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Kathy Beaird Letter from our President



Sawadee ka ISB family!

In just over a month Michele and I will be meeting with movers to get the truck loaded so we can make our road trip to Scottsdale. Yes, she and I are driving the rental truck to this reunion. I sure hope it has a good air conditioner!

The name badges are almost finished. New items for The Shack are being shipped to storage in Scottsdale. Volunteers are stepping up. A good number of ISBers are making their first biennial reunion. The excitement is building!

After facing my own health challenge this year, I realize more and more just how important it is to stay connected with my ISB family. Since our last reunion, our **Forever Friends** screens have been updated with almost 60 photos of alumni and faculty who have passed. That's why you don't miss a reunion. You never know who will be added to our memorial from one reunion to the next.

Many of us went to our first reunion thinking no one would remember us. We didn't realize that there would be lots of people who remembered us from our days at ISB. We reconnected and restarted those friendships. And we didn't realize that the new friends made at the reunions would become lasting connections that carried over beyond the reunions. I'll end this with a poem about friends. It's one I've loved for most of my life.

New Friends and Old Friends

by Joseph Parry

Make new friends, but keep the old; Those are silver, these are gold. New-made friendships, like new wine, Age will mellow and refine. Friendships that have stood the test— Time and change—are surely best; Brow may wrinkle, hair grow gray, Friendship never knows decay. For 'mid old friends, tried and true, Once more we our youth renew. But old friends, alas! may die, New friends must their place supply. Cherish friendship in your breast— New is good, but old is best; Make new friends, but keep the old; Those are silver, these are gold.

See you in Scottsdale, Kathy Beaird

ISB Network President

SIPPING ON SUNSHINE IN

SCOTTSDALE, AZ

The Scott Resort & Spa July 25 - 27, 2025

2025 ISB Reunion Registration Update

Registration is open on the ISB Network. For all of the latest updates on the 2025 Reunion visit the Reunions page on the ISB Network.

- <u>ISBNetwork.com</u>
- 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.



The Reunion dates are 7/25 - 7/27/2025. The room block is good from 7/22 - 7/29/2025. So come early and stay late.

We have a special room price of \$154.00 + taxes.

Our room block rate expires on June 27. After June 27, all reservations will be charged at the full rate.

You must use our <u>The Scott Resort & Spa Reservation link</u> for the special pricing or call 800-528-7867 and reference ISB Reunion.

REUNION FEES

The current **reunion rates** are as follows:

Sustaining Member: \$300.00 Member: \$320.00

Non-Member: \$360.00 12 and under: \$150.00

Walk-Ins will be allowed but will be charged at a higher registration fee.

REGISTER NOW!









Book before it's too late! Our room block rate expires on

June 27. Hotel Reservations are available!

ADA rooms are available.

Reach out to Sabrina Martin, Group Housing & Billing Manager 602-329-4094 or email smartin@marcandrosehospitality.com

Our room block rate expires on June 27. After June 27, all reservations will be charged at the full rate.

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

Follow this link to secure our special rate:

The Scott Resort & Spa

2025 Thai Dinner



The Thursday night Thai dinner option has been offered (via email) to attendees in the order they registered. People who have responded and paid are registered for the Thai dinner. If you would like to reserve a spot (or spots) at the Thai dinner, please write to <u>Teresa Martin</u>.



RESERVATIONS REMINDER!



We wanted to remind everyone of the hotel's cancellation policy as we get closer to the Reunion. If you've reserved multiple rooms, or if your plans have changed, here is the policy to ensure you have time to cancel your room reservation.

From The Scott Resort & Spa:

If you wish to cancel your room reservation, please contact Teresa Martin prior to cancelling. You must cancel at least 72 hours prior to your first night's stay or you will be charged for one night's room rate and taxes.

PARTY SUITES

Several classes are hosting party suites.

The classes of '74, '75, and '76 are celebrating their 50th reunion. The party suites will have donation containers in each suite. Please give generously to defray the cost of the room/beverages/snacks.



REUNION DETAILS THE SHACK & HOUSE GAMES



NEW MERCHANDISE!

The Shack will sport new ISB swag at the Scottsdale Reunion in July.

The Shack will be set-up and ready for browsers and shoppers on Thursday, July 24.

Come check out the latest ISB items for sale.

BANGKOK MONOPOLY IS COMING TO THE REUNION!

HOUSE GAMES - CAPTAINS NEEDED!



