

AIS/AES 2010 REUNION



AIS/AES Alumni Association, Inc.
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Newsletter

Come for the Party. Stay for the Fireworks.

AIS/AES 2010 REUNION – July 4, 2010 Weekend

All School Years/All Classes Invited!

Seeing your best friends again! Staying up past midnight and having so much fun you don't realize what time it is! Revisiting memories of Delhi and being reminded of funny stories you had forgotten! Making new friends! Music! Dancing! Indian Food! Wining and dining in a luxury hotel! Wishing the weekend would never end! What could be better than this?!

Registration is now open and the first Early Bird alumni have already registered on our online site (RegOnline) and made hotel reservations. With our past reunions, most alumni waited until just about the

last minute to register and we fully expect that will be the case again this year - so in the next few weeks, it will be interesting to see who has signed up! Please remember: the deadline for the Early Bird registration is May 23rd.

Links to the RegOnline system and the hotel, as well as general information about the reunion, can be found on our website (www.aisaes.org), as well as in this newsletter. Be sure to bookmark our web site and visit it often.

Come for the Party! Stay for the Fireworks! This is going to be a fun reunion!

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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



www.aisaes.org

Getting Around DC

Part of the convenience of staying at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel is that the underground Metro (a.k.a., "subway") is practically in the basement of the hotel!

By metro rail, bus, trolley and tour buses, boat and by foot, DC offers various ways to enjoy the city.

Metro Map

www.wmata.com/rail/maps/map.cfm -- DC Metro map -- Very handy to have.

Trolley Tours

www.trolleytours.com/Washington-DC -- Old Town Trolley tours-great way to get an overview of the city. They have three different loops around DC, depending on what you want to see and you can hop on and off the trolley all day.

Tour Mobile

www.tourmobile.com -- Another tour company.

DC Mall and Monuments Map

www.nps.gov/state/dc/index.htm - National Park Service website that takes you to a very nice map of the DC Mall and monuments

Land and Sea Tours

www.dcducks.com -- land and sea tours on a boat with wheels. Something a little different from the usual tours.

River Cruises

www.potomacriverboatco.com -- Offers 45 minute DC monument tours from Georgetown Harbor and 4 hour cruises to Mount Vernon.

The Kennedy Center

www.kennedy-center.org -- See the musical "Mary Poppins"; the Reduced Shakespeare Company performing "Completely Hollywood (Abridged)"; Synetic Theater Company performing Othello; or "Shear Madness" a murder mystery comedy whodunit with audience participation. It's been playing here for over 25 years. Tours also available every day.

July 4 Weekend – Washington Comes Alive!

Have you been promising your family you would take them on a tour around Washington, DC, or are you looking for some fun places to go with your friends during your free time on the Reunion Weekend?

Below are some ideas for places to visit and events happening the July 4 weekend in the Washington, DC, area:



International Spy Museum

www.spymuseum.org -- Something different and fun. There is an admission price for this museum.

Smithsonian Folk Life Festival

www.festival.si.edu -- Celebrating Mexico and Asian Pacific Americans. Will be on the Mall July 4th weekend.

The Smithsonian Museums

www.smithsonian.org -- 19 museums and the National Zoo. The 19 include the newly re-opened American History Museum, Natural History, Air & Space, African Art, and American Indian museums among others. Free Admission.

Smithsonian Tours

<http://www.smithsonian.org/events/tours.htm/#/?i=6>

Smithsonian Events

<http://www.smithsonian.org/events>

Sackler Museum and Freer Gallery

www.asia.si.edu -- *In the Realm of the Buddha* is the newest exhibit at the Sackler, along with their permanent collections.

National Gallery of Art (West and East Buildings)

www.nga.gov/home.htm - Free admission.

Newseum

www.newseum.org -- Interactive museum.



National Zoo

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu> -- Free admission.



Thank you, Win and Bea Sargent!

Win and Bea Sargent have graciously offered a five-day vacation at their tropical paradise beach bed and breakfast on the island of Tobago as an AIS/AES reunion auction prize!

The Sargents taught at the American Embassy School from 1985-1990; Win was the high school principal and taught history and literature and Bea taught middle school math. They are both retired now and running a bed and breakfast in Tobago six months a year, as well as playing golf, tennis and kayaking in North Carolina. Their son Win is a deputy sheriff in Washington State and is also looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion; daughter, Emily, is a college professor and curriculum coordinator at the international school in Chennai and daughter, Sarah, does contract work for Save the Children and is soon moving to Dhaka with UNICEF.

