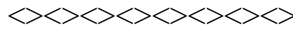


CIE Members Comments & Reflections
on the Occasion of the 1000th Tuesday Meeting

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One Tues. meeting in 1968 especially marked me. The first CIE director David Schimmel tactfully but firmly announced to the members around the small table in Montague House that he did not feel he could continue our deliberations due to a more pressing call. If memory serves (I am ready to stand corrected) it was related to a particular surge in anti-Vietnam War action. We all looked at each other and the Tues. morning meeting broke up soon after it was convened. One may call the opposition of business as usual vs. concerted activism largely a matter of personal conviction. It can be applied anywhere at any time but especially in a period when one's countrymen's lives are being lost in faraway lands for a questionable cause. That non-meeting was both sober and rich in thought provocation and soul searching.

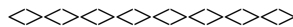
Steve Grant EdD 72



It was the first Center meeting of my first semester as a graduate student, and we were all asked to say a few words about what we had done before coming to CIE. I was nervous and flustered at the thought (not having done anything substantial) but as I looked around in panic, I noticed a calm, self-possessed woman who I knew to be a seasoned Center member, a world traveler, writing notes to herself on the back of her hand. Oddly, this revelation of insecurity gave me confidence.

This outpouring of love and memories reminds me how lucky I was to have stumbled into the CIE community in 1986. To all who made it such an incredible educational experience: DRE, David Kinsey, George Urch, Bob Miltz, Anna, Barbara G-W, and my cohort of grad student peers from every continent.

Helen Fox CIE 1986-91

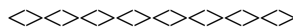


Dear CIE:

My two sentences:

My first day at the Center happened to be a Tuesday. That day, the meeting membership fired David Evans.

Cheers, **Mike Frith**



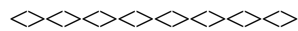
Here are two memories, one not having anything to do with the meetings, but one that did.

1. The early '70s were revolutionary times. At one meeting, for reasons I cannot remember, we decided to depose dre--most of us did, anyway. There were alarums and excursions. Cries of "dictator" and "unfair" and "justice for the third world" or something of that nature went up. It all blew over in a few months, and since then I have come to know dre as one of the most benign, creative, and encouraging despots I have ever known. Perhaps a bit revolutionary in his own way, as well, encouraging people from all over the world to develop the capabilities needed for leadership.

2. Just a note about a long-ago figure at the Center, "Cookie" Bourbeau. From the early days, she anchored the center, serving in name as secretary but her real value was her common sense, her real affection for all center members, and her capability--toward the end of her career there, she served the center on a project in Africa Cookie died soon after she left the center and I have missed her all these years, as I am sure all of the early CIE members do.

Best to all and have a great 1000th meeting!

John Bing 1971 to 1979



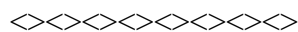
Dear Fellow Center Members,

It was common to have folks from Washington, DC, come talk to CIE students at Tuesday meetings and talk to us about what it was "really" like to be a development professional. On one such occasion (circa mid-1980s), a woman whose name I remember as "Jackie Kaye," or a name close to that, spoke to us about her work in development. Jackie told us that we'd always be faced with a fundamental question and that was if we wanted to do development sitting behind a desk or by "squishing rice paddy mud between our toes," meaning at the village level with people.

That's stuck in my mind all these years because it's the "with the people" part that has always appealed to me most and where I believe real development happens.

Thanks Jackie Kaye or whatever your real name is.

Jennie Campos



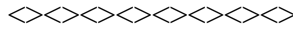
Dear CIE community,

The Center meeting I remember best was one I didn't attend. It was 1981 and I had for the first time walked through the Hallowed Halls of Hills. I was supposed to meet George Urch, but was told he was in a center meeting, so I stood outside, listening to all the laughter that came from the L-shaped room. It did not sound like a proper meeting. That was my only consolation since I found I could not join CIE. My background was too "formal". This was at the time when the NFE mafia ruled CIE. But I could take classes.

So I joined center meetings. I liked the meetings of the late 70s/beginning of the 80s, dominated by the South American revolutionaries, (e.g., Juan Aulestia), with their passion and hopes of change. Now somewhat gone, I suspect. But I'm glad that the center meetings continue. Until now, my only comfort has been that my Volvo is "for life". With its 1000th center *meetingversary*, there is hope that I can, as a wrinkled old crone in my wheelchair, arrive on a Tuesday morning and find that center meetings are also for life!! Wish I could have been with you!

Retired from the Asian Development Bank 3 years ago, and now doing only what I want.

Gudrun Forsberg, Sweden



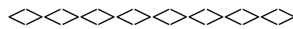
Dear CIE Community,

It is difficult to capture with words the gratitude that comes from the sense of feeling 'home'. The first time I heard about CIE was a gray Minnesota day and I was attending a workshop that featured Paulo Freire and Peter Park. This tall guy with blond hair that couldn't stop curling was also involved (yes, you, Mark Lynd). He looked approachable and I asked him how he was connected with the workshop. He started describing CIE and as he spoke, the sense that that was where I belonged became very clear to me. Sometimes you just know when something is 'right'. I applied for admission that year and walked into a magical world of inspiring people, challenging thoughts and a caring community.

The Tuesday meetings were sometimes something I just couldn't get fired up about and then the thought of DRE's disapproval (disappointment) when there wasn't a full room would usually make me drag myself in there-and I was always glad I did so. I remember especially Anna bustling around making sure everything was ready to go, the cozy camaraderie of winter Tuesdays and the light, fragrant breezes of spring and fall as we wrestled with the challenging job of marrying the business of development with academic rigor and innovation and empowerment of the disenfranchised. Heavy stuff.

Thank you DRE, George, David, Bob, Anna, and BGW and thanks to all of us past and present (and future) students who keep this unique place alive. If we are not there in person on Tuesday, we are there in spirit. Much love and gratitude and communal hugs,

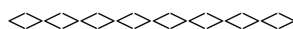
Valerie Haugen Sydney, Australia



Congratulations on the 1,000 anniversary of the Tuesday CIE meeting! Wow! I think that DRE should figure out how many of the 1,000 meetings he has attended! My memories of the meetings revolve around commuting from Greenfield through the mid-winter snow and spring mud to try to get to the meetings on time (with rare success); the warm, 'meet and greet' atmosphere before and after the 'official' meetings began; the useful and interesting combination of 'house keeping' announcements and agenda items' along with interesting and inspiring in-house and guest speakers; triumphant student presentations of their Master's theses and other research work; and the hungry anticipation of a table full of delicious treats to supplement my weekly caloric intake during those two financially lean years!

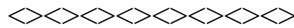
Warm wishes to the entire community -

Phoebe McKinney, M.Ed 2001



Reflecting on the Tuesday meetings, I remember there was a sort of excitement in the air as an innovative idea or undertaking was shared or as insights were gained into issues of a social, political, educational, global or grassroots nature. Thanks for making such an opportunity possible. Wishing you a most wonderful celebration! Warmest greetings to all from Haifa, Israel (as I prepare to move to Colombia)

Stephanie Pirroni 2001-2003



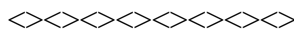
Dear CIE,

Nowhere on earth have I experienced anything like CIE's Tuesday morning meetings where people "volunteered" their time to gather as a community in a little L-shaped room.

