



# the thai that binds

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## Message From Maile

By Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67, [isbmaile@sbcglobal.net](mailto:isbmaile@sbcglobal.net)

When I accepted the position of President of the ISBN, I had a vision that I believed to be shared by others, and I knew this was my opportunity to act on that vision. I wanted to work with the BOD and the membership to make the ISB Network a place where each of us would be able to find long lost friends from a place far away from home (if in fact we even had a place to call home). To this end we have grown our ISB Network to 800 members, and in August 2010 we will host our biggest reunion ever. As I write this we have more than 600 planning to attend, and if reservation history holds true we will see 700. What good news, and better yet, we are booked into a hotel where this can happen with room for all of our planned events in the same area – no splitting us up into different rooms as we have had to do in past reunions.

This is a good time to THANK all who have made their reservations thus far, some made just a few days after leaving the 2008 reunion in San Diego. Those early reservations sent a vote of confidence to the Cavalier Hotel to not accept any reservations outside of our group for the reunion weekend – so the hotel will be totally ours and we can enjoy each others' company 24 hours a day without worrying about disturbing other guests. We have a back up hotel booked that is close walking distance for those who decide to join us after the Cavalier is sold out. So it's important to know that we can accommodate all who want to attend the reunion, even those who simply arrive with no prior notice. However, if you do arrive as a "walk-in" please understand that there are some things that we won't have for you – such as a name badge with your photo. You'll still get the name badge—just no "back then" photo attached.

Mary Molthen Rasmussen '74 has designed a great logo for our "High Thai'd in Virginia Beach" reunion theme (see it on the first page of the Newsletter), and we will have t-shirts for all attendees included in your reunion packet. There will be a place on your registration form for you to indicate your size, so be sure to fill that out. A limited number of reunion t-shirts will also be available for purchase at The Shack. There will also be a limited number of t-shirts and sweatshirts from the ISB Booster Hut in Bangkok available in assorted sizes and colors. These always sell out early, so make plans to visit The Shack right after registration! Many thanks to Greg Cates '68 for storing all of these items for us for a few months.

Speaking of The Shack, we are still looking for someone to volunteer to making The Shack operational year round. Should this speak to you please let me know as I too would like to see it happen but I just cannot add another duty to my already full schedule. Email me at [isbmaile@sbcglobal.net](mailto:isbmaile@sbcglobal.net).

I am writing this from The Cavalier where it is today (February 28, 2010) very cold and blustery – just what I expected – however, the view from our corner room says this is the place to be for reunion fun this summer. The pool area is big and the beach stretches as far as I can see. Last night a party was going on in the Ballroom and all I could think of was how great it will be for all of us to be in this room together – the dance floor is big and they can easily seat us all.

We have sampled the Thai food that is proposed for our dinner on Thursday and Chef Eddie has done a great job with the menu. Feeding a crowd that looks to number 600 is no small task and preparing ethnic food is all the more daunting. Fifteen of us critically sampled and then offered suggestions to adjust the seasoning to get it even closer to what we all expect. I believe we will all be pleased when we get to share a Thai meal with each other. Once dinner is over it will be off to the Teen Club or other planned activities at the Cavalier.

More information about various aspects of the reunion are in separate articles within this Newsletter. Some of them will be further expanded on in our final Newsletter mid summer before the reunion. We are trying to anticipate questions and give you the answers in advance. If we have missed yours please contact me personally. I'll share the answer with everyone as there are bound to be others that are wondering too.

As I write this I wonder how we are all waiting for this special time to get together again. I know I have a mounting feeling of excitement. It is my goal to greet each alumnus personally as they get their registration packet, and I am really looking forward to seeing each of you if only for a few short moments. Most of you don't know me other than a name that pops up in your email inbox and yet we have a connection that can't be denied and for a few short days we get to come together and share that. August 26 will be here before we know it – see you soon.

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Purpose: The ISB Network Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit, 501-C-3 organization, dedicated to bringing Alumni of International School Bangkok together to support, maintain, and create contacts between people who shared similar experiences in Thailand. We serve as the Official Alumni Association for International School Bangkok. Dues & Benefits: Membership fees are \$40.00 for 2 years and are tax deductible. Our goal is to provide you with three newsletters per year and access to contact information of all known ISB Alumni. You do not have to be a member to be listed on the website/directory or to attend a reunion. Your paid membership helps support the activities performed by the all-volunteer Board of Directors responsible for maintaining the database, publishing the newsletters, maintaining presence on the web, and planning the biennial reunions.

Join online or by mail. Click on Join ISBN on our website <http://www.isbnetwork.com>. Or write us at the above address. When you join, you will receive a password to gain access to the Members-only areas of the website.

## Time Passages

### Deaths-

Michael Anderson '69 in March, 2009

Jim Perritt '73, December 2, 2009, Pancreatic Cancer



--And the goodbyes make the journey harder still.

