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Lisle Spring Board Meeting

From notes by Bill Kinney

Lisle Board Members and other Lislors and Friends met over the weekend of Saturday, April 28 and Sunday April 29, 2007, to help guide Lisle's future work. The Chicago International Youth Hostel was the location for the two-day gathering.

Mark Kinney reported on the project in Gujarat, India under Lislors Hasmuk Patel who is working with the tribal people of India. Betsy Bridwell explained the Global Visionaries Youth Leadership Program based in Seattle, which emphasizes youth leadership for women, minority and lower income Guatemalans. Bill Kinney shared about the Jamaica program, which will provide computer technology to women at a middle school in Negril.

Several members made suggestions for contacts with other like-minded projects. Marty suggested changing the name "Lisle Grants" to "Global Seed

Fund" as a way to encourage projects to grow and become sustainable. He thought that the name might encourage Lislors to participate in the program. This idea will be considered at the next meeting (*see pg. 6*).

There was a lively discussion about various uses of the grant monies with lots of good *Interaction* and ideas.

The decision of the board was to continue allocating money for grants that would partially fund projects as determined by the board grant funding committee.

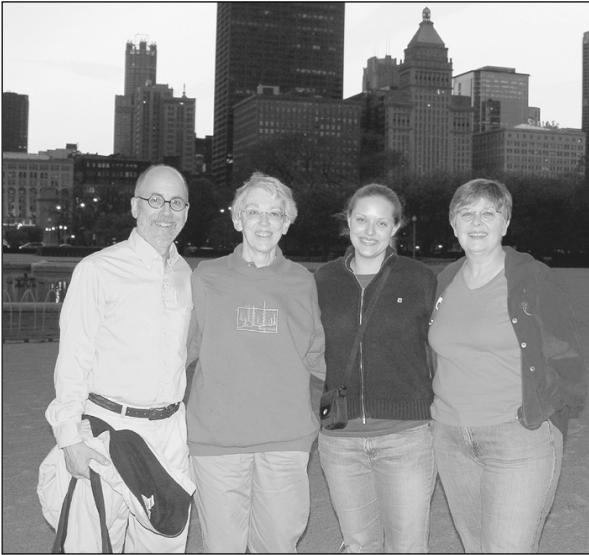
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Lisle's President and Executive Director hard at work for us, inspiring others!

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Marty, Nancy, Lori and Barbara and the Chicago Skyline.

Lisle has received a solicitation from Evergreen Timber Company with respect to timbering the land in New York and bringing in income. Jim Burriss has expressed interest in purchasing the land as an investment. Mark and Jim have scheduled a visit to the land to collect data. Mark said that surrounding land was recently sold and an easement has been granted to access the property. Barbara reported the tax value of the land has risen to \$26,000.

Barbara reported that Lisle received a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Muriel Carlson, which was added to another \$16,000 in donations (*see pg. 21*).

Lisle awarded \$8500 for grants for 2006, and \$1400 budgeted for the Rainbow Project in India was not awarded due to the lack of a Lisle Mentor.

Barbara said she had been in contact with an Edward Jones broker and the allocation that was recommended was 40% in CD's and 60% in socially acceptable investment funds. She will research the fees associated with transactions.

After discussion and research about phone costs, it was decided to keep the current 800#, but reduce the costs by contracting with a different provider.

Marty asked about a limited audit process for Lisle. Barbara thought this might cost around \$2500. Mark suggested we put out a request to Lislors who might be able to perform the audit for Lisle on a volunteer or reduced-cost basis. In the meantime, Board Members were asked to examine the financial statements as a self-auditing process.

There was a discussion regarding the various funds and their agreed-upon uses. Marty proposed that the Board create a Muriel Carlson Unrestricted Fund with the \$10,000 from her estate. The Board approved this proposal. The Lisle administrative office was directed to notify the Carlson family of this decision.

There was a lengthy discussion about the use of the Marian Wright Edelman Scholarship Fund and whether the monies should be included with the Baldwin or other funds. After much consideration, the decision was made not to change the allocation of the funds in the Marian Wright Edelman Fund.

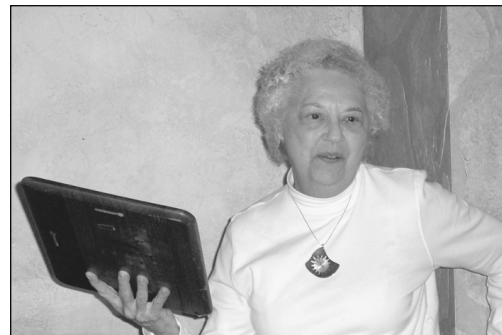
Marty is looking for help in identifying two new candidates for the Lisle Board, and several names were suggested. We also need to be sure to fill the spots on the grants committee and the finance committee (either by Board Members or interested Lislors.) Marty will write a summary for each position.

There was a discussion regarding the Self-Evaluation of the Grant projects. An Interim Report was suggested with Mentors playing a larger role in the process, with the report due prior to the Spring Board Meeting.

How to attract Mentors was brainstormed. A decision was made to initiate a call/email *Interaction* to establish a mentor procedure/database before the Annual Meeting.

Gail, Mark and Marty talked about expanding member associates pool and how to sustain membership in general.

A committee was formed to systematically look at the issue, which includes Bill Kinney, Lori Bratton, Mary Newman, John Kachuba and Mark Kinney.



Chris Coons accepts, in person, the Ligon Award. The Coon' were on a world journey when she was honored at the Fall Annual Meeting in 2006.



Mary and John had previously offered \$250 seed money for a “Next Generation Fund. They will be asked to define the project, as they see it. (see pg. 7).

Marty announced that Clay Hubbs, who was a founder of *Transitions Abroad* recently passed away (see page 21).

Marty brought up the idea of Sharada’s open invitation to visit India. Several Board Members and Lislars have expressed interest in visiting India. Mark said that discussion has taken place presenting two options: September 2008 or January 2008. Sharada recommended that the trip would be best in the first week of January. Mark will work on the arrangements for a trip in January 2008 with the possibility of two segments—one including Lisle program visits and a second segment to tourist destinations (see pg. 22).

There was a discussion about Annual Meeting locations and dates. The focus of Annual Meetings is to include Lislars who may not otherwise have a chance to participate. Reports of the projects could be an ongoing feature of the annual meetings. In choosing the locations, Gail mentioned that Lisle should choose hub airports in order to reduce costs.

Suggestions for the Fall Annual meetings and dates included: October 18-21, 2007, Waltham House Newton, MA (Boston); October 16-19, 2008, Southwestern University, TX (Austin); October, 2009, Seattle; October, 2010, New Orleans/Atlanta.

Regarding the upcoming Fall Annual Meeting in Boston, Marty suggested that we need a responsible party to organize it. Several ideas for activities, deputations and proposed banquet speakers and local Lislars were mentioned. It was recommended that Lane be the conference coordinator. If you want to offer any support, please contact Marty or Lane.

Bill asked if Lisle might be interested in providing a trip to Negril, Jamaica to work on volunteering and teaching as a support feature to the project there. Marty said he thought the board consensus with the



Jon, Marty and Ann share a laugh.

India trip exemplified the desire of Lislars to participate on trips and he proposed the idea of a “Grant Connections Program,” for future projects.

In the absence of an acting Secretary, Marty suggested that for the purposes of the by-laws, that Barbara’s title will be Secretary/Treasurer and the recording capacity for the minutes should be rotated through the various board members. This idea was accepted.

Gail Bier was asked to join the Grant Committee. Dianne requested release from the committee, since she will be traveling in the Mideast during the active grant review period. Marty said that if there were a gap he would step forward to fulfill the role.