As we crowded around and leaned up against the metal mailboxes so we could watch and listen to the latest plan, idea or controversy, we played out personal politics and the larger and more pressing politics of Latin America, Africa, and Asia. For many of us, this was our training ground for what would become the critical work of international development.

What a concept -- a weekly, two-hour meeting where people gathered to stretch their wings. And even when the various workplaces that I've experienced provide time and space for anything approximating CIE's Tuesday morning meetings they have all fallen short -- nothing has come close to inspiring the texture of those times or the heart and soul of that little L-shaped room. Indeed, they are not to be taken lightly. Viva CIE's Tuesday morning meetings!

Jennie Campos – 1991



Hello all,

Okay what the heck, I'm going to risk it. Here's a little Center Meeting poem (a perspective from the 90's) - best said aloud - Begging your forgiveness in advance - and sending hugs and best wishes to all,

*Center Meetings at CIE,
David, Bob, George and DRE,
A vibrant community, much to rehash,
BGW, Sally, Anna and then Ash.*

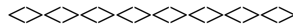
*Presentations, slideshows, discussions, drama and debate,
"It's for the World Bank? We can't do it! Well, unless they'll fund an assistantship ... or eight."*

*A space for the polyphony of languages and perspectives to be heard,
With the requisite smattering of academia's 17-syllable word(s).*

*Hierarchically invidious as those may have been,
Amongst us, it's true, simple gossip was just as much in.
"Keep the announcements SHORT!" DRE would shout*

*"But we're planning a party, David - join us. Leave the theory, bring the stout."
And that's the thing - the constructively deconstructed reconstituted thing-
What holds us together is our hearts not our heads,
That's our inspiration, not our creds.
Otherwise why would we do the work that we do?
It's not for the money, we know that to be true.
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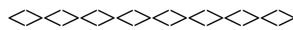
Sherry Russell



Greetings and salutations! Attached you will find a photo of two L-shaped room alums- **Jaya Gajanayake**, and yours' truly ,Michael Marzolla. We were recently in St. Paul MN presenting together at a conference symposium. Jaya is at Northern Illinois University and I am here on the left coast. Both Jaya and I were able to share memories of the Tuesday meetings at the Center...DRE may recall the student up-rising in the late 70's that led to students taking a stronger role in the Center's governance- I know we fogged up the windows of the room with lively discussion. What struck Jaya and I as we were wrapping up after our symposium presentation was how much we had learned from one another at the Center and how we still find that knowledge and experience guides the work we do today, some thirty plus years later.

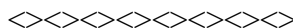
I feel very fortunate to have spent significant time in the L-shaped room with an amazing group of students and faculty. I will forever cherish that experience. I will be there with you in spirit on Tuesday.

Michael Marzolla ('78-'80 & '95-'96)

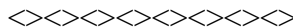


Given the varieties of moods and passions displayed, the mix of ethnicities, nationalities, genders, guile, politics evinced; and the ranges of age, degrees sought, tenure at the Center, faculty present even during my early days it seems especially fitting that the 1000th Center Meeting falls on Halloween.

John Hatch 1970s "4 H Club" member

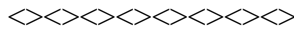


John has a great point, folks. It gives new meaning to my promise to be there "in spirit."
Phil Christensen 1970s



To CIERS, near and far -- I add my voice to the growing worldwide chorus. Today wherever I turn people talk about community building. CIE has been walking that talk for decades and the Tuesday meetings have been a cornerstone of that commitment. As I think about next week's gathering, I am acutely aware of all the Center members who contributed to the heartbeat of those meeting and have passed on: **David Kinsey, Menzi Mthwecu, Mansour Fakh** and others. May they too be remembered and celebrated when you gather and may the warmth of our memories and the depth of our connections provide shelter for the world -

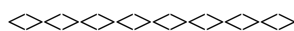
Mishy Lesser Boston



To all of the CIE folks, both present and alums, in all of the far flung corners of the world: Warmest wishes on the occasion of the 1000th meeting. I wish I could be there, but circumstances do not permit. I am looking forward to the 2,000th meeting and will do my best to be there for that one...

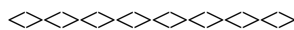
I've been reading all of the comments about CIE in anticipation of the upcoming 1,000th meeting and, out of the blue, suddenly had a memory of things, or rather people, past flash through my mind. While I miss the professors and my cohorts in the program and the collegiality we shared in our weekly meetings, most of all I miss Cookie. Cookie was like the glue that held the place together. No matter how weird UMASS got, and it did get pretty weird at times, no matter how involved I got in other parts of the school or university, no matter how miserable the weather, Cookie was always there, keeping us from screaming at each other and, in general, providing a voice of sanity in a place that occasionally went insane. At the upcoming 1,000th meeting, I request that everyone present raise a glass in her memory. She is much missed...

Mikey Patrick Hagerty 1970s



Congratulations on this great achievement. CIE alumni are everywhere in the world which is in itself a testimony. Can't be there but warm wishes.

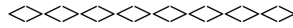
Alexandrina Deschamps



I would like to send my best wishes to CIE and all its members. I am sure the 1000th Meeting will be a memorable event. And Barbara guess what my birthday is also 31st October!

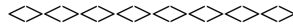
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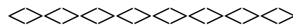
Dear all CIE-ers!
 Congrats with the 1000th CIE Tuesday meeting! great tradition, a lot of memories - thanks to all! With warmest wishes from Almaty

Larissa Savitskaya



Dear all CIE members,
 Congratulations to all on the occasion of the 1000th Tuesday meeting. You never realize how much the meetings mean until you are out of CIE. Warm wishes for keeping the traditions

Elias Chakwera, Malawi



Greetings to all CIEers near and far:



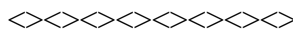
The words that have been expressed thus far capture beautifully my thoughts, feelings, and memories of CIE and our Tuesday Meetings. So, my contribution will be through photos. Attached are a few pictures of some Center meetings (or other L-Shaped room happenings) taken during my stay from 1998-2004 (although I'm sure some of you will recognize decorations that were up decades prior to that!).

Some pictures are of center meeting presenters, others of a birthday celebration for dre (and Gretchen's hilarious portrayal of him), one of a uniquely-CIE dissertation defense, and another of a Center meeting too large to be held in the L-

Shaped room.

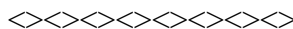
Just a few of the 1000 memorable Tuesday morning meetings (not to mention the countless other events) that shaped us all in that beautiful town of Amherst.

Dwaine Lee, Macedonia



Greetings from Thanh in Angkor Temple in Cambodia. Congratulation for the 1000th meeting of the CIE-Community. Thank for all the hard work of CIE members to keep this tradition.

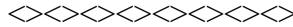
Best wishes to all
Duong Van Thanh



Congratulation to CIE and all of it's many alumni for a rich tradition in advancing education and development. March on to a thousand more!

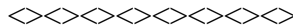
Let us work for more peace in the world. Without peace there can not be development.

Aukram Burton



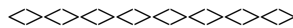
A cozy room on a cold Tuesday
A room of warm friends with hot ideas.
Much more than just a memory.
A feeling that will be with me forever.
I so wish I could join you today. Have a wonderful celebration.

