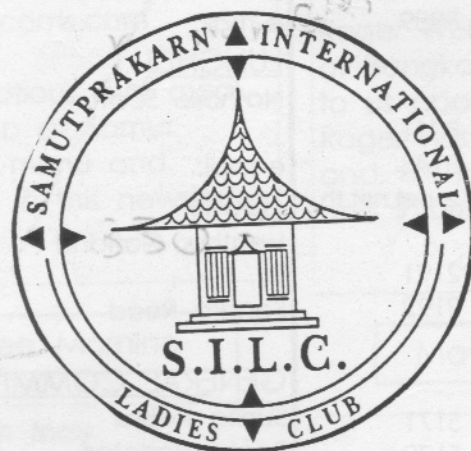


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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2000

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ORGANISATION OF THE CLUB

SILC creates an opportunity for women of all nationalities living in the Samut Prakarn area to meet socially and participate in a variety of activities without travelling into Bangkok. We invite members to join monthly meetings, tours and interest groups. Members pay an annual fee of 500 Baht to cover costs and receive a monthly newsletter and club directory.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published once a month with articles and information on club activities. Contributions are welcome and can be sent directly to the newsletter editor.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Club meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month. Venues for meetings vary and are published in the newsletter. Meetings start at 8.00 p.m. and last approx. 2 hours. Visitors are most welcome.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

These are held once a month and are open to everyone. Please inform the hostess of the meeting if you wish to attend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May Lunch

Date: **Thursday 25th May**
Time: 12.00
Venue: Sompong Restaurant
Srinakarin Road
RSVP: Nathalie Scott
by Monday 22nd May
Tel/Fax: 758 6787
e-mail: robnat@cscoms.com

Join us for a scrumptious Thai meal, right on our doorstep at Samut Prakarn. Please see menu and directions further on in this newsletter

May Monthly meeting

DATE: **Monday 29th May**
TIME: 7.30 p.m.
VENUE: Helen Isaac's
754 Lakeside Villa 1
RSVP: Helen, Tel: 316 8061
Isabella Henderson
758 6726

Roger Welty of Community Services of Bangkok will be visiting to speak to us about the work of the CSB. Roger has a wealth of information and will no doubt be an interesting and informative speaker.

May Coffee Morning

DATE: **Friday 12th May**
TIME: 09.30 a.m.
VENUE: Lyn Bradley's house
#21/14 Moo 9
Flower Lee Gardens
Sukhumvit Soi 103
RSVP: Lyn, Tel: 726 2191
Julie Heather 385 8133

Come and see a selection of tableware, cutlery and other items from Ayuthaya Heritage. There will also be an opportunity to purchase

May Committee Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 9th May
TIME: 09.00
VENUE: Jonquil's house
130 Lakeside Villa 2
RSVP: 316 4074

This will be the final meeting for the outgoing committee and we will be able to welcome in all the new committee members. If you are thinking of standing for the new committee, make a note of this date, now.

Don't forget the AGM on Thursday 4th

This will be held at Nellie Holm's house House, at 759 Lakeside Villa 1 Remember to bring your swimming costume and a plate of food to share. Please pay your subscriptions **BEFORE** the AGM.

Welfare Sub Committee Meeting

DATE: Friday 19th May
TIME: 09.30
VENUE: Maureen's
506 Lakeside Villa 1
RSVP: 316 8547

A Final Message from the President.

Well as I sit here typing out my final message, I feel quite saddened and a sense of relief, no only joking!

It has been a good year with plenty of social events, including coffee mornings, lunches, evening meetings and tours throughout Bangkok. I certainly feel privileged to have been part of a tremendous committee, to whom I can't thank enough. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.....

Also my sincere appreciation goes out to Paradee and the Welfare committee, who have undoubtedly shown true commitment, care and donated hours of their time to the less privileged, children and adults throughout Thailand. Good luck to

Felicity who will be (hopefully, unless anything drastic happens) chairing the new committee.

I also want to thank a very special person, who made my sleepless nights disappear in a flash. Just one phone call, relieved me of all the inner panic of having to do another year as President. A huge thanks to Julie Thompson, but please don't commit all your time to SILC, as I can't do without your expertise on the game of Mah-jong, plus of course being beaten every time!

By the time this newsletter is distributed I shall be history, well as far as having the title of President is concerned. I shall however continue to be a regular customer to all SILC events and have the pleasure of sitting back and watching someone else do the talking.

