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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 and click on 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.**

Enter for a Chance to Win a \$95 Credit on Your Hotel Stay AND Support the ISB Network Foundation Scholarship Program at the Incredible Summer Bash

By Lyn McKenna Colwell '70

As a major fund raising event for its scholarship program, the ISB Network Foundation is raffling off 12+ rooms to reunion attendees. 100% of the proceeds will go to the ISB Foundation. Each year the Foundation presents the ISB Network Cares Scholarship to a deserving Thai student attending ISB, thus enabling the student to further his or her education.

Tickets are only \$10.00. The participating hotels are the Sand Piper and the Island Grand. If your ticket is drawn, the hotel will apply a \$95 credit (plus applicable taxes) to your final bill. If you are extra lucky and win more than once, you can also apply it to your bill. The ticket is non-transferable.

If you want to buy your ticket prior to the reunion, you may do so by using the convenient PayPal option available at www.isbnetwork.com/raffle/raffle.htm. Your ticket(s) will be inscribed with your name and put in the contest box on your behalf.

You will also have several opportunities to buy tickets at the reunion: when you register, at the Shack, at the Thai dinner on Thursday night, and, finally, at the Friday night Welcome Reception. The winners will be drawn on Saturday morning. The winning names will be posted at the BBQ. We will also announce the winners at the gala on Saturday night. The hotel will receive a list of the winners and will credit your bill accordingly. Easy, convenient, and what a savings!

The more tickets you buy the more chances you have at winning. And it sure beats any state lottery's odds! So please support a great cause and perhaps you will be lucky enough to stay at the reunion practically for free.

Rules for the Incredible Summer Bash Hotel Room Raffle

- The ISB Network will donate a minimum of 12 room nights to the ISB Network Foundation for the purposes of this raffle.
- All proceeds will go directly to the ISB Network Foundation in an effort to expand our ISB Network Foundation Cares scholarship program.
- You can purchase as many raffle tickets as you like.



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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 Claire Burgess Miller '77.

Claire Burgess Miller '77

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Claire Burgess Miller '77
with her husband Jan Miller



Claire's 7th grade
Erawan photo

My Dad worked for the Agency for International Development (AID) in Vietnam. The story I remember my Mom telling was that we had a choice of seeing Dad once a month if we lived in Bangkok, once every three months if we lived in Taiwan, and once a year if we lived in the U.S. My eldest brother Roger had just enlisted, but that still left four of us at home. John had just graduated in Ankara, Turkey, David ('66) was going to be a senior, Christopher ('73) was in 5th grade, and I was entering 1st grade. Mom said that "once a month" was an easy choice.

We moved to Bangkok in 1965 and left in 1973 (1st – 8th grades). We had a rotation back to Alexandria, Virginia, for the second half of my 3rd grade year and the first half of my 4th grade year. Our return to Bangkok was actually pretty cool in that we were able to move back into our old apartment on Soi 35 and even get our previous maid back. In retrospect, I think we kids were really blessed to have such continuity in our return. It definitely made the transition smoother. It also helped solidify (for me at least) that Bangkok was "home".

I have so many special memories from Thailand:

- The Jamborees every year at the school and the 4th of July celebration held at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence.
- Dances at school and finally being old enough to go to the teen club.
- Stopping at the street carts ("Howard Johnson's") for Thai iced coffee.
- Cheering for Chris at track meets, baseball games and his other sporting events.

- Being in a Thanksgiving show in which we sang, "This Land is Your Land". Parts of the song were changed to: "From California to Bangkok, Thailand. From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf of Siam..." To this day I can't sing that song correctly!
- Watching the changes to the front of the Military Chapel between services. For some reason I was intrigued by the fact that three different faiths worshiped in the same location.
- Looking up during Midnight Mass on Christmas to see who had the great voice behind me and discovering that it was "Gomer Pyle"! Jim Nabors was apparently enroute to Vietnam for the USO tour. *O Holy Night* has never sounded better than that memory.
- Touring Wat Arun (Temple of the Dawn). Sometimes when a new family came into country we'd take them on the Floating Market tour and we always made a stop at Wat Arun. In our last apartment before we left (Soi 12), we could see Wat Arun from our Balcony.