David Styles



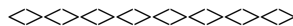
Let me add to all the congratulatory messages. While I never studied at CIE, my association with the Ghana project in 1979-1980 was one of the most positive of my professional career. All the best to everyone, especially to folks I worked with on that project. Feel free to get in touch.

Larry Frankel



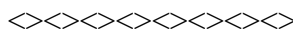
Greetings to you all,
How timely to be thinking about the meetings and the L-shaped room. I just used a quote that was posted on the wall after a meeting, or perhaps a dissertation defense, in a collaborative leadership training I did last Saturday; one from a Chinese philosopher I paraphrased as ".go to the people, love them, work with them, and if you do it well, when it is all over, they will say - we did it ourselves."
Just one of the many gems of moments at CIE that continue to teach me and support me now. My best to everyone,

Kaki Rusmore



Dear CIE Community,
Congratulations! These Tuesday mornings have served as the gathering of great minds. The vision to initiate this is celebrated and acknowledged. The continuation of this legacy is appreciated and encouraged into the future. Colleagues, I have adapted this in to my work in Uganda over the past 10 years, with much success. May the collective energy, and shared insights lead to new generations of development activists which the world needs. May this event rekindle connections to strengthen the CIE Community around the globe. To the ELDERS .. past and present, your shared wisdom and mentoring is sincerely appreciated, and I am proud to be part of the CIE Community.

Renuka Pillay Uganda

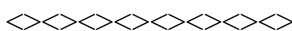


Dear CIE Community,

Congratulations to all on the occasion of the 1000th CIE Tuesday Meeting. I doff my hat to all the great minds that came up with such a magnificent idea of meeting every Tuesday. I am bursting with pride for you and very happy that all your hard work is being rewarded as your students are scattered all over the world leaving indelible imprints in the sands of education and development. Thank you very much for such a delightful legacy to posterity. You are a real credit to the University of Massachusetts and a wonderful department.

I missed that great assembly of great minds that meet every Tuesday to discuss international education issues. I missed the caring, the fellowship and the love. Hearty congratulations to you all. To my classmates and colleagues, especially those who will not be gracing the occasion in person, please give me a call, and we can work out a time to celebrate together some day in Amherst.

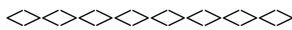
Hassan B. Bangura 1994-1999



To our dear friends at CIE,

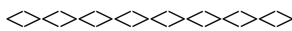
Ethan and I send a warm aloha to all of our Center friends near and far with fond memories of the ritual of Tuesday mornings. The Center meeting has endured because of the many needs it has served through the years - the need for community, for intellectual stimulation, for organizing, for sharing, for spurring people into action - thank you to all who have held the torch. Much love and aloha,

Phyllis and Ethan on Maui



Colegas: Felicidades. on the 1000 anniversary of CIE Tuesday morning meetings.....reflecting to my residency at UMASS during 1973-75.....the meetings provided great opportunity for discourse and to hear the VOICES from many corners of the world.....and most important to raise our consciousness about our collective work.

Adelante, saludos, y abrazo, **Alberto Ochoa**

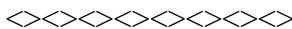


Dear CIE Family,

It's great seeing the e-mails come in from all over the world with comments about the 1000th Tuesday Center meeting! What a great reminder of all the talented folks doing good work in so many parts of the globe. Next Tuesday I'll sit back in my chair and revel in the warm thoughts and feelings when recalling those Tuesday meetings. What a wonderful venue for dialogue and learning.

We can only hope that the L-shaped room is there for the 2,000th meeting!

Joe Wismann-Horther



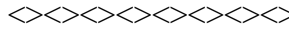
Greetings from the Kyrgyz Republic,

Congratulations to all of you, who once shared the same nest, which is CIE. I see how rich and diverse we are! May CIE continue being a home of good memories and admirable fellowships.

With best wishes,

Askarbek Mambetaliev, 2002-2004

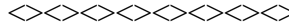
P.S. in the attached photo I am blowing the CIE horn, calling folks to a Tuesday Meeting.



Dear CIE Members:

My regards to all CIE members, specially to David R. Evans, Bob,Linda Kinsey ,Horace Reed George,Cocoe,Anna,Jan,Gail,Nanet,Tensing,Julio,Vicente,Kla,Fredi and others.All of them attended the tuesday center meeting in the cool morning 28 years ago(1978). Congratulation for the 1000th meeting and thanks for alls who keep the excellent thing of the CIE

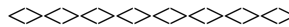
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Dear CIE Members

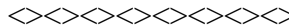
Cheers to all.

Ellen Kornegay South Africa



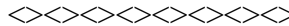
Regards,

Mikey Patrick Hagerty



YES, A TOAST TO **COOKIE**.....A WONDERFUL WOMAN AND ONE OF MANY WE SHOULD NOT FORGET. HOW COULD I HAVE POSSIBLE HAVE WRITTEN ANYTHING TO CIE WITHOU HAVING MENTIONED COOKIE. AND NOW MOST PEOPLE EQUATE IT WITH SOMETHING TO DELETE FROM INTERNET POPUPS.

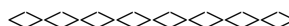
LILLIAN BAER 1970s



Hi there!

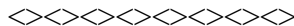
How wonderful to receive all the e-mails from fans far and near re: their days at CIE. I too had a great 3 years at Amherst (81-83) followed by a very fulfilling career in the field of Education Planning for developing countries with international agencies and a couple of countries. The last time I saw DRE was in Uganda in 1991 (during the first Gulf War)..when both of us were consultants for a World Bank project. ..there was no change in the way he looked..ageless!! I wish I could have been there for the 1000th meeting. Keep up the good work you all!! We are just moving to the next posting...this time to settle in Victoria, B.C. Canada...just about now...boxes still being unpacked as I write....

Anita Nazareth



Congratulations on the 1,000 anniversary of CIE meetings. Many CIE graduates will agree with me that these meetings have been very educative for most of us who wanted to have a broader knowledge of the world. Presentations at the center helped many of us to shape our dissertations and theses. I am particularly thankful for DRE and the entire CIE staff for the sterling work they have done over the years. I wish CIE more productive meetings ahead.

Tsoaledi Thobejane 2000s

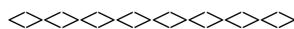


Dear CIE!

I thought I'd missed it,, but it is today, Halloween! Here in Sumatra it doesn't really seem like I've left the L-Shaped Room as I regularly run into previous denizens such as **John Pontius, Dan Moulton, James Mangan, Elias Moning,,,,** until a couple of years ago **Mansour Fakh** was a close friend and comrade. CIE grads are litter the landscape in Indonesia.

The Tuesday Center Meeting truly deserves the title 'institution'.... may it always remain the same in place and form, while being relentlessly born anew via all the new faces, personalities, experiences and thoughts of CIE members. Glad to hear that folks can still stand in the back and lean on the mailboxes... 'militant observation' Kinsey might have called it. Y'all take care my friends,

Russ Dilts Indonesia



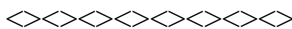
'But soon we shall die and all memory of those five will have left the earth, and we ourselves shall be loved for a while and forgotten. But the love will have been enough; all those impulses of love return to the love that made them. Even memory is not necessary for love. There is a land of the living and a land of the dead and the bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning.' Wilder was in his late twenties when he wrote those last lines in *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*. At sixty-three I have discovered he was right.

