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Dear Alumni,

Becoming the president of the ISB Network has presented me with a learning curve, but I am honored by the work that our board, committees, and members do to ensure we can all stay connected through our experiences from our time at ISB. For me to do a good job as president, I rely on the expertise, advice, and suggestions from the Board of Directors and YOU, the alumni, the heart of this organization. I welcome your perspectives and look forward to building new relationships.

Our beloved school celebrated its 65th birthday in May at the Renaissance Bangkok Ratchaprasong Hotel, graduated its senior class, and awarded two scholarships that the ISB Foundation sponsors to worthy ISB students.

The passing of the King of Thailand saddened each of us as we reflected on our time in Thailand, our experiences, and the love we felt and continue to feel for the people of Thailand, our King, our Queen, and their family. Even if we were only in Thailand for a year, we feel a deep connection to its culture and a loyalty to our school, ISB.

It is that connection that lures us back together every other year to partake in the biennial reunion festivities. David Wilkerson, his reunion committee, and advisors have worked diligently to find the perfect place for our 2018 Reunion. Scouting locations, vetting venues, negotiating contracts, and yes...taking video footage of each location to share with the Board, the committee, and the advisors all attribute to our decision in selecting a reunion location.

What are the requirements for selecting a reunion venue:

- LOCATION...LOCATION...LOCATION! Many of our alumni extend their time at the reunion to include opportunities to sight see and enjoy the area's attractions.
- COST! Price is tantamount to choosing a location: Is the location easily accessible and affordable by plane? Is it accessible by car? Are we able to offer an affordable registration fee and hotel room rate?



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ISB Network Board of Directors

The volunteer Board has gone through a few changes in 2017. We encourage you to reach out to them at any time!

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OPINIONS! Have we been mindful of the wants and wishes of our ISB alumni who expressed their opinions in the survey that was circulated after the last reunion.

- POOL! We don't want a guppy pool. We want a pool large enough for us to relax, float, and play the ever-popular HOUSE GAMES.
- POOL AREA! Surrounding the pool, we want a large area to gather for conversations, laughter, and share stories.
- BARBECUE! Shout Out to our young ISBers, the 80s, 90s, etc... – they need space to barbecue and make their famous satay.
- MUSIC! Many of us remember hanging out at the teen club and we want to have an area that allows us to recreate that atmosphere and listen to our fellow ISBers perform.
- THE SHACK – our favorite mercantile in Thailand needs its own space to spread out so we can salivate over all the merchandise and make our purchases.
- THE ARCHIVES – Johanna Ewing magnificently displays the artifacts and treasures that have been donated to the ISB Network.
- BALLROOM – After all the fun of the Thai dinner and other opening events, we want to gather together on Saturday night to dine, table hop, celebrate the house game winner, and dance.

The Board is thrilled at the location that was chosen for our 2018 ISB Reunion. Congratulations to David Wilkerson and his team who have found a wonderful venue for our next reunion.

Hope to see all of you in July of 2018!

Kathie Boslet,

President



ISB Network Reunion July 17-22, 2018 Sheraton City Music Hotel Nashville, TN

It's a Thai Twang

**Hotel Reservations can now be made for the reunion.
Registration for the Reunion begins September 1!**

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

FREE with all reservations:

wifi, waived resort fees, parking, airport transportation

Reunion dates: July 19-21, 2018. Reunion block and rates good from July 17-23, 2018.

Phone: 888-627-7060

Mention Room Block: "ISB Network Reunion"

Online: [Room Reservations](#)

Rates: \$144.00/night single, double; \$154.00/night triple, \$164.00/night quad.

The FAQ is in place at: <http://isbnetwork.com/reunions/upcoming-reunion/reunion-faq/>

Got Design?

We're hosting a Logo Contest for our 2018 ISB Reunion. Submit your design ideas to David Wilkerson, director.reunions@isbnetwork.com

Theme:

ISB & BNA it's a Thai Twang!

Submit in one of the following formats:

- 1.Vector Art (preferable as it maintains integrity of the design).
- 2.JPEG or PNG file (integrity may be altered when the file is converted by a graphic artist).

