

Lisle *Interaction*

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The Multicultural Face of Europe —A Dutch Perspective

By Judy Brown

What, traditionally, do Lislers expect of a Lisle Program? We expect an international and intercultural learning experience. We expect the gathered group to become a community. A community who know each other well, forgive one another our annoyances, and in the end cares inordinately about each other. We expect to learn something about ourselves, our foibles and our strengths.

So how did The Netherlands 2003 do on these expectations as it explored what happens to the immigrants and asylum seekers who have entered the Netherlands in the recent past? Within the group itself, with fifteen participants we had six nationalities: Dutch, Turkish, German, Canadian, Indian and U.S citizens. We would also have had three Ghanaians and a Nigerian (*see Ndubuisi article on page 24 and a poem written by him on page 27*) if they had been able to obtain visas from the Dutch government. They were refused visas because the Netherlands Embassies in Africa currently seem to make it very difficult for Africans to enter the Netherlands. This was one of the earliest indications we had



Medieval scene in Heusden, Netherlands

of the caution with which African visitors are welcomed in the Netherlands.

Our theme of course gave us information about the Turks, Moroccans, Antillians and a scattering of other peoples who are currently settling in the Netherlands. We had a chance to speak with a variety of these persons and learn what their experiences in coming to the Netherlands and being asked to integrate with Dutch culture had been. We learned that many

Muslims hold fast to their religious practice. Women in particular prefer to keep their headscarves as an outward sign of their cultural identity, and let their families arrange their marriages. But we also spoke with persons from the second generation in the Netherlands who want to work out of their family's older patterns and adopt more western ways.

We visited a center where asylum seekers are housed from the time they enter the country until their case is decided as to whether they can stay. Our group found it

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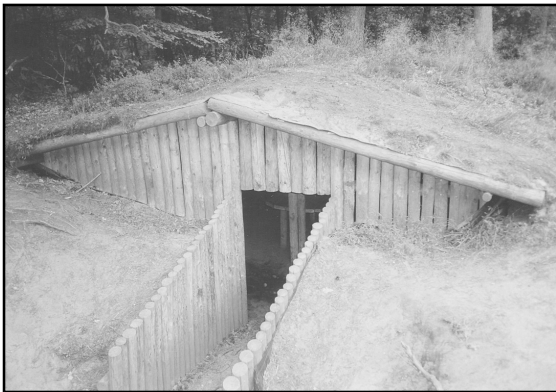
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*Family of Banco Van der Wal,
with Coen and Tienieke*

depressing to recognize (when we spoke with a young man from Tashkent and a young man and woman from Burundi who showed us around) that people in this center are given a small allowance, but they have to just wait and wait. If they do get jobs they are demeaning ones which pay a pittance wage. Some of the Dutch citizens we spoke with who are familiar with the conditions in the camps have detailed concerns about difficult parts of the procedures for those who come, and are working to improve those conditions.

We were able to speak with a member of the European Parliament, Wim Van Velzen who stopped by and spent three hours speaking informally with us. He gave us fascinating



*Part of a "Hidden Village," a hiding place for
Jews during the Nazi occupation.*

information about the European Union (EU), its aims and what it requires of its members, and the way it looks at immigration. Independent states give up a large part of their sovereignty to join the EU. We learned that the EU is very much concerned about the lucrative trafficking of illegal immigrants. They have recently adopted an idea proposed by several countries to set up experimental camps (in Africa, for example) where people who want to immigrate to an EU country can await the decision about their plea for asylum. Such camps would mean that instead of putting these newcomers into camps in European countries until their cases are decided, they would go to camps

closer to home while their case is being heard. We visited new Dutch towns like Almere, which were planned and built in part to help ease the Netherlands' burgeoning population. We met with an inspiring Dutch activist who has made a big difference in his own neighborhood in The Hague. We spent an afternoon with still another energetic 30-year-old Moroccan woman activist who is an Alderman in a section of Amsterdam called Zeeburg where many immigrants live. Her programs to help her constituents were amazing.



*Betty, Mariet and Gerrit enjoy a Dutch
afternoon in an outdoor restaurant*

The alternation of the long days of intensive study of different aspects of the multi-cultural society in the large cities and more relaxed days when one speaker was featured or a place of Dutch historical importance was visited contributed to the unit's success, and seemed to meet the energy levels of the tremendous age range we had in the group. The Dutch leaders of our unit, Coen Raad & Tineke Van Der Wal (Turkey '97, India Reunion '00) and Yolande Houben (DC '66, Pac. NW '02) arranged a strong, informative program and home stays as well. We ended the three weeks tremendously grateful for all we'd been able to do and learn. Ann Groves (Denmark '55) on her homestay, even got to see and hear Milosevic defending himself at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia!



*Hundreds of bicycles parked at Central Station.
This is the way to commute!*





Andrea Gillman (scholarship recipient) and Vicki Marie enjoy the sunny day

For me one of the best parts of the unit was the camaraderie we came to feel among our 15 participants. There were just two 26 and 27 year old women, one woman in her late forties and the rest of us, including three men, ranged from 65 to 81. We lived together in one large house located in a bird-song filled wooded area in the center of the country.

The house was charming but old and had only two showers and three toilets for the crew. Most of the bedrooms housed two persons, one three. We did all our own cooking and dishwashing, and ate food typical for each of our nationalities. The dishes just always seemed to get done without much effort from any one person, except Charlotte Singh (India Reunion '00) who frequently seemed to get to the sink first. The people sleeping on the third floor joked that the sound of snoring



Davindar Singh shows Coen how to make a turban.

floated up their way each night. The group became an open, honest one early on in our stay. Our sense of community had reached such a crescendo that while taking a final group picture all of us, from young to old and from Canadian to Indian, we were downright giddy! We knew each other well, and we still liked each other. Our expectations had been more than met!

Scholarship Recipient writes:

“Thank You”

By Andrea Gillman

I would like to express my thanks to the Lisle scholarship committee, without whom I would not have been able to take part in the Netherlands 2003 unit. To let you know a little about my current situation, I am entering the second year of my Masters of Science in Urban Planning at the University of British Columbia. The main focus of my studies is social planning, in particular community development planning within the immigrant community. As you can imagine this three week course in the Netherlands, focusing on ‘the multicultural face of Europe’ and immigration and integration issues, provided me with a wealth of knowledge and experience that I will be able to apply not only to my thesis research but hopefully to my future career as well.

This program enabled me to learn about the situation of asylum seekers and refugees in Europe, from both the perspectives of the asylum seekers themselves as well as from the lawyers and other experts involved. It allowed me to see community activists at work, and to learn some of their trade secrets and see what has made their neighbourhoods work so well. We engaged in discussions about intercultural communication, globalization, and the ideas behind the European Parliament. The ability to get a glimpse into European views on multiculturalism, gain an understanding of the Dutch definition of integration and insight into the wealth of problems facing Europe today regarding immigrants, proved to be an invaluable experience for me. Since returning I have been doing further reading into these issues both those occurring on Canadian soil and abroad. I am also pursuing a directed studies course with a professor at my university in order to further research certain aspects of these issues for credit.

Having never participated in a Lisle unit before I was deeply impressed by the friendships that form, and the sense of community that I felt almost immediately. A diverse group of participants in background, age and opinion made this an experience I will never forget.

Thank you again!

The Lisle Board wants to especially thank John David Lefever for making this scholarship possible.



President's Message

As I write, it seems that the mantra of how interconnected our lives are has taken on new meaning as the Northeastern U.S. slowly recovers from the worst power blackout in the history of North America. Like so many others, I was unaware of how the lives of 50 million citizens could be so linked by the electrical grid crossing so many states and Canadian provinces. I wonder how many nations and citizens in Europe or SE Asia or Africa this would have impacted had there been a similar grid system in these regions? But then no one needs and uses power like we North Americans! No wonder that a report in the Washington Post about how Europeans have reacted to this crisis pointed out there was not much sympathy for the inconveniences suffered by people in the affected states. France reports somewhere between 1500-3,000 deaths this summer due to the incredible heat wave across Europe—due to the fact that few French homes and apartments have any air-conditioning.

Speaking of cross-cultural connections, Lisle is now engaged in a new initiative to develop a program link with K-12 educators. Board Member Leyla Welkin has been working this Spring to assess the viability of developing a new Lisle program which would provide teachers in-service credit. Educators have always been attracted to Lisle's approach and methods and we think our model has much to offer!

A special thanks to Board Member Judy Brown and Dutch Lislors who worked hard over these past two years—since our 2001 European Board meeting and re-union in Frankfurt—to plan our first program



Marty Tillman, President, and Judy Brown, longtime Lislors, giving us 200-watt smiles at the Annual Meeting

in The Netherlands. We could not have predicted the timeliness of our theme addressing the “multicultural face” of Europe in light of the volatile issues of immigration and resettlement of refugees which have dominated recent EU social and political debate.

I want to express my appreciation to all Lislors and friends who have made contributions to our work this year. I think you know how much we appreciate your support. Despite our small-scale of operations, the Board has a keen sense of responsibility

about the stewardship of Lisle assets and finances.

Our fall Annual Membership and Board Meeting is in the New York City area—Leonia, New Jersey is a short trip across the Hudson River—from October 16-18 and a big thank you goes out to Hans & Ellie Spiegel and Marina Firestone for taking the lead in organizing the week-end. Please contact Lane Winnett in our Texas office if you are interested in working with us to host a Board meeting in the future.

A bit more about Lane: Lane has quietly been at the center of Lisle's universe for several years now. Ever since we moved our administrative office to Leander, Texas, Lane has become an integral part of our success: from answering inquiries on the web or telephone, to coordinating mailings and logistics for Board meetings, we rely upon Lane. Her quiet and steady commitment to our work has really made a difference.

Oh—and let's all start thinking about how to celebrate Lisle's 70th birthday in 2006! Don't hesitate to send us your ideas.

Gender-neutral Revision Suggested

Traditional Lislors concerned about the feminist intrusion into the rhyme scheme of ‘We're in the same boat, brother’ with ‘We're in the same boat sister’ can take heart from Betty's creative leap at the closing circle of the Netherlands unit. The chorus can now be sung:

*We're in the same boat, brother,
We're in the same boat, mother,
And if you tip one end you're gonna rock the other,
It's the same boat brother/mother (take your choice).*



Executive & Program Director's Report

As you can tell from my article below, much of my time this spring was spent in Hungary. In addition to that, the office staff, board, committee chairs and members have done a wonderful job in keeping the organization ongoing. It was an interesting feeling to have missed my first board meeting in, probably, 20 years. There certainly was an empty spot in my stomach on that day.

We continue to offer a limited number of programs as we work to create one focus for teachers in our programming in addition to the regularly focused offerings. You will see a good deal more of that in the near future.

As the times change, there are new challenges for Lisle. One way I have been working to position Lisle for these changes, has been to serve as Chair of the Executive Committee of the International Volunteer Programs Association. I see this professional organization as a wonderful opportunity to make sure that Lisle is up to speed about international trends and opportunities as well as well represented in the international volunteer community.

Check the Lisle listing out at IVPA's website at www.volunteerinternational.org.



Mark Kinney
Executive and Program Director

Hungary in the Spring

By Mark Kinney

As many of you know, Nancy and I spent the spring term in Hungary, while Nancy was on sabbatical from Washtenaw Community College. She developed an opportunity to teach at the University of Szeged for the term. Szeged, the second largest city in Hungary, located in the southeastern part of the country, is the county seat of Csongrad County. It is also the location of the Universitas of Szeged, which was created in 2000 by the merger of Juhasz Gyula Teacher Training College, Jozsef Attila University, the Medical College and several other institutions. Szeged is one of the sister cities of Toledo, Ohio, where Mark was a professor at the University of Toledo before he retired. He formerly served on the Toledo Sister Cities Board of Directors and at that time established exchange agreements with the educational institutions in Szeged and came to know many administrators and faculty.

We had a ball. With both of us teaching courses within the University, we had the joy of interacting with wonderfully capable students who came in willing to risk learning in English, as well as pretty well prepared in our disciplines. They worked hard, and learned a lot.

At the same time, and not to make too much of it, some cultural expectations were of concern to our US academic sensibilities. For one thing, the custom was for students to attend class casually during the first, and often the second week of the term. Especially, in Nancy's case, there was also the scheduling expectation that about 1/3 of her students were off doing something else, such as practice teaching, during the first three weeks, and yet another 1/3 were assigned to do something else during the final three sessions. Through all of this, Nancy was required to give those students a grade for being in her class – WOW! We also were concerned that general practice in Szeged was that the text would be placed in the department library at the beginning of the term. Students would then go to the library and check out the book and make a copy of it to use for the term. Copyright anyone? Plagiarism from the Internet was a way of life in an environment where accuracy always trumped originality and creativity in writing for the public school teachers in whose classrooms the students grew up. It's tough to change those expectations.

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Mark was invited to conduct some lectures and classes at the University of Debrecen and ELTA in Budapest, so he knows the joy of long distance buses and trains and how to confront skeptical college students. We both also taught 'correspondent' students, people in the midst of career change education who reminded us of our serious and curious American adult students.

When we arrived, Szeged had had its one hundred-year snowfall, and there were snow and ice ruts on most of the roads, since snow removal equipment is rarely needed and not really available in that part of Hungary. During the following week there were three additional days of steady snow, so we were truly glad that we did not have a vehicle to be responsible for. Public transportation was readily and inexpensively available. Trams and buses from our college-provided apartment to the college itself passed by every few minutes, so we could, with minimal walking, go anywhere in the city anytime that we wanted all for about \$15 a month!!

While we worked and earned our salary, we also had some wonderful times to travel and see the Eastern European region. In February we spent a week with physical education students skiing at Bohinj in Slovenia. In March Mark's colleague Csapo Beno had to go to Padua, Italy for a meeting of the European Association for Educational Research, so he invited us to go along to find Spring. We spent a day in Verona, another at Lake Garda, two at Padua and a Sunday morning in Venice—a great chance to see northeastern Italy. That was the time of anti-war protests and we saw one in Padua.

During Easter break we traveled to Croatia and on a Saturday in May we traveled to Romania with colleagues. We saw the site in Timisoara where the revolution began in 1990 that ousted the dictator Ceaucescu and the gravesite of eleven of the thirteen heroes of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution in Arad.

At that time we also witnessed the consequences of the new secure EU Shengen border for Hungary. About two hundred trucks were lined up along the road near the customs station to be cleaned and processed from the Romanian side into Hungary. Over the May Day (Labor Day) holiday weekend we went with the Pedagogy Department from Juhasz Gyula (Mark's department) to Eger to Esterhazy Karoly University for an exchange visit with their faculty and to enjoy a beautiful wine growing area of Hungary.

There were other occasions to remember in Hungary. We enjoyed some guitar concerts, the Szeged zoo, the city museum and the folk art museum, and celebrated March 15, the day of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution. Nancy learned to do Hungarian Kolocsa embroidery. Friends invited us to restaurant dinners and home visits, and we went cart riding in a horse-drawn cart in the countryside. We swam in several swimming pools and interacted with young students of English as native speakers. We were invited to judge a poetry recitation contest in English at Rokusi Elementary School., and we also spent a day at Madacs Elementary attending, observing and participating in elementary English classes at this unusual bilingual school. Later we also visited English classes at Weores Sandor Middle School.

We discovered the BBC and many of its radio, TV, and Internet resources to help us understand the war in Iraq and changes in the European Union and to entertain us. We took a course in the Hungarian Studies Department on recent Hungarian history and the changes in government since 1989, taught by one of Nancy's colleagues, along with other international students from the U.S., Japan, Finland, Spain, and Morocco.

We have plans to write several academic articles and book chapters as a result of our collaboration with Hungarian colleagues. Would we go back? In a heartbeat!

Poem

By Joseph Lawrence Schulz (Pacific NW '01 & '02):
(<Grinfolk permamuse@yahoo.ca>)

So how's the moon near you?
sending good vibrations ~

full moon/new moon last night. found myself atop a
mountain with nuvo-hippie drum circle chanters echoing

within grand stone wall ruins of some castle plunket
atop a most majestic panoramic scene of the wild
mountain desert lands northeast of santa barbara.

crazy warm winds gusting us nearly off our walltop
perches as we howled at the moon in bathed delight.
glow stick hola-hoopers and staffers dancing the
mystic while shooting stars so bright streaked across
feathercloud skies...

...and they do this each moon, kewl.

sharin' love and de-light from santa barbara...



Lisle Spring Board Meeting

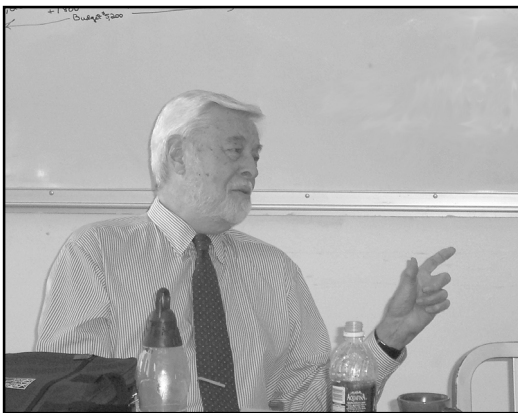
By Betsy Bridwell

The Lisle Board held its spring meeting April 25–27 in Chicago at the International Conference Center in Chicago. The center is run by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, an organization whose mission is very much in harmony with the Lisle philosophy. ICA is involved in sustainable community development and social innovation around the world and is concerned about the human factor in international development. If you would like to learn more about ICA, visit the website at <www.ica-usa.org>.

The conference center is located just a few blocks from Lake Michigan in an ethnically diverse and historically interesting neighborhood. Robert Hawley, long-term Manager of the International Conference Center was kind enough to take some of the board members on a walking tour around the neighborhood, giving us a fascinating insight into both the history and the current character of the area.

In addition to the regular Board Members, we were blessed by the presence of Walt & Betty Ligon (Emeritus Board Members), Barbara Holder and Bill Kinney who is joining as a new Member Associate.

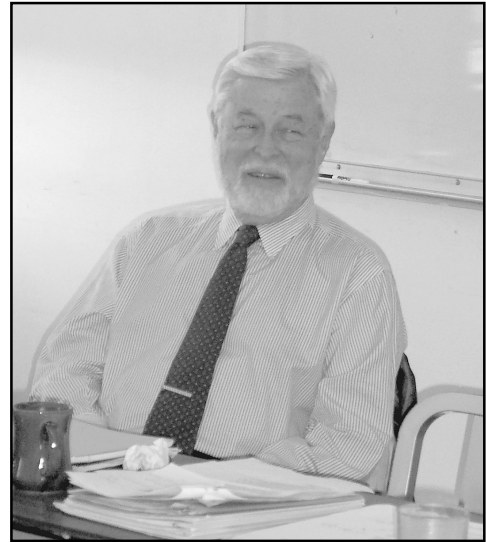
We were also especially pleased to have Uncle Si and Aunt Edna's son, Bud Baldwin (NY '40, CO '42), spend some time with us and share personal experiences in his work and family life. For people who had never met him or hadn't seen him in years, it was moving to see the legacy from his amazing parents that he carries! *Thank you, Bud, for reminding us once again of Lisle's roots!*



Bud Baldwin spins a yarn.

A number of other area Lislars were able to join in the meetings including Hester Willis (Denmark '57) Ann Groves (Denmark '55, The Netherlands '03) and her friend Pat Atherton. They and others including Jim & Juanita Salvador

Burris (Past Bd), Robert & Lidia Preble, and Sherrie & Lars Ramussen, joined us for a wonderful dinner at Reza's, a well-known a Middle Eastern restaurant nearby.



Special guest Bud Baldwin brightened the meeting with his presence.

One of the major topics of discussion was the work that Leyla Welkin has been doing in developing a new initiative to reach out to teachers and find ways to partner with other organizations in involving educators with Lisle programs. The board is very excited about the potential of this initiative in building new participation for Lisle. *(See article on page 12)*

Program: The committee discussed ways to reach and develop programs for other teachers besides Early Childhood Education/Praxis initiative. Also to market all of our programs to teachers, perhaps by creating additional, more targeted flyers; capitalizing on the peace movement and what Lisle might have to offer in terms of programs; evolution of programs like Pacific Northwest. There was no new information on Mark's work with Japan or Peru as program sites,



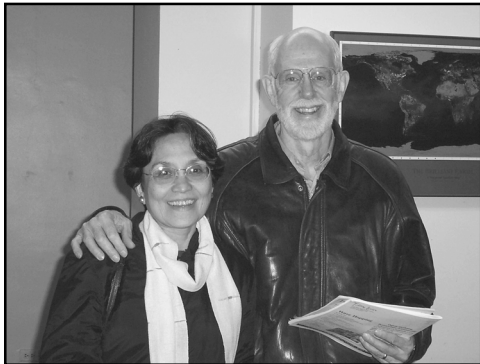
The ICA building front ...beautiful!

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except that expense and safety still seem to be issues.

In addition to the teacher education/recruitment program there was additional discussion of the value of co-sponsoring programs with appropriate organizations. In this spirit, Marty proposed reinitiating dialogue with Carl Kline on possible collaboration on programs in India with his Non-Violent Alternatives and the Gandhi Peace Foundation. The board agreed this should be explored, as well as further talk with Sharada and her organization regarding future options and leaders.



Juanita and Jim Salvador-Burris joined the Lisle group for dinner at a nearby Middleastern restaurant..

Insurance Survey: The Board did a survey with 11 respondents, and most indicated that they thought health/accident insurance should be an option through Lisle. After an extensive discussion, it was left that we would continue the current procedures for the time being. (Currently Lane asks for proof of insurance and sends brochures for uninsured participants to purchase), but would more strongly urge participants to purchase coverage.



Mary Newman and Jon Kachuba are all smiles!

Website: There are ongoing issues with moving between the two Lisle sites (www.lisleinternational.org &

www.lisle.utoledo.edu). This needs to be reconciled and the site map updated. It was agreed that Mark's time is better spent on the public/ advertising side of the site rather than the Board section. The site needs more photos and text that is easier to read.

NY Property: After some hopes of finally finding buyers for the NY land, the deal seems not to have gone through. (*Anyone want a mountaintop in upstate NY?*)

Budget: Barb distributed the Lisle Budget and it was reviewed. So far, income from members is above the budgeted amount by over \$1000, and more should come in, in response to Marty's letter to those who haven't yet contributed. The amount budgeted for program income is down and depends on programs happening. Interest/dividend income is also significantly below the projected amount. Advertising expenses have been kept lower than budgeted, primarily because the office is duplicating flyers and small brochures as needed and not doing mass mailings of the larger, more expensive brochure. A mailing was done to all people who



ICA Director, Robert Hawley



The Closing Circle, all hands, heart, and good will.

inquired about programs in the past 4-5 years.

Financial office report: In the Texas office, the work is now split between Lane Winnett and her daughter Wendy. Wendy does mailings and responds to e-mail inquiries. Lane answers the phone and does work on the programs. Both phone and e-mail inquiries had dropped off drastically, but seem to be coming back to normal again.

Fundraising: There was a general discussion on fundraising issues and ideas. Suggestions included a letter



from Walt Ligon to his generation of Lislers to consider a bequest to Lisle; and a personal letter from leaders to past program participants to consider supporting Lisle.

Special thanks to Lane Winnett, who pulled this meeting together so successfully (from the Texas office!) and helped many of us with travel logistics. It was an excellent site and a very good meeting.



Betsy Bridwell volunteers for one more thing!



Jon Finley, Dianne Brause, Betsy Bridwell and Darwin Holder, all good folks and friends.



Bill Kinney, new Board Member Associate, Leader for Bali, and son of The Kinneys

A Poem Discovered

When Dr. Bud (DeWitt) Baldwin, Jr., son of Lisle's founders, spoke at our meeting in Chicago this Spring, he brought along a surprise: some archival documents which included the following poem written January 18th, 1975 on a train in South India by "ARN" [maybe Aage Nielsen from Denmark?] to celebrate Lisle's 40th birthday: The tune to sing it to is *That Cause Can Neither be Lost Nor Fail*.

I move the world with my working song
I dance my burden as day is long,
Say see you not the fruit of my labor.

My calling was that each man on earth
Became my friend as a gift from birth,
And that my work was this gift unfolding
As I danced with him his tune upholding.

I learned the tune of each man I met
And tried to sing his song correct,
It wasn't always that easy my friend
It just was in me to try again.

The trying called by the Lisle name
Was not an easy way to fame,
But what it was in all its being
Was longing bursting into seeing.

And now I see my world belong
To all the worlds becoming one,
And as I see you rejoice my being
I pray that we will all be seeing.



Betty Ligon and Friends



Letter from Your Editor!

Dear Lislers and Friends of Lisle,
It has been a while since I've written an editorial for *Interaction*, but this time, I feel inspired to communicate some of my thoughts and feelings. You will be receiving this issue about the time that many people in this country (and undoubtedly around the world) will be pondering the changes that have taken place since the 9/11 disaster of two years ago. How have we in the United States of America been affected? How has our response effected the rest of the world? Are we safer now? Or in more peril of "terrorist" attacks as each day/week/month goes by? This morning, I awoke to news that the UN Headquarters in Baghdad had been hit with numerous people from several countries dead or badly injured. The world situation seems pretty dire and I, for one, often wonder if we are going to make it through this dark time intact as a human race. I know that many people feel discouraged and some are in despair over what they can do to change the course of this seemingly downward spiral in human interaction.