Cat Stevens



### REMINDER!!!

If your credit card expiration date has changed since you made your reservation, call the hotel right away to update your record or your reservation will be forfeited!



## High Thai'd in Virginia Beach

Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia

August 26-29, 2010

Be glad there's one place in the world  
Where everybody knows your name,  
And they're always glad you came;  
You want to go where people know,  
People are all the same;  
You want to go where everybody knows your name.

Theme from "Cheers"

Gary Portnoy & Julie Hart Angelo

### First Reunion?

We are interested in knowing if this is your first reunion. There will be a question on your registration form regarding this, so please check the appropriate answer. We want everyone to have a good time, and if this is your first time we want to know who you are so that we can help you to find your classmates ASAP after your arrival at the hotel.

### Getting Around Virginia Beach—The Trolley

Once you get to Virginia Beach, how do you get around? For those that do not have a car, for \$2 a day they can ride the Trolley up and down the main drag (Atlantic Blvd) to get to shopping, restaurants and other attractions. Those that have a car but maybe shouldn't be driving can also ride the Trolley. For more information on the Trolley and other forms of transportation in and around Virginia Beach, go to [HYPERLINK "http://www.gohrt.com"](http://www.gohrt.com) www.gohrt.com and follow the links.

### If You're Flying into Norfolk—Shuttle Service

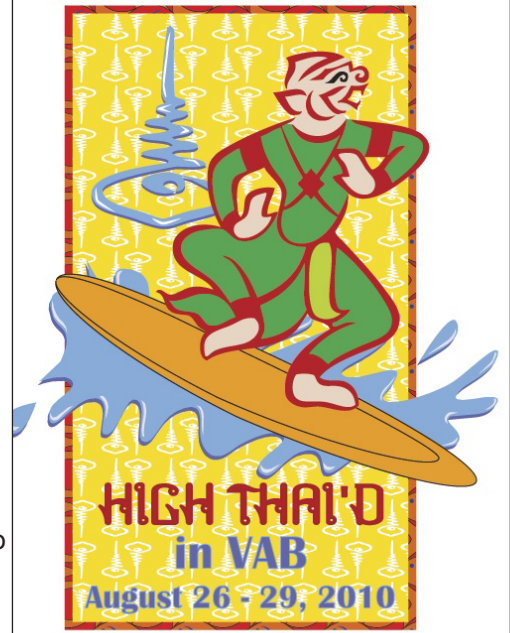
Here is some information on shuttle service if you're flying into Norfolk, Virginia, which is the closest airport to VAB and the Reunion. Carey Transportation offers a shuttle service from the Norfolk Airport - the first person going to The Cavalier rides for \$41 one way and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th for an additional \$5 each for a total of \$56 or \$14 each - WHAT A BARGAIN. What we need to do is to set up travel arrival buddies - anyone want to help with this? Or maybe everyone can meet at a set point in the airport and then approach Carey's desk together - advance reservations are also a choice - all of this is being looked into and we will have more information available in the July newsletter. Additionally, we will look into ways for air travelers to identify each other at the airport so they can share in this bargain. The best way to keep abreast of new information is to check the website on a regular basis.

"Depart the Baggage Claim from Door # 3"

"Proceed to the Carey Kiosk across the first lane of traffic."

"Look for the vehicles labeled Carey Transport."

## International School Bangkok Network All-Year Reunion





## A la Carte Registration

For those not wanting or unable to attend the entire reunion you may attend and pay for individual events separately. More information can be found on the Registration Form that you can download from the website. We will also have walk up registration as a much higher priced option. We will work to accommodate all who want to attend, but advance registration is really the most economical and well, polite. The Reunion planners need an idea of how many to expect, just as we would at a party in our homes.

## Your Badge Photo

For those wanting to have a badge with their photo on it you MUST have a profile in our database - this is where we upload your photos from the Erawans and where we get them for the badges. We need to know what you looked like back then as some of us have changed a bit.

## Shack Stuff

Maile was in Thailand in January and was able to return home with over \$3,000 of ISB logo merchandise from the ISB Booster Hut - now some of us can look like current ISB students. The sizes and quantities are limited and they will sell out fast, so stop by The Shack early to score your ISB stuff- hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts and logo patches for your jackets. Get 'em while they last! Interested in seeing The Shack reopen year round? Contact a BOD member to see about taking this on this non-Board volunteer job.

## Polo Club Riders

Did you ride at the Polo Club? A special time and place will be arranged for all former riders to get together and reminisce on Saturday afternoon - Sandy McCoskrie Blanchette '72 will be getting in touch with you and information will be in our Daily Agenda. Bring your old photos to share.

## House Games—A Reunion Tradition

Amos Ewing '70 and Deb Twing '72 will be organizing the House Games and other events. Soon they will start to contact those traveling with children to find out their ages and see how they can help our attendees keep the children entertained - fun for all is the order of the day and Amos (and the Ewing sisters) and Deb are up to the challenge.