Mark discussed the Mission Statement of Lisle based on a concern that the website did not reflect the actual mission of the organization. Discussion was entertained on the re-assessment of the mission statement after the grant process review.

Attending Lislars & Friends

Board Members: Marty Tillman, Finn Hornum, Bill Kinney, Jon Findley, Barbara Bratton, Dianne Brause, Mark Kinney, Gail Bier and Lori Bratton (Associate)

Other Lislars and Friends: Betsy Bridwell, Chris & Dean Coons, Don Irvin, Ann Groves, Nancy Kinney, Walt & Betty Ligon, Mary Schinnerer



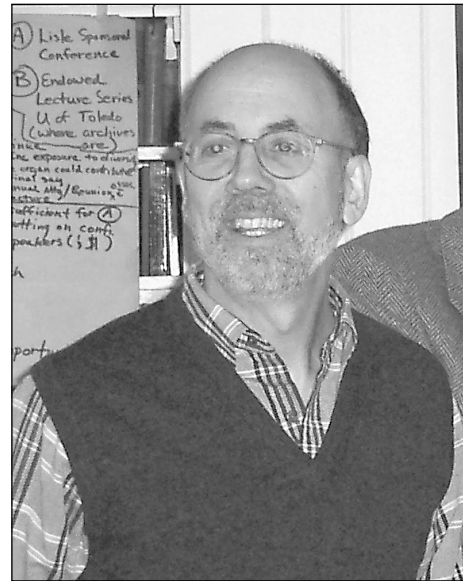
President's Message

We are entering our fourth round of “mini-grants” (see my piece about changing the name to Global Seed Fund) and I’d like to comment on what I believe are the many positive outcomes, and a few of the challenges we face in moving ahead on this effort.

By most measures of success, I think the grants program has been a success. Our approach to working closely with Lislers as grantee “Mentors” in devising and writing proposals has really worked very well. It has provided us with a new way to collaborate with Lislers! In the coming year, the Board is going to focus more energy on building even closer ties to our mentors; we want to tighten our expectations of grantee reporting throughout the year and ask mentors to be more engaged in oversight of their grant project.

Grantee projects have taken place in several U.S. cities, India, Jamaica, Peru, Uganda, Venezuela and with college students from Myanmar (Burma) studying throughout the U.S. The diversity is impressive. We have found ourselves in dialogue with community activists, educators, students, and rural development workers. Our Lisle mentors have shared an incredible range of involvement with global issues — and we’d expect that! The reach of Lisle is growing globally through our linkages to grantees and their staffs. The U.S. representative of an early grantee is an Associate Member of the Board of Directors.

There are many creative approaches we can take to widen our relationships with grantees and the people they work with and serve around the world. All grantee staff will become “Friends of Lisle” in our data base and receive *Interaction*. At our Spring Board meeting in Chicago, we began to discuss future opportunities for Lislers, where appropriate, to volunteer—or perhaps provide technical support—with the ongoing work of grantees in their communities.



Marty Tillman, Our Board President

I urge you to visit our website at <www.lisleinternational.org> to see profiles of past and current grantee projects and also view links to their websites for further information about their work.

Are you actively engaged with a service project, a local or international issue or an ongoing educational venture, which you believe might be considered for a mini-grant? Please feel free to contact our Texas office or Mark Kinney or myself to discuss the grant award process for 2008! We continue to disburse approximately \$9-12,000/year (depending upon available revenue) in small grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000.

I welcome your comments, ideas and suggestions about the mini-grant fund. Please write to me <mjtillman@jhu.edu>. 🌐

Marty



Executive Director's Report

This year has continued to keep me busy with efforts of Lisle. There has been a continual effort to improve the Lisle website, as well to improve the management of the Lisle Mini-Grant program. See the related article on page six about renaming this grant the "Global Seed Fund." A surprising amount of effort is expended by the grant committee to manage the process each year. This year we will repeat essentially the process from last year. Lisle welcomes inquiries about possible grant projects for next year. Remember the due date is September 1st for all proposals.

It is exciting that we are beginning to get more interest from our grant recipients for Lislers to participate with them. See the related article (*see pg. 10*) about ways you can become involved. You can also volunteer to work with the management process by assisting the committee or serving on the committee. If you are interested in this, please email me at: <mark.kinney@utoledo.edu> or call (989) 595-3667.

I have also been talking with a number of people about the Lisle land in New York. During the next six months, I hope that we can find an effective disposition of this land. Jim Burris of Chicago and I are planning a trip to visit the land in August. More information will be available at the Annual Meeting in Boston.

After organizing the Toledo 70th anniversary meeting in the fall, I also set up the Chicago meeting. Our previously available site is no longer available. With the help of Bill Kinney, who is now living in Chicago, we arranged to use the downtown IYH hostel. We now believe that this will be a great choice for next year, as well for our Spring Board Meeting.

Several exciting choices have become available because of the work done on the 70th Anniversary. Lisle now has a DVD, *The History of Lisle Interna-*



Mark Kinney, Our Executive Director



tional. This 115-minute DVD has the film, *Lisle Fellowship* of the 1952-53 units, and the VHS Tapes, *The Baldwins* from 1982, and *Spring Message from Uncle Si* from 1993.

In addition we now have a new DVD of 14 different Lislers who attended the 70th celebration reminiscing about what Lisle means to them. Their stories are very, very interesting. Purchases can be made through the Lisle office (*see pg. 23 for info*).

We now have several additional films of early Lisle Units, which are being converted to DVD format.

Lisle continues to be a vibrant force for bringing people together across cultures. With your support we will continue the legacy for many more decades. 🌐

Mark



Financial Report

By Barbara Bratton

The Finance Committee has decided to redesign our portfolio with the help of Edward Jones Brokerage Firm. Over the next six months, our CDs will be maturing and we will work with Edward Jones to define the risk level and diversification of our assets and present a new plan to the Annual meeting in October. We are currently invested heavily in Cash Assets (CDs) which are very safe but are not generating the income or growth necessary for the future.

Lisle has assets valued at \$235,841. For the fiscal year of 10/1/06 through 9/30/07, we have raised 62% of our budgeted income and spent 50% of our budgeted expenses. Only 86% of our grant money has been awarded because one of the projects given temporary approval did not follow through.

The Board again raised the issue of an audit and is still trying to find a CPA who will volunteer their time so the cost of the audit is not prohibitive. If any Lisle member is willing to help, please contact Barbara Bratton, Treasurer at the Lisle Office. 🌐

The “Global Seed Fund”

By Marty Tillman

I have proposed to the Board that we consider changing the name of our “Mini-Grant” program to “*The Global Seed Fund*.” I think this is a dynamic new name for our principal project; it is one which reflects the imagination and dynamism of our effort to support programs and activities of nonprofit groups around the world that reflect the principles and philosophy of Lisle.

We are “seeding” innovation with our small grants; we hope that our awards will serve to help leverage support from other local sources for the ongoing work of community programs. We also hope our grants will serve as a catalyst for specific new activities which otherwise could not take place in communities. Do you like the new name? 🌐

October Annual Meeting

By Barbara Bratton

The Annual Meeting will be held in Boston on October 18–21, 2007. We encourage all Lislers in the area to attend to share ideas with the Board and re-energize yourselves about the future of Lisle.

Ideas for the meeting are centering around “The Next Generation of Lisle.” We are exploring the next step in our journey in order to find new members and new direction for Lisle to continue on another 75 years. Questions to be discussed will be how to integrate Lisle members into the Lisle-like projects that we are contributing to each year. For instance, the Jamaican Computer Project needs volunteers.

