



# Lisle Interaction

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## *Living and Learning in a Rural Balinese Village*

by Zann Jacobrown

Each evening, sitting together in our open-air living room, the fifteen Lisle Bali Program travelers listened to the ritual "Reading of the Day's Entry" in the group journal by that day's chosen scribe. Born on four continents spanning six decades, our group was united by a love for the arts. We also shared a desire to do something really different, and to endure some jettisoning of comfortable expectations for an authentic cultural experience.

On Phyllis' (new Lisle Board Member) day in August of 1997, she wrote: "I wanted adventure and I wanted exotic. I wanted weeks as different as possible from my comfortable, predictable, safe, suburban Boston corporate life. I slept last night in a one-room bungalow with a thatched roof and woven bamboo shutters held open to the soft air. From my bed, I see the rice fields in the valley below with the Bali Sea in the distance. Roosters crow, dogs bark, chickens cackle night and day. I hear the call to prayer from a nearby mosque. Once a motorbike roars up the dirt road. The wind through the palm fronds makes a dry crackling sound foreign to my northern ears. This is a noisy paradise."

This was not the Disneyworld Bali of the tourist places where one relaxes in swimming pools while being served fresh papaya juice by graceful Balinese wrapped in gold embroidered sarongs. Neither was it the long roads brimming with shops where one is constantly beseeched by hawkers to Buy! Buy! Buy! This was the Bali of a remote village, poor by our standards, small one-room buildings collected together around a dirt courtyard, bone-crushing bus rides in stripped down

miniature mini-vans. But it was also a Bali, rich by our standards, with smiling people calling hello as we passed, giving offerings to the gods that really matter, not just the god of money — and the arts everywhere.

The first time my husband Craig traveled to Bali he was a college student, with a passion to learn, and the name of a Balinese clown in his hand. He stayed for six months, dancing

the traditional clown dances in dirt courtyards and learning to carve the wooden clown masks. With his teacher, he ate rice with sambal, the very hot chili sauce, day and night. In 1995 we were approached by Lisle to explore a fresh approach for their Bali program. Bali had changed remarkably in the thirteen years since the program's beginnings. Together with our two sons, Tobin and Jonah, we stayed in Bali for four months, learning the language, studying the arts,



*The Bali Group*

and developing the program.

Craig's former dance teacher, Ida Bagus Rai, grown old but still an agile dancer, guided us to relatives in the remote village of Budakeling. Leaders of the town of about two hundred, especially Dayu Ketut Patmawati, a graceful dance teacher with an intelligent intensity in her eyes, dreamed of starting a cultural center, a place for Balinese as well as other lovers of Balinese arts. In a remote part of eastern Bali, near Tirtagangga, the Water Palace, Budakeling is an isolated town known locally for its artists. Home of families of musicians, dancers, and puppeteers, many of whom win coveted honors in Bali-wide competitions, most still perform for the love of it and for the many rituals and ceremonies that are the backbone

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of the traditional way of life.

Bali has one foot in a Third World subsistence existence made harsher by the collapse of the Indonesian economy, and one foot in the lucrative tourist trade. Many young people flee their homes to work in the big hotels in the tourist areas, and to support their families with the wages of Disneyworld Bali. For the arts of Bali to survive, there must be places like



*Balinese mother and her daughter*

Budakeling where children grow up with gamelan and dance entwined with their cultural roots, not sheared off and glitzed up to a tourist hotel show. Don't get me wrong, there is a place for the tourist show. I don't wish a Bali frozen in time, cut off from the world. It's just that there must be a place for the day-long trance dances too, and for the interminable and mesmerizing gamelan processions that accompany the ashes of the dead to the sea.

For places like Budakeling to survive, they must attract a different kind of traveler, one who truly wants to learn, one who has clear respect for the culture and way of life that nurtures the unique Balinese arts.

At this point, besides the yearly Lisle Bali Program, only a few students come to Budakeling to study. Still, the program that we have developed together with Dayu Ketut Patmawati and the other Budakeling artists, has demonstrated to the village what a cultural center might be. When the Lisle travelers come, the Balinese open their homes to the guests. Often the only non-Balinese in the village, we are greeted with exuberant friendliness and much curiosity. Students study gamelan with

Ida Made Jelantik, an innovative composer and gamelan leader. There are also lessons at the home of I Wayan Bajra, leader of a group of performers and instrument builders of the bamboo gamelan gerantang. In courtyards throughout the village, we study dancing, weaving, carving, silver smithing, painting, cooking, and even the art of Balinese Buddhist prayer.

As a life-long painter, I found it exhilarating to jump from one artistic discipline to another. In one day I found myself dancing (if you can call my attempts to perform the extremely precise and physically demanding traditional dances "dancing"), playing gerantang, and learning to warp a loom. For an American adult who thinks she has become accomplished at things, all these awkward public displays of inept-



*Balinese procession*

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ness, are gratefully followed by the constant realization that I am learning something new, and that all the arts really reflect and inform each other, and each dipping from the same well of pattern and grace.

When the Lisle Program comes to town, we commission public gamelan, dance, and shadow puppet performances for the whole community. These usually go well into the warm Balinese night, with hours of performances enjoyed in the relaxed Balinese style of talking, snacking and walking around during the slow parts, and staying riveted for the best parts. As Betsy, an avid traveler from Seattle wrote of a Joged performance:

“The dance performance felt like being a small part of a village event. It was a delight to watch the Balinese men who could participate fully in the dance and be so entertaining.”

We go during the month of August because so many



*Life and death are richly celebrated in Balinese culture.*



*Sogato, the Inspired Budakeling puppeteer, demonstrates his shadow puppets for us.*

ceremonies happen then, taking advantage of the breezes that cool the tropical heat. In 1997 we were invited to a cremation ceremony, perhaps the most elaborate of the life cycle holidays. There was no mistaking the urgency of the music of the gamelan procession and the running men carrying the gold tower in frantic twirling steps to the Temple of the Dead.

Lisle intercultural programs are an exception to the rule


of world travel programs. Although students and teachers can earn credit as part of their experience, it is too experiential, relaxed, and independent to be an international classroom. Although we visit some of the exciting sites of the country, we also grow roots in one place, enough to study and form friendships. We do participate in service projects, but more as a way to deepen our experience of the community and as a gesture of appreciation, rather than as international volunteers. We are committed to sharing our personal reflections with each other, to agreeing to courses of action as a group; but we are also very committed to respecting each individual's passions and time for personal reflection and the ability of independent adults to chart their own individualized emphasis within the program's vision. Unlike many programs with clear age limits, we purposefully appeal to multi-generational participants, including students, families, and elders, often coming from different parts of the world.

The program's uniqueness comes from Lisle's origins. Begun in 1936 in the looming shadow of World War II, the founders envisioned programs that would open minds to other cultures and other individuals, and create the possibility of a peaceful world. For over sixty years, Lisle has sponsored hundreds of intercultural programs worldwide. Lisle leaders are all volunteers, motivated to providing quality intercultural experiences for others because their own lives have been so enriched by travel.



*Balinese grandmother with child*

Craig and I have used our passion for Balinese arts to develop a program for other artists, from experienced gamelan members to dilettantes, from artists of all disciplines wanting to recharge their batteries, to arts lovers who want to dabble and play. We welcome families with children because our time in Bali has been invaluable for our sons and our relationship as a family. The Budakeling Arts Center, in its infancy, offers a chance to experience the arts in the heart of a small community for whom the arts are intimately interwoven with spiritual expression, community entertainment, individual creativity, and religious ritual.

For information on the upcoming Bali trip, contact: Zann and Craig Jacobrown, Co-Leaders, PO Box 421, Indianola, WA 98342, USA. E-mail: [zjacobro@krl.org](mailto:zjacobro@krl.org). Phone: (360) 297-4160 or Lisle Office: (800) 477-1538. 





# President's Message

The greatest advantage to being President of Lisle is getting mail and notes from alumni. I thoroughly enjoy the reminiscences and words of encouragement and I never cease to marvel at the impact Lisle has had on so many lives and the truly exceptional people that we can count as members.

I received a wonderful long letter from Eva Renate Reich in which she recounts her Colorado 1941 experiences. "The 1941 Lisle experience was formative for my whole life: it converted me to faith (without denomination). It taught me about America, the West and was the reason I led a nonprofit life." She went on to recount her life adventures and achievements and she is a truly excellent role model.

I enjoyed a letter from Henry Gomez who is trying to reach Hazel Leler — their families were united at the 1957 Family Camp and he hopes to get the film taken at that time. I called Hazel to give her Henry's phone number and had a delightful conversation. Hazel is writing a book and then hopes to join us on one of our Lisle Bali trips in the next few years.

Edith Ballard continues to be a hub of alumni contacts as she tries to find "Lost Lislere's" and double check our mailing list. We are pleased to have Edith and her sister, Norma Stephens, attending the Costa Rica trip going on now so they can train a whole new batch of Lisle alumni. This is their first international program.

Orion Six wrote three pages about his 1950 California program. I wish we could print these letter in full for everyone but we are filing them in our archives. Did you read in the Executive Director's report that the University of Toledo library has agreed to archive our 60 years of records? Maybe, one day, you can stop by and look at the pictures and read your application and evaluation of your very first Lisle trip.