I remember the first evening meeting as President (extremely nerve racking), a yoga session and talk, held at Kate Thomas's apartment. I actually had to home in on one person and tell her to stop giggling, she behaved just like a school girl being let out for the first time. Yep you may have guessed who it was, Felicity Dent our very own ex (1998-1999) President; only pulling your leg Felicity (true though). I'll try to refrain from whispering in the back row at my first meeting, can't promise though!

One of the main reasons I am stepping down is my husband, not that he is against my time committed to SILC. Or the fact that I never got around to printing the T-shirt I had promised him (the one with 'President's first husband' on). But I have an opportunity (kid's willing) to be a supportive wife and companion to him whilst he travels around the Far East, well okay I'd like to stay in nice hotels, see the sights and what else - go shopping of course!

Talking of travel, I was going to write a superb and gripping story about our recent visit to Malaysia/Borneo. But unfortunately the Papers or Pirates have put a stop to that idea, as you may remember the head lines on April 25th; '20 taken hostage in Sabah'.

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Presidents final message.....Contd.

As I can't predict the outcome I would rather leave it to a future issue of the newsletter, or just include information in the 'SILC Travelogue', which incidentally, Felicity is the keeper of the file, until someone else wishes to take it over? But I'll let you into a secret, we had a brilliant time!

One of the biggest regrets of leaving the committee is Gill 'ED' Symons 'coffee cake', if I close my eyes I can taste it now. Yes, I know I have got the recipe, but it never turns out quite like yours, especially with milk chocolate buttons on top! Mind you after a year of indulging, I now think of you when I'm puffing around the tennis court and nibbling at 'rabbit food' ie vegetables and greens! Can't blame you entirely (it does help though), need a bit more of the positive thinking or do they call it will power. Go for it Julie, you have a lot of leeway before you have to worry? I shall resist the next time one is brought to a coffee morning or 'pot luck' lunch? Just as long as I don't get a whiff!

Before I sign off, sniff. I would like to just wish the new committee every success and good fortune, (means plenty of fund raising) for the continuation of SILC. Does that mean I have to present my 'SILC logo' pyjamas to my successor? Hope they fit, Julie?

Sorry ED. Gone over my allotted space, thought I might as well give you one final major, headache-ha!

In case Gill decides to cut off this last page, as I suppose she has every right to, just because I am waffling on. I think my privilege, as it is a final message, don't you? May I remind her and readers, that I was indeed going over my page just to compliment her culinary delights!!

Well I shall stand down from my podium, bid a final farewell, and switch off the PC, before it (and Gill) overheats!!!! I could of course keep on contributing to the newsletter, just to remind Gill of the 'old times'? Maybe if I carry on a little longer, make it easier by filling 2 pages, then Gill won't have to rack her brain trying to out do my wit and jovial sense of humour!! Sorry, I have a sadistic side of me as well (ex Nurse), you will just have to fill the rest of this page with the help of the new committee, yes- I'm off.....

BYEEEEEEEE.....

Jonquil, sincerely your, as from now. Ex President!

Please note the following changes to the SILC directory:

Lisa Waller has moved to:

34/26, Soi 5/1, Moobaan Ladawan,

Srinakarin Road, Bangplee,

Samut Prakarn 10540

Tel: 385 7221

Fax: 385 7685

e-mail: boblisa@loxinfo.co.th

May Tour to The Suan Pakkard Palace Museum
and lunch at The Baiyoke Tower

DATE: Thursday 18th May

TIME: Leave Patana School at 09.00
Return approximately 1.30 p.m.

COST: To be confirmed

RSVP: By Thursday 11th May to:

Heather Tel: 385 8148 Fax: 385 8402

Sandra Tel: 385 8729 Fax: 758 7077

Please join us for a tour of the Suan Pakkard Palace Museum. The Palace is the residence of Princess Chumbot of Nagara Svarga and the complex of 5 traditional Thai houses, set in beautifully landscaped gardens, are home to a collection of rare antiques, Ban Chiang artefacts and ceramics.

Afterwards, we will partake of a buffet lunch at the Baiyoke Tower's Sky Restaurant on the 78th floor.

If you wish to join us on this tour, but do not have your own transport to and from Patana School, then please call and let us know. We can easily arrange a ride for you.

Please note we are still looking for volunteers to fill
the following positions.

TOUR CO-ORDINATOR(S) We will be stepping down as Tour Co-Ordinators at the AGM. The position can be filled by one or two persons, no skills are required, just a little enthusiasm. If you are interested in finding out more about this committee position please give us a call.

DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS?

We are planning to include e-mail address in the next edition of the SILC telephone directory.

