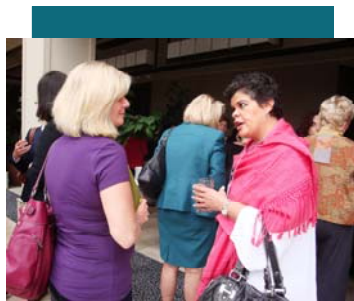


*"Real change doesn't come from the top down, it comes from the bottom up—from citizens organizing and mobilizing and serving the nation that they love."*

*- First Lady Michelle Obama*

Become a citizen diplomat. Now.



Launch of IIE North Bay Chapter



IVLP Delegates go sightseeing with IIE WCC Member, Dan Kohanski



WIT Training in Jordan



Global Komen For the Cure race in Cairo, Egypt



## A personal note from one of our citizen diplomats

**Kathy Smolen**  
IIE WCC Member and Home Hospitality Host

There have been so many special experiences during the nearly 20 years that I've been fortunate enough to provide dinners for foreign visitors. There was the evening when 3 of our guests were judges from Honduras, Montenegro, and Venezuela. When it came time to take a couple of photos, they all shouted "Guilty!" to get that perfect smile. Then there was the evening when we ended up with 7 health care workers from Tbilisi. (We were only going to have 2, but when we heard dinner would be cancelled because the rest of the group had not been invited anywhere we decided to just go ahead and have them all.) At dinner that night, I'll never forget them playing our piano and dancing around the living room. They seemed to be having a great time. Then there was a woman BBC reporter who had dinner with us the day that there had been a bombing in the London Underground. She had learned of the bombing that morning when her husband called from London to tell her that he and their baby were unharmed. She said she was grateful to be in someone's home that evening, with a family even though it wasn't her family, so that she wouldn't feel so alone at a stressful time. We were happy to be with her.

One of the most memorable guests was Jamalul Kamal Farza, an attorney and poet from Banda Aceh, Indonesia who does pro bono work (there are many people there struggling for their rights who are unjustly accused of crimes.) I can still vividly picture him sitting on my couch... so slim that he seemed to fade into the cushions. At the end of the evening, we were all standing up saying our goodbyes and I could see that he was quite disturbed about something. His translator told me that he had a small gift to give me, but had left it at the hotel... he would leave it at the reception desk so that I could pick it up another day. I was so touched that it was important to him to give something back for the dinner he received. How lovely it would be if we were all as anxious as Farza to be givers as well as receivers.

Every guest who has been in my home (a modest apartment, not an elegant place) has been interesting and wonderful in his/her own way. The dinners are an unbelievable opportunity to see the world with new eyes. I have been a very lucky lady. Thank you IIE

## Volunteerism within IIE WCC International Programs



### Women In Technology (WIT):

WIT graduates in Iraq contribute to the development of their country's civil society. One recent example was a candidate empowerment campaign to help prepare women candidates to fully participate in Iraq's Provincial Elections held on January 31, 2009. WIT graduates volunteered along with staff from WIT's lead partner, Iraqi Al Amal Association (IAA), to promote 4,000 female candidates on provincial election lists in 10 provinces using a combination of voter education, TV, radio and Internet advertising. As part of the effort, female candidates received training on public speaking, presentation and leadership skills using WIT's Professional Development curriculum.



### Susan G. Komen for the Cure Global Initiative for Breast Cancer Awareness:

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month worldwide and the IIE Global Komen Initiative team worked closely with their country programs in Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Romania and the United Arab Emirates to rally their local communities in advocating for the cause. In Costa Rica, the IIE Global Initiative team joined its leading partner, Dr. Anna Gabriela Ross Foundation, for the Sixth Annual Walk Against Cancer, "Luchemos por la Vida" in San Jose. The walk was a huge success gathering more than 11,000 supporters together, making this the largest fundraising walk/run in Costa Rican history.



JIAM Visitor receives home hospitality



LDM Fellows from India



Komen Global Initiative documentary film shoot in the U.A.E.

## IIE WCC in the News

- IIE WIT serves as cover story for the *NAFSA International Educator*
- IIE Leadership Development for Mobilizing Reproductive Health Program featured in the Packard Foundation Newsletter
- IIE Global Komen Initiative celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness month in October
- IIE released *Open Doors 2009* on November 16<sup>th</sup>

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any additional information.*

This year IIE Celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I wanted to share the reflections of Dr. Allan Goodman, President of IIE with our friends and supporters of IIE West Coast Center.

*1919 is a year of special significance in many fields.*

*Einstein's General Theory of Relativity was confirmed by observations in Principe and Brazil, the Bauhaus architectural movement started up in Weimar, the League of Nations began deliberating in Paris, and 90 years ago the U.S. Congress approved the 19th amendment to the Constitution. Along with founding the Institute of International Education, other key international education events that year included the creation of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and the American University in Cairo. The futurist H.G. Wells also published his "Outline of History" in which he concluded that history was "a race between education and catastrophe."*

*We have been running in that race ever since.*

*In the early years, our founders were especially busy. The Institute invented the international faculty sabbatical program, scholar rescue, the non-immigrant student visa, and the Junior Year Abroad. Every decade features new programs and a broadened reach for our work. Despite wars, depression, recessions, pandemics, natural disasters and terrorist attacks, since 1919 we have always found a way to open minds to the world through the exchange of people and ideas.*

*90 is a remarkable age and number. Way less than 1 percent of humans ever live that long. The Institute is actually older than 154 countries.*

*Of the more than 1.4 million non-for-profit organizations in the world, 90% have less than 10 staff and fewer than 4% have budgets over \$10million.*

*Moses, it is said, composed the 90th Psalm. So his hope is one I have for us all, for work together, and for the years ahead: "Teach us to number our days aright, so that we grow in wisdom."*

Karin Eisele, Executive Director  
Institute of International Education, West Coast Center