So it is with a message of hope and inspiration that I invite you to take a look at the slightly longer-term human interactions that have in the past and continue today to "make a difference" that are featured in this issue of *Interaction*. In the beginning of this year, with a definite trepidation in the air about booking international travel, Lisle had a lower turnout rate for programs (except for the dazzling success of The Netherlands Program). Therefore we did not get as much copy about programs. So we have decided to run some of the very human, sometimes funny, and always touching memories of a number of "older Lislers" who are communicating among themselves (and to us) about what Lisle has meant to them over the years. I am always amazed at HOW MUCH DIFFERENCE LISLE HAS MADE—not only in individual lives and in 40+ year-old friendships—but also what an amazing ripple effect has happened as a result of the vision, action and perseverance of our "Founders", Aunt Edna & Uncle Si Baldwin, AND all of you/us/we who have taken that torch and run with it since the '30's!

We are ALL making a difference each day that we get up, smile at a stranger, hug a friend, counsel a younger person, talk to someone who looks "different" from us, tell an old friend we love them or whatever. I encourage you to read these stories of your fellow Lislers and be inspired to take some time each day to do the "little things that will make a difference in your world—or in the world of a friend, loved one, or even a perceived "enemy". It seems like that was the message of Uncle Si (and of course Jesus, Gandhi, Muhammad, Mother Teresa and a few other great people along the way!)

Peace Be With You—as you continue your little acts of "peace-making" day by day. One day, perhaps, peace will be the major agenda on everyone's lips, hearts, and actions and we can begin to live in a world where "Global-mindedness" is a way of life for a majority of the human race!

The Walt & Betty Ligon

Service Award

In 2001, at the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, the Lisle Service award was created and kindly named after us Betty and Walt Ligon, probably for our longevity on the Lisle Board. In 2002, at the annual meeting held in the Bay area of San Francisco, the award was presented to Mark Kinney for many reasons but perhaps most outstanding for his superb leadership during particularly trying years for Lisle.

With the annual meeting coming this October in and around Manhattan, we call now for nominations from the general membership. We are looking for those persons who have served Lisle above and beyond the call of duty and who have contributed to its well being in distinctive ways.

Nominations should include specific descriptions of the nominee's contributions and, of course pertinent information about full name, address, etc. Please send nominations to us by Sept. 18 at the latest (nominations coming in after this date may be held over for next year's pool of candidates). We will be chairing a committee to select this year's winner and to further refine the criteria for the award.

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Walt & Betty supported Lisle in the following ways. Thank you both!

Walt (NY '48, MI '50, CO '51 & '57, DC '54, CA '58, SD '86, Bali '88, HI '95, The Netherlands '03, Long-term Board Member, Board Emeritus '98).

Betty (Past Board President, SD '86, Bali '88, HI '95, The Netherlands '03, Board Emeritus '98)



Board Development

By Marty Tillman

We want to express our deep gratitude to two members who are leaving the Board after this Fall's Annual Meeting in New York City: Judy Brown (CA, '54, Leader: Uganda '93, Turkey '97, US/Turkey Exchange '98, Leader Training, '98, India Re-Union 2000 and Leader this summer to The Netherlands), and Darwin Holder (Oklahoma '95, Leader Training '98, Leader, Pacific NW '01). Both have devoted themselves to Board work in so many caring ways with their spouses who also were Lislors: respectively, Jack Brown—whom we all miss very much—and Barbara Holder. They each brought uniquely strong interpersonal and leadership qualities to the Board and our deliberations.

I'm very pleased to announce that Brian Palmer has agreed to be nominated and voted upon by the membership this fall for a three-year term. I have known Brian since he went to India in 1982. His career has taken him to Harvard University where he now is Assistant Head Tutor and serves on the Committee on the Study of Religion.

Andrew Draxler (USSR '66) was queried about being a Board candidate, but he declined. He sent Marty a lovely message, which we've excerpted below, as it demonstrates that Lisle still has staying power in people's minds and hearts! Andy was recently appointed Chief of the Marine Chemistry at the Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory of NOAA Fisheries.

"Thank you for the invitation to join the Lisle Board. I became a Lislors almost by accident but involvement has meant the world to me. I have served and continue on a number of Boards (though I have always felt I got more than I gave), and from time to time, I had thought I could contribute to the Lisle Board. However, my life is radically different from what it was just a year ago...the really big change is that last Thursday, Sue delivered Will and Alec Draxler— twin baby boys! We had reached the point where we thought that was not possible but here we are with diapers, baby monitors, car carriers, swings and other brightly colored objects appearing in our earth-tone world. So, I will be distracted for a while.

"Of course, my support of Lisle will continue (if even less promptly than in the past—were that possible). When I heard that the annual meeting is in NYC, I thought I would contribute as well as attend. Now I suspect I may not even get in for a day, but we shall have to see as it gets closer and I get more facile at my new job—the boys that is—the chemistry is in hand. Eventually, I will retire from the Lab

and we would like to get an appointment in at least one other country once the boys can learn a new language and experience the culture. That might be a great opportunity to contribute to Lisle. I will let you know when one or another of my current activities abates."

If you would like to communicate with Andy, his E-mail is: <draxler@exit109.com>

And remember that we now have a new Member Associate Program which is designed to provide younger Lislors with an opportunity to see how Lisle is governed. Member Associates will participate in the Board over a trial period without actually becoming full voting members. **Bill Kinney** has just joined the Board as new Member Associate to test the waters and we are sure he will be an asset to Lisle.

September 11th:

An International Day of Dialogue

By Dianne Brause

Dianne's friend, Arun Narayan Toke, who publishes an award-winning International Children's Magazine called *Skipping Stones* came up with the idea of making September 11th each year into an "International Day of Dialogue". The rationale is as follows:

"We believe that, like the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the United States, this positive way of remembering Sept. 11 will surely prove to be an essential step toward a more just and peaceful society. Becoming active peacemakers by initiating dialogue with our friends, acquaintances and strangers, we bring greater understanding and cooperation between diverse segments of human society. When we listen to others, when we know their stories, they no longer remain strangers to us."

Dianne is suggesting that Lisle support this movement. We will discuss it at the Annual Meeting in October. If you have an opinion, please contact the Lisle office at: <lisle2@io.com> or Dianne at: <diannebr@lostvalley.org>. If you want the exact wording of the Resolution or want a printed copy for your organization, please contact *Skipping Stones*. You can also order a gift subscription for your children or grandchildren from:

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Next Step for Teacher Initiative

By Leyla Welkin

When the board met in Chicago in April, the teacher initiative was a major topic of discussion. Leyla Welkin reported on work done to date to recruit more teachers to Lisle programs and to design more programs with the needs of teachers particularly in mind. A plan for developing a sustainable initiative that will have a life beyond the interest of one or two individuals was offered along with details about the partnerships that have begun to develop with several non-profit and educational organizations. The essence of the plans is to build a strong network of contacts and collaborators for Lisle to support this effort. A proposal for a pilot program in Turkey next year was also given preliminary approval.

In the weeks since the board meeting, additional financial support was pledged by the board to keep the initiative coordinator working on the project. Lisle's relationship with two U.S. non-profits has developed further. One organization, Praxis Institute for Early Childhood Education expects to co-sponsor the pilot program next year in Turkey. Yes! magazine has expressed an interest in publishing articles about Lisle programs and making curriculum and teaching materials available on their web site for educators. Information about a wide variety of organizations involved with educators and international or intercultural education is on it's way into a database that will be available to the Lisle board.

Leyla Welkin is now at work developing curriculum materials, a model, and program design criteria for educator training programs. Those materials will be available to Lisle leaders and collaborators and may eventually be published in some form. Plans are also moving along for our pilot program in Turkey. European collaborators are being sought to join in co-sponsoring the Turkey program.

Lots of activity is happening to take new steps toward making Lisle an organization with special expertise and resources for teachers and intercultural educators. Any Lislors with ideas or information to share are invited to contribute to our database. The web site has information about how to format your contributions so that it can be most useful. If you want to participate or contribute to this initiative in any way, please contact Mark Kinney <MKinney@UTNet.UToledo.Edu>, Marty Tillman <Mjtillman47@aol.com> or Leyla Welkin, the initiative coordinator, at <lwelkin@earthlink.net>.

Scholarship & Recruitment

By Betsy Bridwell

The committee developed specific procedures for awarding scholarship money. Scholarship funds that are generated out of the program fees will be awarded at the discretion of the Program Leader and the Executive Director. Other funds will require an application, which will be reviewed by the committee.

Recommendations on awards will be made to the board, and all program leaders will be kept informed of scholarship money awarded. The committee is particularly pleased that our initial effort to establish a Lisle Scholarship Fund has generated \$1400 in donations to date. We hope to build on that encouraging start and continue to support worthy applicants to Lisle programs.

It was agreed that we would be sure to include personal stories from scholarship recipients in Interaction, in order for contributors to see how their donations have benefited specific people. Hopefully this will make continuing support of scholarship funds meaningful for Lislors.

Specific requests were reviewed for the Netherlands program, and the committee agreed to assist Andrea Gilman, a graduate student at the University of British Columbia in Canada. Her report sharing her experiences in the program is included on page three.

IVPA

GoAbroad.com is pleased to announce our new partnership with The International Volunteer Programs Association (IVPA). IVPA is an alliance of, non-governmental organizations that are involved in international volunteer and internship exchanges. IVPA encourages excellence and responsibility in the field of international volunteerism and also promotes public awareness of and greater access to international volunteer programs. Founded in 1998, IVPA currently has 46 member organizations.

As a member of IVPA, Lisle should be benefiting from this new partnership. Already, many of the inquiries about our programs come through GoAbroad.com, so this should further enhance our recruiting. Thanks, Mark for getting us on the ground floor of IVPA.



2003 Annual Meeting

October 17 – October 19

By Lane Winnet

It was decided by the board in March 2002 that the 2003 fall meeting was to be held in New York City. Due to the high cost of facilities in NYC, Hans and Ellie Spiegel offered to host the board meeting in their community of Leonia, NJ. The meetings will be held in their church. Ellie is working on arranging lodging for the board members and visitors with friends and family or at area hotels.

On Saturday afternoon, October 18, the group will go into New York City to participate in a community project. They will then dine at a New York City restaurant in the evening. Both the Spiegels and Lane need to know of your interest in attending either or both the meeting and the Sat dinner as soon as possible. A firm head count will be required by October 1st in order to make reservations for Saturday evening's dinner.

Air fare in and out of Newark, NJ is less expensive than either JFK or La Guardia Airports. Also I think it will be less expensive for shuttle service.

Lane will be putting out a letter with more details to area New York Lislors by the middle of September. If you have any questions, please contact Lane.

Lane Winnet (at the Lisle office) will be working on logistics. If you are interested in attending all or part of the annual meeting, please notify Lane at the program office at (800) 477-1538 or at email: <lisle2@io.com>.

An Invitation to Quaker/ Lislors going to the Friend's General Conference

By George Levinger (NY '49)

The Friends General Conference (Quaker) plans to hold its 2004 annual meeting July 2–10, 2004, in Amherst, Massachusetts. George and Ann Levinger (who first met George when both visited California '50), live in South Amherst and are members of FGC. They are offering to host a meeting of Lislors at their home sometime between July 2nd and 10th. An added attraction is a swimming pond on their property. If you might like to join the Levingers and Edith Ballard for a potluck dinner and evening reunion next July, please let them know: <levinger@psych.umass.edu> and <edith@all-systems.com>.

20th Anniversary of "Education Toward a World View"

By Marty Tillman

In July, 1983, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, just a few miles from Lisle, NY, we sponsored (with the support of leading international organizations and experiential education associations) a major international meeting to "explore the significance of experiential learning in furthering intercultural understanding; and to integrate interdisciplinary cross-cultural perspectives in promoting education toward a world view." Working with the Baldwins and a planning team of Lislors, and with support of alumni everywhere, we brought together several hundred alumni, friends and a core group of renowned international educators and global activists.

Among the Keynote Speakers were: Dr. Kenneth Boulding (Quaker, economist, global activist); Dr. Carl Rogers (psychologist who founded the theory of person-centered counseling that was behind Lisle's group process); Alec Dickson (founder of the UK Volunteer Service Overseas); Dr. Mahdi Elmandjra; Dr. Mercedes Fermin-Gomez (sociologist and close friend of Hans & Ellie Spiegel), and Gedong Bagoes Oka from Bali (who went on to be host of our first Lisle program in Bali.)

Among the many incredible dialogues which took place, I'd like to quote from the paper presented by the late Alec Dickson titled, *Experiential Education and the Person*: "...for a quarter of a century, I have been occupied with enabling young people to serve others—originally abroad, later in Britain. Generally speaking, they have served as individuals. But, most of us are influenced by the institutions in which we have studied or in which we work, or by other institutions which impinge upon our lives. A volunteer goes to serve in a school, either overseas or in his own country; but before long the volunteer concludes that the school is not committed to the ethos of service—often quite the contrary. So the next step which lies ahead of us is: how do we 'voluntarise' institutions? How can we inject into institutions the qualities which we associate with a caring individual? In the language of this seminar, how can we empower institutions to contribute to the well-being of the community?..."