Why don’t we take the next step with our grantees and recruit expertise, volunteers and participants for their project? Could we, perhaps, have Lisle participation beyond our mentors and create on-going support for some of the projects? To this end, Sharada Nayak is putting together an India trip in January for any Lisler who wants to see and meet the two projects we have supported in India. Once there, ideas can be generated as to how we can continue to support these groups beyond a one-time grant.

The Board continues to debate how to grow Lisle members. The Next Generation of active Lislers will have to come from our contacts with these new projects or by active recruitment of members who wish to touch many projects throughout the world by membership in Lisle.

All of these ideas will be discussed in Boston and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us to continue the dialog. Details of the meeting will be forwarded to anyone interested by contacting Lane at the office. 🌐



Lisle: The Next Generation

By Bill Kinney

Do you ever think about passing on the idea of Lisle to younger family members and friends? While Lisle has been successful at connecting and reconnecting participants for many years, there is currently a need to spark interest for a future generation of Lislors. Please think about what it was that got you involved in Lisle and help us think about how we can recreate a similar feeling among younger people. Please consider reaching out to family members and friends and sharing some of your experiences with them.

As many of you know, Lisle no longer creates units or projects, but does provide grants for existing projects. In this current format the doors are opened to bring Lisle together with other existing organizations to create projects and experiences that provide intercultural exchange. This new format also allows for a greater diversity of projects than could be sponsored solely by Lisle.

We would like to sponsor events at upcoming Lisle Board meetings that will bring students and grant recipients together with Lislors to help communicate what has sustained Lisle over the years and to help define where these projects will be headed into the future. At the present moment we need your help to encourage new and younger membership in the Lisle family.

A "Next Generation Fund" is being developed under the inspiration of John Kachuba and Mary Newman to support the efforts of involving a younger generation of Lislors to become active and enthusiastic supporters of Uncle Si's tried and true theme of "global-mindedness"—clearly something that the world needs now as much as it did in 1936! You may be able to make a lifelong difference in someone's future—just as your Lisle experience did for you! Thanks for any help you can give in the form of ideas, young contacts or donations. 🌐

Host a Lisle Gathering?

By Dianne Brause

We are always looking to involve Lislors in the organization in ways beyond just being a Board Member or Mentor for our new Grant process. One great way to serve Lisle is to help set up a Lisle Meeting in your area. Recently, we have been having our Spring Meeting in Chicago as a fairly easy-to-get-to location from around the country. This year's meeting in our new location at the Hostel in the center of downtown Chicago seemed to work well for most of us. However, for the Fall "Annual Meetings" we continue to want to meet in various locations around the country so that Lislors from those areas can more easily choose to join us. The kinds of help that we might need would be to find a moderately-priced meeting place preferably with connected housing and possibly food; perhaps a "deputation" or two of interesting sites or programs to visit or volunteer in; or a speaker or two who represent a program or idea of particular interest to Lislors; and possibly an interesting restaurant for a Saturday night dinner. Of course, you do not need to take on all of this organizing alone. Maybe there are several of you in an area who could all pitch in? Or the Lisle office would also offer support and suggestions as needed. So, if YOU would like us to come to your area, please get in touch with Lane in the Texas office at: <lisle@io.com>.

Another idea for energizing your connection to Lisle would be to actively get together with other Lislors from your area—or people traveling through from other areas in the country or the world. Why not call people together for a "Mini-Reunion?" It doesn't need to be big, elaborate, long or fancy. Just two or three people coming together to reactivate their Lisle connection can bring much joy of old memories. If you do have a planned or chance encounter between Lislors, *Interaction* would love to hear about it and get a picture or two as well! 🌐



Current Grantee Projects

By Mark Kinney

THE SARVODAYA KENDRA “LISLE CULTURAL INITIATIVE PROJECT”

The Sarvodaya Kendra (SK) Project fosters regeneration of tribal (indigenous) communities through cultural initiatives in four villages (Thala, Nal, Padani and Naivada) of Banaskandtha District in Gujarat,

India. It aims to motivate tribal leaders to change their conservative outlook, create awareness among tribal women about having fewer children, promote literacy, motivate SK vol-



unteers to interact actively with the tribal community, and create a new tribal youth leadership. The tribals are alienated from the mainstream society and live in sparse conditions. From November 2006 to March 2007, we have accomplished the following:

There are monthly meetings of tribal leaders to discuss issues including understanding the long-term ill effects of the “revenge system”, the advantages of having fewer children, and reducing alcoholism. The Tribal women, though illiterate, have exhibited empowered leadership. They have started several projects for social and economic transformation. In Nal, women are learning to work on spinning wheels. In Thala, 100 tribal women joined Self Help Groups (SHG) in which each woman saves Rs 1 daily to deposit in the bank—thus creating long term, low interest credits for various agricultural projects. In Padani, 25 tribal women took beadwork training for four months, receiving a monthly stipend from the Handicraft Corporation. Their crafts are now being exported to the USA and they will each get a regular income. In Naivada, the women have begun a patchwork class. Health issues

and sanitation were discussed and new SGH’s were formed for collection of honey and herbs for market. Fifty women attended the Handicraft Fair held in Ahmedabad (which was their first trip outside their area). They met with the managing director of Handicraft Corporation and several NGO’s. Twenty-five tribal farmers went on an excursion to learn about new techniques and value-added projects.

Two Medical Camps were held, treating 1554 patients with free medicines and further treatment as needed. Forty-two older people had free cataract surgeries and all the children were given complete eye check-ups. Cultural festivals were held with 15,000 participants. In the presence of a holy Hindu saint, 2000 alcoholic tribal people took a public pledge to break their addictions. If each of them actually stopped drinking, Rs 40,000 per day (or Rs. 14 million annually) could be spent on other family and community needs!

GLOBAL VISIONARIES YOUTH LEADERSHIP



Families receive medical attention at the clinic.

PROGRAM

Global Visionaries educates and trains high school students in cross-cultural understanding, environmental awareness and social action, empowering participants to take critical steps toward eliminating racism and social inequalities and becoming environ-



mental stewards. Students build friendships across racial, ethnic, religious and economic lines both within their communities in Seattle and abroad in Guatemala. They learn to accept one another and live responsibly within the global community.

Local high school students take yearlong leadership training, including anti-oppression workshops, cross-cultural meetings, and leadership development retreats. In partnership with other local non-profits, students also participate in service work teams, building hiking trails, performing environmental restoration, promoting fair trade coffee, teaching children about micro-lending, and gathering donations of supplies to send to Guatemala. The project culminates in a two-week cultural immersion and volunteer experience in Guatemala.

The program strives to teach the value of decreasing our consumption and students emerge as conscious environmental stewards and promoters of social justice, equipped with the knowledge and confidence they need to make their voices heard. We also encourage friendship and understanding between students of different backgrounds. The Lisle Mini-Grant will provide more scholarships, thus increasing low-income participation to 50%. We look forward to also providing opportunities to Lislens in the future—through adult educational trips to Guatemala.

JAMAICAN COMPUTER LAB PROJECT

The Jamaican Teacher Computer Lab Training Project is directed by James Burke with Lisle Mentor, Bill Kinney. The purpose of this project is to increase access and skills in Information Technology (IT) for women, teachers, and children in Jamaica by giving American students the knowledge to assemble a 10-computer mini-lab and deliver it to the Sheffield All Ages School in Negril, Jamaica during the summer of 2007. We hope to forge a positive cross-cultural bridge between Jamaican and American participants.

