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My Life with Lisle—A European's Perspective

by Anke Schey, The Netherlands

My first experiences in a Lisle unit were in the California unit of 1954, after a year as a Dutch exchange student, 18 years old, at Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo., a then rather small Presbyterian College of about 450 girls.

This Lisle unit added very different experiences to my College year, valuable in quite another way. Although I was the youngest of our large (33) very international group and felt that very much, I tried to live up to what I thought Lisle expected of me, but inside I was insecure about whether I was "good" and mature enough. In our group (Aunt Edna was the principal leader of our group) there was some tension and lots of discussions about how a Lisle group should be, how the interaction and the contribution of members should be, and I didn't quite know what my own opinion was in all these discussions. I still have the Lisle report I had to write afterwards and my uncertainty and confusion stand out very clearly in it.

I grew very attached though to the group as a whole and some participants in particular and I cherish many memories, but, since I returned home that summer and started studying and getting involved in student life in Amsterdam, Lisle receded into the background.



Anke Schey-van der Dussen

During the fifties and sixties there were some contacts with other Lislors in Holland and later on my husband and I had some members of a Lisle group, that once spent some travelling time in Holland, staying in our home for a couple of nights, but that was all the "active" contact I had with Lisle until in 1994 a reunion (of 4 days) with 12 members (some with partners) of our California unit was held in Vienna, on the initiative of our Viennese member Hedi Bartl and Jack and Judy

Brown. It was good to renew contacts, getting up to date with each other (after 40 years) and sharing memories. The Lisle spirit was there, but it was more a touristic kind of gathering with lots of talking (and singing!) and only one more or less "reflective" discussion-meeting in one of

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the rooms of the hotel where we were staying.

In January 2000 I met Jack and Judy Brown again at a dinner in Joop and Henriëtte Syatauw's house (Joop was the other "Dutch"—actually Indonesian—member of our California unit and with him and his wife, living rather close by, I had kept in contact during those 46 years). There Judy launched the idea of setting up a



Joop Syatauw

European unit again, maybe in Holland and she asked us if we would be willing to consider that possibility and our participation in organizing it. Later on another Dutch Lisle couple, Tineke and Coen van der Wall agreed to help too.

When the plan of holding an Annual Lisle Board Meeting in Frankfurt came up Joop and I decided to go there and that was until now my last "Lisle experience".

My preparation for Frankfurt consisted of looking through old letters and other papers, reading some five or six Interactions from the last years to get acquainted with "who's who" and what had been done, about the different units which had been held and where Lisle was standing at the moment. Thinking and talking about the possibility of a unit in Holland with Joop and the e-mail contacts with Judy had revived the ideas and purposes of Lisle also, during the year after Judy made her suggestion.

It was good to be in a "Lisle group" (36 participants) again. Besides the personal contacts during meals in the Youth Hostel we had some valuable meetings. The first evening almost the whole group (not everybody had arrived yet) met to get acquainted with each other and the plans for the coming days were told. Friday evening a memorial meeting was held for Jack Brown, who had died the 3rd of April. It was a very impressive and intimate Silent Meeting (Jack and Judy being Quakers) which brought us closer together. The speech, held the last evening at a dinner in a restaurant in Frankfurt, by Jack Egle added also to the awareness of what Lisle wants

to accomplish and about how it fits into the world of today.

In between these gatherings there were the Board meetings which all of us could attend, if we wanted to, and two excursions, one on Friday to the Frederich Ebert Stiftung (a state subsidized Scientific Institution of the Socialist Party of Germany) in Mainz with some sightseeing afterwards and one sightseeing tour of Frankfurt on a special streetcar on Saturday (the beautiful weather had changed, we almost froze!). Personally I had expected more of the meeting at the Ebert Stiftung. I thought that the theme of how Germany handles the (European) immigration problem, would be "the" subject, but we drifted away from that.

Looking back on these (almost) four days I found it very much worth while to meet again with Lislers and the Lisle Board. Saturday morning we talked about the plans for a European unit and it was decided that we in Holland will go ahead to work out ideas, together with Judy and maybe other Lislers who are interested.



Martha Dailey and Kornelia Fesser

This Lisle meeting in Frankfurt made me enthusiastic to help organize this Dutch unit for 2003, but I am also aware that we will need the help of experienced Lisle leaders in order to make this unit into a real Lisle unit. Fortunately we have found some more Dutch Lislers (some until recently unknown to Joop and me), who are willing to help too. So maybe a new European unit will emerge from this initiative to hold the Annual meeting in Frankfurt. Thanks to the Board and the work done by Anne-Rose Heck and everybody who participated it was a great success! 🌐



President's Message

In this issue, you'll read about a very special Lisle reunion (alums present represented over 50 years of Lisle's history!) and Board meeting which took place in Frankfurt, Germany in May. There are many Board members and Lisle alums to thank for making this event so successful and so much fun for everyone who attended. In particular, I must especially extend our thanks to former Board member, Anne-Rose Heck. Anne-Rose, who resides in Germany, spent months planning for this event. She demonstrated outstanding patience and persistence during those moments when we all were not so confident about the outcome. Thanks to Anne-Rose, we introduced Lisle to many of her friends and professional colleagues!

The rest of our planning team included Barbara Holder, Judy Brown and myself. Judy's participation meant a great deal to us all since the event came only a few months after the death of her husband and beloved Board member, Jack. She helped organize a moving memorial tribute to Jack's life during the reunion. Please go to our web site, <www.lisleinternational.org> for pictures and stories about the reunion event.

I would especially call your attention to several innovative program plans which are underway: Leyla Welkin, Dianne Brause and Darwin Holder have been working all year on our newest U.S. program initiative based this summer at the Lost Valley Educational Center in Dexter, Oregon (which Dianne helped found). It holds great promise as an ongoing domestic program site—something we have not had for many years. With the help of Lisle, J.J. Smith of Houston, Texas, we have submitted a proposal to the Fannie Mae Foundation requesting \$10,000 to fund scholarships for minority participants in this project. I'm optimistic about the outcome of our request. *[Editor's Note: Lisle has been funded to the tune of \$5,000 from Fannie Mae!]*

One of our objectives in conducting the reunion in Europe was to move ahead with plans for a new European-based program; thanks to the work of Judy Brown, Joop Syatauw and Anke Schey (the latter two from the Netherlands), the Board has agreed to offer this program in summer, 2003. Given the momentous economic, political and social changes over the past decade in Europe, we are excited to return to the continent more than 20 years after the last unit was conducted in Den-



*Marty Tillman
President*

mark. Watch *Interaction* for updates, or contact Judy at <jubrown@krl.org> to offer your ideas and assistance.

I want to encourage Lislers to contact me or Mark Kinney <mkinney@utnet.utoledo.edu> with your ideas for future programs. As you all know, we are always looking to engage Lislers in program planning and leadership—and we also need your support to promote current programs. You may have relatives interested in joining our programs. You may have time to lead or help develop a new program. You may have access to new publicity outlets to promote Lisle's work. (For example: Board member Phyllis Beck was responsible for our being listed in Arthur Frommer's on-line travel newsletter which has resulted in many inquiries.) You may have ideas where we can apply for needed scholarship funding to diversify our programs. You know we always appreciate your help! 🌐

In Fellowship,
Marty Tillman



Executive Director's Report

Frankfurt Germany, May 3-6, 2001

The time since October has been spent in working behind the scenes on several projects involving the web page, liability insurance and recruitment. The web page has had quite a few enhancements to it during that time. The links from the page to multiple database web sites which showcase study abroad opportunities have been renewed, we have purchased and implemented a new domain name for Lisle. I have placed out on the web the new information for Costa Rica, although there is need for additional information to be added as Kristin Currin provides it to me. The information for India, Bali and the USA program are still representing the 2001 programs. I am moving toward having new information to place on the web site relative to the 2002 programs.

Much continuing work is needed to keep current with the changing world of web recruitment. The trend is toward pay-for-play Internet listings. By this I mean that even the non-profit sites are selling enhanced visibility on the web for those who want to be highlighted.

For instance, IVPA, which I will mention below, is offering to site the logo and highlight the listings of any organization that joins at the Sustaining or Sustaining Plus level. Those levels cost more than \$2000. The cost are difficult for a small organization to afford. I am continually talking, reading, and surfing the web in an attempt to keep abreast of these changes and to ensure that Lisle has access to the best options for putting out the word. I am looking forward to the partnership of Jon Findley who also has a great deal of skill and knowledge in this area.

At IVPA, I have become active with the executive committee as its chair. During this period of organization for the group it has been interested in finding ways to ensure the quality of the offerings of the members groups. To this end it has been discussed that perhaps IVPA should require its members to have international liability insurance. The minimum premium for this coverage would be \$2500 per year. It was my thought that small groups like Lisle would be unable to cover this level of expense, so I have worked through the insurance broker who is known to IVPA, Fiona Lally, to develop a program whereby IVPA would be a consolidator of insurance for its members and the program of insurance would be accessed by its member organizations as part of their membership. By doing so, it is believed that the cost of liability insurance could be decreased by 40-50%. This program will be in place and decided upon at the IVPA meeting at the end of this month (May). It will be my recommendation that Lisle become active in this insurance



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Executive Director*

offering. Last year they did a similar thing with health insurance. I will be suggesting to the Lisle Program Committee and the Board that we also enter into insurance through IVPA for health insurance, too. I expect the health coverage to add approximately \$3-4 per day to our program costs.

Together, these costs will add some significant additions to the costs that must be covered by our program fees, but I believe that they will be great recruitment tools as well.

