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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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ORGANIZATION OF THE CLUB

S.I.L.C. creates an opportunity for women of all nationalities living in the Samutprakarn area to meet socially and participate in a variety of activities without traveling into Bangkok. We invite members to join monthly meetings, excursions and interest groups. Members pay an annual fee of 500 baht to cover costs and receive a monthly newsletter and club directory. Application forms are available from Isabella Henderson or any of the committee members.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published once a month from September through July with articles, letters, information and diary dates on club activities. All manner of contributions are welcome and can be sent directly to the editor or handed in during a monthly meeting. Advertisements are published at a small fee and the deadline for all contributions is the 15th of the month.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Club meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month. Venues for the meeting vary and are published in the newsletter. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. and lasts approximately two hours. Everyone is encouraged to attend and visitors are welcome.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Member Meetings are normally held once a month. These meetings are **open to everyone**. Please inform the hostess of the meeting if you wish to attend.

November Monthly Meeting

DATE: Monday, November 2
TIME: 8 p.m.
VENUE: Mimi Bayjan
93/44 PC1, Floor 12, Bldg 1
Thana City, Bangna Trad KM 14
RSVP: Mimi Bayjan 336 0681, or
Andrea Zwerling 316 1594
SPEAKER: Helen Papazian

Come and meet Helen Papazian, a very community-minded ex-pat, whose many commitments include the American Women's Group, Community Services Bangkok and numerous charities.

Helen will tell us about "the good old days" when she first arrived in Bangkok over 30 years ago. Her experiences range from the two-hour trip out of the airport (where air-conditioned cars did not exist and the mosquitoes lay in wait to attach the next lot of arrivals), to hearing the exotic and enchanting sound of Thai music wafting across a hotel courtyard. Don't miss this opportunity to hear more about this vast and varied country from the vivacious and energetic ex-pat, Helen. (See map Page 16.)

November Committee Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, November 4
TIME: 9 am
VENUE: Nathalie Scott's
RSVP: Apologies only to Felicity Dent
758 6492

November Coffee Morning

DATE: Thursday, November 12
TIME: 9:30 am
VENUE: Wendy Chang's
722 Lakeside Villa I
RSVP: Wendy 316 8112, or
Julie Heather 385-8133
SPEAKER: Laurie Adulayavichitr on
Jewelry

Come and meet one of our new SILC members,

Laurie Adulayavichitr, who is going to use her expertise for a question and answer session on jewelry; she will also show her line of jewelry made for export.

Welfare Sub-Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, November 16
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
VENUE: Maureen Bligh
506 Lakeside Villa I
RSVP: Maureen 316 8547,
or Paradee, 398 5796

All are welcome – please lend a hand with present wrapping for Thai pre-school children's parties.

November Lunch

DATE: Thursday, November 19
TIME: 12:00 pm.
VENUE: Sunita Kulisra's
145 Moo 9, Lakeside Villa II
RSVP: Linda Meyer 312 5591, or Julie
Heather 385 8133 by Nov. 15
COST: 300 baht, includes appetizers, lunch
and Indian drinks. For fun, wear an
Indian outfit.

November Tour

DATE: Wednesday, November 25
TIME: 8:15 am at Bangkok Patana School
VENUE: Golden Teakwood Palace
RSVP: Jennifer Dickie 758 6811, or
Nathalie Scott 758 6787 By Nov. 20
COST: THB 250

Visit the world's largest golden teakwood palace, the Vimanmek Mansion Museum. This magnificent building is a must-see. Includes Thai Classical Dance display. Proper attire required – no shorts or bare shoulders, etc. Please remember to telephone if you sign up and then cannot come.

(Note: No December monthly meeting
or coffee morning)

Upcoming Events

Bangkok

COMMUNITY

Theatre

Presents:

“THE WIZARD OF OZ”

A Magical Musical spectacular for the whole family!

Bangkok Community Theatre will stage the wonderful children's tale “The Wizard of Oz” at the Bangkok Playhouse on New Petchburi Road on November 20, 21, and 22.

