



# ISB NETWORK NEWS

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## "T.A.H.O" Reunion - Looking Back

It's been six months and the ISB Network "TAHO" reunion held in Long Beach, CA August 14th through the 16th has not faded from anyone's memory. It was the largest reunion to date with over 320 people in attendance for the Saturday evening dinner/dance. We had the entire hotel booked, folks! Contributing factors to an excellent time were: the hot, lazy California weather, the abundance of great things to do (beaches, sailing, Catalina Island, Queen Mary, Hollywood, even the San Diego Zoo for some), excellent food, great location, Friday evening cocktail party, Saturday Barbecue, Saturday evening dinner/dance with the Elm Street Band, Seaport Marina Hotel's hospitality, and most of all, our classmates and memories. All in attendance owe a huge debt of thanks to the reunion committee, the many volunteers who gave selflessly of their time, and most of all to Dave Wilkerson who worked so hard to make this event such a memorable success. THANK YOU!

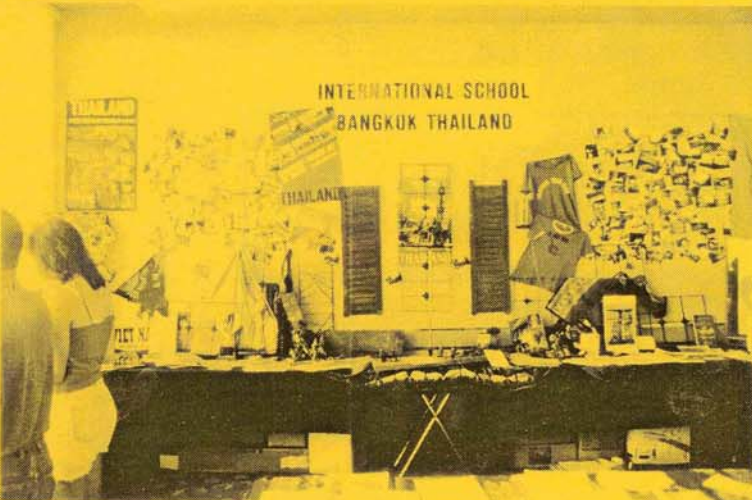
Thanks to the hard work of Bob Gleason '62, Rudy Xavier '62, Gil Hair '60, and others, the largest group of attendees were alumni from the early ISB years (1957 through 1962). The earliest graduate in attendance was Melinda Bock Killmer, who graduated in 1958. Carolyn Boyes, who attended ISB and the predecessor schools from 1948 through 1956 was also at the reunion, making her the earliest alumnus to attend an ISB predecessor school in attendance. The most recent graduate at the reunion was Jeremy Foster, '94.

The ISB Network, Inc. board met during the reunion. Several things were decided/announced during the course of the reunion that we need to bring to the attention of the Network members. First and foremost, there are major changes to the ISB Network Inc. Board of Directors (see "Changing of the Guard" on page 2). Second, the Y2K Network reunion will be held in the Washington, DC/East Coast area. There is already a reunion committee hard at work finding a suitable location and organizing this event. With this kind of head start, the Y2K reunion is shaping up to be another great one! Start your plans now to attend and encourage someone new to come along as well. Experience has shown that the more people we have in attendance, the more fun we have.

*Top right: Sign-in desk in the Marina Room. Signing in attendees are volunteers Babette Trout Dammon '72, Cindi Carroll Young '74 and Jamie Dammon. Lee Dammon handles Shack purchases in the background.*

*Center Right: Hanging out in the Marina Room. There was music playing through a PA system at all times.*

*Below right: ISB Memorabilia corner.*





## Changing of the Guard

(Keith Hatton '70)

Before the Long Beach reunion, John Dammon '69, Babette Trout Dammon '72, and Sarah Lynn Barringer '68, requested retirement from their board positions. John, Babette, and Lynn have been on the board since the Boston reunion in 1992 and have tirelessly performed their duties, many times going above and beyond what was required of them. One thing I will never forget is seeing the entire Dammon family (including Jamie, Lee and Samantha) at the Long Beach reunion registration room helping out in any way they could - EVERY TIME I WENT THERE!! The same can be said for Lynn Barringer who also volunteered at the reunions and was always available on the spur of the moment to proof the newsletters for me and perform any task required of her. Thank you John (treasurer), Babette (data base), and Lynn (secretary) for your many years of contribution and helping make this network a huge success!

Additionally, Dave Wilkerson '71 informed the Board of Directors that he would like to step down as president - a position he has held since early 1993. As all of you are aware, this is a big loss to the network. Dave was relentless in his drive to make the Network a success. He was always available to provide input, gave selflessly of his time, energetically threw himself into every network project, and at times even paid for necessary expenses himself that the Network couldn't absorb. His constant promotion of the Long Beach reunion resulted in the best reunion to date. I can't say enough about what Dave has done for all of us in the Network! Thank you, Dave! Dave will remain on the board being responsible for Merchandising.

The Board made finding a new president a top priority prior to the Board meeting at the Long Beach reunion. We are pleased to announce that Maile McCoskrie Busby, class of '67, accepted the position. Maile has already shown that she is going to be a fine president and we're looking forward to working with her. In addition, all board vacancies are filled! Here is your new Board of Directors:

### Non-voting Members

Mimi Drake Parks '73 Chairperson, B.O.D

Maile McCoskrie Busby '67 President

### Voting Members

Keith Hatton '70 Treasurer/Newsletter

Cindi Carroll Young '74 Secretary

Rudy Xavier '62 Data Base Coordinator

Glenn Connolly '83 Web Master

John Bankhead '73 Class Rep. Coordinator

Kris Stahlman '71 Reunion Coordinator

David Wilkerson '71 Merchandising



**Our New President,  
Maile McCoskrie Busby**

Maile attended ISB during the 1963-64 (Freshman) and 1966-67 (Senior) school years. She was in Bangkok from 1963-1967 with her parents, two sisters - Marsha and Sandy, and brother John. Her father was the Air Force Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok during that time.

After graduating from ISB, Maile moved to California and started work for Altec Lansing in Anaheim where she met Phil Busby. They were married in February, 1968. Later that year the Busby's moved to Mission Viejo where they had two children - Sean and Scott - who both currently live in Southern California.

Maile has worked in the Franchise Real Estate Industries and in the Travel Industry. Phil passed away as the result of a heart attack in April of 1996.

To quote from Maile: "I currently live in Corona del Mar with my 11 year old dog Jake and am "finding myself".

"I have enjoyed reconnecting with friends of old at the reunions. The first one I attended was planned by Bob and Meredith March and Barbara Stillwell in Colorado in 1987. I took Phil and the boys with me. After we left, Phil remarked that he felt as if he finally understood "where I had come from". It seems to me that we who have shared the childhoods that we did, don't "come from somewhere" but from the collective total of the "someones that we were with." Having the opportunity to reconnect every few years keeps me in touch with my past. After going back to Bangkok and visiting familiar places, I became even more aware that it wasn't the spot, but the people that I shared the experience with. This, I believe, is true for everyone. It's difficult to "go back" (to Bangkok) as the people we knew are never there when we are. This is why the reunions are so important to me."

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**Purpose:** ISB Network Inc. is a not-for-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 paid 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 rates.

**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:

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### ISB Network Officers

#### President:

Maile McCoskrie Busby '67

#### Board of Directors:

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Keith Hatton '70

Cindi Carroll Young '74

Rudy Xavier '62

Glenn Connolly '83

John Bankhead '73

Kris Stahlman '71

David Wilkerson '71



## Remembering the T.A.H.O Reunion

A month has passed since the reunion and before too much more time passes, we wanted to drop a line to the ISB Network Board and all who helped to organize TAHO in Long Beach to send you a heartfelt THANK YOU! The reunion surpassed all our expectations and the location in Long Beach was terrific! We know that it took a lot of time and effort to pull off an event of this size so successfully, and we wanted you to know how much all of you are appreciated.

This was the first reunion Marian and I had attended and we must admit we were a little apprehensive about not finding or recognizing old classmates (after all, it had been a long 25 years since Bangkok). These feelings were soon put to rest as we signed in. We quickly recognized Babette Trout Dammon ('72) and right behind us in line was Ester Williams ('75) - the years melted away! We hurried to unpack, donned our identification badges and joined the crowd at the Friday night Barbecue. In no time we found a group from the classes of 1973 through 1976 -- some we recognized immediately and others, whose names were familiar, were looked up in our Erawans when we got back to our room. The best thing about the reunion was, regardless of whether we remembered each other or not, conversations flowed easily because everyone was so friendly and willing to introduce themselves to us.

