

Dear Friends of Interchange

1. ADDRESS LIST UPDATES

→ *not to be published online*

2. HAVE YOU EVER DEPARTMENT.....( for MS Word user only, sorry Apple & others )

Have you ever tried to open a Microsoft Word document and couldn't or just got a whole lot of squares plus other computer 'stuff'. Part of the trouble might be that the document being sent is written in a Word version higher than what you have on your computer. Example: someone send you a document in Word2000 and you have Word7.0 for Windows95 or you have Word6.0. What you need is an import converter that will change the document you are receiving into a document that you can open with your version of Word. To get the download for this converter, try the following site:

<http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/Q162/2/14.ASP>

3. OPEN LIST

Attached is the most recent Open List in both MS Excell.v7.0 and Plain Text. If your country is on the Open List and you no longer need to be, please let me know.

4. WHEN BEST EFFORTS .....

Last month we talked about the NIC encouraging the LICs to use their best efforts to make sure that the IC takes place. But what if best efforts, being flexible and being creative are not good enough and the local chapter must decline or hand back the IC.

In the first instance, the local chapter is handing the IC back to the NIC and saying that they are unable to commit to this IC. Before handing the IC back to IO & the IIC; I again am looking to the NIC to ask other chapters in their country if they would like to have another IC.

At the moment the temporary moving of the International Office is schedules for January 10, 2000. We have been advised not to send anything to IO 2 working days before the move and 2 working days after the move.

5. I LIKE CISV BECAUSE.....

In the last IIC Info-News I said that I wanted to share with you the results of the IBM Interchange Clinics. After thinking about it again, I would prefer to do that next month and leave this century on a more positive note by

sharing with you some of the nice & interesting things we are saying about ourselves.

'CISV has helped develop good qualities in my child'

'We are pro-positive, our creativity is endless and we are in a continuous search of solutions to problems. We do not wait until things are going to happen, but we believe to make things happen, without aggression or disrespect.....'

Chris Bodnar & Peer-Ole Laer - International Junior Representatives -

'Interchange allows you to get personnel'

Doris Allen - Calgary - Canadian NBM'97

'...it allows the families to become involved in the program. Often in the other programs.... parents and siblings have no grasp of what their child is experiencing. Interchange is an experience for the whole family. It allows us to explore one culture..... instead of getting a taste of many cultures.'

David Lattanzi - CISV-L

Interchange was '..an incredible, rich life experience for my child and self'

Kathie Ritchie - Vancouver, Canada

Interchange '....may be the CISV program that has the potential of providing the richest experience!'

Paulo Rizzi - CISV-L

'.... I fell sorry that I didn't discover CISV earlier. However, now I am one in family and that feels great'

Niclas Jorneklint - CISV-L

'the most amazing experience of my son's life'

'CISV is a note in the symphony of mankind'

Marco Vega - IBM'94

'CISV works on cultivating an attitude and feeling, creating a passion by exposing children to enthusiastic adults and peers, who are patient, interested in learning and trying new things and willing to share.....if you ask me, CISV is an organization that cultivates that spirit'

Shaun McElroy - CISV-L

If you wish to share positive things that you hear about CISV and Interchange from evaluations, please pass them on.

## 6. INTERCHANGE WORKSHOP - AUSTRIA IBM2000

When: August 6 to August 8, 2000

Where: IBM 2000 - Schloss Seggau - Styria - Austria

Cost: Between \$200 & \$250 US Dollars for double accommodations including all workshop materials, manuals and handouts

For Whom: For all CISVers, primarily NICs, wishing to learn more

strategies that will help in presenting more effective Interchange Programmers to their LICs.

#### Workshop Topics:

Some of the topics that will be presented at the WS will include but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Effective communication & flexibility 2. Effective leadership selection & training 3. Effective use of themes in an Interchange 4. Preparing and running effective mini camps 5. Changes to the IC Guide & Forms 6. Being an effective NIC - motivating LICs 7. Risk Management 8. Effective Evaluations If you as NIC wish to have other topics addressed at the WS please let me know and the WS Committee will consider them.

#### 7. C-YA NEXT CENTURY

At this time of year most cultures take a serious break from the rigors of day to day life and spend some time for quite reflection. We reflect on our accomplishments of the past year and look at ways of improving and changing things we were not too pleased about.

We as volunteers of CISV and the Interchange Programme can be proud of our accomplishments. How many young lives have you affected this year? - many, many. Your hard work has put 'positives' into the minds of our young adults. Your efforts and those of your LICs have made a difference in this world. I congratulate you for a job well done and hope that you pass on these thoughts to your LICs.

We all know where we have been with the IC Programme and where we are coming from. Now, where do we want to go with it in the next few years? Please, give it some serious thought and let me know your thoughts. Do you want the IC Programme to continue the way it is going? What MAJOR CHANGES do you want to see happen in the programme????

In my part of the world and as of this writing there are 12 days and about 8 1/2 hours left in this millennium. But not everyone on this planet will be celebrating the arrival of the third millennium on January 1, 2000. While most countries use the western calendar for everyday life, many of you use traditional systems to mark important dates and events. I would like to share some of them with all of you.

As we enter the year 2000, one of our newer CISV associations, China, welcome the year 4698.

The third millennium is also old news for our Jewish friends who are about to begin the year 5760.

For Hindus, the year 2000 won't arrive for another 78 years.

The next millennium is even further off for our Muslims friends, who are in the year 1420.

AND for you purists, we may even be partying in the wrong year thanks to Dionysius Exiguus . This little know monk did not have any concept of time zero when he converted the old Roman calendar into the western version we use today. He started counting at the year 1; so, you see that 2,000 years are not finished until January 1, 2001.

ANYWAY, no matter which calendar you follow I wish each of you the peace and enjoyment of family that this time of year brings. I leave you with a little piece of my adopted country and its tradition at the following web site: