

**CLASS OF 1974 REUNION**  
**American International School of New Delhi**  
Original Announcement Date: 4 October 2006  
**UPDATED: 1 May 2007**

Dear Class of 1974,

I am excited and happy to announce now that our AIS Class of 1974 Reunion is a definite GO! I have signed contracts with Holiday Inn Historic District Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) and paid the initial non-refundable down payment. Our class reunion will be the weekend of **20, 21, 22 July 2007**. Please mark your calendars now!!

**SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES**

We will be staying at the **Holiday Inn Historic District Philadelphia**. It is a full-service hotel literally located downtown Historic District Philadelphia. We will be referred by the hotel as "**AIS REUNION GROUP**." I have reserved a block of rooms at a special group rate for our reunion. This special rate, **\$122.00 per room, per night**, is only being offered to us until 29 June 2007, after which the unsold rooms will then be taken back by the hotel and released to the public for rental. After this deadline date, they do not have to honor our special group rate and rooms will be sold to you upon availability, at full or seasonal rates...per my contract with them.

You have the option of one king-size bed or two double-size beds in your room. Also, they have smoking and non-smoking rooms. Please specify your options when making your reservations.

**RESERVATION PROCEDURE**

**EFFECTIVE 8 JANUARY 2007 – The hotel has given us the go-ahead to make our room reservations!**

I will notify you when the hotel starts taking reservations, but they said they will probably start taking them in **January 2007**. At reservation time, please call the reservation department at 1-800-THE BELL (1-800-843-2355). To receive our special group rate, **please identify yourself as part of the AIS Reunion Group**. After you have made your reservations, verify that you did indeed receive our special group rate. Again, this special rate, \$122.00 per room, per night, is only being offered to us until 29 June 2007, after which the unsold rooms will then be taken back by the hotel and released to the public for rental. After

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**EXTENSIONS:** For those who want to check in one day prior and/or stay one day after our reunion weekend, the hotel agreed and will honor our special group rate at either end. This gives you a chance to stay in Philadelphia a little longer with our discount.

Most major credit cards accepted.

Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is 11 AM

### **ON-LINE RESERVATIONS**

When the hotel starts taking our group reservations, you also have the option of reserving a room online within our group's block using the three-letter code  **AIS** . Log onto [www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict](http://www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict).

### **ON-LINE WRITE-UP ON THE HOTEL**

#### **HISTORIC DISTRICT PHILADELPHIA**

400 Arch Street

Philadelphia, PA 19106

215-923-8660

1-800-THE-BELL (843-2355)

[www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict](http://www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict)

#### **LOCATION/TRANSPORTATION FACTS**

- In the heart of the nation's most historic square mile
- Two blocks to business district and major highways
- Four blocks to Penn's Landing. Eight blocks to Convention Center and Reading Terminal. One block to Visitor Center.
- Eight miles to Philadelphia International Airport
- Area attractions include Betsy Ross House, Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Jewelers Row, National Constitution Center, US Mint

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

- 364 guestrooms including seven suites; eight floors
- In-room work desks with lamps, direct-dial data-port phones, voice mail, cable TVs, pay-per-view movies, irons, ironing boards, hairdryers, coffee makers, electronic door locks and clock radios, complimentary wireless high speed, Nintendo Game Cube

- Four parlor suites and 3 junior suites with wet bars and refrigerators
- Handicapped access, visual alert for hearing impaired
- Handicapped rooms available
- Non-smoking floors available

### **DINING/ENTERTAINMENT**

- Benton's Bar & Grill serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with extensive spirits menu
- Room service
- Other dining and nightlife options within walking distance

### **SERVICES/FACILITIES/SHOPS**

- Concierge and bell service
- Business center
- Valet service and complimentary same day dry cleaning, coin-operated laundry
- Limousine service
- Seasonal outdoor pool and Fitness room
- Gift Shop
- Priority Club Worldwide frequent guest program

### **MEETING/BANQUET FACILITIES**

- 9,402 sq. ft. total meeting space in 13 rooms
- Meetings and banquets space
- Separate group registration area available
- Five executive boardrooms accommodating 15
- All rooms include telephone with modem jack, individual climate control, blackout drapes, adjustable lighting
- Event/reader board provided
- Loading dock, service elevator available

