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**Purpose:** 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.

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## Hurricane Charley Helps Class of '74 Celebrate its 30th Anniversary

*By Nick Lim '74*

“Stay there at the airport. Don't try to come over here. We'll call you again when we figure out where we're going.”

That was George Quitarano, who had already spent a day and a night at St. Pete Beach, advising Mary Wilson Cullen, Mary's daughter Sarah, Mercedes Wilson, Jack Shirley, and me to stay put near Tampa's airport. Hurricanes? We don't need no stinking hurricanes! We're in Florida to celebrate 30 years of life after graduation from ISB, damn it!

Alas, Hurricane Charley had other things in mind, so some three hours after that call, we were met at a local bar by George, Dave Ahlborn, John Rubel, Cheryl Morgan, Rao Vedurumudi, and Marlone Quitarano. For our group, the experience of sitting in that bar, calling around for hotel rooms, and the drive that was to ensue, forced us to realize there was no connection between our plans and our reality. At that point, I had no idea where my fellow class reps were, nor any sense for whom from our class had actually made their way to Florida.

The class reps for the Class of 1974, Pam Alexander, Stacy Berryman, Mike Bunting, Nancy Finn, and I, had been emailing each other steadily in the last two months leading up to the Reunion in St. Pete. We had arrangements for a hospitality suite, we had nifty buttons to wear, we had planned the liquor for the suite (well, at least the beer), and expectations were running high for a major Class of 1974 event at the Reunion.

The party that took place grew organically out of the shared experience of a pretty drive, north on a toll road as a pink sunset colored the sky. We had had a great time partying together in Phoenix two years earlier, and here we were again, a group of old friends for whom a few beverages and each others' company was enough for a party.

We found a number of people in the lobby of the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, and started spreading the word, “party tomorrow”, without any firm plans as to where or how a party would be held. Serendipitously, Mercedes received a suite as her room at the RC, suite 556, birthplace of the 556 Club.

We managed to acquire some supplies that night, but the major provisioning run took place the following morning, Friday morning, when we were racing store closures to procure the makings of a bar. With that mission accomplished, and back at the RC, we started spreading the word in earnest, “Visit suite 556 and party with the Class of 1974 and Friends.”



*Kim Spalla Grey '76 and Nick Lim '74 share a laugh and the dinner/dance Saturday night back in St. Pete.*

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# A Category 5 Reunion Touches Down on Florida!

*By Kris Stahlman '71*



*Logo courtesy of Dennis Schaefer, husband of Ellen Ehle Schaefer '62*

The 2004 ISB Network's bi-annual "Incredible Summer Bash" reunion in St. Pete Beach, Florida was charted to be the blowout reunion (no pun intended) in the history of all ISB Network reunions!

A month before the reunion we had nearly 550 pre-paid registrations. The main hotel room blocks were sold out well in advance; even the rooms blocked at the back-up hotel were filled.

Leading up to the August event, classes were showing their competitive spirit competing for best attendance and showing off which classes could recruit the most alumni to come to the party. And some classes were even organizing special functions in honor of their class year milestones.

The pre-reunion Thursday night Thai dinner was poised to be the largest ever. With more than 150 people signed up, it was so large that the restaurant needed to have 2 seatings to fit us all in!

From Thursday to Sunday, the reunion team had an incredible schedule of events planned, packing in as much as humanly possible into four days.

Beginning on Thursday night the reunion team had arranged for the hotel to give our group exclusive use of one of the hotel pools and spa. A giant projection screen and video equipment was rented to show "dive-in" movies around the pool. Adjacent to the pool was a large hospitality suite that was to be ours 24-hours a day.

A "mock" Teen Club was reserved in an adjacent building where two former ISB bands were scheduled to perform on Friday night. The members had rehearsed for months on end to give us a performance we would never forget.

We even had our own stand up comic – Amos Ewing '70. Amos has performed on HBO and was ready to perform his comedy for us. For those of you who know Amos, it's obvious he doesn't need a stage or a microphone to make us all laugh. For those of you that didn't know Amos before this reunion, you do now. He was the wild man running around in his sarong the entire time.

Deb Twing '72, had planned the best House Games ever. She had a "mock" Summer Olympics theme planned, which was going to be entertaining for participants and spectators alike.

A glow-in-the dark volley ball game was scheduled to kick off the House Games on Thursday night after the Thai dinner. No doubt this Board was more prepared than ever and was ready to show St. Pete's Beach how to party! We found out later that a few renegades were so determined to win that they showed up on the beach after most of us had evacuated. So, this year's winning House award goes to the "Neon Green" House. The winning team members are Nancy Finn '74, John Radtke '81, Terri Radtke La Candia '74, and Sherry Waldack Gardner '76. It was a hard fought game. There was no opposing team.

