

# THE THAI THAT BINDS

ISB Network News

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## Gather Your Friends!

Mini ISB Reunions are held throughout the US and all over the world. Two people reconnecting...five, 10 or dozens can gather at any time! Some reunions are class reunions and sometimes they are 'We live in the Area' reunions. Nothing says you can't gather up old and new friends and plan your own! The ISBN Facebook page and newsletter is a great place to start planning and promoting!



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Tampa, FL, November 6, 2017

Seattle, WA September 7-10 2017

Louisville, KY May 19, 2018

Washington DC, April 14, 2018

# Important Reunion Update

**Online Registration Ends 6/30**  
**Have A Room You Will Not Use?**  
**Have a Room You'd Like to Share?**  
**Still Need a Room?**

Reunion registration is only available online until June 30th. After that the price goes up and you can only register in person, in Nashville.

The discounted room blocks for the hotel are all gone. Please contact David Wilkerson at director.reunions@isbnetwork.com regarding:

- A) If you have a reservation that you want to release please contact David, not the hotel, so it can be reassigned.
- B) If there is anyone who would be willing to share their room with a roommate let David know.
- C) If you want a room contact David so he can try to assign a room that is being given up.

## Sheraton City Music Hotel

**FREE with all reservations: wifi, waived resort fees, parking, airport transportation**

Reservation Phone: 888-627-7060.

Reunion block rates have expired for July 17-23, but you can still call the hotel for regular reservations. We encourage you to then contact David Wilkerson at director.reunions@isbnetwork.com to be placed on the list in case we have cancellations...and if we do have a cancellation you may be able to can receive a room at the Reunion rate.

## Registration Includes

- Friday night cocktail party
- Saturday BBQ lunch
- Saturday night banquet (dinner/dancing/entertainment)
- Sunday morning breakfast
- All incidentals: liability insurance, room rentals, name badges, gift bags, archival shipping

Note: You must login with your user name and password in order for the shopping cart to identify you as a member.

## Optional Thai Dinner

The optional Thursday night dinner is not included in the reunion fees. It is an additional \$40. if you choose to attend. \*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\* The first Thai Dinner is sold out but if you are interested in the second one, email director.reunions@isbnetwork.com for details. The \$40 includes dinner and transportation.



## Important Reunion Links

<http://isbnetwork.com/reunions/>

FAQ is in place at:

<http://isbnetwork.com/reunions/upcoming-reunion/reunion-faq/>

Over 320 people plan to attend so far!

<http://isbnetwork.com/reunions/upcoming-reunion/whos-coming/>

## Register by June 30 at this rate:

Registration Fee	Member	Non-Member
Alumni	\$170	\$180
Spouse/Guest	\$170	\$170
Children (12 and up)	\$145	\$145

## No online registrations after July 1... only walk-ins at the reunion:

Registration Fee	Member	Non-Member
Alumni	\$190	\$200
Spouse/Guest	\$190	\$190
Children (12 and up)	\$165	\$165

# Very Tentative Schedule of Reunion Events

...WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE...

## Wednesday July 18

10:00 AM: Setup Registration – Shack – Archival - Party Suites

## Thursday July 19

8:00 AM: Yoga w/ Yogi Master Kuhn Dawit Elder

8:00 AM: Possible Golf Outing TBD

10:00 AM: Continue with setup of the Registration, Shack/Archival, and Teen Club rooms.

2:00-4:30 PM: Early arrival registration

5:00 PM: Bus Call: Thai dinner participants assemble at the pre-con area to board buses.

5:30 PM: Depart for Thai Dinner via bus. Those who wish to stay at the hotel can do so as the Teen Club and ISBN party suite will be open for you.

6:00 PM: Assemble at the Thai restaurant for the 'Dutch Treat' Thai dinner.

9:00 PM: At hotel: Teen Club entertainment/jam session by former band members of Teen Club bands.

9:30 PM: Off site Thai dinner attendee's arrive back at the hotel

10:00 PM: "Dive in Movies" begin at TBA (A Day in the Life, Perspectives, all to be announced, stay tuned for updates.

1:00 AM: Teen Club closes

## Friday July 20

8:00 AM: Yoga w/ Yogi Master Kuhn Dawit Elder

8:00 AM: Possible Golf outing TBD

10:00 AM: Registration begins with Shack and Archival rooms open.