Johnnie Miller, a one-time secretary for Lisle, sent some old photographs and brochures to a Board meeting which we are adding to the archives and she had many words of wisdom for Lane Winnett, our current Lisle secretary. We also received correspondence from another executive secretary for Lisle, Marna Feldt. Her comments struck a bell with me, although I've only been on the board for 3 years — sometimes it seems that Lisle moves slowly but we do keep moving and growing. Marna said, in response to the change in the Bylaws voted on at the October 1998 meeting: "To someone who in the 50's was fighting to have the word "Fellowship" removed from the name, I take enormous satisfaction that now, 40 years later, the Board has finally acted on this. I would like to have back all the time I spent in the Lisle office explaining by phone and letter, even to the persons calling or writing from such distant places as the Far East, that Lisle did not give grants for study in the U.S. But the old salutation, "In fellowship" still prevails, Marna Feldt." 🌐

*"In fellowship"*

Barb Bratton



**Barbara Bratton, President**

## *Saints Be With Us!*

There are many folks who, over the years, have made tremendous contributions to the ongoing progress and success of the Lisle. We thank each and every one of you helpful souls. But what we can't figure out is why more of you angels haven't been nominated into Lisle Sainthood? Back in the Fall of 1997, Walt Ligon initiated the idea of Lisle Saints. In the time since, just four Lislere's have received this honor.

How about nominating some more? All you have to do is write a statement about the person(s) you wish to honor in this way; include information about how you know them, and what their efforts have been. Enclose a check for \$50 and send your nomination into the Texas office. Be sure to designate what program you want to support in this way. 🌐



# *Executive Director's Report*

**L**isle continues to move forward. The Board of Directors is doing really good work in developing Leadership Training opportunities and a process for ensuring well qualified and trained leaders for this year and the years to come. The Lisle office in Texas is doing a really nice job assisting in filling the Costa Rica program, generating interest in Bali and India, as well as handling the mail and email requests and memberships. The TX office continues to put out reams of mailings, having taken over the bulk mailing responsibilities as of this fall. Mail continues to arrive at both the TX and Temperance locations, with little sign of let up at the MI office. Telephone requests in MI do seem to be letting up.

During this last quarter there have been several efforts which are moving us forward.

I have spent some time working to complete several financial tasks. I am happy to report that we have decided to close the bank account in Japan which held funds left from our two Japanese programs, and that Chandra Oshima has mailed to me a check for approximately \$2500 which is the proceeds of converting the currency. Those moneys had been left in Japan because of the hope that we would once again do a Japan program and that the dollar would lose value against the Yen.

I have also arranged to get payment from the UT account to pay the program fee for Merka Martin. She was the Americorp student who went to CR last year. Those funds should come to the TX office in about three weeks. I have also written again to Korean Air requesting that they finalize the agreement they offered last year so that we can complete the transaction. At this time I have not heard back and am planning to re-contact them to spur on some action.

Visit the Lisle Homepage at [www.lisle.utoledo.edu](http://www.lisle.utoledo.edu). See page 17, "Lisle Updates Its Homepage" for more details. The website is, of course, always a work in progress. I know that several of you have submitted parts for revisions which are not yet implemented, and I acknowledge that. They are being worked on.

I am really pleased with the work that the team going to CR has done. They logged in many hours conversing, making telephone calls, connecting in real time over the internet, and emailing prospective participants. The result is a well planned and vibrant, though small, group which is now in Costa Rica. Kristin Currin is leading this year's program, with able support from John Kachuba and Lisa Korpela.

The Bali and India programs are filling up, but there are still spaces available. If you are interested in participating, please call the Lisle office.



***Dr. Mark B. Kinney***  
***Executive Director***

The most exciting news is that the University of Toledo Carlson Library has accepted the archiving of the Lisle historic files. Plans were to go to Solon, OH on January 7th to pick them up along with a staff person from the library in one of their trucks. I think this may provide a repository for not only the files but also the films and other historic records of Lisle. Whew, what a relief.

I am seriously considering retiring from my full time position at the University of Toledo, effective January, 2000. I have not yet given final notice, but the chances keep going up that I will do so. Should I decide to, it most likely will free some additional time for me to spend on Lisle, and will open up the possibility for me to lead units once again, and to plan new programs and ventures for Lisle. On the other hand, there are some connections with UT which will be hard to keep alive once I retire, so we will have to develop alternative ways of producing brochures, etc. Nancy is very supportive of this move at this time. She wants to continue to teach for 6-8 more years in the Ann Arbor area, so perhaps we will move closer to her work after I retire.

Nancy and I have taken some steps toward retirement, including beginning to buy retirement years into the Ohio system for previous employment in Maine; buying vacation/retirement property in northern MI, and making plans to store our sailboat there during the winters; beginning discussions of building a home/camp on the new property; and doing a job search for a part time position international/intercultural education in the southern MI area. 🌐

**Mark Kinney**



## Leadership Training Progresses!

A long term goal has been moved a giant step forward — we've held our first Leadership Training to provide ongoing Lisle programs with trained and enthusiastic leaders and to provide enthusiastic alumni with a place to grow and serve within Lisle. October 1-4, 1998 was the Annual Meeting in Dexter, Oregon — at Lost Valley Educational Center. The Board completed it's work and was able to join potential leaders with a kick-off banquet Friday night. Speaking for the decade when everyone first attended a Lisle program, we had a wonderful evening of storytelling, capped off with recognition of Board members ending their terms: Ken Cowing, Chris Coons, Karen Mangle-Swam, Ana Maria De Jesus, Dianne Koop and Walt Ligon. In recognition of untold (about 50) years on the Board, Walt was the third person in Lisle's history to be awarded Board Emeritus status.

Thirty-six eager students attended the three day training led by Ken Cowing and Mark Kinney with input from Darwin Holder, Barbara Bratton, Dianne Brause, Earl Downing and anyone else with something to say. We rehearsed problem solving, program planning, consensus decision making and had some time for "nuts and bolts". A 115-page training manual was completed for all participants with all the

forms, health warnings and to-do lists necessary to understand and lead a Lisle program, nationally or internationally.

The general evaluation after the program was that it was informative and energizing and TOO MUCH was jammed into TOO LITTLE time. We are arranging a three day, rather than two day, training for next time. Spirits



*Leadership trainees at Lost Valley Center, October 1998.*

were high by the end of the training and everyone wanted to lead the very next trip. The plan is that all leaders will have attended at least one Lisle program as a participant. Then they can go on a program as a Leader-in-Training for 1/2 fare and act as general go-fer for the co-leaders. Every program will have two co-leaders, one of whom will be familiar with the country and language and the other acting as backup. Each leadership team will split up the allocated workload for each program in order to provide better programming and less leader burn-out.

Our first three trainees went out with the Costa Rica program — Kristin Currin (Costa Rica 98), John Kachuba and Liisa Korpela. Sharada Nayak (California 54, Turkey, 97 & India, 98) and Vickie Martin (Bali 93) will co-lead India 99; Leyla Welkin (Uganda, 94, Turkey, 98) is leading the Turkey Student program in Seattle this Summer, 1999. We still have enthusiastic, trained people ready to be assigned for the 2000 Programs!

The next leadership training is tentatively scheduled near Cincinnati, Ohio during the October, 1999 Annual Meeting. We already have a list of potential candidates to join us in this training, but if you are interested, don't hesitate to call us at the office 1-800-477-1538. 🌐

## Annual Evaluation of Board of Directors

The Board is continually working to insure that Lisle is governed effectively, that our assets are managed wisely, and above all, that we offer high quality intercultural programs around the world. The following summarizes findings from the Board's written self-evaluation completed at the Annual Meeting at Lost Valley Educational Center in Dexter, Oregon, October 2- 4, 1998.

Board members are most satisfied with: level of understanding of Lisle's philosophy; progress at meetings; evaluation of the Executive Director; level of engagement by Board members; and way Lisle is represented to the community. A majority of Board members were generally satisfied about: overall structure of the Board; goals and policy forms; their engagement in fundraising; overall monitoring of organization; and the composition of the Board.

The highest number of respondents identified the following areas as needing improvement:

1. Diversity of Board members and unit leaders.
2. Program training, development and vision.
3. Board-Executive Director functions/roles. 🌐

## Board Search

The Board is engaged in an ongoing effort to identify alumni and/or their friends interested in serving a three year term on the Board. We are always seeking diversity and especially persons with demonstrated skills in fundraising, non-profit governance, and marketing. If you are interested, contact: Marty Tillman, Chair, Board Development Committee, 2400 41st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007, email: [mjtillman@worldnet.att.com](mailto:mjtillman@worldnet.att.com), or call: (202) 338-8654. 🌐





## Annual Evaluation of the Executive Director

This is a summary of comments by the Board, of Mark Kinney's performance as our part-time, and unsalaried, Executive Director (ED) for the 1997-98 program year. The Nominations & Operations Committee reviewed and approved this report for presentation to the full Board. Mark reviewed the report and was given an opportunity to comment on its contents. This evaluation is based on a set of duties and responsibilities, approved by the Board in 1994. However, the role of the ED is in transition due to our developing a Lisle office in Leander, Texas. In 1998, for the first time, certain program duties came under the purview of the Texas office. The President, Executive Director and the Board are currently reviewing the ED job description so it more accurately reflects the Board's expectations of the ED for the coming year.

