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Báai Baai (Goodbye) to our Acting President

Unfortunately that day has come when our acting president Todd Lockhart has decided to step down from the Board of Directors (BOD) for the ISB Network. For fifteen years, Todd has selflessly volunteered his expertise, wisdom, and time to the ISB Network. His network affiliation began in 2000 when he attended his first ISB reunion in Williamsburg, VA, where he was “immediately drawn back to the most memorable days of my youth.”

Todd attended ISB from 1971 to 1973, grades 7 and 8, Bangsue campus. Because he was very involved in sports and other after school activities, most of his time was spent on Soi 15, Bangkapi Campus. After the Lockhart family returned to the United States, they settled in the Virginia suburbs just outside of Washington, D.C.

After a thirty year absence, Todd was again bitten by the ISB Chinchuck and returned to Bangkok in 2001 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our beloved school. While attending the anniversary luncheon, he approached David Wilkerson, President of the BOD, and volunteered his services to the Network. Fortunately for all of us, David took him up on that offer.



Todd is a Certified Public Accountant specializing in accounting and consulting work for non-profit organizations. His extensive knowledge and experience with non-profit organizations is exactly what the Network needed to secure our tax exempt status with the creation of the ISB Network Foundation. The Foundation supports our philanthropic work in the form of scholarships to the International School of Bangkok.

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Director-at-Large



Bái Baai (Goodbye) to our Acting President - continued

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Todd has worn many hats while volunteering on the BOD. He has served as Treasurer, Treasurer Emeritus, Vice President, and most recently acting-President after Nick Lim resigned from the position of president. When we have our monthly BOD meetings, he states that he's just going to get out of our way and let us do what we do best. He encourages and supports each of us in our endeavors to keep the ISB Network alive and well so we can continue to reunite long lost friends, and build new friendships and bonds with our ISB buddies.

All of us on the BOD are extremely grateful for his quiet leadership and his unflappable confidence in the organization, the alumni, and the members of the BOD. Thank you Todd for ALL that you have done for this wild and crazy group of friends who have been reunited out of love for ISB and the people of Thailand. We look forward to seeing you at reunions and hearing about your adventures Geocaching along the rolling countryside of southeastern West Virginia.

Kòp kun mâak

Welcome from our new ISB Network Board President



Kathlyne (Kathie/Kate) Boslet, Class of '73

Current Director of Communications

I am the new president of the ISB Network. For the past two years, I have served on the Board as Director of Communications, writing and editing newsletters and filling up your electronic mailboxes with announcements and blasts. As a member of the board, I was very involved in the planning and execution of the Daytona Beach Samlor Ha Roi Reunion. It was a great honor to work with David Wilkerson and his reunion committee planning a party for over 500 ISBers.

I lived in Thailand from 1967-1969, grades 7 and 8, starting at Bangkapi Campus before the Intermediate school was “shipped out” to the Bangsue Campus where many of us felt ostracized, like we had done something wrong, to be sent so far away from the main campus of ISB. I think I'm still bitter that we didn't have a great snack bar.

I moved to Florida in 1970 and work as a middle school Language Arts teacher. Many of the wonderful teachers I enjoyed while attending ISB influenced my decision to become an educator. And just so there is no mistake on where my loyalties lie for the house games ... GO YELLOW HOUSE!

I have four grown kids: Tom (Alicia), Bridgitte, Joey (Adrienne), and Chelsea. Tom and his wife Alicia are expecting my first grandchild in August.

I look forward to continuing my work with the Board and helping the ISB Network to grow. Please don't hesitate to contact me at kjboslet@aol.com or president@isbnetwork.com

Good All Over

Charity is Messy Business



What is a Perfect Storm? It's a dynamic balance, an event arising from the powerful combined effect of a unique set of circumstances. The perfect storm began with former ISB students and best friends, Earl Bridges (class of 83) and Craig Martin (class of 84), decided to combine their talents of storytelling and filmmaking which began in "this really cool place called ISB." Together they will share the stories of philanthropic people in remote locations who are often overlooked or forgotten in their efforts to improve living and health conditions in impoverished areas. Earl is the voice of the stories with his many years of experience working in the non-profit and philanthropic industry; while, Craig acts as the eyes for the stories, filming and editing the footage they record while visiting charity workers in remote locations – the heart of their stories. Together they hope to bring to the limelight the stories of the hard work carried out by imperfect people who live on the fringe of civilization. Exploring this concept, *Good All Over* seeks to change that lack of notoriety through visual story-telling helping international charities with filmmaking and fund raising.

