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Lisle Annual Meeting, Board Meeting and Leadership Training, Dexter, Oregon, October 1-4

You are cordially invited to join us at the Annual Membership and Board Meetings, and our first-ever full weekend training program for prospective Lisle Leaders in Dexter, Oregon. For those of you unable to attend the business portions of the weekend: you may sign over your power of vote, by proxy, to a member/attendee who will vote in your stead. Be sure your "proxie person" has your permission in writing at the meetings.

These will all take place at the rustic and beautiful Lost Valley Educational Center. LVEC is an intentional community of 20 members who live and work together in much the same way that an old-time Lisle unit used to operate under the creative guidance of Uncle Si and Aunt Edna.

Lost Valley is in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains outside of Eugene, Oregon, with a stream, forests, and meadows. In addition, there are several large organic gardens, which are tended by full-time gardeners and up to 12 apprentices who are studying Permaculture, Deep Ecology, and learning to grow and work together as a community of caring Global Citizens (sound a little like Lisle?)

In the beginning of October, Oregon's weather is usually at its peak of Indian Summer with warm (65-85 degree) days and cool (45-60 degree) nights, although it is always possible to have an early bout of showers with cool misty days as well, so bring your raincoats just in case!

Food will be prepared by the community using all organic vegetarian meals (special food needs will be accommodated if possible). Lislers will be invited to join in the washing of their own dishes and perhaps take part in a work project on the land.

Housing will be available in dorm cubicles of two bunks each, which can be used individually or shared with friends. Bathrooms are shared with separate floors for men and women. And people may also choose to camp in tents in the meadow, on wooden platforms in the woods or bring RV's.

Everyone interested in Lisle is invited to attend all of the events beginning with the Annual Meeting on Thursday, the Board meeting on Friday and the Leadership Training Program on Saturday and Sunday. The Training Planning Team will come together all day Wednesday (September 31st) and on Monday,

(October 5th) until noon as well. People wanting to become Lisle Leaders will have their Room & Board covered by Lisle (Fri. & Sat.) and may apply for limited travel assistance if they need it.

Others may want to take advantage of their time in Oregon to visit some of the many exciting and gorgeous natural areas within an easy half-day's drive from Lost Valley (Oregon Coast, Crater Lake, Portland area, Old Growth forests, whitewater rafting rivers, Bend and the High Desert Museum, etc.) For anyone who is interested, we have just completed *Forever Green: An Ecotourist's Guide to Lane County*, which gives enough options to keep you happily engaged for 6 weeks! You can call Lost Valley for a copy of it. The registration form is on page 23. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible.

To get to Eugene, it is best to fly into Eugene Airport (40 minutes away) and we will arrange to pick you up. (Call Carolina at 1-800-787-7187 for good fares.) Or you can fly into Portland Airport (2 1/2 hours away), rent a car and drive to Lost Valley. You can also take a Greyhound bus, or take the Amtrak bus to Eugene and we'll pick you up at the stations. Call Lost Valley at 541-937-3351 for specific driving directions. See you there! 🌍

*Earthsteward
Forrest McDowell
sits in the altar
space at LVEC,
where Lislers are
invited to dedicate
a memorial to
Uncle Si during
the meeting in
October*



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In Memory of Uncle Si

As I look over the content of this issue of *Interaction*, I am struck with the enormous impact that Lisle has made in the lives of individuals throughout the world. I see the ripples that have and will continue to spread over time and space via the people these “Lislers” meet, the organizations they work with, and the projects they take on in their individual lives that reflect their Lisle learnings! This past April 28th marked the 100th birthday of Uncle Si. Each of us reading *Interaction* have most likely been impacted personally by his life—even if we are the unlucky ones who never had the pleasure of meeting this extraordinary man in person!

I feel quite blessed to have been with Uncle Si on a variety of occasions, most notably at my home at Lost Valley Educational Center during the last Annual Meeting we hosted here in Oregon in 1995. At that time, I was in charge of making sure everyone's needs were met and we had been advised that Uncle Si was quite weak and could hardly hear or see. So we rented a wheel chair in case he needed it to get around. But not Uncle Si! Although I was not personally there, I was told of the trip into the old-growth forest where he joyfully walked and felt the presence of the giants who made him feel like a teenager (even though he was then 95, I believe)! And I remember the accounts of Uncle Si speaking about being prepared to die to the “youngsters” at the reunion of the Lislers from the 1948 units! That was Uncle Si's last Annual Meeting, and with his passing the following spring, I believe that we all lost what was in fact a national or perhaps even a global treasure.

At Easter this year, some of us did a meditation for Uncle Si to commemorate his birth and life (*see pg. 23*). NAFSA honored him as well at their 50th Anniversary celebration (*see pg. 19*). In this *Interaction*, Lisle President, Barbara Bratton, is

inviting each of us to contribute to a new fund (the Quantum Leap Fund) in the memory of Uncle Si's continual readiness to go beyond where he had gone before (*see pg. 3*).

And I am inviting any of you who are coming to Lost Valley for the Annual Meeting or Leadership Training to bring with you something that you would like to dedicate to Uncle Si—either to put on our outdoor memorial meditation altar (*see front page photo*) or to enclose in a book that could be compiled in Uncle Si's memory. At some point during the meetings, we will take time for a ceremony of appreciation and dedication to the spirit of Uncle Si (and this Lisle organization which was his spirit baby!) If you do not plan to come in October, please feel free to send something to me (at Lost Valley) as your part in that ritual, with a description of what you would like done with it. It could be a natural object such as a rock, crystal, shell, feather or a poem or picture, a memory, or whatever you would like to contribute to the memory of Uncle Si!

However, my guess is that Uncle Si would think that the most important tribute you could make to his life and work would be to live your life with love, integrity, generosity, and especially with an attitude of “Global-Mindedness”! Certainly this is one of the most needed attributes that we all can stretch towards as the world more and more quickly catches up to the next millennium!

So, it is with reverence and gratitude that I dedicate this issue of *Interaction* to the living memory of Uncle Si. I invite you to read it with an eye to the people who he directly touched, those who speak fondly of him in the various articles and Network News, as well as the newer, younger Lislers who may not even know who he was—but have been touched by him all the same through their association with Lisle. 🌐

Dianne G. Brause, Editor



President's Message

April 28th was the 100th anniversary of Uncle Si Baldwin's birth. The more I learn about Uncle Si and Aunt Edna, the more impressed I am with the enormous contributions of their life works. The 1997/1998 Board of Directors would like to commemorate this 100th year milestone with a special fundraiser.

We were delighted to have Charles Clarke as a guest at the January Board Meeting. He attended the 1937 program in Lisle, New York the second year that the Baldwin's presented. In sharing his experience, three points became immediately apparent. Primarily, the Baldwin's program, especially the mixing of races, was a quantum leap beyond the American mindset of that time. Secondly, the student's ability to pay was very incidental to the program. And thirdly, the program was designed to impact the participants, *but also* the community at large.

There is no question that Lisle has continued with these concepts, and it is a testament to the Baldwin influence that the concept has grown far beyond the Lisle model to many interracial, community and international outreach programs. At this time, the Board would like to design a new Quantum Leap Program—the next step, the next innovation—which will continue Uncle Si's legacy of innovation and peaceful confrontation against the negative mind set of current society.

One such program is in the works at this time, based around non-violent conflict resolution. (See *"British Columbia Needs Financial Support"*, pg. 14). In order to continue in this vein, we are establishing the "Quantum Leap Fund" and are requesting donations. The Fund will be dedicated to Uncle Si's 100th Anniversary and used to fund a continuing program, probably in the United States, that will take Lisle a new step forward. Our goal is to raise \$15,000. Please send your contributions, marked Quantum Leap Fund, to the office at 900 County Road 269, Leander, TX 78641. Thank you for your continued support of the Lisle spirit.

In order to expand Lisle Programs towards our Year 2000 goal of fifteen programs per year, it is obvious that we need to establish a database of trained leaders to draw on every year. The Board voted to use unrestricted, invested funds of up to \$5,000 to plan, carry out and help prospective leaders to attend our first Leadership Training Program on October 3rd & 4th, 1998 at Lost Valley Educational Center near Eugene, Oregon.

This Leadership Training is being held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and reunions which will run Thursday, Oct. 1 and Friday, Oct. 2. This is changing the Annual Meeting schedule which is usually held on a weekend. We are hoping that Board and Alumni members will be able to come for a Thursday and Friday meeting, and perhaps stay on for the training in order to become a leader for Lisle Programs in the future.

If all goes as planned, we will have Leadership training every year. We will draw prospective leaders from Lisle program participants and



Barbara Bratton, President

other contacts, asking them to (1) attend a training and (2) participate in a Lisle program at half-cost as a Leader-in-Training. If then selected by the Board or Board Committee for a full-responsibility leadership position, they will sign up for the next year's programs as a secondary or primary leader. We hope to team leaders in all programs with a new leader (secondary) and an experienced international leader.

If you have any interest in becoming a Lisle leader, please advise the office of your plans to attend this training. Some funds are available to help with transportation of training participants, but these will need to be allocated soon, so requests must be received by 9/1/98. If you are planning on attending the Annual Meeting, please stay over for the Friday night banquet which will be a joint meeting with the Board, the Alumni and the Leaders. It will be a costume banquet (your favorite culture) and a sharing experience from the Reunions. Hope to see many old and new friends there! 🌐

Barbara



Attendees at the May Board Meeting in Texas learned to trust one another in the blind trust walk



Executive Director's Report

I am really pleased with the level of activity which is occurring with Lisle's programs. People are working diligently in recruiting participants for our three summer programs to Bali, Turkey, and India. It looks at this time as if there will be sufficient interest to go ahead with at least two of the three programs.

In addition to the programs, many board members are hard at work to develop procedures and new materials which will assist Lisle in the future. A major effort has been made to become aware of the changing issues concerning safety and liability. These issues are currently being debated by persons in the major study abroad organizations because of the recent events in Guatemala and India. The Lisle board is being kept abreast of these events through the work of several board members, especially Marty Tillman.

Because of the change in office structure during the past year, please look in the Finance Committee report (*see pg. 10*) to find an indication of the financial status of Lisle. The division of labor between Temperance and Texas is progressing into a smooth and efficient process. I look forward to directing more of the email and mail to the Texas office over the next few months, as notices in magazines and publications begins to use the Texas address rather than the Temperance one. Hopefully this will eventually result in my having more time to develop new ideas and less time following up on logistics and crises. 🌐



Dr. Mark B. Kinney
Executive Director

Mark



Bill Kinney and friend

Nancy and Mark Kinney want to say the following to one and all: "Thank you for your wonderful support and caring words" during their son Bill's (BALI Co-leader) bout of lymphoma. At the end of April, after 12 weeks of chemo (which went OK except for shingles and several colds) and 20 daily radiation treatments, which were more difficult, his two doctors were pleased with his progress, and planned no further assessment until the end of July. He has a 95% chance of no re-occurrence. His check-up in July was just fine! Mark and Nancy are greatly relieved. We wish him well. 🌐

Do You Still Want to Receive Interaction?

