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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 contact between people who shared similar experiences in Thailand.

Benefits and Dues: Members receive three newsletters per year and an annual Membership Directory.

Dues are paid on a bi-annual basis. The current dues period began January 1, 2000 and ends December 31, 2001. The current dues are \$40.00 for the remainder of the period.

To join, print the membership application found on the website. When you join you will receive back issues of the newsletter and the most recent edition of the Directory. **The Directory is not for commercial use.**

Hot Fun in the Summer Sun!

Well, it has been almost a year since we were in Williamsburg, VA—some days it seems like yesterday and other days it seems like

years ago. As your ISB Network Board of Directors busied themselves working to tie up

loose ends from that reunion they almost immediately began looking for the site for our next reunion **August 2-4, 2002.**

It wasn't easy finding a location to meet our requirements, but finally we found such a property in the **Wigwam Resort located 25 minutes west of Phoenix, Arizona.**

Hosting this event somewhere along the Southern California coast was ruled out because of the high hotel rates during the "prime season". When we expanded our search into Nevada and Arizona, we looked at several properties in the Las Vegas area. We decided against going into a large

"gaming" hotel as we felt this would fragment the group since they didn't offer the "hospitality and open areas" for a group

like us to "hang-out" in for the weekend. We reviewed contracts on a couple of "resort-style" properties

but in the end found they had financial clauses that were not conducive to our terms and the financial risks were just too high.

In contrast, the Wigwam Resort has met, and in

some cases, exceeded all of our requirements to host a spectacular reunion event!

They offer us close proximity to a major airport; Sky Harbor International Airport, the sixth busiest airport in the country, is 25 minutes away, and is a hub for AmericaWest and Southwest

Airlines. The Wigwam is offering transportation of \$20 each way; a room block of 200 with the ability to add more; a room rate of \$89 per night; 67 suites ranging in price from \$139—\$189. per night and a ballroom that will accommodate up to 900. Additionally, they offer a food and beverage menu under the direction of Executive Chef and former White House Chef Jon Hill.

And that's not all...this location is guaranteed to appeal to all of our tastes, from relaxing in the shade to soaring above the desert in a hot air balloon. There are three 18-hole championship golf

courses (two designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr.), two swimming pools

(one with a mega-size waterslide), nine tennis courts, a health club, spa services, bikes and trails, basketball and croquet

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GREAT RATE NEGOTIATED FOR BANGKOK REUNION!

50th Anniversary ISB Homecoming – Special Tour!

Only 7 months to go for the January 9-12 Reunion. Time is running out to make flight & hotel arrangements! November to February is peak travel season in Bangkok! Rates are going up as the availability diminishes!



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CALL DOUG AT ALKI TOURS TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY – SPACE IS LIMITED!

Reservation response requested by June/30/2001

Reservations accepted on a first come first paid basis. \$250 deposit due with reservation of which \$100 is non-refundable, balance due September 28, 2001.

*Price not confirmed until reservation deposit is received-don't delay! **\$89 added for Tax, Fees & Plc's per person. No trip extensions allowed.

Travel Insurance recommended. Reunion registration fees not included. Please register at: <http://www.isb.ac.th/Internet/Alumni/Events.htm>

Tour arranged by Maureen (Lockhart) Salahshoor '75 - for more information please call me days at 800-497-7977 x5356 or advanta@gte.net

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courts and a putting green, and water volleyball and Camp Pow Wow for the kids!

In addition to the traditional reunion activities (Thursday night Thai Dinner, Friday night Mixer, Saturday's House Games, BBQ and Gala dinner/dance), there are tons of recreational adventures to explore

"...will feature two hospitality rooms. The first one being 1800 sq. feet located right off the pool and the second one being 2000 sq. feet..."

near the resort such as tours of the Grand Canyon or Red Rocks of Sedona, Desert Jeep Tours, Wildlife World Zoo, Desert Botanical Gardens and of course the Wigwam Outlet Mall.

All this and we will still be able to keep our registration fee at \$99.

Initial comments from recipients of

our email blast concerning Arizona in August were "WOW—it is going to be hot...way too hot." Well, what can we say... no humidity and no bugs that is for sure and yes, the air conditioning works great. Remember we all went to school in Bangkok!

It is our hope that as many of you that can will join us as we once again reconnect with each other. The rooms are spacious, the public areas invite conversations and lunch on Saturday will be served indoors and those that want to, can venture outside to sit in the many shaded areas or under the pool mist system.