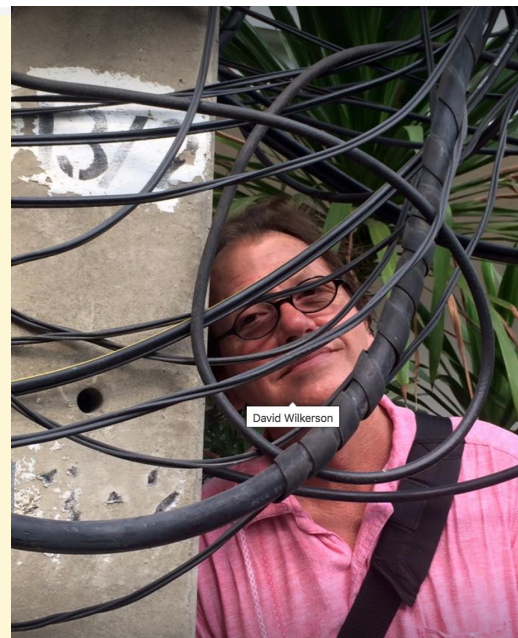
Other theme suggestions are welcome. If you need additional information, please contact David Wilkerson.





The Road to BNA 2018 It Takes a Village

David Wilkerson, Reunion Director



Over the years I have been asked why and how we choose a particular city and property for our reunions. I will admit the process has changed quite a bit over the 25 years that I have been involved with our reunions but this is an accounting of the road to BNA.

The Central Region:

As most of you know, we rotate East-Central-West for our reunions. We are on the central cycle for 2018.

We Hear You:

We read the posts on FB, your emails, messages, and yes, we pay attention to what you have to say at our reunions. After each reunion, the board, reunion committee and advisers discuss potential cities based on all of the above. We try to narrow it down to four or five potential sites but for 2018 we started with seven.

What were the seven?

Albuquerque, Austin, Nashville, New Orleans, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Chicago.

The Polling process:

We send out a poll via Constant Contact to both members of the ISB Network and non-member alumni who attended the previous reunion. For the 2018 poll close to 600 people were sent the reunion poll. We asked questions about the previous reunion, the amount you are willing to spend on a room and registration fees, what is important to you in a reunion location, and then list your order of preference for the 2018 reunion city.

Who Reviews the Poll Results?

The complete results of the poll are shared amongst the board members, the reunion committee, and the advisers, which totaled 27 people for this reunion cycle.

The Culling:

After we closed the poll we studied all of the data. In the case of the 2018 site, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Chicago received a sum total of 11% of the vote, so that quickly narrowed the search to Albuquerque, Austin, Nashville, and New Orleans.

The Grind:

Once we narrowed the search down, we contacted the four CVB's (Convention & Visitors Bureau) with a RFP (request for proposal) that also included a long list of our criteria. The information we send to the CVB and ultimately the hotels is based on a snapshot of our group needs/desires and dates.

We Are Still Listening:

Through the long process of weeding through RFP's from hotels, which often did not pay attention to our needs, we also listen to your suggestions. A classic example of this was the Daytona 2016 property. We were focused on several properties in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Florida for the 2016 reunion when one of you sent me a link suggesting the Hilton in Daytona. I contacted the Hilton for a RFP. They responded and were ultimately awarded our business. We did not have the Daytona Hilton, or Daytona for that matter, on our radar until one of you suggested it. Of course, we always get suggestions that are not always practical; for example, I want the reunion on the Mississippi Gulf Coast because I can come to that



one, or let's have the reunion where marijuana is legal, and other such nonsense!

The Dates:

We requested either mid-June, the last three weekends in July, or the first weekend in August with the last two weekends in July being our best-case scenario.

The Offers:

Austin: \$139.00

We ended up with four properties in Austin. One of these was way out of our price range. One dropped out a few days after offering. One would not offer except mid to late August, but The Georgetown Sheraton appeared to really want us and offered our preferred date range of the last three weekends in July. We loved the property and I felt it was the spot for us. Plus, all of our archives, AV equipment and the Shack merchandise are stored here in Austin, and of course, I live in the area as well. Logistically, this was a win-win, for us.

Nashville: \$154.00

Initially we had only one offer in Nashville, The Opryland Gaylord offered September at \$205.00 per night. Again, they just didn't read our criteria. I had worked shows at The Music City Sheraton and the mother of my children had hosted a family reunion there, so I spoke to the CVB and asked if the Music City Sheraton had been sent our RFP and they said yes. I then contacted them directly but was not impressed what I was hearing, so I set it aside and continued massaging the Georgetown Sheraton.

