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**Purpose:** ISB Network Foundation is a non-profit organization, dedicated to bringing Alumni of the International School of Bangkok together to support, maintain and create contact between people who shared similar experiences in Thailand.

**Dues & Benefits:** Dues are paid on a bi-annual basis of \$40.00 and are tax deductible. Members receive three newsletters per year and an annual Alumni Directory.

These dues help fund the activities performed by the all-volunteer Board of Directors responsible for maintaining the database, publishing the newsletters and directories, maintaining presence on the web and planning the bi-annual reunions.

Join online or by mail. Simply go to [www.isbnetwork.com](http://www.isbnetwork.com) and go to the membership link. When you join, you will begin receiving the newsletter and the most recent edition of the Directory. **The Directory is not for commercial use.**

## The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

### Think not much has changed in the past 10 years –

### Guess again!

*by David Wilkerson '71*

Recently I was thinking about how little life had changed in the past 10 years. After all, staying in touch with old friends from ISB since the Clearwater reunion has never been easier. Communication from any corner of the globe is virtually a keyboard-and-click away. Yes, little had changed, or so I thought, until I stumbled across an old ISB Network Newsletter promoting the 1994 Clearwater, Florida *Pattaya Revisited* Reunion.

When I read a 10-year-old article by **Bob Bridges '70**, about how fare meters had just been installed in Thai taxis, throwing bargaining into the dust bin of the past, it seemed to me to be the end of what was a way of life for ISB students who lived in Bangkok from the '60s to the '80s.

Reading on, I saw an article saying that the rebirth of the "House Games" was to take place at the 1994 Clearwater reunion. A Dutch-treat Thai dinner was being offered for the first time, on the Thursday night prior to the official kick-off of the reunion. And there was even going to be a performance by former Teen Club band mates during the reunion's Saturday night banquet.

I also read about the creation of a short documentary film (which I was directly involved in) that had interviews with former U.S. Ambassador Leonard Unger, former faculty members Antoinette Maynard and Gary Wright, plus several ISB alumni. The film would be premiered at the reunion.

#### *Then*

**Tony Grady '73** was promoted to LTC-USAF

**Dori Ahlborn '67** had just gotten married.

**Janet Guyer '73** began traveling throughout the U.S., reporting on the AIDS problem in Thailand.

**Michael Nebrecker**, development director for ISB and longtime friend of the ISB Network, had just retired from ISB and moved to Sandy, Utah, as Director of Development for Waterford School.

Thursday night pre-reunion Thai dinner; 25 alumni gather in a small Thai restaurant.

#### *Now*

Tony is now retired and living in Ohio, but to this day he insists that the Green House rules.

She's still happily married.

Since then, she's returned to Thailand and works with the Church of Christ in the area of AIDS and community training. AIDS continues to remain a problem today.

Michael continues his work as Director of Development for the Waterford School.

More than 190 alumni have pre-registered for the Thursday dinner at this year's Florida reunion.

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## Welcome to the Class Rep Corner

*In each issue we hope to showcase 1 to 2 Class Reps, sharing their insights and ideas and simply getting to know a little more about them. In this issue, we are focusing on Judi Molthen Nelson '67 and Stacy Berryman '74.*

### Judi Molthen Nelson '67

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JUDITH MARIE MOLTHEN

"Her hair was long, her foot was light, and her eyes were wild."

Keats

Drama 1,4; *International* 1; Pep Club 2,3,4; Blue House Capt. 3; ERAWAN 3; Class Sec. 3; Director of Social Activities 4; GAA 4; Track 3.

I arrived in Bangkok in 1960. We had flown on MATS from Travis AFB, making stops in Hawaii, Guam, Midway Island, Japan, and Saigon before landing at our final destination. The plane was a prop job with bars on the windows and the seats facing backwards. The flight took 24 hours. To this day I can feel the heat wave and smell the air that slapped me in the face when I walked down the gangway and onto the tarmac.

My family took up residence at the American Club on Seiler Road (remember Seiler Bakery?). Later we moved to the Sukhumvit Area, first Soi 31, then Soi 43. My dad worked for the Navy as an Engineer, designing and building barracks and roads in preparation for the war with Vietnam.

I was enrolled at the Holy Redeemer School, a catholic school on Soi Ruam Rudee now known as Ruam Rudee International School. The class structure was based on British curriculum and grades, and the teachers were nuns. I wore the typical Thai school kid uniform, which consisted of a white shirt with sleeves, a blue pleated skirt, and Bata tennis shoes with socks (socks were essential). Classes were segregated – boys on one side of the compound, girls on the other and a nun patrolling the courtyard with a stick during lunch breaks. If she caught a boy and girl holding hands, she'd give their hands a whack! I had 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at this school.