As I enter my retirement years from the world of social change, I heard today on NPR that my Peace Corps site, Barrancabermeja, Colombia, is in the center of a movement of leftist terrorists. Forty-one years ago as a volunteer there I witness the death of Camilo Torres, Colombia's version of Che Guevarra. And what changes in life? We seem incapable of learning anything from the past. But we do have love.

I am remembering now the love I have for Dave Evans, George Urch and David Schimmel, although it comes to mind for quite different motives. I remember a love I found for Peter Higginson, and Ash Hartwell, and Arthur Gillette, while I played at being their peer. The Center was a place in my life, much like that Bridge at San Luis Rey that taught me that the only thing is love and the only thing I love is people - people who lead and share and give the world a sense that something does make a difference. I suspect the Center has done the same for many of you. On this wonderful anniversary let me just say how grateful I am to it and to all of you who made it possible. Ginger and I hold those days in that funny white clap board house as a true gift and a

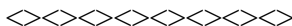
love which bridges so many years, so many places and so many hopes. That love was surely enough.

Bill Smith 1970s



I absolutely love that you even realize that it's the 1000th meeting and DRE, you should feel so good for having kept the vision going all these years and having touched so many of us! I have to laugh and admit that sometimes I dreaded those meetings and the on-going debates about how to bring about a more just world... And yet now with the flurry of e-mails, I am filled with a surge of gratitude for having been given the space, the support, and the fodder to develop my own beliefs not only about education and change, but about what it means to be a decent human being. Thank you, thank you.

Judy Hofer



Hello Everyone,
Greetings from Baja California, Mexico. Some of the loveliest friends I have in my life now, I met at CIE over ten years ago! I must have sat next to them at Center Meetings! By the way, I am looking forward to seeing pictures from this historic meeting that I will unfortunately miss...
Saludos,

Andrea Rocha (M.Ed, 1996)



Dear CIE cohorts:
Hello to all of you from Northern California. I wish I could have been there in person this morning..... I have to agree with Andrea about some of the loveliest people in my life..... We are flung so far and wide now but I have learned so much from you all and continue to do so..... My time at CIE (1994-1996) was one of the richest times of my life. To be able to learn and grow in such a diverse and vibrant environment was a great gift that will stay with me forever and continue to feed my professional and activist activities. (not to mention my chosen familia) .
Send pictures!

Ellen Licht

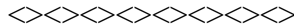


To all CIE members and friends,
Another congratulations on the 1000th Center meeting. It's wonderful that this is still a vibrant tradition that brings our CIE community together - in person and virtually. I cannot be there on Tuesday, but will be thinking of everyone and remembering the interesting speakers, thoughtful discussions, and both serious and playful times that we all shared. Although many of us have moved away from Amherst, we continue to be connected to our friends and colleagues from CIE.

I see from the website that many old friends are still at the Center - DRE, BGW, Cristine, Sultan, Joanie, (and I'm sure that George and Bob continue to roam the halls now and again). I saw David Kinsey's son, Andrew, with his band - Daisy Mayhem - in New York City and, although it's bittersweet, he remembers the Center with great affection. My warmest wishes to everyone who is still there and I'm sure that 'new' Center faculty members and students have been welcomed with the same kindness and enthusiasm as everyone

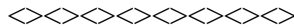
who came before them. Those who are able to spend the 1000th meeting in the L-shaped room - enjoy!
And please remember that anyone passing through New York City is welcome at my home

Sherry Kane (M.Ed. 1994)



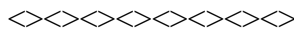
CIE Members,
Congratulations on achieving CIE's 1,000th meeting. My fondest memory is the stimulating interaction among members in residence. I now coordinate international studies for the College.

Arlen Etling, 1970s



Dear Barbara,
I have been watching the greetings pouring in from all over the globe and could not decide whether I want to send mine to all the people on the list. I saw some familiar faces (Thank for one, haven't seen Pan yet)but most of them were at CIE before my time or after. I share the same feelings like hundreds of others expressed about the community – a home away from home. Please convey my best wishes to all who were, are,and will be at CIE. And congratulations to the 1000th Center Meeting. Please also convey my regards to Anna, David, Gretchen, George, Bob, and others if you see them at the meeting.

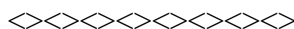
Xiaoying Ma



What can I say? I feel like I personally have attended 1000 Tuesday Center Meetings in the 2 years that I was at CIE (2000 - 2002)! ;) My favorite aspect was seeing who else would show up - it seemed to change constantly from week to week. And no matter who it was, there was immediately a connection, knowing we were part of the same community. I always liked to hear the fabulous and inspiring things people were doing and had gone off to do. And somehow I knew that I'd keep coming back to the Center after I graduated as well.

Many thanks to the folks (you know who you are) for keeping the tradition going strong!
I am working for the IRC, based in Burundi, as a Regional Gender-Based Violence Technical Advisor.
See you soon, though perhaps not next Tuesday.

Karin Wachter

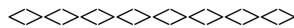


Next week we have our own version of Centre Meeting, called the Assembly, where decisions are made in a noisy and inefficiently democratic way (just like at the Centre) where the leadership that makes the meetings possible is criticized (just like at the Centre) where weird presentations are made (Lucy refers to the one on composting toilets, some will remember even weirder ones) and that last forever (just like at the Centre). We will also generate lots of juicy gossip (just like at the Centre) and drink bad coffee and sugary doughnut type food substances (just like at the Centre). We will attack each other on the basis of perceived consistency with ideology (just like a buncha grad students at the Centre) and laugh and cry and stress out and say things like This is the Last Time I come to one of these f...ing meetings (just like at the Centre) which we will have forgotten, of course, by the time the next one rolls around.

In midwinter in Massachusetts, the Centre meeting was a guaranteed boost, often providing up to 50 percent more than the recommended weekly allowance of good humor, food for thought, and the kind of togetherness and, yes, intimacy that all us exiles from elsewhere needed. It is here that the deathless term "Administrivia" entered my vocabulary, and it is also here that I discovered how to turn the results of academic inquiry into practical courses of action.

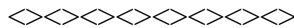
All in all, some very good memories indeed. Peace and love to all the members of this multihued family,

Tony Savdie (aka Bobolop the Clown)



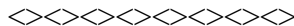
Seeing the many missives from colleagues last seen around the table in the L-shaped room has evoked both nostalgia and pride in having been part of such a group. While my career as a magazine editor for lawyers has taken me to what must be the outer reaches of the bell curve distribution of Center members across careers, I still hearken to "the center" and, despite my mid-continent location, maintain a lively avocational interest and involvement in issues of globalization and international development. Thanks and kudos to DRE, George, David Schimmel, Anna, and the many colleagues with whom I shared Center meetings in the '70s; here's hoping our paths cross again soon.

Judson Haverkamp



Congratulations on the 1,000 meeting! That's almost as many meetings as the 1001 Arabian Nights and just as rich in its tales. I am struck by how many remarkable stories have been told at or inspired at the Center meeting. My work 30 years later continues to be an extension of the discussions and processes we shared on Tuesday morning. Thank you to all who have kept this tradition, its values and spirit going.