12:00 Noon: Opening of the House Games

2:00 PM: Early House Games TBD

5:30 PM: Registration closes

6:00 PM: Opening ceremony "Ice Breaker" w/ Cash Bar

6:30 PM: Opening remarks.

7:00 – 8:30 PM: Heavy **\*\*\*Hors d'oeuvres\*\*\***, FUN!!

9:00 PM: Teen Club Dance with TBA

9:30 PM: Dive in Movies TBD

1:00 AM: Teen Club closes



## Saturday July 20

8:00 AM: Yoga with Master Kuhn Dawit Elder

8:00 AM: Possible Golf outing TBD

10:00 AM: Shack-Archival, Teen Club open

11:30-1:00 PM: **\*\*\*Lunch\*\*\*** served TBD.

12:30 PM: House Games

4:00 PM: House Games conclude & Shack closes

5:30 PM: Assemble at the ballroom pre-con lobby to begin class pictures.

6:00-7:00 PM: Class pictures con't, w/ Cash Bar

7:00 PM: Grand Gala officially begins, remarks, awards, **\*\*\*Dinner\*\*\***.

8:30 PM: Dance Contest TBD

9:00 PM: The Consoulers

10:00 PM: Teen Club re-open TBD

1:00 AM: Gala concludes & Teen Club closes

## Sunday July 21

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM: **\*\*\*Breakfast\*\*\***

8:00 AM: Yoga w/ Yogi Master Kuhn Dawit Elder

9:00 AM: Shack, Archival, Teen Club open

12:00 Noon: Shack, Archival, Registration tear down and PIZZA PARTY supplied by David Wilkerson

*\*\*\* Indicates food provided as part of registration fee. All entertainment and the Dive in Movies*

# Meet Your Newest Board Member

Becky Byers Quirsfeld (BBQ) Class of '69

We lived in Hong Kong and Bangkok during the 1960s and were at ISB 1963-1969. My Dad worked for a company called The Institute of International Education and interviewed foreign students wanting to come to the US for college and do the Fulbright Scholarship.

I was very active at ISB, and my mother, Irene Byers, taught high school English at ISB while we were there

After leaving Thailand I went to college and worked for TWA for 18 years. I wanted to work for them because they flew to Asia but during training they dropped the Asian routes.

I left TWA when we moved to Hong Kong, then Singapore from 1991-2000. My husband worked for American Express and American Express Bank. Of my three sons, one of them graduated from the American Singapore School.



It was wonderful going back to Asia as an adult because I now know how great it was for our parents as it was for us as students. After returning from Asia we lived in Weston, Connecticut where I taught Pre K for 12 years. My husband and I retired and moved to Reno, NV which is a great place to live. My son Scott and his wife live in Mammoth Lakes, CA 2 1/2 hours away. My second son Mark lives in Vietnam with his wife they teach at the International School of Saigon and my third son lives in Connecticut with his daughter and her mother.

As the Director of Outreach, I hope to bring new connections to the ISB alumni. I welcome all ideas and help so please reach out to me!

## Your Board of Directors

### President

#### Director, Technology

Peppy Doggett, 1968

[director.technology@isbnetwork.com](mailto:director.technology@isbnetwork.com)

### Vice President

#### Director, Membership

Kathy Beard, 1976

[director.membership@isbnetwork.com](mailto:director.membership@isbnetwork.com)

### Secretary, Treasurer

Nicole Petschulat, 1983

[treasurer@isbnetwork.com](mailto:treasurer@isbnetwork.com)

### Director, Reunions

David Wilkerson, 1971

[director.reunions@isbnetwork.com](mailto:director.reunions@isbnetwork.com)

Director, Thailand – Open  
ISBN Ambassador to Thailand

### Director, Communications

Chris Hunt, 1981

[director.comms@isbnetwork.com](mailto:director.comms@isbnetwork.com)

### Director, Outreach

Becky Byers Quirsfeld, 1969

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Director, Development – Open  
Fundraising coordination with ISB

### Directors At Large (two positions)

General Advisors to the Board.

Both positions are open

### Keeper of the Archives (nonboard position)

JoAnna Ewing, 1969



## Directors At Large (2 openings)

The director-at-large is elected by the ISB Network Board and serves as a general representative of the full membership. The duties of the director-at-large shall be flexible and shall address specific needs identified by the board of directors. Ideas may include

- providing support for ongoing initiatives of the board; Writing articles for the Newsletter; Serving on special projects to support membership development; and providing pre-event and on-site support for local events and Network Reunions.