In 1964 I enrolled at ISB on Soi 15. I loved attending this school. Not only did I get to attend class with boys, I also got to choose what to wear to school! The hard part was watching friends come

and go as their parents completed whatever assignment they were on. My group had a special social activity where we would take a taxi out to the airport and watch "farangs" deplane, looking for any cute guy who might enroll at ISB. Our favorite hangout spots, before the Teen Club, were the Nipa Hut, Gaysorn Bowling Alley, and the Dew Drop Inn across from Gaysorn. In my senior year I owned a Honda 55 scooter, which I drove to school most everyday. Every summer was spent at Pattaya, which at that time was one big beach with the Blue Moon Restaurant on one end and Barbos at the other and a few huts in between, including the JUSMAG compound where we would stay. I graduated in 1967 and left for San Francisco shortly after to attend business college. I lived and worked in SF until 1980 where I met and married my husband. We then relocated to his hometown of Madison, WI, in 1980, where I have been planted ever since.

The ISB Network Reunion is something I look forward to attending. Finding old friends and renewing friendships, remembering the dumb things we used to do in BKK, catching up on families and events, and just hanging with the crowd is so wonderfully relaxing. I call it the best therapy in town. When I'm at the reunion I don't have to explain myself, I can just be and be understood. It's like coming home to my "hometown". So – I encourage everyone to come and enjoy. Let your hair down and dance like you're back at one those high school dances. Only this time, you can set your own curfew and drink until you fall down – hey, that's sorta like being back in high school.



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## Stacy Berryman '74

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In 1965 my dad, mom, brother Stuart, and I left our home in Riverside, California, and moved to Bangkok.

Our first house was on Soi 16 off Sukhumvit Road. I attended 4th grade at the Soi 15 main campus until the Bangsue campus was ready to open. We then moved off of Phaholyothin road so I could be closer to school. My dad worked for Air America in Udorn and was away from home for 2 to 3 weeks at a time. My mom worked at the main campus as an attendance secretary and later worked at the Chao Phya Hotel as a chief accountant.

While in Bangkok at such a young age, I never had any problems doing the things that most adults would think twice about doing. Some of things I still do are a result of learning how to play the drums from Roger Brady, whom I miss dearly. For instance, I have been in several bands. Although I was able to make only one CD, I am still an active player.

I learned how to defend myself through the teachings of Mr. Kim, the Karate instructor so many of us had. I also played Little League Baseball for Pan American Airlines, who for two straight years won the World's Championship (in '67 and '68) against Colgate Toothpaste. At the same time I was Chief Pit Crew for the Go-Kart Racing Team sponsored by Esso. My brother Stuart was the driver.

In 1969 I returned with my mom to Riverside, CA. My dad came back in 1970 and took an assignment at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside Dayton, Ohio. I later joined him there and stayed there after I graduated from high school. I married a local girl named Pamela Sue and joined the U.S. Naval Air Force a month later. I was stationed aboard the USS Coral Sea CV-43, whose homeport was Alameda, CA, so I kind of got to go back home. My tour was in the South China Sea – I got to go just about everywhere, except back to Thailand.

In 1978 my first daughter, Cheryl Lynn, was born and two years later my second daughter, Angela Rae, was born. At this

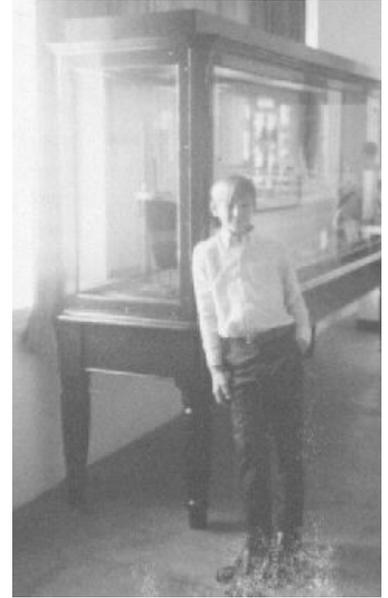
time trying to make ends meet was getting a little tough, so I went to Welding School and then Truck Drivers School. In 1981 we moved to Florida, where I worked in the shipyards as a welder for several years until I got very sick with chemical pneumonia and came close to losing my life. I was lucky enough to still have some of my G.I. bill left, so I attended a technical college and earned my Associates Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology.

We moved to the Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, area where I worked for Northern Telecom (which is now Nortel). Around that time my third daughter, Kimberly Jean, was born. By 1991 I had had enough of the North Carolina area and returned to Florida, to the sleepy little town of North Port, just 30 miles south of Sarasota where all of my immediate family now resides. I opened a Welding Shop and that is what I continue to do to this day.

In 2001 I finally purchased a computer. One day I was looking through Classmates.com and noticed that ISB was listed. I decided to write to Maureen Sullivan to see if she remembered me. She informed me of the ISB Network website. I caught it just in time, because the 2002 reunion in Phoenix was the following summer. I was so excited that finally after 32 years I was actually going to see someone from ISB!

Ralph Weber asked me if I wanted to be a Class Rep for the class of '74. Of course I said yes and showed up at the reunion with 69 names of alumni I had contacted the months prior to the reunion. For my efforts I received The Best New Class Rep Award, of which I am very proud. As of this writing I have 125 names of alumni I have contacted whom I hope will be able to attend the reunion in St. Pete Beach Florida in 2004!

