

2025 ISB SPRING NEWSLETTER



**This edition contains reunion
information and many other
informative articles!**



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Letter from our President



Sawadee ka ISB friends,

It's a very cold morning in Houston and I am so ready for some of that Scottsdale dry heat! After making a site visit to [The Scott Resort and Spa](#) I can honestly say that Teresa has found the loveliest resort for our reunion. The tropical Havana vibe is welcoming, and the lobby area is a great place to gather when you want to hang out with friends. The areas surrounding the pools are vast with plenty of spaces to find some shade when you want to get out of the sun.

Michele and I had a great trip to the Phoenix/Scottsdale area. There's so much to do. Those who know me know how much I enjoy music. My favorite place when we visited was the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) where Teresa works. I could have used another full day there. Make sure to come early or stay after the reunion to have plenty of time to play tourist and add the MIM to your list!

Please encourage your friends and family members to meet you in Scottsdale for the ISB reunion. It's always a great time and there's nothing better than hanging out together and talking about old times.

On a personal note, I wanted to let y'all know that I have been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have a mastectomy and start the reconstruction process on March 13th. I know I'm not the only ISBer to have faced this, and others have faced far worse, but it still scares the hell out of me. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers. And while you're at it, please continue to hold close Lisa Greeley-Caragher and her family and any other of our ISB family members who have been affected by the fires in the LA area.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Scottsdale this summer!

Sawadee ka!

Kathy

Kathy Beaird

ISB Network President

2025 ISB REUNION

SIPPING ON SUNSHINE IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

FRIDAY, JULY 25 - SUNDAY, JULY 27



THE SCOTT RESORT & SPA

4925 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale,
AZ 85251

[Hotel Website](#)



Reunion Registration Rates January - May 31, 2025

\$300.00 - Sustaining Members, Spouses, and Guests, and \$150 for a child 12 and under.

\$320.00 - Members, Spouses, and Guests, and \$150 for a child 12 and under.

\$360.00 - Non-Members, Spouses, and Guests, and \$150 for a child 12 and under.

If you are a member of the ISB Network, follow this link to register for the reunion. User name and password are required.

[MEMBER REGISTRATION LINK](#)



If you are not a member of the ISB Network, follow this link to register for the reunion. Consider joining by visiting our [Join the ISBN page](#).

[NON MEMBER REGISTRATION LINK](#)



Note - if viewing on a cell phone, please turn it to landscape to see the registration cart.



The Scott Resort & Spa **Hotel Reservations are available!**

Room Block is available from
Tuesday, July 22 - Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Room Rate = \$154.00 ++ (sales and occupancy taxes)

To make a reservation at The Scott Resort & Spa, you can call or follow the provided link:

- Phone 800-528-7867 and reference 2025 ISB Reunion.
- Follow the link to make your reservation online - [The Scott Resort & Spa Hotel Reservation Link.](#)
 - You will see a calendar once you reach the “Welcome to The Scott Resort and Spa” page.
 - Use the arrow on the right side of the page to scroll to July 2025.
 - Then you can select the dates you wish to stay for the reunion.

2025 Thai Dinner



The Thai dinner plans are underway for Thursday, July 24, at **Malee's Thai Bistro**. If you wish to attend and have not yet heard from Teresa, please reach out to her at tmartin7007@gmail.com, to reserve your spot. Once you let her know, she will share payment options with you and once those payments are received, you will be confirmed

The cost for the Thai dinner is \$45.00 per person and includes meal, tax, service charge and transportation from The Scott to Malee's and back. We hope you will join us for a special evening.

