



Kodai Friends International

Annual Report - 2011

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Gene Hennig, President

Once again it is my privilege to convey greetings to you on behalf of **Kodai Friends International, Inc. (KFI)**. This year we hope that you will appreciate the expanded format and content of this annual communication that is intended to inform you better of **KFI's** recent activities on behalf of our *alma matter*.

By now you should be aware of the fact that **KFI** exists as a U.S.-based nonprofit organization to enable alumni and friends to make tax deductible contributions in support of both Kodai School and its alumni. Elsewhere in this report you will find detailed the specific ways in which **KFI** supported the School this past year, thanks to the generosity of people like you who made this possible. The support that **KFI** is able to provide, more than anything else, helps to insure the continued existence of Kodai School as a truly legitimate "international" school of which we can be proud.

So just why is it that people like you and me should contribute our dollars to the support of this small school in a distant mountain "hamlet" on the other side of our planet? To be sure, alumni of Kodai School, not unlike alums of high schools and colleges elsewhere in the world, carry with them nostalgic memories of days gone by and friends of their youth. Kodai School is certainly all of that for us, but at the same time much, much more. Our experience, growing up as we did in a rather remote part of the Indian Subcontinent, bonded us to both the institution of Kodai School and all the people who were a part of it in extraordinarily unique ways. What we received was a first rate international education characterized by academic rigor in an environment of special beauty, diverse cultures and challenging adventures that could only be experienced in the Palni Hills.

Despite all of the changes that have taken place both in India and at Kodai School since the time that we were there, much of what made the School special during our time remains the same to this day. Kodai School, quite simply, is an educational jewel that must be preserved by those of us who benefited so much from it.

Others have observed that alumni of Kodai School are a most passionate lot, and that is certainly true. How is it, then, that we can now put some of that passion into concrete action? The best way, I would suggest, is for each and every one of us to make a tax deductible contribution to Kodai School through **KFI**. You will soon receive, if you have not already, information from the school regarding the 2011-2012 Annual Appeal that is seeking to raise \$200,000 this year. Let me urge you to support this appeal generously! For those of you who are still recent graduates, why not consider giving what it would cost to fill up your car with a tank of gas, which these days runs around \$50 for most cars? And, for those of us who are in older generations, why not consider giving this year a gift with a number that has two or three zeros at the end of it? By working together, and by giving generously as we are able, we should without difficulty be able to achieve the \$200,000 goal.

Finally, it is my pleasure to introduce to you three new members of **KFI's** Board of Directors. Earlier this year, Navin John (Class of 1993) joined our Board as an *ex officio* member in his capacity as president of the Kodaikanal International School Alumni Association (KISAA). Then, later on at the time of our Annual Meeting at Camp Kirchenwald, we elected both David Otten (Class of 1969) and Glenn Rogers (Class of 1974) to the Board. These three new members along with the rest of our Board join me in encouraging your generous support for Kodai School and its alumni by contributing to **KFI's** 2011 Annual Appeal.

Thank you very much for giving all of this your good consideration.

Gene H. Hennig, Class of 1965
President of KFI

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Gerald Nichol,
KFI Executive Director

For the past two years it has been my privilege and honor to work with the Board of Directors of **Kodai Friends International (KFI)** and the KIS alumni in North America as well as liaison with Kodai School's Community Office, which handles the School's development and alumni affairs. One of the joys in my work is my renewed and continued contact with Alumni.

What a great caring, helpful bunch you KIS alumni and friends are. Recently I sent out an email broadcast through the Kodaikanal International School Alumni Office to all alumni in North America, asking for volunteers to help establish a **KFI** website and then maintain it. Within 48 hours, I had 64 responses, expressing a desire to help or to give support and encouragement for the project of online communication even though some regretted they lacked the skills to be personally involved.

Encouragement, helpfulness and generosity are qualities fostered in us while we were at Kodai School living and studying/working in that close-knit community. I'm happy to report these qualities still ring true in lives of our alumni. Your responses came from former students and staff, some parents and one from the son of an alumna. They spanned 70 years from the Class of 1942 to the Class of 2011. They poured in from 26 states, 3 provinces and one country outside North America. These Kodai qualities have passed from one generation to the next and on into the present! With your backing we can keep this great tradition going.

During this fiscal year, **KFI** took the initiative in the establishment of a Development Committee, composed of members from KIS, the Kodaikanal International School Alumni Association (KISAA) and **KFI**. The **KFI** Board also took action to establish a **KFI** website which is a work in process. A policy change was made to help pay the transportation costs to and from India for the international representatives to the semiannual KIS Council meetings, thus freeing the School from this additional financial burden.