This magical musical has been delighting audiences, young and old, all over the world for over 50 years. Prices for children and adults are THB 200, 300, 450 or 550, depending on seating. Call the theatre for show times and where to buy tickets 258 8495

ThaiCraft sales

Saturday, October 31

AND

Saturday, November 28, 1998

Both Sales 10 am – 1 pm

At the Landmark Plaza

138 Sukhumvit Road (between Soi 4 and Soi 5)

These 2 sales will enable shoppers to prepare for the forthcoming holidays for their purchases of quality and unique handicrafts at reasonable prices. Over sixty community-based artisan groups will be represented at the sale.

Assist the crafts people of Thailand in keeping their precious craft traditions. All proceeds support the crafts people of Thailand.

For further information, contact ThaiCraft 391 6018.

Upcoming Events

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COMMUNITY SERVICES OF BANGKOK

YARD SALE

Saturday, November 7, 1998

Venue: Community Services of Bangkok, 15/1 Soi 33 Sukhumvit

10 am to 2 pm

Attend the sale and purchase items at reduced prices. Proceeds of the sale assist CSB in their work for the community.

Admission: THB20 (children under 12 free)

For table space, @ THB800 per table, please contact CSB @ 258 4998 or 258 5652, Helen Papazian. Bring your own table!

Dear Ladies Bazaar

Supporting Education in Thailand

Thursday, November 5

10 am to 2:30 pm

Donation 50 Baht

The Imperial Queen's Park Hotel

Mezzanine Common Room

Sukhumvit Soi 22, Bangkok



* Silk * Linen * Ceramics * Clothing * Cards * Toys * Candles * Jewelry * Silver *
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Contact Judy Gardham for further information: Tel/Fax 261 1818



DON'T FORGET

WE NEED YOUR DONATION OF BOTTLES
OF WINE FOR OUR S.I.L.C. BAZAAR
RAFFLE

Let's make it a day we won't forget
As being one of the best yet

We would like to take this opportunity
to thank you for your support

S.I.L.C. WELFARE BAZAAR

Find that special something for birthdays, home leave presents.
Ideal for early bird gift buying for Christmas

THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER, 1998

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

at

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and many, many more

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No Credit Facilities

PROCEEDS TO S.I.L.C. WELFARE PROJECTS

For further information please contact:

Jeannette Adamson
Tel/Fax: 336 0944
Mobile: (01) 813 4941

OR

Andrea Zwerling
Tel/Fax: 316 8125

EVERYONE WELCOME

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we certainly seem to have had a very busy and enjoyable month, and I, for one, need a rest. The tour to Khun Preeda's house was instructive and interesting, and Khun Preeda himself has an infectious and mischievous sense of humour, which was very refreshing. It was a pleasure to meet Danielle Wiedmann at our October monthly meeting and to hear her express herself in English "better than what we've got" at times, as well as in French and German. The way she handled 20-odd giggling and noisy SILC members was just masterful! Would she like a job? We are now all walking about our moobaans "vibrating positively" (ask someone who was there!). I would like to hear more from this lady (maybe I'll sign up for the January yoga class).

Now to the future. Please note our *SILC WELFARE BAZAAR* is next Thursday, October 29! My, how that one has crept up on us! Visit an ATM machine before venturing out and come on over to the Novotel Bangna to get all your Christmas shopping done in one fell swoop – and maybe enjoy the buffet lunch there at "half-time" too.

Jeanette has done a wonderful job, and we have over 30 vendors representing many varied crafts – just waiting to tempt you (if you cannot make it, why not buy some raffle tickets instead – to support this worthy cause). The Raffle will be drawn at 2:30 pm and all winners will be notified and their prizes kept for them.

Gill Symons and her team have been working away (behind closed doors) on our adult's *Christmas Party*, Saturday, November 21, which has been such a popular event in past years. For those who are new, this is a dinner/dance with excellent music, food and wine and beer and a casual dress code (but you can dress up if you want to!) Pin your man down now, mark it in his diary/"electronic retrieval system" or whatever and book your table (of ten) or individual tickets now. A night not to be missed, I promise you. (last year I seem to remember an impromptu can-can 'cabaret' by a few of our members...I for one could hardly get out of bed the next morning.)

Many thanks again to *Susan Holland* who is heading up a small team organising the ever-popular *Children's Christmas Party* again this year. To be held at her home, Thursday, December 10 (a Thai Public Holiday) 10 am to 1 pm. We would love to see a few DADS on the day, helping out with the games.