Membership Update

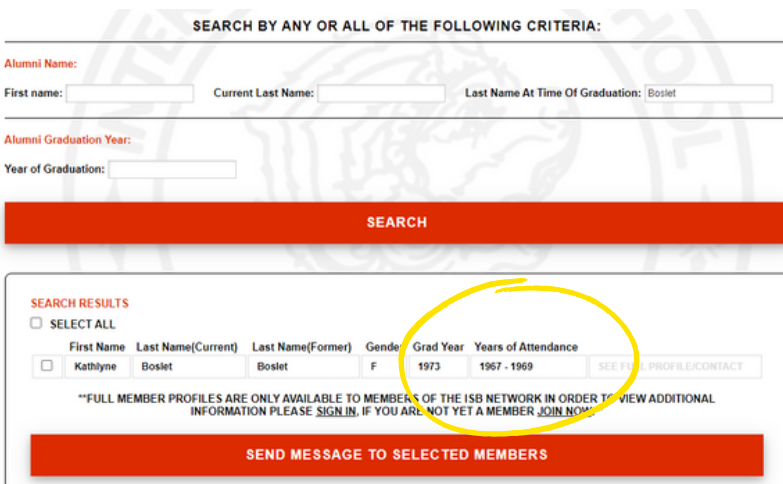
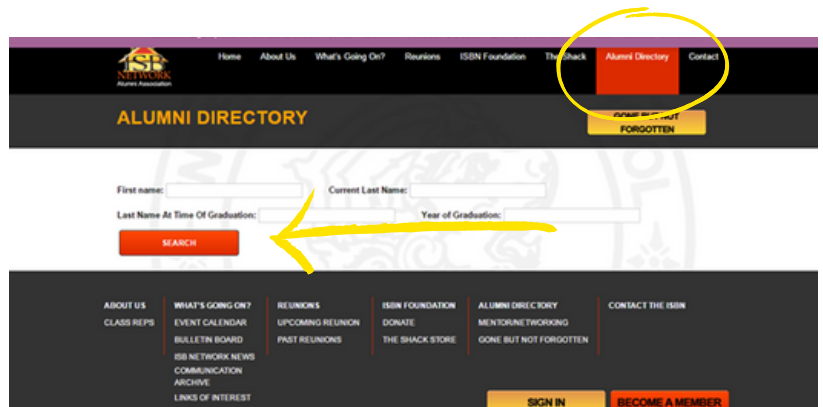
We greatly appreciate all those keeping up with their membership and all the new members who have joined. If you are not currently a member or have let your membership lapse, please give serious consideration to joining or renewing. Currently, the dues are \$60.00 for a TWO-year membership and are tax-deductible. **All membership dues support the Foundation and not reunions.** 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 support to ISB. We also offer a sustaining membership which allows you to enjoy a 10-year membership for \$300.00. To learn more, follow this [link](#)

More information can be found on the [ISB Network website](#). 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.

Alumni Directory

Help us ensure we have your correct information

Please go to ISBNetwork.com and the alumni directory to make sure your contact information is current and correct. Many times, alumni change email addresses and/or phone numbers and forget to update the directory with the new information.



Special Note:

Ensure you have the years you attended ISB noted correctly - these years will be included on your Reunion Badge!

To edit - ensure you are signed in and you can update your personal details!

50th REUNION CELEBRATION

50th Reunion Celebration for the Classes of '74, '75, and '76

In celebration of our 50th reunion, the classes of '74, '75, and '76 will host a party suite at the Scottsdale, Arizona reunion.



**HELP
NEEDED**

Please reach out to [Don Drew \(class of '75\)](#) who welcomes your ideas and help in planning this momentous occasion!

Classes of 70-73

The Class of 1973 would like to co-host a party suite for three nights with the classes of 1970 - 1972. (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday).

Contact [Kathie/Kate Boslet](#) if your class would like to participate



'60s Classes

The '60s have banded together to host a party suite. Once again the suite will be organized by Barbara Snook and Peggy Doggett. If you are from one of the '60's classes and can volunteer your time to assist, let Teresa know at tmartin7007@gmail.com and she will put you in touch with them.