We will be happy to continue sending *Interaction* to you as long as you want to receive it. However, if you are getting duplicate copies, your address has changed, your interests have changed and you would like us to take you off our list, we will do so. In an effort to conserve the forests and other resources, we do not want to be printing and mailing copies that are not read or wanted. Thanks for letting us know.

Also, it is possible that we will be going to a regular two issues per year (like happened this year), so if you notice you haven't gotten *Interaction* for a while, that may be why. Lastly, if you have ideas or suggestions to improve *Interaction*, please send them to Berkana (*see pg. 22*). Thanks for your ongoing support to Lisle. It is greatly appreciated! 🌐



Is Lisle Living Up to Its Statement of Purpose?

by Dianne G. Brause

Lisle's Statement of Purpose

Lisle broadens global awareness and increases appreciation of cultures through programs which bring together persons of diverse religious, cultural, sexual, political and racial backgrounds, to interact, and to consider reflectively their experience. The Lisle experiential approach emphasizes cooperative, democratic leadership and participation. Lisle program participants enhance their communication skills, discover greater tolerance for diverse ideas, and gain greater respect for all life. Conflict resolution, community building, and increased knowledge of self are outcomes of the Lisle experience. Lisle seeks to exemplify multicultural/multiracial decision-making, planning, and administration.

Lisle experiences involve participants intimately in the life of the community. Through living and learning together, members explore and integrate different values, beliefs, and life styles.

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

I sometimes hear comments from Lislers who haven't recently been on a unit wondering if the Lisle of the 1990's has any relationship with those in Uncle Si's day and whether the current programs are actually accomplishing anything like what the "old Lislers" experienced. In the following section, I would like to submit a combination of quotes from the Lisle "Statement of Purpose" linked with excerpts from the 1997 Costa Rica participants. Most are from their evaluation forms—done by candlelight prior to our late night Equinox sharing ceremony in an old farm house listening to the monkey and goats tethered down below us, the pinging sounds of the bell frogs and the rhythmic sounds of the waves coming in on the bay front shoreline across the lawn.

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— "[Although] I had no expectations and just wanted to travel. I learned many things from cultural issues to international relations. I learned how simple life can be. I made a spiritual connection with God." (G.M., grad student, OH)

— "[I learned] from the guides, the walks through the cooperatives... information that you do not learn in textbooks, about species of flora and fauna, cultures, ways of life, of many Ticos. The closeness of interacting, communicating with them is something you need to experience to understand. It's hard to imagine the life of someone until you live it, experience it, taste it." (S.S., grad student, 26, OH)

The Lisle experiential approach emphasizes cooperative, democratic leadership and participation.

— "D. was a great leader. She let the group deal with decisions when the group needed to work things out amongst itself. B. had good inputs. J. was very knowledgeable about sustainable communities. The group showed a great ability to work together. I feel lucky that I ended up traveling with a well balanced group of people. Everyone had progressive ideas and remained open and flexible." (T.G., grad student, Musician, 35, OH)

— "Leadership was solid, competent, flexible. The separate leadership [elected from the combined group of Costa Ricans, Danes & Lislers] at Coopeunioro was healthy and fun." (B.W., grad student, CA)

Lisle program participants enhance their communication skills, discover greater tolerance for diverse ideas, and gain greater respect for all of life.

— "I feel that this Lisle group has been extremely conscious in awareness of people we touched and the natural resources of planet earth used to sustain our learning experience into the world of eco-tourism. The highlight of this trip was feline energy channeling with my own thru the ocelot and jaguar beings." (H.V.R., animal lover, 57, OR)

— "I am learning...that no matter the culture, we are all the same—with different needs, different desires and moralities. Although we always make an impact, I think we made a good effort to be respectful of the local people and culture." (M.S., retired lab tech., Animal Rights Activist, AZ)

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Conflict resolution, community building, and increased knowledge of self are outcomes of the Lisle experience.

— “The trip has been very rewarding for me. I was given the opportunity to serve at two schools. I also loved working on projects with the people here and develop new friendships. My part in leading the group or working together with the group was also very uplifting.” (S.B., retired school teacher, 50+, CA)

— “I came to Costa Rica because I not only wanted to grow as a person, but also to broaden my horizons as far as eco-tourism and environmental education goes. This trip was exactly what I needed...I learned so much. I learned a lot about environmental education. I experienced eco-tourism, i.e., traveling responsibly. Helping others, etc...As a human being I became less afraid to leave home.” (J.I., student, OH)

Lisle seeks to exemplify multicultural/multiracial decision-making, planning, and administration.

— “I got the most out of the two co-ops we visited. I felt we had deep interactions with the Ticos, were involved in their work and came together as a group then.” (J.N., biologist, 31, OR)

— “Our group was excellent with the people we met. We worked together with them on projects. We played soccer, did art projects, created music, cooked, laughed, talked and at the end, hugged each other. Also, I did a lot of self growing and changing.” (S.B., retired school teacher, 50+, CA)

Lisle experiences involve participants intimately in the life of the community. Through living and learning together, members explore and integrate different values, beliefs, and life styles.

— “I learned very much about ecotourism & being a responsible tourist. Learned about sustainable communities and many aspects behind running a co-op. The best part of the trip was the friendships I made especially within the group, but probably more importantly the friendships made at Coopeanjuan and Coopeuniuro. I have a commitment to keep in touch with many in the group and...to also give the program positive lip service back home.” (T.G., grad student/Musician, 35, OH)

— “The best part...growing as an individual through all the places, persons, cultures, environments encountered, meeting and growing, forming relationships and friendships, bonds with other individuals within the group, and with those of the Costa Rican culture, increasing my knowledge of the Spanish language, learning about medicinal herbs, seeing all the biodiversity at the zoological park and everywhere in the Costa Rican places we visited.” (S.S., grad student, 26, OH)

Lisle is committed to a more just social order in which persons of all cultures, social classes, religious affiliations, nationalities, and political persuasions are full participants.

— “Juan Carlos was an excellent driver (safe, pleasant) and became one of the group. I liked the idea of including members of the coops as group participants.” (M.N., 50+, OH)

— “I liked a lot the experience of living in groups in Coopeuniuro, but most of all I liked the dinner made by all of you on the last night at Coopeuniuro. Thank you for the love and friendship that you have all gifted me with. You have transformed my work into a vacation! I Hope to see you all again!” (J.C., Costa Rican bus driver—translated from Spanish)

Lisle believes that actions and plans must be rooted in a clear understanding of the hopes and aspirations of all people. However, idealism must be tempered with realistic vision.

— “Meeting so many people both in our group and in Costa Rica, that are interested in ‘making the world a better place’. Gives me hope!” (M.N., 50+, OH)

— “I have learned so much. Besides tons of plant and animal facts, I got to see 1st hand the way people in a sustainable community live and hear about their concerns and directions. I had no idea these things are going on here and it’s great to see, also learn about problems involved—I learned so much from each person.” (T. W., student, FL)

The future leadership of our world community demands experiences which develop emotional maturity, social sensitivity, self awareness, and appreciation of cultural diversity.

— “Sustainable Tourism? We did great. Better than 90% of the tourists that come down here. We learned a lot and also taught a lot. I want to return to Costa Rica to do more ecotourism, leading it or making a new company.” (B.W. grad student, CA)

— “I wanted to see if I wanted or could be a future group leader...I saw that I am capable of group leadership, though I need to push myself sometimes. I would like to explore possibilities of leading groups to Costa Rica or other countries in the future.” (J.N., biologist, 31, OR)

Finally, these comments from India 1998 participants:

“I feel that my growth was very personal in nature. The people I met on the trip, as well as people in the group, brought me close to my loved ones. By coming to India I really saw myself, in truth, as self-reliant. For me, India was really about self-discovery and breaking down masks, fears, etc. Without all the indicators of home to tell you who you are, you must rely on yourself, and that expression is the truth.” (grad student, 26)

“The group members called Sharada ‘The Goddess of Wisdom’ and all got along really well, despite an age range of 17 to 68, and considerable cultural and language differences.”

Wouldn’t **you** say Lisle is achieving it’s purpose? 🌍



Proposed Revisions to Lisle's Bylaws

by Betty Ligon

The latest revision of the bylaws was in 1960. It seemed like good idea to look them over with an eye to responding to any changes in Lisle policies and activities in the past 38 years. A committee consisting of Earl Downing, Darwin Holder, Betty Ligon (chair), Marty Tillman, Barbara Bratton (ex officio) and Mark Kinney (ex officio) has been doing just that.

These revisions are the result of suggestions from the Board meetings in January and May, and correspondence between members of an ad-hoc committee on bylaws. The committee found that the bylaws had been well constructed and needed little change.

The most notable change is to drop the word "Fellowship" in the name as it has been the cause of a great deal of confusion as many inquiries about Lisle programs think fellowship denotes scholarship money.

The changes we suggest are meant to reflect current operation of Lisle in the spirit of the way in which they were first written. We have tried to keep the bylaws reasonably flexible and unrestrictive.

The following changes that the Board accepted at its May meeting will be voted on by the Lisle membership at the upcoming October meeting. If you do not plan to come to the meeting, please send your proxy to the Lisle Administrative Office before September 25th if you want to have a say in this matter.

Sections to be revised in our current bylaws are indicated in bold within parentheses **(abcdefg)**, followed by suggested revisions within parentheses {*ABCDEFGG*}.

By-Laws of the Lisle Fellowship

As amended by the Annual Meeting 1/29/60.

Article One: *Name*

The name of this organization shall be **(The Lisle Fellowship)** {*CHANGE TO READ: "LISLE, INC."*}

Article Two: *Objects*

The particular objects for which this non-profit Membership Association is formed are as follows:

a) To foster the development of individuals through work in intercultural relationships.

b) To provide practical experience in creative leadership through participation in community activities.

c) To extend the principle and practice of inclusive friendships based on full recognition of the value of every human being.

d) **(To provide and maintain centers for cooperative living, study, worship, and discussion and to develop other projects for the furtherance of the purposes heretofore set forth.)** {*CHANGE TO READ: "To lend assistance to campus and community groups working for the furtherance of the purposes herein before set forth."*}

f) To promote understanding of the complex relationships in modern world life, and to foster world-mindedness in social attitudes and actions.

g) To acquire by purchase or gift real and personal property and to sell, lease, mortgage, exchange or otherwise deal in and with real and personal property solely for its own use, benefit, and purpose.