Please check out this newsletter carefully and plan your November now (there are a few "SILC-free" days, honest).

Many thanks once again to those mentioned by name, but also to all the other SILC member quietly putting in so much of their time, expertise, effort and enthusiasm for our group. It is much appreciated. PLEASE SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS! I look forward to seeing you all at at least *one* event in November.

Felicity Dent

E.G.M. "WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND AIMS"

Three proposed minor amendments were received prior to the EGM which clarified and defined the original document, and these were approved by both the welfare sub-committee and the main committee; so were proposed alongside the main document at the EGM. The document was approved with one abstention and therefore, it is very disappointing to report that we were six people short of a quorum!

I know how much work has gone into preparing this document, on the part of the welfare committee, and would therefore like to propose the following, unless anyone has any better ideas! That is, that the new, amended "Welfare Sub-Committee Structure and Aims" be typed up and used as guidelines by the WSG (as they have up til now) and that the document is put forward for vote at next year's AGM, to be ratified and incorporated into the SILC constitution, as originally intended. Please let us have your comments.

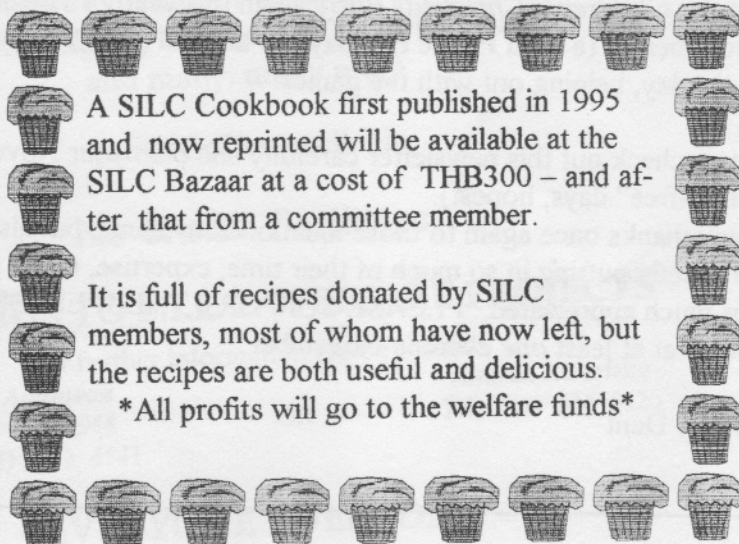
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BOOK/VIDEO LIBRARY

Ladawan	Julie Heather	385 8133
Lakeside I	Maureen Bligh	316 8547
Lakeside II	Kathryn Lythgoe	01-827 8775
Thana City	Julie Thompson	336 0543

NOTE: We have received comments that the book/video libraries may well now be redundant, as very few members are using this SILC facility (which was very much needed when first set up 7 years ago). It has been suggested that we donate our books and videos to a worthwhile cause (such as "Ploenchit Fair"?) and discontinue the library. Comments please – to a committee member. **If we don't hear protests of closing the libraries, we will proceed to do so.** Thank you!!

A special Thank You to Julie Heather who collates our newsletter each month and then delivers all of them to the members (a mammoth task with our bumper October issue!). Any offers of help, direct to Julie please, 385 8133.



A SILC Cookbook first published in 1995 and now reprinted will be available at the SILC Bazaar at a cost of THB300 – and after that from a committee member.

It is full of recipes donated by SILC members, most of whom have now left, but the recipes are both useful and delicious.

All profits will go to the welfare funds

September Lunch

On September 24, seventeen ladies gathered for a buffet lunch at the Square One Restaurant in the Royal Princess Srinakarin. We enjoyed cuisines from Malaysia, Japan, China, Europe and, of course, Thailand. The highlight for several of us was the dessert table with the blueberry cheesecake disappearing much too quickly. Thank you Khun Vorapote, assistant manager, for organizing an enjoyable lunch with very good service.