American middle schoolers will acquire basic skills in Information Technology while establishing a “pen-pal” relationship with their Jamaican counterparts. In Jamaica, classroom presentations, home-

stays, and community outreach strengthen these relationships. Students will also train Jamaican teachers in use of the equipment. The students will stay in communication with their new Jamaican friends as the program progresses in the next several years, as they continue to assess needs, fundraise and implement improvements. The American students will learn valuable lessons in leadership, respect, problem solving, communication, positive self-esteem, and generosity. Parents, families, and corporations will benefit from helping others help themselves. And in Jamaica, the people will be empowered to improve themselves and grow a stronger community.

James recently reported, “We now have 13 youth, 3 parent chaperones and a documentarian signed up for the trip in June. We will be putting together a web site documenting our progress—which includes completing construction of the mini-computer lab with full sets of software. Students are also preparing teacher care packages containing necessary items to start integrating technology with the math, reading and science curriculum. We will also be taking donated laptops (from Ciber Corporation) that the teachers will be able to take home.”

If any Lislens would like to volunteer your computer savvy with student or teacher sessions, on a “working vacation” in Jamaica, please contact Bill Kinney at: <kinneywm@yahoo.com>.



An elementary school in Jamaica.



Get Involved in Lisle Projects!

By Mark Kinney

Would you like to get involved with a Lisle Project and have fun too? Do you know that since Lisle began offering grants to organizations with Lisle-like projects around the world, that there have been several offers for Lislers to become involved in those efforts? **You** now can choose a number of ways and places to become involved.

I will outline only a few of the program opportunities. In all cases, you can always contact the Lisle office (800) 477-1538 to be directed to the most current direct link to becoming involved. In addition, the Lisle Board would welcome volunteers to assist with the Mini-Grant Committee, and in other ways as well. To find out how you can get involved, please contact me at: <mark.kinney@utoledo.edu> or (989) 595-3667.

All three of the current-year projects have suggested specific ways to become involved.

INDIA

Lisle itself is developing a two-week visit to both the current year's project in Gujarat and to the Mountain Children's project site from our earlier project. If you are interested in joining with other Lislers and visiting India during January 2008 (*see pg. 22*), please contact the Lisle office.

GUATEMALA

The Global Visionaries project is ongoing in Guatemala. Global Visionaries is looking to expand community involvement to more directly include adults by running adult educational trips to Guatemala. We are also planning adult volunteer events for the greater Seattle area. Lislers are encouraged to attend any of these events. To learn more, contact Betsy Bridwell, <betsyb@u.washington.edu> past Lisle board member, or speak with Chris Fontana at Global Visionaries directly at <chrisfontana@global-visionaries.org> or at <www.global-visionaries.org>.

JAMAICA

There are a number of opportunities to become involved with the Jamaican Computer Project. This project is designed to continue long past the one-year Lisle grant period. As such, James Burke is interested in attracting adults to go to the community and teach computer skills to both the teachers and children. There will also be future trips, on which individuals may be able to go. Contact James for further information: during the school year call: (425) 456-6821. Or, during summer: (253) 833-6626. You can also email: <inibara@mac.com>.

You may also be interested in visiting a particular Mini-Grant site. For further information about the earlier projects, please contact the project directly and mention that you are interested in visiting the Lisle Mini-Grant recipient project.

THE MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S FORUM

You can access MCF by linking to: Mountain Children's Project, <www.lisleinternational.org/grants/www.mymountains.org> and speak to Aditi who is coordinating the work.

THE TEEN AS COACH PROJECT

You can find updated information at: <www.serviceforpeace.org>, or email Vicki Martin <martinvickylee@yahoo.com> who is one of the developers, along with RoseAnn Kennett and Diana Sterling.

ECUADOR

The Shunku Llacta project is hosting a volunteer service trip to two rain forest communities in Ecuador from July 25–August 5, 2007. Lislers are more than welcome to join the trip as participants. Contact Abby for more information at <shunkullacta@gmail.com> or visit the website at <shunkullacta.org>.

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Lisle 2007 Mini-Grant Program

By Mark Kinney

Lisle is excited to announce our 2007 Mini-Grant Program (\$500-\$3000) to support projects which foster the goals of Lisle. We welcome applications.

This year, our focus is to assist projects which are consonant with Lisle's mission:

"Lisle is committed to broadening the ideal of a global community and increasing the appreciation of all cultures. It does so by bringing together persons of diverse religious, cultural, sexual, political, and racial backgrounds to interact with each other, and to reflect upon their experiences. Lisle is committed to an educational process which emphasizes cooperative, democratic leadership and participation Lisle supports organizations and individuals that demonstrate diverse cultural and racial decision-making, planning, and administration. Lisle supports intercultural learning experiences in which participants enhance their communication skills, discover greater tolerance for different ideas, and gain greater respect for all life. Lisle supports projects that result in resolving conflicts, community building, and increased self-knowledge."

Project proposal applications are due to the Lisle office by September 1st, 2007. The key required elements contained in the application include: An identified "Lisle Mentor," a description of the project, a


clear budget, specific goals and objectives, a time-line for the project, and a specified evaluation process.

Mini-Grant decisions will be made during the Lisle Annual Meeting and Board Meeting in October 2007. The official announcements of these awards will be sent to applicants within a week following the meeting. The mini-grant cycle will be from November 1, 2007–October 1, 2008.

The Mini-Grant awards are a wonderful way to assist agencies that you know of that are doing good work to fulfill their mission (and Lisle's too).


If you are interested in considering a proposal, please contact the Lisle office and request a Mini-Grant packet. There have now been a number of Lislers who have either received a grant or have served as a Mentor for an accepted grant. These persons are very knowledgeable and many are willing to assist you in your efforts. Please request this support, if you need it.

For more details about the process, go to the following link: www.lisleinternational.org/grants/grants.html#aboutmini-grants.

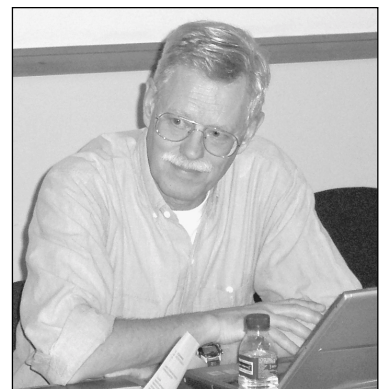
Please feel free to call, write, or email for further details or help, to Mark Kinney, Executive Director or any of the Lisle Board members. Begin by contacting: Lisle Office: 900 County Road 269, Leander TX 78641, (800) 477-1538 or (512) 259-7621, lisle2@io.com. 

(Get Involved, cont'd)

SACRAMENTO, CA

Located in Sacramento, Crane Culture Theater offers opportunities for volunteers to get involved in cultural-environmental theater programs for children and all aspects of children's theater, from production and marketing to artistic elements (acting, costuming, music, storytelling, dancing). Contact Bruce Forman formstru@cs.com or call (916) 536-0550. 

At the Spring Board Meeting in Chicago, an appreciative Dad, Mark, listens intently while his son, Bill, discusses the Jamaica Computer Project he helped mentor.



Become a Lisle Mentor!

By Betsy Bridwell

By now, most of you are familiar with the new grant making role that Lisle has taken on, and you have read about some of the wonderful organizations we have supported these past three years. You may be less clear about the role *Lisle Mentors* play in facilitating grant applications. I would like to share a bit about my personal experience serving as a mentor to a local organization that applied twice for a Lisle mini-grant.



It takes a village to complete a Global Visionary project! Lisle Betsy Bridwell mentored GV through their application project.

Because of the limited funds Lisle has to give each year, we do not openly solicit for organizations to apply. We ask that they be “sponsored” in a sense, by someone affiliated with Lisle—someone who knows both Lisle and its mission as well as the organization that is applying for funds.