Important note: The 2002 reunion, "HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN" will feature two hospitality rooms. The first one being 1800 sq. ft. located right off the pool and the second one being 2000 sq. ft. right down the hall. We intend to have the archives in this room. So, there will be plenty of room for people to sit around, look through our memorabilia and reflect on the

great times we all shared at ISB!

The Wigwam Resort has been the site of other reunions like ours. Madrid/Torrejon had their reunion in June 1995 with over 500 attendees and the American Community School Saigon/Vietnam had their first ever reunion in July 2000. Madrid/Torrejon does not have a website but ACS Saigon/Vietnam does at <http://www.saigon61.com> with tons of pictures of their reunion experience at the Wigwam.

Check out the Wigwam's website at www.wigwamresort.com/. Watch the ISB Network website for Reunion 2002 updates!

We look forward to greeting you as you register for our **HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN** Reunion.

Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67, President ISB Network and Kris Stahlman, '71, Reunion Planner

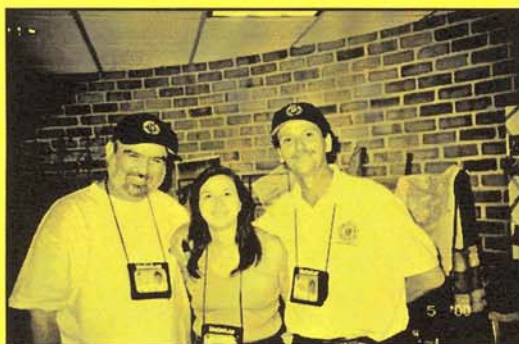
Musings of a Reunion Junkie By: Shirley Lee Kennedy, '77

I'm writing this because I have something to admit...not that it's something to be ashamed of, but just that the realization is so powerful...I am a "reunion junkie". At first it was enough to show up on a Friday afternoon or evening (throw in 2 whirlwind days of partying and socializing) and leave Sunday morning after hurried good-byes. Four reunions later I've worked my way up to arriving on Wednesday and leaving Sunday evening, totally sleep deprived and incoherent. This last time I extended my

total reunion experience by driving 14 hours with Dave Wilkerson and Dave McBride to Williamsburg. You have not traveled until you've done a road trip with the "2 Daves". But that's a whole other story...

Other than the total amount of time spent at reunions, what else would qualify me as a reunion junkie?

The fact that there is no question in my mind, I will attend the next reunion NO MATTER WHAT. It's a promise I've made to myself. And what is it that draws me there so strongly? The excitement of seeing classmates I haven't seen in over 20 years. Getting to know them all over again and finding out that



"Road Warriors" Shirley Lee Kennedy '77 Dave McBride '71 and Dave Wilkerson '71

deep inside they haven't changed so much after all — you can see it in their ageless smiles and eyes. Eating Thai food on Thursday night with 80 or more people who share the same appreciation for

Satay and Phad Thai and all those other exotic foods because they lived it, breathed it, ate it in Thailand just like me. Because they attended ISB and went through culture shock, traveled to Pattaya and Chiang Mai and hung out at the Teen club just like me. Because even though they might not have known me when I lived in Bangkok,

they know a part of me that I haven't been able to share with the un-ISB initiated. The seven years I spent in Thailand shaped every aspect of my life.

Many of the friends I made at ISB are lifelong friends. Years may go by in between visits, but that doesn't matter. We were there for each other (through countless letters and that sympathetic voice over the phone when adjusting to life and those awkward teen years back in the states. When one friend ran away from home she drifted my way. (Oops! Wonder if it was okay to mention that?) When we married we were there to witness that milestone of each others lives. We shared in the delight and anguish of being parents and watching each others' children grow all too quickly. We helped each other adjust to all of the normal everyday monotony and puzzle through the extraordinary events of our lives.

That brings me to the main reason that actually justifies my being a reunion junkie. For that one brief period of time I can put aside the responsibilities of my current world and recapture a bit of the excitement of youth with friends who remember me in my carefree days, just as I remember them. Those friends and memories are tattooed into my being more permanently than any tattoo or scar upon my skin. I go back not just because the reunions are incredibly fun, but for the special old friends, for the new ones I have yet to become acquainted with and to remember Thailand, the place and experience that brought us all together.

Shirley Lee Kennedy, '77 is an ISB Network Class Rep. She lives in Florida with her husband Jay and children, Kristen and Kyle. The Kennedy's will soon move to Ohio.

ISB 50th Year Celebration

Return to Bangkok **January 9-12, 2002** for the ISB 50th Year Celebration and Reunion to be held at the Marriott Royal Garden Riverside hotel. Registration runs through October 31, 2001.