Each reunion brings more and more volunteers offering to help in any way they can. The 2004 Reunion was no exception with nearly 50 volunteers scheduled to help throughout the weekend. Our volunteers were an awesome group helping us get everything set up to open the Shack, Archives, and Registration doors at noon on Thursday. The Ewing sisters (Johanna '69, Jane Ensley '77, and



*Jane, Lise, and JoHanna clown around as the set up the Archives room.*



*Cindi Carroll Young '74 laminates badges for last minute reunion registrations*

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## Category 5 Reunion

Amy Holmstrom '80) did a fantastic job spearheading a group of volunteers to decorate the Archives and Shack display rooms. It was a truly special place for alumni to reminisce on the special times spent in Thailand.

For the first time, we had an alumnus' daughter managing the Shack, Zoë Nelson, daughter of Judy Molthen Nelson '67. Zoë did a phenomenal job and this Board hopes that she will continue to work for us at future reunions.

Just as the doors were opening and alumni were arriving, registering and reminiscing, the hotel management was getting word from state officials that it was highly probable that Hurricane Charley would impact Tampa. The next few hours would be critical in determining if everyone was to evacuate.

Meanwhile, alumni kept arriving, registering, shopping at the Shack, and visiting with their long-lost friends. As global nomads, many of us had experienced hurricanes, typhoons, monsoons, tornados, floods, and earthquakes. "What was a little wind and rain? We'd just take the party with us!"

The official word came down late Thursday afternoon that this party of nearly 250 people was taking a road trip to Orlando to get out of the path of "Charley". We were put up in a large convention center hotel that was already busting at the seams with a national junior Tai Kwan Do competition and a rather odd group of geriatric piano and organ merchants. The two groups had pre-booked every function room in the hotel; consequently the management had no place for our group to congregate except for the lobby bar! The bartenders didn't know what hit them – trust me – the karate kids and the organists were not a drinking bunch!

Grabbing laptops and makeshift Internet access, we kept the Network website

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up-to-date just before the evacuation so that alumni could stay abreast of the ever-changing situation and of our relocation plans. Many travelers in route by car or plane made it to Orlando and were more determined than ever to join the reunion regardless of Charley!

On Friday morning, a small crew found a few spare tables and chairs in the lobby passageway and set up a makeshift registration area to welcome our weary guests. Once again, the Ewing sisters came to our aid and made up batches of Hurricane lemonade to serve to our parched alumni.

Meanwhile, the reunion team dubbed "Charley's Angels" set up a makeshift command post in a far corner of the lobby near a bank of phones. With the local Yellow Pages in hand, volunteers began calling around to find places to hold a Thai dinner that evening, a banquet on Saturday, and buses to transport us around. A very special thanks goes out to Kara, daughter of Paula Drummond Bredewater '68 for pitching in and making the numerous phone calls on Friday and Saturday!

The band we had originally hired for Saturday night was primarily based out of Orlando, so they were on stand-by, ready to perform wherever we ended up. When we told them that we were searching for a place to hold the Saturday night dance they told us about a nearby banquet hall. We called and found out that they could take us in after a wedding reception that ended at 7:00 PM. Buses were reserved and we were set with alternate Saturday night plans.

Arrangements were made for a Friday Thai dinner in Orlando to replace the Friday welcome reception planned in St. Pete's. Minutes later we learned that Charley was heading towards Orlando, and for a second time and the Thai dinner had to be cancelled.



*Edd Holt '66 with Shack Helper Zoë Nelson.*



*Kara Bredewater was the cheerful voice on the phone in Orlando assisting with alternate plans.*



*Jane arranges a great display of ISB memorabilia in the Archive Room.*



*ISB Network President Kris Stahlman '71 makes badges at the Tradewinds in St. Pete*

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# **Changes to the ISB Network/ISB Network Foundation Board of Directors**

There is no formula on how to become a board member. Every position on the board is a voluntary position and board members can hold their position as long as they want to selflessly volunteer their time to fulfill their obligations.

Each member makes many personal sacrifices to serve on this board and there are no terms limits on the board. Longevity and dedication has been the key to taking this Network from a list of names in 1983 to turning it into one of the largest International School alumni groups in the world.

In some instances, an alumnus has contacted a member on the board letting it be known that he/she is interested in volunteering for a position, in which case, we review their qualifications for the seat they wish to fill.

In other instances, the BOD approaches an alumnus that has shown outstanding support of the Network and asks if they would like to join the BOD.

In the past 2 years we've had 7 new members join the BOD of the ISB Network and ISBN Foundation.

The new members joining the BOD during 2002 BOD meeting in Phoenix, Arizona were:

Kate Johnson '76 – Newsletter Editor (replacing Claire Burgess Miller). Kate

has over 20 years experience as a technical writer and desktop publisher.

Jolli Sidon '71 – Database Manager (replacing Keith Hatton). Jolli retired from Pacific Bell in 2002 where she held various program management positions. She has a Masters degree in telecommunications.