If you would like your e-mail address included please send it to Nuri as soon as possible at:

nuri88@hotmail.com

If any of your details are incorrect, or have changed, please let Nuri know so that we can amend them in the next directory

May Lunch

This will take place at the Sompong Restaurant, Srinakarin Road,
3.5 km from Teparak Intersection on the left hand side,
Opposite Gold Kitchen Restaurant
Tel: 7032496-7

Date: Thursday 25th May
Time: 12 noon
Cost for Thai set menu:
between B. 250-300 (excluding drinks)

The menu includes:

1. Sauteed Charcoaled Bass
2. Baked Prawn with sauce
3. Baked Curry Crab Paste on Earthenware
4. Deep Fried Field Chicken
5. Tom Yum Koong with Coconut Meat
6. Sweet and Sour Fish
7. Mix Vegetables
8. Sticky Rice With Mangoes

Please RSVP to Nathalie on Tel/Fax 758 6787

Ladawan Walkers

Do you live at Ladawan? Do you need more exercise and the chance to meet new people? Are you up at 07.00?

If so, why don't you join us, a group of ladies, and some dogs, (the four legged kind!), who walk around Ladawan each morning, Monday to Friday, come rain or shine.

Anyone is welcome to join us, we walk for approximately one hour but you can join in wherever you want. We meet up around the main road area, near Julie Heathers house around 07.10 and follow a fairly similar route each day. If you see us.....join us!

Welfare news for May

1. Please note the change of the date for G.C.D. Meeting (Gluing, Cutting and Deciding) from Tuesday May 9 at 9.30 am. to Tuesday May 16 at 9.30 am. We get together once every two or three months to prepare crafts to be used for pre-schools we visit.

All help and ideas are welcome to make our crafts creative but simple enough for 3-6 year old children.

Venue: Edith's Tel: 758-7121--Mooban Ladawan.

2. You are also welcome to attend the Combined Women's Welfare Meeting on Wed May 10 at 9.00 am, at Maureen's residence Tel: 316-8547.

Normally the meeting is held in town. It is a chance for those interested in knowing what and how other International clubs in Bangkok deal with their welfare projects.

3. We are having Welfare Sub-Committee Meeting on Friday May 19 at Maureen's at 9.30 am. Tel: 316-8547. Please feel free to join the meeting even though you are not in the sub committee. R.S.V.P

4. Please start looking for as many sponsors (friends and relatives) as possible for your children who are going to join SILC Swimathon on Sunday May 28th from 9-11. The money raised will be donated to support the farm project run by Human Development Center (See details from Khun Nina's letter in this newsletter.)

Many thanks to:

· Chou You Lan for donating Baht 720 through SILC to buy milk for Pong Ploy children.

· Sunita for donating food trays to be used at needy schools

Paradee

Lovable Dalmation Puppy (3 1/2 Months old)

For Sale at 3500 THB to a good home
Pedigree Papers available



Tel: 336 0745
Mobile 01 824 7704

Report on the Coffee Morning in March

Once again a big "Thank You" to Felicity for hosting our March coffee morning.

Felicity showed slides of her trip with Susan Race to the Hilltribe Villages in the far north west of Thailand. It was fascinating to hear her commentary to the slides. Great work is going ahead in some villages and SILC can proud to be part of this contribution to the betterment of minority group welfare, health and education projects. The folder of photographs were also a great plus for those who are interested to see more of the scenery and the people of the north.

Felicity also told us about the visits to current welfare projects which are supported on a weekly basis. Unfortunately members move on and there is always a need for new faces and talents to come forward to help school projects and fundraising. Do consider joining in, the children just love meeting new "farang helpers".

Following a break for eats and drinks, Khun Nina from the Human Development Foundation told us about long established projects which are still flourishing and in particular about the new project, their farm where "street children" live, out of harms way, under the guidance from the local "headman". It is possible that a visit could be arranged to the farm, if enough SILC members are keen to support this much needed "safe haven" for boys.

Thank you to Julie Heather for bringing the handicrafts from Siam Care for us to see and buy, every purchase helped a family somewhere.

Angela Fowles

We extend a warm welcome to a new member this month

caroline Savage
765 Lakeside Villa 1
Bangna-Trad Road, 5.5 km
Samutprakarn 10540
10540
Phone: 317-1125
Fax:

Nationality: Australian
Partner: Philip

Children's names and birthdates
Susan May 24, 1987
Jane Feb 22, 1991
e-mail: savages@loxinfo.co.th

THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FARM
A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR STREET KIDS

April 21, 2000

To all members of SILC,

We at the Human Development Foundation wish to thank all of the members of the Samutprakarn International Ladies' Club for your generous pledge and for your concern for the street kids who will be cared for at the HDF Farm. Many of these children have lived in alleys, under bridges or in otherwise abusive situations, and do not even know what a home is. With the help of caring people like yourselves, we hope to provide a home, an education and hope for 30-40 such children. The children who will be cared for at the Farm range in age from 6 years up through their teens. Our hope is that this diversity in age will provide a family setting in which these children can learn to care for each other, and through that, learn to care for themselves and society.

The Farm is located in Cha Chang Sao, about 45 minutes east of Bangkok. The land is provided to the HDF by a Thai woman (who wanted to do something to help these children), for as long as it is needed. The funds that SILC will donate will be used to extend the kitchen to provide a much-needed cooking area for this large brood of children. We also plan to build a chicken house and raise chickens to help feed the children at a more reasonable cost. This will also teach the children to care for the chickens and to feel more self-sufficient. If funds allow, we also hope to build a laundry area, so that the children can also begin to learn how to take care of their own clothing. All of these things will help to build a feeling of community, pride in themselves and self-sufficiency among the children.

The future of any culture depends on the future provided for its children. That is why this kind of project is so very important to the future of Thailand. Father Joe has always said that the best way to help the poor to help themselves is to educate their children. We believe this will all of our hearts, and we are so grateful to all of you for giving from your hearts to help make this project possible.

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Letter from Khun Nina Contd...

We invite all of you to come visit us at any time, and to see for yourselves what your assistance is providing for the future of these children and for Thailand. Please feel welcome to contact me at any time and I will arrange such a visit for you. You are changing lives, and we thank you all.

Best regards,

Usanee Jangeon (Nina)

Sponsorship and Community Health Coordinator

Human Development Foundation

Ladies, the SILC Swimathon 2000 is drawing near! Whenever you come to a SILC event between now and May 28, please pick up a sponsorship form and start filling them in. Remember to pre-register your children who are participating so we can have their certificates ready and waiting. You can do all that by either calling Nuri at 316-2696 or at 01-692-5189 or faxing her at 316-8102 or e-mail to nuri88@hotmail.com. ... and you can also call Helen Isaac at 316-8061 or fax at 316-3148. Now you do not have any excuses for not being able to get us!

This year, SILC will forward all our collections to The Human Development Foundation Farm. On the previous page is a letter from the coordinator, Khun Nina who has written a few words to provide some information on the farm and to express her gratitude on behalf of the HDF.

So go on out there and collect your sponsorships!.

See you at the Ladawan Pool
on Sunday, May 28, 9:00 - 11:00 am.

Details on the swimathon are available in the April 2000 issue
The sponsorship form is once again included in this newsletter.

Nuri Ismail

**SILC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
2000/2001**

Subscriptions are due by **APRIL 1st 2000**. Please complete this form and return with your subscription of 500 Baht to:

Lyn Bradley
#21/14, Moo 9,
Flower Lee Garden
Sukhumvit Soi 103
Nongbon Praves
10260

or hand to any committee member
Please **DO NOT** send cash in the
post.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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Tel:

e-mail:

Would you be interested in joining the committee?

Yes/No

Please renew your subscriptions promptly.

**Please note, you will not receive your newsletter
in June if subscriptions have not been paid by the
AGM.**

**SILC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 4TH MAY
10.00 A.M.**

Nellie Holm's House
759 Lakeside Villa 1

followed by Potluck Lunch, with wine and a swim

All SILC members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, where we will thank our outgoing committee and welcome in our new committee members. Following this, it is time to celebrate with a poolside lunch a drink and a swim for those who wish to take up Nellie's kind offer of making her pool available to us.

Please forward any items for inclusion on the agenda, in writing to the Secretary, Helen Isaac, by Thursday 6th April.

All members are eligible to attend, however, **you are only eligible to vote if you have paid up your subscriptions for the current year.** These are due by April 1st so please pay them now to obtain your voting rights.

Please complete the renewal form opposite and send it with the money to the treasurer, Lyn Bradley

AGENDA

1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Amendments to the constitution
4. Vote of thanks to outgoing committee
5. Nominations from the floor
6. Election of new committee
7. Any other business

S.I.L.C

Samutprakarn International Ladies Club

Annual General Meeting

Nominations are invited from the members for all positions on the 2000-2001 committee. Please nominate yourself or anyone you feel would be suitable and come to the A.G.M. to vote. Those nominated should indicate that they are willing by signing this form, which should be returned to any present committee or activities member.

If no written nomination for a particular post is received, nomination from the floor may be accepted. In the event of only one candidate being nominated for each office, election shall take place by oral acclamation. In the event there are two nominees for office, election shall take place by secret ballot.

| Position | Nominee | Nominee's signature | Nominator | Secunder |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| President | | | | |
| Vice-President | | | | |
| Secretary | | | | |
| Treasurer | | | | |
| Welfare | | | | |
| Newsletter | | | | |
| Membership | | | | |
| Newcomers | | | | |
| Coffee mornings | | | | |
| Lunches | | | | |
| Tours | | | | |
| General committee | | | | |
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Please fax completed form to Jonquil Henry on 3164074 before May 1.

SAMUTPRAKARN INTERNATIONAL LADIES CLUB**WELFARE****STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000**

| | <u>Baht</u> | <u>Baht</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1 APRIL 1999 | | 68090.98 |
| INCOME | | |
| BAZAAR | 46600.00 | |
| SWIMATHON | 52774.00 | |
| EXCESS ON SILK FUNCTIONS | 2950.00 | |
| OTHER: | | |
| Interest received | 2547.28 | |
| Donations | 2532.50 | |
| Profit on sale of cook books | 3210.00 | |
| Book sales | 110.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>110723.78</u> | |
| EXPENSES/DONATIONS | | |
| PLONG PLOY | 16659.00 | |
| SKIP | 982.00 | |
| CONCORDIA | 5000.00 | |
| GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AT THE 3 SCHOOLS | 9820.00 | |
| OTHER: International Support Group | 24000.00 | |
| Gifts for ISG Students | 862.00 | |
| Ban Khun Wong Nua P S | 57550.00 | |
| Human Development | 5000.00 | |
| Patana Foundation | 5000.00 | |
| PHOTOCOPY | 180.00 | |
| STATIONARY | 522.00 | |
| BANK CHARGES | 189.00 | |
| PHOTO'S | 806.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES/DONATIONS | <u>126570.00</u> | |
| INCOME LESS EXPENSES | | <u>-15846.22</u> |
| BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2000 | | <u><u>52244.76</u></u> |
| BANK BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2000 | | 51699.76 |
| PETTY CASH AS AT 31 MARCH 2000 | | 545.00 |
| | | <u><u>52244.76</u></u> |

SAMUTPRAKARN INTERNATIONAL LADIES CLUB.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

| | <u>Baht</u> | <u>Baht</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1 APRIL 1999 | | 119904.99 |
| INCOME | | |
| ADVERTISING | 37530.00 | |
| MEMBERSHIP FEES | 73500.00 | |
| INTEREST | 3258.55 | |
| OTHER - CHRISTMAS PARTY | 2200.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>116488.55</u> | |
| EXPENSES | | |
| BANK CHARGES | 100.00 | |
| POSTAGE | 858.00 | |
| NEWSLETTER & DIRECTORY COSTS | 54846.00 | |
| STATIONERY | 1273.00 | |
| MEETING EXPENSES | 8679.50 | |
| AGM EXPENSES (1999) | 4720.00 | |
| FAMILY LUNCH | 11646.75 | |
| CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN | 2400.00 | |
| OTHER - Flowers for Wendy Chang | 1000.00 | |
| - Donation to HDC | 60000.00 | |
| - Donation to Rahab Foundation | 6000.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>151523.25</u> | |
| INCOME LESS EXPENSES | | <u>-35034.70</u> |
| BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2000 | | <u>84870.29</u> |
| BANK BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2000 | | 75682.29 |
| PETTY CASH AS AT 31 MARCH 2000 | | 9188.00 |
| TOTAL AS AT 31 MARCH 2000 | | <u>84870.29</u> |

COMMITTEE MEMBERS DUTIES

PRESIDENT

Preside at all meetings, affix signature to all official contracts entered not by SILC. To serve as the official representative of SILC. She will chair the committee meetings as well as other club events at which she presides.

VICE PRESIDENT

Shall assume duties of the president in her absence, will assume any responsibilities delegated by the President from time to time and is responsible for all matters concerning the Monthly Meetings, including arranging guest speakers or social focus, venue and purchasing wine and beer and gift for guest speaker.

SECRETARY

Shall record and keep the minutes of all official meetings and give them to Committee members before the next meeting. She will have charge of all documents not specifically under the charge of any other Officer and will handle all correspondence for the club. She will keep a newsletter for each month on file.

