AIS/AES 2010 REUNION



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Something Old. Something New.

AIS/AES 2010 REUNION – July 4, 2010 Weekend ALL SCHOOL YEARS/ALL CLASSES INVITED!

Were you in Delhi when the school was called the American School and it was housed in the old Taj Barracks? If not, maybe you remember being on a field trip and when the bus passed the Barracks someone shouting out, "There is the old school!"

The picture above is the American School at the Taj Barracks. The school was later named the American International School and later, the American Embassy School. Originally, the Barracks accommodated U.S. soldiers during World War II who were healing from their wounds or on R&R.

We now have alumni representing 26 class years and several faculty members coming to our reunion. That's a lot of people with a lot of memories and old and new stories!

Some of the folks coming to this reunion have been with us at past reunions. For others, this is the first time for seeing old friends since Delhi and for meeting alumni from generations before and after "their time." One thing we have in common: we all shared an important part of our lives with wonderful people at this wonderful school.

Your reunion committee and many alumni, faculty and friends of AIS/AES have been working hard to bring you a special reunion. Included in the plans are some of our cherished past reunion traditions and some new delightful surprises. We hope to make this an enjoyable reunion weekend for everyone!

Please join us. Come for the party! Stay for the Fireworks!

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Where?

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia across the River from Washington DC

When?

July 4th Weekend, 2010 (July 2 – 4)

Who's Invited?

AIS and AES Alumni (graduated from AIS/AES or not), Alumni Spouses, Siblings, Parents, Administration, Faculty and current AES Friends

It's Not Too Late to Register!

Visit our website at www.aisaes.org for the reunion registration site. Also, there may be a few rooms left in our reserved block of rooms at the Marriott (just mention you are with the AIS/AES group) or they may have other rooms available, although they reserved the right to charge their seasonal rates since our June 4 deadline is now over.

Schedule of Events - Reunion Weekend

Below is the schedule of events for our reunion weekend. Please note that the events scheduled for outside of the hotel require reservations to be made beforehand, due to the limited number of spots. More details about those events, as well as travel directions can be found on page 4. Directions on signing up for events using RegOnline are on page 7.

This is your weekend! Enjoy!

Friday, July 2, 2010	
12:00 Noon – 7:00 p.m.	Als/AES Reunion Registration Check-In – Take the escalator from the hotel lobby to the second floor; our registration desk is to your immediate right Let us know you have arrived, pick up your name badge, reunion information, goody bag and event tickets for any events outside of the hotel which required sign-up before the reunion. This also is a meeting spot for those who wish to travel together to events.
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration and ticket required	Gandhi Memorial Center - Celebration of Rabindranath Tagore (limited to first 30 guests who sign up)* Special program including music by Rabindranath Tagore, tea and snacks. If you wish to travel with others, meet by 1:00 p.m. at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk.
3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Pre-registration and ticket required; bring Photo ID	Tea at the Indian Embassy (Limited to first 40 guests who sign up) * Afternoon tea at the Indian Embassy with the Political Counselor. A shuttle has been arranged for this event. Guests who have signed up for this event must meet to meet at left hand entrance of lobby (not revolving door entrance) no later than 2:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Vendor Fair (Straight across from escalators on first floor) Feel free to drop in at any time during the fair to view exhibits, shop and meet up with your friends!
6:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3, 2010	Cocktail Reception (First Floor, Salons A & B) Lots of yummy appetizers and cash bar. Meet with the people you know and other alumni. The evening reception will feature the AIS/AES Memories Slide Show by Tim Brown (AIS '70) and live sitar music by Joe Ridolfo (AIS '69)
All day until 7:00 p.m.	Free time if you wish to just hang out with your friends or visit D.C.
8:00 a.m. – Noon & 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Als/AES Reunion Registration Desk Open – Take the escalator from the hotel lobby to the second floor; our registration desk is to your immediate right Open for late comers and to assist you if you have questions. Also is a good spot to meet up for traveling together to events or just to meet up!

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration and ticket	National Air and Space Museum – Special Behind the Scenes Tour (limited to first 30 guests who sign up) *	
required	Tour the new Pioneers of Flight Gallery opening in August and more. Guests who wish to travel together can meet at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk by 8:00 a.m.	
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Kennedy Center Tour (limited to first 60 guests who sign up) *	
Pre-registration and ticket required	Guided tour of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the theaters, gifts of art from foreign countries, and lovely views from the Roof Terrace. After the tour, you are free to take a look at the gift shops eat in the KC Cafe.	
	Guests who wish to travel together can meet at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk by 10 a.m. to take Metro to the Foggy Bottom station, and then catch the free Kennedy Center shuttle to the Center.	
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	National Geographic Exhibits (limited to first 25 - 30 guests who sign up) *	
Pre-registration and ticket required	View the 1:00 p.m. showing of the National Geographic film Leonardo DaVinci – The Genius and afterwards explore the Design for the Other 90% exhibit. If you wish to travel with others, meet at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk at 11:30 a.m.	
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Vendor Fair (Straight across from escalators on first floor)	
	Day Two of the Vendor Fair. Be sure to stop by if you couldn't make it on Friday or just to make a return visit!	
7:00 p.m. – Midnight	AIS/AES Mela! (First floor, Salons A/B, K/J)	
	Enjoy a hearty buffet of gourmet Indian and American dishes.	
	The evening festivities include raffle drawings throughout the night, an auction and dancing to a variety of music from across our AIS/AES generations. Cash bar is open from 7:00 p.m. – 11p.m.	
Sunday, July 4, 2010		
7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Pay-As-You-Go Brunch (nothing scheduled, show up whenever you like if you want to brunch with other alumni) Restaurant Mez (at hotel) offers a \$17/person brunch buffet or you can order a la' carte.	
The city is yours!	Washington D.C Fourth of July Celebration Activities	

^{*} See Events Information (page 4) for more details and travel directions. To sign up, go to RegOnline (page 7) or check at the AIS/AES Reunion desk when you arrive at the reunion to see if there are any openings remaining.

Event Information (For events outside of the hotel)

Reserve Your Spot Now!

There are a limited number of guests for each of the events outside of the hotel due to the host's restrictions (for instance, the Gandhi Memorial Center and Indian Embassy) or number of tour guides available. We encourage guests who know which events they would like to attend to pre-reserve now to make sure they can get a spot. There will be information on events that still have openings (and spots opening due to cancellations) at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk and you may also sign up then, as long as there are vacancies.

If you sign up for an event, but change your mind later, please let us know so we can offer your reservation to another quest!

To pre-register for these events, visit RegOnline (see page 7 for instructions). You may sign yourself and/or your guest/s using RegOnline. If you have any questions or problems using RegOnline or about the events, or later wish to cancel your event reservation, please contact Sophie Lafaille at sophie.lafaille@gmail.com.

Traveling D.C. by Metro

Many of the reunion events which take place outside of the hotel are easily reached by the Metro (subway) system. To get to the Crystal City Metro stop, just take a short 5-minute walk down the tunnel located to the left of the hotel registration desk and follow the signs. Both the Blue and Yellow Metro lines run through the Crystal City stop. For information about fares, time tables and navigating the D.C./MD/VA Metro system, visit http://www.wmata.com.