Article Three: *Membership*

A. Membership shall consist of the following classes: I. Alumni/ae of Lisle units or affiliated project of the corporation shall be members of the corporation unless they express in writing their desire

to withdraw from membership. Persons who have been accepted for membership in a Lisle unit or affiliated project and who have participated therein **(for a period of not less than three weeks)**—OMIT—shall be deemed alumni/ae.

{*ADD: "Voting members are those who annually return membership forms to the Lisle Office."*}

(2. Any other individual may become a member 1) upon submission of an application for membership, including a statement expressing his adherence to the objectives and principles of the Lisle Fellowship, and (2) upon approval of this application by the Membership Committee.)—OMIT.

3. **(Any organization may become an organization member (1) upon submission of an application for membership including a statement expressing its adherence to the objectives and principles of the Lisle Fellowship and (2) upon approval of this application by the Membership Committee.)** {*CHANGE TO READ: "Any organization may become a member by expressing its adherence to the objectives and principles of Lisle, Inc."*}

B. Every individual and organization member shall have the right to cast one vote at membership meetings and in mail votes which may be requested of the membership.

C. Every individual member shall have the right to hold office.

(D. The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section D of the bylaws.

E. The Membership Committee or the Executive Director may from time to time communicate with the membership to ascertain the nature and



degree of participation in Lisle activities which the specific members may be able and willing to give during particular periods of time.)—OMIT SECTIONS D & E.

Article Four: Meetings

A. Meetings of the Corporation:

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be held **(on the last Thursday in January)**—OMIT—in October of each and every year or as soon thereafter as the said meeting may be held.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called at such times as the same may be deemed necessary, upon giving to each member entitled to vote at such meeting a notice thereof, not less than 10 nor more than 40 days before the meeting. The notice shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, the time when and place where it is to be held, and shall be served personally or by mail upon each member. **(Fifty members).** {CHANGE TO READ: "One tenth of the current voting membership of the corporation or one hundred current voting members, whichever is lesser present at any Annual or Special Meeting, shall constitute a quorum."} Members may vote by proxy at any Annual or Special Meeting of the corporation.

B. Meetings of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall **(hold three)** {CHANGE TO READ: "usually hold three, but no less than two,"} regular meetings each year. The first regular meeting shall be held immediately after the Annual Meeting of the corporation and at said meeting officers shall be elected for the ensuing year. **(The second meeting shall be held prior to July of each year and the third meeting subsequent to July and prior to December of each year)**—OMIT.

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Directors from time to

time as they deem necessary. Notice of the place, date and time of said meetings of the Board shall be mailed to each Director at his address as it appears on the books of the corporation, at least 10 days prior to the date set for such meeting.

Article Five: Board of Directors

A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the persons named in the Certificate of Incorporation or their successors. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than eleven nor more than thirty-six members so divided into classes that the terms, as nearly as possible of one third of them shall expire each year. At each annual meeting of the corporation the precise number of Board members for the ensuing year shall be determined within these limits.

B. The members of the Board of Directors shall enter upon the performance of their duties immediately following the Annual Meeting, and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

C. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill, for the unexpired term, any vacancy occurring among its members or officers.

D. At least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall name a Nominating Committee which shall prepare and present to the Annual Meeting nominations of persons who shall succeed the Directors whose terms have expired.

E. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the corporation; and the action or vote of a majority of directors present at any duly called meeting shall constitute the action of the Board.

F. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint an Executive Committee as provided in Article Seven.

G. The Board of Directors shall have general charge and supervision of the affairs and business of the corporation

and shall exercise all rights, powers and privileges thereof, subject to the by-laws of the corporation. It shall have general charge of, supervision over, all properties belonging to the corporation, and in its judgment discretion may make proper investment thereof; and it may buy and sell property, real or personal.

H. Each Director shall serve on at least one Board Committee.

I. Directors are expected to adhere to Board policies regarding attendance and service on committees.

Article Six: Officers

At the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting, the following officers shall be elected from the members of the Board of Directors.

a. President, whose duty it shall be to call meetings of the Board as deemed necessary. Meetings shall **(be held at least three times)** {CHANGE TO READ: "shall usually be held three times"} a year but no less than two yearly. The President shall also call meetings upon a written request of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board and shall preside at all meetings of the Board and at the Annual Meeting of the corporation and perform such other duties as the Board shall from time to time direct.

b. Vice-President, whose duty it shall be to perform the duties of the president in case of that person's absence or incapacity, and also perform such other duties as the Board shall from time to time direct.

c. Secretary, whose duty it shall be to record the minutes of all meetings of the Board, Annual Meeting, and Executive Committee and send proper notices of all such meetings.

d. Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall **(have charge of)** {CHANGE TO READ: "shall be responsible for"} the funds of the corporation. **(and shall deposit the same in**

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the name of this corporation in depositories designated by the Board of Directors.)—OMIT. The treasurer or other persons designated by the Board of Directors shall disburse the funds of this corporation taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall make a complete and accurate report of the finances of this corporation at each annual meeting of the corporation or at any time, upon request, to the Board of Directors.

(e. There may also be elected an Assistant Treasurer whose duty shall be to assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties, and in the absence, disability, or resignation of the Treasurer, shall have the same duties and authority with respect to the funds of the corporation as are given to the Treasurer. The Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer shall, if required by the Board of Directors, furnish the corporation with such security for the faithful discharge of his duties as the Board may require)—OMIT.

Executive Director

The Board of Directors shall have the power to designate one of its members, or any member of the corporation, as Executive Director of the corporation who shall have the responsibility to manage and conduct the affairs of the corporation, subject to the power of the Board of Directors; and whose duties shall be to coordinate the various activities and departments of the corporation.

Salaries

The officers, agents or employees of the corporation shall receive such salary or compensation as may be determined by the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee; and the fact that any officer, agent or employee is a Director shall not preclude these persons from receiving a salary or compensation, or from voting upon a resolution providing the same.

Article Seven: Executive Committee
The Executive Committee shall be

comprised of the officers of the corporation and any other persons designated by the Board of Directors. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to carry on the work of the corporation during the period between meetings of the Board. The President shall have the duty of calling meetings of the Executive Committee as deemed necessary or as requested by the Board of Directors.

Article Eight: Committees

The President shall have the power, immediately following the Annual Meeting, and after due consultation with the Executive Committee to name members for the following committees:

- (a. The Policy and Program Committee**
- b. The Finance and Public Relations Committee**
- c. The Staff and Office Committee**
- d. Membership Committee)**

{CHANGE TO READ:

"a. Program

b. Nominations and Board Development

c. Publicity and Recruitment

d. Finance

e. Such other committees as the Board may deem necessary from time to time."}

After these committees have been appointed and constituted, they shall be responsible for their respective duties, and shall report to the Executive Committee and Board from time to time as the circumstances may require.

Article Nine: Amendments

These by-laws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Corporation called for such purpose. Notification of proposed changes in the Bylaws should be sent out to the corporation not less than one month in advance of the meeting.

Article Ten: International Advisory Council

a. The Board of Directors may establish an International Advisory Council.

b. Any person recommended by any member of the corporation may be appointed to the International Advisory Council by the Board of Directors.

c. Members of the International Advisory Council may attend meetings of the Board of Directors, speak, but have no vote.

d. The purpose of the International Advisory Council shall be to render advice and leadership in all activities of the corporation. 🌐



Committee Reports

FINANCE

The success of the Endowment Fund raiser has given Lisle much needed funds to continue operating with paid staff. In case you were not aware, \$108,634 was raised but, due to careful investing and handling of funds, this restricted endowment fund has increased to \$140,878. Our operating budget has increased to \$25,000 which is, by and large, being covered by membership dues and income from the endowment funds.

The booming stock market has increased our other restricted funds (for scholarships) and we have been able to fund scholarships to program participants this year and still have \$5,714 in the Bagoes Oka fund, \$12,886 in the Baldwin Memorial Fund and \$9,269 in the Marion Wright Edelman Fund!

Finally, Lisle has \$55,993 in liquid, unrestricted funds. It is with great pleasure, then, to summarize our financial situation—Lisle has assets of \$248,785 and short-term liabilities of \$3,100 for a net worth of \$245,685! 🌐

NOMINATION

The Board is currently seeking suggestions for nominations to the Board for the Class of 2001. As you know, we are committed to diversifying the Board and would appreciate any and all suggestions from Lislers for the Nominations Committee. As general guidelines, we are interested in Lislers between 35-50 who are committed to active participation on the Board.

Members of ethnic/racial minorities are encouraged to apply. Members of the Nominations Committee include: Walt Ligon, Chris Coons, Jack Brown, Zann Jacobson, Ana-Maria de Jesus, Don Cowing and Gail Bier.

We have received affirmative replies for Board consideration from two persons: 1) Leyla Welkin. Lives in Olympia, WA. Lisler in units to Uganda ('94) and Turkey ('98). She is a mental health therapist, college teacher and consultant/trainer. Experienced working with individuals, families and groups. An effective group facilitator and experienced non-profit administrator.

2) Phyllis Beck. Lives in Needham, MA. Lisler to Bali in '97. Highly experienced technical writer with 16 years experience in the computer industry. Wants to see us utilize the Internet more creatively as a recruiting tool. Extensive travel throughout the world. 30 years of experience working with professional and personal group work.

Please send your suggestions via email to: mjtillman@worldnet.att.com; or Anna-Maria de Jesus at 13414 Keating Court, Rockville, MD 20853. 🌐

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Lisle's Program Committee is thinking about changes, continuity and how we make both of those things happen. This year's programs have proceeded from Costa Rica in late December to January of 1998, Dianne Brause led by and attended by our new President Barbara Bratton, to a second program in Turkey, which began June 15 and continued until July 4, led by Leyla and Ray Welkin. Then, in July, Sharada Nayak, a 1954 CA Lisler, led a group in her home country, India. The planned unit for Bali has been cancelled due to the social and political unrest in Indonesia.

In the future there are some changes in the wind. At the Toledo Board Meeting in May, the Program Committee considered early plans for a unit on Vancouver Island, B.C. in which the participants would be young Native Indians who want

to root themselves more solidly in their culture. A second proposal was for an inner-city metropolitan area Lisle unit, early talk of which set it in Toledo, Ohio.