## Golfers

James Wang '77 has issued a call for golfers - check out the Bulletin Board on the Website.

## Visit with Faculty at the Reunion

If you have seen the notice on our Home Page about the Student Science Society book that has been written in honor of former faculty member Mr. Phil Reeves then you won't be surprised to see him at the reunion on Thursday. A special reception area will be designated so that anyone who would like to stop by to say hello and share memories will have a time to greet him and visit in a comfortable setting. Other former teachers will also be in attendance and we will arrange a suitable area for them to be greeted by former students.



## LOST AND FOUND



... Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back.  
Theme from Welcome Back, Kotter  
John Sebastian, 1977

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to ISB alumni who have recently become members of the Network or have been “lost” since they left Bangkok and have had no contact with any of their former ISB friends UNTIL they stumbled upon the ISB website or were found by an old friend who had been searching for them. Every once in awhile, one of these long lost alumni resurfaces and comes “home” to their old ISB family and friends. Some of them have been gone for a VERY long time. You can visit the alumni page on the website to find out more information about them.

Carol Altstatt '76  
Phyllis Barber Hockett '70  
Kathie Boslet '73  
Peter Brown '81  
Julia Charles '87  
Jeff Crocker '67  
Trish Doering Blair '73  
Baerbel Drozda Kienzie '72  
Steve Finrock '72  
Ronald Foreman '74  
Walteen Grady Truly '69  
Ruth Herron Shasteen '70  
Don Holt '64  
Kneller, Robert '66  
Ann Ladd Ferencz '71  
Cathy Long Butler '73  
Terry Martin '63  
Bob Meisenhelder '67  
Mike Ross '65  
Rebecca Sexton '86  
Charles Stark '72  
Julianne Theriault Haddon '67  
Bruce Williamson '84  
Laura Yount Keating '69  
Laura Hand '67  
Nancy Bryniarski '82

Rebecca Ambia Sexton '86  
Skip Barker '72  
Earl Bridges '83  
Pat Camp Berry '72  
Soo Che Fox '77  
Shawndell Crumback McKinnon '75  
Phyllis Doriot Emmett '62  
Angie Eaton Snovak '71  
Sheila Flynn '78  
Julie Frampton Roberts '77  
Jay Grass '63  
Debra Hewitt Cockrell '68  
Mary Ann Hurst '71  
Susan Kneller Cota '68  
James Larson '72  
Allen Madsen '79  
James McIntosh '83  
John Patteson '66  
Celeste Schramm Houser-Jackson '72  
Michael Simpson '74  
Elaine Steward Palmer '72  
Cindy Watson '74  
Dale Williamson '87  
Mike Young '70  
Rajanee Ochs Christiansen '77  
John Burgess '68

Tom Atkinson '76  
Mike Baughman '65  
Sue Bridges '72  
Cecil Carder '74  
Sharon Connors Richman '76  
Seth Davis '92  
Jennifer Drew '92  
Bill Ek '67  
Larry Foreman '71  
Sharon Gladish Huntermark '75  
Joan Herron '70  
Julie Holland Them '66  
Peggy Kelly FAC  
Sue Ann Kramer Johnson '66  
Karen Lewis '76  
Craig Martin '84  
Laurie McLeod Jess '73  
Leo Rajendra '70  
Kolua Seiko Valdez '70  
Becky Stark Crawshaw '77  
Wenche Stokstad Wallgren '70  
Tom Whitcraft '80  
Gary Wright '69  
Ruth Cummins Richardson '67  
Bob Stewart '68



## PAR FOR SCIENCE LAUNCHES NEWSLETTER

Vince Bennett '67

We have started a newsletter! The PAR for Science Press is written for the family and friends of PAR for Science. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter via email, please contact Vince Bennett at [engtissueman@gmail.com](mailto:engtissueman@gmail.com).

And now for an update on our upcoming book: the contributions from all 22 authors have been received and we are finalizing the book and 'pitching' our project to literary agents.

In addition to Mr. Phil Reeves and 17 ISB alumni, we have contributions from:

Dr. Akira Endo: One of the greatest scientists of the 20th century, Dr. Endo is a biochemist whose work on fungi and cholesterol led to the development of the highly successful class of statin drugs. He was awarded the 22nd Japan Prize in 2006 and the Lasker Award in 2008.

Alan Dean Foster: Mr. Foster's works include hard science-fiction, fantasy, horror, detective, western, historical, and contemporary fiction. He has written non-fiction articles on film, science, and scuba diving, as well as having produced the novel versions of many films (Star Wars, the first three Alien films, Alien Nation, The Chronicles of Riddick, Star Trek, Terminator: Salvation, and both Transformers films).

Dr. Jeffry Camm: Dr. Camm, a qualified engineer, has completed many international projects to provide infrastructure in developing countries thereby improving the quality of life for the inhabitants. Dr. Camm has authored 13 Christian books.