HOUSE GAMES CAPTAINS NEEDED FOR RED, BLUE, AND GREEN HOUSES

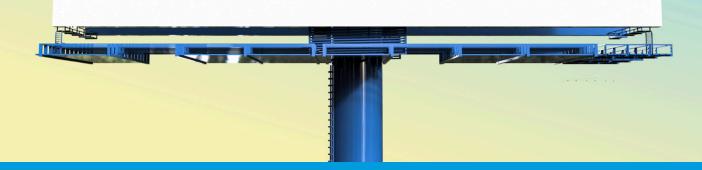
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KATHIE/KATE BOSLET IF

INTERESTED



REUNION DETAILS DJ NEWS & ARCHIVES/AUCTION



DJ KC RETURNS!

Back by very popular demand - DJ KC (our DJ in Tucson and DAB) will be joining us this July at the reunion!



GET READY TO DANCE!

AUCTION AND ARCHIVES

Please visit The Archives and enjoy browsing our many artifacts from ISB and Thailand!



We will also auction several items that have been donated to the ISB Network. If you would like to contribute ISB/Thai items, please bring them to Scottsdale.

REUNION DETAILS LANYARD & TEEN CLUB MUSICIANS

BRING ALONG!



Already have a lanyard from a previous reunion?
Please bring it with you and we'll provide your updated name tag insert!

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Searching for musicians to perform at the Teen Club on Thursday and Friday nights, July 24 & 25. We have drums, guitars, a keyboard, and mics...now we just need the performers.





Interested?

Please contact Rao Vedurumudi

RVMoody@yahoo.com





BANGKOK MONOPOLY

Harold Albert, ISB Faculty, will bring the Bangkok Monopoly game with him to the Reunion. Stop by The Shack to view it.

GUEST SPEAKERS

We are thrilled to welcome several guest speakers to our 2025 Reunion. A schedule of events will be available at the Reunion when you check-in.

Legacies of WarDanae Hendrickson

ISB Faculty Harold Albert Authors
Tony Grady, '73 and
Francesco Paola, '84





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NG VOLU

The Shack **Archives** Greeters

Saturday Night Gala Class Photo Organizers **House Games**

Key area set up assistance is needed on Wednesday, July 23 and take down assistance on Sunday, July 27

Please contact Cricket Fluker Let her know which date(s) and location(s) you prefer



The Teen Club is also looking for Volunteer Assistance with set up and take down. Please contact Rao Vedurumudi to let him know when you can help!

The Teen Club set up is on Wednesday, July 23

The Teen Club take down is on Saturday, July 26







ENJOY THE ULTIMATE

GOLF

EXPERIENCE

with your ISB friends

Are you interested in playing golf while at the Scottsdale Reunion?

The golf outing is planned for the morning of Friday, July 25.

Come represent your HOUSE and take the opportunity to play golf in the town where golf rules - Scottsdale!



Send your contact information to <u>Greg Greeley.</u>
He can be reached at 707-695-4833 or through FB messenger.

Greg would like to know your max green fee limitations, and your scoring average.



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 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 <u>ISB Network website</u>. In addition, members receive "perks," such as a lower reunion registration fee, access to all newsletters, and discounts to Shop the Shack.

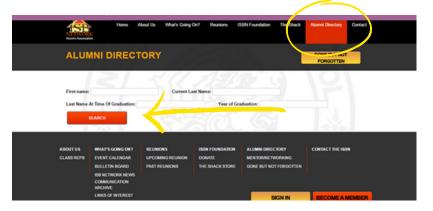


Alumni Pirectory



Help us ensure we have your correct information

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



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Special Note:

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

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

ISB TEACHER HAROLD ALBERT

I've been part of the ISB family since I came to work at ISB for the 1982-83 school year. Over the years I have served as a high school math teacher, coach, and assistant athletic/activities director. In 2018 I became semi-retired as I split my time between two roles: ISB's Alumni Coordinator and as the IASAS Conference Administrator. As the proud husband of my beautiful wife, Mallika, a father of two ISB alumni - Achara (Class of 2004) and Liliana (2009) - and a proud grandfather to two rambunctious grandsons, I find joy in continuing to do meaningful work in my 70s. I welcome connections from all alumni - feel free to reach out through email, Facebook, LinkedIn, or phone, and look forward to my attendance at the July 2025 Network reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona. I especially look forward to sharing plans with the Network regarding ISB's 75th Anniversary, with the 'main events' taking place towards the end of January of 2027.

One note about my work as the IASAS Conference Administrator: IASAS, the International Association of Southeast Asia Schools, is an athletic and activities conference that started in 1982. For most alumni members of the ISB Alumni Network Association you will be pleased to know that IASAS is a direct off-shoot of the Bangkok-Singapore Games that were started in 1962 and are an integral memory of the students who attended ISB in the 60's and 70's.