Currently there is strong feeling that we must focus increasing energy on leadership recruitment and training in order to enhance the spirit and purpose as well as the continuity of Lisle. To this end those Program Committee members available, plus other co-opted participants, met at the Toledo meeting in a space graciously furnished by Diane Koop to look at the process of program leadership training upcoming October Annual Meeting. 🌐

PUBLICITY & RECRUITMENT

Board members Gail Bier and Mark Kinney presented a well thought out proposal to the Committee during the May Board meeting to map out long term plans for University and College Recruitment. The major challenge with our recruitment at universities is the large quantity of trip advertisements received by the Study Abroad offices and our desire that Lisle brochures and mailings become better available and used by students researching through these university offices.

To these ends, three concrete goals were established. (1) Brochures shall be printed and mailed to universities by September 1st of each year. (2) The World Wide Web homepage will include all information on programs, linked to specific sites for additional information, and the web page will be kept current. (3) Multiple copies of all materials will be disbursed to Board Members, and other active Lisle volunteers, by the October Board meeting for dissemination.

In addition to adopting and implementing these goals immediately, the Committee is compiling various lists of contacts and addresses through Lisle database, NAFSA, SECUSSA, CIEE, AIEA

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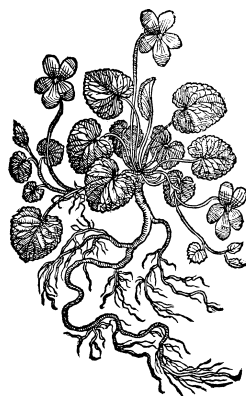
Conferences, targeted programs in the universities & Overseas Education Advising Offices. A target list of selected campuses with a history of interest and/or participants with Lisle will be set up for additional, face to face, Lisle contact.

If you would like to receive a set (or more) of Lisle brochures for sharing with you friends and relations, please contact the Lisle Office at 1/800/477-1538. 🌐

SAFETY AND LIABILITY

Everyone is concerned about safety issues when traveling abroad. Many Lislers are aware of the increased potential of violence towards tourists in foreign countries. This has prompted renewed national debate over issues of safety and the related matter of organizational or institutional liability. Lisle's Board and the Executive Director always place the highest priority on the safety and well-being of program participants. The Board is presently reviewing, in consultation with our legal counsel, Lisle policies and procedures concerning issues of safety and organizational liability.

We all recognize that there are risks inherent in any form of travel at home or abroad. Lisle is in the process of revising our written guidelines outlining responsibilities for unit leaders, and new attention is being given to the training provided for prospective unit leaders. Please send your comments on this matter to Marty Tillman, who will gladly share them with the Board (mjtillman@worldnet.att.com or 2400 41st St., NW, Washington, DC 20007). 🌐



1998 Committee Assignments

PROGRAM

Jack Brown—Chair, Dianne Brause, Don Cowing, Tim Gahagan, Craig and Zann Jacobrown, Mark Kinney, Diane Koop, Betty Ligon, Sharada Nayak, Marty Tillman.

PUBLICITY AND RECRUITMENT

Gail Bier, Chris Coons, Ken Cowing, Earl Downing, Anne Rose Heck, Barbara Holder, Ana Maria de Jesus, John Kachuba and Mary Newman, Walt Ligon, Karen Swam.

FINANCE

Barbara Holder—Chair, Earl Downing, Ken Cowing, Anne-Rose Heck, Tim Gahagan, John Kachuba and Mary Newman, Mark Kinney, Dianne Koop, Betty Ligon, Karen Swam.

NOMINATING

Ana Maria de Jesus and Marty Tillman—Co-chairs, Dianne Brause, Jack Brown, Chris Coons, Don Cowing, Craig and Zann Jacobrown, Walt Ligon, Sharada Nayak. 🌐

Access to Minutes

Wondering what's been going on during the various formal meetings and why aren't they summarized in the newsletter? Well, from time to time we receive so many fascinating articles and newsbits to print that we just simply run out of space. We believe that folks would rather read about recent programs, how Lisle changed lives, what's coming up, etc., than the details of each and every agenda item of each and every meeting...we hope you agree!

Rest assured: anytime a Lisler wants to know what went on during any of the Lisle Annual Meetings, or Board Meetings, you may request a copy of the meeting minutes from the clerical office in Leander, Texas. You might also include a modest donation for time and copying. 🌐



A Costa Rica '98 participant meditates under a tree by the bay

Bay Area Partnership in Responsible Tourism (BAPIRT)

by Chris Coons

For the past year I have maintained a membership in BAPIRT. Its purpose is to network with individuals and representatives who are concerned about the impact of tourism and tourism development on local environments and cultures, particularly those of indigenous peoples. BAPIRT holds education seminars on tourism, the environment and opportunities for alternative forms of travel. The diverse membership of BAPIRT affords Lisle many opportunities for sharing our purpose as well as for recruitment.

In February, I represented Lisle at the "Way to Go Travel Expo" in downtown San Francisco. On October 19, 1998 in San Francisco, I will be working with Gregg Biggs, of the World Neighbors organization, as co-chair for a fall BAPIRT event, "Volunteer Vacations".

Are any LISLE members in other cities or areas active in similar networks? I welcome questions and/or comments.

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1998 Program Notes

TURKEY

submitted by Leyla Welkin, Leader

From June 15 to July 6, the Lisle unit in Turkey traveled this year through many miles of territory and many millennia of history on the trail of ancient goddess traditions and the generosity of modern Turks. Our group had the feeling of a large extended family. The thirteen of us ranged in age from 11 to 75 so that our view was enriched by the points of view of three children, 11, 11 and 13 and by the young, the middle aged, and our elder adults as well. We felt many of the advantages and some of the disadvantages that a family feels as we wrestled with differences in interests, pacing, and goals for our adventure. Overall, the opportunities we found to learn about Turkey, Turkish culture and history were rare and worth the challenges of our strenuous pace and busy schedule.

The most precious treasure we found on this trip was our group member and co-leader Filiz Yuksel. She met the Lisle group last year, was interested in joining with the group this year and, as it turns out, transformed it. She is an archeologist/art historian and a teacher at a college in Kapadokya which educates people to work in the tourist industry. She added incredible depth not only to our experience of the archeological and historical sites but also brought the group into her own life enriching us with her personal connections. She did not speak much English which meant there were many times when communication was a challenge. But Leyla Welkin found that the crash refresher course in Turkish brought her back to reasonable communication during the trip.

The group found that some of the goddesses we saw were from eight thousand years ago, some were carved in stone and some were among the many bounti-

fully generous Turks whom we met and who hosted us on our journey. We all were sure we saw the goddess in Filiz as she calmly and good naturedly showed us the mysteries of her world. Other goddesses we met: Artemis stood stately in Ephesus. A voluptuous mother lived by the nine thousand year old hearths of Chatalhoyuk and in Kuchuk Koy the modern village at its base. Staring, saucer-eyed goddesses were in the museum at Ankara and the Virgin Mother Mary gazed down at us from countless paintings and mosaics in deep stone churches around the country. Finally we spent five days on the Mediterranean at the lovely home of another "goddess" our gracious Sufi hostess Nili Bilkur. And this account neglects the abundant set of Turks who gave us so much kind hospitality all along the way.

Turkey hosted our group with incredible generosity. It is this spirit of abundant hospitality that dominated our visit. At this point, having heard a request from several Turks for opportunities to come to the United States to practice and learn English, the Welkins hope to develop an opportunity for that kind of an exchange in the coming year. The relationships between Turks and Americans developed by this unit were warm and future units in Turkey will no doubt benefit from those ties. 🌐

INDIA

Ed. Note: The following are excerpts from the report that Sharada sent from India immediately following the group there. (Photos in next Interaction)

Timing: Sharada says, "This was an unusually hot summer all over the world—El Niño or not—and I regretted having the program in the summer." But the group thought that July is the best time for people in schools/colleges, even with the heat.

Work Projects: Many of the young people expected to work more and felt they did not contribute enough to the two NGO's. Sharada's response to this (as an Indian knowing the situation much more intimately) was: "In my opinion, it is unrealistic to achieve much by working for a week. To 'help' in existing projects is difficult and a bunch of novices may be more a hindrance than a help. It was suggested that we should ask the directors of the ashrams to have one project earmarked for the group to work on consistently for a week, so that some results will be evident and a lasting tangible contribution made."

Accommodations & air travel: "Although everybody moaned at the prospect of a 24 hour train journey they seemed to enjoy the enforced rest and sleep."

Fees: The group thought the fees for the program were very reasonable and they were surprised with all that could be done with that amount of money. Sharada adds, "I pointed out this was only possible because both ashrams charged us virtually nothing. I ended up making what I felt was an inadequate donation... If I had to re-work the budget I would put in another \$250 for the ashrams as a donation for the work they are doing. I would also work in another music/dance performance."

Food & Health: Sharada says, "I had expected more get togethers at my home and opportunities for people to cook their own meals or fix sandwiches, etc... But they all seemed to thrive on the meals at the Residency... I must admit it saved my energy which was at a low level in this heat... I realize I was remembering how much fun communal eating was—as we did in Turkey—but know now that in this setting it is better to have someone else provide the food,—and the washing up! Most people stayed reasonably healthy."

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Size of group: "A round dozen is just right. My only disappointment was that the assistant(s) I had chosen had personal difficulties and could not help me or travel with us, so it was difficult at times doing everything single-handed. Must do that better next time..."

Surprisingly, nobody had any touristic interest. We could spend more time looking at volunteer agencies in Delhi rather than sightseeing the Fort."

Age range: "The two teenagers were fun but had to be given culture cues on dress and behavior by grandma Nayak. They were good about it and I think appreciated my telling it like it is. Overall a very congenial group. The generation gap was obvious in topics of conversation and vocabulary, but the oldies were tolerant and good humored and as a result we all had fun. I think Mama Gerber and Mama Foy will be pleased with their kids learning experiences in India!"

Ed. Note: Next year's program is planned to run July 15-August 8. Sharada is up for leading it with less of a promise of a "Peace Corps-type work experience." We need to look for a qualified and interested co-leader or leader in training to support her in all the work involved in this sort of trip. Any interested takers should come to the October training! 🌐

COSTA RICA

The Costa Rica program, held in January of this year was a wonderful success on all accounts. In all there were 13 US participants ranging in age from 18 to 68 and 5 young Costa Ricans (Ticos) who each traveled with us for part of the trip. None of them had ever had the opportunity to see much of their country.

Their joy and excitement in discovering some of the wonders of Costa Rica greatly enhanced our pleasure as well. And although we didn't always like one another at the heat of the day on a bouncy bus with dust caking our sweaty brows, we somehow came through the tough times to a place of mutual admiration and respect.

Our first two weeks were filled with visits in rural cooperatives of local people who are finding a way to respectfully steward the land, while also creating for themselves at least a minimal cash inflow to meet the needs they cannot make or grow on their own.