Eva Raphael: Born in France, she moved to the US when she was 9. She graduated from Lycée Français La Pérouse, in San Francisco, in 2001. She majored in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California at Berkeley, and completed an MPH in Environmental Health Sciences in 2008. She works as a lab assistant in the laboratory of Professor Lee Riley. She is fluent in French, Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

### The 17 ISB alumni contributing:

Kwon Ping Ho '69: Executive Chairman of the publicly-listed Banyan Tree Holdings Ltd., and Chairman of family-owned Wah Chang International Corporation. His resorts have won more than 500 international awards in 15 years.

Tony Grady '73: USAF Academy graduate and an Experimental Test Pilot with more than 4,000 hours of flying time in 40 different aircraft. Currently he flies for FedEx. He founded Synerbotics, a medical nanotechnology company.

Ellen Maxon '71: PHD with an expertise in the field of plants, now working as a statistician.

Lee Riley '68: Professor of Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. His research focuses on tuberculosis and drug-resistant bacterial infections. He has published more than 180 journal articles and book chapters, and is the author of a textbook, Molecular Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases: Principles and Practices

Andy Bernay-Roman '68: Psychotherapist at the Hippocrates Health Institute in West Palm Beach. He is an RN, LMHC, NCC, and LMT. Andy's book, "Deep Feeling, Deep Healing", is published in several languages.

Paul Soderberg '67: Paul is a writer. His first book was a 1,072-page reference book not on snakes but on sports, The

Big Book of Halls of Fame (New York and London: R.R. Bowker, 1977); his latest book, with Lisa Wojna, was a guidebook for Canadian tourists, *Weird, Wacky and Wild Arizona Trivia* (Edmonton: Blue Bike Books, 2008). His Thailand novel, *The Elephant Queen*, was published in 2005.

Dee Woodhull '70: Consultant in occupational safety and health.

Mike Bennett '68: Entered the Air Force in 1973 and remained in the Active/Reserve forces for 22 years. He flew A-10's, F-111's and F-16's. He is currently employed as a pilot for Southwest Airlines.

Ann Ladd Ferencz '71: Artist for Westco Productions Healing Walls Project, painting murals for hospitals and nonprofit organizations. She also teaches Drawing and Painting at the Rye Art Center, and is a docent for The Neuberger Museum of Art.

Kim Pao Yu '67: During Kim's career he has been in both the nuclear power industry (nuclear engineer, project manager, senior consultant, manager) and the IT industry (program manager, general manager).

Corky Valenti '70: Spent his career in communications— technical writing, training design and development, marketing communications, and corporate communications—for software companies and other businesses.

Walteen Grady Truely '69: Coordinates undergraduate studies at Penn State University Wilkes Barre, and teaches education theory and policy and educational psychology.

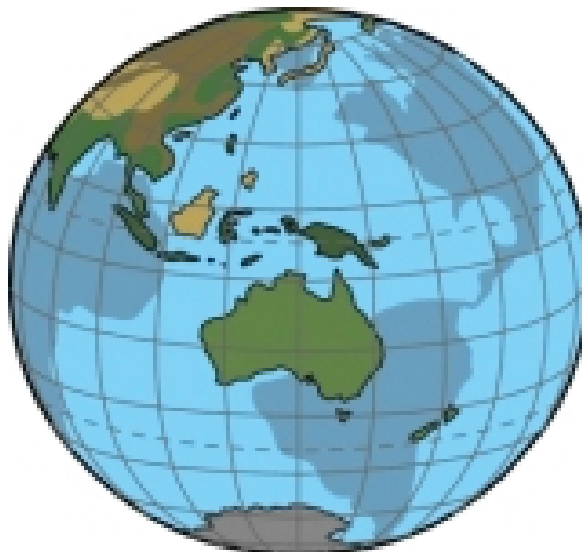
Susan Norlander '68: Susan has worked with non-profit organizations in the fields of Art and Education. Susan works alongside her husband, Joel McCarty, for the Timber Framers Guild, an international organization dedicated to the craft of timber framing.

J. Glenn Morris Jr '69: J. Glenn Morris, Jr., MD, MPH&TM, is Director of the Emerging Pathogens Institute (EPI) at the University of Florida, Gainesville, where he is also a Professor of Medicine specializing in Infectious Diseases.

Jameela (Cricket) Fluker Lanza '67: Programmer in the insurance industry.

Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67: Philanthropist and ISB Network President

Vince Bennett '67: Chemical Engineer in the Papermaking Industry.





