's recommendations, approving this year's awardees, and evaluating/updating the process and forms used. On Saturday afternoon, we boarded the ferry to return



Great views :-)



Gail performing on the beach

to Seattle for our evening Annual Meeting and banquet, hosted once again by John Hayner and Lisa Motherwell. At the Annual Meeting we elected our new officers and presented the Ligon Award to James Burke for all of his contributions to Lisle, especially his work in the design and layout of the Interaction newsletter each year. We concluded with a wonderful dinner prepared by John and Lisa, which we have come to look forward to on our visits to Seattle. We are making plans for holding next year's fall meeting in Austin, TX, and we hope some of you can join us! §

**Note: We are sorry to lose our Program Manager after such a short time, but talented recent graduates usually find full-time professional work in their field, and we are thrilled for Luis and his new opportunity directing a capacity-building program!**



Lopez Island @Sunset

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## Upcoming 2019 Annual Meeting By Barbara Bratton

Each fall, Lisle holds its annual meeting in a different part of the U.S. with the intention of drawing in as many Lislers as possible for a weekend of camaraderie and learning about Lisle's current mission. For 2019, the fall meeting will be held in Austin, Texas from Oct 24 through the morning of October 27, 2019. Austin is fairly easy to get to from anywhere in the U.S. It has an international airport and is a hub for Southwest Airlines. Our housing will be near the University of Texas where we will be staying in a double condo with dormitory sleeping for 20, for a per person cost of about \$40 per night. Other, more private, accommodations can be made independently at any of the numerous hotels in the city. We will be sharing the cooking and eating family style at the condo and meetings will be held in the living room. You are welcome to participate in all or part of the Lisle annual meeting, discussions, meals, social times and local visits, or go off on your own. There are many things to do and see in Austin:

--*Ellsworth Kelly's Temple for Light, the renowned artist's final project on the grounds of the University.*

--*Ancient dinosaur footprints in the bed of the North San Gabriel River.*

--*The "music scene" in Austin's 6th street bars and honky-tonks.*

--*A walk along or canoe on Lady Bird Lake.*

--*The French Legation museum, representing the time when Texas was an independent country.*

--*O. Henry's house where he wrote many of his famous short stories.*

It may seem that we won't even have time for a meeting! But we will need to find the

time because the annual meeting is when we discuss and vote on the many applications received for the Lisle Seed Grants. It is always a pleasure to witness the Lisle-like programs and the many, many people and organizations promoting intercultural understanding and peace all over the world. Come help us decide which of the program applications should receive one of our \$3,000 seed grants. Contact us through [office@lisleinternational.org](mailto:office@lisleinternational.org) or call Barb Bratton at 512.259.4404 for more information. Do hope to see you there! §

Once we believe in ourselves,  
we can risk curiosity, wonder,  
spontaneous delight, or any ex-  
perience that reveals the human  
spirit.  
-E. E. Cummings-

## LISLE ALUMNUS HONORED By Barbara Bratton

Lisle was pleased to be represented at the University of Texas at Austin, College of Natural Sciences 2018 Hall of Honor Awards with the Distinguished Alumni Award being presented to Dr. Andre (Andy) Nahmias, M.D. Dr. Nahmias helped to discover the origins of HIV and pioneered local and global action on behalf of patients worldwide. As an undergraduate and master's student at The University of Texas at Austin, he researched the mechanisms of resistance of *Staphylococcus aureus* to

## It's Back to Lookout Mountain!

The earliest of the Colorado Lisle Units took place at Lookout Mountain not far outside Denver. It was a special place for young people from the eastern part of the U.S. and actually from all over the world to come together to take in the glory of the Rockies and see some beautiful sunsets. Today it's a popular place for local people to "get away" from the big city. This picnic shelter near the viewpoint at the top has the look of the early 1940's and may indeed have been a hangout for the first Lislers in Colorado. Does it look familiar to any Lislers today? §



-look familiar?-

No act of kindness, no matter  
how small, is ever wasted.  
-Aesop-

penicillin. He went on to study pediatrics, virology, immunology and public health, always seeking to discover something new. In 1964, he joined the faculty of Emory University as the Director of the Division of Infectious Disease in the Department of Pediatrics. There he identified a new Herpes simplex virus, HSV type 2, involved with genital and neonatal herpes. Dr. Nahmias, working with colleagues, traced the origin of the AIDS virus. While at Emory, he also established the first clinic for children with AIDS in the South and helped to introduce early routine HIV screening for pregnant women. He organized the first world conference on AIDS in children, adolescents and heterosexual adults attended by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Nahmias is also the author of an award-winning play and cantata about children with AIDS. Andy (CA 1950 and 1951) became involved with Lisle through his friendship with Suzanne (Hall) Vogel (CT 48,49 NY 49, India 07) when she wrote to Uncle Si and encouraged him to recruit Andy to the California programs. Andy and Sue remained close friends, family really, and Uncle Si officiated at Andy's wedding to his first wife. When Andy returned to the University of Texas for his Master's, his experience at Lisle led him to run and be elected as a Graduate Student Assemblyman. In this role, he called for opening the then-segregated campus to African-Americans and to enroll more Hispanic students. After graduation, he joined the Lisle Board for many years and continues to be a supporter of the Lisle program. He was the recipient of the Ligon Service Award in 2014. We congratulate you, Andy, on your many lifetime achievements! §

## Lisle Friends News

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Compiled by Betsy Bridwell and Barbara Bratton

**Clay Bridgford** (Colombia '66), is now retired in Arizona after a long career in education at universities in Colorado, Montana and New Mexico. He has been involved in international education and Habitat for Humanity, with interests in green building and straw-bale construction. Woodworking is a major hobby in retirement.

**Chris Coons** (CO48, Bali91, Costa Rica 96)-Moved to an assisted living apartment in Lafayette in April, 2017. Involved in community and interfaith activities locally. Still maintain family home for the family and friend visitors. Due to loss of sight, phone calls and visits always appreciated!

**Linda Easley** (DC'68, Columbia '69)-keep up the good work!

**Jon Findley** (DC '64, '65, '66, '68, '69, Denmark '67, NY '70, Pacific NW 2001, Board Member)After more than 23 years in Arizona, Jon & Ingrid have left the multiple summer days of 110-plus degrees for San Diego, CA, where they enjoy the on-shore breeze and humid air. Jon is finding new environmental organizations to work with and managing his rental properties.

**Marina Firestone** (NY '49, Family Camp '50, '51)continues to be in good health and live independently. "I keep in touch with Lislars Hans & Ellie Spiegel, who are ailing but living at home in Leonia with lots of help. I came with them to my last Lisle reunion in Philadelphia."

**Ben Goldberg** (SD '88)remembers his time on the Rosebud reservation as a "remarkable

experience," for his time with both the Lakota and other participants, particularly a couple who brought their traditional Indian spices and foods and prepared some wonderful meals.

**Nelia Kinney Hopkins**, sister of Executive Director Mark Kinney, Nelia Kinney Hopkins was generous in her praise of Lisle, saying; "I like what you are doing."

**Olive Leonard** (NY43)-I am now in a retirement home. I have kept the Lisle experience in mind in my many volunteer chairmanships. My contact with Lisle was when I was 18 years old -knew Aunt Edna -I'm now 95.

**Louise Malcolm** (Denmark '56)reports that she is still in touch with Inge Togo, in whose home she stayed in 1956. They have visited each other over the years, and their children have, too-"a lasting connection started at Lisle."

**Anja and Ray Miller** (Denmark '55, '69, CO'56, CA '57) The first part of their year was focused on completing the second edition of Ray's textbook "International Political Economy: Contrasting World Views." They spent time in Finland in June-July, and in December, Anja was the main speaker at the local Finnish-American community's celebration of Finnish independence.

**Sharada Nayak** (CA '54, Board Member, leader of many India programs), is working with her non-profit, Educational Resources Centre Trust, to grant scholarships to students in India so they can further their education and better their lives. She shared her deep satisfaction with this work and her pleasure that this year's students all had Lisle connections through their sponsors/mentors.

**Jacque Quine** (Denmark 64)-Thanks for all

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you are doing! Happy to give you what support I can. Have wonderful memories of my experience with Lisle. Would love to hear from any co-participants in Denmark 1964 with Sarah (Smith) & Augha Nielson at Slottsherensol 21, Copenhagen (surprised I remember that much!)

**Paul Romer**, son of former Colorado governor Roy Romer (NY '47), was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Economics for his work on the economics of climate change and why some economies grow faster than others, producing research on how governments can advance innovation.

**Margarita Romo** (India 89)-Executive Director of Farmworkers Self-Help Inc out of Dade City, Florida. I was in India with Caridad (Inda) from Mexico and others. I do not have any pictures and would like very much to know if there is any history about that trip. We came in through New Delhi and left out of Bombay. I have a 28-year-old granddaughter that would appreciate the history and could possibly become a Lislars.

**Richard T. Scott** (DC '54, USSR '57) says that, at 86, he now specializes in "dirty dishes and yard work" and is still concerned about the many human problems in the world. "I am hopeful for the November 2020 election and the restoration of the United States - and people -of America!"