I think that there has been much progress in the past 20 years in developing a greater link between both secondary and higher education institutions to the communities they serve. I believe Lisle's programs continue to build these connections for individuals in the U.S. and abroad.

What are **your** thoughts?



Lisle & War

By Walt Ligon

Our little village of Pentwater, here in western Michigan has not been a beehive of antiwar activity but there is more than there used to be. When the war on Iraq was pending, there were protest marches and candlelight vigils in several surrounding communities. Letters were written and published in several newspapers calling for peace rather than war, and in one of the papers a full-page ad signed with a lot of names proclaimed our opposition to starting a preemptive war in the Middle East. The minister of our little Methodist church preached an anti-war sermon and set up an all day vigil in which people who signed up would volunteer to come in and pray for our enemies. Enemy names were not specified. Betty and I took part in all these activities and would have probably done so whether we had been to Lisle or not.

In my first Lisle unit in NY '48 a good many of the male participants, including myself, had served in WWII. Some had been conscientious objectors and our wide-ranging discussions covered many subjects, including pacifism. One of the doctrines of our group that summer was to relate to others in such a way as to allow absolute freedom of conscience to each person. Neither pacifists nor non-pacifists had the green light to try and convert others to his or her position. A popular song for our group was *We're in The Same Boat, Brother*. In the minds of some of us this had implications for war and peace.

Since that summer of 1948 our world has seen bloody conflicts and wars almost without number. The US has been involved in many of them, usually without a declaration of war by Congress. Some we managed to stop through the use of force, as in Bosnia; some we neglected to stop, as in Rwanda; and some, shamefully, we started, as in Granada, Panama and Iraq.

Whether Lislers believe that all use of force is counter-productive, or only some of it, I think most would agree that there are better ways of resolving conflict than by force. Kenneth Boulding defined peace as well-managed conflict. Many schools use or teach conflict resolution and it can be studied at the college level. Rep. John Lewis has stated that war is obsolete and Rep. Denis Kucinich, besides running for President, has proposed a bill that would establish a Department of Peace. On the international level the European Community has gone forward. Many countries now use a common currency. Travel between some countries can be done without use of a passport. Many organizations,

including Lisle, have proved that world community is possible on a limited and temporary basis, but it IS possible.

The worldwide outpouring of protests against the war on Iraq gives us reason to believe that the Lisle vision of a world at peace may not be so far off.

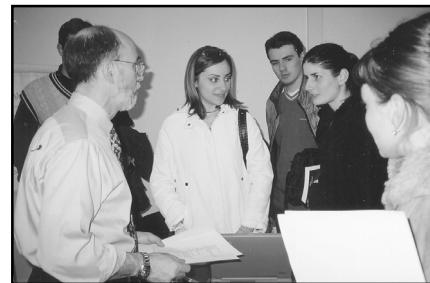
Walt Ligon has been very busy with Lisle! He and Betty often write letters to the editor of newspapers. Betty was "published" in the NY Times this spring!

Consulting in Tbilisi, Georgia

By Marty Tillman

Last March, I had the privilege of being asked to conduct workshops and seminars for Georgian educators, NGO leaders and industry representatives as part of the State Department's overseas lecture series. I had traveled to Russia and Central Asia on business in the '90's, but had never before been to the Caucasus region of the Former Soviet Union. The Republic of Georgia has not had an easy time since the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. The education sector has been especially slow to catch up to the demands of a free-market society as opposed to one where order and stability where pre-determined by the State. This meant that students graduating from college usually were "guaranteed" jobs even if they were not always linked to their course of study.

Thus, career advising and career counseling are very new concepts because they essentially presume there is freedom of choice for students to elect a course of study and then go about choosing a job which matches their skills and interests. Sounds good, but, there are not enough jobs in Georgia to meet the demand of students and they frequently must leave to find work elsewhere in Eastern or Western Europe and Russia. It was a unique opportunity to gain a better understanding of the challenges facing an emerging state still struggling to develop their economy and build new social institutions more than a decade after the collapse of the USSR.



*Marty Tillman discusses career issues
with students in Tbilisi, Georgia*



Lisle Program Highlights

Dear Lislers—As you know, each of our Lisle programs is unique. Costa Rica is a beautiful country with lovely people. Traveling in India with Sharada opens a door to the Indian women's lives that is priceless. Working and playing with the Dominican and Haitian people is a treat. And learning about education in Turkey is an eye-opening experience.

We invite you to participate in a program if you can, by bringing your family, children or grandchildren, and partners. Or sponsor someone you've never met by offering a scholarship! We welcome your ideas about how to get word out about our fantastic programs. Feel free to contact Mark or the Lisle office with your suggestions.

COSTA RICA

EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY, NATURE AND ECOTOURISM

NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 18, 2003
“*[This is] our last day at Coope San Juan. There are no words to describe this place...the people are so welcoming, sweet, generous, and knowledgeable about their surroundings. The kids are the best part for me though. They are the reason I now have a strong desire to learn how to speak Spanish.*” (From the Costa Rica 2001 Group Journal)

Many who join the Lisle Costa Rica program leave with similar feelings of being connected to a new culture and with a newfound desire to explore the world that surrounds them. On our next program in Costa Rica, we will explore the issues of nature, community, ecotourism, and ourselves. We will discover the richness of different local perspectives while traveling through mountains, rain forests, and coastline in one of the most beautiful and bio-diverse countries in

the world. We ask you to bring a sense of adventure for possible service projects, brief home stays, rustic accommodations and explorations into lush tropical environments.

Through visiting a network of agricultural, eco-tourist cooperatives, we will be offered the opportunity to learn from different host communities and their environments. Through journeying with local guides into biological preserves, we will have a chance to understand their perspective on the nature that surrounds us. Through noting and observing negative environmental impacts in Costa Rica and by meeting the people that are working to create sustainable solutions, we will gain knowledge of environmental concerns that have become global issues. While walking beneath canopy of jungle and cloud forest, and along enticing expanses of coastline, we will see and feel the magic of tropical nature. But mostly, by being conscious, interactive travelers we will learn more about ourselves as individuals, ecotourists and global citizens. Lisle programs focus largely on group dynamics, discussions, consensus decision making, intercultural exchange, and the mission of becoming global citizens. Leadership in Lisle is a function not a role. Run largely by a community of volunteers, Lisle helps to facilitate a group experience where all are considered leaders and equals in the community. Lisle believes in learning through experience and communicating with each other to gain appreciation of the world and lives that we all share.

The travel will be rough at times but well worth it. We will travel by bus with local participants to rustic, shared accommodations with at least one home stay—all the while being surrounded by an abundant tropical envi-

ronment and a feeling of “pura vida,” pure life—the motto of Costa Rica. Knowledge of Spanish may enrich your experience but is not required. All ages and abilities are welcome. Though some activities may require a certain degree of physical activity, we will attempt to accommodate all participants' interests and abilities.

We hope that you can join us for an incredible journey into the land and communities of Costa Rica.

Trip Leader: John Kachuba has been to Costa Rica three times as a leader on a Lisle program and has developed ties to the communities we visit. He is a writer and teacher at Ohio University.

Costs: \$1800 + airfare. (Student price: \$1,650) Includes room & board, and program related in-country travel.

INDIA

WOMEN'S VOICES

DEC. 28, 2003–JAN. 17, 2004

Meet women in another part of the world; listen to their voices, share their silences. Discover yourself through looking into the mirror of another woman's life. Take this opportunity to travel through India meeting women in their diverse roles and regions, in homes and at the workplace.

Listen to their questions, understand their concerns, learn about commonalities, seek an understanding of a woman's world.

Our aim is to allow you an opportunity to see the common threads in the midst of wide disparities; travel to meet women in the midst of diverse geographic settings meet their challenges; talk to village women who despite living on the fringes are realizing a new awareness of the changes that impact on their lives; meet edu-

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Lisle Program Highlights

cated women who have overcome obstacles to succeed in their professions; talk to women activists who are fighting for legal rights on behalf of their sisters.

An orientation time in Delhi will allow for discussions of women's issues with a cross section of people and a visit to Agra to see the Taj Mahal. A three week journey through the north and south of India, by plane, bus and train will show a kaleidoscope of changing views of the country and its people, highlighting the similarities and differences of women everywhere.

These three weeks will include Jaipur - visiting development programs and rural women social workers. At Ahmedabad, we will talk to Ela Bhatt, founder of SEWA (Self-Employed Women's Association), an initiative for women to take charge of their own economic destiny including women's cooperatives and women's micro-credit banks. In Mumbai (Bombay), Bangalore, and Madras, meet artists and theatre personalities who have presented feminist themes, study urban occupations, collective action among slum dwellers, technology and its impact on women, women in traditional male jobs, and women in traditional theatre.

Leader: Sharada Nayak, an international educator and longtime Indian advocate for equal opportunity for women and minorities, will share her insights and enthusiasm. A seasoned study-abroad professional, she directed the Fulbright Program in India for over ten years. Ms. Nayak, an actively involved Lisle alumna since the early 1950's also led the Lisle India Programs since 1998.

Cost: \$1,950 for double room occupancy. \$2,250 for single room occupancy.

Airfare is not included and is the responsibility of the participant. Pro-

gram prices include room, board (two meals per day) & program related in-country travel.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUMMER, 2004 (EXACT DATES TBA)

This two-week adventure will provide a glimpse into another culture, a time to practice Spanish with native speakers and the opportunity to help improve the living conditions of people less economically fortunate than ourselves. Our group will be diverse in many ways including nationality, race, religion, age, and language of origin. After a brief orientation period, we will travel around the country to enjoy the vast diversity of ecosystems, styles of living and outdoor recreation opportunities. Then we will spend a time focused on projects designed to make more in-depth connections with the everyday Dominican and Haitian peoples who live on this small island. We will work together to build a better life and more understanding among us all as we aid in hands-on projects. The final days will allow for integration of the learning and evaluation of the journey we have undertaken together.

This program is open to anyone from 12 and up (including elders in their late wisdom stages). Youth under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Cost: will range from \$1250-\$750 (depending on individual circumstances). Airfare and personal expenses will be additional and up to the participant. Some additional financial assistance may be available.

Please contact: Co-leader Dianne Brause at <diannebr@lostvalley.org> or the Lisle Office at <lisle2@io.com> or by calling: 1-800-477-1538.

TURKEY

WINTER, '04-'05 (EXACT DATES TBA).

The pilot project for Lisle's programs designed for educators. Turkey, historically the center of the vast Ottoman empire, has a legacy and a contemporary reality of diversity. The details for this program are still in development but our group will travel to several cities in Turkey where people of different ethnic and linguistic heritages live together. We will explore the ways that Turkish educators work with the challenges of these differences. Educators from Turkey, the United States and Europe will have an opportunity to compare experiences and approaches to education in diverse classrooms and communities.

This promises to be a unique opportunity to discover the power of culture, change and diversity through comparing different experiences. Educators can earn continuing education credits and expect both personal and professional insights.

Leyla Welkin will lead this program in collaboration with various Turkish educators. She has lived in Turkey and has led several Lisle groups there.

For more information about this developing program, contact: Leyla Welkin at: <lwelkin@earthlink.net>.

The international aspect of Lisle programs introduces numerous areas where plans change because of economic, political and natural disruptions. Updated brochures are available upon request, and on our website, and might reflect changes to schedules and prices. These updates will supersede information enclosed herein. To check for updates, visit our website at: <www.lisleinternational.org>.



Lisle's Family and The Good Old Days

Compiled by Edith Ballard, et. al.

With the help of George Cole and others, Edith has been doing extensive research in recent years to keep in contact with past Lislors and to track down people who seem to have disappeared. The following are stories of fond memories of friends made during Lisle units around the world, of funny stories almost now forgotten, and of the benefits gained from having been a part of this cutting edge organization—back in the “good old days!”

George R. Crossman

(CO '46, '55, & '58, CA '51)

In 1974 we were living in Brussels, where I was working at the time. As happened every now and then, Pascha Hussein (Germany '56, CA '57) and his family were travelling in the area, and we made plans for them to visit and stay with us. No sooner was that arranged than we heard from Herman Schmal (CA '52, GER '56) and his family, who were going to be in Brussels at the same time. The result: three families, a total of six adults and close to a dozen children were all camped out in our house, with the living room floor almost wall to wall in sleeping bags.

Everyone of course wanted milk to drink, which we got from a local milkman who would come by each day in his truck. By and large Belgians don't drink milk, except for babies and pregnant mothers. So when Rita asked him for a dozen liters of milk he blanched. It was more milk than he had on the truck! But she said that's OK, the next day would be fine, and he was much relieved. We got our milk the next day just fine, but we often wondered what he told his family and the people at the store the next day. Adventures in international living!