Date/Time	Event & Details	Travel Instructions
Friday	Gandhi Memorial Center – 30 guests maximum	4748 Western Avenue, Bethesda, MD
2:00 -3:30 p.m.	garan manan	20816
-	The Gandhi Memorial Center in Bethesda, MD (on the	
Limited guest list	border of DC and Maryland) will present a special program	Take the Red Line to the Friendship
(pre-registration	for us which includes music composed by the famous	Heights Metro station. Once out of the
required)	Rabindranath Tagore. Tea and light Indian snacks will be	Metro take the Western Avenue exit.
Pick up ticket from	served.	Follow Western Avenue (in the
AIS/AES Reunion	This coming year will mark the 150th birth anniversary of	direction of Lord and Taylor). The Gandhi Memorial Center will be on
Registration Desk.	Rabindranath Tagore. Many of you may remember	the Right at 4748 Western Avenue
Trogistration Bosic	studying Tagore's poetry and other works at AIS/AES. In	after the Western Market and just
If you wish to travel	1913, Tagore became the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize	before the Berkley Street intersection.
with other reunion	for poetry. Amongst his many talents he was a poet,	(The walk from the Metro is about 15
guests via Metro or	musician, writer and philosopher. Two of his songs became	minutes. Buses (N2 or N4 Metro bus, or
cab, meet at the	the national anthems of India and Bangladesh.	#29 Ride On bus) are also available
AIS/AES Reunion		from Friendship Heights to the Gandhi
Registration Desk	For information about the Gandhi Memorial Center, see	Memorial Center.)
by 1:00 p.m .	http://www.gandhimemorialcenter.org.	
Friday	Tea at the Indian Embassy - 40 guests maximum	Embassy of India,
3:00 – 4:45 p.m.		2107, Massachusetts Ave, NW
I the table of the control that	The Indian Embassy has graciously extended an invitation	Washington, DC 20008
Limited guest list (pre-registration	to tea with the Political Counselor. Light Indian snacks will also be served. Business casual attire is recommended.	Cuests to traval together via shuttle
required)	also de servea. Business casuar attire is recommended.	Guests to travel together via shuttle bus which will leave at 2:00 p.m.
required)	Guests coming to this event are reminded to bring a photo	bus which will leave at 2.00 p.m.
Pick up ticket from	ID (e.g., drivers license, passport) and their ticket.	
AIS/AES Reunion		
Registration Desk.	A shuttle bus has been arranged for transportation to and	
	from the Embassy. Please be at left hand entrance of the	
Meet at the left hand entrance to	lobby (not the revolving door entrance) no later than 2:00	
the lobby (not the	p.m., so you do not miss the bus!	
revolving door		
entrance) for		
special shuttle		
transportation no		
later than 2:00 p.m.		