Susan Carpenter '71-'76

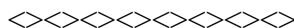


CIE alumni and current participants:

It's been wonderful to read all of the responses for input on CIE's 1000th center meeting. It's somewhat like the United States reaching the 300 million mark. There is so much history and so much promise for the future. We remember being there and seeing some of the older members as loving grandparents yet looking back now it's tough to admit that they were 35 or 40 years old. Time flies and now it's been 16 years since Marisa and I left to teach in the Western Pacific. Some of our professors have retired, another has passed on, and through it all, another keeps on plugging along year after year.

Congratulations to all of you who have made this 35 year experiment a success...especially those at the helm.

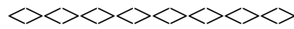
Grant and Marisa Suhm



Tuesday mornings in the early 70's -- such great energy! Wonderful to see how many people have stayed connected. Congratulations to you David! And greetings from Seattle area to friends from the 70's CIE days and to all of the colleagues since. I'm now an "environmental educator" -

- CIE certainly prepares you for many exciting careers. After living in Kenya in 94-95, I do still get my international experiences taking "tourists" to see the wonderful natural and cultural life of East Africa. My son Darren, born during CIE days, is married and teaching in Mexico City. My daughter Sue Anne, adopted from Korea, just spent several months there and connected with her birth family. The global perspective continues...

Pat Guild O'Rourke

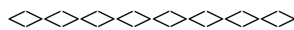


Dear CIE community,

I echo the comments of so many other well-wishing CIE community members from around the world. Those Tuesday meetings were a highlight of the week for me and I remember making every to attend. It was a place to "stretch our wings", see/hear the work of other colleagues (current and past), and have an opportunity to engage in dialogue. I saw it as an essential place to get support, but also to offer by our very presence, questions, and discussion, support to other members/colleagues that were brave enough to stretch their wings in front of us. I'm hard pressed to come up with a specific event or example, it was more about being part of an incredible learning community--one that transcends the current active students body. I also remember some great international potlucks that followed the meetings.

Many thanks to DRE, George, Bob, and David (and BGW and Anna) who started and insisted on this community of learning "best practice", and congratulations to all of us who participated to keep it vibrant alive, each in our turn as students, and then (an now) as alumni.

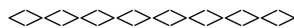
Carl Stecker ('91-'93 + '95)



Hi Everyone,

I've been getting such a flood of wonderful messages from all the CIE folks, many of whom have been life-long friends - and many who came "after my time." CIE is one of the most important legacies from my time at UMass. I'm proud of all of you - and delighted that I may have had a small part in helping create this magnificent center which continues to find ways to be of service to humankind.

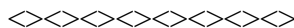
Dwight Allen (former Dean of School of Education)



Hello to all CIE friends -

Congrats on the 1000th meeting. How well I remember not only our CIE democracy in action and hard decisions being made, but also all the wonderful speakers. CIE was an important force in my life, and I am thankful I had the opportunity to spend several years there.

Anne Dodge 1984 - 87

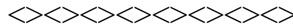


Hi all,

Congratulations on the 1000th center meeting! I very much cherish the memories and the cozy feelings associated with the center meetings in the L-shaped room. I'm gracious to have been a part of it and proud to say that I was a "hostess" to many of those meetings way back in the 80's! That was my assistantship duty. It was a real joy to be in touch with so many great minds such as Paulo Freire, Cynthia Perry, Miles Horton, and many others... We didn't have any fire burning, but it really felt like seating around a campfire and watching the sparkles of ideas floating around the room...Best wishes to all of you from

the past and present, and thank you (DRE) and all for keeping that flame alive.

Flavia S. Ramos, (1986-1999)

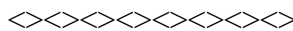


Greetings to the CIE Community,

Congratulations on maintaining and nurturing the tradition of meeting face-to-face to talk about issues that matter to the community! The respectful dialogue and teamwork are two of the aspects of my time at CIE in the eighties that I remember fondly and have tried to incorporate into my work and life here at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg VA.

As the elections approach here in Virginia, I find myself wishing that we had more opportunities to engage in respectful dialogue with our government and political leaders - an adaptation of the CIE model to promote civic engagement.

Karen Miller

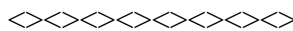


To the CIE Community:

It is a Center of Excellence. Congratulations for such a track record. What I learned at the Center Meeting during the four years of my stay at CIE and also in our class rooms, continue to reflect in my work 25 years after leaving the place!!! It still echoes in my professional work and personal work. Just last week Mike Marzolla (from the West coast) and me (from the Midwest) got together in Minnesota to present a session on our international projects based on the ideology of PARTICIPATION !!! This continuing legacy we have inherited from CIE will be with us forever.

We are deeply touched by the learning we have received from our colleagues and professors at CIE.

Jaya Gajanayake



Hi, and thanks for helping organize CIE-100!

I guess some of my strongest memories stem from attempting to imagine and run a course on



cross-cultural perceptions and understanding my first doctoral year at CIE - I had never actually taught in a university context previously. In addition to more traditional book-learning and essay writing, I tried to throw out a few more active assignments, stemming from a "doing is learning" tenet doubtless acquired during my secondary school career at the John-Dewey-inspired Putney School in Vermont.

A few examples:

a) How objects can be (surprisingly) interpreted by different cultures:

(i) I still have a big conch shell, that I held up to one class, asking simply "What's this?" The response was a few raised eyebrows, and "well, it's a conch shell". My rejoinder: "What's it used for in the West Indies?" Hmmmm... bemused silence. Two answers: in the French West Indies a culinary delicacy is the conch's meat, called lambi in creole. Students: "Wow, you mean they really eat that stuff?" AG: "You bet! and when well spiced, it can be delicious, if a bit stringy."

(ii) In Grenada, drivers of collective rural taxis saw off the nub end of the conch and blow it to warn customers of their arrival - much louder than a regular car horn. Having said that, I gave my conch a vigorous honk that almost blew out a window pane or two.

2) Body language:

(i) We express assent by nodding forward from up to down; in Greece nearly the same gesture - nodding backward from down to up means "Yeah, well maybe" or "Go figure..."

(ii) We say "no" by shaking our head from side to side; in India, virtually the same gesture means "maybe" or... "go figure".

(iii) The "phone booth" assignment: each student was asked to observe a person (he/she couldn't hear) yacking in a telephone booth, and to guess from the body language what the conversation was about. The results were hilarious - and sensitizing to non-verbal communication, even mainly within the same culture.

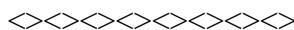
3) Cross-cultural immersion - we couldn't exactly take study tours to Tibet or the S. American Altiplano. But I gave students the assignment to spend a weekend in a community radically different from the one they were accustomed to.

(i) A devout Jewish girl from near Boston spent her weekend in a Catholic nunnery.

(ii) A guy from Mass. spent his weekend in a camp of Portuguese temporary-immigrant cranberry pickers, who spoke almost no English, just a few miles from... his home.

Did I say above "doing is learning"? I modestly think I began to learn how to teach by doing, i.e. organizing these crazy gigs.

Arthur Gillette 1970s



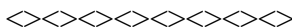
Center members, DRE, Barbara, Gretchen, (George, Bob & Anna in retirement), I feel very privileged to be part of such a dynamic group of people that resembles the true diversity of humankind. This is a great achievement indeed. A fabulous milestone with a magic number. My small experience with the now 1000 meetings (and still counting) is that at one stage I was given the opportunity to facilitate those Tuesday morning sessions. While the job was enjoyable, being the facilitator was somewhat stressful as I had to plan weeks ahead for a relevant topic to attract a good audience and knowing what these meetings meant to many Center members.