T. J. (Tom) Maxwell

(NY '48, MI '49, CA '61, Colombia '66)

“Eeyowooee,” I awoke with a start. Her scream made my blood run cold. Had the iceman severed her head with an axe?

I ran down the stairs in my holey pajamas. There she was, cool as a cucumber, standing in the middle of the parlor. She had already pulled up her panties and pulled down her dress. Her boyfriend, a medical student, was standing at the other side of the room; he looked to be in a state of shock. What had happened?

Carolyn was a young woman in her early twenties. She had been on a date with a young Colombian whom she had met at a Medical School in Pennsylvania the year previous. She was now in Cali, in southern Colombia, and had looked him

up. He had brought her home before any of the others had returned and she had rushed to the relief station just off the parlor.

The building was otherwise nearly devoid of houseguests. Caroline was one of the guests, all twelve of whom were on a Lisle Fellowship adventure in South America. It was the year 1966. I had been asked to serve as the catalyst or field director of the group of college and postgraduate students who had joined the Lisle Fellowship, an organization for world understanding. The procedure was to gather a group of mostly graduate students in a home-like setting some place in the United States or, as the years went by, in other far-away places like Bali, India, Denmark, Japan, or, in this case, Colombia.

From the home base, each participant went out on deputations as a member of a small group or as an individual. None of them knew much Spanish, but many of our hosts had a smattering of English. He or she was to work with a local person in some social service setting, several days a week, and then discuss his or her experience with the Lisle group. I had gone on a similar program in Watkins Glen, New York in 1948.

My deputations had included living in a black community in Elmira working with the churches there and visiting the State Prison. Another deputation of four days took me to a rural farm community in upper New York where we worked with a group of young Quakers. I had also spent several days in downtown Buffalo doing a census of the neighborhood in the vicinity of a Methodist Church and meeting with young peoples' group across the river in Canada. I remember the difficulty we had getting our Cuban member back into the States late that evening. Another four days was spent helping paint a rural parsonage and working in the adjacent church. The farm ladies would come in at noon to feed us and take us to their various homes for food and rest after work.

Working in Cali was a different thing but there were a variety of experiences. Several of the Lislors spent thier days at an orphanage entertaining kids who otherwise had little excitement in their lives. Local people, who had had some previous relationship with the Lisle Fellowship helped set up these contacts. I remember telling nursery rhymes with about a dozen five or six-year-olds trying to sit on my lap all at once. My Spanish wasn't much better than the youngsters, but the attempt was a big hit. A Catholic priest came to our home to praise us for our attempts to serve and welcoming us whether

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or not we were confirmed Catholics. He said we were of one mind in our service. His attitude was a sharp contrast to that which I had met in 1949 in Peru where many churches had a sign on the door saying Protestants and other heretics could not be nominated as god parents at baptisms.

It seemed that our Cali group suffered from one crisis after another; this was one of the first after our orientation and settling into the rented house. The owner had moved his entire family to his country estate and was allowing us to use his city house. We had met him but had little instruction on how we might use the building. His niece was renting the back room of the house so that she could continue her classes at the University. She kept much to herself but we did meet her as we came and went.

Now back to Carolyn. She had returned from her date and gone to the guest restroom just off the parlor. As she sat there comfortably ensconced on the stool, she looked about the tiny room. Then she saw it, a monster, Brazilian, brown roach scampering across the floor. Now, Carolyn was the daughter of a physician and a student of entomology. She had played with bugs in Pennsylvania and had learned their names in college.

Nevertheless, when she saw this evil looking monster running across her feet, she was terrified. She leaped off the comfortable stool and landed in the porcelain washbowl. The washbowl collapsed and the pipes bent asunder. Water squirted forth in a fountain of escapism wetting the ceiling and rapidly flooding the floor. The water ran beneath the door and out into the parlor. She turned the spigot to the off position but that did not stop the pressurized stream of water issuing forth from the broken pipe.

I looked for an emergency turn-off valve but could not find one. Immediately I went to the curtained off room of the niece, woke her as gently as I could, in my agitated state, and, as she blinked her eyes, I burst forth with the problem. She grasped my broken Spanish and led me to a shed behind the house where there were all sorts of tools, bolts, and plumbing supplies. We found a cap that could be screwed onto a pipe. If it proved to be the right size, perhaps it would work. I unscrewed the broken pipe and fit the cap over the jet of water. Yes, it did close off the flow. We had a temporary fix.

The next morning I telephoned the owner. He explained where the shut-off valve was located. "Look in the front yard just to the right of the gate. There, you will find a piece of broken tile. Dig under that piece of tile and three or four inches down, you will find a valve, which you must turn to the right. It is buried to prevent vandalism. Neighbor boys like to play tricks on other folks." That's what he told me to do. I found the valve and our problem was solved, except that now we had one less toilet for use and there were fourteen of

us all together. It was another couple of days before the plumber came to repair the damage that miserable cockroach had precipitated."

Will the real Carolyn stand up and identify herself?

Frank Granger

(Denmark '61)

200 Whitethorn Drove, Guilford CT 06437

I remember my Lisle experience so very well to this day (over 40 years ago!) and relish my memories and photos and the people very much. Could we tell some stories! (And some we would not want to tell!) It was a thrilling time in my life (at age 20 then), and Lisle did a wonderful job organizing and planning the unit (6 weeks) and the transportation. The discussions were vibrant and exciting, and the deputations very interesting—I especially remember the "Heavenly Express" outside of Copenhagen, a shelter for homeless men made out of old train freight cars and cabooses!).

I believe our leader was Ole Groesmeyer from Denmark (the Baldwins were not on this trip), and I will look closely at the list and dig out my photos and try to remember some more. We had at least two women from Germany—it was a very anxious time because August '61 was when the Berlin wall suddenly went up. We did have a wonderful time zooming around the Denmark farmland in their VW convertible!!!! And "Mr. K" Ozawa was from Japan. Of course, at the end of the Unit, we all said we'd keep in touch, but we never really did. I remember Kathy LeFever very well—fill me in on her?

I remember very well meeting Uncle Si in Detroit, as I had to fly from Albany to Willow Run Airport in Michigan to get the plane to Amsterdam. He was such a gracious and caring man. He put me up in the visitors building at Michigan campus, I believe, in Ann Arbor and had breakfast with me the next morning.

One of the regrets I have these 40 years later is that I never completed my written report and mailed it in to Lisle. I did start it, but then my senior year in college began, and I never completed it. Lisle never followed up either, to ask "Where is it?" Nevertheless, it was one of the most wonderful and memorable experiences of my life.

Peace to you, and to all of us!

Sam Baker

(DC '68, '69 '72, Israel '78, past Board member)

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What a nice surprise to hear again from Lislers. I apologize for my slow response to your nice letter. I am a teacher and the end of the school year becomes an over-

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whelming task—which means I let most other things go. I am trying now to clear my mail and bills before leaving on Saturday for a 3-week visit to China.

Yes, I still love to travel and experience the many cultures of the world—a value that I got from Lisle. As you read, I spent 4 summers working in Lisle units. The first in 1968 was in Washington, D.C. As a participant in a very international group, I experienced cultures I had only imagined coming from a small town in the Midwest. It was from that experience that I awoke to the larger world around me. I returned to help with the Washington, D.C. units two other summers. I served as a set-up person in 1969 unit and then as an assistant leader with Jon Findlay and Kathy LeFever in 1972 (I think the dates are correct.) As a Midwestern farm boy it was an amazing experience to work with inner city leaders, Congressmen, and in areas in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. We contacted Mennonite farmers, Appalachian community leaders, migrant camps. It was a rich and varied program for the international group.

I was then privileged to be invited to participate in a unit in Israel in 1978. Someone had to cancel at the last minute and I had the opportunity to take their place. I realize that your inquiry of me concerned my experiences there. In this unit I was a participant in the program rather than a leader though I found my group counseling experiences to be helpful in facilitating some of the discussions. I spent a week's deputation in an Arab community near Nazareth and then another week in a similar sized Jewish community near the Mediterranean coast. I also lived in a convent in the Old City in Jerusalem and another week in a kibbutz outside of Haifa. My memories of that summer are vivid and have had a powerful influence on my views of the conflict which continues today.

The program was planned and directed by a professor from Haifa University. There were probably about 20 people in all in the group from US, Switzerland, Thailand, Sweden and other places. I felt true confusion and pain in the experience there just as the people who live there now and the rest of us who look from a distance feel confusion and pain. I heard the views of both long-time Jewish and Israeli Arab people. I remember thinking at the time that there is no answer to the questions of who belongs in Israel. I was only encouraged by the strong peace movement that existed in the country. I hoped that those who wanted peace more than conflict would find a way to live there in some safety. That notion is still the only hope that exists. I am saddened daily with the bitterness and revengeful ideas of so many, especially the leaders.

The Baldwins did join us for about a week in Israel. Even then their advanced ages made travel difficult and I was

so impressed with their determination to be a part of the experience. I had many long talks with Uncle Si and Aunt Edna and saw them as mentors to me at my young age—just looking for a way to view the now-large world around me. I served for several years after that on the Lisle Board of Directors and enjoyed the involvement I had in regular meetings and annual meetings with the Board. I have strong core beliefs that I credit to Lisle. My ability to work as a teacher with students of diverse backgrounds and with a variety of cultural influences, I owe to the Lisle Fellowship. I am most happy to provide more details of the Lisle units of Washington, D.C. and Israel if you have specific needs. I visited a unit in Bali in 1989 for just a few days and found the same amazing process of international education going on. My own travels are experiences in which I always carry a Lisle Fellowship view of humanity and cooperation/communication. I am most thankful to Lisle and all who have been a part of it for so long.

Maggie Ennis

(CO '53, '54 & '55)

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This is pretty interesting. I am at Mimi (Amelia) Cooper Dupin's (CA '54 & '55) house in Calistoga, CA. We just had dinner out with Bob Ellsworth (CA '55 & '56). We had fun this afternoon remembering our trip back East from the California '55 unit. Mimi sent me a copy of the journal we had made of that hitch-hiking adventure, so we were looking through it together today. My most vivid memory is of riding with a couple from Tonopah, NV to another small NV town. Her brother had been killed and they were on their way to his funeral in Idaho. Finn and I sat in the back with three of their children and sang as many songs as we could remember. What really impressed them was the game, *'Who Stole the Cookie'*, which we had to repeat again and again. The parents seemed to really appreciate our 'child-sitting' so they could have a little time to think on their way to an unexpected family reunion...

We have thoroughly enjoyed having this time here with Mimi and Bud Dupin.

Finn Hornum

(CT '51, Denmark '52 & '58, CA '55, CO '55)

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It was really fascinating getting your response to Edith and to hear news about Bob Ellsworth, Mimi and you. It is surely one of the advantages of reaching advanced age (I will be 71 this year) that we find such pleasure in remembering past experiences.

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I have recently been thinking of the '55 California unit and our trip to Colorado because I have been translating some of my own correspondence from that time. My mother, who died in October 2001 at the age of 95, had kept all of my correspondence from the U.S. since I left Denmark in February 1955.

Since all of the early letters are in Danish I decided to translate them so that my children (Michael 40, Roseanne 39) and my two grandchildren will be able to read about my wonderful adventures in the U.S.

Incidentally, I am still working, teaching Criminal Justice at La Salle University and chairing a joint Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, and Barbara and I are still living in Philadelphia, so if you ever come east...

The Scandinavian Unit was held in 1957 and was the first 'traveling' unit. The group spent two weeks in Denmark (Ringsted), two weeks in Sweden (Gothenburg) and two weeks in Norway (Oslo). Arne and Inge Hyldkrog organized the unit. Barbara and I participated as Co-directors with Arne and Inge. Also among the participants was Martin Siegel (CA '53, USSR '58) who had been in another Lisle unit previously, and Bent Hyldkrog (Arne's younger brother).

Lelia & Hermann Schmal
(CA '52, Germany '56)

It is springtime now in Germany and the frosty nights are over. And also the war in Iraq seems to be over and peace might have another chance. The old Europe has grown today from 15 countries to 25 and we wonder how this new Europe might handle matters in the future—we hope better than the United Nations in the past—with God's blessing and a more friendly approach towards Islamic countries.

We are fine and so is our family—we will have a family reunion on May 4th in Duesseldorf for the Holy Communion of Paulo (son of Gerhard and Karin). End of May we plan a bus trip to Northern Italy (Friuli), Slovenia and Croatia.

Sam (Osamu) & Sadako Hasui
(CA '52)
<sam-hasui@nifty.com>

I had a very busy months last year preparing to publish my political review. The book with 370 pages is titled, *A Critical Review on LDP's Politics for 10 Years* was put out on sale in late January. (LDP stands for the Liberal Democratic Party, the biggest government party in Japan.)

