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Dear Delegate,

Greetings, I hope this finds you well and curious as to what is happening with the Delegation and what country will be the next destination. Here is a brief summary from the Board's recent retreat, including our next destination.

The Board decided to develop a quarterly newsletter. The intention of a newsletter is to keep all Delegates informed and connected to trip planning and updates on activities from past trips. You will be hearing from me!

The Delegation will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2017. A biography about Mary Pomeroy will be coming out and if you have any delegation stories from past trips please send them to Jill Christensen.

The Board decided to establish an award donation to one of the organizations we visit on a trip. The award will be named the Mary Pomeroy Award and presented in her honor.

We will re-institute the counterpart process. In the past this has been a very successful avenue for friendship where delegates have the opportunity to have more in-depth conversations and interactions with women in similar fields. Look for additional information in further newsletters.

The Board voted the next Delegation trip will be to Mongolia in September 2016. The itinerary for Mongolia is being worked on however here is the brief summary: The dates will be mid September 2016. We will spend about a week in the capital city of Ulaanabaatar and then three or four days in a nomadic community. There will be an optional add-on trip to the Eagle Hunters Festival in western Mongolia. The cost of the trip will be about \$5,000. plus airfare to and from Mongolia.

Why Mongolia? It fits the Delegation's mission, that it is an emerging country experiencing minimal contact with the United States. It is a safe country open to friendship. September is the good time to visit, government and institutions will have returned from summer vacation and cold weather will not have set in. The temperature will be moderate, in the 60s during the day. Since the pull out of the Soviet Union Mongolia has been finding its way in a democratic government and free economy. Below is information about Mongolia.

<https://youtu.be/wbd-kceg-PE>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/04/travel/in-mongolia-the-skyline-by-the-steppes.html>

We expect a group of 15 Delegates. If you are interested, please let me know and we will keep you posted as the trip planning is developed.

Finally, I hope you will continue to be part of the Delegation community, however, if you wish to be removed from the list please let me know.

This is an exciting time for the Delegation and we hope you will consider joining the board in Mongolia.

Very truly yours,  
Beth Fluke  
President