Earl and Craig both grew up as third culture kids and missionary kids, although Earl's father originally went to Bangkok as an Air Force pilot. After his father retired, he became a missionary and brought his family back to Bangkok where Earl and Craig revived their childhood friendship. Craig who was born and raised in Thailand, spent 25 years filming for the International Mission Board, filmed in over 80 countries, and is a master visual story-teller.

Voice and Film are two of the required elements to create a perfect storm for visual story-telling, but another element is also needed for this project's success, the philanthropists who are the "doers" and whose stories are at the center of this project. Two more former ISB students have joined with Earl and Craig to share their experiences of self-sacrifice and charity work in the hope of making the world a better place.

Patricia De_Martini Williams, class of 84, and Sandee Pyne, class of 86, are both leaders in international charity work. Patricia founded and runs two international health businesses and serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for one of them, which is a non-profit, Global Health Charities. She has spent her 28 year career planning, developing and managing hospitals and health systems in over 35 countries. She believes that all human beings should have the opportunity to strive for their full potential, so Global Health Services Network and Global Health Charities focus on improving the delivery of health services and empowering health professionals to do so. Serving on the board as Vice Chairman is Earl Bridges.

Another member of the perfect storm is Sandee Pyne, Chief Executive Officer of Community Partners International, a U.S. based non-profit organization with more than 17 years experience addressing health and development needs for Myanmar's under-served populations. Her team includes health professionals, university faculty, educators and technical specialists with expertise in public health and clinical care. They provide the "last mile" of service delivery to the people who need it most.

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Good All Over - *Charity is Messy Business* - continued

All of these elements combined: voice, film, and philanthropy create the perfect storm fittingly named **Good All Over**. Through the power of visual story-telling, **Good All Over** intends to launch a TV series that will tell the stories of the real hero, the charity worker and the people with whom they work. These heroes are fueled by a drive to help make the world a better place, despite the self-sacrifice. The pilot episode of a much longer TV series will air for about 45 minutes, either online or through another media venue. Hopefully the show will be picked up by a network which has the clout to fund future episodes. **Warning:** This is gonna be a bit more gritty, and edgy than what you are used to. Charity is a messy business. Even more so when you mix in the landscape of culture, politics, religion and business. But it's pretty entertaining at the same time.

Currently, filming and storytelling have already occurred in rural Alabama, Vietnam, Nepal, Myanmar, and Uganda. The Good Crew: Earl, Brad, Patrick and Craig have a ton of "cred" as film makers and storytellers. Collectively, they have worked in more than 100 countries! Together, they bring a wide network of charities, corporations and foundations. Check out the team at this link: <http://www.goodallover.tv/good-crew/>

Currently their goal is to finish shooting in Uganda in early April. They recently met their goal of obtaining \$35,000.00 plus in donations to finish the shooting. BUT in order for them to continue filming and making their compelling episodes, they need OUR support. To follow their adventures and progress, please visit this link: <http://www.goodallover.tv/>

Together these individuals hope to make us aware of the hardships faced by people in developing countries and our own. In order for the awareness to become a global reality, they need our support. Hopefully, you will be moved by the sacrifice and commitment of the workers and our fellow ISBers who have dedicated their lives to service which all began when they were students at the International School of Bangkok. To donate and support their mission, please go to the following: <http://www.goodallover.tv/donate/>

When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad; and that's my religion.
Abraham Lincoln

Meet the story-tellers, filmmakers, and philanthropists of our perfect storm:



Earl Bridges

Executive Producer
and Host

ISB Class of 1983



Craig Martin

Storyteller,
Filmmaker

ISB Class of 1984



**Patricia DeMartini
Williams**

Chairman of the Board of
Director for Global Health
Charities

ISB Class of 1984



Sandee Pynee

Chief Executive Officer
of Community Partners
International

ISB Class of 1986

In Memory of Freda Britt Williams

November 1, 1942 - February 1, 2017

Lovingly written by: Marilyn Holladay, ISB 1984 - 94
and Eleanor Jones, ISB 1983 - 1989



Freda's life of adventure began after marrying Roger Williams, a US Army officer. It included a number of postings in the US and then during the Viet Nam Era they lived in Bangkok where she taught at the ISB satellite campus. After a number of postings back in the US, they returned to Bangkok again in 1985.

Freda was enthusiastically welcomed back into the ISB faculty, family and friends. She taught grade 6 as a long term substitute before moving to the High School as an English and Journalism teacher. Freda was a demanding, kind and supportive teacher getting her students to improve, especially their writing skills. She modeled excellent writing by contributing articles to *Living in Thailand* and other publications. Who can forget her article on getting their big American car caught in a narrow Bangkok Soi!

