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New Global Seed Grants Awarded

This year Lisle awarded the greatest number of Global Seed Grants in our history.



Nancy Kinney and students of Tompotika Indonesia, created a mural depicting local wildlife.

Community Mural Painting in Tompotika

The Alliance for Tompotika Conservation (ALTO) was one of our previous grant recipients in a beach cleanup. We were pleased to also be able to donate to this year's exciting program, again mentored by Marcy Brown Summers. A multi-cultural group was organized, including professional mural painters from the Seattle area, to go to the Tompotika peninsula of Sulawesi, Indonesia. ALTO staff participated with students and other community members to paint two large murals on two different schools. Besides celebrating Tompotika's diverse ecology, the students will continue to learn about the advantages of maintaining their forests and endangered species and encouraging green tourism to their island as they live with their murals.

Atlantic Impact

Mark Kinney mentored an application which seemed extremely promising but was without an initial Lisle mentor. The Board hopes to be able to expand our process to bring in additional mentors for these worthy projects. Atlantic Impact is a Detroit high school project. Students will meet weekly to learn about the history of the slave trade and its impact on themselves and the world. This summer during a 10 day trip to three cities in England they will explore the impact of the slave trade internationally and see first-hand how this tragic event was a globally shared experience. In collaboration with UNESCO and students from associated schools in England, there will be ample opportunities for intercultural exchange. All of the students will have to work hard to make this project a reality but we are pleased that Lisle will be able to sponsor some of the in-country costs in England.



Students experiencing what life was like in the early days of New England, surrounded by British-influenced practices and buildings.

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The Alliance or Tompotika Conservation supported the mural painting.



A new Lubuto library, supported by a 2011 -2012 seed grant.

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Submissions Solicited!

We'd love to include your Lisle memories, travel stories, journal entries, poetry, artwork, and any photographs of Unit participants.

Please email your submissions to the Lisle office : <office@lisleinternational.org>



Dianne Brause and Joyce Hardin

New Global Seed Grants Awarded

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We were delighted this year to receive 11 Seed Grants applications. All of the applicants and awardees extend the Lisle goal(s) of peace and intercultural *WORLDMINDEDNESS*.

Empowering Palestinian Teenage Girls



Palestinian women learn nonlinear leadership.

Empowering Palestinian Teenage Girls, mentored by Dianne Brause, is a pilot project in Bethlehem, West Bank, sponsored by the Holy Land Trust. The goal is to educate and inspire young Palestinian teens to become leaders in their community and their country. Each week, a small group of Christian and Muslim Palestinian girls will participate in an inspirational or educational offering by the facilitator, an invited local or international person, or through videos, audio tapes or selected readings. Small group discussions and reflection will follow, along with activities of a creative nature to “ground” the material. I know we all hope our “seed” money will allow this most worthy initiative to be a success, expand and influence this very difficult political stalemate.

This project start has been delayed until April or May due to insufficient funds and reorganization at the Holy Land Trust. Anyone wanting to support it with donations may contact Lisle or Dianne Brause diannebrause@gmail.com, who expects to be going there in early May.

Project 1991

Lisle is participating with Project 1991 - a community based Human Rights organization listed on the Web. Project 1991 works in Sierra Leone through the secondary schools to create intercultural programs to deal with mitigating the conflicts and violence between the different cultural and tribal groups in these secondary schools (high schools). The focus population will be 510 students, 10 teachers and 5 volunteer staff and they are working to initiate Human Rights clubs to bring the diverse groups together to learn non-violent methods of conflict resolution, how to promote human rights & democracy first in their schools and then moving out into their communities. These are to be ongoing clubs if this pilot project gets off the ground. Our thanks to Betsy Bridwell for mentoring this organization which came to us without a Lisle mentor. She was able to reach out and work with the organization on their very worthy cause.

Our motto

is "We say never and never again." And we want to know the stories of other youth, students in other parts of the world who have an interest in survival and progress - and the stories of those who have been through similarly challenging circumstances.

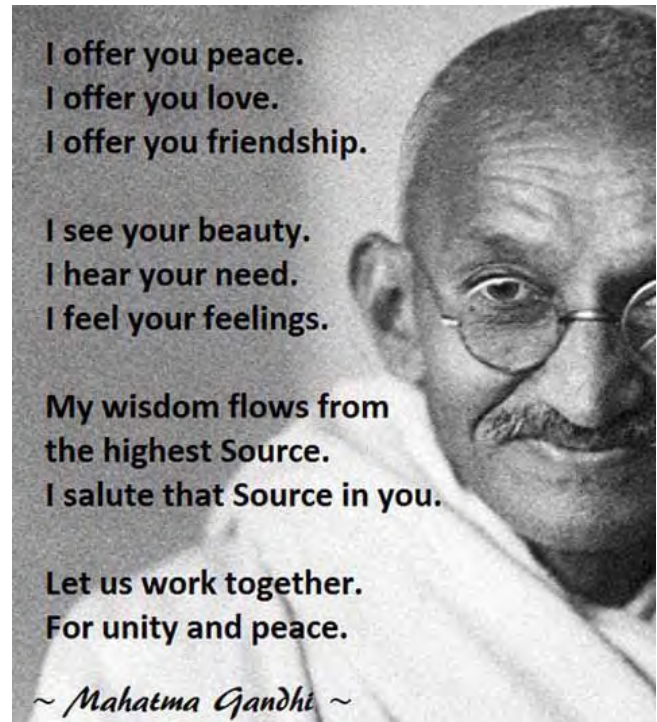
--from Project 1991's mission statement

Reading Program in Karnataka

V. R. Devika, a long time friend and student of Lisle mentor Sharada Nayak, developed a program to utilize reading cards which were developed by the Chathanath Trust, an Indian non-profit organization. The Trust gathered 100 Tamil stories and created the cards but did not have the funds to take this resource out into the community. Devika's plan is to train teachers in two Indian states: Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in the use of these reading cards. The teachers can share them with their students to develop reading skills as well as offering an alternative, multi-cultural look at their world. Devika's project will also translate the stories into Kannada for use in Karnataka. The Project will consist of 5 workshops for teachers in each of two states, including 120 schools and could conceivably impact 12,000 students. This is a very optimistic one-year plan, and Lisle offers seed money in great anticipation of a huge success.