Having been released from this rather heavy work, I have still kept busy these days. I'm on an NGO working for political innovation with the goals (1) to safeguard good people's life, (2) promote human rights and democracy and

(3) abrogate military alliance so that national security and peace can be ensured. We try to work out various activities and projects to attract as many people as possible to create widespread appeal for these goals.

I am strongly opposed to this war on Iraq launched in violation of the international law and outside the framework of the United Nations. There's nothing to justify this war and nothing either to authorize the preemptive attack by which to overthrow Iraqi regime (however wicked it is) and to kill innocent people with mass destructive and cruel weapons.

I also protest against our government, which decided to support this war. The US should withdraw its army from there immediately after restoring domestic peace and order. What they have started for building a tentative administration scheme in Iraq is another unlawful act in addition to the war itself. It should otherwise be entrusted to the hands of the UN. Personally, I've been enjoying life in many ways since retiring from work 10 years ago.

Hank (Ansel) Aberly
(Denmark '56)

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Your letter really got the old memory machine cranked up. I can't believe that 46 years have gone by. I have not kept up with anyone on that Lisle experience... The two people I do remember are Lewis Weinstein (CA '63) and Mary Lou Stuermer (CO '55). Lewis was not married at that time. I have not spoken to him in some forty years. Actually he was the one that got me acquainted with Lisle. I believe that he attended a Colorado Lisle program the prior year where he met Mary Lou. Lew and I were high school friends.

I really fell for Mary Lou in a big way. Frankly, she was smarter than me and much more worldly. I think I turned tail and ran after a short but intense relationship. I am sure I behaved badly but I hope that time has tempered her memories of me. Her real name was Marie Louise.

I hope this short Email has been of some benefit. Feel free to contact me if you think I can be of any use. If you happen to be in contact with either of the two afore mentioned people I would really like to hear from them. I think that I am a much different person, perhaps not as black and certainly with a lot more empathy and feeling for those around me. You can forward this missive to them or quote from it.

Mitsuye (Yasutake) Yamada
(NY '47)

Yamada is my husband's name. His family now lives in Hawaii, but his father was from Okinawa and he doesn't have any Yamada relatives in the mainland as far as I know.

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My oldest daughter and her family live in Baltimore. My daughter did not change her name but her sons have hyphenated last names: Yamada-Hanff.

My name was Yasutake while I was in camp and at Lisle. My father was arrested and spent the duration of the war in a POW internment camp in New Mexico. The camps WE were in are properly called concentration camps (not relocation camps) run by the War Relocation Authority to distinguish them from the Dept of Justice POW camps. Excuse me, I just wanted to clarify that. I just returned from D.C. where I spoke to several groups, and we hashed out the proper terminology. Now, after so many years of confusion about these two types of camps, change will be difficult.

Peggy Whittemore

(CO '41)

A couple of things from my past, upon which I reflect with some satisfaction:

In 1962 this family of Whittemores embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a six-week vacation. So, we packed up our 9 passenger station wagon, outfitted with special comfort items, like Pullman hammocks along the side walls (inside) for retaining shoes and other loose articles, a fake ceiling with overhead pockets for stashing "valuables", clothes packed for each of six individuals in zippered pillowcases, upon which they could sit, sleep, write or eat, and a cooler, a picnic basket and a Coleman stove installed in the middle of each of the three seats. The roof of the wagon had assorted items like pots and pans, a tent, a box of heavy clothes, air mattresses, tools, and other assorted necessities. We also added 4 assorted kids, 2 boys and 2 girls, aged 16, 14, 10 and 8, and two parents, aged 42 and 43. We took off from Cleveland for the West, covering 11,000+ miles, camping all the way, except for a very few places where we visited and one motel at Disneyland. We went as far north as Jasper Park in Canada, to Tijuana Mexico, covering all the National parks and places of interest in between.

This is remarkable in the face of the state of kids these days. I am almost daily amazed that we all got home with relationships intact—not without an argument here and there, but all of us would have liked to wash up the clothes, repack and go on two days later, and without exception all of us remember the junket as the best thing we ever did—even the 8 year old, who really could not appreciate all the things that came her way. In six weeks we went off our schedule for only one day when the 10 year old broke an arm and the 8 year old had a strep throat!!

The other funny happened yesterday when I went to a car wash to vacuum out my car. As I usually do, I opened all

the doors and trunk and got all the loose stuff out, and the mats etc. before turning on the machine, only to find that I didn't have enough quarters. So I closed and locked the doors and went for some change. Upon my return I discovered that I had locked the keys in my car with my purse and all!

Well, I panicked. Then I saw my trunk open and remembered that the back seats in the car fold down, so I moved stuff around, found Bruce's old umbrella with the crook handle, and punched the seat down. Unfortunately, it wasn't long enough or narrow enough to trip the lock on the back door. So, in front who knows how many people who were sweeping and washing their cars, this LARGE 82 year-old grandmother wiggles inside the trunk and scrunches forward to reach the door lock. Her exit was even funnier than the entry, with disembodied legs sticking out of the back of the car, flailing in the wind. And there was no comment—or assistance—from people around.

NO one can persuade me there is no God!!!! These are not the only evidences of Divine presence by any stretch of the imagination, nor are they the most important, either. It just proves to me that inside and around us all there is good and wonder, life changing, heart-warming, commonplace and magnificent.

Excuse me—this is Sunday and I guess I'm particularly open to the Spirit. Peace to you, and may that Spirit also visit you with blessings today and often.

You didn't expect this, did you??

Margit Voigt Rubendunst

(Denmark '54)

Now lives west of Phoenix, AZ. <bomarg@netzero.net>

I just received my first copy of Lisle *Interaction* and was delighted after all these years that Lisle Fellowship, Inc is still alive and well.

I enjoyed finding Wally Allen sending greetings from Tucson, AZ. We spent 6 weeks together in Denmark in 1954. I also remember Jean Jensen.

I, and Barbara Hofman, representing Germany, were the youngest participants that year in Denmark; we were in our last year of high school. The experience greatly influenced my decision to study languages and then trained to be a simultaneous interpreter at the United Nations. Unfortunately, life had another route in mind and I never ended up in New York. Many years later I attended the opening of the UN session and needless to say it was a very sentimental journey meeting from different countries.

The interaction with all participants during my 6 weeks in Denmark in 1954 will never be forgotten. Would love to hear from all. It was one of my best experiences I ever had enjoying the diversity of participants. *(Cont'd next page)*



Barbara Holder's Brother Improved

Back before Christmas the doctors that were seeing my brother Tom told him that he had only a brief time to live, no matter what they did for him. The time frame that they gave him would not let him be here for his daughter Becky's (Pac. NW '01) graduation from high school. Well, guess what? On May 25 we all celebrated her graduation, and Tom was doing GREAT! We partied all weekend long, celebrating both Becky's success and Tom's success.

Tom went back to National Cancer Institute on Monday. They did all of their tests, read all of the x-rays, MRIs, CAT scans, etc. and told him that "...whatever he has going for him is still working. Just go home, continue on with his life, and they will check him out again in August." The cancer is continuing to shrink—all on its own.

Of course, we all know that it is not shrinking all on its own. There are wonderful people like you all around the world that are sending warm and healing thoughts and prayers to him. He continues to say that he feels all of you around him every day. He progress will be evaluated this month.

Tom's eldest daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Ohnemus, (Pacific NW Program '01) graduated from Incarnate Word High School in San Antonio, Texas, this past May. She will soon be starting college at Incarnate Word University in San Antonio. We are now looking forward to his other daughter Sarah's graduation from high school next year and then his ordination as deacon sometime after that.

Thank you for being with us through these past months. Thank you for being a part of this success.

Change of Address?

The Lisle office spends 60¢ per issue for every *Interaction* that is sent to an out-of-date address. Please remember to send Lisle a change of address card when you move. We'd like to save money wherever we can! Thanks!

Thanks to The Newsletter Folks!

Thank you Dianne and Elise for the great work you do under very trying circumstances. Thank you to all who contribute to *Interaction*, the window to our past and a key to hope for our future.—Darwin and Barbara Holder

Ed. Note: And many thanks to Darwin and Barbara who offered to donate the extra cost of making this issue our largest in recent years!

Deceased Lislors

Below are names of Lislors that have passed away or their deaths were reported to the Lisle office since the Winter 2003 *Interaction* was published.

The Board of Directors and staff extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of these Lislors

Glenn Bartoo is survived by his wife Charolyn (Angus) Bartoo. Both participated in CO '48 and NY '48. They led MI '49.

Beverly Clifford (Denmark '57) passed away some time ago as reported by her daughter Susan.

Werner Diller (CA '50).

Katsuso Hiho (CO '43).

Marie Berthe Antoinette Smid (Friend of Lisle) passed away Oct 20, 2002 at the age of 74. She was also known by some as "Mieke Smid-Morsink" of Mt. Elizabeth, Victoria, Canada.

Darrell L. Brown, husband of **Elaine Brown** (CO '47) died June 26, 2003. Elaine and Darrell were married over 50 years; he was retired from Kaiser Steel and Industries.

Dr. George Cole died in May, 2003. Read our Tribute to George on page 27.

Afghan Womens Organisation

Anne-Rose Heck (OK '94, India '99) wrote that she met a very interesting German/Afghan journalist, who has been organizing aid projects to Afghanistan for 11 years. The journalist was very interested in getting word out about the Afghan Women Organisation and its work. It is based in Hagen T.W., Germany. Below is an excerpt from their webpage.

"The AFV supports women and children afflicted by the war and its consequences through purposefully humanitarian refugee help. Long term projects and emergency relief help improve public health in upbringing, growth, and the economy...Its 45 projects have included schools, vocational support and emergency help. This work is financed through memberships, contributors, benefits from members or from other organizations, and public charitable foundations

The people of Afghanistan need urgently our humanitarian and financial aid. For more information E-mail them at: <AFV.Help@web.de>, or contact Anne-Rose at: <Heck.Ann@zdf.de>.



Thanks to Chris Coons for compiling these briefs of Lislers that help keep us connected and up to date!

Mary Bull Vezie (CA '53, Germany '54) has a new address: 773 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, and CA 94941. Mary has room for guests, and enjoys her new home down by S.F. Bay. She continues to paint and do volunteer work.

Sophia L. Holley Ellis (Germany '55, Russia '56) is still teaching high school in Detroit. She works with Int'l Council of Detroit and assists students in the Congress Bundestag program from Germany.

Johnnie Miller (CO '46, CT '48, '49). The Millers are enjoying retirement in sunny Ft. Myers, Florida.

Dorothy Morgan (NY '40) lives in a retirement community, and is slowing down!

Wallace Cayard (NY '48) After 30 years of college teaching on World Religions, he continues to still inspire others with his expertise in this field.

Ethelyn Jones Maxwell (NY '40) A second knee replacement hasn't kept Ethelyn away from church and community activities. She continues to appreciate the beauty of Kentucky and blessings of marriage for 59 years with husband Ed.

Suzanne Stratford (DC '77, AK '79) enjoys being a mom to ten-year-old twins (boy & girl.) She has lots of joys with family and children's friends.

P. Prathapan (India '82) works with juvenile reformation and rehabilitation as a District Probation Officer, Kerala, India.

Andre J. (Andy) Nahmais (CA '50, '51) Congratulations on retirement! 40 years at Emory University as Professor of Pediatrics, Pathology and Public Health! Andy sends greetings to his Lisle friends, and now looking forward to more time with family, to pursue his interests in poetry, writing, bridge and tennis, and activities very different from his medical and scientific career.

Jeanne Lohmann (CO '43, NY '49) She recently celebrated her 80th! Jeanne's poetic talents continue to inspire and challenge. Her new collection, *The Light of Invisible Bodies* may be ordered from John Daniel, publisher: 2790 McKinleyville, CA 95519. Also available from Jeanne, *Flying Horses*, *Granite Under Water*, *Gathering a New Life*. Her new address is 1211 North Thomas St., Olympia, WA 98502, <jllohmann@olywa.net>

Walt & Betty Ligon of Pentwater, MI are Lucky Lislers when it comes to hosting long-time Lisle friends: In the spring, came **Grey & Barb Austin** (CO '48, '49, MI '50, CO '51, '54, '56) from the First Community Village in

Columbus, Ohio where Grey was recently elected 'Mayor'. **Frank & Lucy Buchanan**, (NY '47, CT '48 & '49, CA '56, Jamaica '61 & '62) are residents of the same community.

Levonna & Bush Olmsted (CO '46, '48, NY '48, Family Camp '56, '61) also visited Walt & Betty from Shaker Heights, near Cleveland, OH. Bush and Grey had both worked for Uncle Si at the University of Michigan.