The purpose of an annual evaluation is to foster and support dialogue between the ED and the Board with continual feedback for good decision-making, mutual understanding, and high performance.

Members rated the ED's performance in the areas of: Communication, Program, Finance, Office Management, and General Attributes. Board members were very pleased with Mark's overall performance. The following quotes are illustrative of the high regard in which the Board holds Mark:

"Shares his strong commitment to Lisle in his attitude about the organization."

"Writes well and has computer skills."

"ED and Board need to have a clear-cut set of expectations and achievable goals for the next year."

"Good communications at Board meetings; interim communications need improvement."

"Is great at keeping expenses down."

Mark, thanks for all the conscientious and effective work you do for us! 🌐



*Saturday night out in Phoenix! Hot food and great conversation was had by all at the January Board Meeting. Barbara Holder, Darwin Holder, Sr., Sharad Nayack, Ann Hardt, Betty Ligon, John Findley, Phyllis Beck, Barbara Bratton, Judy Brown, Judy Morrow, Ann-Rose Heck, Gail Bier, Jack Brown, and Dianne Brause were among the revelers.*

## New Board Members Welcomed

The Board is very pleased to welcome the following new members to the 21st Century Class of 2001:

**Phyllis Beck.** Lives in Needham, MA. Lisle 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.

**Leyla Welkin.** Lives in Olympia, WA. Lisle in units to Uganda ('94) and Turkey ('98). She is a mental health therapist, college teacher and corporate consultant/trainer. Experienced working with individuals, families and groups. An effective group facilitator and experienced non-profit administrator. Leyla is mother of two adolescent boys and is an avid cultural adventurer, having started traveling as a child (with her parents, Jack & Judy Brown). Leyla hopes that "serving on the Lisle Board will be a way to support the development of opportunities for many people from many places to increase their cultural understanding and flexibility"—which are tools that she has found invaluable in her life

**Judy Morrow.** An expert in financial analysis, with a prestigious firm, Judy comes to us from Texas. She is a friend of Barbara Bratton and although she is totally new to Lisle it is clear from her interaction at the January Board meeting that she already has "the Lisle Spirit!"

**John Kachuba & Mary Newman.** John is a journalist and Mary is a city councilor. They live in Loveland, Ohio and will be hosting our Annual Meeting next October. Mary attended the first Lisle Costa Rica trip in 1995 and John is currently acting as Co-Leader on this year's Costa Rica trip. 🌐



## Reflections of an Old, Very Old, Board Member

by Betty Ligon



I didn't want to go to the Board meeting in January. Walt was just starting radiation treatments for lymphoma—now finished and all is well—and I wanted to be with him, though knowing that he was perfectly well able to do without me for a long weekend. So I arrived at the Cook Indian School not wanting to be there. That feeling lessened as other Board members arrived, both old and new. The

next day, sitting around the meeting tables, I suddenly registered a sense of contentment.

I looked around the room. What had happened was that I was in the midst of old friends, caring people, and dedicated Board members. Over the years the Board has become increasingly cohesive. With almost no paid help, Board members have taken on committee responsibilities that have moved Lisle forward in a perceptible way to successful programs, leadership training, and financial accountability. This continued growth has taken place even as Board leadership moved from me to Barbara Bratton, a relative newcomer to Lisle, and the Board itself added new faces and lost valued old ones. Only a handful of those in attendance at Tempe four years ago were there, yet we managed to maintain progress, continuity, and perhaps most important of all, fellowship.

As I write now, a month after the meeting, I recognize that we will have to work hard to maintain this high level of fellowship and growth. There are and will continue to be tensions between the old and new, the bold and the cautious, the patient and the impatient. There will be glitches. We may get pissed off at each other. The last Board meeting convinced me that the Lisle Board has the wisdom and honesty to maintain itself at the level which impressed me as I participated in the meetings. I enjoyed being an old Board member.

Walt has had his last radiation treatment and feels fine as he has all along. He is not often remiss but we are hoping for a long remission. (See pg. 11 for an update on Walt, by Walt himself.) 🌐

## May Board Meeting

by Dianne Brause

This Spring's Lisle Board Meeting will be held at a wonderful Lisle-like facility. The Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange and Global Mission was historically related to the United Church of Christ. It is a "place of hospitality enabling all who sojourn here to explore and develop their gifts for mission...it is intergenerational, multi-cultural and diverse in its ecumenicity and life style. About thirty international theological students mingle there in vital community with several other U.S. seminary students, missionaries, residents as well as Walker Center Conference guests." (This Spring they are hosting, along with Partners in Mission, two mission-evangelists from Costa Rica.)

We will stay in the Center's historic buildings with a choice of single or double rooms and shared baths. Breakfast comes with the cost of the rooms (\$40/\$25 per night) and generally we will eat meals in their dining hall. The Center is conveniently located less than 1/2 mile from the Riverside terminus of the "T" (Green Line of the famous MBTA subway) which makes connection into downtown Boston and even the airport easy! It is also a stop for Amtrak Trains and major bus lines. If driving, the Walker Center is also conveniently located near the intersection of Route 95/128 and the Mass Turnpike. Their office number is: (617) 969-3919, Fax: (617) 244-0690 and the emergency # is: (617) 786-9686. Their address: 114 Hancock Street, Auburndale, MA 02166.

Please call the Lisle office for a copy of the map and precise directions—if you do not have your green copy given out at the Tempe Board Meeting. \*If you are not a Board Member, remember that you are welcome to any and all of our meetings and social gatherings. Please invite your New England friends to join us and learn more about Lisle!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS NOW—to Lane Winnett at the TX office. (See pg. 23 for the registration form.) Or for more information about Boston contact our new hosting Board Member Phillis Beck. Phone: (617) 449-3675 or E-mail: [pbeck@gis.net](mailto:pbeck@gis.net). She is very knowledgeable about all the wonderful things to do in and around Boston, as you can see when you read the article on the next page. On Saturday afternoon, we will likely choose to do one or more of the activities listed in the accompanying article, in small or larger groups. 🌐





# Things to Do In and Around Boston

by Phyllis Beck

Most of the excursions we can take on Saturday afternoon can be done using public transportation. Enjoy reading the descriptions below, and think about which ones you may wish to do. Boston in the Spring is beautiful!

**Freedom Trail.** A 3-mile tour (walking) of the sites of the American Revolution, the Freedom Trail is a crash course in history. We begin the tour at the Boston Common and end at the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown.

**Lexington and Concord.** "...where once the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world." Thoreau's Walden Pond and cabin are in Concord. (Need car)

**Beacon Street.** One of the city's most famous thoroughfares, from the magnificent State House to the stately patrician mansions, the street is lined with architectural treasures.

**Boston Common.** The oldest public park in the United States, dating from 1634, the Common contains such intriguing sights as the Central Burying Ground, the final resting place of Tories and Patriots, as well as many British casualties of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

**Faneuil Hall.** Erected in 1742 to serve as a place for town meetings and a public market. Inside are the great mural Webster's Reply to Hayne, Gilbert Stuart's portrait of Washington at Dorchester Heights, and, on the top floors, the headquarters and museum of the oldest militia in the nation (1638).

**Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.** This Venetian palazzo and the art it contains stand as a monument to one woman's extraordinary taste.

**Museum of Fine Arts** with holdings of American art by John Singleton Copley, Colonial Boston's most celebrated portraitist; plus major paintings by Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, and Edward Hopper plus a collection of French Impressionists — 38 Monets and renowned collections of Asian, Egyptian, and Nubian art.

**Old North Church.** This church is famous not only for its status as the oldest in Boston (1723) but also for the two lanterns that glimmered from its steeple on the night of April 18, 1775.

**Public Garden.** The Public Garden, the oldest botanical garden in the U.S. with its pond, famous since 1877 for its foot pedal-powered swan boats and the *Make Way for Ducklings* bronze statues of Mrs. Mallard's pack — made famous in the 1941 classic children's story.

**State House.** Charles Bulfinch's magnificent State House, one of the greatest works of classical architecture in America. The dome is sheathed in copper from the foundry of Paul Revere.

**USS Constitution.** Better known as "Old Ironsides," is docked at the Charlestown Navy Yard. The oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. fleet, it's a battlewagon of the old school, of the days of "wooden ships and iron men" — in the War of 1812.

**Cambridge** across the Charles River. Harvard, Radcliffe, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Emerson, Boston College, and many others form the learning capital of America, and Harvard Square is the place to start with the Harvard Coop, Computer Cafe and university museums on the Harvard campus. 🌐

## Do You Still Want to Receive Interaction?

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Also, it is possible that we will be going to a regular 2 per year schedule (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 for contact info). Thanks for your ongoing support to Lisle. It is greatly appreciated! 🌐



## Support Lisle's Future!

Many of you keep in touch, donate money, update your memberships, contribute news and views to Interaction. You also provide scholarship funds, and generally make your caring for lisle known in ways that keep it a viable and growing organization.

We invite you to protect Lisle's future in another way: that of remembering Lisle in your will, or making a memorial in the name of a beloved one. If you feel that either of these two options are attractive, please contact the Texas office for details. We appreciate your invaluable support! 🌐



## January Visioning Session Who Does Lisle Serve?

by Zann Jacobrown

Who does Lisle serve? When Lisle began 64 years ago, the answer was simple: college students. In the interim, many organizations have sprung up who provide high quality international programs for college students. Now, as we turn the millennial corner, should Lisle continue to make students our number one priority, or should we look in other directions?