Recruitment remains a major hurdle for Lisle. I believe that we need to develop a task force to focus attention on recruitment issues. It is crucial that we find more effective ways to attract participants. In fact, over the past two years the number of contacts made to Lisle, both in the office and to me personally (primarily from older information which was sent out and posted), have diminished, with some exception for the contacts which we have received from Arthur Frommer's Internet travel newsletter. We must turn this around.

I believe at one level this is the result of the increasing effectiveness of our sister organizations as they focus their recruitment on their clients. Universities have become better able to limit student access to programs outside of their offerings, while many other organizations have become more focused toward their specific constituencies. Thus there are fewer persons out there who are just looking to see what they can find to participate in. Lisle, because of the expansive, global nature of our approach does not have a geographically or



topically focused clientele to focus on, which makes it difficult to recruit.

At the same time, we bring some of this on ourselves. We know how difficult it is for us to find leaders who will take the initiative, develop and recruit their own programs. We know how difficult it is to run an office effectively while paying so little to our staff. These all contribute to lost participants, I believe.

We have a great opportunity for recruitment at the NAFSA meetings, where I will be doing a presentation on linkages to host organizations, chairing a poster session on volunteering (as Nancy Kinney, Marty Tillman and I did last year), and also having Lisle represented in a week-long booth area at NAFSA. This latter is a first for Lisle, made possible because five organizations of IVPA are cooperating to have a booth for the first time. While this is all great, we need to have our programs for 2002 in place in order for this time to be used effectively. I believe I will be prepared to have some preliminary information on these programs available in time to share at NAFSA. But until we have our whole system in place that will ensure that participants are well cared for, it is difficult for me to move forward with assertiveness. 🌐

IVPA and You

by Mark Kinney

What is IVPA? The letters stand for International Volunteer Programs Association. Lisle is one of the members of IVPA, and thanks to the prodding of former Lisle Board member Chris Coons, Lisle Executive/Program Director Mark Kinney is the chairperson of the executive committee. IVPA is an umbrella organization for forty-two different volunteer abroad program organizations that provide volunteer experiences all around the world. Some familiar ones to many of us are the American Field Service that is best known for its exchange programs for high school students, Cross-Cultural Solutions, WorldTeach, Amigos De Los Americas, and Global Volunteers, a group in which some Lislers have participated.

IVPA is just starting a service in which you may be interested. It is offering individual memberships. For a membership fee (\$25–\$50) a prospective international volunteer can search the data base on the Internet for a program/country that would be suitable, receive IVPA's newsletter, and in the future, purchase travel insurance. A membership also provides a contribution to the work of IVPA, an organization whose contributions are valued highly by Lisle. Another way to contribute to IVPA is simply to become a donor, with a tax deductible gift. Sign on to the IVPA website at <www.volunteerinternational.org> and contribute with a credit card, or send contributions to IVPA, P.O. Box 381161, Cambridge, MA 02238; 617-496-8414. 🌐

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Lisle European Program a Great Success

by Mark Kinney

What were you doing in early May? From May 3-6, forty-one Lislers from programs in the 1940's to the 1990's met in Frankfurt for a Lisle board meeting and reunion. It was a wonderful time hosted in a masterful way by Anne-Rose Heck (*OK '94*). We had ample time to visit with one another, bring each other up to date on our lives, meet new friends and establish new exciting connections among us.

What a diverse group it was, made up of Lislers from parts of Europe and beyond! Jack Egle and Kitui Ransom came separately from France, each bringing their own unique energy and ideas. Several people joined us from Holland and Denmark: Anke Schey, Joop Syatauw, Tom and Ellen Webb (who had, to their horror, prematurely been thought to be deceased, but are very much alive and creative). A coterie of Lislers from Germany were in attendance, including Franz Biglmeier, Sigrid Kern, Dan Adams, Gerta Kittel, Hans Witt, Konrad Borst, Marga Koischwitz, Gertraud Bruckmeier and Kornelia Fesser. Others also joined us from the U.S., including Susan and Andy Draxler, Catherine Peters, Canadian Farida Kristjanson, Edith Ballard and Martha Dailey. And from India came Sharada Nayak and Shanti Rajan. All the Lisle board members came too: Barbara Bratton, Ann Banchoff, Judy Brown, Darwin and Barbara Holder, Anne-Rose Heck, Betty and Walt Ligon, Gail Bier, John Kachuba, Mary Newman, Mark and Nancy Kinney, and Sharada Nayak.

With such a diverse group we discussed current European possibilities for Lisle, EU developments, and other worthy topics, as well as singing rousing songs known to Lislers through the years. Hans Witt conducted us in a round of

"Dona Nobis Pacem," and Walt Ligon sang his rendition of "We're in the Same Boat, Brother" (or is it sister, now?) Mark Kinney acknowledged the contributions of those present and many others in his talk on Friday night titled "We're Still in the Same Boat, Brother."

President Marty Tillman was ever-present, conducting board business, calling us to circles, introducing our keynote speaker and telling us about his wonderful daughter, Zoe, and her accomplishments.

Friday evening there was a moving memorial celebration service for Jack Brown, who died after a series of strokes in April. (*See page 19 for his memorial.*) Many friends of Jack's talked about his



Lisle reunionees on the steps near the Haus der Jugend.

quiet strength, good humor, and wisdom. Those of us on the Board mentioned how much he contributed to the recent direction of Lisle through leading the Uganda and Turkey programs and in suggestions for future directions.

Dr. Jack Egle (*CO '46*), past president of the Council on International Educational Exchange, gave an infor-

mal talk on Saturday night on Europe, Lisle's history and how the two might be brought together into the future. It was wonderful to hear Jack talk about how Lisle was at the crossroads 40 years ago, deciding how to become a successful organization. He shared his perception that since we have now survived for 65 years, he is no longer among the naysayers. He is convinced that Lisle will thrive as long as there are people who are committing themselves to providing future Lisle programs. It is his view that the original Lisle model of experiential education, including a six-week time period, a series of field experiences, and a follow-up of group discussions and dialogues about the learnings which are being created as a result of the field work, is a strong model for the future.

Culture shock for the North Americans, who were unfamiliar with German hostels, took the form of delight and confusion when confronted by three bathrooms, edible jam dishes, and surprisingly wonderful rolls and cheese. The school groups of noisy youngsters emphasized for us that it was really a Haus der Jugend (youth hostel) and not a haus der "elders." Barbara Holder's trip to Mainz was an eye opener for the participants starting with the quiet, efficient train and extending to the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung which publicly supports the work of the Social Democratic Party, unlike any American institution. Our walking tour of Mainz included the Cathedral, as well as the 50th parallel.

A you can tell, we all had a wonderful time. The singing and sharing was wonderful. Many of us left Frankfurt excited about the time we spent together and the possibility of a new 2003 European program. 🌐



Lisle's European Reunion

by Judy Brown

When Lislers get together after many years away from their particular Lisle program lively antics bloom. At the closing circle after the Lisle Board Meeting and Reunion for European Lislers, which took place May 3–6 in Frankfurt, Germany, dignified persons like retired International lawyer Joop Syatauw (CA '54) traded his dignity for a livelier stance. Joop let himself loose to sing "Rock-a My Soul" complete with all the motions he remembered that go with that song.

Joop wasn't the only one. Many of us sensed the return of a host of ebullient and expansive sensations that we had known during our former Lisle units. At that Frankfurt Youth Hostel we experienced again the stimulation of chatting with people whose backgrounds were different, the sense of connection when we discovered common ideas, the frustration of not always being able to understand each others' accents, the chagrin that we didn't speak more languages easily.

The program was not so packed that we didn't have time for each other. We did. The highlights for me were one-on-one chats with people with whom I reconnected, or connected for the first time. The memorial service for Jack Brown was, of course, a moving experience for me, and I believe the things said meant something even to those of the forty of us who had never met Jack.

Jack Egle, retired after many years as head of the Paris-based Council for International Education, gave a gracious, warm closing talk on our last evening. The entire weekend went a long way towards reminding us all that Lisle is a good deal more than a purely U.S.-based organization. If we work at it, Lisle just might be able to return its programs to the international character that can make them even more of a global learning experience.



Jack Egle eloquently addresses the Lisle group

The Lisle Board wishes to extend its special appreciation to Jack Egle (CO '46), who traveled from his home in Paris to participate in the Frankfurt reunion as our guest speaker at the Saturday night dinner. Jack made a generous monetary gift to Lisle at that meeting.

Speaking about the impact of globalization on the world of educational and cultural exchanges, Jack pointed out how Lisle's work continues to make a difference in the lives of individuals—an impact that remains crucial despite the shrinking of the planet through increased communications and ease of travel. Thanks Jack! 🌐

All the Best

by Anne-Rose Heck

Frankfurt is crowded these days with people coming for the so called "churchday". Last month Frankfurt was "flooded" by a fairly large number of Lislers. We held the Board meeting and the European/Indian reunion.

To be honest: Yes, I was glad when everything was over. Organizing things long distance and with no budget is truly a challenge. So I felt a sense of relief when we paid the final bill at the youth hostel (thanks to Barbara Holder matching our numbers!), and when we said our last goodbyes. I was relieved also because nobody tried to talk me into staying on the Lisle Board!

However, I truly enjoyed having you all in Germany. I would not have met so many of you nice and interesting people otherwise, and I am thankful for many special moments during the meeting. Many of you came before the Board meeting/reunion or stayed in Europe afterwards, just as I had anticipated and hoped. When I suggested we have a Board meeting in Germany, it probably was just that mere wish that "Lisle International" becomes less US-centered—in Frankfurt we had a splendid mix I thought!