TREASURER

She will be custodial of all funds and will be responsible for or will give authority to others to collect monies for annual subscriptions and receipt of all monies. She will make payments necessary, keep accurate accounts, present monthly statements at the Committee meeting and submit a yearly account at the AGM after submitting financial records for audit. She will, along with other committee members, open a bank account for the clubs funds. She will also keep a backup data base of each member's name and address in case of absence of the membership officer.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Will be responsible for producing a monthly newsletter to inform members of the activities of the club and accept contributions by members of the appropriate material to be published. She will edit all information. Liaison with officers for information and decisions concerning appropriate advertising. She shall appoint a sub-editor if necessary and will also be responsible for collation, labelling and distribution of the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Will be responsible for keeping accurate records of each member based on the club's application form via a data base, to liaise with the Treasurer to hand over annual dues and keep the Treasurer informed of addresses of each member. Also print labels for the newsletter editor for each month's newsletter. She will keep a stock of membership directories and will develop a new directory twice yearly, (in April and October) and be responsible for distribution of these to members.

LUNCHES

Will provide a venue and a time each month for the club's lunch and will make all arrangements there as well as being the contact person for the reservation.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Will make all arrangements including venue and theme or arrangement of guest speaker, food and beverage arrangements and be the contact person for this (normally) monthly event and purchase a gift for the guest speaker if appropriate.

WELFARE

Will be responsible for the investigation of and and contact with charities based on the clubs goals for welfare and will make a monthly report on the progress of this at the committee meeting each month. Also to make suggestions for the fundraising for welfare monies and help in the implementation of these projects.

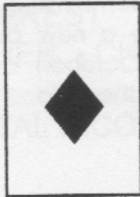
NEWCOMERS

By liaison with the Membership Secretary she will make personal contact with each new member and provide them with a directory and a helping hand. She will maintain a package of information about living in the Samut Prakarn area and distribute to each new member.

TOURS

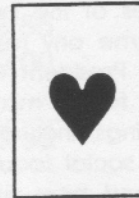
Suggest and develop tours around Bangkok and Samut Prakarn area, including co-ordinating travel arrangements, time, venue and dates and be the contact person for them.

*The
British Women's Group
Bangkok*



Invites you to join them for a fun morning

In a good cause at their



Annual Games Morning

(Bridge – Mahjong – Scrabble)

(Tiddly – winks anyone?)

In aid of Thai Charities

On

Friday, 19th May 2000

At

The J. W. Marriott Hotel
Sukhumvit Soi 2

Registration: 8.30 am
Games Commence: 9.00 am

Donation: Baht 600 includes morning coffee and buffet lunch

Door prize – Games prizes – Raffle prizes – 50/50 draw

TO BOOK TICKETS and TABLES CONTACT

| | | |
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| BRIDGE (reserve with a partner): | Judy Gardham | 261 1818 |
| MAHJONG (reserve by table of 4): | Stephanie Woodward | 260 5148 or |
| | Judith Aphaiwongse | 316 1837 |
| SCRABBLE (reserve by table of 4): | Jan Wright | 391 0966 or |
| | | wrightbk@idn.co.th |
| TIDDLY WINKS and other games? | Ann Wreford | 965 3136 |

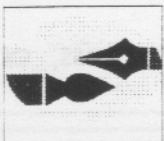
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ART AND CRAFT CLASSES

This class has changed to a Monday morning, newcomers always welcome

Day: Monday
Time: 09.00
Place: Helen Frost's
734 Lakeside 1

For more information call Helen,
Tel: 317 1132



Step classes

When: Tuesday 4.00 - 5.00
Where: Ladawan Clubhouse

Contact: Isabella
Tel: 758 6726

Please note there are no more step classes on Thursday

MAH-JONG

Thana City

Wednesday rotation

Contact: Julie Thompson
Tel: 336 0543

Ladawan

Tuesday rotation

Contact: Julie Heather
Tel: 385 8133

GOLF - 9 HOLES

Royal Navy Thai Course



Cost: 410 Baht plus 100 Baht tip for your caddy

Never played? Never mind!
Call if you would like to join us
Contact: Isabella Henderson
Tel: 758 6726

GOLF - 18 HOLES

Green Valley
call to organise a group

Contact: Val Ashman
Tel: 740 2935

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Lakeside 1, Thursday

07.30-09.30 a.m.