“Kathai Aruvi” is a collection of 100 stories in laminated cards written in simple Tamil for children in primary classes. It has all types of stories - folk tales, historical, humorous, mythological, science based and contemporary stories and is illustrated with colorful pictures. The cards can serve as self-learning materials where children can relate to them in their own way.



by John Kramer

Youth Peace Corps in India

The Board was very excited about the possibilities of a Youth Peace Corps in India as envisioned by long-time Lisle Hasmukh Patel. This program would be co-sponsored with The Gandhi Foundation. Lisle's roots with the Gandhi Foundation go back to the 1970's. This project intends to create, among young volunteers in Ahmedabad, a Youth Peace Corps and provide them with Gandhian philosophical, non-violent training. They will work towards a sustainable organization that will expand throughout India and re-introduce revered but recently overlooked Gandhian principles. After an intensive training with considerable field level exposure, they will select a challenging grass roots area where they can carry out field level activities that demonstrate a model of peaceful society. The Board felt that the basic concept was wonderful but the immediate program needed more development so the Grant has been set aside for review and awarding, if possible, at the May Board meeting.

Reports from 2011/12 Global Seed Grants

Emergency Preparedness in Meghalaya, India

Emergency preparedness education for kids in the Khasi Hills in NE India was the objective of one of the 2011 seed grants. Two workshops, one for the kids and another for adults who work with them, were held in Shillong, Meghalaya in October. The workshop leaders, Aditi Kaur and Sudhir Bhat, were from the Mountain Children's Foundation (MCF) in Uttarakhand in western India, and neither of



Aditi Kaur and Sudhir Bhat

them had ever visited the Khasi Hills before. Both the kids and the adults discovered that they live in a potentially very hazardous environment and that creating a helpful role for the children in emergencies can be very important for everyone.

Remaining monies from the program allowed some participants to share their expectations statewide. Eight boys and the principal of one of the secondary schools in Meghalaya traveled to Dehradun in June 2012 to participate in a weekend program with some of the MCF's young members in their villages. The children in Uttarakhand took responsibility for the hospitality and the entire program of events for the visitors. None of the Lisle Board members except Smita Patel realized how important this exchange was in India. It seems that people from NE India look different, speak

different languages, and have little in common with western Indians, and consequently often encounter discrimination in other parts of India. Visits such as these two exchanges happen too rarely and can be important in bridging cultures in the same country.

Education for Rural Girls in Cambodia

The first goal of this project was provide an opportunity for girls in rural Cambodia to go to university. The project sponsored 21 girls in university. The second goal of the project was to give students in the USA an opportunity to meet someone they are helping in Cambodia. This goal was met through a series of Skype calls during the year between middle school students who raised funds to support the Cambodian students. The third exchange was a meeting set up in Cambodia between about 15 students from Northwestern Christian University in Eugene, Oregon and about 15 of our sponsored students in Cambodia who are attending university in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Cambodian students made a presentation about illegal logging and land grabbing in their villages in Cambodia. The students met in small groups and had discussions. Upon returning, the leader of the trip said that it was exactly what their students needed to do to make their trip more meaningful. Six months later, I heard that the students are still communicating with each other through Facebook.



Students from Kennedy Middle School sponsored a Cambodian student.



Student drawing of child reading to her mother.

Summer Reading Camps in Village Libraries in Burkina Faso

Friends of African Village Libraries (FAVL) hosted reading camps in eleven (11) rural villages in Burkina Faso. They were led by FAVL's regional coordinator Dounko SANOU and activities coordinator/librarian Alidou BOUE in collaboration with teams composed of FAVL librarians, elementary school teachers, library assistants and Peace Corps volunteers. Twenty-five kids from local elementary schools were invited to participate in each camp. Improving the student's reading skills is one of the main goals of the camps. Therefore, reading activities took up a large percentage of camp time. Each child learns in a different way, so camp facilitators used different techniques when working with the children. These techniques included guided reading with the facilitators, group reading, free reading and reading with tutors or peers. For a half an hour each day, a teacher from the students' school taught a lesson that emphasized techniques such as breaking words into syllables.

Learning in the Burkinabè school system is based on rote memorization and recitation, which leaves little room to develop creativity and imagination. Camp facilitators used arts and crafts to help foster these skills in the campers. Throughout the week, students were given time to draw, make

necklaces and create comics. A popular camp activity over the years has been making masks, and this year was no different.

Cultural exchanges were made and new techniques and activities introduced. The participation of new librarians and Americans not only helped to improve the reading levels of the students, but it increased their confidence and taught them new skills. The volunteers showed the campers and facilitators new activities and games, such as engaging reading activities, dances and arts and crafts.

Many campers read below average reading level for their age group. Others were completely illiterate and could not recite the alphabet or write their names. With a small camp size of 25 students, the facilitators were able to break the students into small groups and work closely with them. They got to know the campers personally, and the students blossomed with the individual attention.

The participation and discussion that occurred at the end of the camps have given many ideas of improvement for next year. One of the ideas was to form a club of the 25 kids who participated in the camp. The kids would meet at the library each week during the following school year and keep working with the librarian to improve their reading skills. Ideas such as this would help further maximize the impact of the camps and ensure that the kids continue to long after the camp is over.



courtesy of Friends of African Village Libraries



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Support to Capacity Building for Lubuto Libraries

The second Lubuto Library, hosted by the Ngwerere Basic School in Lusaka, Zambia, opened in November of 2010. Establishment and continual improvement in program development and library management by library professionals is crucial to its success and growth. Zambia's Ministry of Education is committed to providing incentive pay for teachers to staff the library, to receive in-service training by a long-term volunteer librarian/trainer.

The Lisle grant was designed to provide support for a volunteer from Europe to develop the library collection. The volunteer will work with Lubuto Library Project (LLP) to improve the efficacy of the library, its systems and services and strengthen outreach and the library's prominence in the community. The primary focus of this work is to train local library staff to effectively carry on all of these activities in the future.

LLP was not able to spend the entire grant amount due to some operational complications and requested permission to carry the funds over into the next year. The Lisle board has agreed that the remaining Lisle grant money can be used to cover the cost of supporting LLP's librarian/trainer for six more months.



Librarian Nikki Packer and friends.

Executive Director's Report

by Mark Kinney

Lisle continues to be healthy and is rejuvenating itself, while continuing to assess how to better live out the legacy of the early years. Like many similar organizations we can look to a number of successes as well as a number of outstanding issues which need addressing.

Lisle has experimented successfully with holding a virtual board meeting. In January the Board had an internet/telephone call meeting using real time computer screen sharing. We are actively pursuing perhaps holding one board meeting each year as a virtual event. We have successfully sponsored and seen the completion of most of the Global Seed Grants for 2012. Even those which have not been completed are scheduled to do so shortly. Our fundraising has been successful in meeting our goals, and we have worked on a number of organizational issues. We are actively pursuing methods for updating our website, updating our database structure, becoming more active in the electronic communications arena, and expanding the scope of the Global Seed Grant process to become better able to link projects with mentors. Since the annual meeting, I have worked on a wide range of activities, especially Seed Grants. This year we have had more applications than ever before. Probably half of them have come from organizations without a direct link to Lisle. Most of these proposals were very strong, based on my assessment. I also treated those without mentors more seriously than in the past, consonant with the board suggestion that we needed to expand our mentor-finding effort.

This year I was assisted in the process by Lori Bratton, who read through the applications and gave feedback during initial screening. I was also aided by Smita Pa-



Mark Kinney, Lisle's Executive Director

tel who streamlined the applications tracking. This year I have become much more aware of how much time it takes to manage the process and have a number of suggestions to make it more manageable. In general we need to 1) simplify the handling of the apps and also 2) divide up the tasks.

I have continued to keep the website updated, and I have been working with board member James Burke to facilitate an effort to have one of his students create a possible new version of the website. We now have a skeleton of that new design available for discussion.

The communications committee has been working to determine directions for Lisle to take in the electronic communication arena, and have decided at the November board meeting to experiment with one of the services for 1 year.

Part of this discussion involves the possibility of replacing Interaction with an e-newsletter. James and I have concluded that it is feasible to do, BUT not with our Lislers, since they do not use the
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President's Message

by Bill Kinney



Bill Kinney, Lisle's President

Every day we have our chance to make a difference in the world. Every time we meet new people and negotiate our way through life we see our chance to evolve and take the productive and meaningful experiences with us to the next day. As Lisle becomes 77, Lisle continues working to change the world.

During our 76th year (2012), Lisle awarded the greatest number of Global Seed Grants in our history. We received the greatest number of applications and awarded more money than we have during the previous years of our granting process. The tireless work of the Seed Grant committee in reviewing the applications, responding to mentoring requests and working with the eventual grantees is commendable and tangible evidence of Lisle fulfilling its vision to increase world-mindedness. In the coming year you will be hearing about projects in India, Palestine, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, the United States and Indonesia among others.

As we enter our 77th year, Lisle will continue to review and award grant proposals and seek to make connections between like-minded organizations around the world. Everywhere you go as a Lisler we know you

bring your unique perspective and we want to hear your stories and legends. We love to hear about your experiences teaching children in a remote village and your work helping to organize a community event in your city.

The Lisle Board recently engaged in a brainstorming activity that continued a discussion we have been engaging for a few years: What is the future of Lisle? The Board discussed many strengths, challenges, visions and legends. Some things that did become clear were that Lislers value new experiences, productive human relationships, and the ability to adapt to a changing world. For more on this discussion take a look further inside this issue and read the article(s) about the November 2012 Chicago Board Meeting.

We are at a unique moment in history. Almost every week we hear in the media about the challenges our younger generations are facing as a result of the worldwide recession and how the opportunities for future generations may not be the same as in the past. These young people have access to amazing technologies and live in a world that can be very connected. But we also know that when the youth see limited opportunities, society can begin to fracture in devastating ways. As Lisle enters the next era we want to engage these younger generations and develop the sense of fellowship that has always bound Lislers to one another around the world. It is possible that now more than ever these bonds between people are what the world needs to move forward in a productive way. Please think about how you may be able to help Lisle bring people together to make new opportunities to share peace and thoughtful understanding in the world.

As we look forward to how we are going to make our difference in the world we also *(continued on page 22)*

Annual Meeting Workshop with Sharon Kristjanson

by Bill Kinney



During the Lisle Annual Meeting we had the unique opportunity to engage in a workshop activity with Sharon Kristjanson. Sharon is the founder of SVK Communications and the daughter of former Lisle Farida Kristjanson. As a special workshop for Lisle, Sharon prepared and presented a unique perspective on communication and group dynamics. She helped the group to see the messages behind what we communicate and she also helped to focus a brainstorming activity about the future of Lisle.

