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Happy New Year! We hope you had a memorable holiday season and are looking forward to a wonderful new year. As has been our tradition, Bridge Builders will be sponsoring the 9th Annual "Meet the World in Anchorage." This year's event is scheduled for February 28, 2008 at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We hope you will be able to participate and sponsor a table at the event. We ask that you make your table as interactive as possible. Perhaps you can write the name of those who visit your table in your alphabet, have a traditional game they might try, demonstrate an art form or teach them a phrase in your language such as a greeting, thank you, etc. The emphasis is for the guests to be able to have an opportunity to experience your culture in some way rather than simply look at objects.

There are three ways to be involved, and you can choose any or all of them: a cultural booth (with or without an activity at the booth), a cultural performance, and a cultural workshop. See our registration form for details. If you have an activity or demonstration you would like to share please let us know by January 30th so we can include it in our schedule.

The floor plan will be the same as last year with tables set up on the main floor and the upstairs balcony. Set-up will start at 9:00 a.m. and the parking garage in the basement of the Museum is available for your use.

We will again be distributing passports. Each culture will have an entry in the passports. For those of you who do not currently have an entry in the passports, we will have separate sheets with the information for you to give the guests to add to their booklet. Please have a stamp representing your culture and an inkpad to stamp the passports.

This event not only educates our citizens, it inspires them to appreciate the wonderful cultures represented in Anchorage. Please fill out the enclosed registration form and mail or fax it to the Bridge Builder's office. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 277-1882. We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

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