Being a Class Rep is very rewarding and important to me because it lets me give something back for the wonderful experiences I enjoyed in Bangkok and will cherish all of my life.



*Stacy in Thailand in 1968*



*Stacy at the Phoenix reunion 2002*

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*Then and Now*

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<i>Then</i>	<i>Now</i>
The Teen Club was re-created for the first time.	Today, the Friday night Teen Club venue is outfitted with rented instruments and a professional sound system so that talented ISB alumni can perform.
House Games get included as a Saturday activity.	House Game competitions continue, the winning House is now awarded the P.E. Rajendra memorial trophy.
Hotel room rates were \$89.00 per night.	The 2004 reunion standard room rate is \$95.00.
ISB teachers and administrators begin to attend our reunions.	Today, the ISB Network enjoys being the officially recognized alumni affiliate for ISB.

The Shack Mercantile was created and kicked-off at the Clearwater reunion, giving ISB alumni access to a variety of mementos with the ISB logo, including T-shirts, sweat shirts, caps, books, jewelry, videos and more – not to mention the more than 2,000 pounds of donated archival material that we proudly display at our reunions, giving us all access to our past.

By all accounts, the 1994 Clearwater Reunion was the birthplace of change, not only in the format of the ISB Network reunions, but also in all of the aforementioned. The reunion in its ENTIRETY had changed forever.

As I finished reading the newsletter, it hit me as to what the glaring difference between then and now is. Then, the newsletter didn't have one single email address listed in it. There were no E-mail addresses, no ISB Network website, no way to virtually shop the Shack, or pay for reunion fees online.

Today searching for, and finding, long-lost friends couldn't be easier. The days of spending time in the public library, or paying for CD-ROM phone directories that are out of date before your computer can load them is over. That was then, and the Internet is now!

Keeping in touch with alumni, promoting the reunions, paying for membership and reunion fees via credit card is now just a click away. Searching for long-lost friends is as simple as surfing web sites like Classmates.com, which is something I recently discovered when I located a fellow class of 1971 member, **Andy Dorr**; simply because I finally got around to checking out the Classmates.com website.

The 1994 Clearwater Reunion was attended by a total of 225 people; by total I mean, wives, husbands, and children, not just alumni. As of April 03, 2004 we have 265 alumni with more than 100 guests, spouses, children, and parents registered to attend the 2004 St. Pete's reunion. That puts us well over the 350 mark, and we still have four months left before the reunion! Our reunions have grown to the point that we now enjoy 400-600 attendees at every reunion.

There's truth in the statement that a lot has not changed, as it relates to some of the basic offerings of the reunions over these past 10 years. The reunion registration fees for the Clearwater reunion hovered around \$100.00. Back then we used an outside reunion planner. Now we have our own all-volunteer reunion staff to manage all of the negotiations. Thanks to these volunteers, the fees have changed very little.

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In addition to keeping our reunion rates near the same level as 10 years ago, what else remains the same? That's simple. For one weekend every two years we all get together in one place, to see, talk and touch the people we never thought we would ever see, talk, or touch again. Yes, for one weekend we can be young again, teenagers if you will, overjoyed with the prospect of seeing yet another long-lost friend (a hidden treasure) walk into the room. Echoes of "Oh my gawd, is that so and so, it can't be, it is, I can't believe it!" are heard non-stop throughout the weekend.

For that one weekend we feel unchanged as we reunite with old friends, reminisce about days gone by, learn of experiences from those both younger and older, and remember with laughter and tears those who are no longer with us. This part of the reunion experience will never change!

We all share a common bond, Thailand and ISB. Nobody cares what you look like today, or what your stature in life is. Only that you come to the reunion and join in the festivities! If you are still on the fence JUMP OFF and join us for the Incredible Summer Bash reunion, August 13-15, 2004! **See you all in Florida!**

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## St. Petersburg Reunion – Tentative Schedule of Events

**Wednesday, August 11, 2004**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: ISB Network Board of Directors Meeting (for Board members only)

2:00 PM: Volunteers set up Registration, Shack, and Archives

**Thursday, August 12, 2004**

10:00 AM – Noon: Volunteers continue with setup of Registration, Shack, and Archives

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Registration, Shack, and Archives open. Pre-registered alumni pick up reunion packet information. Walk-in registration. Check profile information in ISB Network database, update profile. Sign-up for Saturday house games. Preview and purchase ISB Network logo items for sale. *Don't miss out – some items are limited in quantity.*

12:00 PM – till: Cypress Villa – Hospitality Suite

1:00 PM – 1:00 AM: Teen Club (Horizon Room)

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM: Optional Dutch-Treat Thai Dinner (meet in lobby). Details as they unfold

**Friday, August 13, 2004**

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM: Registration and Shack Mercantile, Archives

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM (reopen ~9:00 PM): Cypress Villa – Hospitality Suite

1:00 PM – 7:00 PM (reopen ~9:00 PM – 1:00 AM): Teen Club (Horizon Room)

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Welcome Reception for Class Reps and Coordinators (for Class Reps and Coordinators only)

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Welcome Reception/Mixer, cocktail party/hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, cash bar

9:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Teen Club. Back by popular demand, former Erbs of Love band members, John Dammon, Keith Hatton, Mike Jepsen and Scott Smith, along with Babette Trout-Dammon, Peggie Hatton, and Terry Rogers-Jepsen, will perform some of your favorite rock & roll hits from the 60s and 70s. Hear them performing live at the 1994 Clearwater reunion [http://www.isbnetwork.com/reunion/isbn\\_1994/erbs.mpg](http://www.isbnetwork.com/reunion/isbn_1994/erbs.mpg)

Note: You will need high speed Internet access.