I was familiar with a Seattle-based non-profit called “Global Visionaries,” and it seemed a perfect fit with Lisle. GV works with high-school students on leadership training within the context of social justice and environmental issues and cross-cultural education, including taking students to Guatemala (see pg. 10). I encouraged them to apply during our very first round of grant giving. I did not, however, work very closely with them in reviewing their grant application and making suggestions. They did not receive one of the first grants

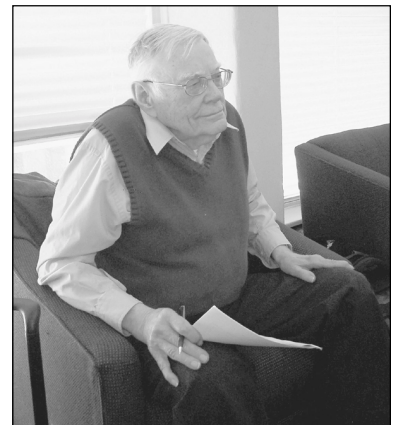
I talked with the director afterwards and strongly encouraged him to reapply. This past year, GV submitted another grant proposal. This time I reviewed the application, asked clarifying questions about descriptions, activities, etc., and then suggested changes, which would better describe how they are a match with Lisle.

For example, in our discussions, it became clear that one of the program components was reflective discussions with the students about their personal experiences, feelings, and insights. That is one aspect that is closely aligned with Lisle’s philosophy, but they had not even mentioned it in their application.

As you might guess, this time they received a grant! One of the grant committee members, who remembered their first application, said it was almost like a different organization applying this time, because the connections with Lisle’s vision was so much clearer. I think the organization had also grown and matured over the two years between applications, but I also realized that personal input from a mentor is vital in writing a clear, relevant proposal.

We know that many of you are aware of, or work with, organizations doing good work in the world that would benefit from one of our small grants. We really encourage you to become involved in supporting those organizations in applying for a Lisle grant. 🌐

Don Irvin while at the Spring Board Meeting in Chicago. Don has been a long-time friend of Lisle since he participated in the New York 1948 trip, and then three more! His wife Jean is also a dear Friend of Lisle.



A Mini-Grant/Maxi-Impact

By Smita Patel

A helping hand, extended in time, can make a dramatic difference to a small organization. For the Mountain Children's Forum (MCF), that help came from Lisle. The MCF believes that one of the most powerful forces for development and social change lies in tapping the energy of the young people. We connect children with one another so they know they are part of a larger movement and can draw inspiration and support from each other.

MCF workshops use games, group discussions, and other activities to empower children, get them thinking about their lives and communities in a different, more proactive way, and promote tolerance, understanding, and respect. Our highly decentralized

model relies on a network of partner organizations to work with the children in their communities. But up until the Lisle grant, MCF was often dismissed by many of the people and orga-


nizations that make up the "development sector" in India as being too idealistic to be effective.

In 2005, long-time Lisler, Sharada Nayak suggested that we apply for a Lisle Mini-Grant. We chose disaster mitigation as a theme since the Tsunami in the India Ocean had recently happened with 50% of the victims being children. Though safe from tsunamis, the North Indian state of Uttarakhand, based in the Himalayan foothills, is at high risk for earthquakes, mudslides, forest fires, and cloudbursts. The lack of hospitals, distance from roads, and the lack of emergency response systems compound the problem further.

Our four-day workshop with 57 children took place in the remote district of Pithoragarh. The young people saw a very different part of the state and met with other children from distant areas in a way that reflected both their diversity and commonality. It was the first time anyone had put children and the issue of disaster mitigation together and we generated a good deal of interest in the media and local government. Lisle's grant infused us with momentum and encouraged us to keep trying. Winning such a grant from an international organization earned new respect for the MCF, and the success of the workshop—especially the convergence of children, the government, and policy issues—led others to recognize the MCF as the primary resource for such efforts.

In 2006, the MCF was asked to put together a workshop on child rights in Uttarakhand. The state had no written child policy, so we decided to help them create a Child Policy. Lisle's early support has also given us the confidence—and the track record—to start talking to other organizations about our work and how the MCF model can be used to enhance the work of other organizations. Now, the people we talk to express enthusiasm and excitement about our work!

To view a full report of this workshop, see:

<www.mymountains.org/workshops/disaster05.htm>. 



MCF children participate in a feedback and action plan exercise.



Kunti meets with media representatives to spread the work of MCF.

Edith in Our Thoughts

Compiled by Lane Winnet

Below are some of the heartfelt responses from Edith's Lisle Family. Paul and Marlin, your Mother had a wonderful life, and graced Lisle with her wit, energy and inspiration!

Gail Bier: Edith was one of the first people I met at Lisle, but can't remember which of the earliest meetings. I do remember how welcoming she was and how much interest she showed in others. When I met her, I knew that Lisle and Edith were very special.

Barbara Bratton: Such sad news—we were just advised that Edith Ballard died today. It doesn't seem possible—she seemed so timeless. Her son, Marlin called to tell us. She was diagnosed with cancer about a month ago and was trying to decide what steps to take. Today she just didn't wake up. I don't know what else to tell you. Lane and I have been reminiscing about our trips together with her and were SO glad we had given her the Ligon Award in Philadelphia, which I know was a delight for her. We also met her at the airport in Toledo and had a day when the three of us traveled in Ohio to see the sights and shared a lot. Did you know she taught at a Japanese Internment Camp during the war, had 5 or 6 pregnancies with only two babies living, was a nudist at one time, and was always very involved with Lisle? She will be missed!

Dianne Brause: Edith never seemed to tire of connecting people wherever she went—and she went lots of places—no matter what the lack of creature comforts might have been! I remember the late afternoon downpour and flooded streets in Philadelphia as Jon Findley and I practically dragged her through 18 inches of water rushing down the street while trying to also cover her with an umbrella which was blown inside out by the raging wind. After six blocks of struggle, we were all totally drenched, she and I went



into the bathroom of the air-conditioned Chinese Restaurant to wring the water out of our dresses. Edith asked for a towel and was given a tablecloth that she wrapped around herself. Little did Edith know that she would soon be joined by her two sons for the surprise of receiving the Ligon Service Award!

Judy Brown: Since Edith was a fellow Quaker I have been missing her doubly. She was always popping up with some idea which would bring Quakers as well as Lislers together, and it was great to work with her.

Someone with Edith's energy energized us all, and her choice of causes was always original and refreshing. I'm just glad she was in the world and has now gone universal.

John Kachuba: What sad news to hear about Edith Ballard. She had so much energy and enthusiasm for Lisle's work. She was on the Costa Rica program that Kristin Currin and I co-led and she was certainly a "spark" in our group. In addition to some of the things Barb wrote about Edith in her email, Edith also liked to say that she was the first person to French-kiss Alan Ginsberg! She joked that her kiss was what turned him gay! OK, that was Edith's story, not mine. She will be missed. 🌐

Edith Ballard died on May 2, 2007. Her memorial service was held on May 26 at the Homeward Meeting House in Baltimore, MD.

Edith's two sons are: Paul Ballard <pballard@all-systems.com> and Marlin Ballard [at Edith's home: 8648 Oakleigh Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.] Marlin appreciated the call and the fact that Lislers were thinking of her family at this difficult time. He suggested that Lislers, if inclined, could make contributions in her memory, to Lisle.



