

# ISB NETWORK NEWS

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## ISB REUNION 1998 PLANS FINALIZED

As we announced in the last newsletter, the ISB Network Board has decided on The Seaport Marina Hotel in Long Beach, California as the site for our 1998 reunion. Can you believe it, August is less than six months away! All of the details have been ironed out and we are now able to provide them to you.

First and foremost, there has been a change in the dates for the reunion. The hotel contacted Dave Wilkerson asking if we would consider rescheduling our reunion for August 14-16 in exchange for some incentives. Apparently a city-wide convention has been booked by a major drug store chain who has guaranteed the city of Long Beach 90% hotel room occupancy for the weekend of August 8-9, conflicting with our original reunion dates. In all probability, this will cause major transportation problems and crowding of local attractions. Additionally, we would have been under major pressure to release rooms in our room block or guarantee payment for them. Historically, our group doesn't commit until approximately two months prior to the reunion date so this would not give us enough time to know for certain how many rooms to guarantee.

After conferring with the ISB Network Board members and the Travel Coordinators, a decision was reached to take the hotels offer of incentives for a change of date. As you will soon see, we were able to get a **REALLY GOOD DEAL** for our hotel costs. On to the details.

Seaport Marina Hotel is located on Pacific Coast Highway at 2nd Street. It borders the Marina and is close to two shopping centers, 19 restaurants including a very good Thai restaurant (according to Dave Wilkerson), movie theaters, Disneyland, Catalina Island, Knott's Berry Farm Hollywood, the Queen Mary, and three great beaches. We have been given an outstanding rate of \$69/night (our original rate was \$79/night) by the hotel. This rate is good from August 10 through August 20 for those who want to arrive before and/or stay after the reunion. The ISB Network has a guaranteed block of 175 rooms out of 249. The block will be reviewed on July 17, and again three weeks prior to the reunion. Contact the hotel at (800) 434-8451, or by visiting their web page at http:// www.seaportmarinahotel.com to make your reservations. MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT SURE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING! This will help us guarantee our block. If you find you cannot make it, your reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours in advance.

The reunion registration fee is \$85 for alumni and \$75 for spouses and guests. Registration entitles each person to attend all the events listed below. In addition, alumni will receive an Alumni Reunion Package and other items. It is possible to attend only certain events. If you are interested in this option, contact Dave Wilkerson at (615)

242-2925. The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday	T.B.A	Board Meeting
Thursday	6pm	Dutch treat Thai dinner at a local restaurant
Friday	10am - 6pm	Registration in the Marina Ballroom
Friday	6:30pm-9pm	Cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres. (Drinks (Singha) free from 6-7, then a cash bar after that)
Saturday	11am-1pm	Barbeque in the courtyard
Saturday	Afternoon	Free time/house games
Saturday	7pm-1:30am	Dinner/Dance in the Empire Ballroom
Sunday	8am-10am	Business Meeting w/coffee, juice and pastries

For those who wish to arrive early on Thursday, August 13, there will be a dutch treat dinner at the Thai restaurant at 6:00 pm. **REGISTER EARLY!** You can use the registration form included in this newsletter, or visit the ISB Network, Inc. web site at **http://members.aol.com/isbnetwork** and print out the form provided there. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and American Express, or you can pay by check or money order made payable to ISB Network, Inc.

Scaport Marina Hotel will be doing the catering and providing us with two party rooms. The Marina room, located on the second floor of the hotel, will be the main ISB hangout. It has a dance floor, a balcony overlooking the marina, facilities to hang out (tables/chairs), and a cash bar that will remain open until 1:30am. It will also be used as our registration post and will house the ISB archives. After 1:30am, four connecting sleeping rooms (minus beds, etc.) will be open for us to continue partying. If we get enough registrants, we may be able to talk the hotel into letting us take over the courtyard in the center of the hotel, and/or the pool.

Travel arrangements couldn't be easier with three airports within 45 minutes of the hotel. Long Beach Airport is the closest being 10-15 minutes away. Seaport Marina Hotel offers free shuttle bus service to and from this airport. Los Angeles International and Orange County Airports are good alternatives. Both are 30-45 minutes away from the hotel (depending on traffic) with super shuttle available for \$30/person round trip.

Two ISB Alumni wait ready and willing to help with travel arrangements with all carriers. Dee Medlin James '70 with Aloha Travel has cut a deal with American Airlines (the primary server for Long Beach Airport) where a 10% discount is offered for ISB'ers who call to make travel arrangements for the reunion before June 1, 1998 to any of the Los Angeles area airports. Bookings to the reunion after this date receive a 5% discount. Dee can be reached at (800) 327-8867.

In addition, Maile McCoskrie Busby '67 informs us that, as part of a special promotion, America West Airlines is offering 10% off the lowest available fare for tickets booked in advance for flights

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## ISB Network Class Rep System

Our Network would not be successful without the help of a great set of class representatives. Class reps volunteer their time to find and keep track of ISB alumni, encourage membership in the Network (we are a not-for-profit organization and have a very limited budget), and GET PEOPLE TO THE REUNIONS. A minimum of two and a maximum Mimi Drake-Parks (mparks@surfsouth.com) of four reps are needed for each class year. To be a class rep you must be a member of the ISB Network in good standing. As you can see from the list below we still have some holes to fill. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Dave Wilkerson at (615) 242-2925.

We would like to acknowledge those who have volunteered to be class reps by listing them here along with their email address where available, and Philip Dlugasch (dlugasch@icanect.net) the class year they represent.

1950's - 1960

Gil Hair (expows@bigfoot.com)

1961

Jennifer Ellen Johnson-Bishop (JBishop@aol.com)

1962

Rudy Xavier (rxavier@ix.netcom.com)

1964

Al Mavro (almavro@gdm.co.th)

1965

Karen Ingraham (HappiLeigh@aol.com

1966

Boll Molthen (molthen@earthlink.net)

Maile McCoskrie Busby (mailebusby@msn.com) Charlie Bremseth (heritage@juno.com)

(listen@gaffaneys.com)

Judi Molthen-Nelson (jnelson@meriter.com)

Julia Lawrence-Naldrett

(JNALDRETT@WORLD.ATT.NET)

Suzanne Roberts-Horne

Sarah Lynn Barringer

Tony Naldrett (JNALDRETT@WORLD.ATT.NET)

Gary Kokensparger

(GARYKANDASSOC@classic.msn.com)

Sandy Ferguson (SandyF@expedia.com)

Dave Elder (isbalm@dmv.com)

Mary Parker-Williams (AZRealtors@aol.com)

Mark Brougham (mbrougham@juno.com)

Debby Stienmetz-Caulfield (Dcaulfi100@aol.com)

1971

Bob Athearn (Bobentim@aol.com)

Joe Myers (isbalumilm@mindspring.com)

Mike Daly (omahane311@aol.com)

Carol Cole-Sheneberger (drrob@earthlink.net) Diane Curtis-Pearson (pearbull@aol.com)

Terry Rogers Bishop

(tbishop@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu)

1973

Debbi Dietrich-Faith (Debbi.maidbrigade@juno.com)

Pam Alexander (AppleMap@aol.com)

Jim Gould (jg1way@juno.com)

Kathy Stahlman (kestahlm@ix.netcom.com)

(kathy@nrgpr.com) (Work)

1975

Mark Slade (mslade@erols.com)

Donna Alexander (DKALEXAN@LLGM.com) Ris Galaviz-Prentiss (HOTRIS@aol.com)

Kate Johnson (katejnsn@techreps.com)

Dennis Daly (TheDalys@erols.com) Shirley Lee-Kennedy (HWAWEI@mindspring.com)

Liz Sprague-Durand (LizDurand@aol.com)

Steve Kershisnik (sskershy@telis.org)

Angela Slade-Dusza (ADUSZA@aol.com)

1979

Ralph F. Weber (rweber@worldchat.com)

1980

Lorne Swain (LornePS@aol.com)

1983

Jantra Van Roy (acandjvr@aol.com)

(jvanroy@zeklaw.com)

Glenn Connolly (MYTHGORYD@aol.com)

1985

Nima Chandler (nimachan@loxinfo.co.th)

Helen Tinson (duteau@ix.netcom.com)

1988

Athi Myint-U (amyint-u@edc.org)

1993

Naoki Mihara (naoki@dextech.com)

(nmihara@sas.upenn.edu)

Joyce Yung (ky21@cornell.edu)

1995

Umer Khan (khanume@charlie.cns.iit.edu) Shin-Yi Tseng (stseng+@andrew.cmu.edu)

