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Kathy Beaird Letter from our President





Sawadee ka and howdy!

This might be our fall newsletter, but it's still summer here in Houston. I hope everyone has enjoyed the pictures that have been posted from Scottsdale. It was a GREAT reunion! Without a doubt, one of my personal favorites. The resort had such a cool vibe, even the Scottsdale heat couldn't put a damper on the fun. I believe everyone who attended would agree that this was one of the best.

Most everyone should know by now that our 2027 reunion will be aboard the RCCL cruise ship, Utopia of the Seas. We had 100 people take advantage of making the early bird deposit. So, many thanks to those of you who took that leap of faith with us. Lloyd has been assured that we will have full details about the cruise by the end of October. Be on the lookout for email blasts and Facebook posts with all the information.

Once again, I want to thank the members of the Board of Directors for all the work they do to make our reunions come together. There's so much that goes on over the two years between reunions. Then we hit the ground running once we're all at the venue. Many of us stay over through Monday just so we can have a day of relaxation. And we absolutely could not make the reunions happen without the assistance from our AWESOME volunteers. From our warm and welcoming greeters, to those helping with registration, those working in The Shack and Teen Club, those who come early and those who stay to assist with unloading and loading, and all the ways you volunteer to help out ... my most sincere THANK YOU to those who step up and help out once you arrive. And it's not just alumni who volunteer. Thanks to the spouses and family members who also help make our reunions so special.

Keep an eye out for information about the 2027 cruise. I hope you will plan on joining for this new reunion adventure!

Sawadee ka!
Kathy
Kathy Beaird
ISB Network President



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 <u>link</u>

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, discounts to shop at the Shack, and special reunion surprises only offered to members.

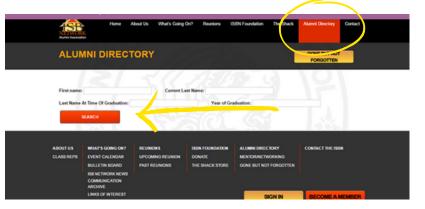


Alumni Pirectory



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, alumni change email addresses and/or phone numbers and forget to update the directory with the 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!

<u>2027 ISB Reunion</u> <u>Royal Caribbean - Utopia of the Seas</u>



A Statement from the Board of Directors

Reunions are a time-honored tradition where we come together to celebrate friendships - old and new - and enjoy the camaraderie that defines our Network. These events are more than just gatherings; they're opportunities to reconnect, reflect, and create lasting memories.

Location Planning and Financial Considerations

Selecting a reunion location is a complex process. As your Board of Directors, we must weigh several factors, including:

- Hotel costs and room block requirements: Many venues require us to commit to a minimum number of rooms, and if we don't meet those numbers, we face attrition penalties.
 - When contracting with a hotel or resort the Network has to guarantee an agreed upon number of room nights. If people do not book a room or cancel their reservations, the Network is responsible for paying for the number of rooms that were not booked if we do not hit the agreed upon minimum.
- Food and beverage expenses: These continue to rise, and often we're required to meet minimums that strain our budget.
- Transportation costs: Moving items like the Shack and Archives adds to our logistical challenges.
- Cash bar fluctuations: Pricing for drinks can vary widely and unpredictably, impacting both attendees and our bottom line.

Historically, our reunions have generated seed money to help fund future events. However, with increasing costs, breaking even has become more difficult.

Why a Cruise?

A cruise offers a fresh, adventurous alternative that addresses many of these concerns:

- No room block minimums or attrition penalties
- All-inclusive pricing that covers meals, entertainment, and meeting spaces
- Dedicated gathering spaces for our group
- Consistent costs, avoiding surprise fees like high bar tabs
- Accessibility: Cruises cater to a wide range of ages and are especially accommodating to elderly and handicapped guests

What Will Stay the Same

While the format may be different, the heart of our reunions remains unchanged:

- We'll still have dedicated spaces for our gatherings
- The same spirit of connection, celebration, and community will continue
- We'll maintain traditions while embracing new experiences



Community Interest

Many members have expressed enthusiasm for trying something new, and a cruise has received strong support. We've already seen a significant number of inquiries and sign-ups, indicating real excitement about this direction.

We appreciate all feedback and hope everyone will consider the benefits of this option. We're confident it will be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.













Our 2027 Network Reunion is a cruise to the Bahamas!

We have compiled a PDF, which contains detailed information about our trip:

- Tentative Dates
- Cruise Line
- Destinations
- Early Bird Deposit
- And much more

Seas the Day Information PDF



CONTACT US

Reunion Questions?