**Saturday, August 14, 2004**

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Registration and Shack Mercantile, Archives

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (reopen ~11:00 PM): Cypress Villa – Hospitality Suite

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: House Games

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (reopen ~11:00 PM – 1:00 AM): Teen Club (Horizon Room)

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM: BBQ, Cash Bar

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Cocktails & Class Photos

6:00 PM – 2:00 AM: Cocktails/Dinner/Ceremonies/Dance. This year's music will be provided by Scott Casey and the Unsung Heroes. Hear them at [http://www.gigmasters.com/hear\\_audio.asp?rowid=10217&sequenceID=4](http://www.gigmasters.com/hear_audio.asp?rowid=10217&sequenceID=4)

**Sunday, August 15, 2004**

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Breakfast Buffet/Memories Sharing Session

10:30 AM – till: Cypress Villa – Hospitality Suite

10:30 AM – 2:00 PM: Shack and Archives open for business

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Volunteers help pack up Shack and Archives (pizza supplied)

## New ISBN Board Member

### Special Events Planner – Lyn McKenna Colwell '70



*Mike and Lyn, former high school sweethearts, became reacquainted at the Phoenix reunion. They married 14 months later.*

Lyn McKenna Colwell started at ISB in 1968. She was her senior class VP and graduated in 1970. She came to her first ISB reunion in 1992 – and loved every minute of it. She has been to just about all of them since then.

Until recently Lyn lived in Seattle. She has two kids, both attending college in Washington state. In 2004, at the Phoenix reunion, Lyn became reacquainted with Mike Colwell. They were sweethearts their junior year at ISB and went to the prom together. They fell back in love and were married in October of 2003.

Lyn's professional background is in human resources. She also served on

several boards and task forces, including her local Chamber of Commerce, an Education Foundation, a local college advisory board, and an HR professionals organization.

For Lyn and Mike, ISB was a unique experience that changed their lives forever. After marrying Mike and moving to Folsom, California, Lyn contacted Kris Stahlman and asked how she could serve the ISB Network. After a vote of the Board members, Lyn was appointed to the Board to be in charge of special events and fund raising for the ISB scholarship fund. She is looking forward to the St. Petersburg reunion being the biggest and best ever.

## Join the Shack Across America Tour!

*By David Wilkerson '71*



*Deb, David, and Lynn*

Over the years, our compilation of ISB/ Thailand archival material, as well as our inventory of Shack merchandise has grown into quite a huge collection. In the past, we've relied on a commercial company to ship this stuff to the various reunion locations and back again to my house. Besides being rather expensive, we have come up against some security issues. (Once when we shipped it, 11 boxes were lost; we were able to recover most of them, but not all).

For this reason, we have started a new way to transport the material across the country – our Shack Across America Tour. After the Phoenix reunion, I flew to San Francisco and met up with Deb Twing Thomson '72, Bob Athearn '71, and Lynn Brookley Schrack '71. We then began a road trip in Deb's RV from San Francisco down along the West Coast. We stopped at the Grand Canyon before rolling into Phoenix to pack up the stuff.

From Phoenix we hit Sedona, stopped at a casino (a little drinking, a little

gambling), passed through Albuquerque, and continued on to Dallas. There, we loaded the Shack into my trailer and I drove it to my home in Nashville.

We'd like to set up a similar trip after the upcoming St. Pete's reunion. After the reunion I will transport the Shack back to Nashville. Then, before the 2006 reunion, we're hoping to find someone who would be willing to help transport the stuff from Nashville to, perhaps, Dallas. Someone else will pick it up there and continue on to El Paso. The next person would take it from El Paso to possibly Albuquerque, and then from there on to the West Coast, site of the 2006 reunion. Of course there are many details to work out and a storage location on the West Coast would need to be determined. We would not need to do this till late spring of 2006 but I want to start planning this now.

If this sounds like something you may be interested in being a part of, let me know: [ISBangkok@aol.com](mailto:ISBangkok@aol.com)



*Deb and Lynn*

## Meet Pichaya Viwatrujirapong, Winner of the 2004 ISB Network Cares Scholarship

My name is Pichaya Viwatrujirapong, but my nickname is Prince. I am an 18-year-old male student born in Thailand. I enjoy playing any sports with my friends or going to the weight room to keep myself healthy. I like to read Thai novels, which is why my English is not that good. I also enjoy chatting with people online through MSN Messenger.