The memorable Bangkok-Singapore Games did not end, they turned into a six school conference that is highly regarded worldwide.Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Model United Nations, Art/Film, Basketball, Rugby/Touch, Tennis, Swimming, Speech/Debate, Music, Dance/Drama/Tech, Baseball/Softball, Track & Field, Badminton, Golf and Chess are all part of the IASAS experience for the student participants from the six member schools. It should be noted that IASAS, now in its 43rd year of existence, would not have been possible without the iconic Bangkok-Singapore Games.



ISB IN THE EIGHTIES!

HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL -BRANCHING OUT, EXPANDING ISB PROGRAMS IN THE 1980S

As International School Bangkok (ISB) entered the 1980s, the Vietnam era was indeed over. The student enrollment, which had peaked at over 3,600 students in 1967, now stabilized at around 1,100. Important events like the House Games and the ever-present student group, the Young Internationals, were phased out and replaced by other events and other organizations.

Nonetheless, the effect of the Vietnam era on the school had not waned. The money poured into ISB by the U.S. Government meant that the school had well-resourced science labs and libraries, audiovisual equipment, and support positions such as a school psychologist, special education teachers, reading specialists, and a speech therapist. Thus, even though by the 80s, two-thirds of the student population was cut, ISB was still well-positioned to be the best international school in Thailand and one of the leading such institutions in the region.



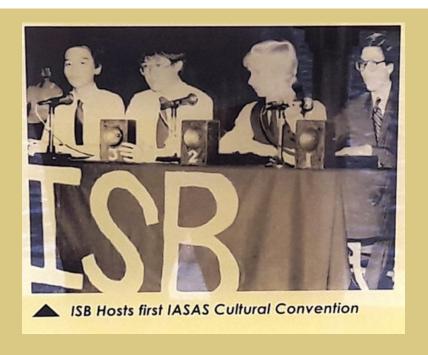
The Inception of IASAS

One event that had not changed was the Bangkok-Singapore Games, which started in the spring of 1962 and was still one of the school year's highlights. However, in the early 80s, the International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) joined ISB and Singapore American School (SAS) to form the Triangular Games. This change did not last long, as Heads of Schools around the region made it known that they were interested in forming larger athletic and activities conferences. It was probably at an EARCOS Conference in Hong Kong in 1981 that the idea of starting the Interscholastic Association of Southeast Asian Schools (IASAS) became a reality. Primarily spearheaded by the Heads of Schools from ISKL, SAS, and Jakarta International School (JIS), this organization was modeled after similar conferences in Southern Asia and Europe..

ISB IN THE EIGHTIES CONTINUED

IASAS

It wasn't too long after that that Athletic Directors and other individuals from schools in the region met at the old Singapore American School campus on Kings Road tasked with creating the organization. As we now know, the result was IASAS, which formally started in October of 1982 with four schools: JIS, SAS, ISKL, and ISB. International School Manila (ISM) joined the conference the following year, while Taipei American School (TAS) joined the group in 1986, creating the six-school conference that has flourished ever since.



The very first event for the organization, IASAS Soccer & Volleyball, took place in Kuala Lumpur in October of 1982. Our ISB Boys' Volleyball team, coached by Athletic Director Colleen Perry, won gold in that inaugural event. Ms. Perry's son, Cameron, is actually an Elementary PE teacher at ISB today. At the urging of many organizers, a cultural component, the Cultural Convention, was also instituted that first school year.

The first IASAS event hosted on the ISB campus was the Cultural Convention in April of 1983, with competitions in debate and forensics, music, drama, and even a knowledge bowl.

Now in its 43rd year of existence and widely recognized as one of the premier international school activities and athletics conferences globally, we can only thank those who started the Bangkok-Singapore Games and all of those individuals who helped to create such a remarkable organization.

EXPANSION GOALS

Entering the 1980s, ISB had identified a few growth opportunities: expanding the athletics and activities programs; increasing the reach of its English as a Second Language (ESL) program; opening up the campus to the growing number of community groups such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Bangkok Baseball Association (BBA), and others; last but not least maintaining and improving its college-prep curriculum.

With these areas defined as goals for the school, ISB sought to improve itself. Aiming to serve better and make the school more attractive to an international clientele while ensuring that ISB graduates would be able to gain admission to the finest universities in the world.

ISB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPONSORS CLEAN BIRTH KITS

HELP PROVIDE A CLEAN AND SAFE BIRTHING EXPERIENCE FOR MOTHERS AND INFANTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

WE WILL BE ASSEMPBLING CLEAN BIRTH KITS
DURING THE 2025 ISB REUNION!



