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Kathy Beaird Letter from our President



Sawadee ka, ISB friends! I hope everyone had a good summer. It's hard to believe we are less than a year away from gathering once again in DAB. Just a few weeks ago several of us met in Daytona to do a walk-through and finalize some of the plans with members of the Hilton staff. It was a very productive trip and we all left there feeling excited about our return to the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort.

I encourage everyone reading this to go to www.isbnetwork.com and register for the reunion. Under the REUNIONS tab, you will find links to everything you need to know. And while you're there, make sure to check your membership status. Membership does have its perks which include a discount on reunion registration and shopping in The Shack. There might even be a special surprise for members only once you get to the reunion!

Check out the <u>Who's Coming</u> list. Don't see the names of friends or family members? Reach out and invite them to come! Just think how awesome it would be if everyone contacted just one person and got them to attend the reunion. So many ISBers haven't been back in years ... even decades. Let's work on getting some of those schoolmates back to a reunion. Your membership in the ISB Network gives you access to the Alumni Directory. You might just find a name or two on there of people you'd love to see again. Most all the entries have phone numbers and email addresses. But you must be a member to access this ... another benefit of being a member of the ISBN!

Continue to watch for email blasts and newsletters coming your way. They are always filled with up-to-date reunion information. I can't wait to see you in DAB next August!

Until next time, Kathy Beaird ISB Network President

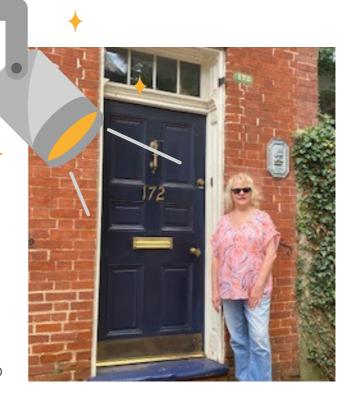




Spotlight On Our Director of Reunions, Teresa Martin

Sawadee ka to you all, my dear ISB friends,

As you are most likely aware, our dear David Wilkerson (DAW) has stepped away from organizing and heading up our reunions and I have been asked to assist your Board with the upcoming Daytona gathering. Who are you, you ask and what experience do you have that qualifies you to perform this daunting task? Well, here is a little about me –I promise to be somewhat brief and to the point, although I rarely am.



I was born on the island of Saipan (year purposefully ignored but I am celebrating my 50th high school graduation at our All Class Reunion in Daytona next August!) to a family consisting of my dad, mom, and two brothers. From Saipan, we moved to Arlington, VA, for a couple of years before moving in 1960 to our next adventure, Ankara, Turkey. There we discovered and experienced so many of the mysteries of that fascinating area of the world for five years, and it was most likely the start of my love of travel and experiencing and living among new cultures and wonderful people.

After Turkey we returned to Virginia in 1965, settling in McLean. We were only there a couple of years before Dad was assigned to the Royal Thai Air Force Base in Takhli (yes, had to be shown where THAT was on a map) and off he went, leaving us behind so one of my brothers could finish high school, the other having already graduated the year prior. As was so often the case with many of us, Mom was left behind to pack everything up including the shipping of our beautiful 1958 Cadillac. To this day I am in awe of her navigating that beast through the streets of Bangkok. What an exotic land full of beautiful people, flowers, temples, exotic food and fruit, and many, many memories; the memories that created a lifetime and lifeline of friendships that we all so dearly cherish and gather every two years to celebrate.

In 1969, Rome, Italy became our next destination, and let me tell you, being 13 to 15 years old in that fantastic country full of fascinating antiquities, pizza, pasta, and passionate people, was wonderful indeed. I still carry a strong connection to anything Italian, especially Spaghetti Carbonara. Stories from my adventures there will be saved for another time.

Back to McLean in 1971 to the house that was home base until 2003 when my parents moved to St. George, UT, where I graduated from Langley High School. Dad received his last assignment to Vientiane, Laos in 1972, and Mom, once again, packed everything up and joined him in 1973 after I graduated.