Thank you, Win and Bea, for your generous offer!

Win a Tobago Vacation!



5-day Vacation (Offer through mid-December 2011)

Vacation details provided at the Reunion

**Gloucester Place Guest House & Villa,
Parlatuvier, Tobago**

<http://www.gloucesterplace.com/>

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 aweathersby@infoinc.com



Reunion Details

Reunion Weekend Package includes:

- Friday Evening Reception
- Saturday Mela
- Event Costs

Early-Bird Registration

Register by May 23, 2010

Reunion Package Fee: \$230/person and \$65 children under age 12

PLUS Registration: \$50/Alumni Only*

EXAMPLE: Alumni (or Faculty) Only:
\$230 package
\$ 50 registration
\$280 total

EXAMPLE: Alumni (or Faculty) + 1 guest:
\$230x2 = \$460 package
\$ 50 registration
\$510 total

* Notes on Registration Fee:

- Registration cost includes \$25 annual alumni association fee + administrative costs
- Registration 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 only one registration fee

Late Registration - Begins May 24, 2010

\$100 late charge per person (no late fee for children under 12) Register NOW!

Questions?

If you have any problems or questions about the registration process, you may 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.

- *Note:* Pay Pal is the preferred method of payment and also is best payment option for International Alumni registering from Europe, Asia, South America and Australia. If you choose to use Pay Pal and do not have an account yet, please sign up for your account several days in advance of the Early Bird package deadline (**May 23, 2010**) as it may take a couple of days for Pay Pal to approve the credit card linked to your account. The Web site for setting up Pay Pal accounts is <https://www.paypal.com>.

Web Browser

We have found that 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

The registration link is on our [AIS/AES Alumni Network](#) home page or you can go to it directly at this link

https://www.regonline.com/aisaes_reunion_2010

Registration Steps

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Before checking out, review your selections carefully to make sure you have included all guests and children.
5. 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. Be sure to register them before May 23rd, for the Early Bird price.

Additional Note

If you need hotel room reservations after you complete your reunion registration, visit the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel registration site at <https://resweb.paskey.com/go/AISAES> or call 1-800-266-9432. If you elect to make your reservations by phone, remember to provide our event name (AIS/AES Alumni Reunion) so that you get the special room rate.

Reunion Details (Cont.)

Making Hotel Reservations

Need to make hotel reservations for the Reunion Weekend?

Our venue for our 2010 Reunion is the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City (Arlington), Virginia, which is located across the river from Washington D.C. We have been guaranteed a special weekend rate of \$125/night (plus usual state and local taxes) for rooms at this hotel.

You may make reservations either by visiting our online registration site:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AISAES>

Or call 1-800-266-9432.

If you make your reservations by phone, remember to provide our event name (**AIS/AES Alumni Reunion**) for our special room rate of \$125/night (plus tax).

This rate is good for rooms reserved any time from Thursday, July 1, 2010 through checkout time Monday, July 5, 2010. If you want our reunion rate outside those dates, you need to ask. If your room is available, our reunion rates will be granted.

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

Click below for information on:

[About this Hotel](#)

[Maps and Transportation](#)

[Restaurants and Lounges](#)

[Visitor's Guide](#)

[Printable Hotel Fact Sheet](#)



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

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AISAES>

Or call toll-free 1-800-266-9432

Mention AIS/AES Alumni Reunion for preferred room rate

Reunion Details (Cont.)

**Interested in helping
with the AIS/AES
2010 Reunion
Weekend?**

Looking for:

- Volunteer Helpers
- AIS/AES memorabilia items for Auction Event
- Donations for Raffle
- Photos for Slide Show

Auction & Raffle Items

As you know, your humble AIS/AES Alumni Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization. So that we can continue to maintain our website and keep up with our association expenses, we always welcome money donations and are looking for creative money-raising ideas.

During our Reunion Weekend, we will be auctioning India and AIS/AES memorabilia and will also hold a raffle. If you have memorabilia or raffle items you can donate, please contact Anne Weathersby at aweathersby@infoinc.com.