Global Health Charities is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, founded by our own Patricia De Martini Williams (class of 1984). We have hosted this assembly event in 2018 (Nashville), 2021 (Tucson), and 2023 (Daytona Beach). We welcome donations from ALL alumni, in addition to those who can join the event at the reunion in Scottsdale.

The cost of supplies for each kit is around \$10. The more we raise, the more kits we will assemble. Please donate and learn more on the Global Health Charities website.





TO DONATE:

Send a check to:
Global Health Charities
23917 Cass Ave., Suite B
Farmington, MI 48335 OR
click the button below





Already Donated?

We want to be sure to recognize our ISB donors during our event. If you have already donated, please send an email to Suzanne Cano Meeker (1984) with your name only, so we can ensure that your donation is allocated to our event. We will only report the total balance for our event, as our balance reaches the goal of \$2500.

REUNION SPECIAL WELCOME TO ARIZONA

BY TERESA MARTIN, DIRECTOR OF REUNIONS



Welcome to Arizona - the 48th state to join the Union which was on Valentines Day in 1912. It's the sixth largest state and boasts the largest percentage of its land designated as American Indian lands. There are 22 tribes in Arizona, the largest being the Navajo Nation.

Arizona is known for our five "C"s: copper, cotton, cattle, citrus and of course, climate. It is a diverse and fascinating state that offers so much to experience from the Grand Canyon to our southern border, hiking to world-renowned resorts and spas, wineries to biker bars.

Surrounding the Phoenix area are towns such as Cave Creek which has nightly rodeos and

line dancing at the Buffalo Chip Salon.



And not to be missed, wild biker bars!



REUNION SPECIAL - WELCOME TO ARIZONA - CONTINUED



Arcosanti is further up I-17 which you will pass on your way to Sedona, which is an absolutely must see/experience. Arcosanti is an experimental town that was started in 1970 by Paolo Solari, the experiment being an attempt to live frugally within a limited environmental footprint. It's meant to integrate the design of architecture with ecology.

More well known are the bronze bells that can be found at his foundry, Cosanti, in Scottsdale. Worth a stop to add a lovely "charm" to your deck or oak tree in the back yard. They ship.



Continuing up I-17 is Sedona, approximately 90 minutes from Phoenix, very doable in one day. And, I must say it is not to be missed. Well-known for its beautiful red rock buttes, steep canyon walls and pine forests that you can hike through and around. Jeep and balloon tours are exceptionally popular adventures to immerse yourself in Sedona's unique beauty. Love to hike? This is the place for you. Check out the website!

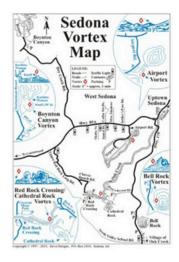






Many claim the town is a spiritual center with numerous vortex which are swirling centers of energy conducive to healing. It also boasts a large arts community with many opportunities to purchase every form of art imaginable.

REUNION SPECIAL - WELCOME TO ARIZONA - CONTINUED



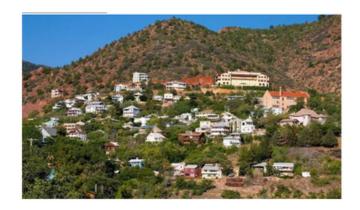


Another day trip is to head to Cottonwood just south of Sedona. Kayak down the Verde River to cool off - one trip has you ending at Tantrum Winery with a wine tasting. Arizona has a pretty darn good wine industry, and this is the perfect way to try some out. Check out the website!





Also close to Sedona and Cottonwood is Jerome, an old copper mining town built on the side of a mountain. It once boasted a population of 15,000 and was known as the "wickedess town in the West" – it's now around 450 and probably still a bit wicked. Lots of excellent art galleries/shops, restaurants and wineries.





REUNION SPECIAL - WELCOME TO ARIZONA - CONTINUED

Four and a half hours north of Phoenix, the Grand Canyon is the ultimate way to experience all things Arizona. It's truly awe inspiring. The brave will want to try out the Sky Walk. The adventurous can hike down into the Canyon. https://www.nps.gov/grca/index.







The ultimate experience is to white water raft down the Colorado although those of us in the know, are very aware that there's no white in the water, it's really "chocolate." One of my white ISB reunion shirts is now a lovely brown. There are enough rapids to keep your heart beating a bit faster than normal.







I truly could share pages and pages of what makes Arizona unique and these suggestions are just a few. Other areas just as wonderful to visit are Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly, Petrified Forest and Painted Desert, Lake Mead, Lake Havasu (home of the Queen Mary), Lake Powell, Hoover Dam and of course Winslow, AZ where you too can stand on a corner and "Take it Fasy."

corner and "Take it Easy."