New Orleans \$119.00

New Orleans offered two properties, The Hotel Monteleone and The Crown Plaza Airport. I visited New Orleans for a convention and went to both properties. The Monteleone was a really old hotel and just would not work for our group. It would have been a great place to celebrate a wedding anniversary but not a reunion. I then took an Uber to the Crown Plaza and loved the sales manager but this hotel was a little tired, the pool area was small but doable, but the banquet

space could only seat a maximum of 425 with a stage. We have learned from history that we need to be able to comfortably seat 5-600, but we didn't toss them out and did negotiate with them.

Albuquerque: \$124.00

I contacted Kate Johnson as well as the CVB for Albuquerque. Kate loved the idea and suggested a great hotel and reminded me of a place I stayed some years ago while on tour with Restless Heart. I sent out RFP's directly to the hotels Kate suggested as well as through the CVB. We did not receive an offer from either property but did receive one offer from the MCM Elegante. The Elegante featured a small indoor pool and honestly the hotel was just not us.

Time To Load the Truck:

I have learned in my short time on this earth that at some point you have to load the truck and go do the show. I have also learned that sometimes you have to punt...

Tailspin:

With three offers in hand, Austin, Nashville and New Orleans, we started really focusing on Austin as it seemed they really wanted us BUT there were issues. The initial issue was, no possibility of pool hours being extended unless we occupied 200 rooms on the peak nights and then the pool hours would be extended for Friday and Saturday only. Our president Kate Boslet flew here and I took her to the Georgetown Sheraton. Valerie Vogt Sills and I had already visited the Georgetown Sheraton and we both loved it, but I needed someone outside of us locals to give their opinion. Kate loved it too but the distance to the Austin airport was just under an hour and the price was \$75.00 RT. We met with the hotel and then began brainstorming how to market the distance and expense and how we could offset the expense. We did extensive research with Southwest Airlines and found the flights from 48 markets were very reasonable. In fact we did the same research for Nashville, New Orleans and Albuquerque. Austin and Nashville were pretty much neck and neck, with New Orleans not too far behind but Albuquerque



was an expensive market. While meeting with the hotel, and quite by accident, it was discovered that there was a local blue law for Georgetown and alcohol could not be served after midnight Sunday-Friday and Saturday at 1:00am. This was deflating to say the least and sent me in to a tailspin. We left the meeting discouraged knowing that this property was out unless they could figure a way to wiggle around the blue law. Their F&B (food and beverage) minimum of \$66,000 was much higher than any of the other properties. This meant our reunion fee would be close to \$200.00.

Impasse:

I decided that we should reach back out to the Omni in Broomfield and see if they might want us back. They wanted us but were only able to offer \$179.00 in August, so that was pretty much out. I still planned to try to visit the Music City Sheraton but again, I just wasn't feeling the love and we seemed to be at an impasse at \$154.00 per night and early pool hours. Originally the room price was \$169.00, but after beating on them, it was lowered to \$154.00, but they still weren't budging on extended pool hours, or so it seemed. I called the MCS and gave them two dates I could come for a site visit. The sales manager offered one of those dates for a visit, she said she would be on vacation but assured me that her counterpart would do an excellent job.

Last Minute Offer From ABQ:

The day before I was to fly to Nashville a last minute offer came through from the Marriott Pyramid N. I got really excited because Peppy Doggett, Kate Boslet, Kate Johnson and myself had really wanted Albuquerque to work. I told the sales manager it was pretty late in the selection process, so she needed to come back with a great rate and F&B proposal ASAP. She responded with \$124 and a fairly high F&B minimum but eventually did lower the amount. I agreed to drive there the following weekend for a site visit. It then hit me that maybe Kate Johnson could do this on my behalf. I contacted her and she agreed and did an outstanding job with her presentation to us all.

Off to Guitar City:

I flew to Nashville Sunday morning and caught the free airport shuttle to The MCS. From the moment I stepped inside of the lobby I sensed that this was home. I was told the presidential suite would not be ready till later that afternoon, so I requested a standard room. The look on the face of the reservationist was priceless. I assured her I was fine with it and actually preferred a standard room, so I could get a better feel for the hotel. I spent the afternoon eating at the restaurant and quietly slipping around the entire property without any outside influences. The next morning I met with the sales staff and just loved them. We toured the entire complex and I met with a convention services manager, the sales and marketing director, and the banquet manager. After the tour we sat down and she began to ask all the right questions about our group and our needs. Finally the question was posed, what do we need to do to get your business? I knew I had found a possible chink in their armor, so I outlined several points that I felt might sway the decision. She listened intently and took lots of notes and asked if I would meet with her again before I departed for the airport and of course I agreed. She called me at 2:00pm and asked if I would meet her in the lobby and so I did. She had met with the upper management and arranged a room rate of \$144.00 and had gotten permission to extend the pool hours provided there were not too many complaints. I thanked her and left with a refreshed view of the MCS Nashville.