Thanks for all of your letters, e-mails and notes you sent after the meeting. I know we will keep in touch. In fact, I will come to the US this fall—I will be a Media Fellow at Duke university in September–October. So, look out for me—and I might even be able to come to the meeting in Washington, D.C.! 🌐



Travels in Germany: Car, Boat, Train

by Betty Ligon

Five of us drove into Rothenberg about supper time Sunday after the final circle of the Lisle Board Meeting and Reunion in Frankfurt. Barb Bratton, our quick-thinking treasurer and office manager had rented a VW Passat that afternoon. Mark helped stow five sets of luggage in the back and we headed for the autobahn. Barbara stuck her toe into the autobahn and then took to it like a duck to water. She is a fine driver. Nonetheless, Walt, in the front seat helping with maps and directions, found himself trying to brake from the passenger side!

Walt, Barb, and I had agreed to share a car for the few extra days Barb had in Germany. In typical Lisle fashion, we

added Catherine Peters (who had two extra days before flying to England to see her brother installed as mayor of Truro in Cornwall) and Farida Kristjansen, who was scheduled to fly from Frankfurt the same day as Barb.

Most remarkable perhaps, was our ability to have five people and their luggage in one

car and make decisions about meals and housing. I had embarked on this trip with some misgivings, but it all worked out well. The three of us in back took turns sitting in the middle. Walt and Barb negotiated the autobahn safely, though Barb had a tendency to overshoot our destinations, but always arrived at them.

We ate at a Greek restaurant, of all things, in Rothenberg before spotting the ancient walls of that city and locating a nearby gasthaus. In the morning we walked the ancient streets, each in her/his own way, but managing to connect with each other after a few misses, a pattern which was to repeat itself occasionally in the next few days. We left for Fussen (Does this keyboard have an umlaut? Not that I can find.) and mad King Ludwig's fairytale castle. We missed a few turns, wandered into Austria, locating our destination too late to visit it, so we found a delightful gasthaus with a fine, German restaurant,

and were almost the first to reach the fabulous castle with its tales of Ludwig's extravagant and idiosyncratic tastes and history.

After a few false starts we arrived in Munich in time to circle around to find the train station, where we deposited Catherine to catch her train to Frankfurt. We had struggled so to find the train station that all we wanted to do was to get out of Munich and find the lovely lake recommended by the guidebook. Yes, indeed! It was lovely but there was no room at any inn. Hungry and tired, we drove around and inquired. Fortunately Walt is not the kind of man who cannot ask directions. "Under the autobahn, first right, and we'll see it." Not the best we have seen, but did we care? Did we mind sharing the toilet with the whole floor? Not at all—we are Lislers after all!

On to a lovely night at Lake Constance before finding the Black Forest, the glass blowing factory, cuckoo clocks, gorgeous scenery and a delightful gasthaus in one of the small towns on the north shore of the lake. The next day saw us in Heidelberg, which we reached via Freiberg which has, allegedly the most beautiful munster in Christendom. Barb and Farida saw us safely to a hotel near the old city, a hotel that even had a hair dryer. They left to find a place to stay near the Frankfurt airport for the next day's departures. We know that Barb made it home, but have not heard from Farida and can only assume she made it home in one piece.

Walt and I took in the relative luxury of this hotel and decided to stay two nights. We walked the pedestrian streets of the old city, took the cog railroad to the castle, destroyed by Louis XVI a while back, went to a real German restaurant, and heard an organ recital in the big, old, gorgeous church.

From there Walt and I went by train to Mainz. I, as a train buff, enjoyed every minute of it. We then took a boat down the Rhine to



Former Board President Betty Ligon inspects Castle grounds in Germany



Barbara Bratton, Lisle Treasurer, and Farida Kristjanson enjoy a flower-filled meadow near the Autobahn



Bacharach for two restful nights, despite trains passing not more than 30 feet away from our room every few minutes. Subsequent stops were at Trier, and finally Berlin.

A friendly young German we met on the train took us under his wing, kindly escorting us to the tourist bureau near the Zoo Station and the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. We expected to sleep in a nearby pension, but ended up staying in a five-star hotel for four nights; we found it possible to put up with all the luxury! In Berlin we became more aware of the tremendous destruction wreaked on Berlin with the ongoing rebuilding. The museums we saw were outstanding. We especially enjoyed the Egyptian Museum where we saw the original bust of Queen Nefertiti and the Pergamon, which has incredible ancient treasures.



Postcard Betty Ligon sent to Dianne Brause, showing the front of the youth hostel. The German translates into "House of Youth". Don't those women have youthful attitudes?

mented by war, hunger and fear, by race, colour and ideology. Give us courage and strength to begin this task today so that our children and children's children shall one day carry the name of man [and woman] with pride." 🌐

Castles on the Rhine, glowing fields of rapeseed (for canola oil), Alps that we never saw in the cloudy skies, vineyards on impossibly steep slopes, apple strudel, picnics along the autobahn, Roman ruins. There was so much more to see, and even more to think about.

At the Brandenburg Gate in Berm there is a Room of Silence, small and dark, with people sitting quietly. There we found this Prayer of the United Nations: *"Oh Lord, our planet Earth is only a small star in space. It is our duty to transform it into a planet whose creatures are no longer tor-*



We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

by Barbara Holder

On May 6, 2001, in Frankfurt, Germany, the Lisle spring board meeting and European reunion came to a successful close. Everything was as smooth as if by magic, with everything working wonderfully. As with any good job, the end product looked like it was accomplished with no effort. However, as with any successful program, there was months of planning and coordinating, gathering of information, sorting to late hours, asking for and getting many favors from friends, researching, more coordinating and late hours. No one will ever fully realize the hours and miles put in by the "Hostess with the Mostest" Anne-Rose Heck. A few of us were able to get in on a little of the last minute pulling everything together. We can only guess how much Anne-Rose gave to Lisle to make this unique and innovative event a complete success. *(See box, page 7.)*

When Anne-Rose first offered to host an event in Germany, she was thinking about just a board meeting with no more than 20 attendees. Well, we listened to her, and in the Lisle way the "board meeting" grew to an European reunion. Others did volunteer to assist. However, Anne-Rose was the only one in Germany to do all of that part of the work. The rest of us who volunteered to help were in the United States. And the plan grew and grew and grew. However, Anne-Rose would keep us posted of the accomplishments of finding a place to meet, another hotel for those that needed it, events to fill the time of those not involved in the board meeting. And keeping it all within the price range we had decided was necessary. No small task in and of itself. And it grew. Before it was all said and done, there was the possibility of almost 50 attendees! And Anne-Rose adapted. Darwin and I have hosted a board meeting, and we realize how much work goes into this. And we didn't have the reunion part. And there was the two of us to do the work together. And the sight was already chosen, with the cost prearranged before we ever took on the task. *A great big "Thank You", from all of Lisle. You made us stretch and do something new. What a way to start the new millennium for a new Lisle!*

There are others that helped Anne-Rose. They also deserve a big thank you for their parts in making this all come about.

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European Highlights

The Lisle Office. They sent out letters to all of the Lislers in Europe, and those that had attended a unit in Europe, letting them know about the upcoming reunion. They followed up on those letters. Then, right in the middle of IRS tax time, the Lisle Office also had the task of gathering all of the final information from the attendees, and then they made booklets of the attendees, biographies they had collected for everyone to take home with them. They also made a wonderful chart to help gather the money. *Thank you Lane Winnett, Barbara Bratton, and Mary Roe for always being there to insure all was kept on track!*

The Committee. They took the basic board meeting, cogitated on it, kneaded it and came up with a board meeting with a full blown reunion in conjunction with it. They planned and worked on it and wrote the basic letters to be sent to possible attendees, decided to whom those letters should be sent. They then started asking Anne-Rose if she could get all of the plans carried out. To their credit, they stepped back and let Anne-Rose run with it. The committee then was there at the end to step back in and help with the chores at the meeting that Anne-Rose needed assistance with. *Thanks go to Judy Brown, Barbara Holder, Marty Tillman, Mark Kinney and Barbara Bratton and Lane Winnet.*

The German Assistants. Anne-Rose had some wonderful, neat people who assisted her in insuring that all of us had a really great time. Kornelia Fessler acted as interpreter, errand person, tour guide assistant—bus and train timetable reader and train platform identifier—the one that slept where there was room and accompanied people walking back from the dinner on Saturday night. *Thank you Konnie, for always being there when we needed you. Yours was the kindness that too often goes unrecognized. Hats off to you!*

There was Conrad Pol, who helped Anne-Rose get the e-mail to work on the last week when things were all going crazy. He will best be remembered as our Wonderful Tour Guide on the unique Frankfurt Applewine Trolley Tour on Saturday afternoon. His knowledge of the city made it a more interesting time for all. And his ability to remain unflappable in the middle of the trolleys coming by too full, and his managing to get us all on the same double car after all, was a test of a true gentleman. He should be included as a true Lisler, for he created a “Lisle Experience” for us all on Saturday. *Thank you Conrad, for your time! Frankfurt will always be a little more special because of you and what you did for us.*

There was all the staff at the Friederich Ebert Stiftung (Foundation). The reunion attendees went to Mainz on Friday morning to this organization, and we were given the typical royal, treatment that German businesses give to honored

guests. We were greeted by the staff and escorted into the conference room. We walked in the conference room to tables with bottles of water and bottles of orange juice and apple juice, and hot coffee and cookies on a side tables. Herr Rold Mantowski, Director of the regional office, gave us a brief history of the organization, the similar organizations of the other political parties of Germany, what their purposes were and where they were trying to go. After his very interesting talk, he accepted the questions and comments of the Lislers, trying to satisfy each, keeping in mind what their point of view was and where they were coming from. And then, above and beyond all necessary, the Foundation allowed us to remain in their conference room, where it was air conditioned and there was plenty of table room, to eat our sack lunches that we had brought with us. *Thank you Herr Mantowski and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung for making us special guests and allowing us to become a little more knowledgeable about your country and organization.*

