

INDIA LIVES IN ALL OF US

The theme for the AIS/AES Alumni Association's 2015 Reunion, "*India Lives in All of Us,*" captures the spirit of alumni who lived at one time in New Delhi and attended the American Embassy School (formerly the American International School).

Over 40 years ago, a group of alumni gathered for a small reunion in the Washington, DC area. It was an evening of great fun; and for many, it felt as if there had been no passing of time. The bonds of friendship and shared experience amongst alumni were strong and alive – something that still continues today.

After the success of this first reunion, the momentum was on. Alumni newsletters were produced on typewriters and copiers. Over the years, as the alumni population grew, a more formal association structure took shape. With the advent of the internet, we communicated by email, built a website (www.aisaes.org) and later joined Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/AisaesAlumniNetwork). Today our association has approximately 5,500 members, comprised of former students (whether they physically graduated from the school or not), faculty and administration.

If you look at our website, you will get a sense of our history and community. Our Board members and alumni helpers are all volunteers and work for the opportunity to get together. We are a non-profit organization, and we only ask for small membership dues in the amount of \$25/person per calendar year. The dues help pay some of our association expenses (website costs, association fees, administrative costs and some deposits for our big reunions, which our Board of Directors hosts once every five years).

India Lives in All of Us – something that future generations of our AES family will discover!

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