Date/Time	Event & Details	Travel Instructions
Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	National Air & Space Museum - Behind the Scenes Tour (30 guests maximum)	Independence Avenue SW (at 6th Street), Washington, DC 20024
Limited guest list (pre-registration required) Pick up ticket from AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk. If you wish to travel with other reunion guests via Metro, meet at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk by 8:00 a.m.	Join Barbara Huey Brennan (AIS '66) for a behind-the-scenes tour of an exhibition in progress at the National Air and Space Museum on Saturday morning, July 3rd. The tour will meet Barbara at 9:00 a.m. at the Independence Avenue entrance to the building and proceed to the new Pioneers of Flight Gallery, currently under construction and scheduled to open August 30, 2010. On the way, we will stop by the original Wright Flyer to get a glimpse of the first successful airplane, while having the building to ourselves. After touring Pioneers of Flight, our tour group will go to the Exhibits Design Division office area to see some of the exhibit elements under development. For more information about the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum, see http://www.nasm.si.edu . A street map showing you the way from the 2 closest Metro stops (L'Enfant Plaza and Smithsonian) can be found at http://www.nasm.si.edu/nasmicons/navicons/map_nationalMalll.gif .	Take the Yellow Line to L'Enfant Plaza station – leaves 8:25 a.m. and arrives at 8:33 a.m. Then take a short 3 block walk to the NASM.
Saturday	Kennedy Center Tour - (60 people maximum)	2700 F St., NW, Washington D.C.
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Limited guest list (pre-registration required) Pick up ticket from AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk. If you wish to travel with other reunion guests via Metro and then shuttle, meet at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk by 10 a.m.	The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, overlooking the Potomac River is a wonderful treat to anyone who visits Washington D.C.! Julie Marquis (AES '81) who works at the Center has arranged for tour guides to lead our AIS/AES reunion guests on a tour of the Center's theaters, gifts of art from foreign countries and more. The tour also includes viewing the awe- inspiring views from the Roof Terrace. After the one hour tour, you are welcome to visit the gift shop or have a bite to eat in the KC Café. Guests who wish to travel together can meet at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk by 10 a.m. to take Metro to the Foggy Bottom station, and then catch the free Kennedy Center shuttle to the Center. For more information about the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, see http://www.kennedy-center.org .	From the hotel Metro stop (Crystal City), take the blue line to the Foggy Bottom/George Washington University Metro Station. From there, it's a short walk via New Hampshire Avenue or you can take the free Kennedy Center Show Shuttle (signs are toward the left, facing 23rd St. as you exit the escalator), which runs every 15-20 minutes beginning at 10:00 a.m. The shuttle is available for return trips to the metro, and leaves from the Hall of Nations side of the Center
Saturday 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	National Geographic Society – (30 people maximum)	1145 17th Street, NW, Washington DC Take the Blue Line from Crystal City at
No ticket necessary. If you wish to travel with other reunion guests from the hotel via Metro, meet at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk by 11:30 a.m.	First at 1:00 p.m. we will see a film on Leonardo DaVinci – The Genius (http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/exhibits/20 10/06/18/da-vinci/). Then, we'll explore the Design for the Other 90% Exhibit (http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/exhibits/20 10/04/28/design-other-90/), to learn about imaginative cost-effective solutions to improve access to water, food, energy and more in areas of the world to help save and transform lives. Guests who wish to travel together can meet at the AIS/AES Reunion Registration Desk by 11:30 a.m.	12:07 pm to arrive at Faragut West station at 12:20 pm. Easy walking distance from the Faragut North (Red Line) and Faragut West (Blue/Orange Line) Metro stops. 2 blocks from Faragut North and 4 blocks from Faragut West.

Saturday Night Auction & Raffle

In our last newsletter, we told you about a very generous offer from Bea & Win Sargent to auction a 5-day vacation in their tropical paradise beach B&B on the lovely island of Tobago.

A number of other alumni and friends have also offered some fun and interesting adventures and items for the auction and raffle, which will both be held during our Mela on Saturday night. Below is a little information about another two more auction items, to pique your curiosity! We will have a table at the Vendor Fair on Friday and Saturday with more information about all of the auction and raffle items.

You may want to bring your checkbooks (or cash) just in case something catches your eye or you are in the mood for another vacation. It's important to note that all proceeds from the auction and the raffle will go to fund alumni events. The money goes right back to benefit you and our AIS/AES family.

Four Days on an Island in Maine **Deer Isle Adventure**

Donated by Scott Morgan, AIS '69

An unusual and fun vacation on an island in Maine...... really far, far away!

Four nights lodging in an old Airstream (sleeps 3 – 4 people) on Deer Isle, Maine.



This package vacation includes two home made lobster dinners and use of the Morgan family's bikes and kayaks. The lucky winner will get four nights free (and can pay \$100/night for any nights after that). Visitors can take local tours of secret spots, art galleries, lobster shacks, coves and more. Full details will be available at the reunion.



Original Cecile & Jeanne (Paris) - Necklace and Bracelet

Donated by Amanda Weathersby, AIS '72

Amanda Weathersby has graciously donated several pieces of fine jewelry for the auction on Saturday night. Featured here is a lovely Cecile & Jeanne necklace with birds and flowers and matching bracelet. Both are with pearls and gold dipped, and made in France.

For information on the designers of this beautiful jewelry, visit their website at http://cecilejeannesf.org/about.html

Looking for Raffle & Auction Donations

Do you have an item or something interesting that can be presented as a raffle or auction item at the reunion?