Freda knew that promoting the extracurricular side of education was just as important as the academic. When the opportunity came in 1990 to become Activities Director, Freda used her creative skills to improve and grow the program on the Sukhumvit Soi 15 campus. After the move to Samakee, the Activities Office grew dynamically! Freda did not "direct" activities - she was involved. From donning costumes for every dress-up day, to performing in the "Sister Act" and Dolly Parton for Faculty Follies, Freda never missed a chance to be part of the fun.

Freda was an ultimate Event Planner. Her magnetism inspired and attracted the support from faculty, students and community that was needed to plan and implement events from IASAS conventions to the spectacular ISB 50th anniversary celebration. Her work ethic was matched by the rest of her committee members to make ISB events memorable for visitors and the talk of the town!

After retiring from ISB in 2003, Freda and Roger, who became an ISB middle school teacher after his army career, returned to North Carolina. Freda's life revolved around her husband, Roger, children Tracey Williams Lowenstein (Eric) and Dan Williams, her much adored grandsons Eben and Cal Lowenstein, her sisters and countless friends. Tracey (Class of 1987) and Dan (Class of 1992) are proud ISB graduates. Retirement for Freda included regular tennis games, pontoon boat rides on the river, and enjoying Red Hat lunches. Her writing took a new twist as she spent time communicating on **Facebook** with former students, colleagues, and anyone else she ever met! Whenever friends passed within shouting distance, she welcomed them with her gracious southern hospitality.

Former ISB student - my daughter - Sarah Jones (Class of 1988) knocked on their door & was welcomed in to their home during a long US road trip in 2005, two decades after Freda had been her favorite journalism teacher! Those several days with Freda inspired Sarah's husband enough to seek a school counseling degree in order to head overseas and live the life Freda & Roger clearly represented. The warmth and generosity of her spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

Her **Facebook** contains testimonials from many of those whose lives she touched. A Celebration of Life is being planned for June or July of 2017 in the Boston area. Details to follow on her **Facebook** page.

Florida ISB Alum & Loy Krathong

November 2016

With the death of our beloved King of Thailand, the Florida group of ISB felt a strong pull to be together again to celebrate the festival of Loy Krathong. The group convened in Tampa at the Tahitian Inn Hotel for two days of laughter and fun. Honoring the passing of our King, Loy Krathong was not celebrated this year at Wat Monkolratanaram – Wat Thai Tampa. So we decided to have our own Loy Krathong celebration. A special shout out to Dee James and Lora Yount Keating who chopped down a banana tree to make the bases for the krathong boats which we launched from Tampa Bay. Unfortunately, our boat succumbed to the strong wind and tides, tipped over and sank but not before Dee and Randy climbed out onto a rock to try to rescue them.



Our group hung out by the pool (some things never change) swapped stories, enjoyed old and new friendships, and indulged in a few beverages. On Sunday, we ventured to Wat Thai to enjoy the Sunday Market where we feasted on Satay, assorted curries, Pad Thai, large bowls of noodle soup, fried bananas, sticky rice, and other Thai desserts. This was our second gathering of the Florida ISB group for Loy Krathong, and all of us look forward to another mini-reunion next year.



Who attended the mini-reunion?

Randy Perritt, Marion Dobbs, Kathie Boslet, Shirley Kennedy, Susan Haralson, Dee James, Jed Davis, Maurice Johnson, Emily Frick, Nancy and Mark Price, Lora Yount Keating, Becky Richardson Lane, Evelyn Riley Colen, Karen Berkow, and Nestor Neuman.



Please consider joining us in 2017.



65th Anniversary of ISB - How You Can Help!

The planning for the 65th anniversary of ISB is in full swing. ISB would like to display your memorabilia at the celebration: brochures, programs, posters, scrapbook items, play bills, videos and photos of what your life was like while attending ISB. Please only send school related items.

We must receive all items by April 1, 2017.



Videos

Do you have 8 mm footage or Super 8 mm footage of your experiences at ISB? ISB welcomes footage from all of the classes. If you have video from the 50s-80s, we definitely want to hear from you.

It doesn't matter if you were in elementary school, intermediate, or high school - they want it all.

Memorabilia

Scan in color school related brochures, programs, posters, play bills, or scrapbook items.

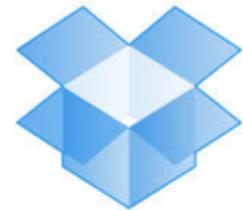


Photographs

Dig out the black and white, and/or color photos of the old school, friends, and events.