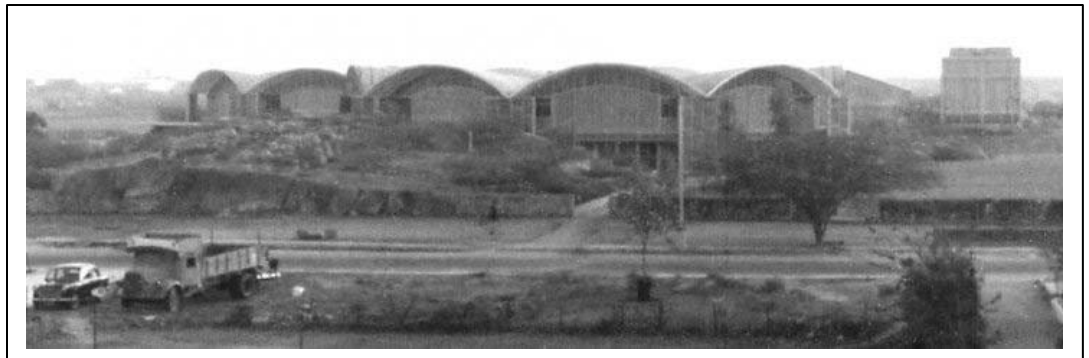
Your donations are much appreciated!

Photos for Slide Show

Tim Brown writes: "Please send high resolution jpg files of your images. Include complete caption information with names of people in the photos, and the year and place the photo in which the photo was taken. If you do not want to scan images, please mail the photos to me at 1419 R St NW # 22 Washington DC 20009."

**Bookmark Our
AIS/AES Alumni
Network Website!**

www.aisaes.org



Volunteer Helpers

If you want to come a day early to help out with the 2010 Reunion or help with the registration table or set-up activities, please contact our Volunteers Chairperson, Sophie Lafaille (sophie.lafaille@gmail.com).

Vendor Fair

Have you written a book and want to set up a table for book signings and sales? Need a venue to show and sell your oil paintings or sketches? Is your CD now available for sale? Do you need a showcase for selling your Indian jewelry or clothing or other works of art? Do you have your own business and want to do some marketing?

If you are interested in setting up a table or tables at the Vendor Fair, please contact Anne Weathersby at aweathersby@infoinc.com

2010 Reunion FAQ's

What should I wear to the reunion?

The Friday night reception and Saturday Mela are the fun party nights and you might want to dress up a little, but no need to get too fancy – wear whatever you normally wear to parties, but comfortable enough to have a good time! If you are still not sure what to wear, do what you did in High School – call your friends and ask them what they are wearing!

Does the hotel have parking?

Yes. Currently the price is \$10/night, but that cost is subject to change. If you are traveling from out of town, you may want to consider taking the Metro, a taxi or shuttle to the hotel (rather than getting a rental car, unless you plan to travel outside of the area). The public transportation system in DC is excellent and the underground Metro rail stop is easily accessible from the hotel.

What is my reunion cost if I register by May 23rd (Early Bird pricing) and do not bring a guest?

Your registration fee and event cost is as follows:

\$230.00 Friday Reception (Heavy Hors d'œuvres/Slideshow)
Saturday Mela (Indian/American dinner; Entertainment)
+ 50.00 Registration Fee (Alumni Dues/Admin Costs) Registration Fee is only for the alumni.
\$280.00 TOTAL COST per person (Early-Bird Sign Up)

The cost to stay at the Marriott Crystal City hotel is \$125/night, plus tax.

What is the Early Bird reunion cost for my guest (guests over age 12)?

The cost for your guest is as follows:

\$230.00 Friday Reception (Heavy Hors d'œuvres/Slideshow)
Saturday Mela (Indian/American dinner; Entertainment)
+ 0.00 No Registration Fee
\$230.00 Total Cost per guest (Early-Bird Sign Up)

What is the Early Bird reunion cost for my

child? \$65/per child (age 12 and under)

\$65.00 Friday Reception (Heavy Hors d'œuvres/Slideshow)
Saturday Mela (Indian/American dinner; Entertainment)
+ 0.00 No Registration Fee
\$65.00 Total Cost per child (age 12 and under)

How much extra do I have to pay, if I register after the Early Bird deadline?

Starting May 24, 2010, the late charge is \$100 per person (no late fee for children age 12 and under).....so register now!

Why are there no a la' carte prices for the weekend?

The main reasons for having to price it as a package deal:

- The hotel bills us for a package deal, so it's impossible to accurately break it down by event.
- As a package deal, we got a better deal from the hotel.
- In the reunions where it was a la' carte, so many alumni decided to stay the second night that we ran into the danger of running out of food (not a good thing, especially with gourmet Indian food)!

It's important to note that many, many hours were spent working on the cost estimates for this reunion and figuring out how we can make this a great reunion at the best cost for our fellow alumni.