After graduating from high school in Vienna, Virginia, I attended Radford University in Radford, Virginia, and earned a BA in Criminal Justice with minors in Sociology and Political Science. I had sworn that I was not going to follow my Father and my four older brothers into the "family business", otherwise known as the Foreign Service. I was never going to work for the government. Instead, I was going to save the world one juvenile delinquent at a time. I suspect my brothers laughed when I landed my first "official" job working for a government contractor.

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ISBers Marry 40 Years After They First Met

The wedding of Bob Stewart '75 and Penny Shelton '73 August 30, 2003, was the culmination of an almost life-long friendship.

The children of missionaries to Thailand, they met the summer of 1963, a year after Penny's family moved to Thailand and the year Bob returned to Thailand with his family after a one-year furlough.

During those important years in Thailand, they shared many of the formative experiences shared by other MKs (missionary kids) and both have great memories of fun times growing up in Thailand. For example, because both of them spent part of their youth in small Thai cities, in which their families were the only farangs, they spent a lot of time playing with Thai children, building up language skills that allow them still to converse in Thai. They remember and laugh about many precious moments, events that are hard to explain to anyone who didn't grow up in that special "mission field" environment.

Of course, they each remember different moments from the past. Bob (fondly) remembers one special day in the spring of 1968, when he was ten and Penny was twelve. The day included an afternoon game of spin-the-bottle with friends Carol Willis and Mike Calhoun in Bob's bedroom. Penny remembers Bob's mom checking on the game participants numerous times that afternoon. For his part, Bob remembers getting to kiss Penny—probably a result of the spinning bottle—as if it happened yesterday.

A few years later, at the beginning of his 8th grade year, Bob got up the nerve to invite Penny to the high school "Ice Breaker" dance. She accepted (!), which meant that Bob had to borrow David Campbell's ID card to sneak into the

high school's gym. Bob remembers that Penny, then in the 10th grade, left the dance early but he's blocked out why. Alas, Penny remembers neither the kiss nor the dance.

But Penny does remember watching Bob "go inside" when he would play his guitar during "Outreach" performances. And she remembers one important "heart to heart" talk in 1973, during her senior year in high school (Bob's 10th grade year). And they each wrote in the other's Erawan that year, the only year they were in high school together because of furloughs.

In the intervening years they have both led full lives, each with their own joys, accomplishments, as well as significantly humbling challenges. Last year they found themselves face to face at an MK "mini-reunion" hosted by Penny. They hadn't seen each other since 1974. Penny and Bob began discovering what they found special in each other even all those years ago, and, well, they fell in love. Their wedding was the celebration they were hoping for, and so much more!

Penny and Bob live in Athens, Ohio, where he's been teaching journalism (at Ohio University) since 1987. He is the director of the school's Institute for International Journalism. Penny moved her medical practice from Chicago and is a family doctor at the Holzer Clinic's Athens branch.

[Note: Bob has also started a six person band—the Bob Stewart Band—and has just released a CD, "Don't Think You Know" (see bobstewartband.com/dtyk). He'll be joined by Dan Grandi and Babette Trout Dammon on Friday night at the Florida reunion performing a set that will include original songs from the CD and some familiar covers from the late '60s and early '70s.]

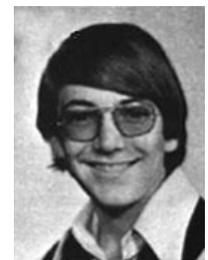


Molly and Bodie Stewart (daughter and son of Bob Stewart), Penny Shelton '73, and Bob Stewart '75

Photos from the 1973 Erawan:



Penny's Senior photo



Bob's 10th grade photo

Tribute to a Friend

by David Wilkerson '71

In Loving Memory of

Jeff Lewis

September 28, 1953 - April 19, 2004



To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born and a time to die: a time to weep and a time to laugh: a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes III

