

San Francisco

California Chapter

Founded in 1981



Chapter Founders,
Peter and Vicki
Tejada

In 1981 at the National Spring Meeting of CISV USA, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the creation of a Steering Committee in the San Francisco Bay Area. Through the hard work and dedication of Chapter Founders Peter and Vicki Tejada, Doris Allen's dream was brought to the Bay Area. Vicki and Peter were active members of CISV Philippines when they met in a Village in 1970, subsequently married and immigrated to California. Their commitment to provide their children, as well as Bay Area children, the opportunity to experience CISV overcame the difficulties they encountered in starting a West Coast Chapter.

The Chapter is active in all CISV programs. Since sending our first delegation in 1981*, we have hosted six Villages, a Seminar Camp, and an experimental all-



Interchange with Denmark, 1991



Music for Peace 1988 - Phil Long, Director



San Francisco Village Music for Peace 1988
Terry Reichel and Vicki Tejada

female Summer Camp in 1997. We are proud that several former child delegates have completed the full circle from delegate to adult leader to staff. The Chapter hosted the first Ethnic Village in the United States. This Local Work activity involves the whole community, and its aim is to help immigrant children appreciate their own culture while learning and understanding that of the community in which they live.

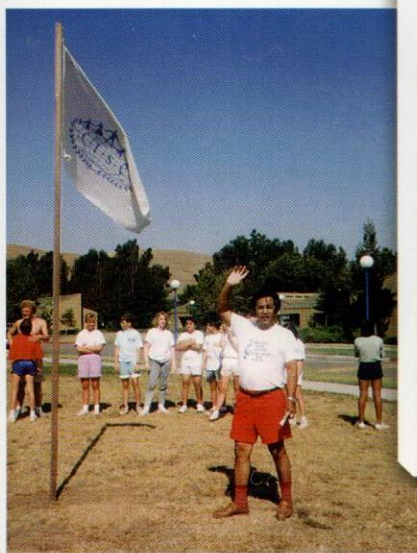
Vicki feels that the Chapter is special because of the multiplicity of cultures represented. However, she regards the Chapter's most important task, through the delegations it sends out, the programs it hosts, and Local Work activities within the community, is providing the children of the San Francisco Bay Area with a unique opportunity to learn about other cultures. CISV has offered unique leadership development

opportunities for the youth and adults in our community. We are proud of our members' involvement in CISV at both the national and international levels. As an organization whose aim is peace education and cross-cultural understanding among the people of the world, CISV has given our community one of the best avenues to continue to improve cross-cultural cooperation in cities and countries around the world.

**It was recently discovered in material archived in Cincinnati that a Mrs. Shirley Lynn and two child delegates, Emily Skolaick and Priscilla Ginsberg, were sent to a Village in 1957 from the San Francisco Area.*



San Francisco Village
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Noel Tejada and Jason Lowe
Leeds, England 1986



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*RIGHT: Vicki Tejada
listens to Doris at the
latter's 100th birthday
party, October 8, 2001.*



A WOMAN OF GRACE

One of my many experiences with Doris was during USA National Board meeting evening events. Doris loves to dance and I would always be behind her prepared to catch her if she fell. After a while I would feel tired and would ask her if we "shall take a short rest now?" She replied: No, I am not tired. You can take a rest if you are." And she would continue dancing until she outdanced all of us!

When she visited San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Village in 1995, she stayed in our house and was a very gracious guest. She wrote a very nice letter to me after her usual afternoon nap which made me proud of my little contribution to CISV.

Part of it read: "Dearest Vicki, you have several roles in CISV but you can carry all of them well. We need several like you in CISV to keep it going!"

I will always be proud of my part in helping Doris's dream flourish.

Vicki Tejada