Adventures with Edith

By Lane Winnett

I will never forget the first time I met Edith Ballard. It was at the Annual Meeting at Loveland, Ohio in Oct 1999. She and Ann Groves had driven down from Ann's home close to Chicago. Edith was on her way back home to Baltimore after visiting family in Wisconsin, California and a meeting with former students in Portland, OR. She was so excited about the meeting with the Japanese students from an interment camp in Montana. She taught there during World War II.

Over the years we were together at annual meetings. During the 2001 meeting, Barbara Bratton and I spent the night with Edith in her home. We had a nice day trip to Rehoboth Beach, DE so I could dip my toe in the Atlantic Ocean.

I saw her again in Redwood City, CA, 2002, and in Leonia, NJ, 2003. Edith, Alex Cox, (CO '63 & '64), Norma Stevens (Costa Rica '99) sister of Edith and myself went by bus and subway to meet with Marion Zusman (CO'45) in Brooklyn. That was quite an adventure for this country girl!

The next adventure was in Philadelphia, 2005, for the Annual Meeting. My sister, Charolyn Gouldy, Barbara, Dianne Brause, Edith and I drove from Philadelphia to Baltimore. We stopped in Lancaster County to see an Amish Farm. Edith stayed in the car to take a nap. When we returned, Edith was not there! We decided to drive up the highway to a village about a mile away, where we found her! My sister was appalled that we had "lost" Edith and that we weren't overly upset, but we three Lislors knew that Edith knew where she was and that we would eventually find her.

(Cont'd "Edith" on page 22)

Quaker Memorial Service

Honors Edith Ballard's Life

By Marty Tillman

On Saturday, May 26, in Baltimore, MD at the Homewood Friends Meeting, I joined about 100 people to remember Edith. It was a very moving service and I felt that despite her great contribution to the work of Lisle, that I had known only a very small part of her large life. Around the Meeting Room were vases of flowers placed on each windowsill along with many T-shirts—each worn by her—honoring a part of her life's commitment. The well-known green T-shirt from LISLE was hanging with many others.

There was much love expressed for Edith by each person who spoke. I spoke on behalf of all the many Lislors whom she knew, and the countless others with whom she corresponded, to keep our members directly involved. After the service, it was very emotional for me to see that her sons had placed the Ligon Service Award, which I had presented to her at our Philadelphia annual meeting in 2005, on a table along with other photos and memories of her life.

Edith was remembered as a peace activist, as someone who loved her friends and family, and who was exceptionally tolerant of others—especially those who were "quirky" or perhaps different. She was without ego and lived a simple life spending a lot of time gardening in recent years.

Edith made a lasting contribution to Lisle by making connections and sustaining them. I learned that this was an integral part of how she lived her own life. 🌍



Edith Ballard with son, Paul, and Hans Spiegel at the Lisle Annual Meeting in Philly in 2005.



Sam Baker (D.C. '68, '69, '72 and Israel '78), wrote: "If you can send a brief note to the *Lisle Interaction* newsletter, it would be great to connect to some Lislers who might be in the area. I do hope to see you sometime soon. I miss my contact with Lisle and Lislers." He retired in June, 2007, from teaching after 36 years as a high school math teacher and counselor. In this year of transition, he has moved from his home in Newton, MA to beautiful Wellfleet on the outer part of Cape Cod. Now he has purchased a restaurant and will open a bakery/take-out meals/eat-in café business. The new business, Sam Cooks, will open for the summer season on June 13 and serve the Cape Cod residents and visitors creative international food. If any of you are in the area stop by 2393 Route 6, Wellfleet, MA. phone: (508) 349-0000, email: <samcooks4u@comcast.net>, his website is: <samcookswellfleet.com>.

Howard Binkley (Board member; DC, '54, '66, '67; CO '54; CA '56; Japan '56) writes: "I am 85 and have been overly busy and involved in several arenas including 24 grand children and one great granddaughter. I had hoped I might join India program this summer but other commitments have priority at the moment. One grandson recently married a delightful woman he met at Harvard; another married and went to Max Planck Institute in Germany—lecturing globally on quantum physics, etc. Now profs at U/Michigan (Uncle Si's base for years!); Shanna/David Pettie hiking thru Europe and taking a group of young people to Taize Retreat in France; niece working (Arabic scholar) in Cairo; son Ron now heads large part of multi-faceted Taiwanese /Chinese firm and travels to China every couple of months—so Lisle influence carries on in different ways!"

Evelyn (Culbert) Binkley (CO '54, CA '56, DC '66, '67, '73 & Canada '73) of Haiku, HI writes: "Anyone of Lisle experience can phone first (808) 573 9046) and is a welcome visitor to our cottage in upcountry Maui."

Cora Bell (Walburn) Crane (CO '46) of Palmdale, CA has been retired since June 1981. At 87, she is

active in California Retired Teachers Assoc. and in her church and churchwomen group.

Kristin Currin (Leadership Training '98, CR '98, '99, '01 & '02) of Mosier, Oregon writes: "Still living (off-grid) in Mosier, OR. Our native plant nursery, "Humble Roots" is growing well. We are working with local schools and the community and local farmer's markets, supporting groups working on local food security as well as our own local currency group! Life is full and closely connected to the land—hard working but amazing."

Sophia (Holley) Ellis (Germany '55 & '56, Russia '56) of Detroit, MI writes: "Learning Arabic and reinventing me now that I'm retired from teaching."

Kathryn Eynon (CO '52 & Denmark '54) of Maysville, NC writes: "Am making a new life in N.C. but my interests remain the same as in WI. Am active in community theatre and local choral group and church and helped build the local Habitat House. Also had two great trips this past year—one to the Galapagos Islands and one to Iceland, Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland.

Marina (Zaccaro) Firestone (Lisle Board, CO '48), Family Camp '63) of Fort Lee, NJ writes: "Enjoy reading the excellent articles in the *"Interaction"* and news of old friends. Thanks to Edith Ballard's work and correspondence. Also enjoy our renewed friendship with Lislers Ellie & Hans Spiegel. In May 2006, Nat & I visited Tunisia, where we served in the Peace Corps 40 years ago. Marina visited family and friends in Rome."

Ruth Ingeborg Fuss (CA '54, Germany '55 & '63) of Venice FL has been leading the Village on the Isle Ecumenical midweek worship service committee, selecting speakers and coordinating it. Ruth has a mail courier job and she writes in a journal and "To the Editor". She loves to read and is seeking a publisher for 4 small books that she has translated on psychotherapy.

Joyce (Walker) Hardin (Lisle Board, CO '46, NY '47, Family Camp '56 & '61, Elderhostel '90 & '91 Bali '92 & OK '93) of Solon, OH writes: "It was wonderful to attend the 70th Anniversary—80th Birth-



day for Walt Ligon. Thanks to all who worked very hard to make it a wonderful event.”

Penny (Gates) Haughwout (NY '42 & '47) of Stamford, CT writes: “Congrats on your wonderful work!” (*Penny is Uncle Si's niece.*)

Mogens & Jean (Horton) Jensen (CO '46, Denmark '54, Family Camp '56, Germany '57, '59 & '62) of Grand Blanc, MI writes: “Thanks for printing our article in the last *Interaction*. Great job on the newsletter! We read it cover to cover. Thanks to all of those working diligently in many areas.”

Carter Pate (CO '45 & '54, NY '47) of Chattanooga, TN retired from the Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2000. He continues activities in the various inter-faith and inter-ethnic contexts and studies of meditation and conflict resolution.