ARCHIVES & SILENT AUCTION

Once again the fabulous JoHanna Ewing will organize our ISB Archives and Silent Auction for the 2025 Scottsdale Reunion. The Archives is no longer accepting bound magazines and paper.



If you would like to donate items for either the Archives or the Silent Auction, please contact [JoHanna](#).

SHACK NEWS



The Shack online store is currently closed; however, **Erawans** are available to purchase through The Shack [at this link](#). No other online orders will be available until further notice.

The Shack items will be available at our next reunion in Scottsdale, 2025.

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

SCOUTING SCOTTSDALE

MICHELE LOCKWOOD, SECRETARY

CLASS OF 1973

A recent visit to The Scott Resort & Spa in Scottsdale was all it took to spark my excitement for our upcoming ISB reunion. I joined Kathy Beard, Teresa Martin, Cindy Hunt Leach, Maile Busby, and Aron Medeiros for a pre-visit of this beautiful resort for some final reunion logistics preparations.



The Scott Resort & Spa – WOW. It is probably the best hotel that we have ever held a stateside ISB reunion. It's beautiful, unique and oh, so comfortable. Even the entrance is breathtaking. The tropical atmosphere vibes are everywhere, from the architecture design, decor, music, relaxed group seating areas, many board games and even the light tropical scent! The complementary cold infused waters at the entrance will keep guests hydrated.

The outdoor area is designed to provide an abundance of shade with so many large trees and umbrellas. The two pools are large and beautiful. Of course, there is a pool bar to quench your thirst! It appears designed to protect guests from the Arizona heat. As one strolls around the grounds there are numerous hammocks, cool chairs and small group seating areas. The reunion meeting rooms, party rooms, Teen Club, Shack and guest rooms are all conveniently arranged and easy to navigate.

The Scott's restaurant was amazing. The items we tried were delicious. The Canal Club bar offers many choices of drinks, as well as breakfast, lunch, and snacks. The Loaded Cuban Street Fries from the Canal Club are highly recommended!

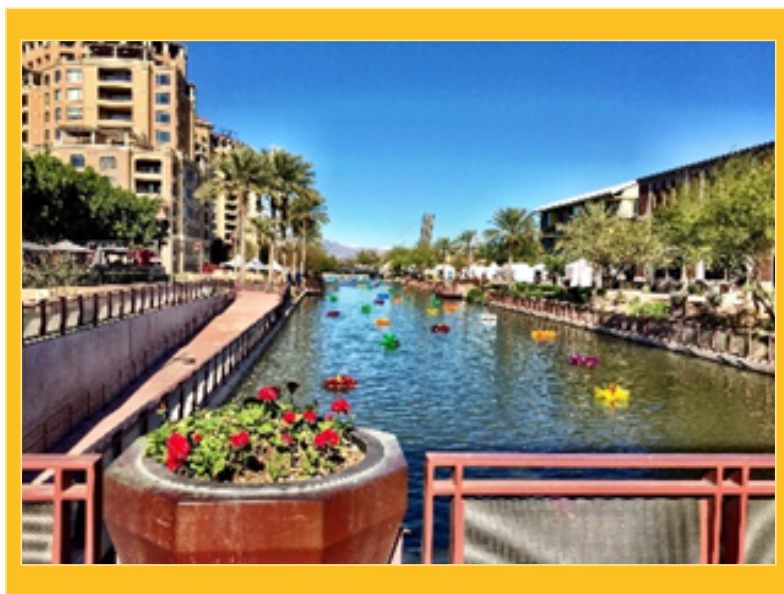
Scottsdale did not disappoint. The town is beautiful and easy to navigate. We enjoyed a walk around Old Town and loved all the quaint shops and restaurants. We had a lovely dinner at Malee's Thai Bistro on Main and enjoyed a variety of delicious Thai food and beverages that included Thai Ice Tea, Singha, Chang, and Beerlao.

This reunion is going to be GREAT! I look forward to seeing all ISBeings in July.