The Heroes:

Everyone who serves on the board, reunion committee, and advisory committee deserve to be recognized for their efforts. I appreciate each and every one of you. But to this point I have failed to mention several very important people who were key components in the process of finding the perfect spot for our reunion.

We are so blessed to have a hospitality industry professional in Teresa Martin, our F&B Queen. Teresa was with me every step of the way and assisted me as we tag teamed the sales managers and putting up with my OCD mania.



We are equally blessed in have an accounting professional in Nicole Petschulat who keeps us in check with her budget prowess and advice.

And finally, Kathlyne Boslet, who has able to talk me down from jumping on more than one occasion, and has always been there early morning and late, late nights to listen to me whine. There is usually wine involved too!!

Teresa, Nicole and Kate, you are the Heroes in my story.

Back To ABQ and AUS:

In my heart I still had hopes for Austin/Georgetown and a renewed excitement for the possibility of an Albuquerque reunion. Teresa began working directly with both AUS and ABQ trying to get the F&B minimum reduced. She was able to get ABQ to reduce but AUS stood firm. AUS did come back with a plan to wiggle around the blue law but it would be fairly complicated in the execution of the plan. We felt that it was time to present the four properties to the board, committee, and advisors and draw this to a close.

Too Much Information:

The 27 people (comprised of the BOD, reunion committee, and advisory panel) who would vote on the destination received videos and pictures of all the properties, as well as detailed Google Doc's of the four offers.

Nashville came out as the landslide victor with 23 votes.

The Contract - Not Without A Hitch

We began the contract process with the MCS that took several weeks. Teresa, Nicole, Kate Boslet, and I dissected it line by line and I marked it up in red early and often. This went back and forth for two weeks taking two steps forward and one step back each time. I was so frustrated at one point that I contacted the Daytona Hilton to see if they would take us back if I could get the board to agree to change the process. We had done

this once before when we skipped the central region and went from Williamsburg R2K to Phoenix 2002. The Hilton Daytona wanted us but could only offer late August.

We persevered and on the eleventh hour, they threw another major curve ball. Teresa stepped in once again and using her hospitality professional prowess was able to get the hotel to agree to allow me to strike the troubling language. I was driving to MS to sit with my aunt who was hospitalized but had sent the contract, my email password, and my signature to Kate Boslet via email, so she could edit on my behalf if necessary. I got the word from Teresa that I could strike the language and Kate edited, dropped my signature on it and emailed it from my account.

Fully Executed:

We received the signed contract back several hours later and the announcement was made.

It Takes a Village:

Thank you to all of the fine people below, who helped with the decision to land in Nashville 2018. When you see them at the reunion, please hug their necks!!

Teresa Martin
Kate Boslet
Peppy Doggett
David Elder
Marla Berkow-Stover
Amos Ewing
Valerie Vogt Sills
Kris Stahlman
Deb Twing-Thomson
Dale Williamson
Shay Chamberlin
Mimi Wetherington
Todd Lockhart

Nicole Petschulat
Don Nibblett
Kathy Beaird
Tim Lockhart
Chris Hunt
Shirley Kennedy
Kate Johnson
Kathy Stahlman
Bruce Williamson
Tony Diefert
Ben Sutton
Tony Grady
Cricket Fluker Lanza



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BOARD

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
- 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.
- Works with the BOD and ISB to place articles in publications of both organizations.



HELP WANTED

The ISB Network would like to make a variety of improvements to its website, www.isbnetwork.com. We are looking for a range of support services, to include new website hosting and a number of changes, improvements and further development of the existing website.

If you have website expertise and/or know of individuals or organizations that may be interested in working with the ISB Network, please contact Peppy Doggett (director.technology@isbnetwork.com)

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 to contact her via email at treasurer@isbnetwork.com for more information.