BEECHER & BENNETT
HAMDEN, CT



Jeff with his wife Jane at the Phoenix Reunion

The family has asked that donations be sent to:

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Greater CT. Chapter 705 North Mountain Road Suite G102 Newington, CT. 06111-1411

I attended the Memorial Service for Jeff "Kuhn Jebree" Lewis '71 in Branford, CT. There were also four others from Jeff's extended ISB family in attendance: Bob Athearn '71, Mark Brandes '71, Diane Curtis-Bull '72, and Deb Twing-Thomson '72. It was, of course, a celebration of life, but nonetheless a sad time as well.

Branford is a beautiful town just outside of New Heaven and the weather could not have been nicer. The flowers and trees were in full bloom, and the sun was shining with the temperature in the upper 60s; it was a glorious day to pay tribute to our dearly departed friend.

Jeff had struggled with health problems over the past five years or so, but the unexpected and sudden departure on Monday afternoon (April 19) came as shock to us all.

We met many of his local friends and of course his entire immediate family. In interacting with them we were able to share much of what we knew of Jeff and they with us. By all accounts, he was loved by many. In talking with his closest friend and college roommate John Kingsbury, I learned that Jeff had talked of his ISB friends and experiences many times. In fact John said, "Dave, I've heard all of your names so many, many times over the years. The stories of Thailand and ISB used to amaze me. Those first years in college, Jeff would go on and on with the stories of Thailand and ISB. I thought he would never stop and believe me he never did."

His brothers said, "When Jeff found out about the ISB Network and attended his first reunion, he came home bouncing off of the walls. He just went on and on about the reunion and the people he saw there. Jeff was always excited about the prospects of every reunion. We never could fully understand his feelings but now after seeing you guys come all the way up here to honor him, meeting and talking with you, we think

we now understand his strong connection with all of you."

I think we all found comfort in Jeff's uncle, Richard "Uncle Dick" Wiberg, a retired minister, whose stories of Jeff's life mixed with the words of his faith were refreshingly appropriate.

His niece, Josie Lewis spoke of her love for her Uncle Jeff, revealing his love for children and the patience and limitless time he gave to them all. Josie's words were those of someone far beyond her years.

His youngest cousin, David Wiberg, talked about the yearly gatherings at the family cottage in New Hampshire. Jeff was the one who taught them all how to water ski and David took pride in being the last of the cousins that was taught to ski by Jeff. His words painted a very clear picture of who Jeff was.

As per Jeff's wishes he was cremated and the family has asked that donations be sent to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Greater CT. Chapter, 705 North Mountain Road, Suite G102, Newington, CT. 06111-1411.

His brothers, Mark, Eric, and Steve; and his wife Jane, are all planning to attend the St. Petersburg reunion. We plan to toast his life at midnight on Friday, August 13th. I think it only appropriate that we do so on the beach, with bare feet in the sand.

There were many, many stories and anecdotes that were both funny and sad, but unlike last week, the raining in my heart has slowed and the sun has begun to peek through the clouds.

To his sweet wife Jane, Jeff was blessed to have you and I feel very fortunate to call you my friend.

I hope all of you that were close to Jeff will find comfort in knowing that he loved his ISB friends and family but has gone on to greater rewards.

Until we meet again, Sawaddi old friend.

Robert Jacobs '59 Killed by Muslim Extremists in Saudi Arabia

By Bill Brink '59

A death is always sad to report. This death is particularly so, as this one-time ISB student was gunned down and apparently beheaded by Muslim extremists in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Robert Jacobs, ISB Class of 1959 (he attended approximately 1956-1958) was shot dead in the garage of his residence in Riyadh on Tuesday, June 8th.

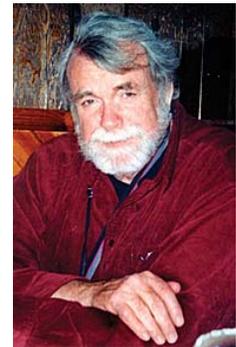
The event was videotaped and run on a sympathetic website; portions were also shown on al-Jazeera TV, based in Qatar. The clip shows Bob being shot 10 times, the motion of him being beheaded, although whether he was actually beheaded was never officially confirmed. Two or three men were involved, and one or two of them are

said to be among those killed or apprehended by Saudi authorities.