THE HISTORY OF SCOTTSDALE

BY CINDY HUNT LEACH, TREASURER

CLASS OF 1980



OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE CANAL

Scottsdale is a desert city 25 miles east of Phoenix known for its luxury spa resorts, golf courses, upscale shopping and sunny weather. Old Town Scottsdale is the original townsite of Scottsdale and is currently an area with multiple streets, old-fashioned stores, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and galleries.

Chaplain Winfield Scott founded Scottsdale in 1888. Scott was born in Michigan and grew up in New York. He went west after the civil war.

When Scott arrived in the Salt River Valley, he saw land east of Phoenix that had potential for agriculture. He purchased 640 acres for \$2.50 /acre.

In 1889, Scott asked his brother, George Washington Scott, to move to the property to start clearing the land for farming. George was the initial resident of the area now known as Scottsdale. George ended up planting barley, orange trees and established a vineyard. Winfield Scott requested a transfer to Fort Huachuca in southern Arizona to be nearer to his farm. In 1893, Scott retired as an Army Chaplain, settled into his farm and planted lemon, lime and grapefruit trees along what is now Scottsdale Road and Indian School Road.

Orangedale was the original name of Scottsdale in 1894. Because it was Scott selling the new township and convincing people to buy land, the name was changed to Scottsdale. In approximately 1895, Scott established olive groves, some of which still exist today on Civic Center Blvd and Second Street.

In 1896, Scottsdale Public School district was established with 17 students, and a one room schoolhouse was built. 1897 brought the first general store which included the first Post Office.

Scottsdale began transforming with an increase in population when in 1908, the Granite Reef Dam was built followed by the Roosevelt Dam in 1911 allowing water to flow to the Valley.

THE HISTORY OF SCOTTSDALE - CONTINUED

In 1909, the “Little Red Schoolhouse” was built and has been used as a library, chamber of commerce and other functions since inception. Today it is the Scottsdale Historical Museum.

When Winfield Scott passed away from complications from his old war wounds in 1910, the population of Scottsdale was 267. In addition, the first hotel was established. Graves Guest Ranch catered to winter visitors as well as those who had come to the dry Arizona climate to restore their health.

In the 1920s, the cotton boom began! This was the time when Scottsdale began to develop with the introduction of electricity. The population increased to 1047. The number of businesses started to increase as Scottsdale gained a café, a saloon, a grocery store, a drug store, a pool hall, a meat market, a farmer state bank, and a house of ill repute! The first newspaper, Scottsdale Bulletin, was published.

Scottsdale underwent significant changes after World War II. Scottsdale became known as the West Most Western Town. The population numbered 1,200, and horses retained the right of way. Multiple craftsmen and artists started developing studios and galleries.

Scottsdale incorporated in 1951 and established a fire department and City Hall. The decision was made to build structures resembling the 1890s to attract tourists. Originally a horse drawn parade called the Sunshine Festival started to attract tourists, and in 1953 the Scottsdale Jaycees took over and renamed it the infamous Parada del Sol. Walk in the Sun is the meaning of Parada del Sol and is the largest horse parade that attracts over 35,000 to Old Town Scottsdale.



OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE

As Scottsdale’s population continued to grow in the sixties, more orchards and cotton fields were disappearing. By 1970 the population had increased to almost 68,000 and as of 2023, the population of Scottsdale was 244,394.

Visit Old Town Scottsdale for a glimpse of Western history. And for those attending the 2025 ISB Reunion in July, Old Town Scottsdale is less than a mile from **The Scott Resort & Spa!**

REUNION SPECIAL

WHAT TO DO BEFORE & AFTER

BY TERESA MARTIN, DIRECTOR OF REUNIONS

Are you aware that Phoenix's nickname is "Valley of the Sun", and it is the fifth largest city in the United States? That must mean that there are numerous activities to keep those of us who live in this beautiful and unique state and those who visit, entertained.