In retrospect, the job (along with all the other committee meetings, interactions with other professionals and of course the courses to mention but a few things) helped me grow quite a lot. Like others, I have incorporated this practice into my work and life as well. So much more to say but will have to end there. Question: who kept count?

A classmate ask me this question: what did you normally do after the Center meeting? Answer: Follow DRE to the Newman center to grab a brown back lunch before those heavy reading classes. During my first year at one of the Center meetings we celebrated Chinese New Year, we were all sprayed with ice cold water

and shivered like chicken. Hope my memory serves me well. Does anyone remember?

Michael Tjivikua

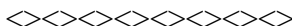


To the Center community,

What an incredible milestone! The 1,000th Center meeting! Kudos to all who have made them possible for all these years. And to all who made the Center the safe and fertile field for growth of all of us as we donned our various hats, from progressive to would-be-radical, from participatory to post-structural, from libertarian to Freirean. For me, the Center was a period of stumbling through the paradigms like so many fitting rooms: “Is this me? Is THIS me?”

I think I am most indebted to all the good people at the Center for teaching me that to learn is not to master, but to try, to stretch, and most of all, to listen. As I travel from country to country in my work as a consultant, I often meet Center members, many of whom came before or after me. Yet I always feel an immediate sense of kinship with them – perhaps because they too have survived the same family experience, but also perhaps because they also stumbled through the paradigms, the questions, the new concepts that kept us changing and growing. Thank you for making this experience possible, represented in microcosm at the Tuesday Center meeting. Best wishes at this important milestone for us all.

Mark Lynd



Greetings to David and to all our CIE friends, Thank you for the message I received via Flavia Ramos about your 1000th meeting. I , too, remember with fondness these meetings that were rich with content and community friends. I am grateful that I had this experience from 1995-1997. May your fidelity to these meetings continue. David, you are to be commended for such dedication over three decades. Thank you for being there! I live on an Island at the mouth of the Amazon River in northern Brasil and work with women and children in an UN inspired NGO. I remember you all with much affection!

Sister Rita Raboin, SND Irma de Notre Dame



Dear all,

A huge hello to everyone. How wonderful to hear the many Center voices representing the different decades! In thinking about the amazing experiences, friendships and memories that the Center has given me, the words of the Chilean poet, Pablo Neruda, remain powerful and true -- If we want the darkness to flower, if we hope to establish lands of dignity and integrity--lands where all people can live in light and justice--then our guiding stars must be struggle and hope.

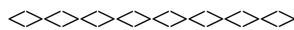
Struggle and hope probably best describe my time at the Center “ 1973 to 1976. I came to that cozy crumbling white frame house next to the Ed School because of the extraordinary and inspiring work I had seen in Ecuador by CIE “ with Jim, Patricio, Enrique, Amparo, Carlos, Bill, Jorge, Beatriz, Jock and company. The hope and creativity were palpable as were the conflicts and contradictions over international politics and development“ Vietnam was still on fire and Nixon still in power. Arriving from Somozas Nicaragua, I came to Amherst to my first meeting around the week of September 11th 1976 -- the day of the coup that toppled Chilean president Salvador Allende and killed thousands of innocent people. That event and the soon-to-be-revealed US government involvement behind the coup shaped my years at the Center as did the inspiring voices of some extraordinary people -- Suzi, Susan, Deborah, Ingrid, Alberto, John, Khalil, Matt, Carla, Robins, Juan, Mose and so many

others. How we laughed and cried and loved and learned - challenging each other along the way. But it was messy!

Struggle probably best describes my memories of our weekly meetings. At this point, of course, I just remember the drama! Meetings sometimes seemed like pitched battles over truth, justice and the (un)American way not to mention the role of religion, USAID and the CIA in the CIE. Oh, the discussions we did have -- before the meetings, during the meetings, after the meetings, in David's office, in the halls, in the parking lots, at parties, everywhere. It was exhausting and invigorating and a source of enormous learning, questioning and commitment.

And through all our battles and in between, Evans remained seemingly calm and unflappable " with George a quiet steady presence in the background and Cookie, at David's side, providing balance and order and a chuckle to the chaos. Her humanity, humor and integrity kept us civil most of the time as did her steady perseverance as seen in her dedication over the years to building a traditional New England stone wall behind her home, day by day, stone by stone. Despite the battles of that period, David always remained supportive of our struggles with dissertation proposals and the actual writing and defense of our tomes. How quite amazing! So David, I would like to raise my glass high to you and to all the people who have made the Center live over the years -- You provided us a safe place to argue, debate, disagree, come together, and sometimes even find common ground. But most of all thank you for creating a space where we could stretch ourselves and develop friendships and affections across countries and differences that have lasted and grown through the years. May the tradition continue! We certainly need such places now more than ever. Onward,

Valerie Miller 1970s

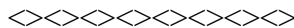


Dear Center Members, dear David, Gretchen, Ash, Barbara, ...

Congratulations on that great event and I am proud of being a part of the Center from 2002 to 2004. As a result of the Tuesday meeting tradition, I always schedule the most interesting meetings/events at that time after my graduation. The center established a real example of an Informal Community of Learning, where everyone is expected to contribute and obtain his/her part. Thanks all of you.

Best wishes from Yerevan,

Tigran Tovmasyan



Dear Barbara,

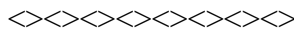
Thanks for your kind information on The 1000th CIE Meeting. Here is my feeling: My sincere tribute to Tuesday meeting First of all CONGRATULATIONS TO DRE and all the CIE Members!

On this occasion I just would like to share my learning from the Tuesday meeting, which was planted as a small seed inside my heart while I was doing my Ed. D. under the supervision of Bob Miltz, my greatest advisor. I was not exactly a CIE member, but as I took courses from there, I used to say to everybody I walk like CIE member, I talk like CIE member and work like CIE member, I feel proud to be affiliated with CIE As a result, I translated my love to CIE by following some of the footsteps that I experienced in CIE.

1. I established a NFE (Nonformal Education) Resource Center in CERID in 1994 upon my return from USA. After two years, a similar resource center was established for ECD (Early Childhood Development). NFE resource center was the first educational resource center in Nepal. My inspiration came from the L-Shaped room in CIE.

2. I started a Dialogue Session from 1994 and continued continuously once a month till 2000. As I joined UNICEF, my colleagues still are carrying it not regularly but as there is something to share with wider community. Main objective that I started was to establish a forum like in CIE to share knowledge, experience and innovation regarding education. This worked as a networking forum for NGOs/INGOs, individual consultants, government bodies and university professors. This became very popular, especially among the NFE activists and NFE workers in the rural community in Nepal. Consequently international agencies like Educate the Children (US based NGO), UNESCO, UNICEF, British Council and Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) also joined the dialogue sessions and eventually supported some of the projects, sharing of knowledge, experience and innovations, we also started a bi-monthly Fact Sheet, which is a newsletter on NFE activities in Nepal to disseminate the knowledge to wider audience of the Dialogue Session. These are some fruits born by the seed that was planted in my heart from the Tuesday meetings in CIE. I treasure these experiences in my heart for ever. I cherish my memory in CIE with **Barbara, Linda, Joan Dixon** and other colleagues. I wish Tuesday meetings will be continuing even more and inspire many hearts to contribute more in the world.

