Selection Results
We’re sending delegations off to Spain and Germany and a Junior Counselor to Washington, D.C. It was a fun, yet very tough selection weekend.

Village 2006
Caryn Chevitz updates us on the exciting Village being held in Denver this summer.

Village Fundraising
If you have not made your contribution to our upcoming CISV Denver Village, now is the time. If every family would give $1-200, we could raise an additional $10-$20,000. GIVE NOW!

Spring Meeting
April 30, 2006 -- 2 - 4 p.m.
Highlands Ranch Public Library
9292 Ridgeline Blvd.
Shea A Room.

Junior Branch
April 9, 11:30 - 2:30 pm, JB and Mosaic join for Picture Us at the South Park Club House, 2801 West Long Circle

Connections
CISV brings new friendships to our, but read about leader Amanda Barry’s experience

From Our President
I am truly honored to have had the opportunity this year to be the president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of CISV. While we are still a new Chapter, having begun in 1999, we have really been able to accomplish great things because of the hard work and countless hours put in by the founders, board members, committee chairs, membership, parents, and the kids. We hosted a Village in Denver in 2003 where we invited the world to come and learn about each other, from each other, with each other. We are excited that the World will again be at our doorstep this year with our second Village. Much of the work of the Denver Chapter this year has been focused in making the Denver Village a world class event. We owe our deep thanks to Caryn Chevitz, our Village planner who has given tireless hours to this work, always with a ready smile and wonderful ideas. We have managed to put into place the best staff imaginable for this Village, led by Josh Rau. We have a wonderful location at Collegiate Academy and are looking forward to this exciting event. This chapter has pulled together to cover every imaginable part of putting on a village. We’ve worked tirelessly at fundraising, we’ve got PR in place, we’ve organized expeditions for the Village, we’ve organized family hosting, laundry, food, and every other item in a long list.

But the Village isn’t the only thing we’ve been hard at work at this year. We had a record 11 people from Denver attend the National meeting in October in Cincinnati. We have had Betsy Henry working hard at recruiting and had a record turnout. Our selection committee of Susan Hollander, Tammey Sullivan and Steve MacGregor, did an outstanding job selecting delegates to travel to Germany, Spain and a mini camp in Atlanta. Jackie Killian has been working with the Interchange we have coming up with Norway. Additionally, we’ll send a JC to Washington and a Seminar Camper to Brazil this year. All of this is in addition to our other work (computers, trustee work, training, volunteer coordinator, Local Work aka Mosaic, debriefing, paperwork, wonderful JB activities, scholarships, newsletters, and our wonderful board). Whew! It’s a busy year! Like they say, “It takes a Village” and here, that adage couldn’t be more true. I am looking forward to working with you all for the rest of my term. We needs everyone’s help, energy, and excitement as we finish out this very full year. Thank you all for all the time and help you’ve given to me this year. Please contact me whenever you’d like at elisaatty@aol.com, that our next president, Deborah Cartwright, will be as blessed as I am to have had this opportunity! In Peace, Elisa Moran

March 2006 CISV Denver Newsletter
Through the eyes of the experienced...an insider’s look into a CISV Seminar Camp.

by Heather Sevcik

Well, where to begin. I must first give a disclaimer to any of the information presented below: a CISV Seminar Camp is nothing, I repeat, nothing like any other CISV activity. Being an experienced CISVer, participating in a Seminar Camp was like the icing on the cake; I felt like I knew what to expect and what I would get out of my experience in Londrina, Brazil. I was dead wrong.

From the moment I arrived at camp, I realized I knew nothing. Indeed, as the days wore on, I grasped that my previous visions of how a Seminar would be were useless and not needed. This is because one of the joys and hardships of a Seminar Camp is that the participants run the entire camp. From the minutest detail such as cleaning duties to more large-scale niceties like planning activities, the participants are in control and have the opportunity to shape the camp into what they want it to be. The freedom was much enjoyed, but as a collective group we were constantly discussing why we were in Londrina and assessing if our goals were being met. After a week of camp, the frustration set in; I wanted activities to run a certain way and be focused on education while others were content to play running games and take frequent breaks for naps. It was at this point that a light went on in my head and I realized the difficulty that comes with living in a community, trying to include everyone’s opinion and yet move exponentially forward; simple resolutions oftentimes turned into hour long discussions with everyone putting their word in about the subject at hand. As the days wore on, activities became less frequent and discussions seemed to take up most of our precious time.