I was in Bob Jacobs' class of '59 at ISB, and we got together a few times after we were both back in the Washington, DC, area in 1959-60. I spoke with him in about 1997 by phone at his home in Murphysboro, Illinois, and found that he was planning to leave soon for work in Saudi Arabia. I called his home in 2000 to let him know about the Williamsburg reunion, and reached one of his sons who informed me that he was in Saudi Arabia.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.mekongbrothers.com>



Recent photo of Robert Jacobs



Robert in Thailand in the late 50s

Lt. Gen. David Ott Passes Away

David E. Ott, 81, a retired Army lieutenant general who served in combat in the field artillery during three wars, died June 21 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. He had contracted Legionnaire's disease at his class reunion at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in late spring.

As a brigadier general, he commanded U.S. Army forces in Thailand, followed by an assignment as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence at the Pentagon. Later, he became the director of the Vietnam Task Force, an agency that was created to coordinate the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam.

His wife of 54 years, Joyce Helmick Ott, died April 2. Survivors include four children: David E. Ott Jr. of Vicenza, Italy; Judy Griebing '70 of Golden, CO.; Nancy Leah Dunn '73 of Panama City, FL.; Leiza Johnson of Anchorage; and 13 grandchildren.

In Memory of Our ISB Friends Who Are Gone But Not Forgotten

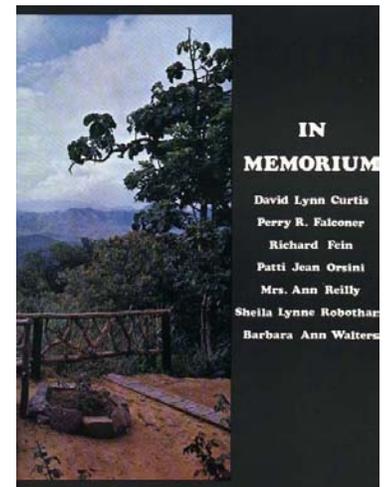
As time passes, many of our dear ISB friends and teachers are no longer with us. To honor their memory, and to remember our friends we lost long ago in Thailand, Dave Wilkerson '71 has established a website called Mekong Brothers and Sisters.

<http://www.mekongbrothers.com> or <http://www.mekongsisters.com>

When Sue Kane '75 found the site, she thought it was a wonderful idea and offered to help maintain it. She took over July 1 and is now doing all updates.

This is a work in progress. If you have any additional information on those already listed or know of anyone else who has passed away and is not mentioned on the site, please let Sue know.

Please send pictures (old and new), anecdotes, articles, stories, and tributes to Sue Kane at GBNF_ISB@isbnetwork.com



St. Petersburg Reunion – Updated Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 11, 2004

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

Thursday, August 12, 2004

10:00 AM – Noon: Volunteers continue with set up 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.*

Noon – Till: Cypress Villa (Hospitality Suite)

1:00 PM – 2:00 AM: Teen Club – Horizon room

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM: Optional Dutch-Treat Thai Dinner (meet in lobby)

8:30 PM – 11:30 PM: Glow in the dark volleyball game on the beach.

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 – Till: Cypress Villa (Hospitality Suite)

1:00 PM – 7:00 PM ~ reopen 9:00 PM – 2:00 AM: Teen Club – Horizon room

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Class Reps and Coordinators “Thank You” Reception for (for Class Reps and Coordinators only)

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM: Welcome Reception/Mixer, cocktail party/hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, cash bar

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Teen Club – Bob Stewart & Dan Grandi with Friends – Folk/Rock and Original Music

10:00 PM – Midnight: Teen Club – Back by popular demand, former ERB's 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.