Todd Lockhart '77 – Treasurer (replacing Keith Hatton). Todd owns and operates a CPA firm in Virginia.

Tim Lockhart '75 – Advisor (New chair). Tim is also a CPA focusing on non-profit companies.

### **New members joining the BOD in 2003:**

Lyn McKenna-Colwell '70 – Fund Raising Director (New chair). Prior to relocating to California, Lyn worked as a Human Resources Manager for several years in Washington State.

### **Meet the newest members joining the BOD in 2004:**

Claire Burgess Miller '77 – Director of Class Reps (replacing Ralph Weber). Claire is a former Board member and has been a Class Rep for 1 year.

Debby Stinemetz Caulfield '70 – Director of Membership (New chair). Debby has been a Class Rep and Coordinator for 14 years.



*David (left) and fellow Board member Todd Lockhart '77 hard at work arranging alternate reunion plans in Orlando.*

## **David Wilkerson '71 Becomes an Officer on the BOD**

David needs no introduction to members of the Network as he has been a tireless supporter of the Network for the past 10 years. He started and continues to run the Shack, and in the past has served as President and Board Member. Although David resigned as CEO 2 years ago, he continued to be active as board member

at large and serve as the Shack Manager.

David's election as Vice President simply formalizes his unwavering support of the Network and his willingness to step in and do whatever needs to be done.

## Director of Membership – Debby Stinemetz Caulfield '70

I have been a dues-paying member of the ISB Network for as long as there has been a membership option. I love the benefits my membership gets me.

Three times a year I get a reminder about the reunion from someBODY who publishes a newsletter. Then I check out the informative website that someBODY designed and keeps updated. I register online conveniently using Paypal that someBODY arranged. I call and make reservations at a hotel that someBODY made a deal with for great rates. Then I start contacting my classmates from a very comprehensive database that someBODY maintains. Finally I fly off to the reunion site and check in at the hotel where someBODY hands out goodie bags stuffed by someBODY. I stop by the Teen Club, which someBODY has reserved, and have a Singha that someBODY stocked in the bar.

The weekend begins and I eat meals arranged by someBODY, attend activities planned by someBODY, and dance to a band hired by someBODY. Then at the end of the weekend I head down to The Shack that someBODY set up. I shop for ISB items that someBODY ordered and brought to the reunion.

SomeBODY rings up my purchases and puts them in a bag for me and I take them home along with all the other memories from my ISB reunion weekend.

For many reunions I have taken the benefits of my membership for granted. I have belatedly come to understand that this someBODY who spends an inordinate amount of time and energy on ensuring my fun at each and every reunion is the Board of Directors (BOD). Because of the geographic broadness of the Network, there can't be legions of committees to run each and every aspect of the administration of the Network and the planning of reunions. It is usually a few who do so much for us. In September I agreed to help this present BOD as the newly created seat as Director of Membership. In this role, it is my job to encourage our ISB alumni to become dues-paying members and support the goal of the Network to reunite long lost friends. I look forward to serving in this new position and being someBODY who helps you get the most out of your membership.

*For more information on Debby, see the November 2003 newsletter.*



*Debby (far right) poses for a picture with the Deckert twins, Gudrun and Marion '71, at their very first ISB reunion.*



## Director of Class Reps – Claire Burgess Miller '77

Professionally, being a Director of Class Rep is right up my alley. By trade I'm a Management Trainer. I think the skills I've used in my career would transfer well into this position in terms of keeping Class Reps motivated and in helping them do the best job they can in reaching out to classmates.

The day after returning from the Florida reunion I began a job as Spiritual Growth Pastor at my church. I'm responsible for building smaller faith communities within our larger church community. I help small groups form (based on location, interests, etc.) and guide them in self-facilitation of Bible studies and in finding ways to reach out to the larger community as they build a family-like bond amongst themselves. Again, I think this also translates well

into the Class Rep Coordinator position. Each class is a "community" unto themselves. The class of '69 certainly showed that passion in St. Pete. I believe I can help motivate class reps to build relationships with those alum we already know about. I can also help train them in ways to find those who are missing. For most of the people I've found, it's just been a matter of searching public records and/or calling family members. Of course, I've also had the advantage of living in BKK for so many years, which has helped with knowing there were siblings to contact and/or knowing parents' names to search for.

*For more information on Claire, see the July 2004 newsletter.*



*Claire (right) catches up with classmate Shirley Lee Kennedy at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando*

# Reflections on Being a Board Member

*by Former ISBN CEO, Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67*



*Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67 with her husband Brian at the dinner/dance Saturday night in St. Pete.*



*Although Maile recently retired from the BOD, she promises to continue to oversee the registration area at the reunions. Here she is in St. Pete registering Terry Radtke LaCandia '74.*



*Debby McCarthy '67 gets signed in at the makeshift registration desk at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando by Maile and her sister Sandy.*

When I was asked to serve on the ISB Network BOD in 1998, as the President none the less, I wasn't entirely sure what was expected of me, what the job required, and if I could really fill the shoes; but I was ready and willing to jump in and find out. After having served on the Board for the past 6 years I realize that I'm in the position to impart knowledge about what it means, and what it takes, to be a member of the ISBN Board.