Linda Meyer

September Coffee Morning

It was nice to meet in the relaxed atmosphere of Lyn Bradley's house and welcome some new members as well as catching up with some less recent arrivals. Judith must hold the record now into her 27th year in Thailand. Lots of food, eating and talking. Thank you to Lyn for your hospitality.
Julie Heather

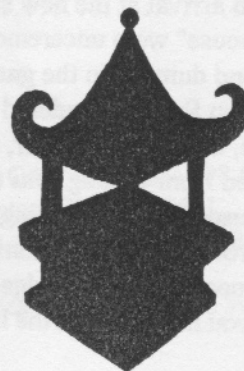
October Monthly Meeting

Our Guest Speaker, Danielle Wiedmann, October 5 at Sunita's:

We had lots of fun in the evening with Danielle who kept us on our toes and also our minds alert, meaning we had to do some calculations mentally! It was nice to meet such an interesting lady who was born in Switzerland and speaks French, German, Italian, Thai, English, Spanish and Chinese. She also does Yoga, Tai-chi and Shiatzsu massage. Danielle studied numerology six years ago and read Florence Campbell's book on the subject. She enjoyed it so much, that from then on, she read people's charts, especially friends and

relatives. In her opinion, numerology is easy and precise, as it involves addition and subtraction and is very logical. She does not make predictions. She says it is very useful to look at people's strong traits and character. It also gives guidelines to improve ourselves. The members of SILC were very impressed at the atmosphere, which was calm and controlled, although at times there was confusion when it came to the calculations. She was impressed with the 22 ladies who despite all the commotion managed to complete their calculations. We could have stayed on for the night, but it was getting late. We had lots of fun and enthusiasm. Some of us could not imagine how the numbers could predict our characters. When our characters did not suit our numbers, we conveniently blamed it on miscalculations! We all enjoyed the evening, we would like to invite her again, only this time we have to bring our calculators! Danielle would like to thank all the SILC members for their generous contributions and also to the meditation group who contributed 3500 baht. This will go to the Ang Thong Orphanage home in Wat Sakeow, which she supports.

Mala Arunagiri



Visit to Khun Preeda's House

It was 8.45 on the morning of 8th October when I joined 31 ladies at Patana school waiting for the four buses to take us on what was to be my first tour with SILC. The outing for today was a visit to Khun Preeda's traditional Thai style house.

Having negotiated our way down narrow seemingly dead-end sub-sois, we eventually arrived, to be greeted by Khun Preeda's wife and family with welcome drinks of fruit juice and snacks. The ladies got stuck into looking at the silver jewellery on show and the "blue and white" pottery before Khun Preeda himself greeted us and showed us around his wonderful home. It is a home anyone would be proud to own, and when you hear the story of how he bought the house in a province some one hour away from Bangkok and dismantled it bit by bit, "Well, it was easy really, there are no nails holding it together. If I knock out these pegs, you can take it all down bit by bit!" He deserves to be proud.

Once the house had been dismantled, it was loaded onto four trucks ready to transport it to its new resting place. The necessary permission had been sought to rebuild the house and everything was in order, or so they thought. That was before the police stopped the trucks at the first corner and said the poles were too long to be taken by road, and so this went on - at frequent intervals - at different junctions - until what should have been a one hour journey, took three. On arrival at the new site the pieces of the "house" were unceremoniously unloaded and dumped in the garden. In despair Khun Preeda wondered what he had taken on, until his carpenter, a 70 year old man hired from Chiang Mai (building Thai style houses is sadly, a dying trade, so Khun Preeda had to find someone who still had the necessary knowledge), said, "Don't worry, you have bought the house, I will

build it" and build it he did. It was fully erected within four months and today, some ten years on, is a legend of life in Bangkok.

The house is cool and airy, built on two levels to allow good air circulation and has all the correct "ingredients" of good Feung Shui. (auspicious siting/features). We learnt about the bits of "dirty old cloth" hung on each pole in the house. It is said that when an old tree is cut down, the spirit which lives in the tree goes with it and lives in the house, the old cloth is said to ward off any evil spirits; and just in case any do make it, Khun Preeda invites the monks into his home once a year to bless the house. We saw an old Opium Bed with its pottery pillow which is dreadfully uncomfortable, but after a few puffs of opium, who cares? This bed was rescued and restored by Khun Preeda from an old ladies home in Ayutthya, where it had been left outside to rot!