Marina Firestone (CO '48, Family Camp '63) and husband Nat are enjoyed their summer at Martha's Vineyard and reported an amazing trip to Italy in June for family reunion. E-mail: <firestonen@iopener.net>

Alice (Kahn) Ladas (NY '40) and her husband wrote in 1989, along with some other researchers, *The G-Spot and Other Discoveries About Human Sexuality*. It was published in 28 countries and 18 languages and is still selling well after 18 years. She currently is a Body Psychotherapist on the Board of US Assoc. for Body Psychotherapy and is in charge of research. She is a Humanist Celebrant; has daughters in Santa Fe, NM and New York, and enjoys a new grandson. In 1992, she built a home in Santa Fe, NM and enjoys a multi-generational lifestyle in a co-housing network with a variety of people.

John Kachuba & Mary Newman have moved to 11 Station St., Apt.G. Athens, OH 45701. Their phone remains the same: (740) 589-6497.

Sharada Nayak, India program leader and former Board member, has just written that St. Lawrence University—a terrific liberal arts institution in upstate New York—has notified her of their decision to bestow an Honorary Doctorate on her at their Commencement in mid-May! Generations of St. Lawrence students and faculty have been among those she has welcomed to her country, and the University, in turn, has welcomed her to its own campus.

“She has probably done more good for advancing the scholarly interchange between India and the U.S. than almost anyone else,” says St. Lawrence's Dana Professor of Religious Studies and president-elect of Naropa University, Thomas Coburn. For her care and concern for all peoples, for her commitment to intercultural education, and especially for the many kindnesses she has shown to Laurentians over the years, St. Lawrence is honored to present Sharada Nayak with the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters.”

Bob Ellsworth has moved to: 1770 Dean York Lane, St. Helena, CA 94574.



Leyla Finishes Her Doctorate

—and Gives Thanks!



Dr. Leyla Welkin

Leyla Welkin recently wrote several Board Members to announce the great accomplishment of gaining her Doctorate. The letter is below.

It has been a while since I wrote to you all. I have just heard from the dean's office that my degree has been granted so I am all done. Thank you all so much for being a central and essential part of it. I made CDs of the dissertation to send to each of you who is interested in reading the final document. I have also begun creating a

couple of articles from the longer dissertation so that I can publish the shorter pieces in journals. This way some of the basic points can get out and perhaps I can get people talking about what we are learning.

I also have finished the play that I told some of you about. I hope that will get an audience some day. I continue to enjoy writing and am beginning to look for teaching opportunities. I am doing a little private practice psychotherapy. I would like to teach either here in the Seattle area or in Turkey. Let me know if you have any leads for me.

Both my sons are preparing to leave for the next year. Evan will be going to college in North Carolina and leaves in less than two weeks. Avery will be an exchange student outside of Munich Germany for the coming year. He leaves just two weeks later. These are exciting adventures for both of them. I will be a single, childless woman for the first time in my adult life. Big changes. Wish me luck.

I hope to hear from any of you who have the time. Let me know how your lives are now.

Once again thank you for your tremendous contribution to my work and my life."

Leyla has been active in Lisle since her participation in the Uganda '95 unit. She also attended Turkey '95, '97, '98 and '00, Leader Training '98, US/Turkey Exchange '99, Pac NW '01 & '02, and is a current Board member.

Ndubuisi Eke

By Judy Brown

I thought you all might like to see this message from the disappointed Nigerian young man who was refused a visa by the Netherlands Embassy this year and the U.S. Embassy last year for Oregon. Great spirit, eh?

"Dear Ma'am,

"I know in the nearest future I will participate in a Lisle program. The Netherlands Embassy may have stopped a plan, but they can't stop a vision. This things happen because, with every commitment, comes the risk of failure. I'd rather attempt something as great as the Lisle Program and fail, than attempt nothing and succeed. I believe in dreams not in hurts. I want to thank the members of Lisle from the first to the last. Thanks for supporting me, and for the scholarship aid. Thank you.

"I pray for a successful outing in Netherlands.

"Thanks. Positive and sincerely,

"Ndubuisi Eke"

In a later e-mail, Ndubuisi wrote to Dianne Brause

"Dear Dianne,

"I was perusing through the *Lisle Interaction* (Summer issue 2002). I found the poetry by Micheal Pollitt who recently learnt to read and write. I have had extreme difficulty getting visa at present, therefore I had missed out in participating in the Pacific Northwest Program 2002 and the Netherlands program.

Lisle had shown me mush love and support. I want you to do me the honor as I feel tickled by inspiration to summit my poetry for *Interaction* (Publication). I have included a text of my poetry's that have won awards and publication.

Thank You. Ndubuisi Eke

Here's how he describes himself. "Ndubuisi is a dreamer and a doer! I am an achiever! I am a planner and a producer! I think big! I talk big! I deliver big! So people believe me; and listen to me. I am a leader who knows what I want to do and where I want to go. My philosophy is 'Ever to excel, to do better than others and to bring Glory to God.' I have a positive attitude to life, event, and people ... I want to leave the earth knowing I utilized every one of my abilities and to fulfill my purpose. I want to become a broad thinker to cross ethical and global boundaries and to work with other Christians to propose creative, ethical solutions to the world's problems."

Ed. Note: One of his poems, **Purpose**, is on page 27.



A Lisle Profile: Orion Six

By Nancy Kinney

Throughout more than sixty years of Lisle history, there have been many people who have made generous contributions of time, energy and money to keep Lisle operating in the spirit of cross cultural understanding started and carried on by Aunt Edna and Uncle Si. Even in the heyday of the Baldwins' charismatic leadership of Lisle, there were exhilarating highs and challenging lows in the movement. A major factor in Lisle being able to stay alive through all the challenges has been a flow of people willing to contribute time, energy and money to make the Lisle dream stretch over several generations. One of those remarkable Lislers is Orion Six. His involvement with Lisle spans over 45 years, beginning with the CA '50 Unit and going through three Oklahoma units in '93, '94, '95. He also compiled the Lisle Friends Network for several years.

I first met Orion in 1982 at the Lisle "Gathering" at Ithaca, New York. Aside from his slightly unusual name, what attracted my attention to him was the way he responded to my children who were then nine and fourteen, those ages when parents are frequently ready to deed kids over to the nearest sympathetic adult. He appeared even to like them, and they (along with Scott Jones, Judd and Sue Jones' son) appeared to **really** like him. I later found out that he was a fifth grade teacher who really loved his job, so that helped to account for why he enjoyed my kids.

My next contact with Orion was after he retired from teaching. He began attending Lisle Board meetings, not as a Board member, but as an interested Lisle. The "interested Lisle" part meant that he did not have to be present for the long discussions, but only for the parts of the meetings he enjoyed. Since I also was not a Board member, that meant I was in the same category, so we formed an alliance to see interesting sights in the places where the meetings were held. One such experience that I will never forget was his suggestion that we ride hanging onto the outside of a cable car in San Francisco as it ascended some of the steep hillsides. We then went to one of the piers to eat sandwiches in sourdough rolls while walking along the waterfront.

Of course, while we went sightseeing, we talked about our lives. I learned that he had grown up in Pehuska, Oklahoma, what he called *Osage Indian Country*. I think he told me that he thought that somewhere in his family tree was a Cherokee, but no one had ever been able to actually

document the birth of his relative. Orion's first adventures in the bigger world were as a radar mechanic in the military. When he returned, he majored in Journalism at the University of Oklahoma and earned an M.A. from the former George Williams College in Chicago in what he called *Group Work*. I think we would now call his major *Group Dynamics*. His first jobs were with the YMCA at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio State and the University of Oklahoma. After two *Downtown Y* assignments in Chicago and Binghamton, New York, an opportunity to teach at the Navajo School at Shiprock, NM took him there for nineteen years. It was during that time that he began to accumulate his collection of Native American art when students would bring him paintings and objects that either they or their families had created and offer to sell them to him.

In the early 1990's the Lisle Board began to talk about re-establishing Lisle units in the U.S. There had been a successful series of programs at the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota developed by Carl Kline and Chris Klug, so with Orion's interest in Lisle, asking him to try a program in another Native American context seemed like a natural. In 1993 Lisle tried the unit for the first time. Orion led the program with six participants. In 1994 he agreed to do it again if he could have some help with leadership, so I volunteered. Enrollments were not high, but we decided to go ahead with the unit.

Due to an immigration issue one of our potential participants never received a visa and another one left early because of personal problems, so that left Orion and me with our one participant, Anne Rose Heck, a witty and wise German journalism student from American University. Due to the small numbers, Orion generously offered us a room at his own house in Norman. Together, the three of us traveled in Orion's car all over Oklahoma, visiting tribal museums and Native American headquarters and institutions. Anne Rose made tape recordings at a Kiowa ceremonial and then won a beautiful blanket in a raffle. We learned about Navajo tacos, history, the Indian Health Service, boarding schools, art, and the Dawes Register of Cherokees. Orion's volunteer work with the Jacobsen House in Norman led us to appreciate the Kiowa Five "discovered" by Oscar B. Jacobsen in the early 1900's.

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In 1995 we were more successful with recruiting the program so that we had four participants, Darwin Holder and his granddaughter Leilani, Russ Stringfellow, and Olga Steiner, and we did many of the same Native American art-centered activities again and met some talented artists. Orion introduced us to his church, Goodrich United Methodist, and some of his friends in the GCG (Goodrich Chronologically Gifted). That was the unfortunate year of the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, so in many ways that event absorbed a lot of our attention.

I have Orion to thank for developing my interest in Native American art and artistic crafts. I learned to make some kinds of jewelry, dream catchers, and other symbols, and started my own small collection of Native American paintings and prints that are on display in my office now. Out of my interest in the arts, I began to study Native American law, history, tribal constitutions, casinos, contemporary writers, Supreme Court decisions, and current Native North American issues. As I am sure he did with his many elementary school students, he has broadened my interests and changed my life in some wonderful ways. And, by the way, my kids turned out all right too!

Thanks, Orion.

Heartfelt Thanks, Orion

By Darwin Holder

Orion's knowledge and experience with our Native American cultures was instrumental in bringing this part of our heritage alive for all who participated in Lisle's Oklahoma units. In addition to all the other benefits, the Oklahoma unit was a wonderful bonding experience for Leilani (my granddaughter who was eleven at the time) and her grandfather, sixty one at the time. Orion's gentle, patient demeanor and depth of knowledge made it an unforgettable experience. Orion Six's generous contribution of time, energy and money are an integral part of what Lisle has been and continues to help keep Lisle alive for generations to come.

"I want to take this opportunity to offer a hearty and heartfelt thank you, Orion Six, for all you've done for Lisle, and for being a major part of my Lisle experience."

Darwin Holder has been involved with Lisle for years, including OK '95.

Purpose

By Ndubuisi Eke

There is a purpose to all things
Nothing was created without a reason
My eyes see, my ear hears,
My mouth speak, all things has a purpose

But its ironical many have lived their lives
never discovering the purpose for their lives.

The graves has held stock
lots of potential that would
have benefited the world.

Many with solution to world's crisis
died without knowing...
Many born as king, died as slaves
its ironical that the concept of purpose is not
understood.

The world is like a market square
everyone was sent here
to buy and sell
but many have ended up
never buying nor selling
so have ran out of resources,
and are destitute of life.

Know this; "the fact that you are born
is evidence
that you possess something
that can benefit the world".



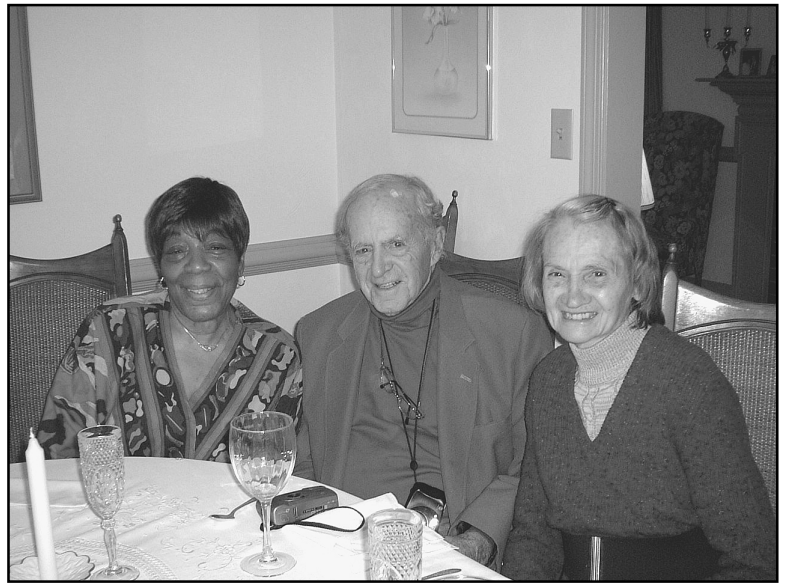
Tribute to George Cole

By Howard Binkley

One of Lisle's early stalwarts and innovators passed away on April 29th, 2003, succumbing to an auto accident. George Cole was an ordained minister, a professor at William and Mary College (*emeritus 1981*), and a constant supporter of Lisle Fellowship precepts and ideals. Lislers who shared experiences with him at units, on the Board of Directors, at reunions and other events remember him as one who carried forward the spirit of experiential learning to foster inter-racial/cultural/world-family understanding and peace into all aspects of his life. Ellie and Hans Spiegel epitomized the feelings of many of his friends and associates: "George is gone...it's hard to reconcile ourselves to the news. George's life work was centered on education. He was interested in finding effective ways to help people relate to one another ... learning from those experiences...." This was certainly true of his participation in units as well as his labors to implement and enhance the goals of Lisle.