Find photos of dances, sporting events, lunch time, hanging out at the snack bar, spending time with friends. ISB is especially interested in photos not in the *Erawan*.

Photos should have a caption with date, place, event, and names.



Dropbox

How to submit

Do you have a DROPOBOX account? Send David an invitation to the folder that contains your memorabilia,

director.reunions@isbnetwork.com

If you don't already have a DROPOBOX account, you can create one.

Need help creating a DROPOBOX account?

Contact
Peppy Doggett
at Peppy@villandio.net or

David Wilkerson,
director.reunions@isbnetwork.com

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ISB Needs Your Memories!

Please send them by April 1, 2017!

Dear ISB Alumni,

We send you very warm greetings from ISB as well as a very rare appeal for help.

For those who are not aware, ISB accepts two Thai scholarship students in Grade 10 each year typically from the North and Northeast of Thailand. The scholarship students stay with ISB families through the school year and return home for the holidays. As you can imagine, this is a wonderful opportunity for these students and in part helps ISB fulfill its mission of inspiring students to become caring global citizens. We also feel that ISB benefits so much from our host country that it is only right to give something back.

The students selected are strong academically and their families do not have the financial means to send their children to an international school like ISB.

We are now at the stage when support will be needed to help with university fees for these students and we are appealing to the ISB community for financial help. If you are able to make even a small donation it would make a difference.

We are seeking to raise funds annually to help with tuition and living costs at either universities in Thailand or around the world in the event that partial or full scholarships are granted.

If you are willing to donate, please visit the alumni section of the school's website. ([ISB Alumni Page](#) - click hyperlink) It would also be helpful if you could forward this appeal to other former ISB students who you are in contact with.

Also on our website is an alumni "[Guest Book](#)" ([ISB - Alumni Guest Book](#) - click hyperlink) and we would love it if you posted a message and looked around for old friends.



On behalf of all of us at ISB, we wish you all the very best and hope you remain very proud panthers!

Kind regards,

Dr. Andrew Davies
Head of School

Philip Bradley
HS Principal

Shelley Bragg
Alumni Coordinator

Usa Somboon
Headmistress

Bob Connor
Activities Coordinator

Kathie Boslet
President ISB Network

OTHER ISB NEWS

A Message from our Queen of Membership

New membership always seems to wane when we're between reunions. This is a good time to join or renew lapsed memberships. Remember, your membership is tax deductible. This is just one of the perks of membership. Members receive discounts in The Shack and for reunion registration. We are always coming up with new benefits for members of the ISB Network.

The mail out of the ISB Network decals will begin soon. Please go to the website to check that your correct mailing address is on your profile. If you have issues logging in please email me or Peppy Doggett for assistance:

director.membership@isbnetwork.com
or director.technology@isbnetwork.com

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas to help us increase membership in the ISB Network your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Please email Kathy: director.membership@isbnetwork.com

BECOME A MEMBER



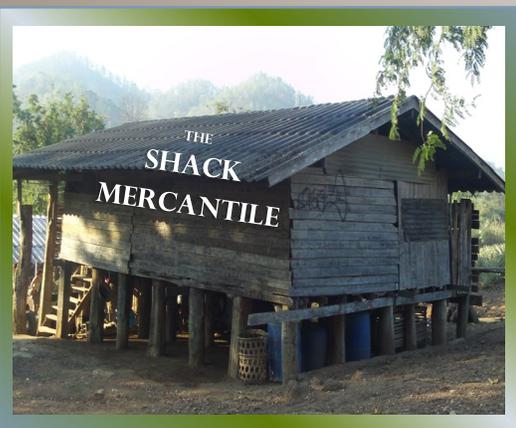
CLASS REPS

Call Out for Class Reps!

We really need to update our list of Class Reps and energize our actions to build up interest in the Association and our next Reunion. If you are currently a Class Representative or interested in becoming one, please contact Don Nibblett, Director of Outreach at either director.outreach@isbnetwork.com or dbnibblett@gmail.com. I am updating our list of Class Representatives and I would like to add you to our list as we try to move this association forward.

As a class representative, you serve as a liaison to the ISB Network. Class Reps are responsible for keeping you updated on ISB Network news and information, and encouraging you to attend the ISB Network Reunion! Class Reps also support the ISB Network by volunteering to help the Board of Directors and contributing to the ISB Network newsletter.

The ISB Network needs your support! Please consider becoming a Class Rep.



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