We heard, how according to Thai custom, the clothes of the upper body are washed separately from those worn on the lower body, which is seen as "unsacred" and cringed as he told us some of the faux pas made by foreigners who do not appreciate the Thai customs. This had us all crossing our legs and discreetly tucking them in underneath our bodies in a vain attempt not to offend our host. Once we had seen the house, we were left to view the pottery, made in a nearby factory owned by Khun Preeda. There was a frantic exchange of money and lots of smiles and we all left for the return trip, somewhat laden down with new purchases. It was a great trip out, and a great learning experience for a newcomer to Thailand. On a final note, for those of you who have bought the blue and white pottery elsewhere with the dragon symbol on, remember what Khun Preeda told us. Make sure you have four claws on each dragon, only royalty are allowed either three or five and the penalty for possessing a dragon picture with anything but the allowed number is beheading.....for seven generations!! Thanks to Jennifer Dickie for organising the tour. I trust it will be the first of many for me.

Gill Symons

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TENNIS**LAKESIDE VILLA I:**

Tuesday & Thursday 7:30

Tel Helen Frost 317 1132

Wendy Chang 316 8112

You do not need to live at Lakeside and players of all abilities are welcome. If you wish to play on Tuesday please call Wendy first so that play can be arranged

Sunday 4pm - 6 pm

Friendly Mixed Doubles

Tel Val Ashman 316 8145

Wendy Chang 316 4011

LADAWAN:

Friday 8am- 10am

Jennifer Dickie 758 6811, or

Julie Heather 385 8133

MAH-JONG**THANA CITY:**

Wednesday, October 28 and all of November -

Julie Thompson 336 0543

LADAWAN:

Tuesday Rotation -

Call Julie Heather 385 8133

TAE KWON DO**LADAWAN:**

Tuesday & Thursday 5.00 - 6.00pm

Tel Anna Leong 758 7339-40

33/218 Soi 6/6

THB1500/monthly - twice weekly

LAKESIDE VILLA I:

Tuesday & Thursday 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Tel Wendy Chang 316 8112

This class is for everyone (children, adults and new people are welcome to join).

Please call Wendy.

BRIDGE

If you would like to join a group of bridge players for weekly sessions;

Tel Edith Livet 751-9884

GOLF (9 holes)

WEDNESDAYS, 8 am @ Royal Thai Navy Course; THB 410 (plus THB100 to tip caddy) *Never played? Never Mind! Come on down.*

Isabella, 758 6726, or

Jennifer Dickie 758 6811

WELFARE ACTIVITIES:**VISITING DAYCARE CENTERS:**

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 Pong Ploy, Sukhumvit Soi 105, Contact Paradee 398 5796

Monday 9:30 - 11:00 SKIP, Bangna Intersection, Contact Giny 758 6631

Friday 9:30 - 11:00 Concordia, Bangna Intersection, Contact Christine 385 8113

For more information on volunteer work in the Thai community, please phone Paradee 398-5796

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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LAKESIDE VILLA 1:

Friday 9am - 12 noon
at Cheryl Lamb's, 758 Lakeside Everyone
welcome (skilled or not!) to pursue their
own interests in a friendly and supportive
atmosphere. For more info;

Helen Frost 317 1132, or
Cheryl Lamb 316 8157

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AEROBICS / STEP**LADAWAN:**

Tuesday - Aerobic 8:45 am
Virginia 256 6185

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Thursday - Step 8 am
Isabella 758 6726, or (01) 844 3801

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Wed & Thurs - Step 7 pm
Isabella (bring your own step)

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INDIAN COOKING

November classes full; next session begins
February 1999. Please Call Sunita 316
4097, or (01) 444 2462.

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BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, October 27
7:45 pm prompt please!
Venue: Mala Arunigari's
33/212 Soi 6/7 Ladawan

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Topic: "The House of the Spirits" by
Isabel Allende

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For more information, phone:
Maureen Bligh 316 8547 or 316 1581
Felicity Dent 758 6492

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YOGA

Current classes are on October 16 and 30,
November 6 and 13. Friday afternoons
2:00 pm. Please call Sunita 316 4097, or
(01) 444 2462 .

YOGA 1999

Fridays, 2-4 pm, venue to be decided.
Owing to popular demand, we are plan-
ning Yoga classes with Danielle from
January '99 in a new, larger venue to ac-
commodate up to 15 people. Cost
THB1250 for 4 sessions, of 2 hours each.
If you are interested, contact Helena
Kruizenga 758 7191, who will make up a
list.