If so, please contact Anne Weathersby at

Indian Cooking Class

Donated by Rupen Rao, AIS/AES Friend

Chef Rupen Rao is donating a 3 – 4 hour Indian cooking class, on a week-day, for 6 people (that's you and 5 of your friends). Learn more about this cooking class at the reunion and get together with some of your friends to bid on it! Chef Rupen will travel to your home to teach you and your friends simple Indian cooking. For more information on Rupen Rao, visit http://www.RupenRao.com

Reunion Details – It's not too late to come to the reunion!

Reunion Costs

Reunion Weekend Package includes:

- Friday Evening Reception
- Saturday Mela
- **Event Costs**

The Early Bird pricing was over on May 23, however you can still register online and we are accepting registrations up until the reunion begins.

Reunion Package Fee: \$280/person and \$65 children under age 12 PLUS Handling Fee: \$50/Alumni Only* Late Fee: \$50

EXAMPLE: Alumni (or Faculty) Only:

\$280 package

\$ 50 handling Fee

\$ 50 late fee

\$380 total

EXAMPLE: Alumni (or Faculty) + 1 guest: \$280x2 = \$560 package \$ 50 handling fee \$ 50 late fee \$660 total

Notes on Registration Fee:

- Handling Fee includes \$25 annual alumni association fee + administrative costs
- Handling Fee is only for the alumni so his/her guests are not charged additional registration fee
- AIS/AES Alumni who are married to each other or an alumni parent/alumni student relationship pay one Handling Fee of \$50 only

Hotel costs are additional for those who stay at the hotel.

Questions?

If you have questions about registration, leave your registration incomplete and contact Sophie Lafaille (sophie.lafaille@gmail.com). The online registration system will remember the information you entered so you can return to your registration form, as long as you remember the password you used to start signing up.

RegOnline Registration Site - Instructions

Before you start, have your Pay Pal account (preferable) or credit card (Master Card or VISA) information ready. If you choose to use Pay Pal and do not have an account yet, please sign up at https://www.paypal.com several days in advance, so Pay Pal can approve your account.

Web Browser

RegOnline does not always work with AOL. For our AOL users: To ensure your registration is completed and accepted, we suggest you use Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Google Chrome to access RegOnline.

Registration Site

https://www.regonline.com/aisaes_reunion_2010

Registration Steps

- Please register yourself (alumni or faculty member) first. The cost for the alumni or faculty member includes both the registration fee (to cover class dues and administrative costs) and your event fee. Do not exit the program if you are adding addition guests on your bill.
- After you have registered yourself, you will have the opportunity to add guests and children using the Add Another Person button. You will register each guest/family member one at a time.
- Continue going back to the **Add Another Person** for each person you register. By registering in this fashion, you can register yourself and your entire group on one bill.
 - Tip: The program will ask you for an email address and password for each person you register. You may continue using your own email address and password for all people you are registering.
- Before checking out, be sure you included all guests.
- You will receive an email confirmation for each person you register. Also, you may set the system to provide you with reminder emails (as if you could forget!) before the reunion.
- 6. If you want to add more guests to your registration, you may go back later to add them to your account.

Signing Up for Events Outside Hotel

- Go to https://www.regonline.com/aisaes_reunion_2010.
- Use your email and password you used to register for the reunion. If you can't remember your password, email sophie.lafaille@gmail.com.
- 3. Go to the **Agenda** page in the registration
- Select the events you want to attend. You cannot sign up for overlapping events. You will be able to add the other quests you registered also if you registered as a group (e.g., you and your spouse). You will not be able to register other people that were not included in your original registration.
- All events have a maximum number of attendees. If the event is full, you will be notified that you will not be able to sign up.
- 6. Please only sign up for events that you know you will be able to attend, as we have a limited number of spots for each event and there may be others who want to go also!
- If for any reason you are unable to attend an event that you have signed up for, we would appreciate if you could notify Sophie Lafaille (sophie.lafaille@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Reunion Details (Cont.)

Making Hotel Reservations

Need to make hotel reservations for the Reunion Weekend?

Our venue for the 2010 is the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, VA, which is located across the river from Washington D.C.