Come early and stay late there's so much to do and see!



In case you missed our other newsletters which also highlight what to do and see in Arizona, please follow the links.

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LEGACIES OF WAR

BY: DANAE HENDRICKSON



When I think about war, I think about my mother.

She fled Laos during the war in the 1960s—crossing jungles in silence, hiding in caves, and eventually making it across the Mekong River into a refugee camp in Thailand. She rarely spoke about what she had been through. When she passed away in 2013 after a long battle with ALS, I realized how much I didn't know about her story—or mine.

It wasn't until I was nine months pregnant with my first child that I stumbled upon Legacies of War. In one afternoon, I read nearly everything on their website. That was the first time I learned the full truth: that the U.S. dropped millions of bombs on Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam—many of which never exploded. And even now, more than 50 years later, they continue to kill and injure civilians, especially children.



CONTINUED: LEGACIES OF WAR

That discovery changed everything for me. It gave me words for the silence I grew up with. It gave me purpose. Today, I work with Legacies of War to preserve the history my mother couldn't tell, and to advocate for a future where no family has to live in fear of bombs buried beneath their rice fields or schoolyards.

At this reunion, I'm not coming to lecture—I'm coming to connect. Many of you lived in Southeast Asia during that time, or have your own stories shaped by war. My hope is that we can meet in a space of shared memory and collective responsibility.

We are in a critical moment. With global conflicts escalating and U.S. foreign aid under intense scrutiny, there is a real risk that this work will be deprioritized or defunded. That's why we need community—people like you, who remember this history not just as headlines, but as lived experience. Your voice, your story, still matters.

I look forward to being in community with you—to reflect, to remember, and to imagine a future free from the remnants of war.

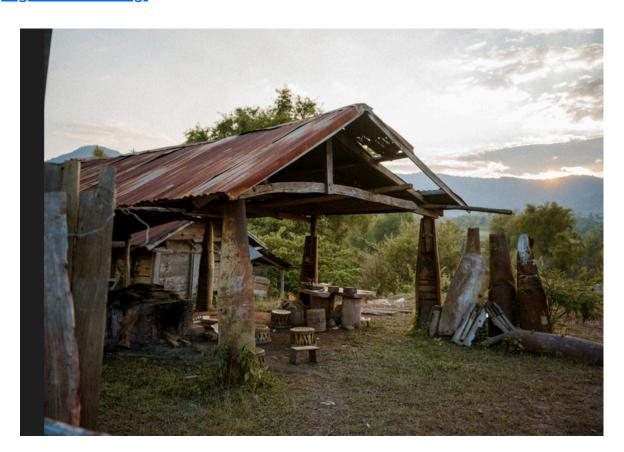
Danae Hendrickson

Legacies of War,

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Danae Hendrickson



Recipe Chinese Broccoli with Oyster Sauce

Submitted by Tony Diefert Class of 1984



Ingredients:

- Chinese broccoli (Gai Lan)
- Fresh garlic 5 or 6 cloves
- Oyster sauce
- Soy sauce
- About ½ Tsp sugar and white pepper each

Procedure:

- Cut thick Chinese broccoli stems on a sharp bias into thin slices. Thinner stems can be chopped into 2-inch pieces. Once you get to the leaves, cut them into bitesized chunks. Keep the stems and leaves separated.
- Smash the garlic with the side of your knife and roughly chop
- In a wok or frying pan, fry the garlic in a little oil over medium-low heat for a minute or so until light golden.
- Add broccoli stems and stir fry for about 30-60 seconds
- Add the leaves, oyster sauce, soy sauce, sugar and white pepper and stir fry for an additional minute or so
- Remove from heat immediately once the leaves look wilted but not completely collapsed.
- Serve immediately and enjoy



Recipe Skagenröra

Skagen is a coastal place in south of Sweden with great shrimp

Submitted by Anna Hellberg

Ingredients to make 4 portions Preparation time: 15 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked and peeled shrimp
- 1/4 c mayonnaise
- 1/4 c creme fraiche
- ½ bundle of dill
- 1lemon
- 1 small pinch salt



- 1 pinch svartpeppar (black pepper)
- Optional 1/2 teaspoon cognac
- Toast or baked potatoes to serve on



- 1. Put some shrimp aside for garnish and chop the rest just a little bit
- 2. Put in a bowl and mix with mayonnaise and crème fraiche.
- 3. Chop the dill finely but save some for garnish. Take some lemon zest and some lemon juice (about 1 teaspoon) add all in the bowl.
- 4. Mix and keep cold until serving time
- 5. Serve on toast or on top of baked potatoes, topped with the garnish and a slice of lemon.