### **MEETING EQUIPMENT**

- Screens, overhead/35mm slide projectors, VCRs and monitors, podiums, lecterns and microphones (lectern cable, hand-held, lavalier), personal computers and printers, computer disks, transparencies available with one hour's notice
- Flip-chart easels and pads, dry-erase boards, chalk boards, markers, pens, pencils, chalk and notepads available on request
- Speaker phones, cellular phone available
- Built-in PA system and rear-screen projection capability
- Staging capabilities

### **MEETING SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Meeting specialist on staff
- Audiovisual operator/maintenance
- Business support services, photocopying, shipping services, courier

service, luggage storage

## **CLASS OF 1974 REUNION REGISTRATION FEE**

### **\$100.00 per CLASS of 1974 ALUMNI ATTENDING THE REUNION**

This non-refundable fee applies whether or not you stay at the hotel, whether or not you spend the entire weekend with us. This fee includes your guest(s) and covers hotel expenses for our reunion. I do not have any electronic payment method so please make checks payable to me: MARY WILLIAMSON. I will start collecting registration fees when the hotel starts taking room reservations. All registrations fees must be paid by 29 JUNE 2007 as that is my deadline date for paying balance fees to the hotel.

Mail your registration checks to me at: Mary Williamson  
3601 Chadbury Road  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-4252 USA

**\*EFFECTIVE 1 MAY 2007: Please note I am changing your reunion registration deadline date to **15 June 2007** so I can make payments to the hotel by my deadline date with the hotel.**

## **PARKING**

A discounted parking rate of \$10.00 per car, per day will be extended to registered guests of the hotel whom are part of the AIS Reunion Group. (Current parking rate for regular hotel guests is \$20.00 per car, per day.) Parking is also available to non-registered guests attending our Class of 1974 Reunion events at hourly rates, which is \$7.00 per hour; \$28.00 max for the day.

## **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

For those flying into Philadelphia International Airport, there is a hotel shuttle bus that runs from the airport to the hotel (and vice versa). If you can take that, you should not need a rental vehicle for the reunion as we will be located right smack downtown in Historic District Philadelphia; and most places there are easy to get to by foot and within walking distance from the hotel. There is also bus service, underground and above-ground rail services, trolley cars, horse carriage rides, taxis, etc, to get you further out from walking distance.

## **BABYSITTING SERVICE**

The hotel does not provide babysitting service anymore because they did not have the demand for it. However, if you need a babysitter, please let me know as far in advance as you can; and I will TRY to find a babysitter.

## **OUR TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

### **Friday night, 20 July 2007**

6:00-10:00 PM

We will meet in one of the hotel meeting rooms for our ICE BREAKER PARTY (get-reacquainted with each other!) Dinner will not be served, but there will be sandwich buffet and full cash bar.

### **Saturday, 21 July 2007**

#### Daytime:

In the morning, I suggest we take the "Ride the Ducks" tour together so you can get familiar with the area. It is a FUN bus-boat tour which takes you through Historic District Philadelphia for 40 minutes and then on a boat ride up and down the Delaware River for 30 minutes. I will let you know this tour fee as I will try to negotiate a group rate.

After the "Ride the Ducks" tour – or if you don't want to go on this tour together - you are free to do what you like all day. Go sightseeing; visit family/friends in the area; visit with each other; go swimming, etc. The day is yours.

#### Evening:

The hotel will not let us bring outside catering in so we will have to go to an Indian restaurant Saturday night for our big MELA. This is our big night together, our must-attend night!! I already know a few Indian restaurants in that area and will check for best group rates. More on this later as I don't know yet which restaurant, what the best group meal rate is, and if they prefer we pay as we go or pay collectively.

### **Sunday, 22 July 2007**

"So-Long, Farewell" Sunday morning brunch at the hotel.

REMINDER: Check-out time is 11 AM.

**NOTES**

There will be more information and details regarding the reunion plans as they develop or happen. I will keep you informed!!

From here on, I will transfer this email onto word doc and update it whenever necessary...and will attach the word doc onto every **'74 ENCORE!!!!** (our class newsletter) up until the reunion so you will always have all the information and update you need.

If you have any further questions or suggestions to help better our reunion, my contact information is below. I will try to answer questions and help you in any way I can.

I am looking forward to our reunion and hope that you will commit to coming and sign up, starting in January, now that plans are in action. Please encourage fellow-classmates to attend as well!

Thank you, as always, and see you next July!

Mary Williamson

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