## A Message From The River Kwae Riding Camp

Dear Friends around the world,

Our apologies to those of you who did not receive an e mail in October telling you that Verna passed away peacefully in her sleep on Oct. 8th at 10:30 p.m. at the River Kwae Family Camp. It was exactly six months after her 91st birthday. She had entered the hospital in Bkk. on Dec. 30, 2008 with an infection that caused sores on her legs. On the 10th she had a stroke which left her bedridden with her mind clear from time to time. I stayed with her the whole time. We left the hospital on Feb. 13, 2009. At home a nurse took care of her full time for almost eight months. And then she passed away, she was cremated at our Buddhist temple and her ashes will be taken to the Erawan Reservoir according to her wishes. She was an integral part of camp, it will be hard, in some cases, impossible to replace her. Her long illness had prepared me slowly for the inevitable. No more long discussions about world matters, no more help with the writing of my stories, no more just sharing the daily life with a close friend.

To catch you up with Camp News----Like mostly everywhere else we had unusually heavy rains from March to Oct. Trees and plants welcomed them, we had the most beautiful foliage, especially in the riding area where the trees are tall and close to each other forming a solid wall breaking the force of the frequent storms. Visitors exclaim with amazement at finding this green oasis so near to the city. The negative side of these heavy rains are the floods rushing down, bringing debris. Our atap (palm) roofs of the stables and other buildings suffered badly, we repaired them temporarily with sheets of plastic, more or less successfully. We plan to replace the traditional atap with tiles. The atap is so much cooler but now its not practical because the quality of atap is very poor, it is hard to find the labor to handle this kind of roofing. Camp attendance is low, partly due to the economy, partly by the compition from riding "schools" popping up like mushrooms in Bkk. The quality of many of them ??? Due to your repeated generous donations we manage to survive. Our appreciation and thanks to you.

We plan now to set up a camping site for school campers with up to three hundred children at a time for three nights. Schools are required to stage two to three camp sessions per year. We plan to build permanent bathing and toilet facilities, the sleeping and dining to use tents. Wish us good luck for this new enterprise. The funding will come from the sale of a plot of land to Seiko, a long time friend and Japanese camp supervisor.

During the past year we lost several of our four legged friends and faithful workers, mostly due to old age. Reducing the number to 26, we will have to look for some new younger ones.

As for the family, everyone is fortunately still living at camp. The eight grandchildren are growing up fast. Pear, age 20 is attending Rachaphat University here in Kanchanaburi. Punch, age 14 is in her second year in a special English program in middle school. Peck's twins, age 15 and the younger one, age 13 have outgrown our ponies and replaced them with motorbikes. Piet's son also prefers bikes. His daughter, Proud, age 15 is riding regularly leading groups and exercising our two big horses. Last but not least, Prap, age 7 is a computer wis.

Piet is the village elder, assisted by his wife, Sue, handling a mountain of jobs and problems. Plus computer related jobs and being your e mail man.

Peck is busy with his truck jobs and a devoted father to his boys. Nop, is kept busy being head of a local public health center.

All the remaining jobs fall on Puki's shoulders. Riding instructor, stable manager, camp coordinator, food and kitchen purchaser, handling all money affairs and bookkeeping with some assistance from a special long time riding friend, Meo. She is driver for all errands, grandmother to eight, e mail correspondent and still working with the autistic children twice a week.

Myself, I am trying to stay healthy with the help of numerous pills and check ups every three months at Paolo Hospital in Bkk. Trying to help out with the camp where ever I can. Despite failing eye site caused by a nerve condition I continue to write my stories using a unique system of writing with quite large letters which are then read by Valerie Philbrick, typed up and e mailed to Bridgette McDonald, the book coordinator. Sharing my one room apt. (to some it is known as the condo) with my 85% dalmation, Panda. For walking I need the support of a walker for short distances. Going to the camp grounds I depend on my buggy. My daily routine in the afternoon is to drive around the riding trails to give Panda exercise. In spite of my eyes I can follow the trails by observing the different shapes of the trees.

Do not expect Verna's prompt response to your communications but we will try our best to keep in touch.

Hoping this e mail finds you all in good health we wish you a wonderful and a successful year of tiger.

Lee, Puki and e mail man, Piet

Note from Sandy McCoskrie Blanchett: those that were involved with or interested in the Polo Club will have a formal get together on Saturday, August 28 in the afternoon at The Cavalier Hotel at our 2010 Reunion - details will follow.



## When It Rains, It Pours

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

The following was taken from a Facebook entry posted by Pat Whitten Bell '67. We think it deserves a larger audience of ISBers who can truly appreciate the significance of such an event. Pat deserves all the sympathy that we can send her, does she not?

Pat Whitten-Bell

Hubby's in the Dog House tonight!!! He took my Singha Golf Umbrella that I won at the last Reunion, and without my knowledge put it into the Garage Sale today and sold it for \$2.00. Guess who is more than upset with him!!! He might be out there for quite some time too!

Dale Williamson

Man, there is no crawfishing from a mistake like that! Throw him a blanket if it gets too cold.

James Whang

Oh oh

Sue Bridges

WHAT???!!! No! Anything Singha is not to be messed with!!

Steve Finrock

That qualifies as a sin.

Aimee Holmes Osuch

Carl! what are we gonna do with you?!

Debby Stinemetz Caulfield

That's a crime indeed.

Donna Hamilton Jacks

The BIG question though is WHY?

Judi Molthen Nelson

WHAT!!!! The rule in our house is if it's not yours, don't do anything with it.

Maureen Lockhart Salahshoor

and for only \$2. Hubby's got a LOT of making up to do. If there's any consolation, we ALL feel your pain.

Karen Berkow

no excuse

Karen Berkow

make him go get it back!

Pat Whitten-Bell

I can forgive him, however, he will be sitting out there for a while, I want him to feel the pain from everyone for what he has done!!!! He never, in 25 years of marriage, ever saw me this mad!!!

Maureen Lockhart Salahshoor

oh Pat, LOL I can just picture you.

Marlene Sandri Ashbaugh

outrage....i'm speechless

## Panther Gatherings

March 5-New York City

A fun night in NYC for alums from 1963 to 1995 some of whom are very new to the ISB Network, and others along for another great ride down memory lane together. Special THANKS to Manny Malbari '85 for coming through with all of the arrangements. Sadly the lighting was bad and no one thought to get any photos – so many in a small space would have looked like a small mob scene. Those in attendance were:

Rob Kneller '66, first timer

Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67

Hal Kennedy '68

Susan Kneller Cota '68, first timer

Becky Byers Quirsfeld '69

Linda Sparr '69

Ann Ladd Ferencz '71, first timer

Sandy McCoskrie Blanchett '72

Carla Clay '73, first timer

Alan Bigelow '85

Manny Malbari '85

Sophia Haeri '95, first timer

Susan Lytle Lipton '63, first timer

February 2010- Phoenix SSS Mini-Reunion

By Vince Bennett '67

In February 2010, I did something that I thought would never happen. I sat at a Denny's and had breakfast with my brother, Mike, and an old buddy from my Student Science Society (SSS) days at ISB, Paul "Snakeman" Soderberg. Back then, Paul was the penultimate young scientist and already a noted expert in herpetology. I remember following Paul on his reptile hunting excursions in the Thai countryside during our SSS field trips. I have to count going on a night excursion as one of the dumber things I ever agreed to. Paul stopped our little group and said there was a green pit viper. I was looking at the ground and could not see it. Finally Paul told me to look in the tree a few feet in front of me. Sure enough, the green TREE pit viper was hanging there waiting for me to walk into it.

Denny's was a much safer venue for our reunion. The main purpose of our visit was to work on our book project, "The Science Club", but we also caught up on the 43 years that have passed since we last saw each other. Despite the passing of so many years, I was surprised at how 'in sync' Paul and I were. To hear us talk you would have thought we had been in constant contact over those four decades. The reality is that my first contact with Paul was by email in 2009. Paul didn't grow up to be the 'Snakeman' that we all expected. He is an author with an impressive list of work including novels set in Afghanistan and Thailand ("The March of the Frozen Martyrs" and "The Elephant Queen"). I didn't grow up to be an Air Force fighter pilot and ended up working in the papermaking field for over 30 years. Flying jets is Mike's career; first A-10's, F-111's and F-16's and now as a Captain for Southwest Airlines. The separation of over four decades pales in comparison to the bond we developed from those two years in the SSS at ISB. It was good to spend time with my brother, Mike the pilot, and reconnect with my old friend, Paul the writer.

Mike Bennett '68 and Paul "Snakeman" Soderberg '67



### Salt Lake City Dinner

Seated L to R

Robin Cleland Holland '72, Rajanee Ochs Christiansen '77, Frank DeGering '77, Laurie Wilcox Jones '77, Dave DeGering '67

Standing L to R

Jim Poulton '68, Gary Wilcox '65 taught '67-68, Shirley Ochs Vickers '82, Trish Doering Blair '73, Marty Wanzeck Petty '70, Lynn Eggington McLean '70, Mike Roan '69, Jim DeGering '71, Marcie Eldredge Hill '68, John Bankhead '73, Michael King '73, Bruce DeGering '74, Brenda DeGering Bowen '78.



### Nashville Tennessee-January 22, 2010

First Meeting

This was the first time that the 4 of us have seen each other in 25 years

L to R – Dale Williamson '87, Bruce Williamson '84, Ben Sutton '84, Chip Champion '84



### Virginia Beach, Va. February, 2010

L to Right: Maile McCoskrie Lindley '67, Tom Snow, spouse, Peggy Allison Snow '67, Larry Doggett '66, Joyce Cates (spouse), Greg Cates '68, Marti Wasilewski Doggett '67, Todd Lockhart '75