I have two younger brothers, one is a freshman at ISB and the other is in the 4th grade at Harrow International School.

In 7th grade I moved to ISB from a Thai school called St. Gabriele and my life has changed since then.

ISB is more than a home for me; it is like a part of my identity that shaped who I am and what my goal of life will be. I enjoyed every part that ISB provided, such as challenging myself to work hard academically, improving my athletic skills to make varsity and IASAS sports teams, practicing my leadership skills in organizing the club, and most importantly it is a place where I acquired knowledge, experiences, life, and love.

I don't think ISB is just a school where we just study hard to obtain A+ or 100% on the test. I don't think spending time uselessly is the other choice either. But, I think ISB is a place where we can discover ourselves and our dreams for the future. ISB is like a base of our life building blocks.

My main interest both inside and outside of school is to improve my community

through community services. I have joined community service clubs and they shaped my identity as well as giving me the condition and information of my culture.

As a Thai student who studies in an International School, I have had more opportunities than other people in my country or even other people from around the world. I feel that people like us (ISB students) should take this advantage and acquire knowledge and life experiences from ISB and improve ourselves. My goal in life is to give or create the opportunity for people who lacked opportunity in my society, to be able to step up and help them reach their dreams. Therefore, I will improve myself in order to come back and help my country.

I am going to the states to study at both the undergraduate and graduate level, but I don't know where yet because I am still waiting to hear from the universities where I applied. I will study Chemical Engineering at the undergraduate level and I also plan to earn an MBA. I am also thinking of an alternative field of study in graduate school, which is studying Nanotechnology because it might cause a paradigm shift in the future.

I promise that with this amount of money, I will use it for my education. As this is one of the goals in my life, when I finish my education, I plan to earn enough money to allow me to give back to the Thai people.



*Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67, ISBN CEO, presents the ISB Cares Scholarship to Pichaya Viwatrujirapong '04 in Bangkok, March 2004.*

### Is your ISB Network Membership paid up?

Dues are only \$40 for two years and are relied on by our association to support ISB Network activities such as our bi-annual all-year **Reunions, Newsletters, Database, Mailings**, and our **ISBN Foundation Cares Scholarship**.

To find out when your membership expires, go to our website at <http://www.isbnetwork.com/member/paidmembers.html>

Just find your name on the list. The date after it is when your membership expires.

***Thanks so much  
to all of you who  
support the ISB  
Network!***

## Bob Nichols Passed Away Feb. 28

*By Betty Yugala*



*Former ISB Economics teacher Bob Nichols*

It is with sadness that I pass on the news to you that Bob Nichols passed away Saturday, February 28, 2004, from a long, painful bout with cancer. He had been a colleague of mine at ISB, in the social studies department, for 25 years (August 1978 through June 2003). I shall miss his humor and wit, and when I look back upon those years, I realize that I learned much from him.

Should anyone wish to send any notes of condolence, you may send them to me and I shall pass them on to Bob's partner K. Yuthapong. I'm sure it would be comforting to know how much he touched the lives of so many around the world.

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Funeral services were held for Bob on Friday, March 8 from 8:30 a.m to 9:30 a.m. at St. Louis Church on Sathorn Road (next to St. Louis Hospital). Immediately following the church service, Bob's friends attended the burial ceremony in Si Racha.

In honor of Robert Lee Nichols, who loved Thailand and dedicated his life to the education of children, donations to sponsor a Thai child's education may be made in lieu of flowers. All contributions will be sent to the Human Development Foundation, a non-profit organization under the auspices of the Redemptorist Fathers Foundation of Thailand. Contributions may also be sent directly to the following address:

Sponsor-a-Child Program  
Human Development Foundation  
100/11 Kae-Ha Toey 4  
Klong Toey, Bangkok 10110, Thailand  
Email: [info@MercyCenter.org](mailto:info@MercyCenter.org)

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## Tribute to Bob Nichols

*By Freda B. Williams*



*Mr. Nichol's Funeral*

Robert Nichols passed away recently after a year and a half struggle with cancer. He was a teacher and friend of ISB for many years, from the late 1970s until 2003. His students, of course, called him Mr. Nichols, some called him Bob, some Nick, and a few Robert. He was my friend and colleague. I called him Mr. Nichols, and he called me, Miss Freda. Ours was a long and interesting friendship and I will miss him dearly. Mr. Nichols will be missed by his students, who had the greatest respect for him. He was an extraordinarily popular

Economics teacher and MUN advisor, and Week Without Walls Sponsor to Golden Buddha Island. He was one of those rare geniuses who had a wicked sense of humor and who could spin a delightful tale. These admirable traits kept his students and his friends in awe, and often in "stitches" of laughter.

