

Remarks by Mary Williamson, representative of the AIS AES Alumni Association Board of Directors, June 15, 2008

Good evening! I'm Mary Williamson, AIS-Class of 1974 and here to represent the AIS-AES Alumni Association Board of Directors.



On behalf of the Alumni Board, I would like to thank YOU for taking the time and effort out from your busy schedule to come to this reunion. Hopefully, you have been able to laugh, cry, and reminisce with some of your oldest friends.

I would also like to give a HUGE THANKS to Judy and Cindy for all the time and hard work they've put into planning this reunion. I know from having put together reunions before that it is not an easy job and is very time-consuming. They did an awesome job, don't you think?



(red & white carnations -- our school colors)



I'm not going to make a long speech because I know you are here to be with your classmates and friends - and still want to

meet other folks from our AIS-AES village. It's hard to catch up on some 20-30-40 years over one weekend.



There are a few items from the Alumni Association that I'd like to pass along...

THE ALUMNI WEB SITE

Our alumni web site was created and is maintained by Tim Brown (Class of 1970), with a little help from other AIS friends. The alumni web site is the HUB of our alumni community. Since our web site has gone up, we have grown tremendously with a listing of approximately 4800 alumnae ranging from the Class of 1962 to our recently graduating Class of 2008.

-We'd like to remind you to check the web site often for news updates.

-Don't be shy about sending in your news and pictures! - or if you have any old pictures from AIS-AES or other memorabilia that can be scanned and shared on the web site.

-Don't forget to let us know when your contact information changes.

-You can send your news, photos or updates to Tim, Suzanne Fricke, or me. Our contact information is on the web site.

ALUMNI DUES

I hate to bring this up, but I need to make a pitch for alumni dues and any other donations that you can make to help keep our Association alive.

We suggest \$25 per calendar year...or whatever you can contribute will be very, very appreciated.

Your contribution goes towards the upkeep of our web site, Board expenses, events, and reunions. I am here tonight if you

wish to contribute now. Otherwise, please write your checks out to Anne Beattie Kerr, our BoD treasurer and put a notation on the memo section “Alumni Dues.”

Many thanks to all who have already contributed...or will rush home after this reunion to send their dues in!

2010 REUNION

Hopefully, you’ve heard – and will help us spread the word - that the Board will be hosting the next BIG all-school AIS-AES Reunion 2 & 3 July 2010 in the Washington, DC area.

We have had a tremendous turnout at the DC-area reunions in the past, with hundreds of classmates and their family members. Check the web site for pictures of past reunions to catch a sense of the fun and excitement that awaits you in 2010.

The reunion will feature 5-star Indian cuisine, music from our own school bands, special DC group tours and a weekend of fun in the beautiful Crystal City Gateway Marriott Hotel (where we’ve held previous reunions and which is located right on the DC underground metro line).

Please mark your calendars and keep your eye on the Alumni web site for detailed information in the coming months. In advance, I want to mention that July 4th 2010 falls on a Sunday; and that the hotel has agreed to honor our group rate if you want to stay an extra night in DC for the magnificent fireworks display at the National Mall.

Last, I'd like to leave you with "10 Reasons to Come to Our 2010 Reunion."

Some of these reasons were borrowed...and some came from our own Alumni Board!

10) Enjoy an evening out without the kids...or grandkids...as the case may be

9) You don't have to lie about your age

8) For the brutal reminder that high school was really your life's high point

7) For the happy reminder that those people you knew in high school were not all they were cracked up to be

6) An excuse to travel

5) Let's be honest...without YOU, the whole thing will fall apart

4) Feel better realizing you are not the only one who has been married, divorced, married, divorced, and/or is still looking

3) With the exception of myself...everyone is taller!

2) Some high schools never end. Looking at the attendance tonight and past reunions, AIS-AES is definitely one of them.

1) Humor our alumni association!! We are a deluded bunch of diehards that think everyone should show up to appreciate all our efforts!!

That's really about it from me, folks. Happy Father's Day tomorrow to all the Dads in our audience. Once again, thank you for coming to this reunion. Thank you, Judy and Cindy. See you all at the 2010 Reunion in Washington, DC!