This brings us up to our Visioning Session in the January Lisle Board Meeting in Tempe. In a short amount of time, the attendees had come up with a blackboard full of people Lisle could serve. After the chalk dust had cleared, the top three priorities were:

1. All Ages/ Multi-Generational — people wanting a mixed-aged program
2. Host Communities — partnerships with the communities who host our programs
3. Students — both international and US

Later that evening, Lislers gathered to brainstorm ways to serve these three groups. Innovative thoughts sparked other ideas. Several people reported that there was a real need for intercultural programs for families like Lisle's Bali unit and others. Others proposed a "Grandparents International Camp", a way for grandparents and other elders to offer children a mind-opening experience that would bring them all closer together. For a more affordable program, a near-at-hand "Family Camp" was also suggested.

In order for Lisle to be a long-term partner with a host community, we must work to sustain our successful programs over a long period of time. Leaders-in-Training and bi-national leadership of programs, leaders from the US and from the host country, were deemed important to making this a reality. It was suggested that we ask our host community for projects they are committed to, and find ways for Lisle to help with energy, expertise or funds. Early Lisle programs had benefited immensely from developing roots in a community, and there was a lot of excitement about rekindling this direction.

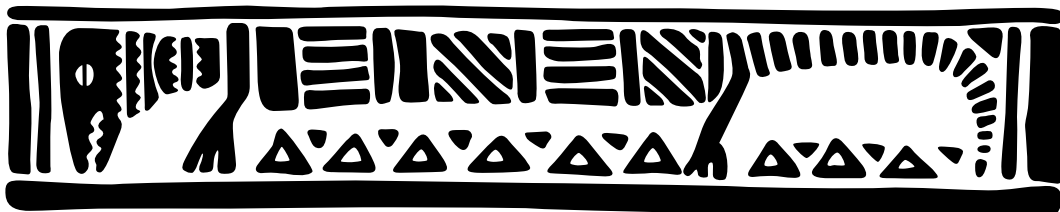
The third group we prioritized serving, Students, is a group we already know a lot about. In order for Lisle to have the resources to reach the new groups, it was suggested that we narrow our recruitment of students by establishing relationships with a smaller number of schools with a known commitment to Lisle-like values. That way we could spend more energy and funds developing programs, and recruiting for the multi-generational and host community groups.

It was an invigorating discussion that helped Lisle clarify our new direction. If you have any ideas or comments, drop us a letter or an e-mail at [lisle@utnet.utoledo.edu](mailto:lisle@utnet.utoledo.edu). We'd love to hear from you. 🌐

## Grace Predicts Si's Next Incarnation

by Patty Aranaga-Hill

On the way home from buying her new booster seat for the car ("Just like Jessa's!"), Rose said "I want a new car just like Jessa's too!" "Well, maybe if we have another baby sometime, then we can get a new car, just like Jessa's." "Mommy, I like Baby Gracie." "I like Gracie too. We'll keep her. But do you want another baby too, another brother or a sister?" "I like another brother or sister. We can name the baby 'Si'." The name startled me. "What did you say, sweetheart?" "We can name the baby 'Si'. Grace talked to Si." I was having a little difficulty keeping my eyes on the road and breathing at the same time. The only time I remember having such a conversation was just over a year ago, when Rose had just turned two, and we asked her what we should name the baby that was in my tummy. We went through a list of boy names, and the only one she got excited about was "Si". But that was a third of her lifetime (o.k., THIS lifetime) ago. I had to find out—"You mean you talked to Si, honey?" "No, Gracie talked to Si!" "And what did she say to him?" Now I was holding my breath. "She said, 'Go away and come again another day!'" I just missed having an accident. I almost drove the car off the road, too. We were, by the way, just driving into the township where Uncle Si (Lisle's founder) was born, just over 100 years ago. 🌐



## Marching Forth into Health and Wellness

*“For those of you who had trouble figuring out how March 4th is the most progressive day of the year, here is another hint. Think of March as a verb. If you need more hints, let me know.” —Shirley Lake*

This page is a tribute to three of the Lislers that we know of who have been facing the ups and downs of cancer treatments with a strong commitment to “marching forth” into a life of fullness and zest. Our love and support continues to go with you as you travel your hearts’ paths.—Editor

Dear friends, would you believe...we went to the Clinic today, all psyched up for my last chemo, only to learn that my neutrophil count is too low- very low (230)—the lowest it has ever been. Since I have been feeling great and energized, the nurse thinks it must be from my sensitivity to drugs and the accumulative effect. Needless to say, we are very disappointed. And having the chemo next Thursday will make it harder to get up to the cabin the next day for the reunion with the young people. But I am determined to try to make it then. We plan to stay up there for two weeks.

The good news is that after I get done with the last chemo, there need be no more blood draws in connection with treatments, although I will need some for checking the INR because of the blood clot. The doctor will not be seeing me for another six weeks, at which time he will decide re: any further hormonal treatment. He thinks we have reached the goal of making the chances of non-recurrence 75-80% or better, and that may be enough. So there you have the current thinking, folks!

We are pleased to have worked out plans to go to Florida April 14th for two weeks. We will visit my brother in Gainesville for a week, and then travel on our own — two days at the Epcot Center, two at St. Augustine, and two exploring islands of the coast of northern Florida and southern Georgia. We are looking forward to the trip.

We signed up with Elderhostel for a two-week walking tour in the Cotswolds and Cornwall in England at the beginning of October, but there are 10 people ahead of us on the waiting list, so it is iffy that we will get in. We think we will plan a trip to England anyway, and go ahead and make the plane reservation for it. If we get to go on the Elderhostel tour, that will be a plus. Best wishes to you all. 🌐

Shirley Lake

Bill Kinney, Mark and Nancy Kinney’s son, “is doing really well, as far as we know. His checkups in July and October of 1998 were clean and he has just had another one—haven’t heard the results yet.” Mark reports that Bill has been doing lots of skiing over the winter and really enjoying his life. 🌐

Dear Friends, those of you who received my earlier medical bulletin as I was starting radiation therapy for lymphoma are entitled to a follow-up, now that it is over. And I am adding to my list of informees, though not trying to tell the world about it. Anyway, here it is.

My last radiation treatment was Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999. The radiation oncologist and nurses were optimistic in that the lump on the side of my face has disappeared and my body’s reaction to the radiation has been “brisk.” Brisk means that the skin around the treatment area has turned red as with a sunburn. With all that expert optimism, who am I to feel pessimistic? What I have learned about my kind of lymphoma (follicular) is that it is almost impossible to cure but that one seldom dies of it. If and when it reappears (“pops up”) it can again be treated with radiation, with chemotherapy, immunotherapy or some combination of the above. This might be in six months, five years, ten years or not in my lifetime. At age 72, with a form of cancer, one becomes acutely aware of the likelihood that one will die of something.

So thank you for all those thoughts, prayers, jolts of positive energy, turnings of the Buddhist prayer wheel, and messages of encouragement and support. And thank you, medical science, for the experienced oncologists, pathologists, nurses and other medical personnel, including even the physicist to program the linear accelerator so I could be zapped with the requisite number of rads. That number, for those interested, was 3810. And thank you, Medicare, that our life savings will not be wiped out to pay the medical bills still to come. I could go on, but am verging on the political so will desist. Betty, my loyal wife, joins me in love and best wishes. 🌐

Walt Ligon

Note from loyal wife: Walt has been wonderfully cheerful, as well as interested in what is going on, asking good questions and kidding with the technicians. We have enjoyed being in Austin where we have gone to movies and looked up old friends. Back at the ranch now with more than a weekend or a night in which to get caught up, we have no excuse not to get busy on the house, the road, and neglected desk work.

I remain truly grateful for all of you for your support and humor. I appreciate too the prayers, though with some of you I have wondered to whom or what they are addressed. 🌐

Betty Ligon





# Committee Reports

## **PUBLICITY & RECRUITMENT**

At the October Annual Meeting, the Publicity Committee discussed two important projects with the hope of improving communications among Lislors and also providing help in recruiting future program participants and members.

The first project involved a reorganization of *Interaction* itself. Because of the time necessary to put together an issue of *Interaction*, and because of Editor, Dianne Brause's new commitments, the committee discussed limiting the number of *Interaction* issues per year. One option is to have only one annual issue which would contain "hard news" about Lisle and its programs.

However, recognizing the need for continued communications among Lislors, the committee thought it would be necessary to supplement an annual *Interaction* with two or three shorter newsletters that would contain personal news of Lislors and be of interest to everyone; the "warm and fuzzies", compared to hard news. These communications vehicles will provide opportunities for Lislors with the writer's bug to contribute.

The committee is looking for contributors to both the annual *Interaction* and the shorter newsletters. At the January meeting, this topic of *Interaction* came up again and was then put on hold again until May, partially pending clarification of Dianne and Elise's ability to continue doing the work, the board's lack of decision-making around the number of board meetings per year, and a consensus on what is in the best use of money, time and energy to keep connected with the Lisle membership.