**Dorothy Powell Smith** (DC '54) is still enjoying retirement in New Orleans, reading, playing bridge and tennis.

**Hans and Ellie Spiegel** (CO '46 & '47, NY '47, Germany '58, Bali '88), now in their early 90s, have been Lisle members for 72 years and continue to support its work and goals

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as they fondly remember their experiences. **Karen Thomas** (India '83) worked as an educator in employee ownership for many years and now leads community gardening activities with seniors.

**Barbara Wilks** (CA '50, CT '51) says "No news is good news" from Madeira Beach, FL!

**Nancy Zinner** sends greetings to Anne, Lisle's new board president. Although never a program participant, she examined the programs and mission statement for her MA thesis at the School for International Training, attended some meetings and loves Lisle! §



Barb and Judy

## In Memoriam

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By Nancy Kinney

*Over years, we've lost many of our cherished friends and fellow travelers from our Lisle days. This time, in addition to the obituaries from the past year, we try to catch up with some whose passing we missed. This list brings to mind the generous spirit, civic-mindedness, international engagement and humility of so many Lislers.*

**June Holtzendorff Ammirati**, 1928-2018 (CA'50) June Holtzendorff, born in Clemson, South Carolina and graduated from Calhoun-Clemson High School in 1945 and North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro (later UNC-Greensboro) in 1949. A strong family background with the YMCA and the Presbyterian Church influenced her life. Upon graduation from college, June taught PE for two years. She then entered the Presbyterian Assembly's Training School where, during her first year as a student, she directed recreational activities for the student body. In her senior year she was chosen as president of the student body, the top honor of the school. The Presbyterian Orphan's Home at Barium Springs, NC, acknowledged her unique contributions using her combined qualities of leadership in the field of Director of Religious Education and Physical Education, and her magnificent personality. In 1950, she participated in Lisle's large and diverse Bay Area California unit. By 1956 she was working at "Old Miss" as the Director of Presbyterian Campus Christian Life. Later she worked at the Assembly's Training School/Presbyterian School of Christian Education (later known as Union Seminary) at Richmond, Virginia. Her 1965 marriage to Philip Am-

mirati took her to Bronx, New York, where she lived the rest of her life with her family. June kept in touch with Lisle throughout the years and provided a generous bequest for Lisle in her estate planning.

**Horst Ehmke**, 1927-2017 (CA'50) Some Lislers will remember Horst Ehmke from the 1950 California unit. Horst went on to become a leader of the German Social Democratic Party and member of the German Bundestag in the 1960's and 1970's where he was Minister of Justice and Secretary of State. He was also formerly a member of Sozialistischer Deutscher Studentenbund and the Trilateral Commission. Horst was born in Gdansk (now in Poland) and died in Bonn. He was educated at the University of Göttingen and taught at the University of Freiburg.

Along with June Ammirati and almost fifty others, he participated in California '50 after he had completed two years of graduate study at Princeton. Uncle Si writes, "He also had already contracted with the Ford Foundation to spend the following few years in using his training in law to compare the new German constitution to the U.S. Constitution. Horst participated quite fully in every aspect of the unit and with his knowledge of international law contributed a great deal to the group discussions." He also met with Lislers in Bonn during visits to Germany over the past years.

**C. Grey Austin**, 1923-2018 (CO& MI'48-58) C. Grey Austin was educated at Western Michigan University, the University of Michigan (M.B.A. and Ph.D.) and the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Grey worked and studied at the University of Michigan, and served as a Lisle staff member for eleven years (1952-63). In addition to continuing the New York, Colorado and other domestic units together, Grey and Uncle Si developed units in Europe, the Caribbean and Japan during those years. Grey,

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as a lecturer in Psychology, worked on leadership training as well as hands-on unit leadership from 1948-58. Grey continued his career at Ohio State as Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences, University Honors Director, and University Ombudsman (1966-88). As editor of The Journal of Higher Education (1966-70), he eventually retired from OSU with a long list of honorary society memberships and academic papers to his credit. His most recent position was "Minister of Universal Life Church" in Columbus OH. Grey's wife Barbara Miller Austin, also a Lisler, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive to carry on great family traditions of service to people and communities.