My Story—And Why I Attend Reunions

Chris Hunt, 1981, ISB 1974-76

I remember the day vividly in 1998 when my best friend from sixth grade found me via the ISB Network and shot me an email. I ran down the hall, excitedly yelling at my 9 year old daughter to come see the picture of the two of us in Pattaya that had been hanging on my wall for over 20 years.

Kelly Parker and I had kept in touch after we were state-side, but as life would have it, we lost contact soon after high school. Her email lit a fire under me to revisit, reminisce and reconnect with my former friends.

That same year I attended my first ISB Network reunion in Long Beach. Alas, Kelly could not come to that reunion. Living in Kansas at the time, I hopped a plane to Phoenix and my sister, Cindy Hunt Leach '80, and I drove to Cali. I had created a mix-tape of all our favorite songs from the time we were in Bangkok, and we jammed our way through the desert. Although neither of us attended high school in BKK, we had very special memories of the Bangsue campus.

That first reunion had very little representation from the 1980s. In fact, between my sister and my brother (Steve '83) who came for one afternoon/evening, there was only a handful of people from the 1980s. Dana Lucas, whom we remembered dearly (ha! everyone knew the Lucas family in the mid 1970's!) was there as well as her brother Roger.

In Phoenix 2002 we reconnected with Tony Ivanov, one of my best buddies while at ISB. He introduced us to Helen Tinson and Tony Diefert, (Tony D!!!) who attended ISB after we left Thailand. Since that time Tony D's family and my family have become great friends and we all live 10 minutes from each other. At the 2004 St. Petersburg reunion it was ISB vs. Hurricane Charley and where Kelly and I finally re-met face to face. What a whirlwind weekend. A group of us became drenched in the rain, running barefoot just outside the hotel. Ahhh...what a great story for another day

In 2008 it was a celebration again in San Diego with Kelly and Tony Ivanov and Donna Hawkins. In Denver, 2012 I got to know John Ferree, Long Hoang, John D'Ambrosia, and my swim team mate Julian McGowan and her brother Jack. Last year, 18 years after my first reunion, the 80's family had grown tremendously in Daytona. I reconnected with Bob Carson (still Bobby to me!) and Helene Ivanov while continuing to meet new friends.

Since my first reunion, I love the little side stories we hear about ISB 'just by chance' meetings. Like the one at Long Beach when a reunion-goer was in a coffee shop wearing her ISB shirt only to be seen by a classmate who had *no idea* there was a reunion a few blocks away and proceeded to join us for the rest of the weekend.

I'm sure you have a story like this as well. We all do. Mine was when I wore an ISB shirt to a church picnic and Valerie Ketterlinus, 1978, approached me and we struck up a conversation. Turns out she had attended ISB the same years we had, albeit she was in high school while I was in junior high. The next week she brought her Erawan to church. She had highlighted my sister and my photos. This indicated to her that she knew us. But here we were 30 years later and we didn't remember each other.

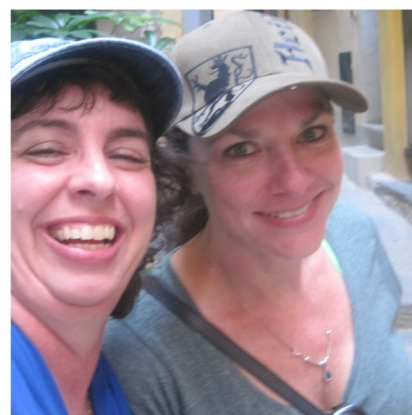
So...why do I attend reunions? To create more stories like this.

Why should you attend reunions? So you can have tales to share too!

Join us in July - I cannot wait to meet (or re-meet) you and we can have even more adventures!



1998 Long Beach, Cindy, me, Dana and Roger



Kelly and I, 2015



Missing your fellow ISBeings? Need a fix before the 2018 big reunion? Come to Seattle for great fun and camaraderie. Those of us who attended the mini reunion in September of 2015 had a blast. Ready to join us? Great! The mini reunion dates are Thursday, September 7th - Sunday, September 10th. Here's what you need to do:

Pay your Seattle Reunion Fees

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eea5dfiqfe62b94e&llr=feccsw9ab>

We want you to attend the full reunion, but have included a la Carte options for those who can't attend the full weekend. Please note that the Thursday Thai dinner is not included in this registration. We are collecting a head count for the restaurant and you will be charged at the restaurant. We order family style and split the tab at the end.