Helen Baker St. John (Uganda '94, HI '95) of Seattle, WA writes: “I was delighted to receive the winter edition of *Lisle Interaction*, and read with such detail about the fall meeting in Toledo. I would have loved to have been there, but between my Amtrak trip to Maryland, the trip to Savannah GA, Las Vegas and visiting Bulgaria, I just couldn't fit another trip in. I taught my last class for the medical students this spring. I decided that after a half-century of teaching medical students, in a world in which medicine is changing so rapidly, it is time to leave it to the younger faculty. So now my time has turned mainly to gardening. We sincerely hope that all people in this country and around the world can work together so that all can find more peace, comfort and freedom, and find a better life in the year 2007.”

Lelia (CO '52) and **Hermann Schmal** (CA '52) wrote, “Dear friends abroad, Christmas and New Year festivities were dominated by a 3-weeks visit of Lelia's brother and his wife from Butte, MT. This trip and all connected arrangements were prepared by their children and ours last spring and were only mentioned to us at Lelia's 80th birthday in September. Of course we were very happy and prepared ourselves since early December for this big event. Consequently all our traditional plans for Christmas

were changed and there was no time for annual review, Christmas letters, New Year cards, etc .etc. Our children helped as much as they could and also came to Munich alternatively, as their professional situation allowed, and that was better for us and for them than all of us together at one time. Since about one month we now try to come back to our routine activities: reading, phoning, television, cinemas, concerts, exhibitions, and just to have time for us. Email: <h.schmal@t-online.de>

Dr. Joan Straumanis (CO '56) of Boston, MA has retired as President of Antioch College and now doing independent consulting and living in Boston.

Larry and Christine Stumpf (CA '43) of Los Angeles, CA writes: “Oldest daughter Linda (Stumpf) Preston (Denmark '75) is a public school teacher and with her husband Christopher, they have a 12 year old son, William. Middle daughter, Diana is a computer programmer in Wash. D.C. Youngest daughter, Nancy is a county employee and married to Matt. Son Justin suffered a brain injury in a bicycle accident, unable to hold a job Justin is married to Meng and they have a 7-year son Andrew.”

Suzanne (Hall) Vogel (NY '48. CT '48 & '49) of Cambridge, MA writes: “I am a retired clinical social worker. I worked in Harvard University's Mental Health Service for 27 years. I am an old Texas friend of Walt Ligon. I plan to attend Lisle's Annual meeting in Oct and I am interested in the trip to India. 🌐

Ann Groves while at the Spring Board Meeting in Chicago. Anne has been a long-time friend of Lisle since she participated in the Denmark 1955 trip.



Our Tourists' View of China

By Walt Ligon (with Betty's Help)

In April, we joined Grand Circle Travel to see highlights of China. China stretched our historical imagination with a civilization going back at least 4000 years. We spent most of our time in seven cities: Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Changqing, Xian, Guilin, and Hong Kong. Although old cities, none gave the impression of age. Shanghai, reminded me of modern New York on a hazy day. Air is a problem. Cars create traffic jams and bike and motorcycle lanes are also a danger to unwary pedestrians. Construction is everywhere, especially in Beijing, which is hosting the World Olympics in 2008. None of our hotels looked to be more than 5–10 years old.

Our 400-mile trip up the Yangtze River valley on a 350-passenger ship started at the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest dam. It's reservoir is 360 miles long, submerging many cities, towns, and villages and 75,000 acres of cultivated land with 1.3 million people relocated. It will produce 15 % of China's electricity, reduce flooding by 90%, and allow the passage of 10,000-ton ships.



The Yangtze River Valley

We found the people to be open in talking about government and politics. We visited Tiananmen Square and our guide told us his story of being a 17-year-old on the night of the massacre there in 1989. A woman professor told us her memories of the Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976. We talked with displaced people. We learned that all property is owned by the government. Farmers must lease their farms and city dwellers lease apartments and condominiums.



Daybreak reflections

Officially, the government is Atheistic, but it is tolerant of most local and imported religions if they don't speak or act against the government. We visited Buddhist and Taoist temples, with people coming and going and a lot of incense in the air. We didn't see any churches, but China now has 50,000 churches and 16 million believers, a considerable revival since the Cultural Revolution in which all religions were banned.

Superstition seems to play a strong role in Chinese life, with much talk of good and bad luck and the Chinese horoscope. We saw two high-rise apartment buildings, with large holes constructed in the middle by the architects in order to facilitate good luck for the inhabitants. The belief is that a dragon living on the mountain needed to go down to the water and the building was in his way, so the holes were constructed to permit his passage.

The trip had many high points: viewing the 7000+ terra cotta warriors, horses and chariots found buried near Xian; taking a trip down the Li River to catch glimpses of rural China as well as the high, thin mountains. But the highest point was cumulative. It was the experience with our Chinese guide whom we called Norman. He was like a combination of good sheep dog and knowledgeable professor. We serenaded him on our last night together with a rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," to which he responded, "Sounds like the NORMAN Tabernacle Choir." 🌐



Chris & Dean Go 'Round the World

By Chris & Dean Coons

We had a long-held desire to visit the Seychelle Islands. We found out that the Princess Line had a 28-day cruise from Bangkok to Cape Town with a stop at the Seychelles and other places we had never been, including Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, India, various islands between India and South Africa. As with any cruise, the port stops were brief—sometimes only six hours—so there was never much chance to get beyond the tourist-oriented sights nor to mingle with the people, as we would have done if it were Lisle sponsored excursion.



Chris and Dean in the sunny Seychelles.

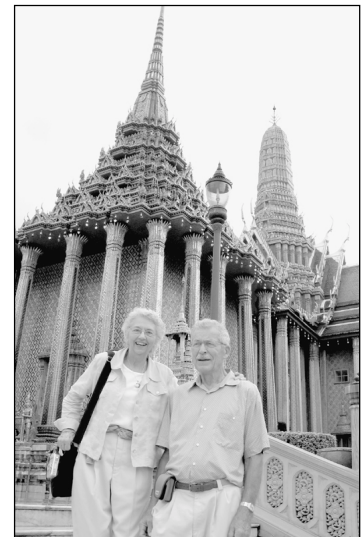
We flew from San Francisco to Bangkok 5 days ahead and secured a guide to show us the amazing sights and culture in Bangkok. We boarded the Pacific Princess on Sept. 16th which had all the needed amenities and was small enough to facilitate easy acquaintance with the other 600+ passengers. The weather cooperated throughout and our Australian captain said that in his many years this was one of his smoothest crossings of the Indian Ocean.

Eleven days into the cruise, we had an unexpected event that would change the whole trip and our post-trip lives. Two days before Sri Lanka, Chris woke up and could not see. She had no pain or physical signals that would help the medical staff diagnose the problem. They helped in getting her to an ophthalmologist at the next port stop (Maldiv Islands), but he could do nothing more than the ship doctor. We considered terminating the cruise, but decided that as

long as one of us was in a disabled mode there was no better place to be where all our daily needs were accommodated. (We found out after we got home that Chris has a rare form of arthritis that shut off the blood supply to the optic nerve and that the damaged nerves will never regenerate.) Ironically, we reached the Seychelles 4 days after her sight loss. It was one of the highlights of the trip, but Chris could only “see” it through Dean’s descriptions.