Contact **Teresa Martin**, Director of Reunions

For Payment Assistance and Travel Guidance Contact Lloyd Coleman

ISB's 75th Anniversary







January 21 – 23, 2027 in Bangkok, Thailand

The big event on the horizon will be the gala celebration for ISB's 75th Anniversary. ISB was 'born' on May 14, 1951 (then called the "International Children's Center"), and on May 14, 2026, there will be a special 'birthday' celebration on campus for the entire ISB student body. The main events, however, will take place January 21-24, 2027, in Bangkok.

The planning for this Diamond Anniversary is well underway, so be on the lookout for more information as it becomes available.

ISB ALUMNI 2025 REUNION

BY HAROLD ALBERT, ISB ALUMNI COORDINATOR

The ISB Network Alumni Association hosts an all-class ISB reunion in the USA every two years. This year, the event took place at The Scotts Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona, from July 24 through July 26. The Network was established in 1983, and its approximately 5,000 members are primarily composed of ISB alumni who attended the school in the 1960s and 1970s and reside in the United States. This year's reunion drew an attendance of over 250, comprising not only alumni from the 1960s and 1970s but also former ISB students from the 1980s and 1990s.



As is the case with all of the Network reunions, the highlights were the Teen Club for music and dancing, the House Games for fun and friendly competitions, The Shack to purchase ISB memorabilia, and the final Gala Dinner on Saturday evening. For this participant (it was my second Network reunion), I especially enjoyed the special presentations that were made by Danae Hendrickson (Legacies of War), and two ISB alumni authors, Tony Grady (Class of 1973) and Francesco Paola (1984), who talked about their books and their writing processes. Also memorable was the community service activity, assembling Clean Birthing Kits, led by my friend Suzanne Cano Meeker (also 1984).





I would be remiss if I failed to mention the yeoman work done by Network leaders Kathy Beaird, President; Suzanne Cano Meeker, Vice President; Michele Remmers Lockwood, Secretary; Cindy Hunt Leach, Treasurer; Kate Boslet, Director of Communications; Becky Byers Quirsfeld, Director of Outreach; Teresa Martin, Director of Reunions; Rao Vedurumudi, Director of Technology; and Alicia Beaird Hutchison, David Elder, and Chris Hunt, Directors-at-Large. These special people, along with many others, were responsible for making such a memorable event take place.

THANK YOU FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF REUNIONS

BY TERESA MARTIN



Although I posted this on Facebook back in August, I want to share it again for our alumni who are not on FB or who may have missed it. I tweaked it a bit to include those wonderful friends who contributed to the success of this reunion who I unfortunately previously omitted.

As we are all left with only the wonderful memories of the 2025 ISB All Classes Reunion in Scottsdale, I want to thank so many who contributed to its success. It is indeed a special gathering that comes together because of the love our alumni have for each other and the memories of our time in Thailand.

First and foremost, to the one and only Ewing clan, there is no way our reunions would be the same without the tireless dedication to fun and hilarity that the House Games provide. Amos, Jane, Marti, JoHanna, and Emily. You are adored more than you will ever know, and we thank you for being a huge part of our lives. A special thanks to our House Captains: Cathie Lowe, Red House; Barbara Johnson, Yellow House; Claire Burgess, Green House; and Greg Greeley Blue House – congratulations on your epic win!! All of you are great sports and thank you for leading your teams.

The Shack and Archives? Where to begin. The effort and focus that it takes to set up and run is a major undertaking. Todd Lockhart, Alicia Beaird Hutchinson, and Aron Medeiros, you rock! A huge shoutout as well to Sarah Voss – she came, she saw and she conquered. What a great organizer. Valerie Vogt Sills ... You are a constant in the Shack who does not go unrecognized, and we love you. Thank you so much to those who have helped out there who I have not mentioned. And to our beautiful JoHanna Ewing. Many thanks to you and your elves for continuing to organize, present and nurture the many items in Archives that extend our memories beyond what our aging minds allow and for organizing and running the Silent Auction. To all those who support these efforts, the Foundation is a success due to your generous donations.

Peppy Doggett, thank you for capturing "for all time," our many beautiful alumni faces. Your talent is so admired, and your contributions are greatly appreciated. We all look forward to seeing what you see and capture through your camera lens.

David Elder, your contribution both as our daily morning yoga master and in-house jeweler, is always a welcome constant. I know how much yoga attendees enjoy being able to start their day in a pretzel pose, and I always look forward to picking up a beautiful piece of jewelry from you at each reunion.