1996

Ontima Wasusri (owasusri@leland.Stanford.edu) Jongjit Wongsrikasem (wongsrik@scf.usc.edu)

Anita Ng (antaflo@usa.net)

Denise Kiang (dkiang@WELLESLEY.EDU)

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

Rates: Dues are on a bi-annual basis. The current dues period is January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. Membership dues are \$40.00 - \$35.00 if payed before January 31 of the first year of the enrollment period - which entitles members to three (3) newsletters, and a complete membership list each year. If someone joins the network during the membership period that person will receive all newsletters and mailing lists available for the current membership period to date. Extra copies of the newsletter are available at \$2.50 each and membership lists at \$15.00 each. Membership lists are available to Network members only and are not for commercial use. Call for advertising

Access: Pay dues either by check made out to ISB Network, or by using the form on our home page to conveniently charge your dues to your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express card, and mail to:

ISB Network, Inc. P.O. Box 3429 Annapolis, MD 21403

Problems, questions, answers and/or general interest, contact the ISB Network Voice Mail at (410) 280-2421

Please mail, email, or fax newsletter articles to:

**Keith Hatton** 

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Phone: (301) 829-1344 Email: hatton@uu.net or: Khatton@aol.com

#### **ISB Network Officers**

President:

David Wilkerson '71

**Board of Directors:** 

Mimi Drake Parks '73

Keith Hatton '70

Babette Trout Dammon '72

Jed Davis '70

Glenn Connolly '83

John Dammon '69

Sarah Lynn Barringer '68

# ISB Network 1998 Reunion Registration Form

International Children's Center (ICC - 1951-1956)/International School Bangkok (ISB - 1957 on)

Use this form to register for the 1998 Reunion to be held in Long Beach, CA from August 14th to 16th (if necessary, you can print a similar form from our web home page at http://members.aol.com/isbnetwork). Fill it out and return with your payment to:

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class Year	Name of Attendee	Classification	Fee/ Person	Co
		ICC/ISB Alumni	\$85	
		ICC/ISB Alumni	\$85	
		Spouse/Friend	\$75	
		Parent Child	\$75	
		Parent Child	\$75	
		Child	\$75	
	ISB Network Membership Fee*	Jan 1998 - Dec 1999	\$40	
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Autl	horizing Signature:	Date:		
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into the Los Angeles area and zone fares for those who can't decide until the last moment. Maile has also offered to assist with ground transportation from the three major area airports by prescheduling Southern California Coach to meet arriving ISB'ers and take them to the Sea Port Marina Hotel. Call Maile at home (714) 673-4632 or the office (800) 714-2359 for a fare quote or, if you're interested in ground transportation, give her your flight schedule and she will group ISB Reunion attendees together to maximize coach savings.

The reunion committee of Glenn Connolly '83 (213) 848-5306, Carol Cole Shennenberger '72 (562) 420-3846, Dawn Twing VanAllen '71 (909) 629-2062 and Maile McCoskrie Busby '67 (714) 673-4632 deserve a big THANK YOU for organizing this event. Our President, Dave Wilkerson also must be recognized for travelling to Long Beach to scope out the hotels and finalize the hotel arrangements. REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS, TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, AND REGISTER FOR THE REUNION, EARLY! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME!

## Reunion 1998 T-Shirt Logo Contest

The ISB Network is sponsoring a contest for the best logo to go on T-Shirts that will be available for purchase at the 1998 reunion. The subject will be the same as the past two reunions ("1 Survived Youth-In-Asia"). If you would like to enter, send your idea(s) for a logo to:

Dave Wilkerson c/o Techstar Services 750 Cowan Street, Suite #9 Nashville, TN 37207

The winning entry will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to The Shack Mercantile.

### **Bands Wanted**

If you are an ISB alumni, currently in a band, or can get one together, and wish to provide the live music for the Saturday evening Dinner/Dance at the 1998 ISB reunion, please contact Dave Wilkerson '71 at (615) 242-2925. Live music was provided by ISB alumni at the past two reunions with great results.

## **Updates**

In the last newsletter we mentioned that ISB's home page, http://www.isbtel.th.edu, could not be accessed. We did some checking and found that ISB's web site is not being maintained because ISB is in financial trouble as a result of the devaluation of the baht due to the current economic crisis in Asia. We will have more on this in the next newsletter.