Through your collective partnership with **KFI** during the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2011, significant program grants have been given to "our" School:

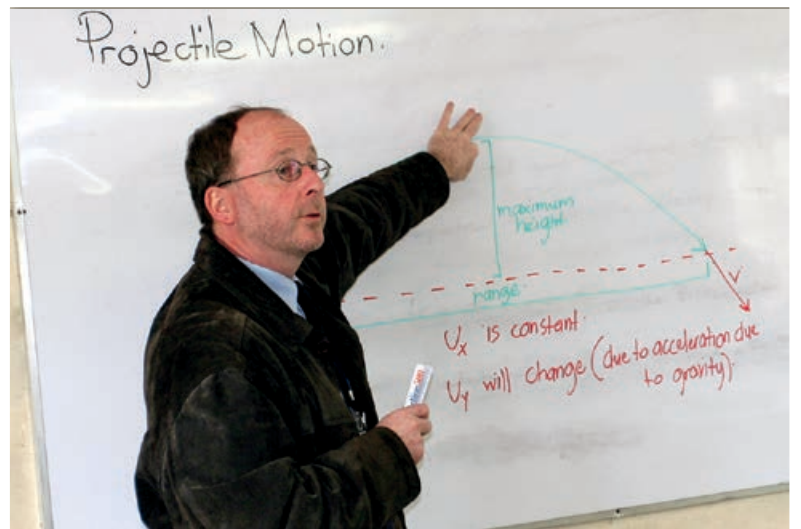
Walker Cup Monetary Award.....	\$1,000.00
Russell DeValois Scholarship Fund (Classes of 1943 & 1944).....	10,000.00
Archives Project (from Centennial Fund)	63,367.68
KIS Excellence in Education Scholarship Fund.....	15,500.00
Principal's Support	48,000.00
Overseas Hire Allowance	<u>12,141.50</u>
TOTAL 2010-2011 GRANTS TO KIS	\$150,009.18

Our desire is to build on the trust and confidence you have placed in **KFI**. As we pool our gifts and are strengthened by each new graduating class, together we can accomplish great things. **KFI** endeavors to be transparent in handling your gifts and the investments entrusted to us. **KFI** administrative costs are kept low and are met by income from investments, thus all your gifts are used for the benefit of KIS and its Alumni. I invite you to study the accompanying financial reports, audited by Elko & Associates in Media, PA. Please direct any questions to me or any other member of the **KFI** Board of Directors.

Gerald (Jerry) Nichol, KFI Executive Director
Former Staff 1972-1998, 2000-2001



*Acsha Abraham '15, Recipient of the
KIS Excellence in Education Scholarship*



*Adrian Moody, KIS Principal,
teaching a physics class*

*Renovated KMU,
home of the KIS Archives
& Museum*



*Tara & Todd Morrison,
Two of the Overseas Hired Staff at KIS*



*John Lalnunmawia '14, Recipient of the
Russell DeValois Memorial Scholarship*

Photos from Sonny Deenadayalan, KISCO Coordinator

Kodai Friends International, Inc.
— Statements of Financial Position —

	June 30,	
	2011	2010
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 186,888	\$ 356,826
Investments	2,079,395	1,597,021
Beneficial interest in charitable trusts	75,526	75,875
Cash surrender value of life insurance	11,791	11,417
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,353,600	\$ 2,041,139
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Acrued expenses	\$ 7,055	\$ 4,085
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	2,017,316	1,687,563
Temporarily restricted	225,904	246,166
Permanently restricted	103,325	103,325
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,346,545	\$ 2,037,054
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 2,353,600	\$ 2,041,139

Kodai Friends International, Inc.
— Statements of Activities —

	For Year Ended June 30,	
	2011	2010
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributions	\$ 31,865	\$ 49,003
Investment gain	483,393	171,692
Gain (loss) on beneficial interest in charitable trusts	11,270	9,949
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 526,528	\$ 230,644
EXPENSES		
Program	\$ 150,009	\$ 282,840
General and administrative	64,627	63,391
Fundraising	2,401	4,732
Total Expenses	\$ 217,037	\$ 350,963
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	309,491	(120,319)
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,037,054	2,157,373
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,346,545	\$ 2,037,054

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- **Patricia Woodburne (Class of 1930)**
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 The Wells Annuities

In Honor of:

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- **Sara Klemmer (Class of 1963)**
 Beth '56 & David Caldwell
- **The Muyskens Family**
 The Muyskens Family Endowment
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 Donn '80 & Julie Nichol '80 Stengele
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