To make it possible for us to fully understand what we were being told at the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Anne-Rose’s colleague, Liz Jung, acted as interpreter for our meeting there. She was a very competent interpreter, allowing Herr Mantowski to speak in his native German while we spoke in English. Although Herr Mantowski was knowledgeable in English, this made a much more accurate presentation. Then she interpreted our questions and made sure understanding was clear on all sides. *Thanks for a great job, Liz!*

At our banquet on Saturday night we all gathered in a restaurant in a Carmelite monastery to enjoy traditional Frankfurt cuisine and to have wonderful conversation with the reunion and board attendees and guests. The keynote speaker was longtime Lisler, Jack Egle. His insight in the world ahead of us was from a unique prospective. *Thank you Jack for the words of wisdom and enthusiasm for the future of Lisle in the years to come!*

On Saturday evening there was a wonderful cameraman, Sebastian Frey, yet another colleague of Anne-Rose’s, who recorded for posterity our keynote speaker’s presentation and those who attended. He did a great job of being everywhere without being intrusive. This was an exceptional task for a cameraman. *Thank you Sebastian for giving your evening to us to insure that we will have memories to be reviewed and enjoyed through the years.*

Thank you one and all for making Frankfurt, Germany a Lisle memory forever. 🌐



BOARD DEVELOPMENT REPORT

BETTY Ligon and Marty Tillman are pleased to report that the Board has approved consideration of three terrific new members whose skills will immeasurably contribute to governance of Lisle. The new proposed members are:

Betsy Bridwell (*Bali '97*) is currently Director of Career Services and Alumni Relations at the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle. Betsy has been involved with the Semester-at-Sea academic travel/study program, and coordinated the Sunbow Peace Quilt Project.

Jon Findley (*former Board member, Leader-Washington DC '64, '66, '69; Denmark '67*) worked with the Baldwins in the 1970's. Currently, he directs Learning Webs, Inc. which provides consulting services in the field of environmental education, specializing in Arizona and the southwest.

Beth Bader Gilson (*Leader-Denmark '75*) is currently pursuing her doctoral degree and is on the research faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. She has been actively engaged in research and practice concerning the provision of services to the disabled.

They will be voted on at the Lisle Annual Meeting this fall in Washington, DC. (*See next page for venue description.*) 🌐

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

THE Publicity Committee reviewed the merits of printing a single brochure containing information on all Lisle programs compared to the individual program flyers currently in use. In response to comments from committee members and others in attendance that the language of the proposed brochure was not

exciting enough to attract new Lislers, the committee agreed to revise the text. It is anticipated that the new brochure will be available in August.

During the course of the committee meeting, which was attended by other board members and several European Lislers, a discussion about recruitment for Lisle programs ensued. The problems of recruitment led to a discussion of the factors that distinguish a Lisle program from other programs. This discussion brought out many important ideas, especially with European Lislers participating, but also revealed how difficult it is to explain exactly what a Lisle program is.

This is the challenge faced by the Publicity Committee: to develop accurate and interest-stimulating materials for recruitment purposes. Several of the European Lislers also thought that having Lisle materials printed in languages other than English (French and German most likely) would be an aid to recruiting Europeans to Lisle programs. 🌐

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

THE interaction among the participants in the Frankfurt meeting has given rise to new efforts in at least two directions.

The Netherlands: A small group from the Netherlands has gained support to continue development on a European program in the spring/summer of 2003. The program is currently conceived as having a focus on Immigration and Environment. It is planned to be a two-week effort which will provide a chance to learn about Denmark's methods of dealing with immigration issues, how these are similar and different from those used in other countries throughout the world, and how environmental issues are related.

Peru: A second possible program being discussed involves linking a Lisle program with school efforts currently carried out by Konrad Borst and his wife in a primary school in the desert of Peru, which follows the principles of Gandhi. They have been working to develop this school with 100% Peruvian teacher leadership for many years. Lisle could bring a group to visit, work and learn from the efforts of this school. This program could possibly be during summer 2002/2003. 🌐

LISLE PROGRAM STATISTICS, 101

IN the last several years, the Lisle Office and Board have attempted to begin to track some of the numbers that have to do with the organizational output. Some of these have been quite interesting and we thought we would share them with you. (Please note that these are not "statistically accurate" and only give a rough idea of the trends that Lisle is discovering in this non-scientific data). However, you might be interested in knowing that as of 5/01/01:

- Of the 3,626 names in the Lisle Database, 1,257 are considered "active", 297 have been removed by request, 216 have died, and 1,856 have been "lost". (Let's find those "lost Lislers"!)

- From the Organizations Information Database, we have approximately 548 "Active" organizations, colleges and universities that seem to be good targets for helping Lisle with recruitment and 1,979 that are seen as "Interested" in Lisle's Programs, and thus worth staying in contact with over the years.

- According to the Program Requests Database, (using the July-June annual period-such as July '95-June '96) the number of requests per year were as follows: June '96, 705; June '97, 777; June '98, 679; June '99, 287; June '00,

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Annual Meeting: Washington, DC

October 18–21, 2001

This fall's annual meeting will take place at the William Penn House, on Capitol Hill, 515 East Capitol Street, SE. This wonderful place of "peaceful solitude and warm hospitality" is within easy reach of museums, the US Capitol building, sites of political or historical importance, and the eastern Market Area. It is also conveniently near the Metro and other transportation. It's just a 20 minute taxi ride from Ronald Reagan National Airport.

The William Penn House was built in 1917. It has numerous Victorian details: the oak trim, the pressed metal ceilings and the network of stairs that make living and visiting here a true joy. The mission of this historical house is very similar in spirit to the mission of Lisle, Inc. Their literature states that it offers "A community of learning and exploration, a place of rest and nurture, an opportunity for all to envision and work toward a better world." We think you'll enjoy exploring Lisle goals and business in this setting.

You are welcome to join staff at the daily Meetings for Worship, held from 7:30-8:00AM on Monday-Saturday and from 10:30-11:30AM on Sundays. They ask that you be especially quiet during those times and respect the silence of the worshippers. You can visit their website at <www.quaker.org/penn-house> to learn more.

It has shared accommodations only and does not have private rooms. There are 4–10 beds in each room: they are not wheelchair-accessible, so you must be able to use stairs. We do have local Lislers who can put up guests if more than 30 Lisle friends plan to attend.

Breakfast is included. Lisle volunteers and board members will prepare other meals. Cost is \$180.00 per person for the weekend. Lisle has reserved the whole house. Check-in time is from 3:00–9:00PM on Thursday; check-out time is noon on Sunday. Towels and linens are provided. There is no smoking, alcohol, or drug use in the house.

We are expecting a large turnout of DC-area Lislers from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, as well as others from the East Coast. The Board looks forward to a great group of Lislers coming together and having a productive, and fun experience.

(See page 23 to fill out the registration form.) 🌐

Board Meeting: New Orleans, LA

Spring 2002

The Spring 2002 Lisle Board Meeting will be held at the Dominican Conference Center in New Orleans Louisiana from March 21–24, 2002. The DCC is located in the uptown area of New Orleans, one-half block from the St. Charles St. Car Line—the oldest continuously functioning railroad in the U.S., and five blocks from Tulane and Loyola Universities, Maple Street and the Riverbend restaurant areas, and shady Audubon Park (with a two mile walking track, and public golf course).

You do not need a car to participate in this Lisle Board Meeting and enjoy New Orleans. You can arrive at the DCC by airport shuttle or by taxi. Public transportation (streetcar) will take you along St. Charles and to the French Quarter, or you can walk through the park and take a boat down the Mississippi.

Each room has two single beds, and each pair of rooms shares a bathroom with shower. Singles are \$31.00/person and doubles \$26.00/person. If twenty or more persons choose to take advantage of the DCC meal service, we will have home-cooked Louisiana cuisine. (Breakfast: \$6.50, lunch: \$8.50, and supper: \$8.50). Otherwise meals will be taken at one of the nearby campuses or in local restaurants. Vegetarian meals can be made available.

All persons wishing to attend the spring 2002 Lisle Board meeting in New Orleans should make plans now, as New Orleans is a popular conference city and plane reservations can be difficult to get at the last moment. Please contact the Lisle office in Texas with your tentative reservation for the New Orleans Spring 2002 Board meeting. 🌐

(from "Statistics" previous page)

1,005 (with 585 coming from Budget Travel and Arthur Frommer's Articles); and July '00-April '01, 302.

- In terms of the number of participants per decade, in the '30's there were 174 participants; the '40's had 912, the '50's had 779, the '60's had 478, the '70's had 180, the '80's had 321, the '90's had 339 and the year 2000 had 35! (Let's keep those numbers coming back up!)

- Gender was a very interesting set of numbers among those requesting information: with 82 males, 291 females and 64 "unknown" (meaning that the names weren't gender specific) in 1998; 155 males, 457 females, and 26 unknowns in 1999; and 73 males, 429 females and 33 unknowns in 2000!



Deepest Thanks to These Exiting Board Members

A total of three seats on the Board of Directors will soon be vacated, paving the way for new Lislers to come "on board" and share their unique and helpful skills in guiding Lisle into the future: Jack Brown, Anne-Rose Heck and Sharada Nayak.