BELLY DANCING

So much interest and unfortunately it had
to be cancelled owing to the sudden illness
of our instructor, Liz Williams. Get well
soon, Liz, from all of us! More news to all
interested as soon as we have it.

MEDITATION

- FOR RELAXATION
- NON-RELIGIOUS
- BEGINNERS WELCOME

Mondays, 10 am - 11:30

Venues: Lakeside II, Ladawan, Garden
Towers and Thana City. Every 2 weeks
we go to the next venue; a schedule is
available. For beginners and advanced.
Teacher: Emorn Haridoes. THB50 dona-
tion for welfare.

Helena Kruizenga 758 7191

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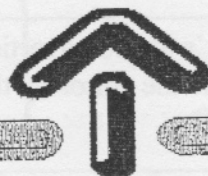
**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE S.I.L.C. BAZAAR
ARE NOW ON SALE**

Contact Jeannette Adamson, Felicity Dent, Andrea Zwerling
for purchase of tickets

Buy 3 for 100 Baht or 1 for 50 Baht

Prizes are very exciting as each vendor will be donating a prize
PLUS A very large bottle of Baileys Irish Cream donated by Lyn Bradley
and **Bottles of Wine** donated by S.I.L.C. members

As you can see many prizes to be won so buy now and save disappointment



It is sure to be a great day with many going home with a prize

Noticeboard

FOR SALE: WASHING MACHINE

Maliber fron loader. One year old excellent condition. Available mid-November.
Please call Jan Parkin 385 8421.

WANTED: I am a 2 1/2 year old girl new to Bangkok and living in Lakeside II. I am looking for some friends of a similar age to play with in the afternoons. Could you please telephone my Mum, Joan, on 3 16 4093 if you are interested.
Sarah



All our eight labrador puppies are now sold. Thank you to all who eagerly accepted these beautiful puppies into their family.

Are you looking for a pre-Christmas get-away during the December Thai holidays? Our private island villa unit at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Beach, Phuket, is still available between 1-19 December.
Contact: LORNA SCHROEDER
HOME: 583-5453
EMAIL shdrbkk@ksg15.th.com

Newsletter Deadline:
The deadline for material for December is November 15

MAIDS WANTED

For expat residing in Bangkok for the past 6 years; and for a madame who *finally* wants a maid to take over some of the cooking. Two experienced, live-in maids

- #1 must speak English
Cook Western and Thai food
- #2 experienced with house cleaning, laundry and ironing

- References required
- Good wages according to experience

Home located in Nichada Thani, Pakkred near ISB school, close to the airport (This is for maids who want a change of scenery from the Samutprakarn area)

Contact: LORNA SCHROEDER
HOME: 583-5453
EMAIL shdrbkk@ksg15.th.com

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☆ CONGRATULATIONS TO: ☆

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☆ **Sulen Sener**.....who undertook ☆

☆ *driving lessons* here in Bangkok and ☆

☆ now has her first driving license!!! ☆

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☆ Quite a feat!!!! ☆

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WELFARE NEWS

The Welfare Committee will be going to Chinatown on Wednesday, October 28, to buy Christmas presents for Pong Ploy and SKIP children. Anna Leong was asked to lead the group since she is an experienced shopper at Chinatown. The children from Concordia will receive presents donated by adults who will attend the SILC Christmas party.

The Christmas party at Pong Ploy is set to be in the morning of Wednesday, November 25. The party will be joined by Patana School students who started their weekly visits in October and who will help out with games for the party.

It has been decided to invite Santa to come to the party, and it will be the first time for Santa to visit a temple. Christmas party at Concordia is in December. The date has not yet been decided.

On Tuesday, November 3, our craft activity at Pong Ploy will be teaching students to make "Kratongs", originally a tray made of banana leaves into a shape of flower petals with a candle and joss sticks in the middle. Kratongs will be let flow in the river on the night of Kratong Festival which is the full moon night of the twelfth lunar month. This year it falls on November 3. The significance of the fest is to show respect and apology for contaminating the water. Those who want to come and help us teach the children to make Kratongs are welcome.

The next welfare meeting will be on Monday, November 16, at Maureen Bligh's (506 Lakeside I at 9:30 am) and will be followed by present wrapping. Any help with this will be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP with Maureen at 316 8547.