# ISBN Community Scholarship Award Recipients

The ISBN Community Scholarship Award was presented to Pirapong (Pea) Jitngamplang and Yannaphol (Joe) Kaewbaidhoon on January 11 at the High School assembly at ISB. This award recognizes two Thai National students who are achieving academically and are also involved in local community service endeavors. The students selected donate their award money to an organization or activity that both appeals to them and that is recognized by ISB as an organization that supports members of the Thai community who are less privileged than they. The two students are selected for these awards by the High School faculty and administration on our behalf. The money to support this effort has mostly been raised by our “Free Room Night” raffle at our reunions and by individual donations, and we want you to know where your money is going. We have received the following from Pea regarding the distribution of her award money:

Hi All,

I would like to allocate my donation to a number of ISB Clubs/Organization. This allocation is as follows:

After the Wave Foundation - \$800

As I have been involved with this organization for a while, I have chosen After the Wave Foundation because it is looking for sponsorship money for underprivileged Thai students who aspire to pursue a university education. As I myself am going to university, I value greatly the importance of higher level education. I feel that education is the key to producing responsible and proactive citizens and therefore should be supported.

Operation Smile - \$200

The objective of Operation Smile is quietly apparent; it definitely works at changing the lives of underprivileged Thai children. Hopefully, the \$200 will help change a child’s life in an incredible way.

Make a Difference - \$200

Again, Make a Difference is another club that supports local Thai education. Hence, I am hoping that even for as little as \$200, I can help improve the education of local Thai youngster.

Baan Rachawadee Club - \$300

Baan Rachawadee is currently looking for some money to buy rehabilitation equipments for handicapped children. Therefore, I would like to allocate the last portion of my donation to support that cause. I feel with the new equipment, it will bring hope for the handicapped children to progress in their rehab.

Pirapong Jitngamplang Pea)  
Yannaphol (Joe) Kaewbaidhoon

ISBN Network Foundation Alumni Scholarship and Community Service Award 2010 Donation List

The following is the list of clubs that will be receiving the money that you have kindly given to me for donation. The order of the list does not necessarily correlate to my views on the priority of each objective, but more to the amount of funding that these clubs need. I have done much research and feel that the following distribution will benefit the community most. Please keep in mind that price level in Thailand is a lot lower than in the US (you can get a filling meal for 25 baht). Thus, even though the value may seem minimal in US dollars, it is a hearty contribution in Thai baht. Once again, thank you very much for the Scholarship. I look forward to becoming an ISB Alumni in the very near future!

Club Name
Cause
Amount Donated (\$)
Amount in THB (33 □ /1 \$)
Make a Difference
This club is divided into two sectors: education and development. In the Education sector, the club organizes weekly trips to Wat Koo School which serves children from lower income families, many of whom are migrant factory workers to teach English through fun-filled activities, prepare them for national standardized test, and for English competitions (one of the student the club member coached one first place at the provincial level against all other government schools). Dedicated club members attend the school even during the summer break and work on other projects which benefit the school such as improving the library, painting school walls, and planting trees in the school lawn. Scholarship is also given to outstanding students. The Development sector deals with development projects that are actually needed. This

sector is working a design of a simple hearing-aid device that is cheap and can possibly be donated. It also successfully modified and built a rope-pump for a poor village with no electricity so that they could use the groundwater. This club improves lives today, and paints the future.

395

13035.00

#### Raising Hope

This club works closely with local government offices in rural Thailand to determine the true need of the people and donate the things that they want such as school materials, funding, or day-to-day items that they lack. The club donated a library and helped make posters to increase local awareness of important issues. The club works closely with the established Educational for Development Foundation (EDF) to provide scholarship to students with potential but lacks funding. This club is a symbol of hope for many all over Thailand.

300

9900.00

#### Operation Smile

The club raises funds to donate to Operation Smile (International) which provide free medical care to young adults and children with facial deformities. For as little as \$240, we can help provide a cleft lip or cleft palate surgery. With this money, I will bring a smile to a child.

240

7920.00

#### Wishing Well Thai

In partnership with Chulalongkorn University, the club improves the quality of medical care in the hospitals and organizes activities for the hospitalized children. Money to the club will be donated to the chronically ill children and help fulfill their wishes. This club keeps the hearts of the sick healthy.

125

4125.00

#### Wishing Tree Club

The club which have been active for over ten years works with an institution to give backpacks filled with personalized toys, basic supplies, and school materials that the children who are in dire need for support and have very few possessions can only 'wish' for.

110

3630.00

#### Bangkok Cancer Support Club

This club promotes awareness about cancer (primarily breast cancer) and raises funds for the Bangkok Breast Cancer Support Group. This club will assist underprivileged Thais get the necessary medical care, including surgical procedures and mammograms. This club extends the valuable lives of countless one at a time.

110

3630.00

#### Tsunami Relief/After the Wave

This club is one of the few that continually show the 2004 Tsunami Victims that they truly care. The club supports children who lost their homes and families to the tsunami. They build friendships and continue the strong relationship between ISB and 35th Rajaprajanugroh School in Khao Lak. Trips are organized to and from the R-35 school and exchanges are held twice every year.