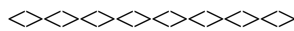
Sumon K. Tuladhar.



Dear CIE,

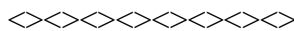
Congratulations! On Tuesday October 31st you are hosting the 1000th Tuesday meeting?? Just in case you do not remember, I attended those meetings between the 240th and 372nd. Very fond memories. The only times I did not attend were those times when I was either out of town or there was a blizzard. Sorry I will miss this big one but I will be looking forward to attending the 2000th meeting. Special greetings to all members of the CIE family. DRE, continue to keep the good old wisdom alive.

Hilda Kokuhirwa Sinkonde



I wish I could be with you for the 1000th Center meeting, but alas! we are coming through Amherst just a week later on our way from South Bristol, Maine to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I notice that the meeting will be in the aptly named Kinsey Room. What a wonderful name for the room! Not many people know it, but I take pride in bringing David Kinsey to the Center. I knew his great work at Harvard and recommended him as a perfect fit for the Center, as he certainly was. My best to everyone, including Dave Evans, George Urch, Dave Schimmel, and many others. Onward to another 1000 meetings!

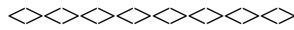
Dick Ulin Associated Faculty



David, how wonderful to hear from you. Congratulations to you on your 1000th Tuesday night; I regret that I received the message too late to attend. Pity, because I was in Washington until 27 October and could possibly have made some travel changes. I expect to be here until at least December 15 2007, so it would be helpful for me to know in advance. I am more entwined than ever in the affairs of the African Development Bank which is struggling with human resources problems, statistical contradictions and sacred cows! Should I survive until 11 November, I will be 78 years old, and should be planning my trip into obscurity. But, the work is challenging, pays well, benefits are among the best, and health services at the Bank and in Tunisia are superb-for the

sake of my husband's improving quality of life, I haven't the willpower to catch the next plane to Houston. I invite you to check our website www.afdb.org to note some things that are being successfully accomplished here at the Bank as well as consultative and employment opportunities. Some CIE members might wish to apply on line for the many professional positions for which we're recruiting. Salaries and benefits are competitive with other similar institutions. Tunis is a temporary site for the Bank which we hope to change soon and to return to Subsaharan Africa. Give my regards to all and my invitation to visit Tunis while I'm still here.

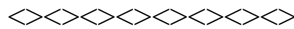
Cynthia N. Shepard (Perry), 1972



Dear Colleagues,

I got the message about the meeting and fondly remember being in our clapboard quarters of Montague House for many of the first 100. Those were wild and wooly times. CIE was an infant with support from the Dean, Dwight Allen, but a lot of skepticism from others. The high quality of the students and faculty turned CIE into a unique study center. I am proud to have been a part of it and wish I could have been with those attending on 10/31. Alas, I am in France.

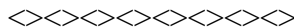
Michael Haviland



Dear David,

Thanks for inviting all of us & thanks for putting up with us for so many years.! It was very emotional meeting for me , 35 years of memory passed through my eyes in few minutes. I apologize for having to leave early, as on Tuesdays I have a graduate class that I teach & I had to be in Chicopee by 1.00. It was so good to see faculty & old colleagues. Thank you again & best wishes for the next 1000 meetings.

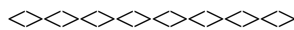
Farideh Seihoun



Hello Everyone:

I hope the occasion of the 1000th meeting, Halloween, still portends the original meaning of the Halloween - i.e., the Eve of All Saints Day, so the CIE is still lifting everyone to higher spheres. Ciao,

Beverly Lindsay

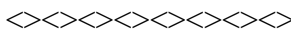


Hi! Center members - Current students, Current Staff members, Present staff DRE, Barbara, Gretchen, and retirees - George, Bob & Anna).

Congratulations to all of you for having been around to keep our traditional educational fort alive and kicking. Democracy and collective decision-making are some of the social relations that make human beings humane. CIE pioneered and you fanned the zeal for freedom of thought and expression of ideas as in democracy, and collective decision on ideas for good life at CIE. Such is rare in several organizations - institutions including industries -. That notwithstanding you CIE maintained these values. I wish you even bigger amounts of energy

in the CIE Tuesday meetings infinitely to persevere, through students who study at CIE, in prevailing to humanity these invaluable things. Once more, congratulations.

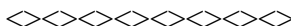
Badziyili Baathuli Nfila



Dear CIE **colleagues**

I still have good memories of Tuesday meetings which were always participatory and lively. The approach helped me in my leadership and teaching positions. Receive my heart felt greetings and congratulations for the 1000th meeting.

Dr. Samson MacJessie-Mbewe, Malawi



Hi to everyone!

Memories...As a good Honduran, I am forever running to the meeting at the last minute, trying to make a quiet entrance while scooting into the last chair available. I gratefully remember DRE telling me at my first meeting that I don't need to explain where Honduras is, not at CIE. What an oasis in the middle of the freezing Massachusetts winter! I remember eye-opening discussions on everything from participatory action research to the use of indoor latrines to preserve water (I don't think even that passionate slide show presentation convinced anyone.) Anyway, thanks for being such a special community.

Community is about a meeting place and a point of reference, and that's what we got in that L-shaped room, Hills House South.

Gracias, Saludos y Felicidades a todos!

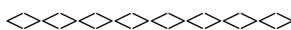
Lucy Figueroa M.Ed. 1994-95



Greetings All.

Congratulations on this notable milestone. I wish I could be there (being less than a couple of hours away in Boston, but regrettably cannot). Hope to catch up with at least some of you real soon.

Vijay Kumar

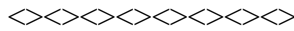


Hi all from sunny Juba, Southern Sudan!

Congratulation on this remarkable event and sorry i will miss the meeting. There's plenty of work for all of you here should you wish to join us in Juba. For me, it is a gift to contribute to the building of a brand new governance and rule of law system...from the ground up...in CIE style! The fact that the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) recognizes customary law

poses exciting challenges and opportunities for the people of this region. It's incredible that after 23 years on the African continent I have yet to see a region as devastated as Southern Sudan...yet so full of hope as the Southern Sudanese create a nation. Lots to do, please find me at UNDP!!! (lots of rule of law jobs on the UNDP website at the moment including someone who can design our human rights and legal rights curricula for popular education...right up the CIE alley!). Let me know if you're interested (sue.tatten@undp.org)

Sue Tatten

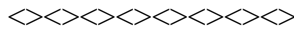


Dear CIE friends,

It is so amazing to see so many messages for the last 10 days coming from different parts of the world. Indeed, CIE geography goes beyond L-shaped room! Messages from elsewhere: Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe, Middle East, NIS countries! Isn't it wonderful? CIE geography is expanding from year to year and always with good memory of this cozy L-shaped room with its permanent inhabitants (CIE-ers veterans like DRE, Barbara, Gretchen), Tuesday meetings, discussions, thesis/ dissertation defense! Nice to be a part of this CIE world! Happy 1000th meeting today!