***Step up, jump in and go with the flow.***

A BOD member is expected to fulfill their position even when the exact duties may seem a bit obscure. If another Board member needs help or needs to take a leave from their duties it is hoped that another BOD member will step up and fill in for however long it takes.

***Willingly sacrifice the little things.***

While any out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursable, you willingly cover your phone and day-to-day postage expenses, knowing that the monies are better spent on the reunion. You get up early before work and stay up late answering numerous emails and returning phone calls.

***Make time to take time.*** You arrive at the reunion days ahead of everyone else to unpack boxes, make badges, set up the archives, and have final on-site meetings with the hotel conference staff. When it's all over you stay over and pack it all up, have post-conference meetings and settle the finances.

My personal decision prior to the reunion in St. Pete/Orlando/ St. Pete to resign

after 6 years of service was due to an assortment of changes in my life and commitments to my family. The day-to-day obligations were becoming such that I was fearful of not getting the job done or letting details slip – it seemed the best choice.

The ensuing controversy after the reunion has inspired me to compose my reflections on what it takes to be a BOD member. I am saddened beyond words at the hint that any BOD member could somehow be making money or taking advantage of the Network as a result of their position on the BOD. This just couldn't be farther from the facts.

It would be so helpful if those of you that have the time and the skills to please step up and serve, not necessarily on the BOD but to assist those that do. Learn first hand what it takes to keep this organization going and how much is involved in planning the reunions. Then, when the time is right and a BOD position becomes available, volunteer to sit on this board. It's an extremely rewarding experience. I'm thrilled that I had the opportunity to serve and to help grow this Network into what I consider to be the most thriving International School Alumni Association in existence today.

My hope is that the problems associated with this past reunion can be resolved and as a group we can move on to our next reunion and others that will follow, all the while helping each other find and stay in touch with our friends from days gone by in a place pretty far away but always close to our hearts.

## Can You Go “Home” Again?

*By Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67*  
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Who says you can't go back? Of course you can; however; we all know it won't be the same and it isn't. That doesn't seem like a good reason to me to not revisit old memories and share the experience with those who are interested.

In January 2002 I had the opportunity to share memories of my time in Bangkok from 1963 – 1967 with my husband Brian who is a native Southern Californian. It gave me a whole new perspective on my experience and it certainly made clear to him some of my history. As we were leaving, I knew that I would figure out a way for others who had missed this opportunity to be in Bangkok with former classmates to have a chance to recapture some of what is so very special about Thailand.

I have planned a trip to Bangkok 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. 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). Or check out the ISBN website at [http://www.isbnetwork.com/backtobangkok/back\\_to\\_bangkok\\_2005.htm](http://www.isbnetwork.com/backtobangkok/back_to_bangkok_2005.htm)



*The living room at Jim Thompson's House.*



*The Chao Phraya River with the Temple of the Dawn in the background.*



*Sukhumvit near soi 35. The Sky Train is now a dominant feature all along Sukhumvit Road.*

## If You're Planning To Go to Thailand, How About a Side Trip to Angkor Wat?

Have you always wanted to spend a couple of days touring Angkor Wat, but never thought you could arrange such a fabulous trip? If you're thinking of going to Thailand, why not plan to spend a couple of days in Cambodia as well? Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67 will be going with her family January 1-4. Kate Johnson '76 (isbkate@yahoo.com) is going with her husband and a co-worker January 6-8.

For more information, please feel free to contact either Maile or Kate about their plans. To arrange your own trip, contact Panja Nakapong at World Travel Service Limited in Bangkok. E-mail: [panja@wts-thailand.com](mailto:panja@wts-thailand.com)

Website: [www.wts-thailand.com](http://www.wts-thailand.com)



*Angkor Wat*

# ISBN Hall of Fame Award to Gil Hair '60

*By Dee Medlin James '70*

A few short years ago in 1998 a number of ISB friends came together for a Thai dinner in the Palm Beach area. It was because of this dinner that I began a beautiful friendship with Gil Hair.

Gil and I instantly became very dear and close friends because of our brother/sister connection to ISB.

Gil is a friend who kept me in my sanity range when my mind and heart would wander to places that were not so good for me to go. He would tell me often that he is a realist and, thank goodness, he taught me to be more of one, too.

I desperately needed what he taught me because I am the more fantasy, fairytale, la-de-da, type of person. That little touch of realism gave me the grounding and balance I needed so badly.

This is just one of the many gifts Gil gave to me. There were oh so many!!!