\$105 Full Reunion Fee includes Friday night hotel reception and Saturday Sunset Cruise

(do not select the a la Carte items if you select the full reunion.)

a la Carte (select one only if you cannot attend the full reunion listed above)

\$25 Hotel Reception - Friday night

\$80 Sunset Cruise - Saturday night, includes appetizers - no host bar

Rates will increase \$10 per item on August 1. Please register today for the best price!

Reserve Your Hotel Room

Toll-free at 800-456-4000, specify Bothell WA and reference the block name, ISB Reunion or online at www.countryinns.com/bothellwa, select arrival and departure dates, click on more search options, then type in the code ISB Reunion See rates below. Room Rates are per night and include breakfast each morning

- King - \$ 99 (one king bed) (\$169 reg rate)
- 2 Queens - \$119 (currently unavailable - wait list possible, but price subject to change due to limited availability) (\$179 reg rate)
- Exec King - \$119 (king bed/sleeper sofa in open floor plan) (\$190 reg rate)
- King Suite - \$129 (king bed in separate room, living room with sofa sleeper) (\$194 reg rate)

This preferred rate has been extended before and after our core dates to **Saturday, Sept 2 (Monday the 4th is Labor Day) through Tuesday, September 12.**

The Country Inn and Suites hotel is only 30 minutes from the airport east of Seattle in Bothell and it's just a short trip into Seattle to be tourists. Close by is Woodinville Wine Country, Microbreweries and Distilleries. Pen Thai, where we will have our Thai dinner, is 1 mile from the hotel.

If you have any questions

please call or text Maureen Lockhart Salahshoor '75
206.228.6204 or maureen.salahshoor@gmail.com



By Vince Bennett, on behalf of the ISB Class of 1967 Reunion Committee

I hadn't heard from classmate, Paul Bradburn, since I don't know when. I got an email from Paul asking a simple question: Is anyone planning a 50th reunion for our class (ISB 1967)? I replied I hadn't heard of one, but would find out. I was in contact with classmates I had met through the ISB Network reunions. Maile McCoskrie Busby, Peggy Allison Snow and Marti Wasilewski Doggett all agreed we should plan a reunion in 2017 somewhere in the US. We began searching for a good deal with easy access settling on the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel on October 20-22, 2017. Later we added Judi Molthen Nelson and Ginger Allison Shaw to help with the daunting task of finding our classmates. We had a good core of contact information for about a quarter of our classmates. We are still looking, but only have been able to locate about a third.

Our classmates included children of diplomats, government employees, business executives, military service members, missionaries and other occupations from around the world. Our high school years were turbulent times. Graduation night we learned the Six Day War had started. Many of us had parents in the military and another war, especially one involving an ally, was disconcerting to say the least. We were already living in the shadow of a war that was responsible for many of us being at ISB. It was a bittersweet night as we knew we were leaving friends we might never see again as we entered the next phase of our lives in an uncertain world.

Preparing for this reunion has been a mixture of joy, sadness and bemusement. We've had great joy in connecting with classmates and helping friends connect. We've felt sadness because some of our classmates have left this world and some we just cannot find. The latter is the result of our childhood. We were cast in the wind following our parents around the world. We had undying friendships that would never end, but letters got further and further apart until they stopped as we were absorbed with jobs, families, and real life. With the internet we have begun to reconnect.

We are not sure if bemusement is the perfect word. In a perfect world we'd zip an email off to

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Mrs. Saluja, our English teacher at ISB, and she would tell us, or more likely, direct us to a resource where we could figure it out ourselves. Now we have the internet. Yes, the internet can tell us infinitely more than Mrs. Saluja could ever tell us, but it doesn't believe in us or make us better people. She did that for so many of us as did many of our ISB teachers.

So why are we bemused? While we have so much in common experience, there are so many things that are individualized experiences. Some of us were playing sports. Some were in the Student Science Society or Scouts. Some of us were running dispatches on motorcycles for news agencies. We remember Frank Sinatra Jr, Bob Hope, Moe from the Three Stooges and other celebrities. We have much in common, but as the fine print says 'Your experience may vary'. Our experiences did vary, but we were all part of something that most people will never understand. This is the underlying reason we go to the ISB Network Reunions and the reason we will be in Atlanta for the Class of 1967 50th Reunion. We are going to celebrate. We are going to see friends we knew in our years at ISB. We are going to make new friends. We are going 'home' where everybody understands that part of our life.