THANK YOU FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF REUNIONS - CONTINUED

Thank you to Don Drew and his cast of Class of '75 classmates; Mimi Drake Wetherington, Barbara Johnson, Pamela Allen, et al. of '73; and Barbara Stilwell Snook and Peppy Doggett Classes of the '60s, for organizing and maintaining the Hospitality Suites. It was so nice to be able to relax, have a snack and a Singha or glass of wine (or two), spin a yarn and enjoy the camaraderie of our friends.

To Dale Domino, Daniel Grandi, Phillipe Ritter, Tahzs Wilson, Paul Heidemann, Donald Nibblett and Rao Vedurumudi thank you for graciously stepping up to assist with all things A/V and tech whenever called upon. The Teen Club (pipe and drape, band equipment and sound for Friday night) would not have happened if not for your willingness and energy to put it all together. A special shout out to Greg Greeley who doesn't stop from the day he arrives to the day he leaves, unloading and reloading the U-Haul, being a House Captain, blowing up balloons, and organizing golf outings (when we're able to have them), etc. We love and appreciate you.

Speaking of the volunteers, what reunion could happen without the contribution of their time, energy and graciousness helping out wherever needed, be it unloading and loading the U-Haul, setting up Shack and Archives, as Greeters welcoming alumni arriving at the hotel, helping with the House Games, herding the cats, I mean alumni for Class Photos, and so much more. And, without a doubt, a huge thank you to Jameela Lanza aka Cricket who continues to gather and schedule her volunteer flock for each reunion. Cricket, we are so grateful to you, thank you.

To the other volunteers I have neglected to mention, please know your contribution is no less important and appreciated. We simply cannot do it without you.

And to the best Board of Directors ever, Kathy Beaird, Suzanne Cano Meeker, Cindy Hunt Leach, Michele Remmers Lockwood, Kathie Boslet, Rao Vedurumundi, Chris Hunt, Becky Byers Quirsfeld, Alicia Beaird Hutchingson, David Elder (and Todd Lockhart who continues to be invaluable behind the scenes), I am grateful and honored to have you as friends. Thank you for your ongoing support, hard work and dedicated determination to ensure the reunions are the success they are. They cannot and would not happen without you.

Finally, those who I want to thank the most but cannot call out one by one, are all the wonderful alumni who continue to attend and support our reunions, who continue to cherish the many memories we create and take away with us after each one. The alumni who understand how uniquely special it is to have a tribe like ours that accepts us for who we are, listen to the same stories and to the stories of our new friends who are attending for the first time, and who genuinely give the best and warmest hugs ever. The alumni who say who cares where it will be, I'm going to be there as I cannot live without connecting with my people, all of whom I love and cherish so very much.

thank you!

Khap khun ka. Teresa

UPDATE ON OUR REUNION BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BY SUZANNE CANO MEEKER, ISB ALUMNI NETWORK VICE PRESIDENT

Hey Panthers, this is a summary of the amazing programs you missed during our 2025 All Classes Reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona.



Clean Birth Kits:

This has become a favorite service activity during our all classes reunions, starting with the Nashville event in 2018. This is the fourth and most successful effort to date. Global Health Charities, a non profit established by Patricia De Martini Williams (Class of 1984), raises funds (\$10/kit) for the assembly of hygiene supplies that will allow pregnant women to deliver their babies safely.





The kits are assembled during service events such as ours and shipped all over the world to developing countries. In the past, our kits have gone to Thailand, Ukraine, and Rwanda. This year we assembled 300 kits and shipped them to the Hopi and Navajo tribes in Arizona. The assembly work was completed by over 30 enthusiastic alumni and family members during the reunion!





Legacies of War:

Legacies of War is a non-profit which provided advocacy education with a session hosted by Danae Hendrickson. This agency serves to raise awareness about the unexploded land mines which remain in the fields of Laos and continue to impact that country.



UPDATE ON OUR REUNION BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUED

Harold Albert:

Harold Albert, retired faculty of ISB and active Alumni Coordinator, who has lived in Bangkok since 1982, was able to attend our reunion and represent the campus! Harold led a session in a filled event room and shared the state of the campus as well as exciting upcoming events. The younger generation of alumni actively return to campus for their 10-year reunions, Harold previously attended the 2023 Daytona Beach reunion, where he was able to meet the family of P.E.Rajendra, and he shared that the Rajendra spirit is still very much alive on campus.







Author Panel:

We hosted our first Author Panel with Tony Grady (1973) and Francesco Paola (1984), with a packed event room. Tony spoke about his career serving his country as a test pilot and beyond, sharing a great video. Francesco spoke about the tech industry and his experience in legal cannabis production, which is an element of his novel. Both alumni were influenced by their childhoods in Asia and shared their habits for writing and getting published. There was an engaging Q&A session and positive response to this event. Since the reunion, the network is compiling an extensive Author List, with an intent to post it on our updated website.