He comforted, listened, advised, laughed with, and nurtured me into being the healthy person I am today. He took so much time from his busy life to help me, his devoted friend. He taught me that love and kindness were more important than anything. He told me if these were the ingredients you use to rule your life then everything will come up roses!

He is my Giant friend, a man who never gave up on anything, especially his friends and family.

He was OUR treasure. He was a true believer in the ISB family, who would stop at nothing for more of us to be found and brought together. He wanted every single one of us to experience the unconditional love that we all feel wherever we are together.

He is OUR true American hero. He fought for his beliefs for his country, his family, and his friends.

If you knew Gil, then you knew these things about him. Hug his neck. You should know you are meeting our Giant of a Man, my dear friend and yours, whom I love with all my heart and soul.

I was thrilled to honor the Hall of Fame award to Gil, and I thanked him from the bottom of my heart for all of his generosity in all the gifts of life he has given me and countless others.

To You MY Dear Friend 

*Editor's Note: 2000 was the first year Hall of Fame awards were presented. These awards are not given lightly; they're a way to thank very special people for their extraordinary contributions to the Network.*



Dee Medlin James '70 talks about her dear friend Gil Hair '60 (right) as David Wilkerson '71 (center) listens.



David Wilkerson presents Gil with the Crystal Panther.



## Gone But Not Forgotten

To honor the memory of those ISB friends and teachers who have passed away, David Wilkerson '71 has established a website called Mekong Brothers and Sisters.

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

Sue Kane '75 is now the webmaster of the site. As you can imagine, it 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 at [GBNF\\_ISB@isbnetwork.com](mailto:GBNF_ISB@isbnetwork.com)



## Gil Hair '60 Passes Away After a Long Battle with Cancer

Gilbert M. Hair passed away on September 15, 2004 at Miami Heart Institute in Miami Beach, Florida after a long fight against cancer. He was 63 years old. He is survived by his daughter Nicole Hair Vasbinder, his mother Jane MacMahon Hair Jantzen, his brothers Robert J. Jantzen Jr. and Michael G. Jantzen, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gil was born in Manila, Philippine Islands on March 16, 1941. In early 1942 he and his mother were put into Japanese prison camp. His father, John MacGavin Hair, was a British subject and volunteered for the American Army. He was captured by the Japanese Army and eventually died aboard a Japanese POW "hell ship". After Gil and his mother were liberated in 1945, his mother married Robert J. Jantzen and the family lived in Singapore and Thailand.

After serving in the Marine Corps, he started his career in the airline industry, working for Pan American World Airways and Continental Airlines. He went on to become a stockbroker and investment banker before founding the Center For Internee Rights in 1991 where he fought for the rights of civilian prisoners of the Japanese during World War II. He was an alumnus of Mercersburg Academy, International School of Bangkok, American University, and Pacific Western University. He was active throughout his life in various civic & social organizations.

Memorial services were held Saturday, September 25, 2004 at 4 PM at the Church by the Sea in Bal Harbour, Florida. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to American Ex-Prisoners of War:

American Ex-Prisoners of War National Headquarters  
3201 East Pioneer Parkway, #40  
Arlington, Texas 76010-5396



*Gil Hair '60*



## Class Reps Honored at the Florida Reunion



*Former Director of Class Reps Ralph Weber '79 presented Debby Stinemetz Caulfield '70 with the award for Class Rep Coordinator of the year. Claire Burgess Miller '77 was recognized as the Best New Class Rep of the Year.*



*Class Rep of the Year Award went to all the Class Reps from the Class of '69. John Beach, Tom Reynolds, Dave Elder, Gary Kokensparger, Betsy Ball Moore, Candace Kranz Busch, and Dutch Duarte.*

# Despite Charley's Best Efforts to the Contrary, the ISB Network Foundation Raffle Is a Great Success

*By Lyn McKenna Colwell '70*



*Roy Robbins '65, John Dammon '69, Rao Vedurumudi '75, Mike Eaton '67, Barbara Watson Stewman '73, and Derek Moore '73 pose for this photo after their names were drawn in the ISBN Foundation raffle.*

As a major fund raising event for its scholarship program, the ISB Network Foundation decided to raffle off over 12 rooms to reunion attendees. These rooms are provided to our organization for free based on the number of paid rooms our group occupies. They hold no cash value and if we don't use them, we lose them.

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. Not all students who attend ISB come from rich families. Many Thai families make a huge sacrifice to ensure that their children get the best education possible.

Although BOD members are not allowed to participate in the raffle, each Board member donated \$10 to the cause.

When we were forced to evacuate from St. Petersburg and move to the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, we lost our opportunity to get the free rooms at the Tradewinds. Thinking on our feet, we opted to continue with the raffle, but there would be only one prize: \$100.

Because Charley missed St. Pete, we were able to move back to the Tradewinds Saturday night. The hotel offered

7 free room nights and the original raffle was back on!

The winners were drawn and announced at the dinner/dance Saturday night.