Let's start our jaunt through the city with the number one attraction, the **Musical Instrument Museum**, which is also in the top ten museums in the country. I am, of course, quite partial to this magnificent and fascinating musical ode to every country in the world with over 10,000 instruments in its collection. It's a must see and there is a good chance that a private VIP tour will be arranged for our alumni. Music is the Language of Our Soul -- stay tuned!

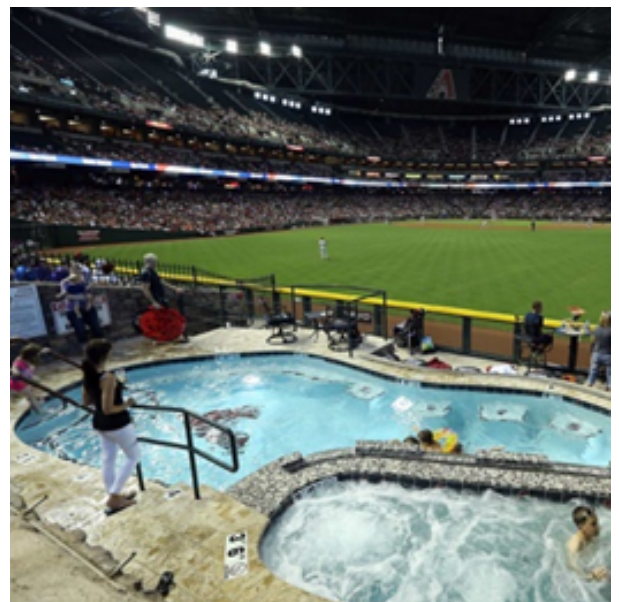


REUNION SPECIAL - WHAT TO DO BEFORE & AFTER - CONTINUED

Play Ball! The Arizona Diamondback's home is in downtown Phoenix at Chase Field. Phoenix does have every major professional sport (except the Coyote's hockey team, which we just lost), only our baseball team plays during the summer. Although I am not in any way a fan of the reptile, their logos are cool.



And, speaking of cool, the stadium is domed so that during the summer months one can watch "America's Pastime" in the bliss of air-conditioning. And Chase Field has some of the best concession foods anywhere. Also, only in Arizona will you find a baseball stadium with a pool. The D-back's nemesis, the LA Dodgers, once defiled the stadium and horrified our faithful fans by taking a plunge in our sacred oasis after winning a game. The nerve! The gall! Of interest to our Houston-area alumni, the Astros visit the D-Backs on July 21st, July 22nd and July 23rd. Anyone want to go?



REUNION SPECIAL - WHAT TO DO BEFORE & AFTER - CONTINUED

The gorgeous Desert Botanical Garden is a unique living art museum and oasis with over 50,000 different desert plants and is most definitely a must see during your time in the Valley. Even though it's wonderful to stroll through during the day, it's even more spectacular at night.



There are many more museums such as the Heard Museum, where you will experience indigenous creativity from traditional artworks to contemporary creations, the Phoenix Art Museum which houses an important collection of art within nine different collections and the Arizona Science Museum, whose current exhibit is "The Power of Poison:" hmmm. We even have the Penske Racing Museum; all are located in downtown Phoenix. Even Sky Harbor, one of the top airports in the country, has a museum.