## Development / Fund Raising Director

Primary responsibility is to raise funds to support the ISB Network Cares Scholarship(s) Program. Other duties include

- working with ISB for the selection process and presentation of the scholarship(s); Sharing news about recipients via newsletter and website about recipients; Fundraising drives, raffle(s) at reunions; Recommendations for other scholarships

## Thailand Director / Ambassador to ISB

If you either live in Thailand or travel to Thailand extensively, you can serve as a direct link between the ISB Staff, Faculty, and Student Body and the ISB Network. Duties may include:

- Serves as the primary point of contact for the ISB Network BOD and ISB; Maintains a close working relationship with the ISB Director of Alumni affairs and ISB staff; Keeps the ISBN BOD informed of ongoing activities at ISB that the Network might want to participate in or contribute to in order to encourage knowledge of and membership in the Network.



## **REUNION HELP WANTED**

Volunteers are needed for the 2018 Nashville reunion. This is a great way to get to make new friends! If you would like to volunteer to help please email Marla Berkow, '73 at [marlastover@bellsouth.net](mailto:marlastover@bellsouth.net) and she will provide you with a questionnaire and information on the volunteer slots available. Thanks so much for helping make this reunion a success!!

## Secretary

The primary function of the Secretary include:

- Certify and keep at the principal office of the corporation the original, or a copy, of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date; See that all notices are duly given, be custodian of the records, and to duly executed documents of the corporation.

## Treasurer

Duties include record and book-keeping; Statutory Reporting

The Board of Directors of the ISB Network/ISB Network Foundation is looking for an Accountant to serve as Treasurer. In addition to having attended the International School of Bangkok and being a current member of the ISB Network Foundation, the Treasurer should hold a Bachelor's/Master's Degree in Accounting/Finance or have a CPA License.

Nicole Petschulat, our current Treasurer, will help you through the transition and answer any questions you may have about the position. Please feel free contact her via email at [treasurer@isbnetwork.com](mailto:treasurer@isbnetwork.com) for more information.

# Shopping for the Shack

**Adventures in Thailand result in the best merchandise**

**Peppy Doggett, Class of 1968**

I visited Thailand last October for several reasons, one of which was to assist my friend and colleague David Wilkerson as he Shopped for the Shack. David is a bundle of energy. Just keeping up with him as we cruised through Bangkok and Chiang Mai was a challenge. I had to really push my haggard body which now knows only two speeds -- slow and whoa. And since he had done this shopping trip a half dozen times already, he already knew exactly where he wanted to go and when and how to go there, while wasting no time.



He flew in a few days after I did. We shared a room at the Atlanta Hotel, a throwback establishment with an interesting history, and just bare bones amenities, perfect for the budget traveler hoping to relive earlier times and experiences in Thailand. The hotel is at the end of Sukhumvit Soi Two, about a fifteen minute walk to the Bangkok Transit System

(BTS) overhead light rail network, and not far from our old stomping grounds when we were students at the International School of Thailand. On a Saturday morning we headed out after a quick breakfast at the hotel.

Our first shopping outing was to the Chatuchak Weekend Market. The market was a buzzing hive of activity and already crowded when we got there, despite a light rain that fell on makeshift tarps and umbrellas, corrugated metal and plain cardboard protecting the wide variety of clothing and goods on display -- a boundless variety, bundled in countless booths, boutiques, shops, stalls, free standing garment racks, kiosks, cubicles and huts. Shopping activities were well under way, bargaining, haggling, closing, walking away. And why not try to get a better price from the vendor down the way, selling the exact same or similar items?

*The adventure continues...To enjoy the remainder of this article with a lot of additional photos from the shopping experiences in Bangkok and Chiang Mai, visit Peppy's [blog post](#), on his website.*

## Remembering Friends

Heidi Gage '84  
10/19/17

Denise Garadot '73  
3/20/18

Brian Burliegh '73  
4/8/18

Mary Pace '74  
4/14/18

Sally Kerr Plingsten '65  
4/20/18

Georgia Moore '71

Joy Aspinwall '65

Diane Papazian-Longem '76  
5/1/18

Hans Loudermilk '67  
5/15/2018

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# Missing Thailand?