The winner of a \$100 bill was:

Barbara Watson-Stewman '73

Winners of a free night at the Tradewinds (valued at \$95) are as follows:

Gail Loudermilk Kirk '61

Bob Gleason '62

Roy Robbins '65

Mike Eaton '67

John Dammon '69

Derek Moore '73

Rao Vedurumudi '75

Thanks to the generosity of our fellow ISBers, the Foundation raised \$2,330.00 for scholarships! 100% of the proceeds of the raffle went to this scholarship fund. Additionally the Foundation is contributing another \$1,670 to the fund. As a result, this year's recipient will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. This is a significant jump from the past funds, which were \$1,000 scholarships. The school is in the process of selecting this year's recipient and the award will be given in January 2005.



Bob Gleason '62



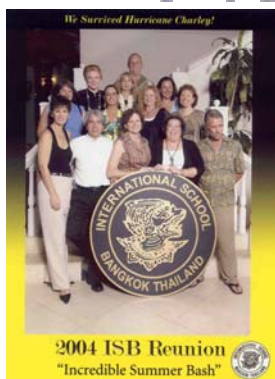
Gail Loudermilk Kirk '61



## Where's Your Class Photo?

Did you order (and pay for) a class photo at the Dinner/Dance Saturday night? Were you having too much fun (or too much cheer) and forget to collect it? Don't worry, David Wilkerson '71 (isbangkok@aol.com) picked up all the unclaimed photos. There were many from the Class of '69 (those people sure know how to party!), which have been given to Betsy Ball Moore (bets51@msn.com) for distribution.

If you would like to order additional copies or photos from other class years, contact Greg Spivey of A Master Image (www.amasterimage.com) by phone at 727-323-2821 or 727-463-0794 (cell) or email him at gspivey@tampabay.rr.com.



***Class of 1974 Celebrates!***

Amazingly enough, the first to arrive were Andrea and Mike Simpson. 30 years evaporated in a startling moment, and there they were, our Class President and his sister, captain of the varsity cheerleading squad. What a trip! My mind was blown and so was everyone else's. People started showing up fast and furious from that point, Dave Bland and his wife April, Jay Williams, Nancy and her sisters, Terry Radtke and her brother, Sid Gerson and his sister, Ann Marsden and her fiancé, and many more than I can remember. The time from 3:30 PM Friday, when Mike and Andrea walked in the door, until 4 AM Saturday, when Jack and I passed out while John, Mary and Bill DeRienzo were philosophizing and finishing off the bar, were a whirl.

I remember an impromptu birthday party for Margee Finn, Billy Joe Biberstein showing off his lovely wife Mona Lisa, entire palm fronds blowing past the windows horizontally, liquor and more liquor, laughing, talking, hugging.

We missed Stacy, who had to drive back home with his wife after two days at the Tradewinds, to watch after his family



Mercedes, Rao, Sherry, and Mary



The 556 Club



Class of 1974



George and Sid



Nancy, Jack, Dave, Billy Joe, and Terry



***If You Missed the Reunion, Here's a GREAT Website!***

Be sure to visit a great website created by Sherry Waldack Gardner '76. It is a fascinating and humorous account of the Hurricane Charley reunion:

<http://members.cox.net/isbreunion2004>



Sherry with fellow '76ers Margee and Kim

# An Overview of Our Two Organizations: ISB Network and ISB Network Foundation

*By Kris Stahlman '71*

The Network was founded in 1983 and was incorporated in the State of Georgia as a 501c7 organization. The original ISB Network was structured in what the IRS calls a "Social Club" format. The Network is considered a tax-exempt organization, but it does not have charitable status. Without charitable status, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to sustain charitable activities like the Scholarship program that was implemented in 2002.

We now have two organizations running the ISB Network affairs: the original ISB Network and the ISB Network Foundation. To ensure consistency and coordination of all of our activities, both organizations have identical Board composition. The Network will run the reunions, and the Foundation will run everything else; the database, the web site, the newsletters, the alumni directory, the Shack, and the fund raising.

The ISB Network Foundation was formally incorporated on March 25, 2003. The Foundation gained the important status as a tax-exempt charitable organization, letting members deduct biannual membership dues and donations to the ISB Cares Scholarship from their U.S. taxes.

## **How the Board of Directors (BOD) Operates**

At a minimum, the Board holds a meeting every 2 years just before the All-Year Network Reunion. On the off year they typically hold their board meetings via email or by a telephone conference call. If a board meeting is not scheduled, the Board will use email to make a specific motion and vote.

The President is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Network and

the Foundation. This includes reviewing all information that is mass communicated via mass email communiqués, the web, and in our newsletters.

The Vice President assumes the responsibility of the President should the President be unable to perform their duties.