I characterize my experience in Londrina as a struggle; a struggle to live in a community, a struggle to interact with people who have different views, and a struggle to define myself. As a participant, I found myself assessing my views just as often as I assessed the camp and where it was going. Through interaction with fellow participants, daily life and activities, I realized that I am deeply fearful of being taken advantage of and love to wash the dishes, among other epiphanies. As the last days came to a close, I began to look back on my weeks at Possibly Seminar Camp and came to the ultimate conclusion that although I did not learn what I wanted to learn, I still learned. I learned about interpersonal relations and what the true meaning of friendship is. If fact, I came home with five extremely close friends, closer friends than I have ever had. On a less serious note, I learned fire-dancing and how to cook a mean Italian pizza. I also learned how difficult peace is to achieve and yet how possible it is. If 30 people can come together with different interests and outlooks on life and create a functioning community atmosphere, who is to say that the world can not?
Fundraising Update

We've been working hard on our 50 for Peace Campaign to raise monies for our 2006 Village here in Denver. We've been going at this from several different fronts. Jay Kamlet has raised money for our chapter by contacting his business associates and friends. Elisa Moran, Deb Cartwright, Jeff Rauschbacher and Denise Gliwa have been calling all prior Denver families of kids that have traveled.

Denise Gliwa and Cristin Tarr have been working with the Chamber of Commerce to provide some food, transportation and sponsorship for the Village.

To date, the following have made donations to this campaign:

$2000 - $5000: The Egleston family
$1000: City Wide Banks, The Kleiman-Moran family, The Bellowe family, The Kamlet family, the Sturm family, the Coughlin family, the Collison-Crawford family, the Gliwa family, the Frevert family, the Currier family, the Rayburn family, A & W Management
$1-$1000: Caryn Cheyfitz, The Ruiz family, Olian Int’l Cookies, The Peterson family, the Tarr family

We hope everyone in the chapter will make a donation. If you have not made a donation yet, please send your donation -- in any amount -- to Elisa Moran. Please make checks payable to CISV Rocky Mountain Denver.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed! We appreciate your help in funding our 2006 Denver Village!

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CONTRIBUTION TO DENVER VILLAGE 2006

Family Name: ____________________________
Address: _________________________________
Phone: __________________________________
E-Mail: __________________________________

I am happy to support Rockin’ the Rockies, CISV Denver Village 2006. Enclosed is my fully tax-deductible contribution for: $_______________

Please send a receipt for my taxes.

Signature: ____________________________

Mail to: CISV Denver, P.O. Box 201254
Denver, Colorado 80220

Checks are payable to CISV Rocky Mountain Denver

Selection Results 2006!

They’re Off to Germany, Spain and Washington, D.C.

2006 Village Selection was again a very difficult decision process. Thanks to Betsy Henry’s wonderful job recruiting, we had 25 wonderful kids try out for our two Villages!

Congratulations to the International Peace Ambassadors selected for CISV Denver’s Summer Programs and all of the wonderful young people who attended the selection playdates....it was a wonderful group:

Spain

Jacqueline Kimmel - The Logan School for Creative Learning
Catherine Puga - Montessori School of Denver
Wilson Hughes - Graland Country Day School
Ethan Kotel - Willow Creek Elementary

Germany

Lane Edwards - The Logan School for Creative Learning
Isabel Van Paasschen - Graland Country Day School
Ryan Greenway - Damon Runyun
Ian Peterson - Colorado Academy

Junior Counselor - Washington, D.C.

Moira Cassidy - Cherry Creek High School

This year the Selection was set-up as a mini-camp held at Collegiate Academy. Josh, Aleah, Gabe and Shane all helped with activities throughout the weekend. It was great training for them since they will be part of our Village staff this summer at Collegiate Academy.

As always and most importantly, we hope all the children will stay involved with our Chapter, even if this time a travel opportunity didn’t come their way. We will have other opportunities in the future and need everyone to stay involved and help our chapter grow.

In peace,

The Selection Committee
Susan Hollander
Tammey Sullivan
Steve McGregor
SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Where: Highlands Ranch Public Library
       Shea A Room
       9292 Ridgeline Blvd.
When: Sunday, April 30, 2006
       2 - 4 p.m.
       check website for map:
       www.douglascountylibraries.org

No admission fee, just bring one of the following to help support our Village this summer:

• Non-perishable snacks such as chips, applesauce, fruit cups, cookies, Jell-o, pudding, crackers, etc.
• Pillows, blankets, and twin size sheets
• Used markers, crayons, scissors, and pencils

CISV OUTREACH

Candace (Volunteer Coordinator), Lillian (Village-Bologna, Italy 2000, JC-Melbourne, Australia 2005) and Olivia Ruiz (Village-Guatemala 2003) were facilitators/presenters at the annual Colorado Conference on Volunteerism in Denver, Colorado on February 25, 2006.

