

Friends of International Education, Inc,
August Member Newsletter—**IN THIS ISSUE**

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We hope that you are all enjoying this final month of the summer. We will be sending out the regular FIE list serve beginning in a week or two. In the meantime, you will find some opportunities listed below, as well as a repeat of some important news about the Friends of International Education annual meeting.

NEW format for the Fall Annual Meeting

A MAJOR change is coming for the Annual Meeting. Can you say VIRTUAL MEETING! We are trying a very innovative idea. The annual meeting will be on Saturday, October 18th as a VIRTUAL meeting! There are a number of reasons for this. In the past we have held the annual meeting and conference in conjunction with the Global Educators Conference in Eau Claire. Attendance at the Global Educators Conference has dwindled over the past years and will NOT be held this fall. (Rather strategies to provide interested teachers with information about that teacher travel program will focus on visibility at other professional conferences.) We also have to face the reality of trying to run a weekend conference. SO the FIE conference will be in conjunction with the WCSS/IEC held in March in Madison (see below). However for now, at least, our annual meeting needs to be in fall to align with the election of officers, etc. Hence, the board made the decision to attempt a virtual meeting. The pluses are that it will be quick, efficient, and allow folks in northwestern Wisconsin to attend the NWEA conference in Eau Claire on Thursday and Friday without the need to stay on for the weekend. You will receive notice of the meeting, notice of location sites (we will set up four sites throughout the state), how to access, etc. So, keep tuned!

Friends of International Education to collaborate with the WCSS/IEC Conference in March 2008

The board made the decision in March to align with the International Education

Conference held in March 2008 and is in conjunction with the WCSS conference. This is a natural pairing for us, and we are excited about this collaboration.

We DO need to provide quality, interesting and relevant sessions. So, if you or someone you know has a topic that would be of interest, please contact us.

ALSO, we will be hosting a World Bazaar on Monday evening of the conference. The idea is to have teachers who have traveled to various countries share information about that country in an informal session. (This is like the format of the Global Educators Conference.) Again, if you have traveled and are interested in setting up a table, please let us know. We will be providing more information about this opportunity—including the opportunity **to earn credit** for your efforts and attendance.

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A Goodwill Delegation is going to Japan in November that will consist of a group of musical performers and dancers from Milwaukee (polka), a group of alternative energy experts, as well as a group of women for a cultural exchange.

The travel dates are Nov.8 - 15, 2008. The Women of Wings delegation will consist of 6-8 women. Please consider participating and/or forwarding this brochure to your friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc. The cost is \$2,000 for the experience. It includes, airfare, lodging, transportation, and meals. What a deal, what an experience!!

Deadline for applications is August 29.

Please contact Janie J. Ritter at 608-661-6930 or 608-258-3413 (Fax), or via email jritter@wmc.org or contact Mrs. Fumiko Miyazaki at 608-233-6677.

Rotary University Grants

If you teach full-time at a university, and are interested in teaching in a developing country, now is the time to contact your local Rotary club and apply for a Rotary University Grant. The grants will fund and experience of 3 to 10 months and up to \$24,000.

The program builds international understanding and fosters development while strengthening higher education in low-income countries. It also aims to establish ties between higher-education institutions, leading to the exchange of ideas and information worldwide. Grant recipients must teach subjects relevant to the local population's needs and contribute to the area's socioeconomic development. For further information contact your local Rotary Club.

Send your announcements: if you have information that you would like to make available to our membership through the newsletter, please send it to me at

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Likewise, if you would like information on the list serve send it to me as well.