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Meet Our Director of Reunions, Teresa Martin, continued

I was able to spend five months there the following year. The highlight was Dad treated me to flying lessons with an Air America pilot and during one flight we flew along the Mekong and were fired upon by snipers. It's a good story. I left having had the joy of reconnecting with a number of my Bangkok friends and a fascination with a country that will last a lifetime.

I'm going to fast forward a couple of decades so as not to get bogged down (and bore you with the rest of my life's journey) and take you to my background as an event planner/catering director. While working for an investment banking company in DC, I had the opportunity to work on an event at one of the original Ritz-Carlton's and I was immediately hooked.



Teresa Martin, 8th grade

I was exposed to the daily yet different comings and goings of travelers there for many reasons and had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people. I worked for the General Manager and then ran the Club-level area.

The Ritz-Carlton led to a stint running a bed and breakfast in Annapolis, MD, for an investment banking company and for one of the principals who won it in a card game. Then on to the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner where I grew my career in the hospitality industry, specifically event planning. The opportunity to create and be a part of something that brings immediate joy and awe is deeply satisfying. I left Washington in 2002 to become the Assistant Director of Catering at the Hilton Americas Houston (didn't last there very long), then to Maui as the Director of Weddings at the Grand Wailea, and then to the San Fran peninsula as the Director of Catering at Sofitel.

I had in the back of my mind the idea to return to the Phoenix, Arizona area where I had attended and graduated from Arizona State (my fifth college during the previously referenced decades between Laos and Washington, DC, and my ongoing search to figure out where I belong). While in CA I had the opportunity to move back to work at a wonderful golf and country club in Scottsdale, Silverleaf, and returned to the area in 2011 where I now live. I am now the Director of Catering at the Musical Instrument Museum – the number one place to visit when here in Phoenix, a must-see and experience if ever you find yourself in town. I'd love to share it with you.

What I want you all to know is that I carry in my heart a deep love of Thailand and cherish the friendships and love for all of you whom I hold most dear. Our reunions are a vital part of my life that I cannot imagine being without. The sense of belonging and the joy when we reconnect grounds me for another two years when we get to gather together all over again. I am excited and anxious for the many hugs that await us all in a quick 10 months!

SURFING OUR "WAI" BACK TO

DAYTONA BEACH

Hilton Dayton Beach Resort/ Ocean Walk Village August 4 - 6, 2023

2023 ISB Reunion Registration Update

Registration is open on the ISB Network. For all of the latest updates on the 2023 Reunion visit the Reunions page on the ISB Network.

- ISBNetwork.com
- Click Reunions.
- Sign Up For Current Reunion

To pay and register online - register via the website and process your credit card payment through PayPal.

Membership has its perks. All members receive a registration fee discount. Please make sure you are signed in to the site to receive your discount.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Reunion dates are 8/4 – 8/6 2023. The room block is good from 7/29 – 8/8/2023. So come early and stay late.

We have a special room price of \$138.00 + tax.

You must use our <u>Hilton Reservation Link</u> for the special pricing

REUNION FEES

The current **early-bird reunion rates** are as follows:

Sustaining Member: \$200.00 Member: \$210.00 Non-Member: \$260.00

Take advantage of the current registration rates which are effective until December 31, 2022.

REGISTER NOW!









Remember! ALL OF THESE CLASSES ARE CELEBRATING

Class of 1963 - 60th

Class of 1973 - 50th

Class of 1983 - 40th

Class of 1993 - 30th

Class of 2003 - 20th

Class of 2013 - 10th



Hotel Reservations ARE NOW Available!

At the time of your reservation, you will be charged a deposit of one night's stay. Handicapped rooms are available. Please make sure you select "accessible rooms." Room Rate = \$138.00 ++ (sales and occupancy taxes)

Follow this link:

Hilton Hotel Reservations

2023 Thai Dinner

The Thursday night Thai dinner option will be offered to attendees in the order they registered. At this time we expect to be able to seat 125 people. We will announce the dinner and pricing at a later date and will privately email the first 125 who are registered. After the first 125 are given the opportunity to sign up for the Thai dinner, we will email the list in order until it is sold out. Another reason to register early!