100

3300.00

#### Helping Paws

This club raises money to help improve the quality of life for the countless soi dogs all over Thailand. The quality of life of these dogs tends to have a direct correlation to the well-being of the community itself. The club has funded and run twenty-one clinics for the treatment and vaccination of dogs and cars. It works with Soi Dog Rescue organization which gives the club advice and guidance in all doggie matters.

50

1650.00

#### Phayathai Babies Home

The club members give individual attention and stimulation to one baby at each visit to the government-run orphanage for children from birth to five years old by holding, playing and feeding the babies.

25

825.00

#### Street Boys Home

The club visits the Street Boys Home which is a child welfare institution which provides temporary protective services for needy boys aged 7 to 18 who are orphaned, abandoned, and/or homeless and who remain at the home for no more than six months to organize a variety of fun and educational activities including arts and crafts, sports, and swimming to bring a smile to the street boys faces.

25

825.00

#### Baan Rachawadee

The club takes 12 children from the cerebral palsy wards at Baan Rachawadee home for the mentally handicap to ISB every week to draw or play with toys or for wheelchair rides around school.

20

660.00

TOTAL

1500

49500



## Operation Smile

AN ISBer Gives Back

By Christina Krause '92



My name is Christina Krause and I am the executive director for Operation Smile Thailand. I oversee this wonderful organization and am what you call a "full hands-on" person. So not only do I find ways to raise funds I also do all the nitty-gritty jobs as well such as packing medical supplies, buying anything and everything from sutures to rubber bands & flip flops at the wholesale "wet" markets of Bangkok. I attend missions and soothe crying babies and console worried moms. I am the "travel agent" for our overseas guests/potential doctors.

However I realize you cannot write all of that...but just say that I am Executive Director of Operation Smile Thailand which is a not-for-profit organization that provides free surgery for children born with facial deformities.

ISB has helped a lot this year and we always put up little news/articles on our website.... here are some links to look at:

<http://thailand.operationsmile.org/news/news/> - there are 2 stories here about ISB contributions this year

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PdVPwgnq2E> - this is what the middle school kids just did as well as this <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6t98mPkbmA&feature=related>

Thanks for all your patience, kindness, and support.

Christina



## Thai'ing up Loose Ends

Want to read about today's ISB? Go to <http://touchstone.isb.ac.th>

Be sure to read the <http://www.isbnetwork.com/bboard.php?options=expand> Bulletin Board on the website. It's full of "what's happening."

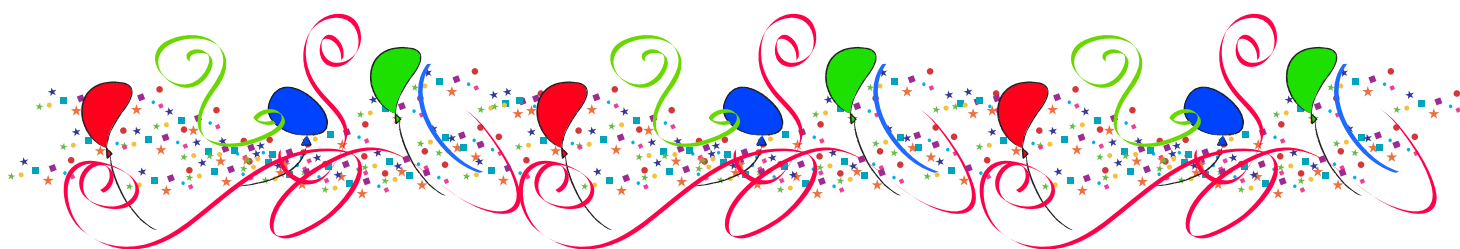
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This is your newsletter, and it can't exist without your input. Send stories, memories, current news—anything that would be of interest to the above email address. I'll help you with editing, etc.

When the time comes, [http://www.isbnetwork.com/membership\\_join.php](http://www.isbnetwork.com/membership_join.php) renew your membership in the ISB Network. You'll be glad you did.

Have you had a "Small World" experience, in which you've by chance run into an old ISB pal or found someone that went to ISB? I'd like to hear about it. It doesn't matter if it was yesterday or many years ago. Send [isbpeggy67@gmail.com](mailto:isbpeggy67@gmail.com) Peggy an email.

Check out the website for the latest [http://www.isbnetwork.com/hotel\\_pickup\\_2010.pdf](http://www.isbnetwork.com/hotel_pickup_2010.pdf) Who's Coming" to see an updated list of ISB'ers who have already made hotel reservations for the 2010 Virginia Beach Reunion. Then, if you haven't already done so, make YOUR reservations so you won't miss out on what promises to be the best reunion ever!



## In Closing...

Confetti and streamers to all the ISB'ers who have contributed to this newsletter. Remember, this is your newsletter, and it can't exist without your input. Send stories, memories, current news—anything that would be of interest to the above email address. I'll help you with editing, etc. Khop Khun mach ka.

Peggy