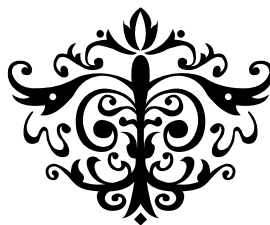
[Ed Note: We welcome anyone willing to help out. And if any of you would like to try your hand at produc-

ing *Interaction*, Dianne and Elise would certainly be open to giving this job to others, although they profess to actually enjoying the challenge of pulling it together "out of the wind" each time it rolls around!]

The second project that was discussed by the Publicity Committee was the Adopt-a-Campus program. (See pg. 16 for details.) If anyone has any thoughts about these or other topics related to improving Lisle's Publicity and Recruitment, please feel free to contact me at: [jkachuba@aol.com](mailto:jkachuba@aol.com). 🌐

## **FINANCE**

Lisle's finances are very sound and our investments continue to grow conservatively. The fair market value of our assets as of 1/31/99 is \$261,098 and we have liabilities of \$4,511. The 1994 endowment fund drive was completed with final pledges received in 1998 — Lisle is very gratified to all members for contributions during this four years of \$112,267. We also received numerous contributions to our Quantum Leap Fund — \$4,552 to be exact. These monies will be used to fund innovative programming ideas such as the summer, 1999 Turkey student program. 🌐



## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

The Board is engaged in an ongoing effort to identify alumni and/or their friends interested in serving a three year

term on the Board. We are always seeking diversity and especially persons with demonstrated skills in fundraising, non-profit governance, and marketing. If you are interested, contact: Marty Tillman, Chair, Board Development Committee, 2400 41st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007, email: [mjtillman@worldnet.att.com](mailto:mjtillman@worldnet.att.com) or call: (202) 338-8654. 🌐

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Lisle's Leadership Training program, held just after the October Board Meeting at Lost Valley Education Center, generated a sense of excitement about Lisle's future. About twenty-five people participated in the two day session. Further training will perhaps be planned on an annual basis.

The 1999 Lisle programs include Costa Rica in March, led by Kristin Currin, John Kachuba, and Liisa Korpela; India in July-August, led by Sharada Nayak; and Bali in August, led by Zann and Craig Jacobson.

Added to the units already established for 1999 is a Turkish-American Cultural Exchange program to be held in July of 1999 in the Pacific Northwest of the U.S.; this will be led by Leyla Welkin and Judy Brown. As a follow-up on the July 1998 Turkey unit, it will have some eight Turkish high school and four U.S. high school participants. This will offer potential leadership training to the Turkish adults who come with the students.

In January, the Program Committee also considered potential year-2000 units in Costa Rica, Bali, Turkey, and an unusual reunion of the 1997 Turkey unit in India. Several other plans for potential units were discussed: South Africa, which Walt Ligon and Ann-Rose Heck are interested in; an Alaska

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unit with the Inuit people, which Jack Brown is following up on; a Spanish and an Inner City Unit, which Judy Morrow and Walt Ligon are exploring; and a Life Transitions program which Mary Newman is thinking about. All proposals for the year 2000 that are presented in writing to Mark Kinney or Jack Brown by mid April will be considered at the May Board Meeting.

The new Lisle alcohol policy will be sent to all unit participants and considerable discretion will be encouraged on the part of program leaders. (See "Safety and Liability" in this section for details.) 🌐

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### **SAFETY AND LIABILITY**

The following Policy Statement regarding alcohol, drugs and sexuality was agreed upon during the January 1999 meeting.

Lisle strongly discourages the use of alcohol by Lisle participants and leaders during regular group activities, unless these are a part of culturally sensitive and socially or religiously prescribed circumstances.

Therefore, Lisle's stated policy is that:

- The purchase of alcohol with Lisle funds is inappropriate.
- The possession and/or use of alcohol in or about either Lisle residences or in volunteer service projects is inappropriate, unless the local social and cultural circumstances suggest otherwise (and this is agreed upon by both Lisle and host country or organizational leaders).
- The use of alcohol by Lisle unit members during the program, but during free time and off the sites of the residence and volunteer work projects is discretionary, as long as it does not negatively affect the successful functioning of the group and the program.

The reasoning behind this agreement includes the following:

1) An organization can be held legally responsible for the inappropriate or illegal behavior of group members possibly linked to the consumption of alcohol. Therefore, if Lisle were to purchase alcohol for group members, our legal risk would increase.

2) Alcohol is one of the major crutches used by individuals to buffer themselves from their feelings. Mixing alcohol consumption with culture shock, generally less comfortable living conditions, the normal stress of travel, and the consensus decision-making process (which is a fairly new experience for most Lislers) all make for great difficulty in clearly thinking and assessing what is actually going on. Therefore, when used as a way of "running away" from feelings or the reality of the situation, alcohol lessens the positive growth and clear decision-making which is a large part of the Lisle process.

3) While many people can drink with moderation, some don't, and then act in ways that are clearly not socially responsible in relation to our hosts and their cultural norms. Since it can be very delicate and difficult for a Lisle leader to decide on a case by case basis when to step in or curtail further drinking (especially when the abuse is underway), a definitive policy will lessen any possible turmoil and personality conflicts over this issue.

In addition, the use of illegal or recreational drugs is unacceptable at any time during a Lisle unit.

And, leaders are advised to communicate with participants and create the opportunity for open discussion regarding cultural and group norms regarding sexual activities and behavior, especially in regard to intercultural relationships between group members and host country individuals. Guidance about specific situations will be made on a case by case basis, especially with the support of the host country leaders, wise elders and others particularly sensitive about these issues within the group. 🌐

## *Y2K As A Spiritual Teacher*

By Dianne Brause

I have been doing lots of musing on the realities of *Being vs. Doing*—especially in regard to Y2K. Today, after talking to a friend about what I really expect to happen around Y2K, I realized that Y2K is becoming my spiritual teacher! I am frequently thinking that a year from now my experience might be considerably different from right Now. And with that realization, I have been fully appreciating such simple things as fresh peas in a salad bar in winter, planning for an international trip, having the warm feeling of hearing from a far-off friend by phone or e-mail, and driving into town to go to a spiritual gathering—simply because I want to!

I am experiencing a new level of awareness and wonder at the abundance in our everyday lives. Aren't we incredibly gifted to live with the bounty of experiences and possibilities that only the tiniest portion of the human race has ever imagined over the course of its history? Now, each day as I go about my *Doing's* I rejoice in the opportunity to enjoy this moment, knowing that it possibly may never come again — at least in the easy way I have experienced so far. Obviously, I do not really know what may happen any more than anyone else, but I do know that the quality of my daily life has improved greatly. I am finding moments of *Being* within my *Doing*.

It is strange in a way — much like a person who has been told she has 6 months to live — nothing really has changed much, except my deepened perception and appreciation for the Now! And, if nothing much comes of Y2K, at least this year will have been a profoundly conscious and wonderful year: I will be living from a much deeper spiritual place to meet the challenges and excitements of a revised set of rules! 🌐



# 1999 Program Notes

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## **INDIA — #1**

JULY 16–AUGUST 8, 1999

The happy evaluations of last summer's Lisle Unit in India encourages us to look forward to a similar experience this year. A similar program from July is planned with an identical itinerary.

Information and application material is available from the Lisle office. 🌐

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## **INDIA — TURN OF THE MILLENIUM REUNION**

DEC. 28, 1999–JAN. 20, 2000

The Turn of the Millenium group is made up of the Lisle participants who were in Turkey in 1997. This reunion was enthusiastically planned when we gathered in Avanos for our last session before we dispersed for our home countries.

The Reunion 2000 program will be different from the summer group. We will take time to visit non-governmental organizations doing developmental work in Jaipur, Udaipur and Nagpur while doing the tourist-y things in these "exotic places." We will be hosted by Indian families in some of these places. We expect to see the Year 2000 arrive at midnight as the not-so-full moon rises over the Taj Mahal. This year has exciting possibilities as we link hands to make the chain longer, stretching into the next millenium, enclosing more warmth, laughter and fellowship.

The timing should suit those who are working, or have school vacations to consider. So far from the fourteen Turkey-Lislers, we have acceptances from ten; and we will also be joined by two friends from Turkey. We are hoping Lislers from earlier years will also join this international group: three Americans, two Dutch, two Turks, two Indi-

ans, one German, one Austrian, one Canadian — and a partridge in a pear tree!! We therefore have three slots, and we invite those who are interested to write to email Sharada Nayack for information at: [terct@nda.vsnl.net.in](mailto:terct@nda.vsnl.net.in). 🌐

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## **COSTA RICA**

MARCH 5–21, 1999

As this *Interaction* is going to press, eight North Americans and two young Ticas from the Longo Mai Coop in Costa Rica are having the adventure of their lives. The group is incredibly rich in its diversity, ranging in age from the two youth under twenty to two Elder Lislers (over eighty) with two African-Americans and a Latina. The three co-leaders are getting practical experience in the knowledge and skills they learned in the Leadership Training Program in Oregon last fall—and a fourth member is a daughter to two of the Trainees from the fall. Another member is serving as a translator for the group and also looking forward to future leadership with Lisle!