In celebration of our 50th reunion, the Class of 1973 announces its "mini-reunion" in conjunction with the ISB All CLASSES Reunion.

OF BANGKOK



YEAR 2023

REUNION

08.02.23 - 08.06.23

HILTON DAYTONA BEACH DAYTONA BEACH, FL

Mark Your Calendar!!

1973 Mini-Class Reunion
begins
Wednesday,
August 2, 2023

All Classes Reunion begins Friday, August 4, 2023

*When making hotel reservations, plan to arrive by Wednesday, August 2nd



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND @ 6PM

WE WILL CONGREGATE AT
JOE'S CRAB SHACK ON THE
DAYTONA BEACH PIER FOR
APPETIZERS, A BUFFET,
AND LIBATIONS



THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD

THE ISB ALL-CLASSES REUNION WILL HOST A THAI DINNER, AND THEN,
THE CLASS OF 1973 CABANA PARTY
SUITE WILL OPEN AT THE HILTON
DAYTONA BEACH RESORT!

Class of 1973

Please note: The Class of '73 Mini-Reunion will have a registration fee separate from the All-Classes Reunion registration fee. The registration fee for the Class of '73 will cover dinner on Wednesday, party suite expenses, and a special Class of '73 gift. We will advertise the separate fee in the near future. An A La Carte option will also be available for those who cannot attend the dinner on Wednesday.



Register for the ISB All-Classes Reunion and Book Your Hotel Room Now!

Reunion rates will be increased soon! Check out all of the reunion details on how to register on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter!



Have questions? We are sending out updates via email and our Facebook Group, <u>ISB Class of 1973</u>. You can also email Kathie Boslet (<u>kjboslet@aol.com</u>) or Mimi Drake Wetherington (<u>mimiweth@bellsouth.net</u>) if you need more information.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Trish Carson Ethier**, Class of 1976, whose idea for the logo has been chosen for our 2023 Reunion in Daytona Beach, Florida. She will receive one complimentary night at the Daytona Beach Hilton Resort.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the contest and submitted designs!

Hurricane Update

Hurricane Ian thundered across Florida entering from the SW portion of the state and exiting over the Atlantic Ocean. The hurricane caused storm surges, wind damage, and massive flooding.

Our Director of Reunions, Teresa Martin, has been in contact with the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort and has been reassured that no major damage was sustained by the hotel itself.

The pier, which is a popular place for tourists to visit and the home of Joe's Crab Shack, did undergo damage but plans to repair and rebuild the affected sections are already underway. The restaurant, Joe's Crab Shack, was not damaged during the storm.





Membership Update



We greatly appreciate all those keeping up with their membership and all the new members who have joined. If you are not currently a member or have let your membership lapse, please give serious consideration to joining or renewing. Currently, the dues are \$60.00 for a TWO-year membership and are tax-deductible. On January 1, 2021, we increased the dues (for the first time in 18 years) to \$60.00 for a two-year membership. Your membership dues will help us continue to provide and increase, two different types of scholarships for ISB students.

More information can be found on the ISB Network website (ISBNetwork.com). In addition, members receive "perks," such as a lower reunion registration fee, access to all newsletters, discounts to shop at the Shack, and special reunion surprises only offered to members.



Sustaining Members



Sustaining Members

Become a Sustaining Member by paying 10 years of membership upfront (\$300). Special benefits include a 15% discount when shopping The Shack at reunions, special recognition on the ISB Network website, discounted reunion fees, and special recognition at the Reunion.