During the brainstorming activity all of those present were asked to list the goals we have for Lisle. Some of the observations of the group on this issue included: membership growth, improving the Seed Grant procedure and to seek increased participation. Next, we were asked to identify the greatest challenges we see for the organization. To conclude Sharon asked us to identify what is sacred to Lisle and what can be changed. Our team identified some things that are sacred to Lisle including intercultural diversity, commitment to the organization and Walter Ligon.

We thank Sharon for helping to lead our discussion on these topics and we continue to analyze the results of this productive session.

Bud Baldwin Visits the Board

by Nancy Pearson Kinney

Remembering the founders of Lisle is one of the longtime pursuits of the more mature of Lisle alumni. Bud Baldwin, the son of Dewitt and Edna Baldwin, is someone with whom many will identify. Bud is an active 90 at this time, and when he attended the Spring Lisle Board meeting in Chicago, he was engaged in a project to help his wife Michele re-write and update the materials derived from Michele's many years of work with psychologist Virginia Satir, who was one of the key figures in the development of family therapy.

Bud has recently been honored for his work with the American Medical Association to modify medical education for physicians to include a more interdisciplinary approach to their studies. A recent issue of *Journal of Interprofessional Care* summarizes and emphasizes his research in this area.

Their daughter, Lisa, has just returned to the U.S. to become the head of the Africa desk at the U.S. Agency for International Development after many years of working along with her husband Dieter Fischer in Africa. Younger daughter Mireille lives in the U.S. at this time also, so Bud and Michele are happy to see them and their grandchildren more frequently.

The Board was delighted to see Bud and enjoyed listening to some of his memories, especially about how Uncle Si and Aunt Edna and Lisle had influenced his life. It also made us glad to hear him say that he has never been better or happier than he is now.



Bud and Walt at the board meeting.

Support the Global Seed Grant Program: Become a Grant Proposal Mentor

When the Board decided in 2005 to implement the Global Seed Grant Fund, our vision was that the proposal review process was to become a means of re-engagement with Lislers throughout the U.S. and around the world.

We hoped Lislers would contribute their international expertise and project development skills in assisting grantees—who might be applying for funding support for the first time—with their proposal applications. And by gosh, we've succeeded!!

Many Lislers, along with numerous Board members, have assisted those seeking grants to strengthen their proposals, sometimes defer for a year to work on specific elements of their design, goals or intended outcomes, and sometimes, to withdraw their applications because our grant funding cannot support their project goals.

For the 2013 grant period, we just reviewed a total of 10 proposals! Our largest number ever. We hope we will continue to see a diverse range of projects from the U.S. and all parts of the world—but we do need more mentors. This is where YOU come in. Mentoring is a way to connect with Lisle in a new way, and also to be connected to

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a nonprofit organization and a community in need. It's a great way to use your intellectual skills and your humanitarian instincts to assist an organization succeed in presenting the Board with a competitive grant proposal. And then, to realize the joy in knowing that

if the project is funded, that your work led to a tangible financial contribution to ensure the success of a program vital to a community or an organization anywhere in the world.

Mentoring for Lisle engages you internationally and interpersonally—just as it was during your Lisle days!!! The Board will be there to answer your questions; you are not left to your own devices to figure things out on your own!

We need you to help us continue to make the Seed Grant program a success in coming years. We're not asking for money—just your good judgment and a little of your time. Thanks. Interested? Email us at office@lisleinternational.org, call 512-259-4404, or write to us at: Lisle, PO Box 1932, Leander, TX 78646

Fall Annual Meeting: Seattle

Come join us for the 2013 Annual Meeting in Seattle! Lisle will be holding the Annual Meeting in Seattle this year, November 15-17. We will be utilizing Hostelling International-Seattle in the historic American Hotel in the International District. It's a great location, near Pioneer Square, the waterfront/ferry terminals, and downtown, with lots of shops and restaurants in the area. Light rail from Sea-Tac airport comes to the International District station, just one block from the hostel; and the Amtrak station is just two blocks away. There are a number of options for rooms, including 4- and 6-bed dorms (\$30-35) and single rooms for those who prefer (\$70). For more information check the Seattle hostel website at <http://www.hiusa.org/seattle>. We will have more details as the date gets closer. We especially hope those in the area can join us, and anyone else who wants to visit this great city!

Marty Tillman Travels To Africa To Introduce Career Services To Universities In Zimbabwe

by Marty Tillman

In October, 2012, I was invited by the US State Department to deliver a series of workshops in Harare, Zimbabwe to two audiences: deans of students and staff at all universities in the country and a selected group of government and private school counselors. It was a privilege for me to participate in this program because it was the first time these two groups have come together to discuss the role that career counseling plays with their students and how building a linkage between the advising/counseling process is important to student career decision-making. As in most developing nations, there is little money to upgrade campus facilities or for staff or faculty training. This has been a severe problem for Zimbabwe since Independence and under the authoritarian rule of President Mugabe.

In addition to my two sets of workshops, I delivered two talks: one for a weekly series at the Public Affairs Section, Food for Thought, on “Becoming Global-Minded: Preparation for the 21st Century Workplace;” the other for the 30th

anniversary celebration of the Fulbright program (I’m a Fulbrighter to Japan) on the topic “International Education and Career Development.” I also was interviewed by the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer for a podcast which is posted on the Embassy website (and on my LinkedIn profile, too).

Purposeful student career advising is a global imperative: the chang-



Marty Tillman works with university deans and school counselors in Zimbabwe.



ing global workforce, expanding student mobility, use of technology for training, networking along with the competitive marketplace that all students enter—regardless of where they live and study—has changed the role of career advising.