We, like others at the reunion, had hoped to find a few long lost classmates. Marian and I particularly wanted to find Paul Ahrens '75 with whom we had lost touch after corresponding for a year after leaving Bangkok. When we didn't see his name on the "Who's Attending List" we had given up hope. But strange things happen at these reunions. Friday evening, after leaving the bar around midnight, I stopped at the front desk to exchange my room key. A very tall, distinguished gentleman was checking in ahead of me. He eyed my ISB badge and asked if they were still signing in alumni. I told him to follow us up to the Marina room and we could check to see if anyone was still up there. We went over to the registration list and he remarked, "Well, at least I'm here on the list as having paid." When I looked down to where he was pointing at the name John Ahrens, I asked, "You don't happen to know a Paul Ahrens do you?" "Yes," he answered, "he's my younger brother." My jaw must have dropped to the floor! I still marvel at running into John when I did, because if my room key had been working properly, I would not have gone to the front desk nor would I have had the opportunity to strike up a conversation with him and in turn locate a dear old friend. Unfortunately, Paul was not attending, but we made the connection.

Every reunion event was well planned and better than the previous one - and having the hotel to ourselves really evoked a feeling of camaraderie. The time flew by and sadly we had to leave our "renewed" friends behind and return to life in Seattle. With the exchange of business cards and email addresses, we were on our way. Today, Marian and I are looking over and enjoying our reunion pictures - when I get the chance I will scan and email a couple of great "class pictures" to share with the network.



*Anyone want to go to go sailing?? The weather was absolutely gorgeous for the entire reunion*

Thanks again from us all, you did a terrific job and we look forward to the Y2K reunion in the DC/East Coast area.

Maureen Salahshoor '75

### Important! New Network Information

As a result of the changes to the ISB Network, Inc. Board of Directors, the **address and phone number of the Network have changed.** The new address and phone number can be found in the ISB Network, Inc. information on page two.

Prior to the new Board changes, the Treasurer and Data Base Coordinator functions resided at the same address so one phone number was all that was required. As a result of the Board changes, this is no longer true. Therefore, **also note the additional telephone number to use for payment inquiries only** under the section "Access" in the ISB Network, Inc. information. This will enable you to speak with the Treasurer directly.

Glenn Connolly, our Web Master, has been hard at work building a new web page for the network outside of the confines (and restrictions) of America Online. This new web page will provide much greater flexibility in what can be offered to the Network members. We will finally be able to put an online data base in place. Check it out at [www.isbnetwork.com](http://www.isbnetwork.com). This web site will officially replace our AOL one within the next couple of months. Great job, Glenn!

**Wanted:** During the reunion, some CD's and an irreplaceable ISB Sign were removed from the Marina Room. Whoever has these, please return them to Dave Wilkerson. His address and phone number are on the back page.



## THE SHACK MERCANTILE

Here is the current price list for items from "The Shack Mercantile". 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 Network.

| Store Item   | Price   |
|--|---------|
| Black T-Shirt with Gold ISB Logo                                       | \$15.00 |
| Grey T Shirt with "I Survived Youth In Asia" Dallas 96 Limited edition | \$12.00 |
| Black Track Shirt (tank top) with Gold Panther and ISB lettering       | \$19.00 |
| Black Track Shorts with Gold Panther and ISB lettering                 | \$18.00 |
| Black or Gold Sweat Shirt with ISB Logo (please specify color)         | \$21.00 |
| White Golf Shirt with ISB Logo   | \$18.00 |
| Black or White Baseball Hat with ISB Logo (please specify color)       | \$ 6.75 |
| White Golf Towel with ISB Logo   | \$ 6.75 |
| Black Bicycle Shorts with ISB Logo                                     | \$23.00 |
| White (button up) Baseball Shirt with ISB Logo                         | \$19.00 |
| VHS Video: "Perspectives" 30-minute history of ISB                     | \$11.00 |

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

Normal express mail (2-3 days) via the U.S. Postal Service for any destination within the United States is \$3.00. If you are ordering more than two items, please add an additional \$1.00. UPS is also available for \$6.00 for up to two pounds. 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.

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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