The deadline for making reservations for a hotel room at the hotel and getting the special price was June 4, however as we post this newsletter they still had about 30 rooms left in our reserved block, although the price will now be their standard going price on the day you make reservations.

You may make reservations by calling:

1-800-266-9432

Provide our event name (AIS/AES Alumni Reunion), to see if there are any rooms left in our block.

The hotel offers free shuttle service to the Reagan National Airport, which is conveniently located nearby. Parking is also available at an additional cost. The Crystal City Metro stop is easily accessible (a short walk through the lobby) for those of you planning to attend the July 4 festivities in D.C.

Don't Confuse Your Marriott Hotels!

There are two Marriott hotels in Crystal City. Make sure you choose the Crystal Gateway Marriott at 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, or you may be going to someone else's party!

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel Links

About this Hotel

http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotelinformation/travel/wasgw-crystal-gateway-marriott

Maps and Transportation (including parking rates) http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/wasgw-crystalgateway-marriott

Restaurants and Lounges

http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-

information/restaurant/wasgw-crystal-gateway-marriott

Visitor's Guide

http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel-quide/wasgw-crystalgateway-marriott



Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway Crystal City (Arlington), VA 22201 USA

For reservations, call toll-free 1-800-266-9432

Mention AIS/AES Alumni Reunion to see if they have any rooms left in our block.

Volunteers, Vendors, Photos, Auction & Raffle Items

The outpouring of emails from all of you who want to contribute by volunteering your time or talents, or donating an item for the raffle or auction or to help in even the smallest way has been tremendous.

To those of us who have been discussing and planning the details for the 2010 Reunion for the last five years, we realize that the energy and interest that has come from you in these last few months before the reunion is really what is going to make this reunion fun and interesting!

That said, the doors are still open for anyone who wants to come be a vendor, or to join us as a volunteer or even if you have photos that you haven't sent in yet and are just scanning now. Even if your photos are not used for the slide show, they are always welcome (and we want to see them!). We can use them on our website, or to be shared in a different form and fashion – to be determined in the future.

Volunteers

Sophie Lafaille (sophie.lafaille@gmail.com) is our Volunteers Coordinator. If you would like to help at the registration desk, with decorations, or help alumni navigate the Metro on the way to our planned events (it's easy, but some people are more comfortable if they know someone else knows the way!) or to help with other assorted tasks, please contact Sophie.

Vendors

Wrote a book? Cut a musical CD? Trying to get your business off the ground and want to introduce it to your AIS/AES friends? Check with Anne Weathersby at aweathersby@erols.com (for information on setting up a table for the Friday and/or Saturday afternoon Vendor Fair.

Photos

Our web master and one of our AIS photographers, Tim Brown is finishing up a fantastic slide show which includes many, many photos you have never seen before. If you are just now getting around to scanning your photos, they are still welcome. Even if they don't make the slide show, there is great interest in seeing them and we will feature them on our website later.

If you have photos from your days in Delhi, or from past reunions or from return visits to the school, please email them to Tim at (browntjl@comcast.net)

Auction & Raffle Items

Your AIS swim trunks. Your *Taj Times* collection. Autographed copy of your novel. A nice piece of art (either yours or done by someone else). Little items. Big items. Any and all items that will remind us of Delhi and school days. Or fun items that you think our crowd will enjoy!

The auction and raffle which will be held on Saturday night is part entertainment, part fund raiser, and definitely an opportunity for you to take something home after the reunion (either an item or an experience to enjoy later). Cash and checks are accepted.

Again, all proceeds go back to alumni and to our AIS/AES family. If you have anything you can bring with you to the reunion or want to send ahead of time, please contact Anne Weathersby at aweathersby@erols.com.

This is Your Reunion!

Again, many thanks to all who have contacted us already and who are pitching in to make this a fun and exciting reunion. We truly appreciate your generosity and can't wait to see you soon!

Come for the Party! Stay for the Fireworks!