Thank you to everyone who has currently committed to being a sustaining member

Pamela Alexander - Class of 1974

David Bartelt - Class of 1982

Kathy Beaird - Class of 1976

Vincent Bennett - Class of 1967

Miriam Blanford Davis - Class of 1975

Kathlyne Boslet - Class of 1973

Lorraine V Brilliant - Class of 1972

Devin Brougham - Class of 1973

Maile Busby McCoskrie - Class of 1967

Michael Bunting - Class of 1974

Suzanne Cano Meeker - Class of 1984

Trish Carson Ethier - Class of 1976

Carol Ann Cole - Class of 1972

Robert Cox - Class of 1972

Miss Jillian Crocker - Class of 1967

Glenn Cushman - Class of 1972

Dennis Daly - Class of 1977

Melissa Dawes Snow - Class of 1966

Maryann "Mimi" Drake Wetherington

- Class of 1973

Donald Drew - Class of 1975

David Elder - Class of 1969

Timothy Eldredge - Class of 1972

Margaret Finn Frame - Class of 1976

Steve Flint - Class of 1975

Bonnie Geilfuss Naldrett - Class of 1968

Sidney Gerson - Class of 1972

Sharon Gladish Huntermark - Class of 1975

Gregory Greely - Class of 1974

Sherri Haase - Class of 1981

Paul Heidemann - Class of 1973

Christine Hunt - Class of 1981

Cynthia Hunt Leach - Class of 1980

Leon Kalbfleisch - Class of 1975

Deborah Lloyd Fetterman - Class of 1974

Sheila Flynn - Class of 1978

Jodi McGaughey Evans - Class of 1967

Todd Lockhart - Class of 1977

Libby Maynard - Class of 1966

Sandra McCoskrie Blanchette - Class of 1972

Paula Morehouse McAdow - Class of 1968

Richard Naldrett - Class of 1968

Donald Nibblett - Class of 1970

David Norton - Class of 1973

Linda Paradise Lyles - Class of 1971

Werner Pflaum - Class of 1978

Robert Richey - Class of 1963

Susan Rivers Benoit - Class of 1985

Rhonda Robertson Ish - Class of 1986

Terry Rogers Bishop - Class of 1972

Sara Stelling Maliva - Class of 1976

Santpal Sinchawla - Class of 1978

Craig Slifer - Class of 1991

Barbara Stilwell Snook - Class of 1969

Maureen Sullivan Romagnoli - Class of 1968

Helen Tinson DuTeau - Class of 1985

Dawn Twing Van Allen - Class of 1971

Kevan Urguhart - Class of 1975

Rao Vedurumudi - Class of 1975

Valerie Vogt Sills - Class of 1977

Denise Von Bargen Kinghorn - Class of 1972

Barbara Voorhees - Class of 1971

William Wadleigh - Class of 1986

Cynthia Watson - Class of 1974

Marilyn Weed - Class of 1969

Patricia Whitten Bell - Class of 1967

David Wilkerson - Class of 1971

Esther Williams Kalbfleisch - Class of 1975

Tal Wingate - Class of 1970

B.Y.O.F. (BRING YOUR OWN FRIEND)



ISBERS. THE REUNION IS 10 MONTHS AWAY AND WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP AND MEET THIS CHALLENGE! FIND ISB FRIENDS AND **BRING THEM TO THE REUNION!** MAKE A LIST AND START THE SEARCH!

SEARCH ALL OVER!

SOCIAL MEDIA



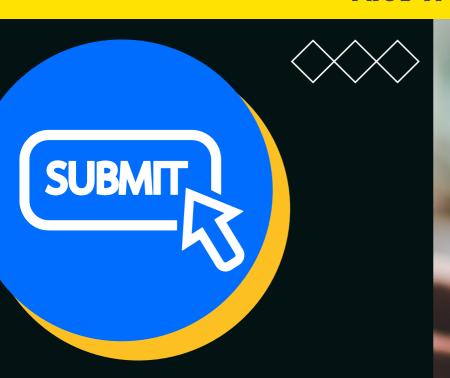




- GOOGLE
- SEARCH THE ISB NETWORK DATABASE
- PEOPLE FINDER
 - YEARBOOKS
 - ETC

Let's make this the largest reunion ever!





WE NEED YOUR STORIES!

We are looking for stories and photos for our newsletters. Here are a few ideas:

- Experiences in Thailand
- Activities in Thailand
- How you felt about living in a foreign country with so many cultural differences
- How you felt about leaving Thailand
- Stories about friendships made in Thailand and through ISB
- Reunion experiences
- and anything else!