**Lois Coombs Drobish**, 1927-2018 (CA'51) Lois Jane Coombs was born in Los Angeles and studied at UCLA and UC Berkeley, graduating in 1949. In 1952, Lois married another Lisler, H. Boardman "Bo" Drobish CO'47, CA'50/51. They were a team in the ensuing years and one could often find Bo and Lois at Lisle events. In her retirement, Lois lived in Kalispell, in the Flathead Valley of Montana where she was an avid "birder" and supporter of the Flathead Audubon Society and many other environmental causes, such as fisheries restoration and wolf restoration. She died the day before she was to receive an outstanding service award from the local Audubon Society Chapter for her many years of assistance in every sort of activity from habitat cleanup to hospitality at meetings. She supported physician-assisted suicide and had a letter to the editor published in two newspapers in 2012 in which she regretted that her husband, Bo, who died in 2001, had not been able to benefit from the new law. Her friends and her son, Kip, who also lives in Montana with his family will miss her support and energy.

**V. Ione Moody Murchison**, 1928-2018 (New

York, '48) Vivian Ione Murchison grew up in Hartford, Connecticut and started calling herself Ione at age 7. She attended Virginia Union University (VUU) for two years and in 1947 transferred to UConn where she was the first African American to be awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. Ione met her husband Melvin Lawrence Murchison, Jr., while at VUU. They married in 1949 and moved to Sacramento in 1958 when Mel was recruited by Aerojet to work for the space program. Ione taught elementary school for Sacramento City Unified for 30 years and was a super servant of her community. She avidly supported Democratic candidates and was a tireless worker for California Democrats. Ione was a world traveler. In 1998, she helped found the Center for Spiritual Awareness. Ione maintained vigorous good health. She tap-danced for almost two decades with "Hats and Taps" and retired at age 80 to focus on writing poetry. She worked out regularly and walked three to five miles daily. Lislers knew her to be lovely, strong, unconventional and fearless. Her obituary writer summed up her Lisle experience as follows: "Her spiritual and religious beliefs may have been influenced by a summer 1947 gathering of interfaith international students for community living, reflection, and service." (Our records say "1948.") Uncle Si commented that the unit had "a good portion of inquiring minds which stirred up the ferment of good learning." She also served on the Lisle Board. Mel preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Lawrence, Bess Brewer, Barbara Rogers, and Charlene Graham; seven grandchildren; and one step-grandchild and numerous great grandchildren.

**Carolyn Sue Price**, 1927-2018 (CA '51) Carolyn Sue (Propps) Price was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and died at home and of natural causes in 2018 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Carolyn graduated from Central High School in Tulsa and from the

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University of Oklahoma in 1948. There she was active in the Wesley Foundation, the Independent Women's Association, Ducks Club (a women's synchronized swimming group), Orchesis (a modern dance club), and Phi Mu sorority. After completing two years of Law School at UO, she married Harold C. Price Jr., an oil pipeline company owner, and both became generous supporters and donors of Lisle and other good causes, especially the arts. Carolyn participated in the Lisle California '51 Unit in Vallejo. According to Uncle Si, the large group of German participants in that unit, which included Franz Biglmaier and Gerda Kittel, the other participants with valuable insights into the contrasts indecision-making in a free society vs wartime Europe. Franz led the singing. He wrote "That California unit truly belonged to the community, from the superintendent of schools to the interested families. The deputations served with every type of community organization."

Carolyn is survived by her children: Charles, Julie, Meredith, Laurie, and Alison and Andrew, ten grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. At Carolyn's request, a celebration of her life with "good champagne" will be held in the spring at a time and location to be announced.

**Below are remembrances of some Lislars whose passing we missed over the years. Thanks to Nancy Kinney for tracking down their obituaries and editing them for us.**

**Glenn K. Ioder**, 1924-2015 (Leader, CO '51) Reverend Glenn K. Ioder was born in rural Illinois and died in Montevideo, Uruguay where he was filling in for a colleague. He was a United Methodist minister in the Great Rivers Conference and served in Bloomington IL, Pontiac IL, Haines City FL and Brigantine NJ, as well as several international assignments, including several exchanges with St. Martin's/Padgate Methodist Churches in Woolston/Warrington, England and at an English Camp in Ukraine. Glenn was married to Delores

(Dee) J. Ioder with whom he had walked 10K in the Peoria Illinois area CROP walk, raising funds for the Peoria First United Methodist Church's effort to end hunger. Glenn was a leader for the Colorado '51 Unit. Uncle Si likely met Glenn at a Methodist event around 1950 and talked him into joining with the Lislars at CO '51. Uncle Si wrote that members of the group dealt deeply with relationships between American and foreign students. To quote the St. Martin's obituary: "The Christian world [and we could add "the whole world"] is certainly a better place as a result of the life of the Rev'd Glenn Ioder."

