

# BRAYCE

Brazilian & American Youth Cultural Exchange



## Newsletter, Spring 2006

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### Directors

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New Directors being invited

### Mission

To build bridges of opportunity to enable young people to develop the skills necessary to become effective leaders and inspired members of their communities

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### Welcome to our Second Newsletter

We are pleased to report that BRAYCE has made considerable progress since our November newsletter. As an interested friend, we would like to keep you current with activities.

Our application for tax-exempt status is still moving at a glacial pace. The application has been in the hands of the IRS since May 2005. To those of you who have pledged we will be in touch when the paperwork has been processed. To those who have given already we are deeply appreciative of your support and generosity for this important cultural exchange initiative.

*Caitlin, Margot and Richard*

### Activities in Chester

- Successful BRAYCE launch session at Camp Hazen on November 22. Professor Robert Gay shared his perspectives of history and life in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro. Approximately 50 people attended this event
- Website [www.brayce.org](http://www.brayce.org) now active—check it out!
- Presentation scheduled with Chester Rotary for March 8
- Presentation scheduled with the Economic Studies Group at Essex Meadows for March 21
- Presentation scheduled with Essex Rotary for March 28
- Young community leaders registered with Camp Hazen
- Camp Hazen actively recruiting Portuguese speaking counselors
- First brochure printing

### Activities in Rio de Janeiro

- During Christmas week Margot and Richard met:
  - Dr. Nanko van Buuren to finalize plans for 2006
  - Young leader Gilmar S. de Oliveira de Aragao selected for the 2006 Camp Hazen Program
  - Director of Associacao Casa Azul, Mauro Munhoz, to discuss exchanges between Parati and the United States in the future
  - Rio Rotary members to exchange ideas
- Second young leader identified, Suellen Ignacio Alves
- Marlies van Exter, Nanko's assistant, is conducting intensive English language lessons
- Toby Calder and Marlies visited the favela Terra Encantada for a program orientation with parents and relatives

*Our nation will succeed or fail to the degree that all of us, citizens and businesses alike, are active participants in building strong, sustainable and enriching communities*

*Arnold Hiatt ex -CEO StrideRite Corp*



Robert Gay addresses the audience in the Camp Hazen Dining Room



Richard Calder, Caitlin Calder (Pres.) with Robert Gay & CEO Denise Learned



In Rio de Janeiro with Nanko, Jan. 2006



Gilmar Aragao with Marlies van Exter