Contact:
Helen Frost
Tel: 317 1132



DAYTIME BOOK CLUB
MEETING

DATE: Friday 26th May
VENUE: Terri Pavlovich's
706 Lakeside Villa 1
TEL: 740 2994
TIME: 10.30 - 12.30



Discussion: "Patpong Sisters" By Cleo Odzer

Presentation by Kate Thomas, "The Road from Coorain"

RSVP: Please contact the hostess, or just come along

EVENING BOOK CLUB
MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 24th May
VENUE: Lena's house, 711 Lakeside Villa 1
TEL: 316 6272
TIME: 7.30 p.m. prompt



BOOK: "Burmese Days"

DETAILS Maureen Bligh, Tel: 316 8547
& RSVP: Felicity Dent Tel: 758 6492

Please return your copy of "The African Queen" at this meeting if you have not already done so. Thank You

Maid available

From 15th July and worth the wait!

Som, my excellent maid has been with me for 4 and a half years. Som has dealt with all the household chores, cooks both Thai and Farang food. If anybody has tasted the icing sugar dusted chocolate cake or the steamed wantons at SILC lunches or coffee mornings then they are hers. Som has also looked after the boys whenever needed and including the odd week end when we have been away. She is trustworthy and I have no hesitation in recommending her.

For more information please call Nathalie on 758 6787



Clearance Sale

Date: Saturday 24th June

Place: 35/198 Soi 5/11 Mooban Ladawan.

Time: 12 noon to 2pm Tel: 758 6787

Toys*Children's Video's*Children's Books*Children's clothes*Small electrical items* knick knacks*SONY camcorder with new battery
PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND MAIDS

Packs of photo cards still available from Nathalie - 6 cards and envelopes for 200 Baht please call 758 6787

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Feng Shui Course for Beginners in May

Dates: Monday 22nd May
Wednesday 24th May
Friday 26th May

Time: 10.00 - 1.00

For more information please call Anna Leong tel:

House 758 7339 - 40
Shop 745 8179
Mobile 01 831 2356
Fax 758 6984

AEROBICS CLASSES **NEW !!!**

When : Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 am - 9:00 am

Where: Lakeside Villa 1 Clubhouse

How much : 1,200 Baht for regulars or
150 Baht per session

Contact : Nuri
Tel : 316-2696 or 01-692-5189



FOR SALE- ZU VERKAUFEN- A VENDRE

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|--|-------------------------|
| -Div./ various Plants | B 50-500 * |
| -Aquarium 535Liters with Filter and 15 Discus Fishes (5-10cm) | B10,000. Or best offer* |
| -Deep freezer Philips | B 4,800. |
| -Washing machine Hoover | B 5,500.* |
| -Dish washer Privileg | B 6,000. |
| -Refrigrator GE 160x75x80cm. (18cu. Ft.) | B 10,000. |
| -Dryer GE - 10 kilogramm | B 4,500.* |
| -Compact Oven /Grill/ Rotiserie Moulinex | B 2,500 |
| Sofa Set Bluish ash -gray (3-1-1) | B 8,000. * |
| -TV Sony 25 inches, Bilingual, German Stereo | B 6,000. |
| -Toshiba Video Recorder | B 5,000. |
| -Sharp Video Recorder | B 5,000. |
| - Vacuum Cleaner Moulinex | B 1,500. |
| -Sony Component 900Watts(Radio/Cassette/CD Player) inc. 2speakers | B 6,000.* |
| -TV Shelf | B 500.* |
| -CD shelf | B 250.* |
| -Shelves for the Stock room | B 500. Each.* |
| -Shoe shelf | B 50.* |
| -Office chair, blue/black | B 700.* |
| -Paravan Rattan- 4folds | B 600.* |
| -Wardrobe with 3 sliding doors, big mirror at the middle, can be disassembled and reassembled | B 3,500. |
| -Garden / Breakfast Table - with 4 chairs and cushions -oval white 150x120cm | B 2,500.* |
| -Pots and Pans and Water Kettle 5Pcs. | B 500. |
| -Glasses | B 10.each |
| Assorted Wine glasses (for Champagne, Sparkling Wine, Cognac) 20 pcs. | B 25.each or all 300* |
| -Plates, Cups and Saucers, Dessert plates-24 each | B 3,000.* |
| -Spoons, forks, Knives , teaspoons, cake forks 16 each | B 2,000. * |
| -Coffee Maker /Percolator Braun -10cups White | B 700. |
| -6x Soda Water Crates with empty bottles | B 200. Each* |
| -Waffle maker | B 300.* |
| -Food processor | B 800.* |
| -Electric beater | B 250.* |
| -Gas bottles 15 kg. (2) | B 700.* |
| -Gas Regulator with safety valve | B 400. * |
| Christmas Tree 6ft and some decors. | B 500. |
| -Ironing board ,Clothesline, clothes pegs/pins | |

*ITEMS WITH * are immidiately available*

**Please do come and have a look anytime during the day, but kindly call first.
ALELI HAUSCHILD; TEL: 751-9889, FAX:751-9933**

CABINETS ANYONE?