We traveled up the river bed to Coopeunioro, on the border of Corcovado National Park in the south. This community of ex-miners has turned from gold panning to becoming the protectors of this land they love. At Dolphin Quest we were blessed with a beautiful beach and bay filled with birds, fish and friendly Dolphins and a lush jungle backdrop abundant with bats, monkeys, birds, snakes, alligators and butterflies. Our delicious outdoor meals included fresh fruit, nuts, seeds, fish, eggs and vegetables—all collected from the bounty of nature surrounding us.

At Longo Mai, we each chose and were chosen by one of the families of previously land-less Ticos or refugees from El Salvador who live together and farm cooperatively like a little village of 300 people. These new friends took us into their humble homes to nurture and care for in the best way they knew how. They showed us love, generosity and sharing at a level relatively unknown to most of us within our rich consumer-oriented culture.

At Coopesanjuan we took special joy in a group of local school children who took us on a trail they had constructed in a marshy and forested area, with their 12 year old leader giving us a professional tour of forest ecology! And we had particularly close encounters with the Howler monkeys that inhabited the trees near our ridgetop thatched guest house—especially in the early morning hours before the dawning of the day.

For the second half of the trip, 6 of us Gringos and 3 Ticos began a 2 week "Leaders-in-Training" segment. We practiced the skills and shared the tasks involved in joint and individual leadership. Highlights of the Pacific Coastal adventure was seeing both the Giant Leather-

backs and the Olive Ridley sea turtles in their age-old ritual of laying eggs upon the beach—which unfortunately due to "El Nino" was too hot for most eggs to survive!

On the Southern Atlantic Coast we got a glimpse of the mixture of cultures ranging from the more typical Latino Costa Ricans, to the Indigenous Bri-Bri peoples, to the Blacks who migrated from the Caribbean Islands many years ago, to the North American surfer crowd, to tourists looking for a nice get-away. Here we stayed in a Bri-Bri style guest house and were blessed with the attention of our hosts Mauricio and Colocha who showed us true hospitality and friendship. A highlight of the month for many were the ancient creation stories that Mauricio told one afternoon while sitting in the shade of the forest up on the Bri-Bri reservation. Many of us returned to San Jose, Houston and our home ports, as changed individuals.

Ed. Note: Next year's trip is planned for March 5-21 and will be led by Kristin Currin who was on the "Leaders-in-Training" group this year and has previous experience living and studying in Costa Rica (see Kristin's Article on pg. 16). Her co-leader will be chosen from the pool of potential leaders who come to the Leadership Training Program in Oregon in October. Dianne Brause and Ben Watkins (previous leaders) have offered to serve as mentors and support people for this trip as well. 🌐

BALI

**PROGRAM CANCELED—
RELIEF FUND STARTED**

It was with great disappointment that the Board and Leaders of the Lisle Bali Program decided to cancel this summer's program due to the extreme unrest and deaths in Indonesia preceding the planned start of the program. However, Craig & Zann Jacobson—the leaders—wrote the following (edited) letter to interested Lislers inviting them to support the people of the village that would have hosted the Lisle group.

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"I'm sure many of you have felt the sinking feeling of helplessness as the reports of economic duress shifted into stories of violence and destruction in Indonesia these past months. Nowhere in Southeast Asia has the economy been quite so devastated as in Indonesia. The only blessing is that political change is imminent. We can only hope that the old archaic system is replaced with something better.

"For those of us who have been there, it is not quite so surprising that Indonesia has hit the bottom. Suharto and his cronies were very effective at denying there were any problems, as they consistently abused the whole economy into a fragile structure that had to fall.

"I am very pleased and thankful to be able to report that there has been very little violence on Bali, and none whatsoever in the kingdom of Karangasem, where Lisle programs have been centered. We have just received a letter from Dayu Ketut Patmawati in Budakeling that expresses her reassurance that she, her family and the villagers are safe from political strife and yet economically devastated. The economic problems are pervasive and are trying for many in the village.

"I have decided to send money to the villagers and I would like to invite you to contribute to this fund as well. Dayu's brother, Alam, whom many of you have met, is the political head of the village. I thought that, strategically, I could send money to the village Banjar (the village organization) through him. I feel confident that if it goes to Dayu Ketut and Alam they will spread the fund around to the people who need it the most. This will certainly help the elders and infirm in the village, and will help keep Budakeling intact as a wonderful center of culture and Balinese Buddhism."

Ed. Note: Although the money collected has already been sent, please feel free to contact Craig & Zann about further ways you may be able to show support and solidarity to our Balinese friends.

Mail your contributions to: 900 Country Rd. 269 Leander, TX. 18641. Either make out a check to Lisle or call: 1 (800) 477-1538 to transfer funds through a credit card account. Indicate that you are contributing to the Bali Relief Fund and it will be tax deductible. 🌐

New Program Ideas?

We are always interested in hearing of new program ideas. Please direct your ideas either to Mark Kinney, or to Jack Brown, Chair of the Program Committee. We are looking forward to developing several new programs over the next year. Perhaps your suggestion can form the basis for one of these Units.

Ideas that have come forth so far have been for units in New Zealand (Barbara Bratton), South Africa (Betty Ligon & Anne Rose Heck), 4-Day Corporate US Program (Mark Kinney & Frederick Hudson), High School. At Risk Youth in Toledo, OH (Dianne Koop), Haiti (Earl Downing), Philippines (Hans & Ellie Spiegel & Anna Maria de Jesus), US Outdoor Adventure (?), Mexico (Mark Kinney & Cardid Inda), Turkey 1997 Group Reunion India- 2000 (Sharada Nyack & Jack & Judy Brown), Conflict Resolution/Millennium Project (Betty Ligon), & a US Unit bringing Turks and others to the Pacific NW (Jack & Judy Brown).

While each of these ideas are incredible and could become a wonderful Lisle Unit, they all would need many hours of time, attention and energy to get them just to the proposal stage for the Board to vote on them. If any of you Lislers or other Lisle friends would like to make these or other programs you have in mind a reality, please contact the Lisle Program Office in Michigan with your offers to help. Also, if you want to lead a program you have in mind, please plan to be at this year's Leadership Training Program in Oregon in October (call Barbara at 1-800-477-1538 to get an official invitation & application). 🌐

British Columbia Program Needs Our Financial Support

by Dianne Brause

One of the prospective Lisle programs that has had considerable energy invested is a program designed to bring together Native American and Canadian Native youth with non-Native High School students from schools experiencing the tensions of racial conflict in the NW—especially among these groups.

These kids would come together on sacred tribal land on the Island of Vancouver north of Seattle to live, learn and practice conflict resolution techniques and lifestyles of creating community used for centuries by the first peoples who lived in this area. Native Elders would join in this project, which would hopefully bring back a sense of place and meaning to kids most often left out within our public school systems.

Craig Jacobson and Mark Kinney have both worked to bring this program into reality. Craig wrote a proposal to a foundation that was very interested in funding the project, but it felt that Lisle would need to both make a several-year commitment and a commitment to have someone doing on-going follow-up and support for these kids as they tried to translate their learning's into the regular school setting. Craig may be able to integrate it into the MA program at Evergreen State College that he has recently begun.

While the potential has been discussed a number of times, we have yet to determine how best to finance this program which would be a major leap beyond what Lisle has done in terms of on-going presence and long-term commitment. This innovative program exactly fits the parameters of the Quantum Leap Fund Raiser (*see President's Message, pg. 3*). Please send your donations to fund the \$15,000, which will enable us to make this program in B.C., and potentially similar programs in other parts of the country, a reality. 🌐



Recuerdos of Colombia

by Kevin Carpenter
(Colombia '67; Glens Falls '71)

Thirty-one years ago, thirty-one years less wise and thirty-one years younger, I was sent by the dean of my college (an old Lisle himself and long time friend of Uncle Si), Dr. Allan P. Robinson, as a participant in the COLOMBIA '67 Lisle Fellowship. Back home in the States it was the "Summer of Love". That summer in Colombia was a very different summer of love than that which was happening back in the states. It was one that framed the next three decades of my life and still continues to do so. (I carry a picture of the group taken in front of the house Lisle rented for us Calle 3a Sur 15-A Barrio San Fernando, Cali, Colombia.)

This Lisle program occurred in exceptional times for our country: the Vietnam War was raging, Civil Rights activism was strong, and counter culture life styles were "on". The group of 15 young people from around the US gathered to participate in a program of community service in the barrios (slums) of Cali. What resulted in terms of our growth was exceptional.

Following the Lisle protocol of seeking to serve the community in a positive manner, I went with a Peace Corps volunteer into a barrio, Barrio Alaska, to see what I could do. The barrio was poor, although located directly alongside the Club Campestre (Country Club), where the elite of the city mingled. A child died while I was there from gastroenteritis. I learned this from the Peace Corps volunteer. He explained that the child had died for the lack of six cents for medicine. A jolt went through my social conscience.

I approached the head of the elementary school in the barrio with the idea of teaching some kids who did not know how to read and write. The Headmistress, was delighted with the idea. My language background—having grown up learning Spanish and English together from an early age, with a mixture of

Venezuelan, Puerto Rican and Cuban accents—plus being a Spanish and Latin American Studies major at college—enabled me to "get right down to business." She sent me to the Ministry of Defense (!!!) to obtain literacy books and free pencils.

Things were going great. They got even better when a young Colombian high school student, Luis, volunteered to help me with the project. In order for him to graduate from a Colombian state school he had to make an effort to teach someone to read and write (the slogan was "Que el uno enseñe al otro": that one teaches another); Luis could fulfill his obligation in this manner.

In early July I began to teach the alphabet. The kids, numbering some 30, loved it. By the end of July, we had progressed to writing simple words in the literacy manuals the Defense Department had provided. In August my project ended. On my last day teaching the kids came storming to meet me at the bus as I arrived into their world for the last time, scrambling to carry my briefcase; it was a great honor among them to carry the briefcase of "El Professor". This left a great mark on a young, bearded 21-year-old from New York as well! I have their faces in my mind and their smiles in my heart forever.

While I was teaching these children, I learned of a prison that needed people to work with the prisoners in the same way as with the children. The prison turned out to be a Women's prison in a rough section called Silue in Cali. I was assigned to teach reading and writing to a woman whom I learned had murdered her husband in a crime of passion. She was from the Panama border of Columbia called El Choco. She had been sentenced to seven years for the murder—the maximum sentence for a "crime of passion". Colombia had, and still has, no death penalty I am happy to say.

At 21, one is game for anything! But, at 21, I was just not prepared for this kind of experience. Every evening for a week, I was locked up for two hours in a

prison that looked like something out of a Graham Greene novel or the film "Nostromo" (which took place at the turn of the century—these places don't change much). I was scared of the place. I knew from that experience that I never wanted to do anything that would run me afoul of the law in any country. I felt for the prisoners' sadness.