If you belong to the ISB Class of 1967 and would like more information about the reunion, please contact the reunion committee at ISB1967reunion@gmail.com. We'd love to see you in Atlanta in October.

Vince Bennett

For the ISB Class of 1967 Reunion Committee



Good All Over - Update

Charity is Messy Business



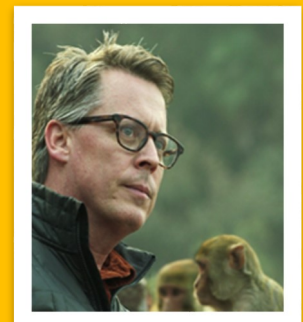
In our last issue we introduced you to former ISB students and best friends, Earl Bridges '83 and Craig Martin '84, who decided to combine their talents of storytelling and filmmaking which began in "this really cool place called ISB." Together they will share the stories of philanthropic people in remote locations who are often overlooked or forgotten in their efforts to improve living and health conditions in impoverished areas. Good All Over seeks to change that lack of notoriety through visual storytelling helping international charities with filmmaking and fund raising.

Update from Craig

Earl Bridges and I have been on the road pitching our episodic unscripted TV show Good All Over. So, far we have had meetings in California, Maryland, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia and are headed in a couple of weeks to New York City. In LA we got to have lunch with fellow ISBer Jeff Evans at NBC Universal. We also had a really cool meeting with William Morris Endeavor Entertainment because they are interested in the show. Our hope is to sell the show to a national network soon and so far we have had incredible response from industry insiders. Possible collaborations are in the works with other ISBers like Sandee Pyne and Patricia De Martini Williams. And, we have had a ton of support (including financial) from many, many ISB alum. Thanks to all of our classmates we are where we are with the show. Earl and I are back to our old friendship from ISB days and hopefully we will have a TV series to show for it. We joke that we talk all of the time just like when we both sat on the bench while playing varsity basketball for the ISB Panthers!



Craig Martin
ISB Class of 1984



Earl Bridges
ISB Class of 1983

Stay in touch with us and in the meantime, if you haven't seen it yet, **check out the show trailer:** <https://vimeo.com/221313199>

65th Anniversary of ISB, 1951-2017

A night of music and memories was celebrated at ISB's 65th Anniversary gala held in May 24 at the Renaissance Bangkok Ratchaprasong Hotel. Over 500 people attended, including alumni representation from 1980 to 2016 and an array of past and current staff and faculty members.

The most successful aspect of the event was the ISB History Exhibition, in which the ISB Network helped supply the array of photos and memorabilia. The exhibition was dedicated to Freda Williams, ISB's former Director of Activities.

You can see more photos of the celebration on the [ISB facebook page](#):

Video link of the event : [2 min VDO 65th Anniversary](#)



65th Anniversary of ISB, 1951-2017

On May 24th, the International School of Bangkok celebrated its 65th anniversary! The internationally recognized premier school was founded in 1951 by a set of innovative parents, despite the fact that there was only a mere 50 students attending the school. In the past, ISB would only allow United Nations and American diplomats apply for education, however it expanded as Thailand became more recognized. In the year 1960, ISB moved its campus from U.S.-owned grounds to Sukhumvit Soi 15 (where NIST is today), and was then relocated again to the current Pak Kret District.

Because of the growing population, a second campus was created on Viphavadi Rangsit road, but then closed in the mid-1970's due to American drawdown from Vietnam. It now consists of an Elementary, Middle, and High school merged with Thai styled complexes. The 25 million dollar campus, not only holds a total of 1824 students, but also has a wide range of facilities, that makes everyday life at ISB so enjoyable.

Here is a link to see the [school celebrating ISB's anniversary](#)

Matthew Poulin, Panther Nation, May 25, 2017



Remembering Friends



Mary Pace
Class of 1974
4/14/17

Mary Wischoff
Class of 1974
4/13/17

Danny Unger
Class of 1973
3/17/17

Larry Gennette
Class of 1970
2/19/17

Freda Britt Williams
Faculty
1968-70, 72-73, 84-2002
2/1/17

**Maureen Ann
McLaughlin Guignon**
Class of 1967
1/9/17

Karl David Ackerman
Class of 1973
10/24/16

Mr. George Schefdore
Faculty 1975-1998
5/16

Donna Dixon Moore
Class of 1967
8/5/17

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2017 Miss Thailand Universe



**Maria
Lynn
Ehren**

**Class
Of
2010**

Maria Lynn Ehren, Miss Universe Thailand, will represent Thailand at the November Miss Universe pageant in Las Vegas.