South Africa was outstanding! We went on safari to the oldest and largest game reserve in South Africa. We saw only a small fraction of this vast reserve but viewed many kinds of wildlife. (Chris was able to “see” the zebras because of the contrasting stripes!) We loved Cape Town, which reminded us of San Francisco, though more spectacular. We went to Cape Point where the Indian Ocean meets the Atlantic Ocean with views like a movie set including ostriches, penguins, baboons, and many beautiful beaches. We spent 2 days in Port Elizabeth visiting the family our daughter lived with as a high school exchange student 30 years ago. Their perspective on the future of South Africa is quite different from what ours

through the U.S. media. With a 45% unemployment rate and no way for improvement, they are very apprehensive and pessimistic that South Africa will suffer the same fate as Zimbabwe. 🌐



Bangkok beauties: Chris and Dean in front of a Thai temple



Mini-Reunion at Lost Valley

By Dianne Brause

Dianne Brause had the pleasure of a visit from Suzanne Brooks (Costa Rica '96) and Marisa DeLeon (HI '95 , Costa Rica '96) on May 11th at Lost Valley Educational Center, where Dianne lives. The three met originally at the Lisle Unit that Dianne led in 1996 in Costa Rica.

Suzanne flew in for the day to consult with Marisa and Dianne about a project that she is planning in Uruguay, where Marisa was born and raised. Suzanne got ideas about creating community from walking the Lost Valley land, and was given names of important contact people to meet in Uruguay by Marisa. Suzanne hopes to create a Women of Color Center in Uruguay.

Suzanne has been instrumental in creating the International Association for Women of Color Day and serves as its CEO. On March 4th, they celebrated the 9th Annual Women of Color Day Event entitled "The Impulse to Soar" in Sacramento, CA.

In addition to the Women of Color projects, Suzanne has also started a musical group named "The

Jazz Generation" and has a number of CD's for purchase. To see what Suzanne has going, check out her website at: www.creativeconsys.com. You may also contact her at: CreativeSy@aol.com, or call her at: (916) 483-9804.

Marisa, at 96 is still going strong, walking a lot in downtown Eugene, going on excursions by bus with friends from her home and hosting old and young friends from around the world. She can be reached at: The Eugene Hotel, 222 East Broadway, Eugene, OR 97401 or by phone at: (541) 463-9704. 🌐



Marisa ready to forge ahead with energy!

Who Will You Meet at Church?

By Nancy Kinney

In Albuquerque to see the kids, Mark and I decided to attend the Unitarian Church. At the welcome time, we stood to introduce ourselves, as did a number of others. At the conclusion of the service, we were approached by several other Michiganders, among them, Ardis Hanish! They participated in Germany '55 and CA '56.

We were all excited finally to meet people whose names we read on lists and in *Interaction*, but whom we had never seen in person, even though she and her husband Ed lived in Grand Marais for eighteen years and we have been in Michigan since 1972. We accepted her invitation to her Thursday night "Soup Supper" with her neighbors and some church members. It was a great chance to catch up on Lisle doings and discover our common acquaintances and good friends.

Get out and find people when you travel; you never know who will be there! 🌐



"Porch Time" with the Hanish's.



Suzanne, Marisa and Dianne: Las Amigas!!



The Legacy of Clay Hubbs

By Marty Tillman

I mourn the passing last March of Dr. Clayton Allen Hubbs (1936-2007). He was a journalist, professor, and international studies advisor (Hampshire College, 1972-1998) who founded *Transitions Abroad* magazine in 1977. For more than 30 years, Clay edited the magazine and set the standard by which others would follow in writing about “alternative” travel and education abroad.

The magazine gave visibility to small nonprofits like Lisle for many years. It’s pages gave voice to creative and innovative writing, which included my free-wheeling “Third World Focus” column over 20 years ago and that of fellow Board member Dianne Brause, who also wrote a column on eco-tourism for *Transitions Abroad*. Clay’s legacy will live on between the magazine’s covers and in the hearts of its readers around the world.

To learn more about *Transitions Abroad* and view recent on-line issues, go to the website at: www.transitionsabroad.com.

Dianne Brause has fond memories of Clay Hubbs as a fine example of the Lisle spirit of Global-Mindedness. Dianne wrote a column for *Transitions Abroad* for many years, often featuring the Lisle trips. She honors Clay as one of her personal Mentors, who strongly supported her exploration of the various facets of socially and environmentally responsible travel. She is saddened by his early passing and had hoped to one day visit his castle in Spain! 🌐

In Memoriams

Robert J. Payne’s wife wrote, “I am writing to let you know that my beloved husband, Robert J. Payne, died on April 11, 2007. He was in the 1946 Unit in Colorado and that summer experience had a great influence on his life. He was always supportive of Lisle’s work and welcomed opportunities to be with Lisle friends. A number of years ago, (January 27-29, 2000) the Executive Board met in Lakeland, Florida and I recall the pleasure we had in welcoming the group and treating them to Plant City strawberries. May your good work continue for many years.” Joyce Payne, 105 E. Calhoun St., Plant City, FL 33563

Robert McCullagh (CA’43): “I regret to inform you that Bob—Robert McCullagh—died on Feb 6, 2007. He was in a Lisle Program (CA’43) just a short time before he was drafted and became a CO in CPS. He always held Lisle in high regard and while a United Methodist Campus Minister recommended its programs to students.” Our condolences to his wife Jeanne.

Marian Apking (Elderhostel ’91): of Cincinnati, OH. Passed in 2007.

Cynthia Doddy (DC ’75): of Plainfield, NJ. Passed on 8/29/06.

Margaret Gradomski (Elderhostel ’91): of Toledo, OH. Passed in the summer of 2006.

Charles Gray (CO ’55-Leader and Jamaica ’56): of Eugene, OR. Passed in 2006.

Martin Hughes (Friend of Lisle): of Temple, TX. Passed on March 21, 2007.

Charles McCoy (Friend of Lisle): of Berkley, CA. Passed in July 2006. 🌐

Time Passes—Lislors Send Love

By Barbara Bratton

Lisle was blessed with a significant gift from the estate of Muriel Carlson this year. Muriel, from Roxbury, MA has been a member and financial supporter of Lisle since her participation in Lisle, New York in 1939. We are saddened that the current Board did not know Muriel personally but we found a note from her in 2005 when she said how encouraged she was with the new direction of Lisle and continued rebirth of the Lisle spirit. To Muriel, wherever you are, our thanks and thoughts are with you! 🌐



(“Edith” cont’d from page 15)

Our last adventure was in Toledo, 2006. Barb and I met Edith in at the airport in Detroit. Our plane was delayed and Edith thought she had lost us; a kind airport employee kept her safe until we arrived. The next day we drove to central Ohio to visit a friend of mine and we stop along a canal at the Maumee River and took a great walk. Edith really enjoyed that walk.

I enjoyed working with Edith on the database and getting info for the Network News. She was a very independent, energetic cheerful person and experienced life in a unique way. I am very privilege to count Edith as a very dear and wonderful friend. I will miss her very much! 🌐

Editor’s Note: We understand that Edith had been meeting with a group doing an intercultural project in Bluefields, Nicaragua to see if they could apply for a Lisle mini-grant. Does any Lisle feel moved to check this out and be a Mentor for them?

Lisle in India: January 2008

By Sharada Nayak

Lisle has had long connections with India, and there are many Lislers or Lisle well-wishers in this country. In the past two years Lisle has given mini-grants to two NGO’s: the Mountain Children’s Forum, and the M.G. Patel Sarvodaya Kendra in Gujarat led by Hasmukh Patel, a Lisle who visited the US on a program in the eighties.

We propose a two-week visit to India in January 2008, which will include visits to the two very different geographic locations in India, affording an opportunity to see and understand rural problems and people’s efforts to bring development to these areas. The India tour will allow for some sightseeing in Delhi, Jaipur and Agra – and the world famous Taj Mahal.

The “estimated” price per person at current in-country transportation cost is \$900. This also includes room and board. Contact the Lisle office later this summer for more details! 🌐

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We’d love to include your Lisle memories, travel stories, journal entries, poetry, artwork and photographs of unit participants and travel locations. You can download the submission guidelines from the website.

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