Finally, one of the participants, Earnest Smith, is this year's Marion Wright Edelman Scholarship winner and we are looking forward to a full report from him at the Board Meeting in Boston in May. I'm sure that he will come back saying "Pura Vida" which is Tican for "What an Amazing Experience!" (roughly translated). 🌐

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## **BALI**

JULY 30–AUGUST 20, 1999

DEADLINE: MAY 30, 1999

(on space-available basis).

We've had great response to this year's Bali Program from a diverse group of committed and inspiring travelers. So far, participants span five decades and

three continents, and all share an interest in the arts and a commitment to really immerse themselves in the lives of Balinese villagers.

Our Bali Coordinator, Dayu Ketut Patmawati, reports that despite some unrest in the Indonesian capital and elsewhere, Bali remains peaceful and quiet. She sends her thanks for the \$400 donation from Lislers, and reports that it will be very much appreciated, especially by the poorest villagers who have had a hard time during Indonesia's economic collapse.

It is good to know that we will bring students for the artists to give them a boost and reinvigorate their dream of starting a Cultural Center. For Craig and I, it has been a lot of fun to talk with the new participants who share our passion for the Balinese culture, and to look forward to our new adventure in August. 🌐

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## **TURKEY—EXCHANGE**

JULY 3–24, 1999

This summer, in the spirit of cultivating long term relationships with host countries and friends, we will be responding to a request from some Turkish friends made to the 1998 Lisle group. We will be joining American students in the Pacific Northwest for an experience of cooperative living and ecological work projects.

We will spend a few days getting oriented and forming a solid group on Bainbridge Island at the home of Jack and Judy Brown on Puget Sound. From there, we will spend about ten days engaged in a variety of work projects, learning about the environmental issues which face Pacific Northwesterners at this stage of our economic and industrial development.

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## Turkey — Tourism at Stake

The projects may include some exploration of Native American and salmon issues, habitat restoration and recycling, possibly permaculture and aquaculture. The ten days of work projects will be followed by a week long homestay. Finally, our program wraps up with a three day experience of reflection and closure, again on Bainbridge Island. We will offer the students an opportunity to articulate their learning and enrich their individual views of the experience.

Lisle has been joined in its sponsorship of this program by HeartWarrior Institute, a local educational non-profit in Olympia Washington, which will help with recruitment. Other organizations are being sought to help with funding for the basic expenses of the group during their 3 week stay. This program will be a joint effort of many individuals and organizations.

American student participants are being sought in the Northwest who want to share in this cross-cultural experience. We hope some of the student participants will offer their homes to Turks for the week-long homestay experience. Overall, this program promises to be an, adventure and a chance to try out a more reciprocal relationship with our international hosts and partners. If it is successful it may be, repeated.

Late breaking news from Judy Brown: "Our ducks are pretty much in a row for the people—8 Turks, 4 U.S. Canadian, and we have an appointment with a great Suquamish Tribe contact next Saturday to talk about working with them as a work project on salmon and stream restoration projects for the work week". 🌐

We received the following newsbite from the AP wire service just today as we were tying together the final pieces of the newsletter. It is in an excerpted form. As you read this, please keep the image of everyone's highest good being met in this torn country.

As far as Lisle programs are concerned, we are not directly affected by the threat to tourists at this time: our two Turkey-related programs for 1999 are NOT taking place in Turkey. The Turn of the Millenium Reunion for the group who went to Turkey in 1997 will be in India. The Exchange Program is taking place in our own Pacific Northwest, with Turkish students coming to our country. But please, offer up prayers for our Turkish friends who so warmly opened their homes and their hearts to us.

"(AP): Kurdish rebels today declared a war on tourism in Turkey aimed at forcing the government to free their imprisoned leader. The Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, said in a statement that its attacks would target tourist destinations. It warned foreigners to stay away from Turkey.

"It is essential that no tourist comes to Turkey, that governments warn their citizens and that travel companies cancel reservations," said the statement.

Tourism is a vital source of income for Turkey, which gets around 9 million visitors a year, many bound for the its Aegean and Mediterranean coasts.

The PKK said the attacks would escalate until the release of PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan. The PKK had already said it would intensify its nearly 15-year fight for autonomy after Ocalan's capture. Turkey has been hit by a string of bombings and arson attacks since then.

The PKK has targeted tourist destinations in the past, killing and injuring several foreigners but doing little to seriously damage Turkey's tourism industry. 🌐

### *Photos from the Turkey '98 program.*



*The group from the most recent Turkey trip*



*Lisle group at the base of Turkish catacombs*



# *Lislers and Friends Asked to Participate in the Adopt-A-Campus Program*

by Gail Bier

Lisle Inc. would like to get the word out to university and college campuses about the wonderful opportunities Lisle offers for students, faculty and staff at those institutions. We feel that you, as a former participant in a Lisle program or a friend, would be our best spokesperson about the Lisle experience.

As students, faculty and staff are looking forward to the summer months to plan experiences with their families and friends, now is the prime moment to get the information to the campus study abroad office. It's easy, its fun, and you will meet new and interesting people. It is not going to take a lot of time either. If you have a campus within a ten mile radius of your home, the entire visit will take about one hour.

Here are the easy steps to follow to help Lisle recruit participants in its incredible programs in Bali, Costa Rica, India, and Turkey:

- Ask friends or look up in the yellow pages the names, addresses and phone numbers of the campus or campuses closest to your home.

- Call, fax, or e-mail Lisle's administrative offices in Leander, Texas to request that they send you at least five pamphlets on each program, and the general Lisle information brochure, for each of the campuses you plan to visit.

- Then, look in the white pages for the name(s) of the university or college and see if you can find a listing for the office that is called Study Abroad, Education Abroad, or International Studies office, or something similar, and see if there is a phone number listed. If not, call the central information number for the college or university and explain that you would like the name and phone number of the person on campus in charge of sending U.S. students on foreign programs.

- Call the person in charge of study abroad programs for the campuses you wish to visit and make a 15-minute appointment to talk about the Lisle program and your experience. When making the appointment, be sure to get the building name, room number, and instructions on how to find that building, and, if you are driving, where to park.

- Show up at the study abroad office at your appointed time, talk about your Lisle experience. People in study abroad offices are warm and friendly, so don't be intimidated! Tell them about the up-coming programs, and show them the further contact information on the pamphlet. Leave the brochures at the office and ask if they can be posted for interested students and faculty.

- Your're DONE! Now, if you have time, walk around the campus and explore. Treat yourself to lunch in the cafeteria, explore the library, and check out the bookstore. I am sure that you will have an interesting anecdote about your adopt-a-campus experience. Write me about it at: [abier@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu](mailto:abier@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu).

Of course, not all campuses have a study abroad program office, but have various people in different departments that encourage study abroad. In this case, you might wish to leave Lisle program information with someone who teaches a South Asian course, a Southeast Asian course, music, art, dance, environmental studies, sociology, or anthropology. Another approach would be to leave the Lisle brochures with the secretary of the departments of Anthropology, Sociology, Music, Dance, Art, Asian Studies, or History for example.

We look forward to sharing the Lisle experience with those who read the information you leave on your local campus. Thank you for your help, and be sure to let us know about your adopt-a-campus Lisle program experience. 🌐

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## *LeFetra Foundation Conference, February 5-7, 1999*

by Chris Coons

Lisle was an integral part of an exciting weekend conference sponsored by the LeFetra Foundation of Oakland, CA. This foundation provides opportunities for persons interested in learning and exchanging ideas to solve local and global problems. A diversified pool of volunteers are supported financially in preparing to serve in other countries, particularly those of color and from low income settings.

The day was billed as IVPA Day, and at that time International Volunteer Programs Association was officially activated. Organizations that focused on service, education

and multicultural components, and that desired to make a difference in people's lives, became fee paying members and were therefore eligible to share and collaborate with other like-minded groups.

The first day of the conference supported networking with over 40 representatives of the exhibiting organizations. Workshops and panels covered fund raising, recruitment, safety, health and insurance issues, crisis management, promoting programs via the Internet, alumni relations-creating and benefiting from strong network,

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## *Global Exchange (and Cuba) Need Your Support*

by Chris Coons


Lislers Karen Swam and Chris Coons forwarded information to us about a political struggle going on between Global Exchange and the U.S. government—presumably as a result of Global Exchange’s leadership in actions pushing for an end to the U.S. Embargo of Cuba. Mark Kinney and Dianne Brause have met with Media Benjamin in the past about possible collaborations between Global Exchange and Lisle. Perhaps some Lislers may want to support them regarding the Cuba issue.

Over the last ten years, Global Exchange has organized educational tours to the developing world. Their popular Cuba tours have focused on every aspect of Cuban society (art and culture, religion, education, women’s issues, economic and environmental issues and public health, to name but a few.) They are probably the second largest provider of travel services to Cuba in the U.S.

In September of this 1998, Global Exchange received a “cease and desist” order from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) at the Treasury Department, ordering them to stop organizing travel to Cuba for U.S. citizens and to provide the names of all participants on such trips since March 1996. Global Exchange has decided not to comply with this order, believing that: “Ordinary U.S. citizens have not only a right, but a responsibility to inform themselves as fully as possible of the realities of other nations and cultures, especially those with which the U.S. government may have a conflictive relationship, as is the case with Cuba.”

Global Exchange, with their commitment to the development of a better informed and more active citizenry, have taken over 5,000 people to Cuba in the last 10 years, with the number of delegations increasing each year. In 1999, they have planned over 20 tours to Cuba.