The Welfare Committee would like to thank Connie Ghannad for her large donation of clothes and shoes. Also, thank you to Lyn Bradley for her donation of clothes as well.

Any large items of office furniture such as desks, chairs, phones, fax machines and refrigerators, etc., are needed for an empty house to be used as a home care visit centre for AIDS/HIV in Chaengwattana area. Contact Paradee at 398 5796.

Paradee Narkphanchiwan

Donations – Toys/Clothes/Bedding etc.

If you are having a spring-clean or are moving away, remember that you can contact a Welfare Committee member who will store any goods you wish to donate until they are needed. Telephone numbers are given on page 1 for Felicity, Paradee and Tammy. The following will also receive your items for Welfare:-

Maureen Bligh – 316 8547 Lakeside

Giny Posthumus - 758 6631 Ladawan

Our Members



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: (add this page to your Member Directory to keep it updated)

Joan Walton
141 Lakeside Villa II
Moo 9, Dakmai
Praves, Bangkok 10260
Tel: 316 4093

British

Rita Elsher/Maisch
PC5
Flat A1, Floor 9
Thana City
Tel: 336 0493

German

(soon to be moving to Ladawan)

Sandra Reed
33/87 Soi 2/4 Moobaan Ladawan
Srinakarin Road
Bangplee, Samutprakarn 10540
Tel: 385 8729

British

Zaleha Evans
205/307 Moo 6
Srinakarin Road, Soi 36
Moobaan Mentane,
Bangmuang, Mung, Samutprakarn 10270
Tel: 703 1897
Fax: 703 2890

Thai

(Note: Alison Dirdal's phone number is 726 2186 and was put in the directory incorrectly. Please correct your copy.)

FAREWELL:

Kerry Thomas – moving back to MacKay, Australia

Diane Clendenning – moving on to Melbourne, Australia

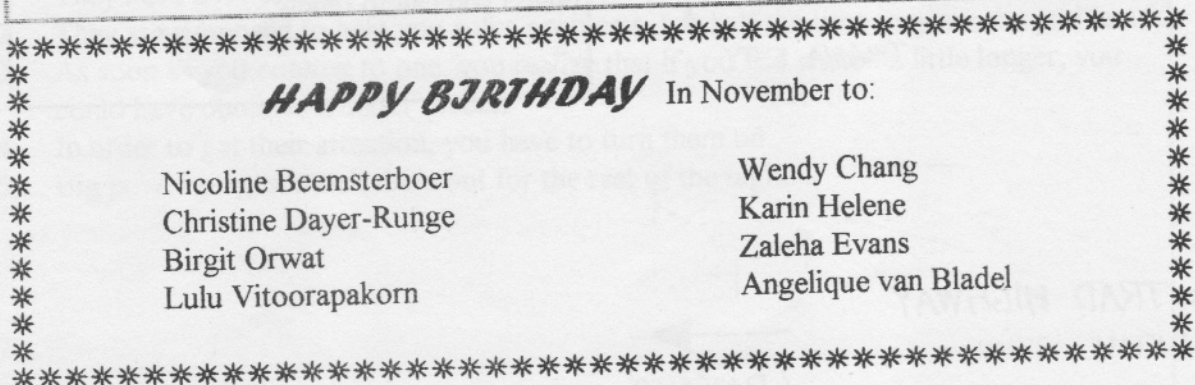
Susanne Niggemeier – moving on to Shanghai, China

Shirley Rowan – moving back to U.S.A.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY In November to:

Nicoline Beemsterboer
Christine Dayer-Runge
Birgit Orwat
Lulu Vitoorapakorn

Wendy Chang
Karin Helene
Zaleha Evans
Angelique van Bladel



Where did you get that?