To be invited to Mr. Nichols' home for dinner was enviable. And he was the ultimate host for these very formal affairs. He would often assemble some of his most promising International Banking (IB) Economic students, along

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## Husband of Maureen Lockhart Salahshoor '75 Passed Away Christmas Day

After a 9-month battle with lung cancer, Maureen Lockhart Salahshoor's husband, Ardeshir (Eddie), passed away on Christmas morning 2003. He and Maureen celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last August and have two daughters, Roya (19) and Roxana (14). With the help of Hospice, Maureen was able to give him the greatest gift: to be home with his family and friends for his last days.

Maureen has been a tireless supporter of the ISB Network, as our webmaster and as a Class Rep. Through Eddie's illness she has also maintained a full-time job and was a source of strength to Eddie, Roya, and Roxana.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Maureen and her family for their terrible loss.



Roxana, Eddie, and Roya  
Salahshoor

### ***Tribute to Mr. Nichols***

with other faculty members. Dinner always began with assigned guests giving a toast to his Majesty, the King of Thailand, and to the President of the United States. One guest would always toast the host, then a 5-course dinner would follow. There would be talk of the economic state of the world, politics of Thailand. And always much laughter. If there were guests who were so inclined to entertain, there would also be music at the dinner table.

Serving on the ISB Salaries and Benefits Committee over the years, Mr. Nichols was greatly responsible for many of the fine benefits that ISB teachers enjoy today. As a favorite MUN advisor, he was well respected, not only by the MUN students, but also by the other advisors in the other IASAS schools in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Nichols spoke fluent Thai and had many friends in the Thai community, as well as in Thai politics and Thai society. One of my favorite Mr. Nichols' "society" stories is the one he use to tell of falling asleep in his room and never making it for dinner during Elizabeth Taylor's visit to one his mother's political dinners in New Port.

Susan Dupree, who was also an MUN advisor and a member of the ISB history department, remembered Mr. Nichols in this email: *"For me Bob was a man of*

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*many talents. He had an illustrious career and became well known for his IB knowledge for Economics. As a colleague and economics teacher, I truly enjoyed his guidance and insight about the discipline and his expertise when it came to picking stocks. As a friend, I had many fine evenings with him discussing politics as well as economics. We had some of the same interests, particularly when it came to politics. I truly enjoyed his story telling and was enthralled by his family history. Many balmy evenings were spent sipping Mekong under the stars on his roof-top balcony."*

Over the last year and a half that Mr. Nichols struggled with the cancer monster, he mentioned to me many times that what kept him alive was the love and support of his friends. He was so grateful for the fine professional care that he received from his Thai doctors and nurses, and the support that he received from his former students and so many friends.

Mr. Nichols hated being the center of attention and would be very unhappy with Miss Freda for writing this article about him for the alumni newsletter, but he had a forgiving heart, and I know that there are many alumni who will want to stop for a moment when they read this article, and think of their dear sweet Economics "Ahjon" with fondest memories and greatest affection.

***"Mr. Nichols will be missed by his students who had the greatest respect for him. He was an extraordinarily popular Economics teacher and MUN advisor, and Week Without Walls Sponsor to Golden Buddha Island. He was one of those rare geniuses who had a wicked sense of humor and who could spin a delightful tale. These admirable traits kept his students and his friends in awe, and often in "stitches" of laughter."***

***Freda B. Williams  
Former ISB English Department  
Chair and ISB Alumni and  
Activities Director***

## WANTED: Former ISB Musicians to Perform at the Teen Club During the Incredible Summer Bash Reunion

*The Teen Club is available for musicians and private functions – book early!*

Ten years ago during the 1994 Clearwater, Florida reunion, a “mock” Teen Club was re-created for the first time, and the tradition continues on at our bi-annual reunions – only better! We now outfit the teen club with some rented instruments (drums, key boards – you know, the typical equipment you wouldn’t normally bring with you to a reunion). We also make sure that a sound system is set up so that those so inclined can perform for their fellow schoolmates.

The teen club is virtually a place to come in out of the heat by day, while running as a fully functioning “night club” by night. We are happy to inform you that this year the teen club will be in a room located just across from one of the hotel’s beachfront bar/restaurants.

We plan to have the teen club open from Thursday, August 12th through Saturday, August 14th between 1:00 PM and 1:00 AM, except when we have otherwise scheduled reunion functions.

Since we are anticipating a record turnout in Florida, we ask that those of

you interested in performing to please contact our Special Activities Director, Lyn McKenna Colwell '70 [erinlyncolwell@hotmail.com](mailto:erinlyncolwell@hotmail.com) to reserve a date and time that you want to perform. This is especially important during the teen club’s prime time hours of 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM. Time slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Currently the only time slot that is reserved is for Friday night from 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM.

During the non-peak hours alumni can also reserve the space for private events (such as class get-togethers for 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-year, etc. celebrations, class rep meetings, etc). The teen club will be unavailable during these private functions.

We will have a walk-up sign up sheet posted in the registration area if there are any time slots not already reserved.

It’s never too early to reserve your teen club slot. Take a few minutes now and send Lyn an email to see what dates and times are still available.