**Rosalind (Rosie) Murray Meyer**, 1927-2009 (New York '48) "Rosie" Meyer of Grosse Ile Township, Michigan, touched the lives of people throughout Downriver for many years. Born in Fremont, Nebraska, she was raised in Denver in a family that instilled in her a strong sense of giving to the community. She proudly adhered to that tradition and there is hardly a good cause in Grosse Ile that did not have her name in its records. Being a team player had been an integral part of her life from childhood. Rosie was a good friend of Walt Ligon, whom she met at the New York 1948 unit. She was warm, welcoming, concerned for people unfamiliar with their environment, and willing to work as hard and long as it took to accomplish the task at hand. Anytime and at any Lisle meeting she attended, she always wanted to know all about everybody and she was ready to share her latest adventure. Rosie had accumulated 350,000 miles as a member of the Nomads Flying Club out of Detroit/Wayne county, and also was a member of the elite Circumnavigator's Club. She had taken hundreds of trips, and had traveled around the world three times over. Rosie is survived by her children: Susan, Kimberly and William, two brothers and six grandchildren.

**Hazel Leler**, 1923-2011 (CO'45, NY'46, NY'48 Family Camp'56) Dr. Hazel Stearns-Leler was

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born on a farm in Nebraska along with her seven siblings; she married Harold(Hal)Leler. Her proudest achievement was earning a doctorate degree from Stanford. Later she conducted research studies on the behavior of preschool children. At Lisle CO '45 the big news was the dropping of the atomic bomb in Japan to end World War II. NY'46 and NY'48 were both held at Magee Manor in Watkins Glen with borrowed army cots and other building renovations. NY'48 was the one always remembered by Walt Ligon, lone Murchison, Chuck & Yosh Varney, Don Ervin, George Cole, the Demings and Aage Nielsen, along with almost fifty others, and they later held some popular reunions. Michigan Family Camp in 1956 was her fourth unit. She is survived by her son, William and daughters, Robin Leler and Carol Mansyur, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Jerry Storm**, 1927-2012 (DC '68) Dr. Jerome Frederic Storm, professor of education emeritus at the University of Maine at Machias, passed away in Bangor Maine. Jerry was born in Meriden, Conn., to Col. Eric Foster Storm and Helen Geraldine Booth. He wed Marietta Rigby in 1951, and they remained married until his death at age 85. "Jerry," as we knew him, was recruited by Uncle Si to be a leader in the 1968 Washington D. C. unit. He capably served as the Lisle Board treasurer in the 1990s. Jerry had in mind a project to print small booklets of Lisle songs and stories, which he called "Tiger Tales." He took great pride in being a transplanted "Downeast Mainer." Betty Ligon wrote about Jerry's Lisle participation: "I hereby nominate Jerry Storm for Lisle Sainthood. Jerry served as treasurer of Lisle and continued to improve Lisle's accounting. It was not a job he particularly wanted but he performed it with good cheer and competence. He attended Board meetings faithfully bringing to them his humor and his

ability to see another side of issues which we discussed. It is this trait which has endeared him to me. People who have the courage to be a kindly devil's advocate are always needed. It is a role not always appreciated but I suspect Jerry sort of enjoyed it. Jerry brought to Lisle a deep commitment to Lisle goals.... Jerry has been generous in giving to the Endowment Fund, which enables Lisle to keep growing."

**Beverly Staples Rymer**, 1929-2015 (NY'48) Beverly Rymer was born in Miami, Florida. She married John Rymer in 1955 and lived in South Florida until retiring to Highlands, N.C. in 1990. Beverly graduated Fort Lauderdale High School, Florida State University (Bachelor's Degree in Education), and Florida International University (Master's Degree in Health Administration). Beverly taught high school for many years. Teaching was second nature to Beverly and all who knew her learned valuable lessons about life, kindness, empathy, strength and love. She worked at the Health Planning Council Services of Miami-Dade from 1969-1988, eventually becoming director. She was instrumental in the creation of the South Florida Perinatal Network and served as its Executive Director. Beverly was active in her community and especially with her church, First Presbyterian of Highlands, where she served as an Elder. She also served on the Board of the Hudson Library. Throughout her life she was an unwavering voice for the silent, a champion for the oppressed and a spokesperson for the power of love. One writer states that perhaps her most profound educational experience was through the Lisle Fellowship, helping her hone strong lifelong values and friendships. Bev was one of Walt Ligon's best Lisle friends.