Jack Brown passed away last spring. We sorely miss his input, care, and abilities. *(Please read the memorial tribute on page 20.)*

From her home in Germany, **Anne-Rose Heck** was an enthusiastic Board member whose special legacy to Lisle was her tireless effort over many months last year leading to our successful European reunion in Frankfurt. Her international perspective was always important in grounding Board discussions to pay particular attention to the impact of our program policies on our non-U.S. participants. We will miss her energy and wit.

Based in New Delhi, **Sharada Nayak** worked extraordinarily hard to attend meetings and keep up with Lisle governance issues while abroad. She was a beloved leader of numerous India programs and an exceptionally patient and loving member of those groups. Her knowledge of U.S. education (as both former director of the Indian Fulbright Commission and current director of the Education Resource Center) was unique and informed her leadership for Lisle. Her ties to the Gandhian community and to rural education and spiritual learning communities enabled Lislers to see India in a very special way.

We thank these inspired people for their contribution to Lisle, Inc. and wish them well on their various journeys. 🌐

(from "Statistics" previous page)

(Now what does that say?)

- Geographically in 2000, we had 214 inquiries from the "East Coast", 70 from the "South & SE", 165 from the "West", and 94 from the "Midwest". From Europe came 27 inquiries, 8 from "Asia/Japan", 23 from Canada, 4 from "Africa/Middle East" and 3 from Latin America.

- In 2000, 64 found Lisle via the Internet, 46 from the "Study Abroad" source, 15 from Books/Magazines, 325 from Arthur Frommer & Budget Travel, 10 from Volunteer Vacations and 25 from Lislers.

(If anyone can make some good sense out of these numbers, please call the Lisle office!) 🌐

Kimberley Suber Chosen as Marion Wright Edelman Scholar

During the May Board meeting in Germany, Kimberley Suber was chosen as the Marion Wright Edelman Scholarship awardee to attend the winter 2001-02 Lisle Costa Rica Program. Kimberley comes from Plymouth, MI where she currently attends Wayne State University as an MA student in Spanish, works several jobs, and helps raise a niece. She has accomplished a great deal in her 30 years of life. She studied as an undergraduate at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA where she also majored in Spanish, but also learned a great deal about the long history of oppression in its many forms throughout the world.

Kimberley has an MA in Elementary Education and has chosen to "give back through education". She has served as a teacher in France, in El Salvador (while working as a Peace Corps Auxiliary), and in the innovative program called "Teach for America" in the South Bronx where she was further exposed to and learned to appreciate the rich ethnic traditions of many different cultures.

As an African-American woman, Kimberley is proud of her own "strong and diverse ethnic background" and has always been intrigued with the Latin American culture. In her application she states: "There are so many historical similarities with Latin Americans and African Americans. We share the same blood, the same religions, the same history of slavery, and so many cultural and ethnic ties. I plan to travel extensively, if time and finances permit, to all the countries in the African Diaspora to study, learn the languages, and to help in any and every way possible... I feel that learning is a continual necessity in life...I never tire of sharing information. That's really what a 'true' educator does, in my opinion. We give and we receive. We are all students in and out of the classroom."

Kimberley concludes, "I am thoroughly dedicated to making a positive mark in the world and would consider it an honor to do so with the Lisle Foundation". The Lisle Board has chosen to take her up on that offer and is hoping that Kimberley's Spanish prowess and her previous experience in Central America will be a distinct bonus to next winter's Costa Rica program. In addition, it is clear that Kimberley is already a "Lisler" at heart and is definitely the kind of person that could make longer-term contributions to the organization. Let us hope that she will be inspired by her experience in Costa Rica and choose to make Lisle an on-going recipient of her considerable talents! Congratulations, Kimberley! 🌐



Gandhian Principles Lived

Field Notes, India, Winter 2000–2001

by Dianne Brause

This year's Lisle program to India took place from December 16, 2000 through January 6, 2001 and as the dates imply, we definitely did cross over the borders between two millennia. India is a diverse and amazing country teetering precariously between the stone age tribal peoples of the mountains, the everyday local agrarian peoples still tilling the land with hand-hewn plows, and the modern business life filled with cell phones and lap-top computers!

Our group of six women was able to glimpse into each of these ways of being as well as many more! Our time was spent primarily at three "ashrams", each exemplifying aspects of Gandhi's philosophy.

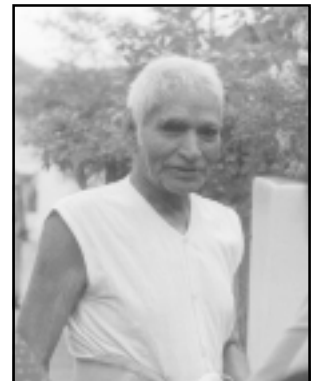


Ellen Krieger and Susan Giller and friends at Hasmuck and Patel's Ashram in Gujarat.

The first was called Amiradh, located in the State of Gujarat, and our hosts there were Hasmukh and Manda Patel, who had met many years ago in jail while doing civil disobedience. They graciously took their vacation time to proudly show us what they had accomplished over the years. Their largest project was the ashram housing which feeds and educates 450 youth (kindergarten through college age) who mostly come in from the tribal villages.

We also visited sacred temples, the silk and cotton spinners, and toured a cooperative warehouse of homespun cloth that is made into towels, bedspreads and clothing. And we were able to tour the Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmadabad where Gandhi lived for 13 years. The presence of Gandhi is felt throughout India, but sadly, most of the young people have forgotten the recent history of struggle for freedom that he led.

Our next stay was at Anandwan, near Nagpur. This ashram community is made up of 5000 people, all of whom are disabled from leprosy, blindness, deafness, debilitating burns, and crippled limbs from one disease or another. We prepared ourselves as best we could to encounter the horrors and suffering of their lives. Instead we found a miracle made manifest! Rather than abject poverty and the oppression of victimhood, we found a vibrant, happy, healthy and contributing community full of smiling faces and helpful people. All are cared for by one another—each finding his or her unique skill or gift to give to the whole. An adequate and minimal lifestyle is lived at this place, with most supplies being grown and made by the community.



Baba Amte, founder of the Anadwan Ashram.

We were blessed to sit with the founder, Baba Amte and his son, Vikas, both great souls. Baba Amte enjoyed a life of wealth and playboy freedoms when an encounter with a dying leper deeply stirred his conscience. He vowed to help these most downtrodden of India's poor. Despite his own disability, he has created a place where "untouchables" can become full contributing citizens!

Our final stay was at Navadarshanam, an ashram where veterans of the Gandhian movement and long-term members of the Gandhi Peace Foundation live sustainably. They have created a lovely retreat setting with beautiful buildings of hand-made blocks and roofing tiles. They eat simply using locally grown vegetables, seeds and nuts. But they utilize many of the modern appropriate technologies such as photovoltaics, solar water-heating, and gravity-flow water systems.



Dianne and Rita Roy (a long-time Lisle supporter)

Our trip was full of incredible learning experiences, ones that will provide lasting inspiration to each of us. *Thanks Sharada and Aditi!* 🌍



A Return to Community

Field notes Jan. 2001

by Kristin Currin, Leader

Once again, participants gathered in January to visit the Costa Rican people and communities that have been hosting Lisle groups for years. During those years, each community has witnessed its own development uniquely, some suffering from hardships and setbacks, others delighting in bountiful progress. Of the five communities that the Lisle group spent time with in January, four are a part of the national network of agro-ecotourism cooperatives. But this fact only draws a thin line of comparison between the different communities and their projects, since each is as unique to its environment and history as it is to the individuals who have dedicated their lives to the community.

Our group ranged in ages from fourteen to eighty-one, with an equal spread in interests and perspectives. Diversity has been such a strong and beautiful characteristic in Lisle groups—always fitting when traveling to one of the most biodiverse countries in the world! In our diversity we were each able to gain something different from the communities we visited, especially from our homestays with the families at Coope Longo Mai. Participants hiked through coffee plantations to awe-inspiring waterfalls, toured nearby towns and villages, played with children and visited a new interpretive trail with their host families. The experience of staying with a family, and the insights into lives often so different from their own, was a profound one. For others well-acquainted with the community, new projects such as the interpretive trail and news of continued success in battles against the encroachment of large pineapple and fruit corporations provided a wonderful welcome. The most unforgettable part

of the group's journey to Longo Mai was the birthday festivities held for long-time Lisle member John Kachuba. In Costa Rica, the common way to celebrate a birthday is to crack a raw egg over the head—one for each year!

We visited CoopeSanJuan where the children lined up along the street to wave hello, and many in the group thought that they had entered a movie, as we passed the children and made our way up the hill to beautiful pilapas the community thatched together in traditional fashion for visitors. CoopeSanJuan has experienced quite a bit of progress over the years, and their fields of cassava and pineapple now stretch far around their land, intermingled with the women's new herbal garden and the biological reserve that remains ever-protected by community members. They are constructing a new building where they hope to process their own produce, rather than selling it at low wholesale prices to other processors. Taking active roles in encouraging their children's education and creating positive environments for their families, the community at CoopeSanJuan somehow has the power to make one feel that they may never want to leave. We spent many nights playing volleyball until we couldn't tell the difference between the ball and the moon.

A new adventure awaited all this year as we added a new stop to our itinerary. CoopeSilencio is a community famous throughout Costa Rica for its worker owned farm. It is situated in a coastal area where palm plantations, run by large companies who barely provide suitable housing, wages and compensation for their workers, stretch as far as one can see. CoopeSilencio sup-

ports 400 families who take their share of the production of palm oil for the community. They enjoy a higher quality of life being worker/owners. The community also hosts a biological preserve and has adopted all of the animals from nearby Jardin Gaia's rehabilitation and reintroduction center. Lisle participants gained first-hand experience in this project by cleaning the cages of scarlet macaws, toucans, kinkajous, and tempequintle.