A few months before he passed away, George wrote: "I ... focused [early] on Lisle which had deeply touched me..." He first took part in the New York '38 unit (during student days at Duke), at which time Uncle Si and Aunt Edna were re-focusing Lisle from evangelism to a broader mission-based orientation. As fellow-Lisler, Edith Ballard (CO '44, CA '52) noted recently, that George saw the vision of improving methods to establish communications and sharing ideas, creating a new format for Lisle derived from the Connecticut unit. In turn, George derived cogent methods for his future ministry and teaching. Edith noted that George centered on the multi-discipline theme throughout his life; at one time, a student asked him why he left the ministry, and the reply was: "I have not left, you are my congregation!" From my personal experience, lecturing on several occasions to his classes, I can attest to the fact that the students benefited greatly from his *Lisle style*.

As a minister in Hawaii during World War II, and after the war, he endeavored to apply to his church work the principles that Aunt Edna and Uncle Si had espoused. In 1946, returning to the States, he took part for a short time in a Lisle unit (Colorado '46), as one of the first second-year Lislers. He has said that Lisle stressed from that time on



George Cole, with dear friend Edith Ballard and Norma Richburg, in Norma's home in Hampton, Feb. 2002..

'ecumenicity' in its fullest sense, fostering international, inter-cultural, inter-racial, inter-religious understanding.

George's involvement is described in *Tiger by the Tail* (Uncle Si's book about the early days of Lisle): 'In 1947, Dr. Cole became the Executive Director of the Christian Activities Council (CAC), a community services agency...of the Greater Hartford (Connecticut) area. While in that position, he promoted the formation of a Lisle unit in and around Hartford. The 9-week Connecticut unit in the summer of 1949 was...co-sponsored by Lisle and the CAC and was led by George and Jennie Lee Cole and Sho Oniki. As a result of thorough set-up work by Jack Glasse...some excellent deputation experiences were provided for the...30 people in the unit. The Hartford program...continued through 1952, under the able leadership of George and Jennie... It attracted a wide variety of students, for example, in 1950, 21 students came from Syria, China, India, Japan, Colombia, Ecuador, Czechoslovakia and the United States. The Hartford program initiated the broader use of second-year Lislers, an early effort to develop group leaders. Over the years, George helped expand this leadership training-ground concept.'

During his lifetime, this devoted Lisler maintained a vital interest in fostering new approaches to promulgating

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Lisle's world-family educational efforts. As a professor at William & Mary College in the 1980's, and with Uncle Si's blessing and the co-operation of Aage Nielsen—a Lisle and founder of the Danish Folk School movement who co-directed and arranged deputations—George initiated and promoted a program for students from W & M and other colleges to have Lisle-type experiences focusing on small business administration at the New Experimental College in Jutland, Denmark. College credit was available at participating institutions. Although not specified as a Lisle unit, the program followed Lisle principles of weekly field trips, family council, self-governing, focus in world-mindedness, creative and non-violent solutions to worldwide human problems, personal growth, experiential learning, and belief and faith.

Dr. Cole served on Lisle's Board during the 1980's. Members of the Board at that time recall his cordial hosting of meetings held at his farm in Yorktown, near Williamsburg. Some members brought their children along. My kids have fond memories of George taking them boating on the adjacent river and into the Chesapeake Bay and participating in family council. The Board accomplished quite a bit in that serene and comfortable setting. Later, in 1991, George sponsored a successful reunion, especially of early Lislers, at his farm.

So, sadly, we take leave of George Cole on this plane. Yet, warm memories of his contributions and presence in our lives, go on. As the Spiegels wrote: "He was a charming man...seemed happiest in informal depth-probing interaction... whatever Lisle...contributed to him, he also invested much of his energy and devotion to Lisle."

Howard L. Binkley has been active in Lisle during the following programs: DC '54, '66, & '67, CO '55, Japan '56, CA '56, past Board Member. He lives at 12216 Dorrance Ct., Reston, VA 20190. Ph: 703-435-2751

Personal Correspondence

Between George and Other Lislers

To: George
From: Cork & Fran Lacy
(Sat, 12 Oct 2002)

Dear George,

Your letter has just arrived, and I hasten to reply before it gets buried in mounds of paper... It is good to hear from and about you, as well as other Lislers. We have been trying

to recall when and through whom Fran and I first knew you: Duke, or JoMarie, or Lisle, or ? JoMarie died in South Dakota two years ago, but Dick has stayed in their home in Spearfish. We have kept in touch with Peg Whittemore (CO '41) infrequently, visited them on Cape Cod the day before Bruce died. Fran does not know anything about Betty Boykin; we rather doubt if she is still living.

As for your proposed reunion, we must send our respectful regrets. Although both of us are in reasonably good health, we have not driven even that far for many years, and have just declined to attend both Swarthmore (my alma mater) and Greensboro College get-togethers here in North Carolina. Please give our greetings to anyone who even remembers us.

We have been in this retirement community (The Forest at Duke) ever since it opened ten years ago. It is most satisfactory for us, though it has neither church nor Duke connections, because it is only a mile from where we lived for 35 years, and our only daughter and her family are here in town.

If you are still spry enough to drive in this direction, we would be glad to have you pay us a visit. But it is indeed a pleasant surprise to hear from you.

Our very best,

Fran and Cork [Frances & Creighton Lacy] (CO '41)
<Corkandfran@aol.com>

Reply from George

To: Peg Whittemore, Cork & Fran Lacy and Edith Ballard
(Sun, 13 Oct 2002)

Dear Cork and Fran,

Very pleasant to get your note. I guess we can all thank Edith Ballard for getting some of these old time and straggling Lislers together.

By this letter I am letting Peg know of our contact, thru forwarding your letter to her. To me it is very touching that you were with them on Cape Cod just before Bruce passed on. (I am hoping momentarily that Peg will be able to work out the anticipated sojourn here.)

So far, Edie, Peg and I have been trying to assemble some meaningful contacts to gather on my front porch in Yorktown, sometime in early November. If it's just the three of us, I will treasure it, but it would be so enriching if we could hire a limo or something to bring you all up for the occasion.

Let me review a few channels re our connections. I am not sure how this all comes together, but a quick rundown.

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I finished my undergraduate work at Duke in 1940, went straight to Yale Divinity School for my first year, back to Duke Div. for second year, and back to YDS for third year. In my year at Duke ('41-'42) I met and fell madly in love with Betty Boykin (who was in nursing school). We tried to keep in touch during my third year at YDS, but the embers died and she returned my frat pin. (I obviously blew it.)

After YDS I grabbed a job with Methodist conference in CA under Bishop James C. Baker, which took me to Hawaii, where I had a splendid ministry on the shores of Pearl Harbor. I sadly discontinued that when a marriage I had hoped for fell through the cracks.

I returned to NYC and did my residence work on an EdD at Union and Teachers College, Columbia. Did much focusing on Lisle, which had deeply touched me.

Betty B. introduced me to Jo Marie, etc. and somewhere in all that put me on the lookout to meet Corky. I can't quite fathom whether we crossed paths first at YDS but I have strong memories that we met through that. By the way, what is Fran's maiden name?

I have been on a long and strung out wandering—several Congregational parishes in CT, closing down after four years in New Canaan as Minister of Education. I visited Corky on my return to Duke for 50th Class Reunion. Got into William & Mary on a tenure track, which is another story altogether. At that event someone reassured me that Bob Cushman had retired but was doing well. Do you know of what went with him? Bob had been Calhoun's reading assistant, and Bob carried on MacIntosh's lectures in Systematic, after his stroke. Summer of '45 after a visit to Lisle when I returned from Hawaii, I met again with Bob and took a brief summer course on 19th century Theologians and philosophers with him. Also got busy showing him around Durham and getting oriented toward his beginning professorship.

I remember fondly my conversation with you in Cornell during that reunion visit in 1990.

Now, if this isn't a strange kettle of fish I'd like to hear of it. Let me know if you can piece any of these tidbits together, and let's for goodness sake (good client) let's manage to keep in touch.

I am now as follows: Retired Emeritus at William and Mary in 1991, moved to the old family farm below Yorktown and spend much of my time mowing a five or six acre field, practicing a golf swing, and occasionally some Bach on a small Rodgers organ which I have in my living room. I am reasonably spry and would not underestimate the prospect

of coming down and wander through your forest, hoping to find you. Some strange destiny brought all this together. Let's not drop it, please.

George was a great friend, although I had not seen him for a number of years—did talk to him on the phone and brief e-correspondence early this Spring. HB

George Cole's unit dates are NY '38 & '45, CT '49-'52, past Board member.

From: George

To: Edith & Margaret Whittemore:

Dear Edie,

I think your memory does very well, and you manage to compensate by writing. Do you know the Buchanan's? (Frank & Lucy: NY '47, CT '48 & '49, CA '56, Jamaica '61 & '62). They are the sweetest. I managed to recruit them for the Hartford CAC project, and they were married there around the middle of that year. They contributed enormously to the success of that project, and they came to the reunion here in December of about 1991. The Dudleys had kept me posted on them...But I haven't heard from the Dudleys in almost a year. I trust they are OK.

My enthusiasm grows for our little mini-gathering, and I think the cross-currents of those few of us will stimulate some hilarious exchanges.

I do wish there were some way that Sam Barefield (NY '46 & '48, CT '48-'50) could join us, but with various feedbacks from you I am not sure whether he is in condition to attempt it. He too, with Mary Nell Sells (NY '46 & '48, CT '48-'50, NY '48) were live wires in our growing edge at Hartford. The more I think of that, the more I think it spelled out in real life the manner in which the Lisle potential was taking root. Just imagine a gathering of 12 or 13 people who had caught something of the gleam, coming together in a strange city, and having all year deputations to various churches and other social agencies. I am sure we left a mark that few can appreciate. Now we gather again to carry on something of that.

The other major contribution of this line of activity comes out of the classes at William & Mary College. Although never featured as a Lisle Unit, it proved to be nothing less—only without the name, there was still the substance. Plus which we had an academic affiliation which afforded each participant an opportunity to gain six or more academic credits. While we were at Aage's (Nielsen-Denmark '52) New Experimental College, thanks to him arranging deputations, each student did field work weekly in

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nearby businesses. At the end of the season, we had a gala gathering at Skyum, Bjerge, with a splendid gathering of folks from the business institutions in which the group members worked and served. For years, I had felt that the Lisle units missed out on having an organic connection with some academic institution, since these were all connected with some serious and respectable learning. I know and respect what they did have in this regard, particularly with Denver University, but this one went all the way, and academic credit was taken for granted.

When we started out with the William & Mary project, Aage visited here and gave some crucial background information. Ah, happy memories.

Well—all this is just a smidgeon of what we might talk about, with for each of us a reconstruction of the significance of our Lisle connections.

Hope all continues well with you.

Warmly, George

Our Memories of George Cole

By Hans & Ellie Spiegel

We knew George best in the late 40's when he periodically blew into New York to complete his doctoral studies. On those occasions, he would arrive in our two-bedroom apartment in Queens (one of the bedrooms was rented to an elderly gentleman whom we called Uncle Tom) accompanied by a huge typewriter. And besides his overnight bag, he would also bring ice cream and raspberries that lubricated our long talks before retiring. Uncle Tom dropped out of these conversations at a decent hour while we kept solving the world's problems until late. George's frame nicely filled our living room couch's capacity.

George liked big cars and little fishing boats. He disliked restrictive bureaucracies and seemed happiest in informal, depth-probing interactions with friends. His circle of friends was world wide, stretching from Hawaii to Denmark. He was a charming man and could draw to him many new acquaintances.

The Spiegels have been involved in Lisle in the following programs: CO '46 & '47, NY '47, Germany '58, Bali '88, and past Board members.

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LISLE is committed to a more just social order in which persons of all cultures, social classes, religious affiliations, nationalities, and political persuasions are full participants. Lisle believes that actions and plans must be rooted in a clear understanding of the hopes and aspirations of all people. However, idealism must be tempered with a realistic vision. The future leadership of our world community demands experiences which develop emotional maturity, social sensitivity, self-awareness, and appreciation of cultural diversity.





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