Saturday, August 14, 2004

Time/Location TBD: Golf Match

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

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

Noon – 1:30 PM: BBQ, Cash Bar

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: House Games

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM ~ reopen 11:00 PM – 2:00 AM: Teen Club – Horizon room

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

7:00 PM – 1:30 AM: Dinner/ Ceremonies/Dance

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)

Rules for the Incredible Summer Bash Hotel Room Raffle *Continued from page 1*

- You will be eligible to win up to the total room nights that you are staying at the hotel.
- You can purchase a raffle ticket for yourself or for someone else, but you can NOT transfer your winning ticket to another person.
- Presales must be purchased via PayPal. No other forms of payment will be accepted for presales.
- You can purchase raffle tickets at the reunion via check, cash, or credit card.
- Raffle tickets sales will end Saturday morning, August 14th at 11:00 AM EST.
- The drawing will be held Saturday morning at 11:01 AM EST and we will announce the winning names during our Saturday BBQ and again that evening during the Dinner Dance.
- Each winning raffle ticket will allow you credit for one standard room night valued at \$95.00 inclusive of all taxes. The winning ticket carries NO cash value and can't be used towards anything other than the actual room rate. If you are staying in anything other than a standard room, the \$95.00 inclusive of taxes will be credited to your account.
- We will turn in the winner's names directly to the hotel. When you checkout of the hotel the room night (s) credit will already be applied to your bill.
- ISB Network Board members, their spouses or significant others are not eligible to participate in this raffle.

Take a chance AND support a great cause!

Claire Burgess Miller*Continued from page 2*

I'm married to Jan Miller and between us we have four children, Mike, 23, and Shannon, 21, both in college, Sean, 8, a rising 3rd grader, and Kristin Siriluck, age 6, a kindergartener, whom we adopted in 2002 from Bangkok.

Interestingly, Kristin was first placed in the same orphanage that I used to visit as part of the Orphanage Club. Our trip back to Bangkok to bring Kristin home was phenomenal. We met Marsha McCoskrie '69 who lived in Bangkok. She graciously played guide/interpreter for us as we toured old apartments and the Soi 15 campus. It was quite a walk down memory lane for me and meant a lot to be able to share this part of my life with my husband and son Sean. We also happened to be there during Songkran, which was my favorite festival. After years of telling Sean about it, he actually got to experience it.

We recently relocated to the DC area and were blessed to find a home back in Vienna, VA. My current job is that of wife and mother. I've had some wonderful career experiences, including working as a Management Development Trainer and a Payload Security Rep. I also moonlighted as a professional clown. Based on my behavior at times, my husband jokes that he has trouble figuring out when I'm "in face" and when I'm not. It seems my clown character still pops up every so often.

Williamsburg 2000 was my first reunion. It was an awesome experience. Not only did I get to see old friends that I had not seen in ages, but I also got to share the reunion with my brother David '66 and his family. I also had the opportunity to share with some folks from ISB the little things they had done during those years that meant so much to me. One example was Garr Novick '71 (whose Mom was my teacher) treating me as an equal (versus a little kid) when he taught me Jr. Lifesaving at the teen club.

I became a class rep so that I could help find other classmates and encourage them to reconnect with old friends through the network.

One of my hobbies is doing missing persons searches. I started out helping a friend find her birth family and it just sort of took off from there. I decided to use that skill to help the network find missing alumni. Some of the big challenges include finding the women who have changed their names through marriage (multiple marriages make the trail even more difficult). In many cases, the men are much easier to find, although not always.

Another challenge comes when I find someone who really has no interest in remembering their ISB days. My life in Bangkok and at ISB is such a big part of my memory bank that it's sometimes hard for me to realize/accept that not everyone feels the same way. I try to overcome this particular challenge by requesting their permission to at least post an email address and/or that they have been found on the website in case others might be looking for them. Another challenge is finding out that the person I've "found" has passed away. I worry that I've stirred up old wounds for the family members who pass on the news.