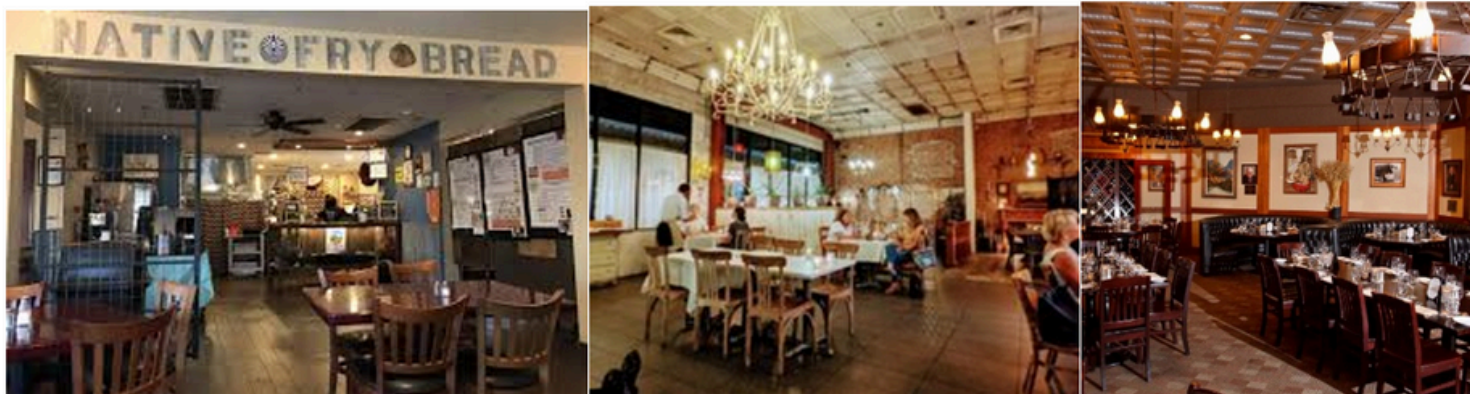


Tovrea Castle is an unexpected and fascinating landmark. Originally built in the 1920's to be a hotel by an Italian businessman, it was never completed due to the Depression. It was taken over by cattle baron Edward Tovrea as a home in the 30's and then by the City of Phoenix who turned it into a city park. The grounds and surrounding trails are fun to walk around.



REUNION SPECIAL - WHAT TO DO BEFORE & AFTER - CONTINUED

Food – yes please! There are many mom-and-pop shops and local chef-driven (as well as nationally renowned chef) restaurants that serve everything such as indigenous treats at a James Beard Award winning The Fry Bread House, best in the country pizza by also a James Beard winner Chef Chris Bianco—Pizzeria Bianco and his amazing Tratto's and Arizona's original steakhouse, The Stockyards. The Stockyards was developed by the previously mentioned cattle baron, Edward Tovrea.



There is also a huge selection of yummy southwestern (well, duh) and South American restaurants as well as other international options including Japanese, Chinese, Lao, Indian, Serbian, Persian and many African just to name a few. Featuring items such as sushi, dim sum, and our beloved Thai cuisine which has two nationally recognized restaurants in our midst, Glai Bahn and LeDu (does this look like any Thai restaurant you've ever been to???) and many other favorites of the locals.



The Phoenix food scene is impressive indeed and I would be pleased to suggest and recommend any cuisine you want to try!

REUNION SPECIAL - WHAT TO DO BEFORE & AFTER - CONTINUED

Hit the trails! For those who want to get up early in the morning and work your legs, you'll find many hiking options that range from easy to challenging and many pass through other-worldly landscapes. You'll find popular trails in Userly Mountain Regional Park, Papago Park, White Tank Mountain Regional Park, South Mountain Park and many others. Should you choose to hike PLEASE go in the early morning and hydrate, hydrate. Do not hike in the heat of the day. The Fire Departments don't like it when we do.



So in a pinon shell, Phoenix is a vast expanse of unique opportunities to experience. For more info go to <https://www.visitphoenix.com> to plan your adventure!



**Check in next time for
What To Do In Arizona!**



ISB NETWORK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

BY SUZANNE CANO MEEKER, VICE PRESIDENT
CLASS OF 1984

The **ISB Network Foundation, Incorporated** is the philanthropic arm of our ISB Alumni Network and is incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our Foundation sends US\$3000 to the International School Bangkok each Spring.