The 30 participants at the workshop had never heard of CISV and were briefed on the history, mission and programs before participating in CISV activities. The program, “Energizing Volunteers: Learn Interactive Group Activities” engaged the participants who were from various non-profits, state and government agencies.

The group played “Fruit Salad” (a big hit), an ice breaker (yarn-pom-pom game), Stereotypes--dividing the group by their three sates, Colorado, Utah and Arizona. They played Birthday Line up without talking and “Mingle, Mingle, Mingle” to get them into groups of five. Each group of five was directed to build the highest tower out of newspaper, while each person was given a character to play, “uncooperative”, “distracted”, “bossy leader”, etc. The group gave rave reviews on the evaluation and they all enjoyed the change from two days of lectures.

CISV BRINGS FRIENDSHIP...

by Amanda Barry

Two years ago, my first CISV experience was at a village as a leader in Montevideo, Uruguay. While at this village, I met all sorts of wonderful people and had a truly amazing time. Since then I have been a leader one other time, and feel as though I can attest to the notion that CISV does a very good job of breaking down any barriers between people from different cultures and giving them the opportunity to get to know each other really well. Every now and then you hear about a CISV couple…..two people who met at a CISV function and have somehow managed to stay together over time, distance, and often huge cultural obstacles. In fact one couple from my village, another U.S. leader and one of the Brazilian leaders, were married this past summer.

On that note, I am pleased to announce that I am also in a relationship with someone from that village. In fact, we are engaged to be married. Diego was on staff at the village in Montevideo, and while we did not have any sort of relationship during the village, we started emailing and chatting online regularly once the village ended. One thing just kind of lead to another, and before I even knew it, two years had gone by and I now find myself struggling through all the hoops the U.S. government lays out, in an effort to get a visa so that Diego can come here, and we can be married.

I was fortunate enough to get to return to Montevideo and spend an amazing 3 months with him this past year. We really wanted to make sure this whole relationship was everything we hoped and expected that it was. Sure enough, as soon as I got off the plane and saw both of them I knew we would get together.

At this point I don't know when he will actually obtain the visa to come here, but whenever that is, we will be having a big reception to celebrate the wedding, and you are all invited! I have CISV to thank for spreading a little more peace, love, and happiness around the world!
Planning for Rockin’ the Rockies Village this summer in Denver is well underway. We are excited to welcome our delegations from 12 different countries – including Austria, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Guatamala, Indonesia, Italy, Norway, Thailand and Jacksonville, Florida. Village dates are: June 23 - July 13, 2006.

Staff and planners are hard at work organizing, training and planning a fantastic experience for our guests. Please contact Caryn Cheyfitz, Village Planner at 720-922-8612 with any questions or to volunteer to help (if you have not yet done so).

Appreciation goes out to our village staff members Josh Rau (Director), Aleah Rose-Gonzalez, Shane Frank, Martin Rottler and our international staff member from Brazil, Luiza Pires de Oliveira. Thank you for your enthusiasm and excitement!

Extra special thanks go to our committees and leaders: Elisa Moran, Cristin Tarr, Denise Gliwa, Gabe Rose-Gonzalez, Tom Sullivan, Tammey Sullivan, Madeline Collison, Jane MacGregor, Sue Lamport, Shari Humston, Anita Boone, Jackie Stern-Bellowe, Deb Cartwright, Bev Sloan, Corrie Houck, Amanda Barry, Trish Sillers-Craver, Marianne Rayburn, Chris Rayburn and Sue Sturm. We got off to a fantastic start at our kick-off meeting in January hosted by Sue Sturm. Thank you Sue!

Village starts June 23 and OPEN DAY --MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IS JULY 7!!!

Important Village 2006 Contacts:
Caryn Cheyfitz, Planner: 720.922.8612
Shari Humston, Delegate Hosting: 303.680-9285
Sue Lamport, Laundry: 303.738.8485
Madeline Collison, Food/Breakfasts: 303.832.6227

 Membership Fees are due Prior to Hosting Delegates
 Make Your Contribution to Rockin’ the Rockies Village 2006
 Village Open Day - July 7th
 Spring Membership Meeting - April 50

Please e-mail dgliwa@comcast.net if you would like to be REMOVED from the mailing list
HEATHER SEVCIK SCHOLARSHIP -

APPLY NOW!!