The ISB Alumni Steering Committee has an exciting program planned including a ceremony and Thai lunch reception, Sock Hop and Dinner at the Soi 15 campus, Saturday night Gala Dinner and Dance at the Marriott Royal Garden Riverside.

Alumni Packets will include ISB 50th Year Anniversary gifts, alumni t-shirt, maps, programs and digital video tickets to special alumni events, as well as an ISB Memory book and list of ISB Alumni addresses.

For more information or to register, go to the ISB website, www.isb.ac.th/internet/alumni/alumni.htm, or contact Freda Williams, ISB Alumni Director at fredaw@isb.ac.th.

See Page 2 for Tour Package Information!

Milestones...

Submitted by Donna Hamilton Jacks '59, and Cathy Bowman Parella, '60

WILLIAM "BOBBY" ROBERT WINDHAM, JR., class of 1961.

Recently we learned of the death of William "Bobby" Robert Windham, Jr. of Houston, TX (ISB Class of 1961). Bobby passed away on December 17, 2000 and is survived by his wife and four children.



Bobby will be remembered by the late '50's and early '60's ISB alumni as always smiling and being genuinely friendly. He was active in school sports playing softball (which his father coached) and basketball where he was a co-captain of the team. Bobby was also a leader, and was President of his sophomore class in 1959. He was voted "Most Athletic" male student that same year.

While sports and leadership seemed to be where he was recognized, Bobby had an "artistic" side as well. He played the piano and entertained his friends at parties.

All the girls will remember Bobby as being one of the best dancers in the school, an activity that he enjoyed so much.

While a group of "our era" were chatting in Williamsburg, we all vowed to make a concerted effort to locate more of our classmates for the next reunion. Sadly we found Bobby too late.

Our shared experiences from our time at ISB bind us together as friends in a way that is impossible to define. We all share in the loss of Bobby and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

John Bankhead, Former ISB Network Board member successfully came through a quintuple heart bypass on February 5, 2001. His new email is bankhead5@peoplepc.com

Maile McCroskie Busby, '67 married Brian Lindley on July 8, 2000 in Irvine, CA. They honeymooned on a cruise to St. Petersburg, Russia and returned home just in time for the R2K Reunion in Williamsburg. Now *that's* dedication!

Congratulations!

Submitted by David Howard Benner, '72

CLAUDE GRIFFITH "DUKE" BENNER, SR. (Father of David Howard Benner, '72)

"Duke" Benner, age 74, died on Saturday, May 19th, 2001 after being in a coma for over seven months. He was a resident of Camden, Maine. Duke was a Medical Services Officer in Bangkok. He is survived by his wife of nearly 54 years, Louise, five children and several grandchildren. Funeral Services were held in Camden, Maine on June 1st, 2001. For further information please contact his son, David Howard Benner, '72 at davidbenner@ichristian.com or dbenner@pwcgov.org

In Sympathy to Freda B. Williams, ISB Alumni Director on the recent loss of her mother after a lengthy illness. Upon returning to Bangkok from the United States, Freda can be reached at ISB at: fredaw@isb.ac.th

Submitted by Mark Brougham, 1970 Class Representative

TIMOTHY SHAUGHNESSY, class of 1970.

Died of medical complications Jan. 9, 2001 at Hospice House Woodside, FL. Born in Bayshore, N.Y., he moved to St. Petersburg, FL in 1970.

He was a graduate of ISB and the College of Forestry in Washington state.

Tim handcrafted treasure chests and did woodworking.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Helen and Richard Fretriks; two brothers, Thomas, Jacksonville, FL and Kenneth, Patchogue, N.Y.; a stepbrother, Joseph, Hagerstown, Md.; a sister,

Kathleen Burke, Port Orange, FL, and a companion, Eva Tytar.

We will remember Tim as the peaceful and kind person we knew in high school. He was a good friend to many of us. He had a genuine kindness toward others around him and a good sense of humor. I had recently tried to purchase one of his hand made chests that he crafted from antiquated lumber.

We will miss him dearly and direct our thoughts and prayers to his family at this time of loss.