They state, “As one of the most well-known and widely respected providers of educational travel to Cuba, we must defend ourselves from this frontal assault on our work. We will use this opportunity to draw national attention to the travel restrictions and hopefully build the support necessary to effect their demise. As we build our case with Treasury on the right of ordinary citizens to travel, we need to have the support of the organizations, progressive and mainstream, that supported our Freedom to Travel Campaign and lawsuit during 1993-1996. We hope that you and your organization will be in a position to assist us again on this all important issue.

Please contact: Medea Benjamin, CoDirector or Pam Montanaro, Cuba Program Coordinator if you have interest in their trips or want to support them in their work. Global Exchange, 2017 Mission St., Rm. 303, San Francisco, CA 94110, Phone: 415.255.7296 Fax: 415.255.7498, website: <http://www.globalexchange.org> 

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(La Fetra Conference cont’d)

Lisle was proud to be there...we rank right up there with some of the most prestigious and OLDEST programs...like American Friends Service Committee, Experiment in International Living, International Workcamps, AFS. Many were very new...less than five years old. Three hundred people were reached throughout the weekend!


If YOU are aware of an opportunity in your community or college area to promote Lisle — lets hear about it! It’s a fun challenge, and a wonderful way to keep Lisle programs out there and growing! 

## *Lisle Updates its Homepage*

Many of you know that for several years, Lisle has had an extensive homepage. This was originally worked on by Jon Findley (DC-64/69), then upgraded by Kuni Ichikawa when he was the Lisle graduate assistant. The homepage has become a valuable recruitment tool for Lisle. We receive perhaps 25 requests for program information each week from this tool.

Now we are revising this homepage to make it easier to use, and to upgrade some of the information which is contained on it. A new Graduate student at UT is working on this project. While never having participated in a Lisle experience, Xiangqing Son is a vary talented computer expert and has been a great help in putting on the web the actual versions of brochures and other documents. Soon the Lisle Interaction will appear just as it is in print, on our site. At our last board meeting, two board members, Gail Bier and Phyllis Beck together with Jon Findley, became an ongoing ad hoc committee to assess the status of the web page and to suggest changes. This has resulted in a number of changes to the page.

Already, there is a way to download all of our brochures, registration materials, medical forms, scholarship applications, and many other program related forms. There is extensive information about seeking financial support for attending a Lisle program. There is a current listing of board members, board meetings, and the Annual Meeting dates and location. Shortly we also hope to be able to provide special information to all board members in a password protected area of the homepage. And much much more.

Please access our homepage at [www.lisle.utoledo.edu](http://www.lisle.utoledo.edu) and give us some feedback about what you like, what not, and suggestions you have for additional information. 





## Guidelines for B & B Participation

Please follow these simple suggestions for making your B & B experience a pleasant one!

1. Contact host Lisle by regular mail (include SASE), by telephone, or e-mail at least 2 weeks in advance of the proposed visit.
2. Host will inform guest at first contact if there are use restrictions (i.e. smoking, pets, etc.). Host should explain transportation access, area attractions, and provide explicit directions to reach the residence. Hosts are not obligated to be tour guides.
3. Suggested number of nights stay is a maximum of 2 nights. This can be negotiable at the host's discretion.
4. A suggested donation for hospitality is \$25.00 per night, single, or \$40.00 per night for a couple. Checks are payable to "Lisle, Inc." and forwarded to Lisle, Inc., 900 CR 269, Leander, Texas 78641-9517, using an addressed envelope that will be provided to listed hosts. 🌐

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# *Y2K and Lislrs—Watch out for that bug!*

by Dianne Brause

**F**or about a year, I have been the “Voice of Y2k” at the Lisle Board Meetings and in private e-mails to a number of interested Lislrs. It’s not that I particularly like being dubbed an “alarmist” or a Paul Revere or even a Noah or Joseph of Biblical fame, but I do feel called to tap into the various sources of information and predictions about what this sneaky little “computer bug” might do to disrupt our lives within the coming year or so.

As most of you know, Y2K (Year 2000) Computer “Bug” is related to possible problems caused by having only two digits in most computer programs (99) rather than four digits (1999)—which when the numbers roll around to the year 2000 (00), it is not clear what computers will do. In addition to that minor problem, there are also millions of tiny “embedded chips” throughout the world that are related to times or dates that also won’t know how to compute what they are supposed to do when “00” arrives.

Besides the computers, it appears that NO ONE really has any real idea what will happen as 1900 turns to 2000 and beyond! And it seems likely that there is no human way really to discover and fix all of the possible problems before the fact—given the time still left to us, the number of programmers and technicians available, the political will and enormous sums of money needed to accomplish this mammoth feat.

So what is one person to do? It is all mysterious and scary enough to send one into either a state of panic or else a deep reliance on one’s faith! I am personally of the feeling that the former is not very helpful—especially if others are also panicking—and that the latter may be where we ought to be going anyway!

However, there are predictions of very real consequences in the form of disruptions in our everyday lives. And in light of the saying “Trust in God and tie your camel”, it might make sense for Lislrs to prepare for the possibility of a short or longer

time without the usual conveniences of electricity, water, sewage, heat and an availability to gasoline and fresh foods.

Preparing as if there might be a severe weather emergency is probably a good idea! Getting together with your neighbors, friends, family, church group or others within your own geographical area to prepare to depend upon one another for health and safety makes great sense. And thinking through possible scenarios and taking precautions may make you feel more prepared whether any of them come about or not!

On the political front nuclear activist, Helen Caldicott is asking the citizens of the world to demand of their leaders that all nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants be deactivated this summer in order for us to be assured of no wars or meltdowns happening by “mistake”! Contacting your local political officials and utilities to see what they are doing may move the preparations forward in your area as well.

In terms of travel—especially to foreign countries during this time—it seems prudent to make sure that on and around Christmas and New Years of 2000, you will be where you feel comfortable being for at least a number of days—or weeks or months?—if international travel becomes difficult.

Please note that other than the Turkey/India Reunion group over the Millennium being hosted by Sharada Nayack (participants are being made aware of the possible problems before agreeing to take this risk), no Lisle trips are happening in the first months of 2000 to insure that Lisle participants are not at added risk or stranded far away from home.

There are many websites that speak to both the downsides and the possible blessings of the Y2K scare. Three that are particularly helpful and positive are: <http://www.co-intelligence.org/Y2K.html>; <http://www.cassandraproject.org> and [www.earley.org/Y2K/y2k\\_frame.htm](http://www.earley.org/Y2K/y2k_frame.htm).

Just remember “We’re in the Same Boat Brother” as Uncle Si used to say/sing! 🌐



## *B & B Update*

**D**irectories are being mailed to those who indicated interest in hosting members as they travel. See the listing on page 18 for names and states of residence. If you would like a B & B Directory, PLEASE MAIL \$2.00 to: Chris Coons, 3960 North Peardale Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549. E-mail: [chriscoons@aol.com](mailto:chriscoons@aol.com). Telephone: 925-284-7386.

If you are interested in hosting and being listed in future directory updates, please contact Chris. 🌐



# LISLE NETWORK NEWS

**Walt Ligon** (NY-48, MI-50, CO-51/56/57, SD-87, Bali-88, HI-96), recently “retired” from the Board after almost 50 years of service. He is in good spirits recovering from his recent radiation treatment for a lymphoma on his cheek. Walt is actively engaged in developing a new unit in South Africa. Reach him at his email: [mligon8670@aol.com](mailto:mligon8670@aol.com) or home (until April): PO Box 476, Kingsland, TX, 78639; from May-October, at: PO Box 106, Pentwater, MI 49449.

**John (Jack) Reichard** longtime friend of Lisle and of the Baldwins, has died. Jack was past Executive Director of NAFSA: Association of International Education.

**Rev. Dr. Deborah (Cannon) Partidge Wolfe** (NY-37) writes she “has given regularly because Lisle meant so much to me.”

**Avalon Krukin** (NY-45, CO-45) is a retired Guidance Counselor and middle school teacher in New York City. She now tutors students and is active in community affairs. She is “proud of having attended Lisle at its original space.”

**Joanna Nesselroad** (CO-45) recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Nova Scotia.

**Carole Patterson** attended Lisle’s first Leadership Training workshop held at the Lost Valley Educational Center in Oregon last Fall and found it “invigorating.” She is an organizer working with children and families with Stand for Children in Oregon’s Willamette Valley.

**Mary & Bob Weaver** (both of NY-38) write that “Lisle’s philosophy continues in our lives” in their retirement community in Cincinnati where they are active leaders. They have three children who have attended units: Barbara, (Denmark-67); Dick (DC-68); and Martha (Prince Edward Island-73)!

**Audrey Kent Lawson** (NY-37) lives in Piermont, NY. She is 80, active in Senior affairs, and a retired college professor.

**Frances Boyd** (NY-43, CO-45) writes “I have been applying Lisle principles and achieve goals consistent with Lisle through my work with United Methodist Women. I am President of the local unit of First United Methodist Church in Odessa, TX.”

**Betsy Bridwell** (Bali) is making a trip to Bhutan and Sikkim in the Himalayan region this year.

**Helen Baker St. John** (Uganda-94, HI-96) is an active volunteer teaching medical students, works with League of Women Voters and consults with Children’s Protective Services in Seattle area.