I learned a great deal from this first trip to Africa—and I was again reminded that aspirations of young students the world over are not so different: A good job, a respectful workplace environment,

and a fair wage. The problem is that in Zimbabwe, for now, access to any job is not possible for most graduates. The economy needs to grow in order to create new jobs. This may take decades.

I also had an opportunity in my second week to do something I never dreamed I'd do—go on safari and stay, as they say, “in the bush.” It was like walking through an urban zoo without the barriers that keep the animals away from you. I was around many herds of elephants – one named “The President’s Herd” after President Mugabe in what one might call an act of great ‘chutzpah.’ I was around hyenas, wart hogs, giraffes, water buffalo, beautiful birds, ostrich families, zebras of all stripes (did you know they are NOT the same?), and hippos (including a dangerous one we had to forage around on the Zambezi River). I also was alone as an American tourist most of the time – a sad indication of the state of Zimbabwe’s economy. The only time I was around more than a handful of tourists was at the wondrous Victoria Falls. Stay tuned in 2013 to the elections and referendum on the country’s Constitution: both will signal what lies ahead for the people of Zimbabwe.



Jon Findley: Ligon Service Award Winner



What does it take to win the Ligon Service award? Does it require attending your first unit in 1964? Does it mean you have to volunteer to help with the set up of four later units in DC? Does it require that you serve on the board through four decades (or has it been five)? Does it require that you are an advocate for the use of electronic media, including helping to set up the Lisle Directory database? Does it require that you offer to host several Lisle board meetings?

Well, no, but those are some of the myriad ways that this year’s Ligon Service Award winner, Jon Findley, has contributed to Lisle in his decades of work for the organization. Jon has been a stalwart and reliable partner in these and other Lisle activities since his first Washington DC 1964 unit. He was on the board when Mark first became active in Lisle in 1979, and is now, once again, a long-time member of the board. His voice is very present in our deliberations and his activities between board meetings are always very helpful to the board of directors.

So it is with great pleasure, and much admiration, that we have the honor to remind readers of the important contributions Jon has made to Lisle, and which the board has now acknowledged, as we honor him with the 2012 Ligon Service Award.

Where Are They Now?

Sam Baker (DC '67, '68 & '72, Israel '78) He follows the work of Lisle through Interaction and Facebook. "I enjoy seeing the work of that amazing organization--that continues to make an impact on many lives in the world." He is enjoying retirement and travels with his camper in the US. He is visiting Brazil this winter and hopes to travel to India in 2014. He is interested in making contact with Lislors who have an interest in India.

Judy Brown (CA '54, Uganda '93, Turkey '97, India Reunion 2000, among others) is working on publishing a family memoir called "Trouble, What's That?" Hopefully it will be out in Spring 2013.

Catherine Burnight (NY '43) says "Thanks to Winter 2012 Interaction, I connected on the phone with Sarah Bekker. We were in the same 1943 NY group; we had participated in the volunteer museum program in Bangkok, Thailand in the 70s but didn't realize the Lisle connection! Both of us have had internationally-related careers – Lisle planted some fertile seeds."

Cora Belle Crane (CO '45) celebrates her 93rd birthday a week before Christmas! She reports that her memory isn't as sharp as it was, and she seems to spend more time with doctor visits than most anything else, but is grateful to still be living in her own home with both sons nearby.

Martha Dailey (India '87, Germany 2000 annual meeting) "My grandson is in India for three weeks – it is great to compare notes with him on changes in Delhi and what has remained the same cultur-

ally. I have been concerned with Haiti and also the effect of flooding in the northeast U.S. Three of my grown children have adopted children from orphanages in China, Russia and Latvia. Spending time in Lucca, Italy with my husband."

Sophia Holley Ellis (Germany '55 & '56, Russia '56) says "my answer is often 'I am a Lislors' not 'I was a Lislors.'"

***"I am a Lislors" not
"I was a Lislors."***

Marina Firestone (CO '48, several family camps) "had a lovely reunion with Walt Ligon, Barbara Walker, and Hans & Ellie Spiegel at my place." Sorry to miss the Chicago meeting.

Ardis Hanish (Germany '55, CA '56) reports "We stay healthy and involved. We volunteered for our candidates in the election and are looking at other volunteer possibilities now. I appreciate the Lisle connection."

Maude Johns (CO '45, Elderhostel '89) shares that her husband of 62 years passed away in February. She is still at Sedona Winds retirement home.

Dianne Koop (Elderhostel '91, Lisle Board, SF meeting) "We enjoy hosting Lislors whenever they come through Toledo. Enjoying retirement and the 8 grandchildren." She's a member of Flowing Waters Sangha, studying the works of Thich Nhat Hahn and putting on a yearly mindfulness retreat based on his teachings.

Sybil Kyi (Wong) (DC '54) enclosed an obituary for **Will Kyselka** (a Lisle alumnus in Hawaii – CO '55 & '56). When the late Edith Ballard came to Honolulu in 2005, we visited Will and his wife Lee at their home on Tantalus Mt.

Elizabeth Moseman (Bali '89) hopes to retire in 1-2 years and become more involved. It's not possible right now, but she enjoys the newsletter.

Helen Baker St. John (Uganda '94, HI '95) is still in the same house in Seattle (for 55 years). All the children live in WA and everyone spent a week camping in the Canadian Gulf Island last summer. Spends her time gardening, hiking, and with the League of Women Voters.

Robert M. Starr (CO '49) is an active member of United Methodist church and chair of Pastors Relations Committee. He is also active with local citizens group on environmental issues in Wisconsin.

Alice Wiedrich (CO '46) "Sorry to report the death of my husband on June 19, 2012. He died in his sleep about 6 hours before I was to bring him home from the nursing home where he had been for 6 days while I was visiting family in NE and CO. Lisle has always been important to us because that's where we met in 1946!"