The huge house Lisle rented accommodated our sizeable group. I had never been in such a large house with its large dining room, living rooms and many bedrooms. I slept outdoors in the patio where it was cool in the evening. Each night we Lisles gathered to share the day with each other. Other Lisles brought friends they had met in their work home to dinner, and there was a deep cross-cultural bridge constructed during that Colombia Summer of '67, thanks to Lisle.

It was sobering to go from Barrio San Fernando, one of Cali's best, to Barrio Alaska, one of Cali's worst, every day for a month and a half to work in the school. I learned first-hand about the discrepancies and canyons of class and economic privilege which separated people living not two miles from each other. My theoretical studies of class and caste in Latin America at NYU took on a far greater significance after my Lisle experience.

Ed. Note: Kevin met Uncle Si in person when he was a co-leader at the Glens Falls '71 Unit; he stayed with him for three weeks. Each night Uncle Si brought all the participants together in a group circle, where they would take hands and silently meditate. After his Colombia experience, Kevin went on to teach in the areas of civil rights enforcement and Spanish. He formed the Latin American Studies Centers and worked with Amnesty Int'l and Oxfam America. "Lisle was the lamp unto my feet for much of this work." Kevin would like to hear from any other Lisles who participated in either unit. He remembers Walter Willet, Ann Discher, Howard Stein, and Brian Smith. Who else? You can write to him at 4750 Cove Circle, Apt 301, Madeira Beach, FL 33708; email: kevinx@rocketmail.com. 🌐



Todo Cambia

by Kristin Currin

Todo cambia, everything changes, so sings a nostalgically up-lifting song famous in Central America. That song had played on a bus radio as I was traveling through Nicaragua two years ago. It continued to ring in my ears during the recent month that I spent with LISLE members and participants in Costa Rica. Everything changes, especially when traveling.

Travel broadens us, stretches us, humbles us, and even defines us. Our perspectives broaden and our comfort levels are stretched when traveling. We are humbled when away from our smaller worlds and faced with the larger, global one. We are defined as we share across cultures and come to realize what parts of ourselves are unique and what parts are inherently akin to others no matter what race, religion or language we share. Everything changes, perhaps subtly or perhaps dramatically, in our self-view and our world-view, when traveling.

Not all forms of travel generate the same levels of change, however. There is that which changes more for the visited than for the visitor. Land and beaches are cleared of local color in order to paint a flawless picture of the "perfect get-away." Prices rise beyond local means with the influx of foreign money. Cultural realities



Kristin, the author of this article, and her young Tica friend made a close connection

are hidden behind a waiter's false smile. And, visitors never realize that as their shower heads continue to pump warm water just like at home, in the homes of the local people the water always runs cold and may be cut off during the day or brought in by buckets from a nearby stream. Many things change in places visited, often due to tourism, and not always for the best.

But, then there is the type of tourism which remains conscious of its im-

pact, the type of tourism that works for equal change, equal exchange and learning between both the visitor and the visited. This is the kind of traveling which was focused on by the LISLE group in Costa Rica this year. With guides well experienced in travel amongst the "grassroots", and a fantastic group of North Americans and Costa Ricans following close behind, we wound our way from windy valleys to hot and humid tropical lowlands, sharing, learning and changing. We helped with projects, such as digging for a small gray water treatment site, and harvests, such as beans and coffee. We donated money to schools and a street children project. We chipped in and bought shoes for a Costa Rican friend when they were stolen, and picked up trash strewn along estuarian reserves. We volunteered to aide in collecting tumors from nesting sea turtles, and hauled soil from riverbeds to start nurseries. We tried to leave places in better condition than how we found them; we tried to incite positive change.

Many of us stretched ourselves in some form or another during the trip. We stretched ourselves with the language, the climate, cultural differences and various comfort levels of hygiene and group interaction. Many of us had the chance to experience at least one deeply emotional reaction or interaction during the trip. Some were touched by the efforts of school children to build trails needed by their community, or by watching turtles nesting on moon-lit beaches. Others were moved by the cross-cultural sharing that took place between two mothers, or just the moments we shared with each other in the group. It would be safe to say that each of us experienced one, if not many, deeply meaningful moments which may have changed us forever.

Our Costa Rican friends, who traveled with us for various lengths and parts of the trip, also stretched themselves and learned much. They learned more about themselves and their strange gringo travel companions, and they learned much about their own country, visiting parts they had

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Yolanda, Scott and Gravin share the universal language of music



never been to before. They gave us intriguing insights into some of the problems which arise from tourism, from a “Tico” (Costa Rican) perspective, and were entertaining exploring partners. They had moments of difficulty dealing with cultural differences and language barriers, as did we all, but gained insights into “Gringos” that they may never have obtained. One Costa Rican woman, who traveled with us for two weeks, wrote in the group journal; “I hope that you continue with the brilliant idea of inviting Ticos to travel with you. I have changed my concept of Gringos and now know that there are some who are not only concerned with money, but are concerned about people and conservation.”

Some of us had a different focus than others, since a few stayed on two weeks longer than the rest in order to participate in the “leaders-in-training” portion of the trip. We took turns being *guías* (guides) for the day, and at times broke into small groups to go explore different parts of the larger area. Each of the people who were active in the “leaders-in-training” gained something different. Some learned ways to constructively cope with complaints from fellow travelers. Others discovered whether guiding Lisle trips would ever be something they wanted to do in the future or not. The “leaders-in-training” was a new component of the Costa Rican trip, and thus much was learned about what it takes to conduct a training program, and what could come from it.

Change was a vital factor in the trip, day to day, from beginning to end. We moved around a lot, going from places that pulled us together and promoted a lot of group interaction, to places that isolated us more and gave us individualized experiences. We rode through the various situations as best could any group of near-strangers living in close quarters and experiencing deep new things together for two-plus weeks. Our vast differences in ages melted out of sight and we all shared in timeless moments equally, and yet in our own ways. These various moments inherently changed us, to greater or lesser extents, and perhaps in some ways that we won’t even realize for some time to come. Because, *todo cambia*. 🌐



Yolanda and Ana Yancy, with Gravin at the paddle, take their first-ever dugout canoe ride at Coopesanjuan

Ed. Note: In each of the communities we visited, we gave a donation to a local project. In Longo Mai we donated \$200 to the school where Ana Yancy teaches to upgrade their cafeteria and kitchen so that the children could have cooked lunches during school times. Please keep those donations coming, as they make a big difference in quality of the program.

Pura Vida, or Success of the Scholarship Fund

Last issue, we invited Lislers to “Make a Gift That Grows!” — a scholarship fund that would make it possible for local peoples to join in with Lislers (as full participants rather than being hosts). This year, five Tico youths were able to join the Costa Rica trip. The following excerpts are from a joint letter from two of them— which will give you a sense of the importance of the experience to them.

“*Pura Vida*” means, literally, “Pure Life”, but is a slogan used everywhere in Costa Rica to mean “Things are great, groovy, awesome, etc.”

“We are very grateful to you all for inviting us. It is something that we are never going to forget. There are times when we remember the things we did and it is fun to remember and we laugo. We tell our families and friends about our trip. They say that we clearly had fun and probably didn’t want to come back. That’s true, but we also missed being here. We have many good memories. Being with you all has changed how we think about Americans. Now we can say that they’re not all the same.

“Now I (Ana Yancy) am working here at Longo Mai School with many children. We have 2 teachers and it’s very hard, Now I don’t have much time to go places. I work Monday through Friday in the school and I also go to the University on Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings.

“I (Yolanda) am not going to finish my Bachelor’s Degree now because I’m learning German. Neither you or I probably would have imagined this, but three days after I returned from the trip, Rolan arrived at my house and told me I would get to travel to Austria for two months of exchange. I have been saying for three years that I wanted to travel to Europe and finally my dream is a reality!

“Your friends in Costa Rica, Ana Yancy Martinez Rivera & Yolanda Arguedos Retana.” 🌐



Annanelle Hardt Honors Lisle

by Barbara Bratton

Lisle was proud to be mentioned as a highlight in the life of Annanelle Hardt when she was awarded Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas Distinguished Alumna Award at a banquet April 3, 1998. Ann attended Lisle programs to Colorado '46, Connecticut '49 & '50 and later to the USSR and India. She was on the Board of Directors for many years.



Annanelle graduated from Southwestern University in 1948. This prestigious liberal arts university awards only one Distinguished Alumna Award each year. The criteria for the award are based on the life achievement of the Alumna after a rigorous nomination procedure. A beautiful plaque was presented to Ann by the President of the University after an emotional reading of her life achievements.

Annanelle Hardt is professor emerita of curriculum and instruction in the

College of Education at Arizona State University. She was born in Poland, where her parents served as missionaries with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her parents met while students at Southwestern, so it was natural for Hardt to complete her undergraduate study at SU. After earning her BA in English with a minor in psychology, Hardt began teaching elementary school. Later, Hardt attended Cornell University where, in 1951 she earned an MA in child development with a minor in student personnel administration. She taught elementary school for a few more years and in 1958 took part in the first US-USSR student exchange.

Hardt began graduate study at UT-Austin, then left and spent one year as a lecturer at Queens College, which is part of the City University of New York. Next stop was Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where Hardt was director of elementary education.

She left Earlham and returned to UT-Austin, completing a Ph.D. that focused on the social and philosophical foundations of education. Then, in 1968, she joined the education faculty at Arizona State University. In 1972, Hardt served as a consultant, lecturer and curriculum writer on Islam and Christianity for kindergarten through twelfth grade students at the Friends Schools in Ramallah, West Bank.

Hardt, an active member of the Religious Society of Friends, has spent the majority of her volunteer time promoting peace and nonviolent conflict resolution. She has served as a mediator for the Arizona Attorney General's Office and as a member of the city of Tempe's Mayor's Advisory Committee on Gangs, Alcohol and Drugs.

Hardt has led conferences and workshops on dispute resolution, peacemaking, alternatives to violence, and the meaning and control of conflict. Also, she has traveled to Russia, Lithuania and Uzbekistan as a nonviolence workshop trainer and facilitator, and to Costa Rica, Yugoslavia and India to take part in seminars on peace studies and education for social change.

Additionally, she has participated in church-related work camps and programs through the United States and in England, Mexico, Holland, Belgium, and the Philippines. She is an active member of Church Women United of Arizona, The Arizona Ecumenical Council and the Tempe Emergency Assistance Ministries. Also, she has served different Arizona regions of the United Way.