Because many ISB alumni also attended ASV, we want to make sure you know about their upcoming reunion. Please try to make both reunions! For information, contact any of the below listed members of the reunion committee:

**AMERICAN SCHOOL OF  
VIENTIANE, LAOS  
ALL SCHOOL REUNION  
JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2004  
BOISE, IDAHO, U.S.A.**

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Annette Hopkins-Tetreault '81  
239 Palmmetto Dr.  
Shaw AFB, SC 29152-1562  
803-666-2332  
[tetreault20@netzero.net](mailto:tetreault20@netzero.net)

Or check out the link on our ISBN website: <http://www.isbnetwork.com/ASV/asv.htm>

## Reunion Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help out at the reunion (for example, working registration; setting up and packing up the Archive items and the Shack; and helping out with the House Games). It's really a lot of fun and a great way to get involved! If you're interested, contact Kris Stahlman at [kstahlman@earthlink.net](mailto:kstahlman@earthlink.net)

We're also looking for someone to fill a paid position as the Shack Manager. The right person will earn \$10 per hour for 5 to 6 hours per day (Friday and Saturday) or \$100 for the 2 days. Do you know a teenager who could use a little extra cash? Contact David Wilkerson at [ISBangkok@aol.com](mailto:ISBangkok@aol.com)

**Join the fun.  
Volunteer to help out  
at the reunion!**

## Travel Plans Underway for Thailand in 2005

### Bangkok in January – what could be better?

*By Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67*

The January 2002 trip to Thailand for ISB's 50th anniversary was a wonderful experience for my husband, who had never been there before. I got to show off the best that Thailand has to offer – the mountains, the beaches, and Bangkok. Ever since then, I've wanted to organize a similar trip for those of us who want to share Thailand with our friends and families. We've visited their hometowns – now they'll have a chance to see one of ours.

I've been busy working on arrangements to put together a group trip to Bangkok and beyond, open to anyone who is interested, for January 2005. A lot more information will follow in the coming months, but for now I want to share with you some of the highlights being planned for the Bangkok portion of the trip scheduled to take place January 9–12, 2005. As of this writing, I'm

negotiating bus transportation to ISB and the former Soi 15 campus, a welcome cocktail party at the Dusit Thani hotel, a luncheon river cruise, a tour of Jim Thompson's House followed by dinner on the grounds, and dinners on the terrace of the Marriott Riverside Resort and Spa and on the veranda of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

I'm also in the process of negotiating with four Bangkok hotels to offer rooms starting at \$65 (including breakfast and taxes). A couple of Thai travel agencies are in the early stages of working with me to help offer land trips to other Thailand destinations on either end of the 4-day Bangkok trip.

Sound interesting? Look for complete details in the next issue of the ISB Network News later this summer or email me at [isbmaile@sbcglobal.net](mailto:isbmaile@sbcglobal.net).



*Bangkok in January –  
what could be better?*

The web address has been moved to: <http://isb62.happylandesigns.com/isb62/>

And if you want to see a really cool panoramic view of the Cannon Beach, Oregon beach, go to: <http://isb62.happylandesigns.com/isb62/flash/CBpanorama.html>