With love from Azerbaijan,

Saida Nabiyeva



Dear CIE Sisters and Brothers,

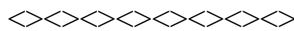
Having just come back from a trip with unreliable email access, I was amazed to discover the wealth of greetings and memories from the CIE community in my inbox. How interesting that the anniversary of the 1,000th Center meeting is catalyzing this response. But, in a way, the Center meeting epitomizes what the Center is all about.

When I applied to the Center back in 1972 (while not a "founding father," I guess I qualify as one of the old-timers), I was impressed by the lack of distinction between faculty and students in the brochure profiles at the time. That sense of collegiality and real appreciation for everyone's abilities and contributions continues to make the Center a remarkable place.

The Center meetings, for me, were a time to sharpen my values and become clearer on how those values were expressed in my work. They were a time to challenge and be challenged, to grow as part of a community of learners seeking to expand our capabilities as catalysts for change in the world.

I'd like to send very warm greetings to all of you in this incredible network, and especially to everyone who was at the Center from 1973-78. Thanks to David, George, Cookie, Anna, and to all the other faculty and staff who've guided the Center since its founding.

Suzi Kindervatter Washington, D.C.

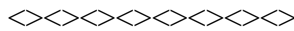


Dear CIE,

Who ever figured out how many Tuesday meetings had been heard? DRE?? Well, congratulations. I remember those mornings warmly, eagerly, sometimes too eagerly like

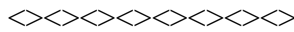
when some of us tacked a manifesto" up on the bulletin board. I don't remember what it was about except maybe Gramsci. It was exciting to be in such an environment, one that stimulated, let community members run rampant, and was accepting of the occasional rampage. It was also one of the richest learning experiences I have had. I too dig into the CIE period of my life almost every day for creativity, insight and, most often, to solve problems. What the heck is "participatory evaluation", I have heard many times. I wish I could be there, but not this Tuesday.

Kay Pfeiffer, Delray Beach, FL 1995



What a treat to participate in the pre-1000th Center Meeting e-mail exchange. I have enjoyed the things people are sharing and the memories they are evoking. I wish I could be there next week for the main event. As I've been thinking about the influence of center meetings on me, I've realized that I've unconsciously incorporated the concept into my current work. Every Wednesday, at 10:00 for the past 4 years I meet with the Timpanogos Community Network, a group of people who are interested in addressing poverty and immigrant issues in Utah County - we not only talk, but we take action through the various agencies we work with. Then on Fridays at noon for the past 3 years, I meet with the Economic Self-Reliance Center's Brownbag Conversations, where we explore alternative ways of understanding how the economy works. Maybe if we keep going to our 1000th meeting, we'll come up with a better economic theory for development.

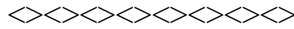
Joan Dixon, Utah



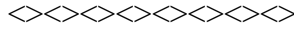
Dear CIE Community,

It's been awhile, and as my grey matter regresses, I remember those warm winter Tuesday morning meetings during my 6-six stint finishing up my Doctorate. Mostly away from CIE during 1995-1980 working in Nigeria (where my dissertation emerged), it was most interesting to visit the Center and see the new faces, new nationalities, different ages, temperaments, interests, and generally different instructors who spent time at CIE. And what an innovative idea to celebrate a 1000th event day!!! I remember sitting next to jazzman, Yusef Lateef, at a Center meeting in 1975, only to bump into him some 28 years later as he performed at CapeTown's international "North Sea Jazz Festival", and greet him as an old Center member! I wish CIE the best, although I haven't visited since early 1990's, but I'm sure the wooden floors, or tiles, and walls are well worn with the enthusiasm of students. Wishing you all the best from summertime in South Africa's Cape!

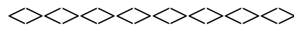
Carol Martin Ed.D. 1981



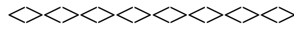
I think I was at CIE from Jan 1982 to Dec 1985. I also forgot to say that I'm now in Santa Clarita, CA. Email address and phone are the same: mary@courtney.org Best wishes,
Mary Courtney



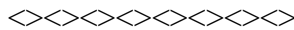
I am going to try hard to come next Tuesday. I'd love to be there and reconnect. If I don't make it, have a wonderful celebration!
Marla J. Solomon, Amherst



Greetings to all of you from a sunny, unseasonably warm day here in Kosovo. Wish I could join you all there to catch some of the energy that will inevitably be circulating but I am sure it will make it's way across the Atlantic. Warm greetings and a big hug to all of you (even those I don't know)... and two for you David for keeping the dream alive over the decades.
Robert Fuderich, Kosovo

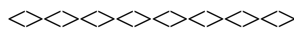


I attended by 1st Center meeting in January of 1985. I was still attending, off and on 10 years later.
Jane T. Benbow

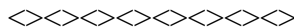


I am sorry I will miss the meeting. Three CIE grads will be in Bangladesh doing a training program: Jan Droegkamp, Julio Ramirez de Arellano and Gail von Hahmann. Friendships have survived for almost 30 years (1977-2006). Best wishes.

Be the change you wish to see in the world. Gandhi
Jan Droegkamp, Professor Emeritus

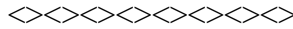


Hi Barbara,
I'm not sure my first message went through. I'll look forward to being there. Hopefully I can find a couple of pictures to send to Monica. I thought every CIE meeting was inspiring.
Best Wishes,
George Urch



Subject: From Black Sheep Bro
Baaaaaa Baaaaaa,
Hi Barbara,

Wonderful stuff coming in about the 1000th meeting. It is so impressive, the places that CIE grads have gone on to, positions of authority and influence in so many sectors of the world. Truly a wonderful performance by CIE over the years. I also ask, as one other respondent did, "who's keeping count"? I assume you didn't as she was so long before your time but I wish you could have known Cookie. She was so much the heart of the place during my time.
Bro



Dear Prof. David,

I am sure there is vibrant life at CIE. Mama Swai and I are doing fine. We have a problem of a electricity power in Tanzania and so I had to write this email at night as during the day, there is hardly adequate electricity. It is interesting in a third world country. Greetings to all, old and new!

Best regards,

Swai, Fulgence



Name: Swai, Fulgence (photo included)
 Years at CIE: 2000 – 2004
 Degree: Doctor of Education (Ed. D)
 What I am doing: Preparing to retire from the Government service as from December 31, 2006 when I shall be exactly 60 years old and thinking of what to do next with the skills acquired from CIE. It is an exciting experience after 33 years of public service. I used to make jokes to my colleagues at CIE that after graduation, I am going to retire, at some point it did not make sense to them but the reality is so in just two months. I am sure I am going to be more active, thanks to Prof David, all the staff and the student community at UMass for preparing me.

I am summarizing my contribution using four letters {S, W, A, I} for my reflections to the 1000th Tuesday Center Meeting on October 31, 2006.

Table 1: My reflections for the 1000th Center meeting and for the 40th anniversary of CIE in 2008

S	Staff, Services and the Social dimension of the CIE Center Meeting were crucial in making every one feel at home within the complex diversity and the Socio-Emotional Well-Being of the learning process and the syllabi.
W	Wonderful orientation for the academic and research world at Umass and abroad
A	Annual Kinsey Dialogue and active network of over 500 CIE members working throughout the world in education and development.
I	International and inspiring in every aspect of the CIE community, implementing many large-scale development

education projects, both formal and nonformal, in Africa, Asia and Latin America