Though retired, Hardt continues to live in Tempe, Arizona, where she is immediate past president of the ASU Emeriti Faculty. Our congratulations to one of Lisle's Distinguished Alumna! 🌐



Flower from the jungle in Costa Rica



Cultivated pineapple from the Coopeunioro cooperative in Costa Rica



Lisle Has Two Offices!

Please be aware again that the clerical part of running Lisle has moved to Texas. Memberships, applications, requests for information, donations and memorials, address changes, etc. should be addressed to Lisle, Inc., 900 County Road 269, Leander, TX 78641. Email: lisle@utnet.utoledo.edu. The phone is 1-800-477-1538.

You can still reach Executive Director Mark Kinney at the Michigan address. 433 West Stearns, Temperance, MI 48182-9568. Phone: 746-847-7126. Email: mkinney@utnet.utoledo.edu. ☉

New Lisle Secretary

We wish to welcome Lane Winnett to our Lisle family. Lane is the new secretary to the Texas office and will be answering the 1/800 number as well as receiving inquiries on our programs, disbursing brochures, keeping up with deposits, checks and bookkeeping and offering clerical backup to program leaders and the board of directors. Since she does all of this as an addendum to her full time job as a bookkeeper with Lisle President Barbara Bratton's CPA firm, she is a very busy woman. We were delighted to have her join us at the January Board of Directors meeting and know she will become a Lisle in spirit as well as profession. ☉

Wedding Bells a-Ringin'!

Kunihiro (Kuni) Ichikawa (former grad assistant and former Lisle board member), and Angela McCartney (former graduate assistant and temporary Lisle secretary) were married on Friday, January 2, 1998 in Waterville, Ohio. Dr. Joseph Hara (Japan-96) officiated at the ceremony. A reception was held after the wedding and a wonderful time was had by all. Kuni and Angela took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They have moved to Japan, where Kuni has taken a job. Best wishes Kuni and Angela from all your friends at Lisle! ☉

Saint Jerry

by Betty Ligon

I hereby nominate Jerry Storm for Lisle Sainthood. Jerry served as treasurer of Lisle and continued to improve Lisle's accounting. It was not a job he particularly wanted but he performed it with good cheer and competence. He attended Board meetings faithfully bringing to them his humor and his ability to see another side of issues which we discussed. It is this trait which has endeared him to me. People who have the courage to be a kindly devil's advocate are always needed. It is a role not always appreciated but I suspect Jerry sort of enjoyed it. Jerry brought to Lisle a deep commitment to Lisle goals. I miss him at Board meetings but know that he is continuing to use his considerable talents toward Lisle-like goals in other venues. In addition to his Board contributions, Jerry has been generous in giving to the Endowment Fund, which enables Lisle to keep growing. ☉

N.A.F.S.A.

by Marty Tillman

Association of International Educators Celebrates 50th Anniversary in 1998". Uncle Si Baldwin was cited as attending association's founding meeting in 1948 at the University of Michigan (his first year there as Director of Religious Affairs).

Board member Marty Tillman (NAFSA member since 1977) served on NAFSA's 50th Anniversary Steering Committee and notes that in the special 50th Anniversary issue of their magazine *International Educator*, Spring, 1998, that Si was listed as one of 200 leaders in the country present at the conference which established NAFSA. Today, NAFSA has 8,000 members in over 70 nations and is the world's largest association of international educators working in the non-profit sector and on college campuses in all 50 states. ☉

Help Us Find Early New York Lost Lislors!

by Shirley Lake

We continue to search for Lislors for whom we have no address, starting with participants in the earlier units. If you have information about any of these people, please send it to the Lisle office, or contact Shirley Lake, 738 Western Ave., Madison, WI, 53711, 608/238-1647, slake@execpc.com.

NY-38: Jacqueline Juhl, Robert Ahier, Efraim Hernandez, Margaret Henry, Josephine Faulkner, Margaret W. Evans, Mary Louise English, William R. Andrew, Hessam Ghaffari, George & Mrs. Shultzabarger, Clara Riggs, Pei-Chang Plew, William W. Parkinson, Ray Carlton Jones, Mary Cary Rudes, Samuel & Mrs. Moss, Henry & Ella Mitchell, Mary Miroff, Abra Norton, Aleta Logan, Lucy Rose Lee, Lucy Young, Anton K. Kolthoff, Tseh Liang Kwan, ☉

Bed & Breakfast Update

by Chris Coons

A "Directory and Guidelines for the Lisle B&B" handbook will be available at the Annual meeting. We have more than 50 names of Lislors willing to host and/or be participants—listings reach across the US, also Austria, Denmark and Germany!

The concept of the Lisle B&B is to network with other Lislors as you travel, staying a maximum of two nights (or host's discretion) and write a check to Lisle, Inc. for the opportunity! Please give your host a two week's notice.

Many thanks to all who have indicated interest; we are confirming addresses, telephone and e-mail information. I will gladly check for a listing of a Lisle's name in the area you plan to visit.

Contact me via: Phone: 925-284-7386; E-mail: chriscoons@aol.com or write: 3960 North Peardale Drive Lafayette, CA 94549. ☉



LISLE NETWORK NEWS

After 10 years as a widow, **Mary Anne Hirsch** (CO-49, 50; DEN-51), Sacramento, CA, has remarried, to Dale Steeg, keeping her own name. Sadly, she also reports that **Lucy Washington** (NY-48), Jamestown, NC, lost both her husband and a son spring of 1997. We extend our sympathy to Lucy.

Frances Bigelow (NY & CO-48, CO-61), Sun City, AZ, has been retired since 1979 and very active until cancer "hit" her in 1988. Although she was in complete remission for two years, the condition has required eight major surgeries to replace her esophagus. She tries to help others, and her house is open to Bed and Breakfast visitors.

Carol Hansen, (INDIA-98) who moved to Madison after retirement as administrator for the Association for Asian Studies in Ann Arbor and is employed half-time by the Global Studies Program at the Univ. of WI-Madison, attended the annual meeting last October and became a Lisle. Especially interested in India, she participated in and helped organize and recruit for the 1998 Lisle program there with Sharada Nayak.

Gelvin Stevenson (DEN-66, CA-67), NYC, reports that the latest book by his wife **Clara Rodriguez** (COLUMBIA-66, CA-67), *Latin Looks: Images of Latinas and Latinos in the US Media*, Westview Press (a division of HarperCollins), was just published. This work by Clara, Professor of Sociology at Fordham Univ. at Lincoln Center, has been praised by the Chicago Tribune and the Screen Actors Guild. Gelvin also reports: "...we do have a vacation home in Puerto Rico that we rent out. If any Lislers rented it, we would be glad to contribute 40% of the rental to Lisle." Phone: 718/863-4156; E-mail: GelvinStevenson@compuserve.com.

Avalon Krukin (NY & CO-45; DC-54), NYC, tutors elementary school students in reading and high school stu-

dents in social studies. He is also involved in student dispute resolution, local politics and national issues.

David Shaw (CO-48; CO-64), retired Methodist minister in Kerrville, TX, reports the death in a car crash last August of his friend Sergey Agapov. A high school teacher in Vologda, Russia, in 1994, Sergey was engaged as the team interpreter when David and a group of ministers were the first Methodists to visit there. As a result of this contact, Sergey earned a license to be a lay pastor, became active religiously, and started the only Protestant church in the city with its own facility. Sergey and the church became involved in a number of religious interactions and exchanges with Americans. David asks for prayers for Sergey's family and for his struggling church.

Jerry Storm (DC-68 and former Board member), Machias, ME, is active in Friends (Quaker) meetings at the local, state and New England levels; tutors in a local correctional facility; is on a town board; and does other volunteer work from time to time.

Joanna Strosnider Nesselroad (CO-45), Morgantown, WV, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary July 3, 1997. She also was honored as outstanding alumnae by the West Virginia Univ. College of Agriculture, Forestry, Family and Consumer Science. Further comments: "Caring: children, grandchildren, siblings, friends. Many friends and colleagues have died this year. Gardening, sharing, canning, preserving." She is active in the United Methodist Church.

Wally Allen (DEN-54), Tucson, AZ, sends "best wishes to one and all."

Joyce Hardin (CO-46, NY-47, FAM-56, 61, ELDER HOSTEL-90, 91, BALI-92, OK-93, former Board member) sends word that husband Fred continues to improve after his stroke in May.

Beth Bader Gilson (DEN-75) writes that she and her husband Stephen "live a full and hectic life in Richmond. I continue to work at Virginia Commonwealth Univ. and will begin in January to finish my Ph.D. Our son Chris, 24, is finally allowing us to experience what it's like to have an 'empty nest'. He's on his own!"

Leslie Brockelbank (CA-43, CO-55, Jamaica-56), Eugene, OR, states that "my Lisle experiences were very powerful and continue to be meaningful in my life."

Ruth Ingeborg Fuss (CA-54, GERMANY-55), Venice, FL, is rewriting her translation of Jorg Muller's *Gottist Anders* and taking care of her 96-year-old mother. "Best times the guest apt is available in this SW FL Retirement Center, Inc. Village on the Isle, is after the snow bird season... During those times it is still 'comfortable' weather because we are near the Gulf breezes. We also have relatives nearby in winter months...who would benefit from hosting Lisle internationals, seeing & experiencing, as was, and is, so valuable to me, the interaction of cultures and 'divergent views' and cooking skills & life-style & learning & faith's hope & Life!"

Richard (DC-54) and Betsy Scott, Salem, OR, "continue to be actively involved in our tour operation, Attraction Tours, but are looking forward to some more free time to participate in a Lisle Unit."

Eleanor Switzer (CO-44), Yellow Springs, OH, at 82 is "in fine health, but on very limited income, and busy with so many local church and Christian evangelical programs, as well as keeping a house with two somewhat handicapped housemates." Reading about Lisle's growth reminded her of the early days at Lisle, NY, with the Baldwins and their Cornell classmates.

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Carol Jean Stifler (CO-42), Cromwell, CT, writes that she turned 80 in 1997. "Lisle still the greatest effect on my life experience!"

Sophia "Holley" Ellis (GERMANY-55,-56,57; USSR-56 former Board member), Detroit, MI, reports that "21 Nov. 1997 in Nashville TN at annual ACTFL conference (Amer. Council Teaching of Foreign Languages), Goethe Institute and Amer. Assoc. of Teachers of German bestowed upon me the Certificate of Merit for outstanding achievements in furthering the teaching at all levels in the USA."

Laurence (Larry) (CO-41, 42), and **Virginia (Ginny)** (CO-44) **Judd**, Jacksonville, IL, report: "Fraternal workers loaned by the United Presbyterian Church, USA, to the (United) Church of Christ in Thailand, 1948-1970. Larry is Chair of the Environmental Committee of the Jacksonville Rotary Club, and is now engaged in local tree maintenance and improvement project with 50+ other local groups as co-sponsors."