The Treasurer maintains the books and financial records of the organization, and provides the BOD with an annual financial statement. The Treasurer also maintains the budget for the bi-annual reunion and tracks all corresponding expenses and reports to the other Officers regarding the status of the reunion expenditures on a regular basis. The Treasurer is also responsible for preparing and submitting the annual Form 990 with the IRS, and also ensuring that the organization complies with state and local registration requirements.

The Secretary keeps records of all of the minutes from email and face-to-face meetings and distributes them electronically to the BOD. The Secretary also distributes the minutes and treasury report to Mimi Drake Wetherington to submit to the lawyer to keep on file. This is typically done once a year.

This is an autocratic board. It is not uncommon for alumni boards to function in this manner. Nor is it an uncommon way for 501(c)3 organizations to function. Board meetings are not open to the members and members of alumni associations do not have voting privileges. Opinions and ideas are typically conveyed through the Class Rep organization. The Class Rep system is the conduit for communicating to the BOD.

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Every position on the board is a voluntary position. Board members are expressly prohibited from deriving any personal financial benefit or gain from the ISB Network or ISB Network Foundation.

Board members from time-to-time submit reimbursement expense reports for ordinary and necessary out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Network or Foundation. Members are required to get prior approval from the treasurer and an officer before incurring any expense on behalf of the Network or Foundation.

Our By-Laws do not have any terms set for maximum time allowed served on the Board.

The Board has operated effectively in this manner since the inception of the Network in 1983. It is this Board's position that it has no intentions of making any changes with regards to terms, open board meetings, or membership voting. If any member is unhappy with the way this Board operates or its decision then we will happily refund you your pro-rated membership donation. All you need to do is send an email to

[membership\\_refunds@isbnetwork.com](mailto:membership_refunds@isbnetwork.com).

We will keep your information in our database. If someday you wish to join the Network Foundation, the Board will be happy to have you back as a member.

### **The Current Officers and Board Members (Years Served on the Board)**

#### **The Board consists of 4 officers:**

- President: Kris Stahlman '71 (6 years – 2 years as president, 4 years as reunion planner)
- Vice President: David Wilkerson '71 (10 years – VP [effective 8/04], 5 years as Chairman, 2 years as President, 2 years as Board member)

- Treasurer: Todd Lockhart '77 (2½ years)
- Secretary: Cindi Carroll Young '74 (6 years)

#### **The Board currently has 12 director chairs:**

- Director of Class Reps: Claire Burgess Miller '77 (Effective 8/04, 1 year as Newsletter Editor)
- Director of Membership: Debby Stinemetz Caulfield '70 (Effective 9/04)
- Webmaster: Maureen Lockhart Salahshoor '75 (2 years)
- Newsletter Editor: Kate Johnson '76 (2 years)
- Database Manager: Jolli Sidon '71 (2 years)
- Fund Raising Director: Lynn McKenna Colwell '70 (1 year)
- Special Activities Director: Deb Twing Thomson '72 (6 years – 4 years as Special Activities Director, 2 years as Reunion Planner)
- Shack Merchandising: David Wilkerson '71 (10 years)
- Public Relations: Kathy Stahlman '74 (4 years)
- Reunion Planner (open)
- Advisor: Mimi Drake Wetherington '73 (21 years – 13 years as President/CEO, 6 years as at-large Board member, and 2 years as Advisor)
- Advisor: Tim Lockhart '75 (2 years)

## *Category 5 Reunion*

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By this time folks were settling in at the Orlando hotel. Like true global nomads, we were making the best of the situation. This was a first reunion for many and by all appearances they were having a great time visiting with their long-lost friends. People started passing the word on where "party suites" were located.

When Charley hit on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, I was on the 24<sup>th</sup> floor in one of the party suites. Watching the chandelier sway, the windows bow in and out, and the building slowly rock back and forth reminded me of a California earthquake. Reports from those on the lower floors, or hanging out in the lobby bar, were that many of them didn't realize the hurricane had hit. I also heard from a few alumni, including our own Board member, Maureen Lockhart Salahshoor, that they actually went outside to experience the sensation and took photos and video to prove it.

Charley's Angels began learning of the devastation left behind by Charley early Saturday morning. All anyone had to do was look outside the windows of the hotel to see the blown over trees and street signs.

We held an emergency Board meeting to assess the situation. Because the hotel had no television reception, we monitored the websites of the Florida DOT and Highway Patrol. We also contacted the Orlando property that was to host us that night and found out that the roof had blow off. It was impossible to have our banquet there. At the same time, we learned that the original reunion

hotel in St. Pete's was undamaged and was open for business. Many people had left their personal belongings behind and had return flights home out of Tampa. The Board took a vote and unanimously decided to return to St. Pete.

On the return drive to St. Pete, Charley's Angels used their cell phones to make organize the Saturday banquet, find an alternate band, reschedule the photographer, and get the florist to head over to the hotel to sell the Thai orchids.

When I finally made my way into the ballroom around 10:00 pm that evening the party was jumping! The band was phenomenal and everyone was on the dance floor releasing more energy than I think even Charley had stored up. The party had officially started!