Please reach out to <u>Suzanne Cano Meeker</u>, if you would like to participate on the Programming Committee, to track ongoing additions to our Author List and coordinate future programs.





Many thanks to those who provided feedback through the survey link following the reunion. 32 attendees rated the programming with an average of 4.48 stars (out of 5), with some excellent feedback in comments. 62% of respondents did not know that the silent auction that took place in "The Shack" merchandise area raised funds that will be used by our ISB Alumni Network Foundation (a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization), to support community service activities on campus.

RELIVE THE 2025 SCOTTSDALE REUNION!

We created TWO reunion videos this year for you to watch and enjoy!



Click each image to watch!



Video 1 Reunion Compilation of all days

Video 2
See all of the images from the photo booth!



2025 FLORIDA LOY KRATHONG CELEBRATION

COCOA BEACH, FL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14-16

Beachside Hotel & Suites

3901 N Atlantic Ave Cocoa Beach, FL 32921

Hotel Website

Special Hotel Rates Offered Book by <u>October 31st</u> for Rates

\$165/night - Standard room

\$180/night - Two room suites

Plus taxes and fees (approximately 12%)

Rate includes Morning Breakfast Buffet from 7 - 10 AM

To reserve your room, call 321-783-2221 and Press 0 to speak with the front desk Please reference Loy Krathong Group to receive the discounted rate by 10/31



FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE ARE NEEDED FOR THE KRATHONGS

The event is B.Y.O.B
Feel free to contribute snacks for the party suite.



<u>Friday, November 14th</u>

6 PM - Thai Dinner at Siam Orchid We need RSVP's by 10/31

Email Jolli Sidon at Jolli71@hotmail.com

After - Music & Snacks in the Party Suites

Saturday, November 15th

11:30 AM - Meet in breakfast room to assemble Krathongs

5 PM - Depart hotel to launch Krathongs at Riverwest Condo Boat Dock 190 Escambia Lane. Cocoa Beach

After - Music & Snacks in the Party Suites

Sunday, November 16th

8:30 AM - Depart hotel to visit Punyawanaram Wat for fabulous food at the Sunday Market 4490 Aurora Road, Melbourne

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ripe pears, peeled, quartered and cored
- 2 pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2-inch chunks
- 2 medium tomatoes, cored and guartered
- 1 large leek, pale green and white parts only, halved lengthwise, sliced and washed thoroughly
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 4 cups vegetable broth, or reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided
- 2/3 cup crumbled Stilton, or other blue-veined cheese
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced fresh chives, or scallion greens

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2. Combine pears, squash, tomatoes, leek, garlic, oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper in a large bowl; toss to coat. Spread evenly on a large rimmed baking sheet. Roast, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender, 40 to 55 minutes. Let cool slightly.
- 3. Place half the vegetables and 2 cups broth in a blender; puree until smooth. Transfer to a large saucepan. Puree the remaining vegetables and 2 cups broth. Add to the pan and stir in the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt.
- 4. Cook the soup over medium-low heat, stirring, until hot, about 10 minutes. Divide among 6 bowls and garnish with cheese and chives (or scallion greens).



Roasted Pear-Butternut Soup with Crumbled Stilton





1 hour 15 mi total

from an Eating Well article

Pears are roasted to sweet perfection with butternut squash and pureed to create a creamy soup that gets a luxurious garnish of Stilton cheese. You can serve this as a first course or with a salad and crusty bread for a light autumn supper.

MAKE AHEAD TIP

Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 1 month. Add more broth when reheating, if desired.

Cut Down on Dishes: A rimmed baking sheet is great for everything from roasting to catching accidental drips and spills. For effortless cleanup and to keep your baking sheets in tip-top shape, line them with a layer of foil before each

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://isheings.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.

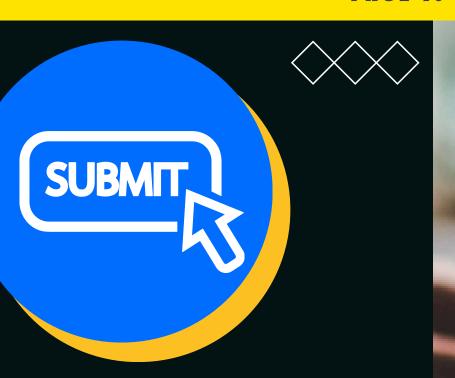


There are ongoing fees required to maintain the ISBeings website. If you would like to contribute to the preservation of the site, you can donate to help David with the fees by clicking here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/...









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