**Frank Hood** 1928-2005 (CA'40) Frank B. Hood was born in Indiana PA and died at Communities at Indian Haven in Greensburg, Indiana. He received his B.S. in education in 1950 from In-

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diana University of Pennsylvania and his Master of Education degree in 1959 from the University of Pittsburgh. He taught in Pennsylvania public schools from 1950 to 1957 and served as a U.S. Army military policeman in Germany during the Korean War. He was employed at The Indiana Gazette and retired as an associate editor. Frank was a member and elder of Calvary Presbyterian Church in Indiana. He had memberships in a wide range of civic and religious organizations and was always willing to help out wherever and whenever he could—even driving all the way from Indiana PA to Toledo with a Treasurer's Report at the last minute if he was going to miss the meeting the next day, in the time before UPS would deliver overnight. Marty Tillman remembers him as "among the most gentle and warm-hearted board members during my years working for Lisle." And Jon Findley says, "He was always engaged and engaging, and gracious to hosting foreign students." Frank received several awards for his service in the community, including the Jaycees 1969 Man of the Year. At his passing, he was survived by a brother George, wife Arlene, sister Miriam Dimit, and numerous nieces and nephews.

**George Naifeh**, 1924-2006 (NY '48) George A. Naifeh was a U.S. diplomat and served for nearly three decades all over the Middle East. He was born in Kiefer, Oklahoma and died at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. He graduated from Central High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, joined the Army Air Forces and served as a Staff Sergeant during World War II and was awarded medals for his accomplishments. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, George attended the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and then joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1951. Upon retiring from the Foreign Service, George founded the American-Arab Affairs Council, serving

as president and chairman from 1981-1990. Throughout his career, both in the U.S. Foreign Service and at the American-Arab Affairs Council, George worked tirelessly to educate Arabs about Americans and Americans about Arabs, believing that information leads to respect, tolerance, and peace—all Lisle values. George worked with Lisle on a workshop designed for teachers at the University of Toledo in the early 1990s, which included George McGovern as a distinguished guest. George Naifeh retired to Aiken, SC in 1999. At his passing, he was survived by his wife Marion, son Steven, and daughter Carolyn.

**Mirabel Deming**, 1925-2011 (NY '44, CO '45, Family Camp '46, Program Leader NY '46-'49 and CO '52, Elderhostel '91) Mirabel married Roy Deming in 1945 in West Bend, WI. Together they served churches in Racine, Wauwatosa, South Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Delavan, Milton and Janesville. With her husband, Roy, Mirabel was a co-leader during eight summers with Lisle Fellowship. As recently as 1991, Mirabel and Roy participated in the Lisle Elderhostel in Toledo, OH. Upon her passing, Mirabel was survived by her five children, twelve grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. (see Roy Deming.)

**Roy Deming**, 1919-2005 (CO '43, '44, Family Camp '46, Program Leader NY '46-'49 and CO '52, Elderhostel 1991) Rev. J. Roy Deming was born in Canfield, OH, with his twin brother, Ray. He graduated from Kent State University, preparing to teach math and science, but decided on ministry as a vocation. He attended Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. He married Mirabel Fay Hansen in 1945 in West Bend, WI. During seminary and his career, Roy served churches in Racine, Wauwatosa, South Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Delavan, Milton and Janesville. He also served as district su-

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perintendent in Eau Claire. In Oshkosh, he was director of the Wesley Foundation, a campus group for Methodist students. Roy's position as chair of the Health and Welfare Committee for Wisconsin led to his work to help organize Evergreen Manor Retirement Community in Oshkosh and United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee. With his wife, Mirabel, Roy was a co-leader during 8 Lisle units. In 1991, Roy and Mirabel went to Toledo to participate in the Lisle Elderhostel. Roy developed a strong interest in global affairs and a desire for world peace, working in the United Nations Association and World Federalists. Roy was a quiet revolutionary, selected Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the South Milwaukee Jr. Chamber of Commerce in the 1950's. He accepted, on the condition that he not appear on the same stage with the main speaker of the evening, Senator Joseph McCarthy, making the front pages of the Milwaukee Journal. Roy was active in Kiwanis, Cedar Crest Retirement Community Men's Forum, Cargill United Methodist Church's Mission Outreach and XYZ group. Upon his passing, he was survived by his wife, Mirabel; 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Roy's spirit is captured in his own words, answering a request for the list of his achievements: "Small children and dogs seem to like me." (See Mirabel Deming.)