Barbara Wilks (CA '50, CT '51) Lisle units were great events in her life. Wishes she could attend annual meeting but is thankful for Interaction.

Cherry Wunderlich (CA '64, set-up volunteer for Wash. DC units) sends greetings to everyone in Lisle. Her Lisle expe-

riences have had a lasting impact on her life. She continues to write, edit, desktop publish; to enjoy time with family and friends; and to volunteer for www.thyca.org

Nice to know that Lisle is still living and well!

Ruth P. Zager, MD (NY '48) "We have recently moved to a retirement community. I am still involved in the medical school pediatrics dept. where I have been a faculty member for many years. Nice to know that Lisle is still living and well!"



On the Summer Solstice, Board members Gail Bier and Dianne Brause met in Jerusalem and took part in the "Jerusalem Hug"—an attempt to encircle the Old City with people praying, chanting, dancing and drumming for Peace. It was quite a 'Lisle moment'—offering red hearts to everyone walking near the Jaffa Gate! Read about Dianne's adventures in the middle east coming up next!

My Journey to the Middle East

by Dianne Brause

Last Spring while the Lisle Board met in Chicago, I was on a pilgrimage to the Middle East. My first two weeks were spent traveling with a group of about 15 people from North America, within Israel and the West Bank (Palestine) on a Compassionate Listening Project Delegation. Our purpose was to meet with leaders of non-governmental organizations with a particular perspective on the issues of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Our goal was to listen to them in such a way that they hopefully felt “heard” – and thus able to begin to “heal” from the traumas of the past. We were able to meet amazing individuals whose efforts are making a positive difference in the dynamics between the peoples who currently live in Israel and the West Bank.

While visiting groups around Beth-



Border crossing between Bethel and Israel

lehem, I was particularly inspired by the views of a man named Sami Awad who had created an organization called “The Holy Land Trust,” which is dedicated to the positive empowerment of the Palestinian people, despite the difficulties of living under the “occupation.” I asked if I might be able to work as a volunteer with this group, and after our delegation group left for home, I returned across the border “check point” from Jerusalem to Bethlehem where I began two months of volunteer work with the Holy Land Trust.

There, I had a variety of experiences that allowed me to begin to understand at a deeper level, the multiple realities about the complex history and issues related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I chose to live in an apartment owned by a local Christian Palestinian family who lived next door in a neighborhood down the hill from where Jesus was born and in an area that is called “The Shepherd’s Field.” I was able to learn about the “Settlements”



Two Palestinian boys with border guards.

which now almost completely surround Bethlehem, and to join in with villagers who each week hold a “vigil” to protest the fact that about 60% of their traditional farmland has become “off limits” to them because it borders land taken over by the settlements. Here small boys, who would have thrown stones during the Intifada, now carry Palestinian flags and “face off” with Israeli soldiers with their high-powered rifles and riot gear, as their elders voice the injustice of illegally losing their land and primary means of feeding their families just for the settlers to feel safe and protected.

During the time I was there, I needed some serious dental work and was referred to an Israeli dental surgeon in West Jerusalem, and thus had to cross the border often to get this work done. Since our office was down the street from a “check point,” I usually walked to and negotiated my way through this “border crossing” between Bethlehem (in the West Bank) and Jerusalem (in Israel). I decided to justify my relative freedom (as a person with a Western passport) in thinking that I could become the “link” between Israelis and Palestinians whose only connection was my friendship.

Over time, I grew familiar with, and in some ways fond of, the hundreds of graphic slogans, messages, pictures, and “graffiti” which has become the scene of the political/cultural response of a people who are essentially “penned in” and isolated from the rest of the world. This new “art form” has been written, drawn, painted and cartooned across this massive “canvas” which runs for hundreds of miles through the West Bank, cutting people off from their olive trees, their religious center, their neighbors, and, in many cases, quality health care.

While at the Holy Land Trust, I was asked to research programs and resources from around the world, designed to help



Dianne at Giza

empower young teenage girls, as pilot projects that they hoped to create there in Bethlehem among the cross-section of girls in the area (Christian, Muslim, refugee, country, town, rich & poor). As I worked with this material, I became aware of what a good Lisle Seed Grant project this program might become, so I explained the Lisle mission to the people at the HLT. They were excited by the possibility and we worked together to fill out an application for the Lisle grants.

I was very pleased to have this grant application chosen as one of the several awarded for the coming year at the Annual Meeting in Chicago, and am hoping to be able to return to see the actual results of this funding as they play out, helping young teenage girls in Bethlehem become more empowered as youth leaders within their various sectors of society!

Prior to going on my pilgrimage, I had also signed up to attend a conference in Alexandria, Egypt put on by the New York Open Center. Once in Cairo, I joined the group going to Alexandria on the Mediterranean Coast for the conference at the location of the Ancient Alexandrian Library and the beautiful state-of-the-art, new Alexandrian Library. While there, we visited a few of the ancient

sites as well as several Coptic Monasteries.

Upon returning to Cairo, I stayed on for a week and was amazed to be engulfed in the exuberance of the Egyptian people as they voted in the first democratic election in thousands of years! The people were elated at the possibility of “having a say” in their government and as a visiting American I was warmly welcomed. I left as the votes were being counted, praying that these people would be able to navigate the very difficult waters of actually creating a “democracy” out of the chaos of the recent revolution. Back in America, I got to spend a little time with Lisle hosts, Hans and Ellie Spiegel, and visited Marina Firestone, and Gail Bier. I also was later able to visit Ben Goldberg, who lives in Western Mass, and when I went to the Lisle meeting in Chicago in November, I also spent time with Juanita and Jim Salvador Burreis in their home. And so it was that my travels wove me in and out between exotic locations, historic times, and gracious Lisle friends—where I could settle in to times of rest, relaxation and friendship! I expect to continue to lead this sort of vagabond lifestyle (in my VW pop-top camper) for a time, so if you would like to invite me into your home or offer a safe driveway or street parking spot for a day or two, please let me know. I might also be able to offer a presentation about my trip and what I learned to you, your friends and neighbors, or your church or social group! Please contact me at: diannebrause@ymail.com or call: 419-562-6148.