Submit content to director.comms@isbnetwork.com



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A MEMORIAL SITE FOR FACULTY, STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO WORKED AT OR ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BANGKOK THAILAND

In November of 2001 this site was conceived and created by David Wilkerson ISB Class of 1971 after his classmate Michael Daly suddenly passed away. David's vision is to memorialize faculty, staff and students of the International School of Bangkok Thailand who have departed this earth.

To access the site, please use this address: https://isbeings.org/

Memorial Posts on https://isbeings.org/ are listed in varying ways

Alphabetical by last name Faculty and Staff

- Class Years
- Class Years Unknown
- Year of Departure
- Year of Departure Unknown





If you have information about an ISB alumni and/or faculty/staff member who has passed, please contact David Wilkerson at isbeings@gmail.com. He will add the information to the site and the Facebook page. If any of the information currently listed on the site is incomplete, please contact David Wilkerson so he can

update the site.





Search for ISBEINGS on Facebook. Submit a friend request to join this private group page.



There are ongoing fees required to maintain the ISBeings website. If you would like to contribute to the preservation of the site, you can donate to help David with the fees by clicking here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/...



SHACK NEWS

DEAR NETWORK MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

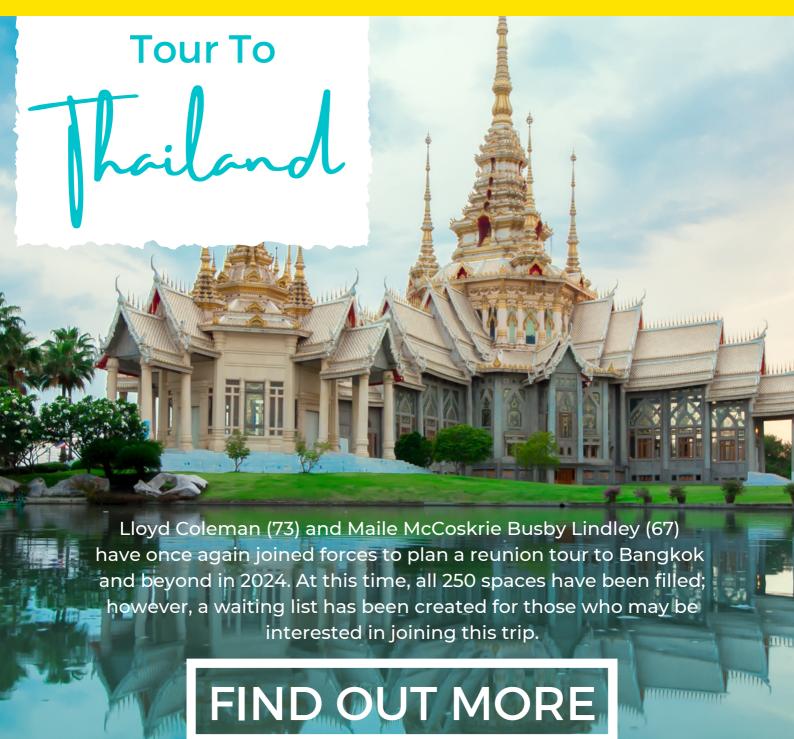
Sorry We are CLOSED

Until further notice

The Shack <u>online store</u> is currently closed. You will not be able to make online orders until further notice.

The Shack items will be available at our next reunion in Daytona Beach, 2023.

We hope that you will "Shop the Shack" in Daytona.



Visit Facebook: <u>"ISB 2024 Reunion Tour"</u> to access an updated list of attendees. If you are interested in joining the waiting list for the trip, please email <u>Lloyd and Maile at BangkokReunion2@gma</u>llows with the following:

1) Name at ISB

2) Year you graduated from HS anywhere in the world

3) Cell phone number

4) Physical address

Please note:

This is <u>NOT</u> an ISB Network sponsored reunion and <u>DOES NOT</u> REPLACE THE ISB NETWORK REUNION 2023 IN DAYTONA BEACH. For details and to sign up for the Daytona Beach Reunion, please visit https://isbnetwork.com/reunion and sign up!

While you are visiting the ISBNetwork site, please UPDATE your PROFILE. If you are not a member of the ISBNetwork, please consider joining.