Established in 2003, and funded by membership dues, merchandise sales and donations, the Foundation funds the ISB Network Alumni Award for a graduating senior each year. Initially the intent of this award was to benefit Thai hill tribe children to support their pursuit of education. That objective has evolved over time to support the community service initiatives that our high school students pursue. The current curriculum at ISB includes a strong component of community service; CAS is an acronym that stands for **Creativity, Activity, and Service**.

In grades 9 and 10 students are required to join at least one ISB service club or council to meet their service experience requirements. The CAS program for 11th and 12th grade students is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop their creativity, physical fitness, and commitment to community service. Each year, a graduating senior is selected to receive the Alumni Award and will select their philanthropic organization to receive the funds from our Foundation.

ISB NETWORK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS - CONTINUED

As an example, in December 2004, there was a devastating tidal wave that impacted southern Thailand. Students from ISB at that time helped to create several programs which continue to serve those in need. After the Wave/Service in the Wild is one such agency that ISB students continue to engage with, raising funds and bringing an impact to the community.

In addition, Global Health Charities' Clean Birth Kits (which was described in the Winter 2024 issue of the Alumni Newsletter - [ISB 2024 Winter Newsletter](#)) assembly effort takes place on campus and is supported annually by returning alumni, with funds contributed from our Foundation.

Your support for the Foundation is needed for our Alumni Network to continue making an impact with our students on campus as well as in the broader community in Thailand. Please consider joining as a member, donating, and sharing your leadership talent!

For more information, reach out to Suzanne Cano Meeker, Vice President, at smeekerny2014@gmail.com.

Sawadee kah!

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Thai Recipe

KANOM KROK

(The Pancake Dessert)

Submitted by
NANCY BRYNIARSKI KNAPP
CLASS OF 1982



Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup rice flour
- 1/3 cup unsweetened Coconut Flakes
- 2 tbsp Tapioca Flour (or cornstarch)
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1/3 cup Sugar
- 1 can (13.5oz.) full fat Coconut Milk
- 1/4 cup Water
- 1/4 cup Canola Oil

For later:

- 1 Scallion, chopped fine
- 1 tbsp Canola Oil to grease the pan

Procedure:

1. You may want to put the rice flour, shredded coconut, sugar and half the coconut milk in a blender to help get rid of lumps, but you don't have to. Blend all ingredients together until dissolved and no lumps remain.
2. Preheat the oven to 450°F. Most people do not own a special kanom krok pan/griddle which has several circular cups to cook the batter, so a mini muffin pan is OK to use. A donut hole pan is also ideal. Place the pan in the oven and heat for 5 minutes
3. Carefully remove the pan and add a few drops of oil to each cup, using a heatproof brush or paper towel to evenly coat the cups. Place the pan back in the oven to heat the oil for 2 minutes.
4. Remove the pan from the oven and fill each cup about 3/4 inch deep with batter; you should hear it sizzle. Gently tilt the pan so the batter spreads evenly.
5. Bake until the batter has formed a skin, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from the oven and sprinkle each one with scallions.
6. Return the pan to the oven and cook until the filling is firm. Time varies based on muffin pan size but can be 8 or 12 to 15 minutes. Use a butter knife to carefully loosen the kanom krok from the surface of the pan tray. Repeat with the remaining batter.
7. Serve the kanom krok warm.

Thai Recipe

THAI TINI

Martini, Mai Thai and Mango
make a refreshing cocktail.

Submitted by
ARON MEDIEROS
Spouse of Cindy Leach
Class of 1980



Ingredients:

3/4 oz. Orangecello (Ventura)
1 oz. White Rum
1/2 oz. Mango Nectar
1/2 oz. Simple Syrup
Splash of orange juice

Procedure:

1. Shake all ingredients with ice in a cocktail shaker.
2. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass.
3. Garnish with fresh mango or other fresh fruit slices.
4. Sit back, relax, and sip!

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.



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