Rally in Tahrir Square, Egypt

Lisle Loses Dear Friend, Ken Cowing

by Mark Kinney



Kendall & Della's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Kendall Woodward Cowing was born December 16, 1928, Raised in Roseville, MI, Kendall, and his family, spent each summer in his mother's hometown of Dresden Mills, Maine which remained his favorite place in the world.

He married Della Kay Van House in 1950. In 1959 he received an appointment to First Methodist Church in Ann Arbor Michigan. It was here that Kendall experienced his most productive and fulfilling years. As the Minister of Christian education at First Church, Kendall built a nationally recognized Methodist Youth Fellowship program, recruiting and training scores of young adult volunteer counselors to serve as mentors and role models for the youth

In 1972 Kendall received an Honorary PhD (Doctor of Divinity) from Adrian College, in recognition for his many years and endeavors to improve society. In 1973 Kendall received the appointment of “Minister to Society” and left employment at First United Methodist Church to become a full-time entrepreneur at their consulting firm “Human Resource Development Associates” or HRDA in Ann Arbor. This led him to work with many large businesses both in the

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USA and abroad, as well as many non-profit organizations such as the Lisle Fellowship, and Blue Mountain Meditation Center.

Throughout his life, which ended February 4, 2013, Kendall's greatest joy was interacting with people – keeping in touch with old friends and family and making new friends. Everywhere he went, all over the world, he would run into people he knew. When you went somewhere with Kendall, you had to allow extra time for these spontaneous visits. He was an extraordinary person who made a who made a huge impact on the world and all those he met

Della wrote to Mark and Nancy: "Thanks for your friendship over the years. It has always been a pleasure to us both. Who knew what would happen from a short visit, and the question, 'Why don't you come to Bali with us?'"

William (Bill) Douglas Colvin (CO '46) passed away peacefully at the Hospice of Boulder County Care Center, Louisville, CO on June 21, 2012. He was in the Air Force and was a student at Ohio State University when he attended Lisle. His wife is donating his scrapbook including photos of his unit to the Lisle Archive.

Don Ervin (NY '48, MI '49, Family Camp '61 & '63) passed away on April 3, 2012, in hospice care in Indianapolis. Don served as the treasurer for the Lisle Board of Directors for several years. His family wrote: "We are so very grateful for Dad's patient, gentle, loving ways; for his passion for justice; his insistence that Christian faith be about the practical work of caring for the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the blind and the poor, his commitment to affordable housing and credit unions on the Southside of Chicago, his generosity, and the sweet compassion of his face."

Will Kyselka (CO '55, '56) passed away in Hawaii July 1, 2012 at age 91. Anja Miller wrote that Will was her first introduction to Lisle because he met her at the airport and drove her to Lookout Mountain. She recalls: "Will ended up being the most important Lisle guide and advisor for me... I always remembered his welcoming kindness..." Will was Regional Coordinator for 1994 Lisle Endowment Campaign. He and his wife built a beloved home on Mt. Tantalus, HI in 1968 and lived there until 2011. He taught at the University of Hawaii for many years. He was also a lecturer at the Bishop Museum Planetarium and helped develop knowledge of the movement of stars for a navigator preparing to make a round-trip voyage from Hawaii to Tahiti in 1980.

Muriel Hibbard McClure (CO '48) long-standing Lisle Fellowship member, left us on April 27, 2012. She was the beloved wife of Richard McClure (who left us in 1999). Muriel was in the Colorado Unit where she met Richard (who had been in an earlier Colorado Unit and also in units in Connecticut). The McClures lived in New York before retiring to Sedona, AZ.



*Colorado (Lookout Mountain) 1948
Muriel McClure and friend*

From her daughter, Maneesha: "You may remember Muriel, in the early days especially, playing guitar and leading everyone in singing or folk dance. Or you might remember her warm and caring inclusion of everyone she met, or her contagious enthusiasm or bright and lovely smile. Or perhaps the obvious affection she and Richard held for each other and shared with all of us. For Muriel and Richard, Lisle was a wonderful gathering of 'kindred spirits' - she still spoke with great joy about it even in her last days. The deep and lasting friends she met there were very important to her. As her daughter, I am grateful to the Lisle fellowship for being a place where she felt at home, and could share her joy and love. Although I miss her terribly, as will many of us, let's celebrate the beauty of her spirit!"

Naomi (George) Scott (NY '40) passed on September 20, 2008 just before her 90th birthday. She had two degrees from Cornell University in 1940 and 1941. She was a missionary and was active in community and religious affairs. She was married in 1943 to Lewis H. Scott and they embarked on their mission work with the Hopi Indians in Arizona. After Arizona, Naomi and Lewis ministered with small country churches in their home state of New York. Throughout her life she worked in service to others, as a teacher in Appalachia, as a missionary and minister's wife, and as a teacher and social worker in Monroe County.

Lawrence (Larry) Swift (CO '49) passed away on Sunday, March 14, 2010. He graduated from University of Wisconsin and became a Methodist missionary to Japan, teaching English at a mission school for three years. He earned a masters degree from Scarritt College and later pursued studies in social work at Boston University. He worked for the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Nyack, NY for 22 years.