**60s Kids'  
Website**

## SHACK ORDER FORM

T-SHIRTS & SWEAT SHIRTS		LIST SIZE:	TOTAL
Black t-shirt with Gold ISB logo	\$15.00		
Black three color t-shirt new logo design with "I Survived Youth In Asia" below new logo	\$15.00		
<b>WHILE SUPPLY LASTS</b> – White t-shirt with black and white picture (transfer) "The original Sonics" <b>(Reduced price)</b>	\$15.00		
<b>WHILE SUPPLY LASTS</b> – White three-color design with "Royally Connected @ R2K.VA" – limited edition reunion shirt (We only have XL and XXL sizes and it will not be reprinted.)	\$10.00		
Black or Gold sweat shirt with ISB logo ( <b>specify color</b> )	\$22.00		
White golf/polo style shirts embroidered w/ ISB logo & ISB Network URL on left chest	\$22.00		
Black hounds tooth pattern "#1 high quality" golf/polo style shirt embroidered w/ ISB logo & ISB Network URL on left chest	\$38.00		
White Arrowhead (mixed khaki-black collar and sleeve) "#1 high quality" embroidered w/ ISB logo & ISB Network URL on left chest	\$40.00		
2002 Reunion Commemorative t-shirt (Reduced price)	\$10.00		
Women's logo tank top (white) Sizes: S, M, L & XL	\$12.00		
Women's logo V-neck t-shirt (white) Sizes: S, M, L & XL	\$15.00		
HATS AND SPORTS APPAREL		LIST SIZE:	TOTAL
<b>WHILE SUPPLY LASTS</b> – Black or White baseball hat with ISB logo ( <b>specify color</b> )	\$ 6.75	N/A	
Stone (cross between white and khaki) embroidered golf hat	\$16.00	N/A	
Black (washed look) embroidered golf hat	\$16.00	N/A	
<b>WHILE SUPPLY LASTS</b> – White (button up) baseball shirt silk screened w/ ISB School & Network URLs on left chest	\$18.00		
White (button up) baseball shirt embroidered w/ ISB School & Network URLs on left chest	\$24.00		
White golf towel with ISB logo	\$ 6.75	N/A	
White beach towel with large red ISB logo centered with blue Singha logo on each end	\$15.00	N/A	
GLASSWARE AND NOVELTY ITEMS			TOTAL
Singha beer mug: glass with gold Singha logo imprint <b>(Reduced price)</b>	\$ 8.00		
Large coffee mug: Black with gold ISB logo	\$12.00		
<b>WHILE SUPPLY LASTS</b> – Commemorative "Mike Daly Memorial Drink" shot glass	\$ 6.00		
32oz. Insulated drinking bottles	\$ 6.00		
MISCELLANEOUS			TOTAL
VHS Video: <i>Perspectives</i> 30-minute history of ISB	\$11.00		
Thai Cookbook: Written by Vongphachan "Shay" Chamberlin '85, <i>Savor The Sensation</i>	\$11.00		
School Ring: Men's 14 k gold with ISB School logo designed & made by Daniel Grandi '73	\$275.00		
Men's ring as above in Sterling Silver	\$70.00		
School Ring: Women's 14 k gold (same as above) by Daniel Grandi '73	\$240.00		
Women's ring as above in Sterling Silver	\$65.00		
Hat-lapel pin: gold with ISB logo approx. size of a quarter	\$ 7.00		
Tie tack pin: gold with ISB logo approx. size of a dime	\$ 6.00		
Thailand Travel Guide: Published by DK, this book is a must if you travel to Thailand	\$25.00		
<i>Thai Heaven</i> by Jacques "Zip" Bailhe '70 (Epic novel set in Thailand)	\$24.95		
Illustrated map of Bangkok by graphic artist Nancy Chandler	\$10.00		
Illustrated map of Chiang Mai by graphic artist Nancy Chandler	\$10.00		
Erawan CD ROM Version (specify year) Adobe Acrobat format	\$20.00		
Video <i>A Day in the Life</i> , a reunion favorite, 2 hours long set to 60s music. Take a ride in a Tuk Tuk, Klong boat ride, Pattaya, through the halls of Soi 15 campus, Patpong, and much more. Filmed in 1991.	\$20.00		

Visit our web site for pictures of items and more information at <http://www.isbnetwork.com> and click the SHACK button.

### ALL PROCEEDS FROM SHACK SALES GO TO THE ISB NETWORK.

**Ordering Information:** Shirts & sweatshirts available in S, M, L, XL, & XXL. If you are ordering an XXL, please add an additional \$2 for shirts, and \$3 for the sweatshirt.

Normal express mail (2-3 days) by U.S. Postal service within the United States is \$4.20 S&H for first item and \$1.00 per additional item for clothing, license plate frames, and the like. All glass items, Singha Mugs, Coffee Mugs, and Books are \$5.00 for first item and \$2.00 for additional items. Please contact David Wilkerson for overseas shipping costs, or any other questions concerning The Shack Merchandise.

The ISB Network offers you the choice of paying by Check (payable to **ISB Network**), PayPal, or Credit Card. For your convenience, we now accept PayPal for online ordering. We also have a Credit Card Ordering Form located on the web site. Simply print it out and fax or mail your order along with either a check or the credit card form, to:

**David Wilkerson, c/o Techstar Services, 750 Cowan Street # 9, Nashville, TN 37207 Phone: (615) 242-2925 Fax: (615) 242-9528**

## Bi-Annual ISB Network Alumni Association Reunion 2004 Registration Form

**August 13 – 15, 2004, St. Pete’s Beach, Florida**

(You can also register online at <http://www.isbnetwork.com>)

International Children’s Center (ICC 1951–1956)

International School Bangkok (ISB 1957–present)

You only need to fill out this form **if you are planning to pay your 2004 reunion registration fees by personal check or money order**. Please complete this form and return it with your personal check to:

**ISB Network, Inc.  
P.O. Box 7454  
Alexandria, VA 22307**



**DO NOT complete this form if you wish to pay your 2004 reunion registration fee by credit card.** Instead, please go to our website and go to the 2004 reunion page. There you will be directed to the PayPal registration form with instructions to complete online.

Grad Year (any high school)	Years Attended Bangkok (e.g. 1971–1973)	Name of Attendee: First/Last (Maiden/Married)	Classification (Please circle one)	Cost (Per Person)
			ICC / ISB Alumni / Faculty	\$125.00
			ICC / ISB Alumni / Faculty	\$125.00
			Spouse / Guest	\$115.00
			Parent / Child	\$85.00
			Parent / Child	\$85.00
			Child	\$85.00
			Child	\$85.00
			ISB Network Bi-Annual Membership Fee*	\$40.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

\***Membership Fee** is not required to attend reunions. However, we do appreciate your support by becoming a member.

Address to mail receipt and registration acknowledgement (please include daytime phone number).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check below if you are interested in attending one of the optional activities. (Note: These fees are additional and are not included in the above registration fees and will be collected at a later date.)

Thursday evening “Dutch-Treat” Thai dinner       Saturday Golf Tournament