**Martha Daily** (India) writes “Nice to see Sharada Nayak (Board member) active with Lisle. As a Fulbright fellow to India, she was a wonderful leader (Sharada is former Director of the Fulbright Commission in India). Lisle is lucky to have her.”

**Barbara Wilks** (CA-50, CT-52) says: “Thanks to all who keep Lisle going and the spirit alive. As I reflect on the almost 50 years since I was in my units, I believe it had the greatest impact of any summer and ongoing experiences.”

**Marty Tillman** (DC-76, India-77/78, AK-79/80), wife Gail and daughter Zoe recently met old friends **Hans & Ellie Spiegal** (NY/CO-47, CO-46, Germany-58, Bali-88) for dinner in DC. Marty’s history with Lisle and World Learning’s School for International Training is part of the 30 case histories of educators described in the recent book, *Service-Learning: A Movement’s Pioneers Reflect on its Origins, Practice, and Future*, Jossey-Bass, 1999.

**Gladys Corkum Gray** (NY-36/37, CO-41) lives with her husband in a Quaker-related retirement community and writes: “Since we worked with the American Friends Service Committee for 38 years, we never became wealthy, but, have enough to care for us here. Back in the ’50s, we lived overseas with our three daughters in South Korea and India. My Lisle experience directed me toward experiences like that. My husband was a Conscientious Objector in WW II and we were brought together by our common interest in pacifism.”

**Orion Six** (CO-50, MI-50) long-time Board member, sent the office a wonderful essay summarizing what led him to join these two programs. He says, “A graduate student asked me to join a one-act play to be presented at a Christmas conference at the University of Kansas. I played “Ba Thane” in the play of that name [written by co-founder Edna Baldwin] based on the Baldwins’ experiences as Methodist missionaries (1922-32) in Burma.”

**Charles Clarke** (NY-37) wrote discussing Lisle’s contemporary role in resolving conflict and building better human relations. Wondering how Lisle might sustain the Baldwin’s vision into the next century, Charles characterized it this way: “An extended interaction of persons whose different backgrounds provided the setting for both the positive exploitation of their diversity, and the possible reduction or reconciliation of tensions and misunderstandings which diversity sometimes generates...”

**Johnnie Miller** (CO-46, CT-48/49) sent the office great pictures from her units honoring Uncle Si’s 100th birthday. Husband Arnold helped establish Lisle’s first fundraising phone-a-thons in the early 80’s. Johnnie was a long-time Board member.

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Regards from **Tom Maxwell** (CO-48) an active volunteer with the Nature Conservancy in California; **Rosie Meyer** (NY-48, Spain-76); **Denoya Wyatt** (CO-46) who lives in a Quaker community in Santa Rosa, CA; **Lynne Heye** (Germany-62).

**Nat & Marina Firestone** (CO-48, Family Camp-63) sent greetings describing their travels to England, Scotland, Wales, extended family reunions, and a contribution honoring Lisle's 5 "Saints."

**Frances Boyd** (NY-43, CO-45) sent holiday greetings. She's active with United Methodist Women and President of the local unit at First Church.

**Alice Butts** (daughter of Jeanne Butts, deceased) has asked to be added to our network. She and husband Charlie have hosted exchange students and are interested in overseas programs.

**Henry Gomez** on the Drobish ranch (**Lois Coombs Drobish** (CO-47, CA-50): "Our 4 boys and my wife attended for two weeks. 'Camp families' were formed — other than your own — and evening parent groups were also formed with family members participating in different groups." We're researching for an 8mm movie Henry made of this experience.

**Brian Palmer** (India-82) is a Ph.D. candidate and teacher in the study of religion at Harvard, completing a dissertation entitled "Useless People and Their Champions: the Critique of Brutality in a Postmodernizing Sweden." He recently organized conferences on "Nordic Moral Identities" and "Eating Right or Left: Moralities of Ingestion." Barker Center 405, 12 Quincy St., Cambridge, MA 02138-3879. His e-mail is: [Bpalmer@fax.harvard.edu](mailto:Bpalmer@fax.harvard.edu).

**Karen Marie Metzler** (Cuba-80) lives in Cleveland, Ohio. "Last summer I was invited to give a speech at Oxford University and attend an enclave of other people who've been listed in "Who's Who From Around The World", but I was unable to do due to family respon-

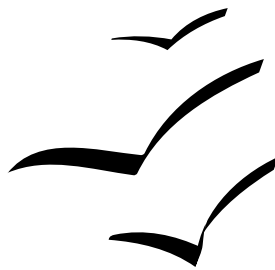
sibilities. My Mom passed away on May 25th with to Alzheimer's disease.

**Anne-Rose Heck** (OK-94) who lives in Germany wrote, "I made it safely back to Germany. However, flights were cancelled in Germany, so I had to take the train. Snow everywhere!!! The coming weekend I will most likely film at the Husky Championship—that should be fun (but cold!). I am now leaving for Mainz."

**Ann Frisch** (Columbia-62, HI-95) reported that her husband, **Norm Frisch** (CO-47, HI-95) died in August, 1998. Norm had been suffering from Parkinson's Disease for 10 years. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia. Norm was an early Lisle. He was treasurer of Lisle for many years.

Editor's note: Norm and Ann participated in the Hasaii unit that I lead in 1995. Although Norm was having quite a difficult time physically, he always remained positive and willing to find a way to be a part of the group activities in the best way possible. Often he would take his portable ham radio set with him when the rest of us went for hike: he would strike up a conversation with people from around the world.

His participation in the Hawaii program added a much greater depth of awareness to the issues of disability and the joy of offering help when needed; all the participants benefitted. Norm was certainly a courageous man, and will be missed by all the Lislers who kenw him. 🌐



"Thoughts fly through my mind like  
flocks of birds in the sky  
I hear the voice of their wings..."

—Tagore

**Bob Shugart** (NY-41) writes, "Lisle lost a longtime supporter, Betty (Rundell) Shugart from the same unit, after a long illness. She was active to the end in choral groups, with the American Red Cross and as a homestay coordinator with the People-to-People exchange organization." Bob notes that he and Betty were an "experiment" (according to Uncle Si) as an engaged couple in their unit; Si wanted to see the impact a close couple would have on other Lislers and vice versa. He says, "Lisle set the tone in our lives for 57 years; we have hosted over 50 nationals from 14 countries..."

In a recent column in the Wesley College *Wesletter* by the college Chaplin he wrote: "Why would you [college students] want to read stories of romances from people you've never met and probably will never know? I think you'll see that love isn't bound by any age..." He is speaking about a story from an old Lisle, Bob Shugart, about how he and his wife Betty met.

"Betty and I met at Old Stalker Hall in 1939. I found that the Baptist Church group was too formal, so I went to Stalker Hall to see what it was like. There I met Betty the first night. Over a period of time we fell in love.

"During the war things were out of sorts. We continued our activities as normally as we could, including a summer with the Lisle Fellowship. In August of 1942 I was drafted as a C.O. and went to a camp in upper Michigan. We had been engaged for over a year by the time.

"After a lot of letter writing, we decided that we would get married in December. So Dr. Brashares agreed to come Christmas Eve to the Wesley Foundation Lounge and perform the ceremony." 🌐

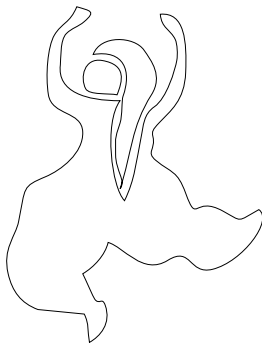


## *Guilt Transformed*

by Sandy Chan  
India 1998 Program

*(Inspired by the Gandhi Peace Foundation)*

seeing old men young women  
children starving large monstrous  
feet fingers missing my heart  
aching for them yet running away  
unable to face my brother sister  
fellow human being who deserves  
love compassion dignity but  
none seem to be given here my  
greedy little guilty mind unable  
to forget e-mails, CD's and  
more clothes I feel inferior stupid  
wretched next to them wanting to  
hide my pale-skinned face  
from them but the guilt transformed  
can become manifest burst into  
abode filled with joy moving the  
intellect with the heart feeling and  
reason leads to action taken  
towards the old men young women  
a step forward instead of a step back  
fear guilt miraculously transformed  
into a feeling of  
oneness with the universe  
the experience of true love  
the experience of ourselves.



## *Lisle's Statement of Purpose*

**L**isle broadens global awareness and increases appreciation of cultures through programs which bring together person 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.

**L**isle 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.

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

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We hope to learn more about you and your world, and look forward to your contributions!







# Registration Form, Boston Board Meeting

## April 30–May 2, 1999

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Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight/bus # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will need shuttle service to and from arrival location:  Yes Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I will need transportation during the weekend's events:  Yes

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# Lisle, Inc. Membership and Pledge Form

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I want to become a member of Lisle, Inc., and make an annual commitment as checked below.

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### 1999 Programs

LOCATION	DATES	CONTACT
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Turkey/USA Exchange	July 3–24, 1999	<i>Leyla Welkin</i> 360-491-0999
Bali	July 30–August 20, 1999	<i>Craig &amp; Zann Jacobrown</i> 360-297-4160
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