Suzanne Vogel

Suzanne (Hall) Vogel (NY '48, Conn. '48 & '49) passed away June 19, 2012 at age 81. She and her former husband, Ezra Vogel, were in Lisle units together and conducted research on the Japanese family in the 1950s and 60s. She was actively engaged in the study of Japanese society and culture while on the faculty at Harvard University and Simmons School of Social Work. She stressed the importance of Japanese psychological concepts for the understanding of individuals of all cultures.

Robert C. "Bob" Wiedrich (CO '46) passed away June 19, 2012, in Decatur, Ill. Bob served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war he completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois and then went on to graduate from Garrett Biblical Institute. He met Alice Rife at the Lisle Unit in Colorado in 1946 and they were married in 1948. He served a number of churches throughout Illinois with one international stint as pastor of a church in New Zealand. Throughout his life, Bob was a social activist and proponent of social justice participating in the civil rights movement.

Sam Barefield

Sam Barefield (NY '46 & '48, Conn '48, '49, '50) passed away peacefully at home in St Petersburg, on Saturday, June 16, 2012. After his first unit in Lisle, NY, Sam along with his wife Mary Nell, did set-up work for the unit in '48 and later for Hartford, CN units. From his son, Steven Barefield: "Lisle was not only important to my parents, but helped shape their lives and the lives of those they touched. Father went on to be Wesley Foundation director at Mississippi Southern, heading up what was widely recognized at the time as the most dynamic and effective programming for Methodist students in the country. He opened the eyes of young men and women in south Mississippi in the 1950s to a multi-cultural appreciation and understanding they would otherwise have missed. His students went on to be officers in federal and state government, university deans and presidents, and bishops, conference chairs and clergy with Methodist Church, spreading the understanding they gained through his interpretation of what he learned at Lisle, to generations to come. In 1959, Mother and an African-American friend started the first racially integrated Brownie and Girl Scout troop in the South, in Nashville, TN, once again spreading 'the gospel according to Uncle Si.' As their children, our lives were enriched by having parents who were so forward thinking and out-of-step with so much of the rest of the South at that time."



Sam and Nellie Barefield in 1991

Bequest to Lisle

by Walt Ligon

At the Lisle Annual Meeting in Chicago which included a Lisle Board meeting we learned that Sam Barefield had died and that he had left a bequest to Lisle. Sam was on the staff of the NY '48 Lisle unit. I was glad to meet and get to know a fellow southerner in an interracial program at a time when racial segregation in both our states was not only the norm but the law. Sam from Mississippi and I from Texas had stayed in touch over the years.

I was not surprised to hear that Sam had left a bequest to Lisle. Frances Bigelow, another staff member from the same unit left a bequest several years ago and the Board at this meeting was dealing with a bequest left by Rev. Everitt Sheldon, a Lisle from an earlier unit. Lisle Treasurer Barb Bratton tells me that since 6/22/08 Ba-goes Oka (from Bali, Indonesia) and four other people have left bequests to Lisle.

It is worth noting that Lisle changed its program in the year 2004. The traditional programs Lisle had sponsored up to that time had declined in numbers and the Lisle Board under the leadership of Mark Kinney and Marty Tillman began awarding Global Seed Fund Grants to applicant groups from around the world. These programs now going into their 7th year have been mentored by Lisle board members and have been highly successful. Smita Patel, Lisle Board President for the past

two years, had herself been the recipient of a Seed Fund Grant a few years before.

Some years ago Betty and I put Lisle into our joint will. Betty died in October of last year. I am expecting to live a few more years, but when I die our decision will become our Lisle bequest to help implement and carry out the Baldwin's vision. Will you join us?

Treasurer's Report

March 1, 2013

by Barb Bratton

The Finance Committee recommended a significant change to the Lisle portfolio and we sold our Goldman Sachs portfolio and re-invested in Vanguard. We felt the investment mix was more fiscally and socially responsible.

At the end of the fiscal year of 9/30/2011, our portfolio was valued at \$173,545. As of March 1, 2013 it has recovered with the stock market and is valued at \$207,692. Lisle runs the office expenses from the dividends and, year to date, they have increased 50% from the previous year. 100% of membership dues are sent out as Seed Grants. We were delighted that dues increased from \$10,193 in 2011 to \$12,365 in 2012. But we are falling behind with the year to date amounts received vs 2012 and will be sending another request for funds to remind our loyal members to make their annual contributions. Additionally, several Lislors have recently left bequests through wills and other estate planning vehicles. If Lisle can help you to establish such an estate planning vehicle please let us know.

Lisle currently maintains four distinct kinds of asset accounts: Restricted Endowment Funds, unrestricted funds, scholarship funds and an Lisle operating account.

Executive Director's Report

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internet a lot. Discussions are continuing.

I have been active in working with the finance committee on the investing of funds which were earlier invested in Goldman Sachs. We have now set up a Vanguard account. This process has resulted in having the committee look more deeply at the fund assets of Lisle and which funds are restricted, and which are endowment. I spent some time reviewing all board and annual meeting minutes since 1980 and have reported the results to the Board. I also have spent time contracting with the hostel for the spring and the fall meeting. Bill Kinney has helped out with the reservations for the Saturday evening meal, and with insider information concerning happenings in Chicago. Bill and Smita have done quite a bit of planning for the Annual meeting program. After the spring meeting I put together a document which outlined our needs for a revision of our database. With input from Anne and Jon, that document was shared with James and with his friend Peter who consulted with us about what it would take to accomplish this transferal. James has reported on this to those of us working on this, several times, and we now are pulling together the results of that work to decide what to do next.

President's Report

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remember the history of Lisle. As we grow and change we meet new Lislors in every project we mentor, at every meeting we attend and even as we walk in the world and share our experiences with others. Please take a look at some of the new features of this Interaction, including those about the current activities and future meetings. We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you soon!

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