The rewards are many. Some of the people I've found are surprised that anyone remembers them, much less was looking for them. It makes people feel good to know that they made a difference in someone else's life. It's also rewarding to me when I find someone that I knew personally because we have the opportunity to catch up and share memories and I have the chance to tell them about the network and the reunions. The thrill of the "find" and being a part of reuniting old friends is a particular joy.

The years we spent in Bangkok are so much a part of who I am today. When I consider the number of people I still contact from high school or college, it pales in comparison to the number of people I'm still in touch with from Bangkok. Some of my closest friends are people that I met as a kid at ISB and have been in touch with ever since!

"The years we spent in Bangkok are so much a part of who I am today."

Dallas 1996:



Long Beach 1998:



Atlanta "Mini-Reunion" '99:



Williamsburg 2000:



Thai Dinner Gets Bigger and Better Each Year!

By Sandy Ferguson '69 and Kris Stahlman '71

Although not officially part of the ISB Network reunion, the "optional" Thai Dinner has been a long tradition at these gatherings. What once started out as a night out, enjoying friends and good Thai food, by those who arrived at the destination city before the reunion officially got under way, has now turned into a special event all its own.

One of the first was held in San Diego in 1986. A group of about 25 or so friends and spouses carpooled to a Thai restaurant not too far from the hotel. Although Dan Grandi '73 wasn't officially in charge of the dinner, his ability to speak Thai ensured that they had a fabulous meal.

Another informal dinner was held at the 1992 Seattle Reunion. Bob Bridges '70 was running that reunion and invited about 15 to 20 of the early arrivals to go out to dinner the Thursday night before. The restaurant was tiny and the food was exceptional. They had Karaoke set up and some of the alumni got up and sang along during the evening. Bob Bridges bought all of the women roses and they all spent the evening hanging out, laughing, drinking, and singing.

Sandy Ferguson '69 organized a Thai dinner on an "off-year" gathering in Alexandria in 1993. He had just returned from living in Thailand, was still fairly fluent in Thai, and because he had spent 15 years in the hospitality business in Bangkok, he knew how to make a menu a bunch of farang might like. Also, that was his first Network function and, ever the organizer, Dave Wilkerson '71 wanted to get him engaged in the process so Dave "volunteered" Sandy. This is also where Dave Elder '69 and Sandy formed their partnership. Dave E. was a natural for collecting money and keeping name lists. Little gets past him and EVERYBODY pays. That dinner,

which was for about 40 people, was a big hit.

About a week before the 1994 Clearwater Reunion, Dave W. asked Dave E. and Sandy to do it again. Dave W. had already looked up some Thai restaurants in the phone book, so Sandy flew down to Tampa on Thursday morning and located one about 10 minutes from the hotel. He chatted with the owner on the phone who said he could seat 50 people and they negotiated a menu and a price. They drew up directions and Dave E. passed them out as he collected the money. Easy and clean.

The providential part of that dinner came next when Sandy drove over to the restaurant ahead of time to check it out and get set up. When he walked in the door and asked for the owner, the sole diner in the place, a woman in her 60s, glared at him for a moment and then said, "I know you, you're Sandy Ferguson. The last time I saw you, you were playing football in our yard in DC with Zip Bailey and Jess Kline. I'm Mike Blowers' mom!" I was floored. I went over to her and asked, "So, where is Mike?" To wit, she replied, "in the bathroom," just as Blowers '70 walked up to the table. It was pure coincidence. Mike knew nothing about the Network or the reunion that weekend. He and his whole family had been living in that area for 20+ years and this was their favorite Thai place.

Sandy was unable to organize the Thai Dinner at the 1996 Dallas Reunion because he was working the Olympics in Atlanta. However, Deb Twing Thomson '72, with Sandy's input and Dave E.'s collection expertise, arranged and managed the Dallas Thai Dinner. There were 25 to 30 people in attendance.

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Thai Dinner

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Sandy and Dave E. made the arrangements in Long Beach in 1998, only this time they were a bit more organized: they selected a menu, collected money in advance, and worked with the restaurant a few months out.