CoopeUniOro, the community which has long been a favorite stop for adventurous Lislors, was for the first time our quietest stop! Thanks to the recent efforts of community member Ricardo and Lislors Ben Watkins who installed a hydroelectric plant for the community, one no longer has to watch the stars over the Osa Peninsula with a noisy generator in the background. Although the community itself has grown smaller over the last few years and suffered setbacks, the one thing that remains the same is the amazing national park which surrounds it. We were able to experience Corcovado National Park this year both during the day and at night! We also had a special treat this year as we walked to a local soccer tournament on the nearby Guaymi Indian reservation.

Of all the things we did do, the only thing we missed out on, due to cloudy skies, was a good view of active volcan Arenal from the children's butterfly garden at the cooperative La Cascada. I guess we will have to go back yet again, getting the chance to see what our many friends in Costa Rica have done over the last year in triumph or setback. Hopefully we can always see them witnessing success in the future. 🌍



Thanks for Program Support

by Barbara Bratton

Lisle alumni are so generous with their giving that we often do not recognize this generosity enough. We do want to acknowledge the following people for their gifts this last year:

Our Pacific NW program is being funded almost entirely by gifts and grants. We are delighted to received a significant grant from Fannie Mae Foundation through the efforts of J.J. Smith, Dianne Brause and Marty Tillman. Many Lisle Alumni have also donated. Some of these people gave to our Quantum Leap fund and the Board chose to dedicate all remaining funds to this U.S.-based pilot program. Our thanks to everyone who is helping to make this program a success:

Dean Stout, Earl Downing, Jordan Mann, Walt & Betty Ligon, Ana Maria DeJesus, Patricia Wold, Helen St. John, Roy & Mirabel Deming, Ethel Ackley, Ann and Chris Banchoff, Joe Ault, Don & Jean Ervin, Andre Nahmias, Barbara & Darwin Holder.

Memorial gifts are left in the general account to help with current year expenses. Acknowledgements go to:

Marina Firestone who gave in memory of Bess Atwell; Mark & Nancy Kinney who gave in celebration with Judd & Sue Jones; Dianne Koop who gave in celebration with Lewis & Lori Baker; Joseph Gainer, Larry & Brenda Blackerby, Mary Ann Holman, Ned Miller & Jane Burton who gave in memory of Lucy Washington; Jordan Mann, who gave memory of his wife Betty; Vicki Marie, Sharada Nayak and Barbara Bratton who gave in memory of Jack Brown

We have several fundraising projects, which alumni have chosen to participant in. Our thanks to Aboul Mansuri who has given his Shaklee Rebate to Lisle for many years and Edith Ballard and Barbara & Darwin Holder for participating in the Bed & Breakfast program.

And continued thanks to *everyone* who supports Lisle by payment of their annual membership dues! 🌐

Future Trip Dates

Dates have been tentatively set for two popular Lisle trips to Turkey and India for the year 2002. Look in the next *Interaction*, December 2001, for specific program details. Plan ahead and join us! **Turkey: June 2–22, 2002; India: July 7–28, 2002; Pacific NW/ Turkey Exchange: July 17–26, 2002.**

Comments From 2001 Costa Rica Participants

from trip evaluations

“CoopeSilencio was better than I had expected, and I think offers Lisle new possibilities for relationships to develop with the people of the community. Travel in-country was also better than last year—we made good time on new highways and were able to stop and let the group enjoy the experience.”

“Our leaders were fabulous!...Both Kristin and John worked tirelessly throughout the trip to make sure everything happened as promised...My hat is off to both!”

“The people we visited were so different and unique, <and> the friends I made will definitely last...communication with the people was the best part.”

“I most enjoy when I see people in the group having experiences that will undoubtedly affect their lives forever.”

“<I most enjoyed> the focus on meeting, interfacing, and understanding the common people of Costa Rica. ...I enjoyed enormously the many beautiful children at every location we visited.”

Costa Rican Benefits From Lisle Friends

by Kristin Currin



Yolanda Arguedas recently received a donation from friends in Lisle to help with tuition fees for an English course she wished to take. Yolanda is Costa Rican and lives at Coope Long Mai with her family. She traveled with the Lisle Costa Rica group in 1998, and has since served as a liaison between Lisle groups and her community, often arranging homestays for us.

Yolanda Arguedas, right, and her family are hamming it up for the photographer. 🌐



BALI: ARTS & COMMUNITY
JULY 29–AUGUST 19, 2001 AND
JULY 28–AUGUST 18, 2002

If you are an artist or art lover willing to expand your creativity in a place filled with inspiration and surprise, then join us on the tropical island of Bali, Indonesia, where the traditional Arts and culture are inseparable from the spirit of the community. Participants may choose to work with accomplished artists in a variety of areas including Gamelan music, dance, weaving, carving, making prayer offerings, and cooking.

We will begin with several days of orientation and development of supportive relationships with each other, since there is a wide diversity of ages, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. The balance of the program will be spent in two small, remote artist villages—Budakeling and Kamasan. Generally, two group members will share a guestroom in a Balinese home, and enjoy their simple but gracious hospitality. We will commission dance and shadow puppet performances and invite the entire village. In turn, we may be invited to ceremonies like cremations and weddings filled with prayer, music, and brilliant ceremonial dress. Our creative work will be interspersed with trips to a cultural renewal and reforestation project in an ancient Tenganan village. If the group chooses, we can arrange snorkeling on a coral reef.

Between stays with artisan mentors, we will visit the stone temple of *Besakih*. We will continue on to Gianyar Province, known for its carvers and painters; sight-seeing and shopping will be available. Throughout our adventure, we will find time to discuss and reflect on our experiences. Through studying the arts, we'll be supporting Budakeling and Kamasan artists in their vision to create a cultural center. We will also have a rare and intimate glimpse into the lives of people from a very inspiring place in the world.


Program Leaders: Dr. Mark Kinney was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nigeria in 1966–67; a Professor of Educational Foundations, specializing in group dynamics and comparative educational systems the University of Toledo from 1976–2000. He has served Lisle beginning in 1984 as President and 1989 as Executive Director. He has previously led the Bali program.

Bill Kinney was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali and is now a kindergarten teacher in Pennsylvania. He has a masters degree in elementary education. He has co-lead Lisle's Bali program. He is proficient on the drums.

Subject Areas: Art/Fine Arts, Culture, Art History, Asian Studies, Education, Interdisciplinary, Music, Theater, Drama, Performing Arts, Dance.

Costs: \$1,450 (\$1,000 student or second or third family member). Airfare is a separate cost and arranged by the participant. Program prices include room, board & program related in-country travel.

Deposit and Payments: A \$250 deposit is required with the application. This deposit is refundable based on terms provided with your letter of acceptance to the program. The remainder of the program fee is due ten weeks prior to the starting date. Scholarship applications require a \$25 deposit.

Reduction in Program Cost: Lisle has several endowed funds available to provide limited support for a participant to attend a Lisle program. Reference the back of the registration form for instructions on requesting financial assistance. Call 1 (800)477-1538 or visit <www.lisle.utoledo.edu>. 

COSTA RICA: SUSTAINABLE TOURISM & COOPERATIVE LIVING AMONG THE TICOS
DEC. 29, 2001–JAN. 19, 2002 AND
JANUARY 2–20, 2003

STUDENTS, families, elders and a diversity of others are invited to join in a quest to develop mutually supportive relationships among group participants and host communities in the lush and colorful countryside of Costa Rica. During the span of the trip we will travel by bus to several cooperatively owned and operated communities.

We will meet and learn from people in these communities who are striving to make a living while protecting their land, forest, and waters; by creating viable "ecotourism" projects. In each of these co-ops we will live, eat, sleep, work and learn together while sharing our dreams and visions, and exploring the process of creating community among ourselves and with our new Tico friends. We will take time to assess our individual and group learning before we journey home. Post-trip possibilities to other Central American countries may be created if interest is high. Inquire with Lisle.

As the journey begins, participants will walk through misty rainforests with host friends who can share their rich knowledge of Costa Rica's unique flora and fauna. Next we will see dry savannas, tall volcanoes and humid coastal areas. We will come to understand not only the biological diversity of the country, but also the ethnic diversity as we meet Ticos, both of Spanish and other European origins, Afro-Caribbeans, and indigenous Central Americans. Several Ticos from our host communities will accompany us on visits to their counterparts in other co-ops.

Together we will be traveling sustainably in a unique and diverse environment, rich enough to satiate almost all interests and exploratory spirits. The travel may be rough at times, but the benefits will be great, the vistas grand, and the friendships deep. No matter what your personal experience is,

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this trip will be a momentous one.

Subject Areas: Ecology, Environmental Management, Environmental Studies.

