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CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL SUMMER VILLAGES, INC.

KNOXVILLE AREA CHAPTER

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CISV KNOXVILLE - THE BEGINNING

In 1963, I was on a consulting trip to the Neuropsychiatric VA Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi. Dr. Fred Wright was a member of the staff at the time. Knowing my interests as a social psychologist he invited me to the ongoing CIS Village in Gulfport. I said that I would be available between 2 and 4 pm. During the afternoon, as I met the children and saw them at play and as I became acquainted with a CIS Village, my interest mounted. I was invited to stay for dinner and to the Japanese National night. I was overwhelmed by the display of joy, love, warmth and friendliness by the children and adults. I stayed on for the evening meeting of the adults and went back to my motel room at 11:00 pm!

As I drove back to Knoxville the next day, I was determined that Knoxville would have a CISV chapter.

I was invited to and attended the CISV National Council Meeting that Fall in order to learn more about CISV. I met Dr. Doris Allen, the founder of CISV. What a gracious, charming talented person. She strongly encouraged me to start a CISV chapter in Knoxville and become active in the National Association.

Early in 1964 I got an interest group together consisting of Janet Rasch, Barbara and Len Handler, Nelda Harrilson and Ken Newton. The group decided that we could create enough interest in CISV to start a Knoxville chapter.

I went to the next meeting of the CISV Board of Trustees and requested Steering Committee status for Knoxville. It was granted.

Things began to happen fast after that. We rapidly added new members - about half of them were University people. Janet Rasch was elected our first president. At the next National Council Meeting, I requested a Knoxville delegation to a European village for 1965. I later attended the International Triennial and IBM at Purdue University, Indiana where I learned a lot more about CISV International and made a lot of foreign contacts.

We advertised CISV locally and requested candidates for our first delegation to Graz Austria. We decided to charge the parents \$10.00 over and above travel costs in order to help defray chapter expenses. Four children were chosen:

Melissa Graf, Mary Ellen Jones, Jim Dalton and David Hutchins. Three of the delegates were children of U.T. professors. My daughter Suzanne was a candidate, but was not selected. She later exchanged with a French girl at age 13 and 15. The exchange was arranged by Andy Shockley as a result of contacts he made at Graz, Austria. Later Suzanne attended a CISV seminar camp in 1971. Members of the selection committee were Andy Shockley, Ken Newton and Nelda Harrilson. Andy was selected as the adult delegate.

The reports from the Graz delegation were so positive and encouraging that they added impetus to the chapter. It grew.

At the national council Meeting in 1965, I requested chapter status for Knoxville and got it. We also got permission for our first village in 1966. I should like to add that the speed with which we went from steering committee to chapter to having a village was unprecedented in CISV.

Some members of our chapter thought we were moving too fast and dropped out during this crucial year. We had our village with delegations from Guatemala, Costa Rica, Mexico, Canada, India, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, France and England and Cincinnati. Andy Shockley was the director. It was a village of sweat and tears, but in the end one of the best villages ever. We had practically no financial resources. Fortunately Mildred Doyle let us have the village at Cedar Bluff elementary and a broken down old bus, free. It was an ideal site, where we had great cooks who managed on the donated food. The village cost about \$2400 in cash outlay. As with most chapters we found that life begins with the first successful village. Knoxville was off to a flying start. Several precedents were established in those early years, some of which are still characteristic of our chapter. One was that we should involve as many people as possible in international contacts and accept as many delegations to villages as are available. Since its inception Knoxville has sent more delegations to more villages than any other chapter in the US.

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1963

First experience with a CIS village - Gulfport, Mississippi. Introduced to CISV by Dr. Fred Wright.

Attended CISV National Council Meeting - Cincinnati, Ohio.

1964

Attended National Council Meeting - Biloxi, Mississippi.

Attended Board of Trustees Meeting - Cincinnati - and requested Knoxville have Steering Committee status.

Formed Knoxville Steering Committee.

1965

Delegate from Knoxville to National Council Meeting.

Sent first 11 year old delegation to Graz Austria. Andy Shockley was the adult delegate.

Attended International Triennial and IBM Meeting - Purdue University, Lafayette Indiana.

Requested and received chapter status for Knoxville. Requested a village for Knoxville in 1966.

1966

President, Secretary Treasurer, Fund Raiser and Chairman of the Village Committee - CISV Knoxville.

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Held first Knoxville Village, Andy Shockley Director.

Delegate from Knoxville to National Council.

Elected Vice President National Council.

Member of the National Research Committee.

1967

Elected President of the National Council.

Delegate from Knoxville to the National Council.

1968

Re-elected president of the National Council.

Appointed to the US CISV Board of Trustees.

Represented CISV USA at the International CISV Pedological Meeting - Copenhagen, Denmark.

Attended the International Triennial and IBM Meeting - Hindas Sweden.

Elected to the International Board of Directors. Served from 1968 to 1980.

Appointed to the International Research Committee.

1969

US Delegate to IBM Meeting - Helsinki, Finland.

Directed a seminar camp - Mora, Sweden.

Suggested a "Family to Family," later called INTERCHANGE, Program to National council for children who missed the 11 year old experience. This was based on a successful exchange arranged by Andy Shockley between a French girl and my daughter in 1968.

Became International Life Member #4.

1971

Elected first president of the new CISV National Board of Trustees.

US Delegate to the International Triennial and IBM - Hamburg, Germany.

Organized First Knoxville Seminar Camp.

1972

Re-elected president US Board of Trustees.

US Delegate to IBM - Waterloo, Canada.

INTERCHANGE became an official CISV Program.

1973

Re-elected president US Board of Trustees.

US Delegate to IBM - Brussels, Belgium.

Appointed chairman International Research Committee.

Elected Member-at-large US Board of Trustees 1973 - 1980.

1974

US Delegate to the Triennial and IBM - Leeds, England.

Elected Vice President CISV International 1974-1977.

Started the movement to reorganize the International Board and to revise the by-laws.

1975

US Delegate to the IBM Meeting - Bucharest, Romania.

1976

US Delegate to IBM - Cincinnati, Ohio.

Liaison for the International Board and the Cincinnati Chapter in organizing the IBM in Cincinnati.

The "New" International by-laws and organization enacted.

1977

US Delegate to the IBM and last Triennial - Trento, Italy.

Re-elected International vice president 1977 - 1980.

Appointed "Trouble Shooter: for CISV problem countries. Submitted report on evaluation of CISV Mexico.

1978

US Delegate to IBM - Goteborg, Sweden.

Member-at-large US Board of Trustees.

1979

US Delegate to IBM - Aarhus, Denmark.

Member-at-large US Board of Trustees.

1980

US Delegate to IBM - Manila, Philippines.

Resigned as International Vice President.

Resigned as Chairman of Research Committee.

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Resigned as member of the International Board.

Resigned as US Delegate to the International Board.

Elected as an Honorary Counsellor CISV International.

Had four way by-pass cardiac surgery.

1981 - 1990

Member of the Knoxville Board.

Honorary Counsellor CISV International

Honorary Counsellor CISV USA