Some friends have left Bangkok recently and left me with 2 beautiful cabinets to find homes for.

Both are about 6 feet high.

One is bamboo, 2 shelves with doors and the lower open.

Serves well as a TV cabinet.

The other is 5-tier open shelf made of wood.

If interested, please come to view for yourself at my home.

Price is negotiable, as property is that of the company they work for, the proceeds will go back to the office.

Please call Nuri at 316-2696 or 01-692-5189 to arrange for viewing.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Non-members must pay 1000 Baht for a full page advertisement, 500 Baht for a 1/2 page and 250 Baht for a 1/4 page.

If flyers are provided and no copying is required, the cost is 500 Baht for a full page. Personal advertising is free for members, however if advertising a business or service, a nominal charge will be incurred.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS

May 19th DON'T MISS IT!!

e-mail your articles of interest to:

gsymons@loxinfo.co.th

or fax to Gill on 758 5172

If anyone is thinking of changing their nationality, this might help you decide!
It is not our intention to offend anyone!Ed.

On a beautiful deserted island in the middle of nowhere, the following people are stranded:

- 2 Italian men and 1 Italian woman
- 2 French men and 1 French woman
- 2 German men and 1 German woman
- 2 Greek men and 1 Greek woman
- 2 English men and 1 English woman
- 2 Polish men and 1 Polish woman
- 2 Japanese men and 1 Japanese woman
- 2 American men and 1 American woman
- 2 Australian men and 1 Australian woman
- 2 New Zealand men and 1 New Zealand woman
- 2 Irish men and 1 Irish woman

One month later, the following things have occurred:

One Italian man killed the other Italian man for the Italian woman.

The two French men and the French woman are living happily together having loads of nooky.

The two German men have a strict weekly schedule of when they alternate with the German woman.

The two Greek men are sleeping with each other and the Greek woman is cleaning and cooking for them.

The 2 English men are waiting for someone to introduce them to the English woman.

The Polish men took a long look at the endless ocean and one look at the Polish woman and started swimming.

The two American men are contemplating the virtues of suicide, while the American woman keeps on bitching about her body being her own, the true nature of feminism, how she can do everything that they can do, about the necessity of fulfilment, the equal division of household chores, how her last boyfriend respected her opinion and treated her much nicer and how her relationship with her mother is improving. But at least the taxes here are low and it is not raining.

The two Japanese men have faxed Tokyo and are waiting for instructions.

The two Australian men beat each other senseless fighting over the Australian woman, who is checking out all the other men, after calling them both "b..... w.....".

Both New Zealand men are searching the island for sheep.

The Irish began by dividing the island into North and South and then setting up a distillery. They do not remember if sex is in the picture because it gets sort of foggy after the first few litres of coconut whiskey, but they're satisfied in that at least the English are not getting any.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN EXPAT KID IN ASIA WHEN...

You can't answer the question, "Where are you from?"

You flew before you could walk.

You have a passport, but no driver's license.

You run into someone you know at every airport

You have a time zone map next to your telephone.

Your life story uses the phrase "Then we went to..." five times.

You speak with authority on the quality of airline travel.

National Geographic (or the travel channel) makes you homesick.

You read the international section before the comics.

You don't know where home is. You sort your friends by continent.

Someone brings up the name of a team, and you get the sport wrong.

You know there is no such thing as an international language.

You realise it really is a small world, after all.

Rain on a tiled patio --or a corrugated metal roof--is one of the most wonderful sounds in the world.

You haggle with the checkout clerk for a lower price.

Your wardrobe can only handle two seasons: wet and dry.

You think VISA is a document stamped in your passport, and not a plastic card you carry in your wallet.

You automatically take off your shoes as soon as you get home.

You won't eat Uncle Ben's rice because it doesn't stick together.

You go to Pizza Hut or Wendy's and you wonder why there's no chili sauce.

You know the geography of the rest of the world, but you don't know the geography of your own country.

You have best friends in 5 different countries.

You're spoilt. You know it. You're VERY spoilt.

CAN YOU STOMACH GOING BACK?

Depriving your taste buds of Nam Prik and Tom Yum Goong is one of the hardships of having to leave Thailand. Fortunately you can avoid other hardships by choosing the right moving company to take you home. Transpo are Thailand's biggest international movers, specializing in trouble free moves around the globe. With trained surveyors, skilled packers and 130 affiliates around the world your shipment gets specialist care and attention wherever it's going. To find out more call Transpo on 259-0116.



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