Program Cost: \$1000–\$1500; Includes room & board, and program related in-country travel. (Student price: \$1,190 + airfare). Airfare is a separate cost and is arranged by the participant. 🌐

CREATING A LISLE PROGRAM— PACIFIC NW

I, (Dianne Brause) thought I would invite you all into the mechanics of creating a new Lisle Program. It is always quite an interesting process to observe the twists and turns that happen between the beginning of a program idea and the actual on-the-ground program taking place. Sometimes surprising things occur that change the course of any given event. Here is a little of the history of how the Pacific NW: Building a Sustainable Future program came into being. As you receive this newsletter, this Lisle program will be under way. In the next Interaction, we will report on how it actually went, but this article will bring you into the excitement of creating the program

Several years ago during the Annual Meeting and Leadership Training Program, which were held at Lost Valley Educational Center, there was a large discussion about creating a “domestic program” somewhere within the USA that had some similar characteristics to the programs back in the era of Uncle Si and Aunt Edna. Two of the Lisle Board Members, Darwin Holder and Robin Kwizera, decided that Lost Valley would be a great place to hold such a program, and they took it upon themselves to make that happen. They envisioned the creation of an “intergenerational” program, where old Lislers could bring their children and grandchildren to learn something fun and useful in a location

that was both safe and educational—especially for youth who didn’t often get out into the countryside.

So we began to think of a theme and a model that would be appropriate to both Lisle and to Lost Valley. What came instantly to mind was the issue of “sustainability”—which is something that Lost Valley regularly teaches and that many older Lislers thought would be a useful topic for both young and old alike. We formed a team of ad hoc group leaders and Darwin (with his Grandson, Edward) and Robin (with her mother, Ruth, and son, Jarrell) made the trip to Oregon last July to scout out the possibilities. Along with Dianne Brause as hostess, the group took a little trip to the Oregon Coast in addition to spending a few days at Lost Valley and in Eugene, OR to see what components might be combined to create an ideal Lisle experience. Much discussion was had about all the possibilities, and some common themes began to coalesce around personal preferences, available contacts, etc. A tentative program description was written and circulated via e-mail so that everyone could have input. It looked like a real program was coming together.

Later, during the May Board Meeting in TX, other ideas were brought into the mix. Leyla Welkin wondered if the youth she hoped to bring to America from Turkey might be somehow linked to this program as well. We decided to see if the two programs could join for at least a portion of their time—especially since they would both be held in the Pacific Northwest in July of 2001. As we worked further with this idea, it became clear that it would be a much better use of our creative energies to work together rather than competing for scarce resources by trying to have separate programs. At a Lisle Futures’ Planning meeting that Mark Kinney, Leyla and

Dianne had at Jack and Judy Brown’s house on Bainbridge Island near Seattle, they offered their home as a base camp for the whole group. So we decided to totally join forces and have the majority of the program at Lost Valley, with a short time at the Oregon Dunes followed by a week up on Bainbridge Island. After Jack’s illness, we decided that we needed to move the whole program to Oregon, bringing Leyla’s Turks down to Lost Valley and using the resources in that area exclusively for the program. With that decision, we decided to drop out the Native American component of the program, since we did not have the local contacts necessary to make that part easily successful.

However, our added focus—that of “alternative building”—came into the planning in an interesting way. J.J. Smith, who is an old Lisle who hadn’t connected in for years, came to the TX meeting and was intrigued by the sound of this program in the planning. He suggested that perhaps the Fannie Mae Foundation might be willing to offer some grant funding for scholarships for low-income, at risk, or minority youth—especially if we could tie the content into alternative construction. Since Darwin was particularly interested in the use of straw bales and cob (a combination of clay, water, sand and straw) to build dwellings, we thought it might make sense to use “alternative building” as one of the main areas of focus and to write a grant proposal to the Fannie Mae Foundation.

Dianne had already written a quick grant proposal to “Newman’s Own” Foundation for scholarship aid (and was turned down). Then, following her trip to India with the Lisle Program there, she got busy on a proposal to the Fannie Mae Foundation. J.J. Smith and Marty Tillman had laid the groundwork for

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In Memoriam

by Sharada Nayack

Jack Ross Brown, (CO '46, CA '54, Turkey '97 and India '99), a member of the Lisle Board, died on April 3, 2001 in Seattle, Washington.

Jack was born on January 20, 1926 and was educated in Seattle. World War II was at its height when he graduated and after only one term at the University of Washington Jack went into the army to serve in the infantry on the European front and in the occupation after the war. He often said he saw enough of the war to dedicate himself to work for a better way to solve conflicts in the world, and it was his army time which led him to his loyalty to the peace testimony of the Society of Friends. He was an active Quaker since 1955. Jack went to medical school at the University of Cincinnati and married Judy Reynolds whom he had met when they were both participating in Quaker work camps in Europe.

Upon completing his residency in internal medicine, he, Judy and their infant son, Ross, left for Turkey where Jack practiced medicine in a fifty bed hospital in Gaziantep in south-eastern Turkey until 1962. His major medical work was in an outpatient clinic where he and his colleagues offered a compassionate and caring service for his patients who came from a considerable area. In the five years that Jack worked there the hospital developed what was at the time one of the few medical residency programs in eastern Turkey. It also ran pilot public health program, with a well-baby clinic in a village near Gaziantep. Jack and Judy's children Leyla and Craig were born in Turkey during their stay there.

Upon return to the U.S., Jack decided he wanted to do something as varied and interesting as in Turkey and entered a residency in psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati Medical School. Upon finishing his residency the family, which now included a fourth child, Marcy, decided to re-settle in Seattle where Jack began the mental health service for Group Health. He found his work, which he labeled "relationship therapy," very satisfying. He very much liked building close relationships with the people he worked with, and this in-

cluded his colleagues, psychologists and social workers.

In 1970-1971 Jack took a sabbatical and returned with his family to Turkey to work at the same hospital in Gaziantep. In a second sabbatical he worked as a psychiatrist in New Zealand and Australia. After retirement, Jack and Judy worked with Ethiopians and Soviets for Ploughshares on an organic agricultural project in Ethiopia. It was in the 1990's that Jack returned to attending and leading Lisle programs and joined the Board. He and Judy made lifelong friends in the California Lisle unit in 1954 and wanted to sustain Lisle in its efforts to bring people of all nations together. He and Judy were co-leaders of the Uganda unit in 1993, and during a reunion of the 1954 California unit in Vienna, Austria, they decided to mount a Turkey program.

What made Jack and Judy most happy was that the unit in Turkey in 1997 returned Lisle to the international character it had in the early days. There were 14 persons from seven nations, New Zealand, India, Germany, Holland, Kenya, Canada and the U.S., and their travel concentrated in Turkey on environmental issues. Many of the same people met in India in January 2000 during a Lisle group starting the new millennium. As a Board member Jack continued to nurture his interest in Lisle becoming more of an international organization, one that looks at important international issues in its programs.

Jack's friends around the world will remember him as a giving man, a source of support and wise counsel, his sense of humor, and his strong commitment to peace and brotherhood. Jack's absence will be felt wherever there is a Lisle Circle, and he will be remembered with deep affection.

Jack Brown's friends have proposed a Lisle endowment in his name. The Board will consult with Judy Brown to determine how the fund will be used to further Jack's interest in enlarging the dimensions of Lisle's work. Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer, Barbara Bratton, indicating that they are for the Jack Brown Endowment. 🌐



Johnnie Miller (CO '46, CT '48 and '49) and her husband Arnold are dividing their time between Florida and Long Island. Johnnie has been substitute teaching in Florida and working part time for ADD (Aid to Developmentally Disabled) in New York, but is thinking of retiring, as is Arnold (for the 2nd time)! Johnnie would love to hear from Lislers who would like to communicate. E-mail her at <arnoldstree@aol.com>.

Margaret Skellie Ennis (CO '54, CA '55). Maggie and her husband Carl are retiring from active ministry in the Virginia conference of United Methodist Church. For five years Maggie has been active in music and educational ministry with the Unitarian Universalist Church. They plan to move from Hartwood, VA to the "home place" in Long Beach, MS in June, and would enjoy keeping in touch with Lislers.

Bill Mickelson (NY '48) and wife Hazel were surprised at a family birthday celebration when Hazel was presented with commemorative medal of the Jubilee of Liberty from French government honoring her role as a nurse in liberating France during WWII. She landed on the beach in Normandy on the second day of the invasion, treated the wounded in the field hospital that accompanied the U.S Army as it battled in four major assaults across France and into Germany to victory. Mickelson owns Mickelson Media, a cable TV company, and they live in Santa Fe, but are presently staying in Albuquerque.

Patty Hill-Aranaga (India '86, SD '89) just had her third child, Faith Tara Aranaga-Hill on April 24. Her other girls, Rose, 5, and Grace, 3, are envious but doing great!

Chris Coons (CO '48, Family Camp '61, Bali, '91, Costa Rica '96, Leader Training '98) and her husband Dean will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary August 18th. They are also awaiting the birth of their ninth grandchild in November. Chris just retired from her local school district's Adult Education Department after 22 years of facilitating current events discussions with Older Adults. It's been a "challenging and rewarding journey."

Ruth Ingeborg Fuss (CA '54, Ger '55, '65) lives in retirement home with her 100-year old mother in Venice, FL. She does volunteer work and is translating 3 small books on Catholic psychotherapy from German into English.

Alice Wiedrich (CO '46) and her husband, Bob, live in Decatur, IL. She is busy with United Methodist Women; Bob is still filling pulpits.

Jane Brown (Bolivia '63, Col. '66, PR '67) lives in Oakland, CA. She enjoys singing in the Berkeley Community Chorus, has ESL students sharing her home since Jack died in 1999. She will soon travel to NY for son Steve's graduation from Law school.

Denoya Wyatt (CO '46) is now a grandmother and enjoys living in small Quaker community in Santa Rosa, CA.

Norma Stephens (Lk. Geneva '44, CR '99)—Edith Ballard's sister—keeps busy with church and political activities in Lemon Grove, CA.

Robert J. Payne (CO '46) is active Methodist in Plant City, FL.