DON'T LET MONEY NEEDS STOP YOU FROM PARTICIPATING

For all returning CISVers, who are participating in a second, third or even fourth activity. Please remember that you can apply for the Heather Sevcik Scholarship. This scholarship is not based on need, but on character and dedication to CISV. If you are participating in the interchange, national youth meeting or even the national board meeting and think you have demonstrated a commitment to CISV Denver with Heather’s spirit...then please request and application.

Scholarship applications are available by calling or e-mailing Denise Gliwa, 303.780.9549 or dgliwa@comcast.net
CISV Denver Memberships DUE NOW! -- PRINT CLEARLY

Complete the information below and mail to:
CISV Rocky Mountain Denver - Membership
P.O. Box 201254 Denver 80220

REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER TO HOST DELEGATES THIS SUMMER!

Last Name ______________________
Parent(s) First Name(s) _____________

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Address                                 City   State   Zip

Home Phone ________________
E-Mail Address________________

Children’s Names /Birthdates:
1.________________________________  2.______________________________
3.________________________________  4.______________________________

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

☐ Individual  $30
☐ Family   $50
☐ Patron  $75
☐ Benefactor  $100
☐ Major Benefactor  $300+

Denver JB Co-President Catie Gliwa returned from Pune, India in January after serving as a Junior Counselor at the Musical Village. Catie is pictured, second from right, with the Village leaders, JC and staff.

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Junior Branch News

Hey JBers! Congratulations to everyone who was selected to participate in the CISV programs this summer -- and to those who tried out and are now officially members of Junior Branch! We hope to see all of you at the upcoming JB activities.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Junior Branch Lock-In -- it was a great success. We had lots of fun. The theme was CISV Academy and we focused on bringing the CISV message into our everyday lives at school and at home. Highlights included lots of bagels (generously donated by Einsteins), playing the Pen Game and even getting a bit of sleep.

MARK CALENDARS NOW FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**April 9, 11:30 - 2:30 p.m. Picture U$!** South Park Club House, 2801 West Long Circle
CISV Mosaic and Junior Branch will participate in PICTURE US! Inspired by a like-minded organization called Everyday Joy, JBers will meet to assemble a large scrapbook of pictures and images that represent their lives and the American culture. This scrapbook will be sent to a like-minded community in Africa and its members will create a scrapbook to send to us!
WHAT TO BRING: Please bring a sack lunch and pictures, postcards, magazines and more depicting yourself, your family, your interest and our culture. (Please bring copies of pictures, because you will not get them back.

**April 30, 2-4 p.m. - CISV DENVER SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING,** Highlands Ranch Public Library -- We want all JBERS to be there to welcome and meet our new delegates and make final plans for welcoming our international guests this summer.

More information? Contact Catie Gliwa at 303.956.1527/sequinedpixie@yahoo.com or Moira Cassidy at 303.522.1802/Moira521@aol.com

Mosaic News

What is Mosaic? Mosaic is CISV’s new twist on local work. Bringing together CISVers and the local community. Mosaic aims to provide individuals with the opportunity to learn about the world’s issues through local work and activities.

Who is Mosaic for? Mosaic is for the young, old and anyone interested in participating.

What is the CISV Denver Mosaic Project? CISV Denver is focusing on the theme of Africa for its project this year. The goal is to gain a greater understanding and awareness of Africa -- through local work activities.

The first Mosaic event was held on Friday, February 24th at the DU Driscoll Ballroom. The African Extravaganza was a conjoined effort of numerous organizations working to promote African culture and community. Although few CISVers attended the event (mostly due to a late communication effort that we will work to avoid for future events), the overall attendance was great and African culture was showcased through food, dance, art and music. Several JBers attended and everyone had a good time. CISV had a booth at the event and was received well by the community. A possible donor for the village was identified and Caryn followed up on this.

UPCOMING and ONGOING events:

**April 9 - PICTURE US! -- (see description above)
**African Discussion Book Group -- meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Tattered Cover Bookstore in Highlands Ranch. The idea of this book club is to provide an opportunity to discuss some of the current affairs involving Africa with older youth and adults interested in international affairs and current events. At the first meeting, we will discuss potential books and give an overview of Africa and its present affairs; book suggestions are welcome. Please email Heather Sevcik or Ana Fernandez-Frank if you are interested in this activity.

For more details and further information, please contact: Heather Sevcik at heathersevcik@msn.com or Ana Fernandez-Frank at anafernandezfrank@aol.com

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