Maria, 25, is a model of Thai-Swedish descent. She graduated from ISB in 2010, received her bachelors in Management from Erasmus University, Rotterdam and obtained her Master Degree in International Business Commerce from Stockholm Business School.



Scholarship Given

The ISB Network Alumni Achievement Award consists of one or two \$1500 scholarships awarded each year to a deserving ISB student of Thai ancestry. The students are chosen by a committee of ISB Faculty. Award recipients donate the scholarship proceeds to their choice among several ISB-approved Thai charities.

Noppol (Jing) Wongsrinoppakul, who received the scholarship this year, donated his winnings to the ISB high school clubs:

\$700 - Street Boys
\$400 - Bann Rachawadee
\$400 - English Service Project

We Want Your Ideas!

Please submit story ideas for upcoming newsletters to:

director.comms@isbnetwork.com

Suggested topics

- ◇ Memorial tributes to faculty members and ISB students.
- ◇ Travel memories
- ◇ Reunion anecdotes
- ◇ ISB human interest stories

Please include photos!!



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YOU!

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YOU!

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The ISB Network is comprised of members who are devoted to serving the International School of Bangkok, its alumni and students, and the Kingdom of Thailand. We are dedicated to bringing ISB alumni together to maintain and support the unique relationships and experiences that tie us together and keep us connected to our time at ISB and in the beautiful Kingdom of Thailand.

Member Benefits Include:

- Access to the full Alumni database
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CLASS REPS

Alright my fellow ISB'ers – we have been sitting on our kiesters long enough, basking in the glow of our Daytona Reunion last year. It's time to start gearing up for the next bash in 2018. We really need to reach out to our classmates and start building up the enthusiasm, so that we can make the turnout next year a number we can be proud of. I know that a lot of the job is going to fall on the shoulders of the Class Representatives, and I would like to start off by thanking the following folks for bellying up to the bar and taking on this key role in our association:

Richard (Tony) Naldrett 1968

Bonnie Gelfuss 1968

Dave Elder 1969

Elizabeth (Liddy) Jane Rodiman 1971

Greg Ray 1971

Mimi Wetherington 1973

Farrukh Ali 1974

Susan Mulholland 1974

Maureen Salahshoor 1975

Todd Lockhart 1977

Karen Fitzgerald Dunning 1978

John Rosenberg 1981

Denise Moonan 1996

However, as you can see we have a lot of gaps in the list of years, and we really need some help. It would be great if more of our members could stand up and be a part of the team. But even if you don't want to be a Class Rep, you can help just by reaching out to your former classmates and reminding them of the benefits of staying active in the great organization that is the ISB Network. The more we reach out to those that we are in contact with, the more we can push for a great time next year. So what do you say? Do I have any takers out there? Even if you just email one former classmate a week, and encourage them to do the same, it will make a difference. Who knows – it could even lead to a mini-reunion in one of your local Thai restaurants where good food and comradery will remind you of the great times back at ISB. And you can always pass them my email (director.outreach@isbnetwork.com or dbnibblett@gmail.com) and I will give them the soft sale on joining the ISB Network team. In any case, every connection with an old classmate will be a small reward.

Thanks and hope to hear from all of you!

Don Nibblett

ISB Class of 1970



BECOME A MEMBER

New membership always seems to wane when we're between reunions. This is a good time to join or re-new lapsed memberships. Remember, your membership and contributions are tax deductible. This is just one of the perks of membership. Members receive discounts in The Shack and for reunion registration. We are always coming up with new benefits for members of the ISB Network.



And one of those new benefits of membership is this great looking decal! The decal is available to members only and is free with your membership. Network members who attended the Daytona reunion received theirs at registration. If you were unable to attend the reunion and would like to have your very own ISBN decal please email Kathy at director.membership@isbnetwork.com Make sure to include your name and current mailing address.

Please sign into the web site and check the status of your membership. Once you're logged in click on My Account. In the upper right hand corner you will find a statement regarding the current status of your membership. Need help signing in? Email Kathy at director.membership@isbnetwork.com for user name or password information.

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas to help us increase membership in the ISB Network your assistance is greatly appreciated!



Kathy Beaird, Queen of Membership!

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