In 1999 Sandy put together a 30-year "mini reunion" in Atlanta. About 50 people showed up and Sandy stuffed everyone into passenger cars to eat a grand feast in a local Thai restaurant.

Dave W. asked Sandy to set up the Thai dinner prior to the 2000 Williamsburg Reunion. The response was overwhelming and he and Dave E. combed the area to find a restaurant to fit more than 100 of us. No such luck, so Sandy convinced the restaurant to rent a big tent (at their expense) and set it up in the back of the strip mall's parking lot. Needless to say there was lots of negotiations going on between the landlord and the restaurant. Since the turnout was going to be so large, AND the restaurant was some distance from the hotel, AND people were going to be drinking, we rented buses to shuttle everyone, which was a good idea as it also poured rain that night. At this dinner, the ever-resourceful Jed Davis

'70 (who lives nearby) contacted a Singha distributor and purchased cases of beer to sell on the 45-minute bus ride.

Sandy wasn't able to attend the 2002 Phoenix Reunion, so Dave E. contacted the ISB Network Board to help him put on the Thai dinner. The ISB Network helped promote it, and several Board members did some site visits to local Thai restaurants on his behalf, sampled the food, and found a place that could hold 100 people. Once again we rented buses, sold beer, and a great time was had by all.

Over 175 people have expressed interest in attending the Thai Dinner at the 2004 St. Petersburg Reunion. Because there isn't a Thai restaurant around that can hold a group this size, we asked the restaurant to shut down for the night and offer us two seatings. They were happy to accommodate us. As of this writing, there are around 40-50 people who have paid for the early seating, but the late seating is sold out and closed. Last minute walk-ups thinking they're going to be able to join us run the risk of being turned away as we anticipate the early seating will be sold out as well.

Phoenix 2002:



Is your ISB Network Foundation Membership paid up?

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

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.

Remember, ISBN Foundation membership dues are now tax-deductible!

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

Back to Bangkok, 2005

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Lumpini Park



Temple of the Dawn

A trip to Bangkok is planned for January 2005. Anyone can participate. Bring your family or special friends, or organize a group of classmates to meet in Bangkok so you can all be together again.

The following events have been planned beginning January 9 –12, 2005 at a cost of \$165.

January 9: We will begin with a welcome reception and dinner at the Dusit Thani in the heart of Bangkok.

January 10: Visit the new ISB campus, and then take a lunch cruise down the Chao Phraya River. That night we will have dinner on the terrace overlooking the river at the Marriott Riverside Resort & Spa.

January 11: Tour Jim Thompson's house and have dinner on the property.

January 12: End the trip with a farewell dinner at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

A trip to the Polo Club Camp on the River Kwai is also planned for the weekend of January 7 & 8 (see below). Hotels have rooms blocked from December 30, 2004 through January 21, 2005 in varying price ranges.

For more details about this trip, contact me by email with a subject line that includes "Back to BKK 2005" or call me at 949-673-4632 (California).

Attention All Former Polo Club Members

*Visit with Mrs. Rhodes,
 Miss Verna, and Puki once
 again at the Polo Club
 Camp*

A trip to the River Kwai Camp is being planned for the weekend of January 7th and 8th, just before the ISB festivities start. Mrs. Rhodes, Miss Verna, and Puki all still living and working at the camp. The bunkhouse, dipping room, and dining area are still in tact. There are also guesthouses with hot showers available.

If you are interested in going to Camp for the weekend, contact Sandy McCoskrie Blanchette'72 (1963-1967) by e-mail at sandy.blanchette@umb.edu.

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	
WHILE SUPPLY LASTS – White t-shirt with black and white picture (transfer) "The original Sonics" (Reduced price)	\$15.00	
WHILE SUPPLY LASTS – 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 (specify color)	\$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
WHILE SUPPLY LASTS – Black or White baseball hat with ISB logo (specify color)	\$ 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
WHILE SUPPLY LASTS – 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 (Reduced price)	\$ 8.00	
Large coffee mug: Black with gold ISB logo	\$12.00	
WHILE SUPPLY LASTS – 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	

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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.

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