**Charles (Chuck) Varney**, 1916-2008 (NY '47, Program Leader NY '48) Chuck was born in Culbertson, Nebraska and passed away in Whitewater, Wisconsin. Growing up on the prairie during the Dust Bowl and Great Depression meant hunting rabbits that his mother loved to cook for breakfast and jumping into the silo pit to retrieve corn for the animals. College was delayed due to a lack of funds, and in 1936, he enlisted in the Marine Corps on a

dare, and was promptly recruited to play a tuba in the Marine Corps Band. After he served, he took a construction job with the Pacific Naval Airbases on Wake Island in 1941 where he was captured by the Japanese and spent four years in China and Japan as a POW in their shipyards. After the war, he took up various occupations as a forest ranger, mink farmer and draftsman. He broke many social and family taboos with his courtship of and, in 1948 marriage to Yoshiko Ariki, a Colorado native of Japanese descent. His interest in other cultures led him to a doctoral degree in geography from Clark University in Worcester Mass. Chuck taught Geography at the University of Tampa, the University of Florida-Gainesville and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, until his retirement. He also worked at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, which proved pivotal in shaping the lives of his whole family. Chuck was instrumental in establishing a pipeline of Chinese students to UW-Whitewater that continues to this day. Chuck held prominent positions in his educational community and was politically active in the Democratic Party, Lisle Fellowship, World Federalists, and had a humanist Unitarian philosophy that guided his life. He was a devoted husband, a quiet and patient father, a subtle humorist, and an unassuming and everlasting presence to those who knew him. He was survived by his wife, Yoshi Ariki Varney, four children, six grandchildren. (See Yoshi Ariki Varney.)

**Yoshi Ariki Varney**, 1918-2013 (NY '47, Program Leader NY '48) Yoshi Ariki Varney's mother and father, Noki and Naojiro Ariki, were early immigrants from Japan (Naojiro in 1890), to Denver, Colorado, where Yoshi grew up. She was one of five children. At age nine, Yoshi traveled to Japan for a year to learn the language and cul-

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“Balkan route,” arrive everyday. In the last two years, twelve percent of the current inhabitants of the Upland are refugees from those regions. The lack of integration and communication among the various ethnic groups makes everyday life difficult and prevents the creation of joint services and practices to sustain life in the Upland. Associazione Lo Deposito proposes to create an Academy of cultural management and practice for young people. Using invited fellows from different ethnicities and cultural backgrounds (Slovenian, Serbian, Bosnian, Italian, Afghan and Sudanese), the Academy aims to prepare these young people to create a better cultural environment for the Uplands. Participants will learn and practice the management of cultural programming in order to respond to the main local issues. These include the Uplands’ history of past war and conflicts, the need for sustainable cultural tourism, and an

Let us remember: One book,  
one pen, one child, and one  
teacher can change the world.

-Malala Yousafzai-

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active cooperation with a network of artists, NGO’s, municipalities and museums. Project outcomes include the structuring of the Academy and to invite the first group of fellows. These activities will provide the first round of events and activities involving the different ethnic groups. §

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ment of a youth peace network of youth, district peace committees and social and political leaders; one sports competition, one cultural gala, and the printing of posters. §

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ing through an agricultural project, IEDP will provide seed and goats to participants, which will make up three groups of eight individuals/families each, with two from each of the 4 cultural subgroups. The groups will meet every month to share their work, and their cultures, thus helping to develop cultural awareness, while also improving their economic status and ability to send their children back to school continuously. The program will provide technical training for modern agricultural and goat farming. Each family will be given seeds and one goat to raise. At monthly meetings, participants will share their knowledge and report their progress to one another. Thus, they will become more familiar with each other’s cultures and learn to work together more cooperatively. §

## In Memoriam

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ture. She was an engaging woman, both in her youth and in her old age. As a young woman in Denver, she was an owner of a beauty parlor in the late 30s and early 40s. She was also active in the YWCA, Simpson Methodist Church, Lisle Fellowship, Girl Scouts, and Denver’s Japanese community. In her later years, in Whitewater, Wisconsin, she remained very active in her community. She was an organizer for the Whitewater League of Women Voters, the International Student Association at UW-Whitewater, the World Federalists, and the Unitarian Universalists. She taught in many capacities: as a daycare teacher, in Unitarian Universalist Religious Education, classes in Asian cooking, and in Ikebana (the art Japanese flower arranging). She met and married Charles (Chuck) Varney in 1948 and remained married for 60 years. Theirs was an intercultural marriage when it was not yet a universally accepted concept. Mirabel bore and raised five children and managed, with her husband, the logistics of moving and raising a family in Hong Kong (1968-70) and their visits to Japan, Thailand, India, Afghanistan, Russia, and Europe. Once their children grew up, Yoshi and Chuck continued to travel on into their 70s to Europe, China, Russia, Japan, Egypt, South African, New Zealand, Australia, South America and all over the United States. She will be best remembered for her candor, in providing both solicited and unsolicited advice. She was a mother to all. She was easily approachable, and all people, children, teenagers, adults, all ages, all sizes, all colors, and all types, liked to talk to her and often sought her counsel. At her passing, Yoshi was survived by four living children and six grandchildren. (See Charles(Chuck) Varney.)