Meet your President... Maile McCoskrie Busby Lindley, '67

I left BKK in 1967 and moved to Southern California where I have lived ever since. I was married in 1968. I have two sons, Sean born in 1969 (now married to Noel with no chil-

dren) and Scott in 1972. I lived in Mission Viejo from 1968 to 1997 when I moved to Corona del Mar a charming beach village. I worked in/with the franchise real estate

industry from 1979 to 1994 and managed to find some former classmates from ISB by chance at various conventions and the like—the world is very small. Since 1994 I have worked

as a travel agent and for some financial planners as an office administrator. My husband of 24 years passed away in 1996 (smoking is not good for you!) and I married Brian Lindley in

Meet Your Reunion Planner...Kris Stahlman, '71

I attended ISB my Freshman and Sophomore years (1967-1969). I joined the ISB Network Board during the Long Beach Reunion in 1998 as the Reunion Planning Director. I was responsible for planning the Williamsburg, VA 2000 reunion and am in my second term as Director for the 2002 reunion in Arizona.

I attended my 10 year ISB reunion in 1981 prior to my knowledge of the ISB Network being formed. My fellow ISB classmate, Bob Athearn planned this reunion in Winterpark, CO and tracked me down a month before the reunion. I didn't keep in touch with anyone again until David Wilkerson tracked me down just before the San Antonio reunion in 1990. I vowed then that I would never lose track of the people and times that I hold so near and dear. I'm very happy that my past has become an integral part of my present and future.

I'm both an Army and an Air Amer-

ica Brat and had an eight year span living and traveling throughout Southeast Asia and Japan.

The American School was already closed when my family moved to Vietnam. For safety reasons we tried to appear as if we were French. Since we didn't have a school to attend we spent the year swimming everyday at the sports club, horseback riding in the afternoons (we bought General Stillwell's horse when he moved his family to Thailand) and sailing up the Mekong River nearly every weekend on a trimaran own by a fellow Air America pilot.

My parents enrolled us in a French school (Marie Currie) the next year—again trying to convince the Viet Cong that we were French. Our final year in Vietnam they sent my sister Kathy and I to Brent School (an Episcopal boarding school) located in Bagio, Philippines where I attended eighth grade. In

the summer of 1967 we moved to Bangkok. We returned to the San Francisco area after completing the school year in 1969 where I have resided ever since.

On a professional note, I have worked in various marketing positions in the electronics and high tech industries. For the past 4 years I have worked for IKOS Systems, Inc. (extremely high tech) and was promoted to Director of Corporate Communications this past summer. I have been fortunate enough to travel to Europe, South East Asia and North America for business. I've had the opportunity to visit a number of my ISB friends during many of these trips.



Overseas Brats Homecoming 2001

Overseas Brats (founded by our own Joe Condrill '73) is hosting **Homecoming 2001** in Wichita, KS, July 19-22. This event will coincide with the American Overseas Schools Historical Society's (AOSHS) site dedication of the Overseas Brats historical park.. It's a great opportunity to

renew friendships with those you may have known at other schools you went to before or after ISB. There will also be an onsite mobile memorial to our heritage: Operation Footlocker. Other upcoming Overseas Brats reunions include Colorado Springs, CO, October 25-

28 and Kissimmee, FL, November 9-11. There is also a BRATS cruise planned for November 11-15 departing from Port Canaveral, FL for the Bahamas. Visit the Overseas Brats website for more information at www.overseasbrats.com or contact Joe Condrill '73 at

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The ISB Network Needs You!

The front line of the ISB Network is, and always has been the Class Representative System.

Because we now have a database with over 3000 ISB alumni, we need to expand the program. We have added a new position to the class rep system which is the Class Coordinator.

While class reps take care of individual class years, class

coordinators take care of five classes each.



Class reps are responsible for seeking out lost or missing ISB alumni and passing on that information so we can keep our database up to date. When a new alum is

found, the rep or reps from that class year act as a "welcoming committee" to the newly found alumni.

Class coordinators are ap-

pointed by the Director of Class Reps to coordinate the efforts of the individual class reps. Coordinators actively find missing alumni and plan mini-activities at regular ISB reunions. Class coordinators will be asked to write occasional columns in the ISB newsletter to update the membership on the activities on their decade. The class coordinator is an extension of the ISB Board of Directors.

Currently our Class Coordinators are:

50-54 Vacant
55-59 Linda Bock
60-64 Russ Glidden

65-69 Judi Molthen Nelson
70-74 Debby Caulfield-Steinmetz-
75-79 Kate Johnson
80-84 Vacant
85-89 Anna Maria Moore
90-94 Vacant
95-99 Eddie Jitapong
00-04 Vacant

There are positions for 2 coordinators for each class year. If you are able to help out, either as a class rep or a class coordinator, please contact Ralph Weber at 888-720-8889, or via email at isbralph@routethree.com.