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt THANKS to everyone who made it to the 2004 reunion. You truly are an incredible group of people! You put your faith in the Board when we had to make tough, time critical decisions concerning the safety of all. You created your own force of energy that grew from 250 people on Thursday to over 350 on Saturday!

The hurricane may have disrupted our reunion, but it paled in comparison to what I witnessed by all of you who surrounded yourselves with those that hold a special place in your hearts. Charley may have been a category 4 but our alumni is a Category 5!

I will forever hold a special place for all of you in my heart!

## SHACK ORDER FORM

T-SHIRTS & SWEAT SHIRTS	PRICE	LIST SIZE	TOTAL
T-shirt "Royally Connected"	\$ 16.00		
Black T-shirt with Gold ISB logo	\$ 15.00		
Black 3-color T-shirt new logo design with "I Survived Youth In Asia" printed below new logo	\$ 16.00		
White T-shirt with black and white picture (transfer) "The Original Sonics" <b>(Reduced)</b>	\$ 12.00		
White 3-color design with "Royally Connected @ R2K.VA" – limited edition reunion shirt (We only have XL and XXL sizes and it will not be reprinted.)	\$ 8.00		
Black or Gold sweat shirt with ISB logo <b>(specify color)</b>	\$ 22.00		
White golf/polo style shirts embroidered with ISB logo & ISB Network URL on left chest	\$ 22.00		
Black hounds-tooth pattern "#1 high quality" golf/polo style shirt embroidered with ISB logo & ISB Network URL on left chest	\$ 38.00		
White Arrowhead (mixed khaki/black collar and sleeve) "#1 high quality" embroidered with ISB logo & ISB Network URL on left chest	\$ 40.00		
2002 Reunion Commemorative T-shirt <b>(Reduced)</b>	\$ 8.00		
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		
<b>New:</b> Women's logo polo shirt (blue)	\$ 25.00		
<b>New:</b> Women's logo V-neck T-shirt (pink) Sizes: S, M, L & XL	\$ 20.00		
HATS AND SPORTS APPAREL	PRICE	LIST SIZE	TOTAL
<b>New:</b> Women's baseball cap (Stone color)	\$ 16.00		
Black or White baseball hat with ISB logo <b>(specify color)</b>	\$ 7.00	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	
Black track-style shirt (tank top) with Gold Panther and ISB lettering <b>(closeout while supplies last)</b>	\$ 10.00		
Black bicycle shorts with ISB logo <b>(closeout while supplies last)</b>	\$ 18.00		
White Baseball shirt embroidered with ISB logo & Network	\$ 24.00		
New orange athletic shorts	\$ 16.00		
White golf towel with ISB logo	\$ 7.00	N/A	
White beach towel with large red ISB logo centered with blue Singha logo on each end	\$ 15.00	N/A	
<b>New:</b> yellow beach towel	\$ 20.00		
GLASSWARE AND NOVELTY ITEMS	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Singha beer mug: glass with gold Singha logo imprint <b>(Reduced)</b>	\$ 10.00		
Large coffee mug: Black with gold ISB logo	\$ 12.00		
Collapsible foam insulated drink huggie, black with gold ISB logo & URL	\$ 3.00		
Commemorative "Mike Daly Memorial Drink" shot glass	\$ 5.00		
32oz. Insulated drinking bottles	\$ 5.00		

## SHACK ORDER FORM

MISCELLANEOUS	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
<i>Perspectives</i> , VHS Video, 30-minute history of ISB	\$ 11.00		
Compact Disc by Tony Doggett '70 "Please Don't Send Me To Zaire"	\$ 17.00		
<i>Savor... the Sensation!</i> Thai Cookbook, written by Vongphachan "Shay" Chamberlin '85	\$ 11.00		
School Ring, Men's 14k gold with ISB logo, designed & crafted by Daniel Grandi '73	\$275.00		
School Ring, Men's ring as above in Sterling Silver	\$ 70.00		
School Ring, Women's 14k gold with ISB logo, designed & crafted by Daniel Grandi '73	\$240.00		
School Ring, 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		
<i>Thailand Travel Guide</i> , published by DK. This book is a must if you travel to Thailand.	\$ 25.00		
15" x 15" canvas tote bag (off-white) with ISB logo & URL imprinted	\$ 5.00		
<b>New Book:</b> <i>Spies Wives</i>	\$ 17.00		
<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		
<i>Erawan</i> , CD ROM Version, Adobe Acrobat format – <b>specify year</b>	\$ 20.00		
<i>A Day in the Life</i> , Video, 2 hours long set to 60's music – a reunion favorite! Take a ride in a Tuk Tuk and Klong boat; visit Pattaya and Patpong; walk through the halls of the Soi 15 campus, 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 [Shop 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 (for example, Singha mugs and 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. 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:

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