Check out ISB Network's new web page at <a href="http://members.aol.com/">http://members.aol.com/</a> isbnetwork. Note that we now accept Visa, MasterCard, and American Express for membership, reunion registration fees, and Shack Mercantile purchases. We provide forms that you can print, fill out and send in to our Annapolis, MD address for these purposes. As soon as our web page is secure, we will be able to take credit card orders over the internet. Thanks to Glenn Connolly '83 for doing all the work on the new web site. He has been active in keeping it up-to-date. You can check in periodically to see if there are any changes to the 1998 Reunion information.

#### **Note From The Editor**

We are currently running about two months behind in our newsletter schedule, but quickly catching up. 1996/1997 ISB Network members will receive one more newsletter towards the end of March. This newsletter will be mass-mailed to everyone in our data base so that non-members receive the reunion information. The first newsletter for the 1998/1999 membership period will be mailed out in April.

## IN MEMORIAM

## Belated Eulogy Gilles David Adams '63

High school buddy, we had a lot of fun. Early 60's Bangkok saw you zipping around on your motorcycle, with a flippant air and a quick wit. But we went our separate ways to college, and lost contact. In the late 90's I got on the WEB, and got excited about the prospect of finding old schoolmates. Well, I finally found you, on the Wall; Face down in a rice paddy on your 13th day in Viet Nam, 29 years ago. Sawaddi, Dave

Ken Goodrick '63

#### Michele Pezzelle '73

Michele Pezzelle died October 4, 1997 of heart failure. Michele's father, Roger Pezzelle said, "She cherished her memories of ISB, Bangkok in general and her many friends from that time and school". Condolences can be sent to:

Roger Pezzelle 9809 Laurel Street Fairfax, VA 22032

### Sally Diane Smeltzer Hopkins '70

Sally Diane (Smeltzer) Hopkins, ISB Class of 1970, died in San Antonio on December 20, 1997 from complications caused by a fall three weeks before. Sally attended ISB during her sophomore year in '67-'68 and came back again for her senior year. She is survived by her four children, Brandon, age 24, Trevor, age 21, and Brooke, age 17, all of San Antonio, and Kyle, age 15, of Heidelberg, Germany. She is also survived by her mother, Pat (Smeltzer) Holloway, by her stepfather, Theo Holloway, both of Davis, California: by her brother, Carroll D. Smeltzer, Class of '73, of Terre Haute, Indiana, and by her sister, Martha (Smeltzer) Boone, ISB 1969-1979, of Santa Clara, California. Sally was buried near her father, the late Dale G. Smeltzer, in Davis, California.

### THE SHACK MERCANTILE

An ISB Network store has been established named "The Shack Mercantile". Below you will find a price list on items from The Shack. If you would like to order items, please send your check payable to The ISB Network, Inc. to David Wilkerson C/O Techstar Services, 750 Cowan St. # 9, Nashville, TN. 37207 (615) 242-2925. All proceeds go to The ISB Network, Inc.

Store Item	Price	
Black T-Shirt with Gold ISB Logo	\$14.00	
Grey T Shirt with "I Survived Youth In Asia" Dallas 96 Limited edition	\$11.00	
Black Track Shirt (tank top) with Gold Panther and ISB lettering	\$17.00	
Black Track Shorts with Gold Panther and ISB lettering	\$17.00	
Black or Gold Sweat Shirt with ISB Logo (please specify color)	\$20.00	
White Golf Shirt with ISB Logo	\$16.00	
Black or White Baseball hat with ISB Logo (please specify color)	\$ 6.00	
White Golf towel with ISB Logo	\$ 6.00	
Black Bicycle Shorts with ISB Logo	\$22.00	
White (button up) Baseball Shirt with ISB Logo	\$18.00	
Indian Sandals (Water Buffalos) ** NEW **	\$20.00/pair	

Add \$2.00 for each T-Shirt and \$3.00 for each Sweat Shirt when ordering XXL.

Add \$3.00 S&H for U.S.Postal Service or \$5.00 for UPS. If ordering from overseas, please contact Dave Wilkerson by letter, e-mail or phone first to determine the shipping, handling and duty amounts (where applicable) to add to the order.

The Indian Sandals are made from water buffalo, just like the ones we used to wear. When ordering, include a tracing of your bare feet along with your shoe size (men's shoe sizes only).

A current "Shack" item and price list is always available by visiting the ISB Network home page at http://members.aol.com/isbnetwork.

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