Marna Feldt (Exec. Sec. '56, '57; CO '56, Jamaica '57) enjoys active retirement in Red Bank, NJ for past 5 years.

Rev. David A. Shaw (CO '48) of Kerrville, TX, is actively involved with exchange program "World Without Borders" between US and Russia. Contact David if you're interested in living with a St. Petersburg Russian family. He is also active in the Volunteers in Mission (VIM) of the Methodist church.

Helen Burke (NY '41) enjoys musical responsibilities in her San Diego retirement community. You may email her at <hburkeB22@juno.com>

William P. Nelson (NY '40) urges Lisle to "keep up the good work!" He lives in Castro, Valley, CA.

Richard T. Scott (DC '54, Russia '56) encourages his clientele to experience new cultures through his tour business in Salem, OR. You may write to him at P.O. Box 1052, Salem, OR 97308.

Dean Stout (CO '47, Rosebud '89) is active with Habitat for Humanity, school tutoring and Hospice in Manson, WA

V. Ione Moody Murchison (NY '48, HI '95) keeps very busy politically and active physically. She was a delegate to the Democratic Nat'l. Convention, traveled to six countries in Europe, and walks and hikes regularly with groups.

Muriel Carlson (NY '39) West Roxbury, MA is busy learning computer skills.

Margaret L. Wyatt (NY '40) and her husband live in a Life-Care community called The Sequoias, southwest of San Francisco, Portola Valley, CA. Four of eight children, and three of 12 grandchildren live nearby to keep them young!

Frances Boyd (NY '43, CO '45) of Odessa, TX keeps her LISLE interests alive thru activities in the Methodist church.

Ethelyn Jones Maxwell (NY '40) of Louisville, KY recently heard from **Margaret Whittemore** (CO '41) who lives in South Yarmouth, MA. They share fond memories of Lisle days with the Baldwins.

Mogens and Jean Jensen's (DEN '54, Fam. Camp '56, CA '57, GERM '59) permanent address is 5492 Jerome Lane, Grand Blanc, MI 48439. Their phone: 810-694-9218. Their e-mail address is: <mojens@earthlink.net>.

Dosia Robinson Geisler (CA '43, CO '43, '44, NY '43, '44) recently moved to an assisted living residence in Klamath falls, OR. Phone: 541-882-9435.

Rigmor Nissen (CO '56, DEN '69, '70) lives in Copenhagen. He came for a U.S. visit with **Sonja K. Levander** (CO '56,



JAM '57) of Stockholm. They enjoyed seeing **Anja and Ray Miller** (DEN '55, '69, CO '56, CA '57) in Brisbane, CA. Rigor will soon retire from his career in social work.

George Cole (NY '38, '45) is a retired professor emeritus from Wm. & Mary College. He would love to hear from Lislers. E-mail: <Joichi@aol.com>.

Jennie Sambamurthi (India '79, '80) lives in Huntsville, AL. She is the daughter of Annis Bassler (Japan '55) who died last November. Jennie is planning a summer trip to South India to visit extended her family.

Robert McCullagh (CA '43) recently moved after 25 years in Morro Bay, CA to a continuing care community in Rancho Bernardo, San Diego County, CA.

Jim Pines (NY '47) is doing well.

Betty Jean Seymour, ("BJ") (Jamaica '62) has been teaching religious studies for 30 years at Randolph-Macon College and was glad to hear news of Lisle.

Jean Faglie (India '77—went in Marty's group!—Bali '99) has been active with Richmond's Sister City link in China following her teaching English there for two years. Jean is returning to China this summer.

Connie Devilbiss (SD '90) teaches sociology at a community college in Frederick, MD.

George Crossman (CO '46, '55, '58; CA '51, '52) is doing well and active in his church and the community. His wife, Rita, passed away last year.

Alex Cox, (Leader Columbia '63, '64) former Board member, attended the NAFSA Assn. of Int'l Educators conference in Philadelphia in May. Alex and his wife Lynn were attending the graduation of their daughter from the Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, NY. (Marty Tillman used to read his children bedtime stories in the 70's when passing through on campus recruiting trips or to attend Board meetings in the city.)

Darwin Holder (Lisle Friend) will be driving cross-country this July, from his home in Maryland to Lost Valley Center in Dexter, OR for Lisle's Pacific Northwest/Turkey exchange. He will be accompanied by his niece Becky (16) and nephew Edward (13). That's 4,000 miles with two teens in tow, folks!

Marty Tillman is proud to share news that his 13-year old daughter, Zoe is her 8th grade class Valedictorian. Further, she is among several middle school students representing the District of Columbia at the National History Day competition on the University of Maryland campus in June. Her display project is titled, "Bridge to the Bima: The Revolutionary Role of Women as Rabbis." Congratulations Zoe! 🌐

In Memoriams

by Chris Coons

Our condolences go out to the families of the following Lislers who have passed on.

Helen Meyer Crabtree of Long Beach, CA (GER '62) died May 1, 2001, following three and one half years fighting breast cancer. Daughter Elizabeth was her full time caregiver. Knowing she liked to travel, Helen gave Elizabeth a copy of the Winter *Interaction* six weeks before she died; it is exciting that Elizabeth then applied to the summer India program!

Houg-Ing Chou, wife of Rev. Yung-Hsuan Chou (NY '48), died in April of 2000 following a six-month bout with cancer. Yung-Hsuan and Houg-Ing retired a few years ago to live on their tree farm near Kingston, MI. Yung-Hsuan feels fortunate to have neighbors who plow his driveway and give cleaning and laundry help. In January the couple were named Wildlife Conservationists of 2000 by the County Soil Conservation Districts.

Edna Annis (Quinn) Bassler (Japan '55) of Huntsville, AL, died November 9, 2000 after a brief battle with ovarian cancer. She and husband Carl have lived near their daughter, Jennie Bassler Sambamurthi, for the past six and one-half years. They enjoyed traveling and participating in Elderhostel programs, and were active in the United Methodist Church.

Frank Henry Argelander (CO '45) of Wonewoc, WI, died April 3, 2001 of heart failure while on vacation in Malaysia. He was a Methodist minister serving parishes in Indiana, Wisconsin and California, as well as four years as a missionary in Indonesia and Malaysia. He and his second wife, Dorothy, had almost nine years of happiness together. Services were held in Malaysia, California and Wisconsin.

H. Boardman "Bo" Drobish (CO '47, CA '50, '51) died suddenly on April 20, 2001. He lived for the past two and one-half years in Kalispell, MT, as reported by Lois Coombs Drobish (CO '47, CA '50, '51)

Frank C. Watanabe (CT '49) of Ewa Beach, Hawaii passed away suddenly on Dec. 15, 2000. News came from his daughter Wendy and her husband Tim.

Frank was born and raised in Seattle, WA, attending the University of Washington until being removed and placed in an internment camp during World War II as a second generation Japanese-American. He pursued a life-long career in the YMCA after completing his Divinity Degree at Yale University. He retired from the YMCA in 1984, and continued to teach tennis up until his last breath. Both his daughters, continuing his legacy, have developed projects to serve the vulnerable and at-risk in their own communities. 🌐



("Creating a Lisle Program," from pg 18)

this grant proposal in a meeting that they had with the V.P. of the Foundation, who seemed to be interested in the concept—even though it was not the usual kind of grant that they gave out. Dianne asked for \$10,000 from the Fannie Mae Foundation to be used for scholarship aid for American youth to learn about "sustainable housing". A number of service work projects were built into the schedule so that youth and adults alike could have some "hands-on" experience in building with these unique materials that haven't been typically used in this country for many years.

After some weeks of waiting anxiously and with some dedicated help from Marty Tillman, it appears that Lisle will be awarded \$5,000 for scholarships for the program—not as much as we wanted, but definitely a boost to the budget! In addition, both Lisle and Lislars have been exceedingly generous with scholarship donations and it appears that the program will be a rousing success—at least in terms of the numbers and diversity of the participants. As this is being written, we are expecting youth participants from Turkey, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mexico, Canada as well as the USA and an age range in the program from 13 to 89!

Creating the actual structure, timing, and content of the program—for 25+ people over the course of 18 days was quite a collaborative process as well. Dianne contacted over 30 agencies throughout the Lane County area to select those best suited and willing to give tours, informational lectures and slide shows, provide work projects, and fun activities. The Lost Valley Staff and the group leaders will also teach and model group process and communication skills as well as various group leadership models. Leyla Welkin has worked with old friends and contacts in Deadwood, OR to create work projects, a community dinner and over-night homestays for the group in that area.

Transportation has been an on-going question, and at this point, it looks as if we have found a friend of Dianne's to drive a fully-equipped bus to take the group at least on the coastal route. Little by little all the pieces are falling into place for a very successful "domestic" Lisle Unit in the style of the old days of Lisle. It will have work projects much like the "deputations" of the past. All participants will work together as a group to do some of the functions of both creating community and meeting the basic needs of cooking, cleaning, and living together. Leadership skills will be discussed and practiced and group process and reflection will be a daily affair. Home stays will be a small part of the program and yet everyone will have ample opportunity to meet and get to know a very large cross-section of the rural and urban communities of Lane County, OR.

Please stay tuned for the report of how this pilot program goes. If it is a rousing success, as we expect, it may become a model for future programs to be held in the USA and perhaps at Lost Valley in coming years! 🌐

Lost Lislars

Telephone numbers for **George Cole**, NY Board Member, and units in '38 and '45 and for **Chris Klug**, Board Member, and leader of units in India '84, '86, '87 and '89, and South Dakota, '87, were both not working. Anyone know how to reach them? Contact Lane Winnet at the Lisle Office: 800-477-1538. 🌐

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