John Cawelti, ISB Class of '69, [caweltjr@hotmail.com](mailto:caweltjr@hotmail.com)

Do you miss the old glory days when you actually lived in Thailand? Sadly, life won't allow us to go back in time and experience those days again. But don't despair! There is a virtual way that you can return to Thailand. Return to the rich culture of Southeast Asia, the chaos of the big city of Bangkok, the beautiful Thai people, the exotic rural regions of rice paddies and magical forests – all this, and so much more. How can I do this? you ask. Do you remember from your Thai language what the word 'lakorn' means? Lakorn is Thai for drama show! Nowadays, thanks to the wonder of streaming technology like YouTube and [www.dailymotion.com](http://www.dailymotion.com), you too can watch Thai lakorns!

Like most of you, I had to leave Thailand and come back to the U.S. in 1971. However, in 2005, a serendipitous e-mail from corporate arrived in my inbox. It was an incredible opportunity to go back and live in Bangkok again for 3 years, 2005 – 2008. I took that opportunity, and after that, I traveled back many times for my job. I was fascinated with the Thai language since my days at ISB (1969 – 1971), it's tones, the strange writing system, all of it. I went to Thai language school twice a week and tried to use the language as much as possible. I would also watch lakorns in the evening. But with no English sub-titles, the fine plot details were lost to me.

A few months ago, I started looking on-line and Googling Thai lakorns. I found lots of them WITH ENGLISH SUB-TITLES! That's what makes it so cool! Now you don't have to be into the Thai language like me to enjoy Thai lakorns. The great thing about watching them is that in your mind you are taken back to Thailand again. They pan out to show panoramic views of Bangkok as it is now (it's changed a whole lot since 1971, but the basics are still there). You're back with the Thai people and their culture, Buddhist philosophy, cause and effect, how to endure suffering, and other themes you will recognize as part of Thai culture. You're back in the countryside, the lush vegetation, waterfalls, and much, much more. And that's the point - these visuals and the stories will trigger memories that you have long since minimized onto the status bar of your mind.

And the bonus is that the stories are really quite interesting and complicated! They can be a bit campy, but overlooking that, the plots of the ones I have watched so far have been very compelling. Revenge, injustice, murder, crime – just some of the ingredients of the stories. But always with the morality of good vs. evil at play.

I'm just getting started watching lakorns. You need to install and turn on Ad Blocker on your browser to watch these Ad free. Here are my suggestions to get started:

**Luat dat Luat (Blood vs. Blood)** – a Thai mafia story with an incredible twist! Watch it at [www.dailymotion.com](http://www.dailymotion.com) or search for "Luerd Tud Luerd Eng Sub"

**Fai Lang Fai (Fire Washes Fire)** – a Thai femme fatale story with an incredible twist! Watch it here at [www.dailymotion.com](http://www.dailymotion.com) or search for 'fai lang fai eng sub'

**BuppeSaniVas (Love Destiny)** – this is the HUGE hit in Thailand right now and the BEST! An historic tale as a modern day young Thai history student enters the body of a royal lady living in Ayutthaya in the 1800's. The most beautiful and educational story I have ever seen. Watch it on [www.dailymotion.com](http://www.dailymotion.com)

Happy return to Thailand – I am sure you will really like it!



## ISBN Membership Benefits Include:

- Discounted reunion registration
- Discounts when you shop The Shack
- ISB Network Decal
- Access to the full alumni database
- Access to the full mentor database
- Access to event & reunion information
- Access to the alumni bulletin board
- Your own ISB Network email address
- Sponsorship of the "ISB Network
- Scholarship/Community Service Award"

Ready to join? Visit

<http://isbnetwork.com/become-a-member/>

For more information email Kathy Beard at [director.membership@isbnetwork.com](mailto:director.membership@isbnetwork.com)

Contributions are tax deductible



## Can't wait until the reunion to Shop the Shack?

Members receive 20% off of any item. To receive your discount code, or for any questions, contact [shack@isbnetwork.com](mailto:shack@isbnetwork.com)

- Polos, Tanks, t-shirts, Sweatshirts
- Elephant Pants
- Shawls
- Shorts
- Fisherman Pants
- Sarongs
- Yoga Pants
- Hats & Visors



**20%  
OFF**

And that's just the apparel!

Find hundreds of items such as Jewelry, bowls, bags, art, novelty items and imported items

<http://isbnetwork.com/the-shack/>