Charles Cicerale (India-89), Raritan, NJ, writes that he hopes to travel with Lisle in 98.

Lois Schuld (CO-46, Family Camp-56), Madison, OH, writes: "Have discovered Elderhostel. Try to attend at least one or two a year."

Marna Feldt, (CO-56, JAMAICA-57, Exec. Sec. 56-57), Red Bank, NJ, retired mid-1996 after 30 years as Information Officer for the Swedish Information Service.

John Snell (NY-37), E. Lansing, MI, has published a book, *Toward a Better World*, an autobiographical account of his long and adventurous life as a "missionary" engineer. "With over five million air miles into 100 countries, these forty-four, true stories are a compelling witness of God's power and provision." It can be ordered at 800/917-BOOK. John and Florence, at 85 and 86, keep busy and are doing well.

Boardman (Bo) Drobish (CO-47, CA-50, CA-51), Marysville, CA, writes: "I'm very concerned with social & politi-

cal affairs. I describe myself as a retired hill farmer who is very active physically, but having difficulty with paper work. I'm nearing the end of my 3rd 4-year term on our local irrigation district Board and considering whether to run for re-election."

Mary and Bob Weaver (NY 38), Cincinnati, OH, write that they live in a retirement community. "Mary is now President of the Residents' Council, Bob is a full time volunteer. Both are retired ministers of the United Methodist Church. 3 of 4 children participated in Lisle Units."

Carolyn Dougall (DC-62, 64), Knoxville, TN, visited with **Chris & Dean Coons** (CO-48, BALI-91, COSTA RICA-95, Board member), Lafayette, CA, in November when she worked for ETS in CA. "Enjoyed wonderful Calif. hospitality and great weather." (Ed. note: Board members were treated to a wonderful dinner at the Dougall home during their May, 1997, meetings in Knoxville.)

Alan Skvirsky (CA-58), Washington, DC, reports: "We have a B&B- 10% discount to all Lislers." FAX 202/332-3244.

Cora Belle Walburn Crane (CO-45), Palmdale, CA, writes that she is President of local Retired Teachers, Treasurer of Church Women, Counselor for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (for seniors, and active in the local Genealogy Society. **Norma Stephens** (Friend), Lemon Grove, CA, is continuing to tutor International Students in English at San Diego State University. She volunteers at the Lemon Grove Food Bank, and is Chair of Missions Social Action.

Nancy Kinney (Leader: MEX-91, OK-94, 95) writes: "Colorado Governor and Democratic Party National Chairman **Roy Romer** (NY-47) was heard on the Diane Rehm Show from WAMU in Washington, D.C. on National Public Radio on February 5, 1998. He was asked about all manner of issues: personal, state, national, party, and international. His answers, from his explanation about his year of theological school training in eth-

ics to his opinions about campaign finance reform, all could have come from Uncle Si [Baldwin] himself. Either they learned from the same teachers or they influenced each other in some ways that have persisted for the last fifty years."

Edith Ballard (CO-44, CA-52, DC-54), Baltimore, MD, is recovering after breaking her wrist last January. She writes that in her efforts to locate Lost Lislers, she reconnected with **Robertson Vaughn Smith** (CO-41), Edmond, OK. Vaughn sent her a long letter reminiscing that as a Central (now the Univ. of Central Oklahoma) freshman he attended the 1935 Volunteer Christian Student Conference, where the play *Ba Thane*, written by Edna Baldwin, was produced. He was impressed and attended a meeting called by DeWitt Baldwin to discuss a proposed international student summer fellowship. At SMU he became a good friend of **Jordan Mann** (NY-40) met the Baldwins again on several occasions, and ended up participating in the CO-41 unit. "Needless to say Lisle Colorado 1941 greatly influenced my life. Also with Uncle Si and five other students I climbed to the top of Long's Peak."

We wish to extend condolences to the Graham and Keys families: News has reached the Lisle office of the death August 6, 1997, of **James Graham** (CO 49), Fort Collins, CO, at home from complications due to brain cancer. Born in Akron in 1922, he earned a degree from the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison in 1950. Having participated in various service activities as a young adult, he had a career with the State Department until becoming a foreign student advisor and later director of foreign student services at Colorado State University. He spoke three foreign languages, was musical, and enjoyed many outdoor activities. He is survived by his wife Jane and four children.

Timothy Keys has notified the Lisle office of the death of his father, Rev. **William W. Keys II** (USSR-59, NY-41; CO-42,-43), "86 years young", on December 22, 1997, in Mitchellville, MD. In his earlier days, he was a longtime

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leader of international ecumenical youth activities in Europe, Latin America and the United States, and taught for almost a decade at several educational institutions. After being ordained in 1955, he served in various capacities as an Episcopal Priest. The obituary describes him as "a gentleman, an advocate for those in need, an indefatigable cleric." He first met Lisle founders Aunt Edna and Uncle Si Baldwin in Darjeeling, India, in the late 1930s, and in 1959 he led a Lisle group to Russia, and in his later years he was a generous contributor to Lisle. He is survived by four children and five grandchildren.

Board Members Marty Tillman and Walt Ligon heard recently from **Doug Coutts** (DC-77), who is moving on after serving as United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator and World Food Program Representative in DPRK, the remote capital of North Korea. Managing the massive relief program there required long work hours and the year's separation from his family, which remained in the States. He reports that although the program has brought some relief, long-term solutions to the problems will have to be worked out by the North Koreans. Previously Doug has worked for the U.N. in Rome, Namibia and NYC. Marty had brought Doug into the 1972 D.C. Lisle unit and describes him as a very committed international servant.

Board Member **Earl W. Downing** was elected President of the Plymouth Community Chorus to serve for 2 years. The chorus is made up of 125 singers from communities around Plymouth. They produce two major concert seasons, Spring and Christmas featuring contemporary music that is refreshing and relaxing. Music scholarships are provided to high school students to advance their interest in vocal music. The choir is reaching its 25th anniversary year. Earl has sung with them since 1973.

In addition to his interest in music, Earl also leads Volunteer in Mission groups to Poland, in connection with the Polish United Methodist Church. They held a Christian English Camp 1997 and one in

1998. Two camps are planned for 1999. Volunteers pay their own fares of \$1900 and work with groups of Polish adolescents to expand their knowledge and use of English. A variety of faiths are represented on the teams (Unitarian, Lutheran, Catholic). Earl feels that it is a great experience to work with the youth of Poland. He can be reached at: 3422 W. Hilton Est., Brighton, MI 48114 (810) 227-721

Dorothy Guyot (GER-58), wrote saying: "New beginnings abound for the concept that I have been working on, that Asians and Americans study together in a liberal arts program to learn how to live thoughtfully and work effectively in Asian and Western societies, Thanks to T.C. Hsu, the President of the Starr Foundation, the group has incorporated as the Asian and Western Studies Initiative and received a generous grant from Starr. Now I am consulting with Carlton College faculty members in exploring how to design a program that would fit the ethos of the college." You may contact Dorothy at 124 Maple Street, Leona, NJ 07605-1918 (201) 346-1711; Fax: (201) 346-1733.

Suzanne Brooks (CR 96) has been working with the members of the "Campus and Community Coalition for Equity and Justice in Higher Education. That group initiated a grassroots campaign to make California political leaders accountable to all segments of the community, especially to those whose votes are so often sought at election time, but who are disregarded, ignored and disrespected the rest of the time. This campaign is intended to impact the 1998 California Primary, General Election and all elections hereafter. 🌐



Uncle Si's 100th Birthday

At the suggestion of Ana Maria de Jesus, Board Member and long-term support person for Uncle Si, a number of Lislers across the world joined together in the celebration of Uncle Si's 100th birthday on April 12 (Easter Sunday) by pausing for a minute at exactly 12:00 noon Eastern Time, each group or individual was asked to "thank God for his contribution to the effort to achieve world peace." 🌐

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The "Birthline" to submit articles for the Winter issue of *Interaction* is November 1, 1998.

We hope to learn more about you and your world!





Registration Form, Annual Board Meeting

Please detach and send by September 15, 1998 to:
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Name(s) _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Method of Travel: Car Plane Bus Train Best time to call _____

Arrival Time: _____ Flight # _____ Date _____ Time _____

Departure Time: _____ Flight # _____ Date _____ Time _____

I will need shuttle service to and from arrival location: Yes No

I will need transportation during the weekend's events: Yes No

I would like to reserve a bed space in a dorm cubicle for ____# of nights, beginning on (date) _____.

I would like to reserve camping space for ____# of nights, beginning on (date) _____. I will be bringing an RV Yes No

Any special housing needs? Yes (Please call in advance so we determine if we can meet your needs.)

All meals are organic, vegetarian and home-cooked! Served three times a day.

Do you have any special dietary needs we can accomodate? Please circle: Vegan Wheat-free

Other: _____ Food allergies: _____

If your diet requires meat, you may bring it and cook it in one of the other kitchens. (Our main kitchen is vegetarian.)

I am coming only for the Annual Meeting I am coming only for the Leadership Training I am coming only for one day: ____

I cannot attend, but am sending my proxy regarding the bylaws.

Registration @ \$30.00 per person: # of people _____ total amount \$ _____

Dorm room (meals included) @ \$35.00 per day: # of people _____ x .. # of days _____ total amount \$ _____

Camping (meals included) @ 25.00 per day # of people _____ x # of days _____ total amount \$ _____

Annual Meeting Scholarship Donation amount \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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We look forward to having you with us!



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Member..... \$35-\$74 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor..... \$1000 and above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Member.... \$75-\$149 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student.....\$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Member..... \$150-\$499 | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Member.\$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member..... \$500-\$999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Income (as you can) \$_____ |

Would you like information about either: including Lisle in your estate? making a memorial donation?

Does your employer match your contributions to a non-profit? Yes No

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Notes about your activities: _____

I wish to pay by: Check VISA Mastercard Credit card number/exp. date _____

Signature _____





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1998-99 Meetings

Board Meeting	October 1-2, 1998	Dexter, OR
Leadership Training	October 2-4, 1998	Dexter, OR
Board Meeting	January 28-31, 1999	Tempe, AZ
Board Meeting	April 30-May 2, 1999	Boston, MA
Ann. & Bd. Meeting	October 1-3 1999	Cincinnati, OH

1999 Programs

LOCATION	DATES	CONTACT
Costa Rica	March 5-21, 1999	<i>Lisle Inc.</i> 800-477-1538
India	July 15-August 8, 1999	<i>Lisle Inc.</i> 800-477-1538
Turkey	Summer 1999	<i>Lisle Inc.</i> 800-477-1538
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