**Additional transitions:**

**Vee Tsung Lee Edwards** d. 1992 (NY '42)

- Lawrence G/ Holfelder**, d. 1999 (CO '41)
- Frank Buchanan**, d. 2003 (NY '47, CT '48 -'49; Leader: CA '56, Jamaica'57& '62)
- Martha Robinson VanSickle**, d. 2004 (Elder-hostel '88)
- Zoa Stamm Craumer**, d. 2007 (NY '40)
- Mary Martz Weaver**, d. 2007 (NY '38)
- Lorene Gunderson**, d. 2009 (Japan '95)
- Jean Horton Jensen**, d. 2010 (Family camp '56, German '62-leader)
- Gaudence Nahigombeye**, d. 2010 (no unit, listed as a “friend”)
- Ingrid Slawson**, d. 2010 (CA '50)
- Karen Marie Metzler**, d. 2011 (Cuba '80)
- Willa Murdock**, d. 2011 (CO '47)
- Gordon F. Streib**, d. 2011 (NY '42)
- Daniel F. Kirk**, d. 2013 (AK '79)
- Charles K. Schulz**, d. 2013 (NY '49). §

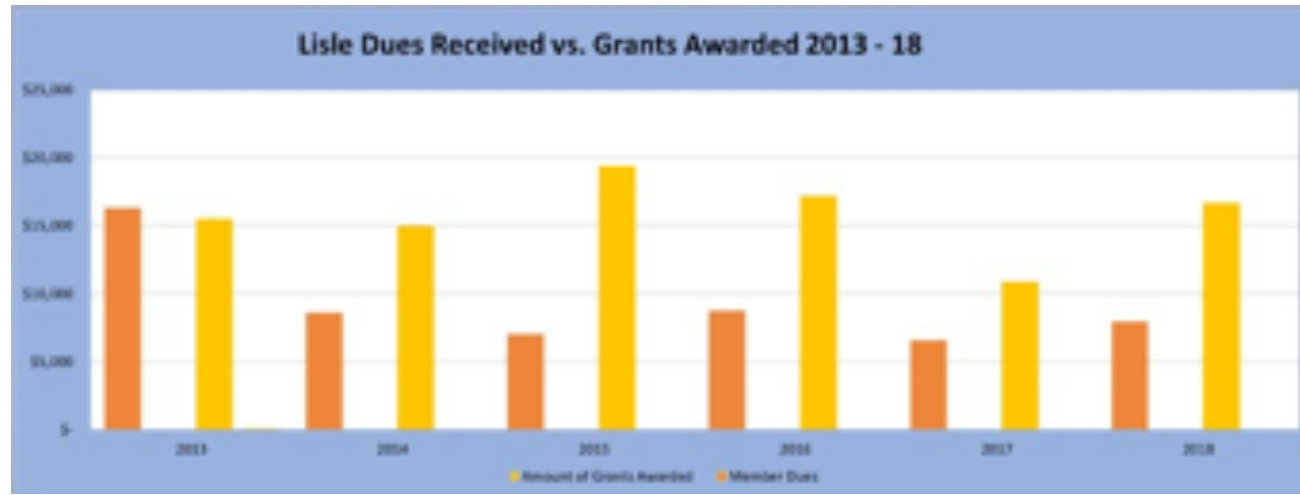
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dialogue sessions that are expected to target at least 120 students, mostly young women. It is expected that all ten dialogues will generate information leading to a national strategy formulation for B4P CODEFOUND to use in its 2019 programming and engagement with young women across the country. §

**Awards announced October 1, 2019**

**Award term from November 1 2019-October 31 2020**



**Lisle Financial Report for 2018**  
By Barb Bratton

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES as of 9/30/18**

Membership Dues	\$8,053
Interest and Dividends	\$10,727
Miscellaneous Sales	\$63
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$18,843</b>
Grants Awarded	\$(16,681)
Board of Directors	\$( 713)
Administration	\$( 3,090)
Membership Services	\$(3,072)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$(23,556)</b>

<b>LOSSES DRAWN FROM SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$(4,713)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$312,533</b>
<b>No Liabilities</b>	

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**Spring Board Meeting**

**May 2019**

**\*Online**

**Fall Annual Meeting**

**October 24-27, 2019**

**Austin**

### Fall Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas

### Save the Date!

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