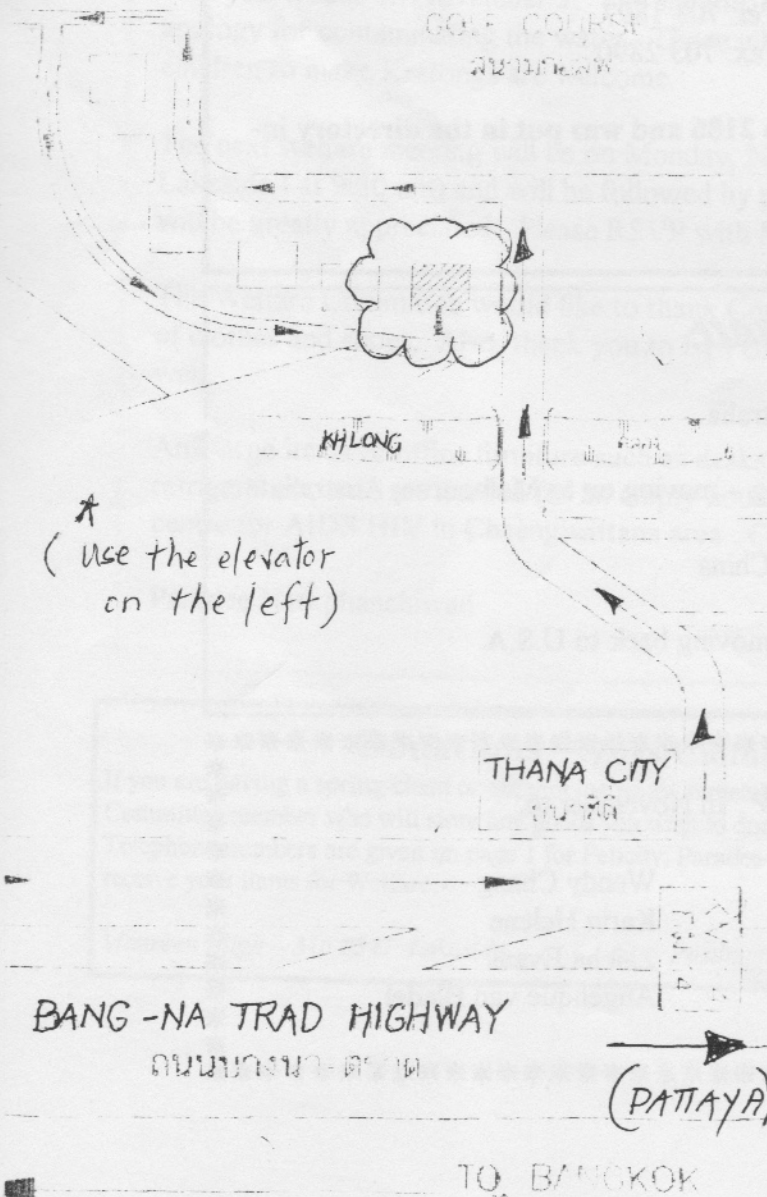
(If you have stumbled across a new shop, service, entertainment etc. that you can recommend, please send details to the newsletter editor [get a business card if possible.] The following have been personally recommended by members: (remember though that opinions can vary!)

Novotel Hotel, Srinakarin Road:

Bakery – Great selection of breads, cakes, pastries, quiches and pizza. Reasonably priced and are 25% cheaper after 6 pm. They also make birthday cakes to order.

Coffee Shop – has home-made ice cream that you can cart away in tubs. A good idea to order first. Novotel has made a special offer to all SILC members of 50% off the membership for the Novotel gym, which, aside from all the equipment, holds aerobics and aqua-aerobics classes (a necessity after eating all those pastries and home-made ice cream!) Contact Ian Clarke on 366 0505.

Seafood Market Restaurant – Try this restaurant at the Royal Orchid Sheraton. Choose your own fish and choose the way it's cooked. Nice atmosphere, eat inside or outside on the banks of the river.



Newsletter Advertising:

The committee recently discussed the guidelines for members advertising concerning payment vs. non-payment.

Non-members must pay THB1000 for full page ad, THB 500 for 1/2 page ad, THB250 for quarter page ad. Should flyers be provided and no copying required, a full page ad is THB500. Members pay if they are advertising a business or service or require an advert in several issues; otherwise, the above rates apply.

Also, any type of ad will be run only once unless you call to renew.



SILC Tour -- Some members inside Khun Preeda's Thai Home and Blue & White Pottery Sale

IS YOUR COMPUTER MALE OR FEMALE?

FIVE REASONS TO BELIEVE COMPUTERS ARE FEMALE:

1. No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. The message "Bad command or file name" is about as informative as "If you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you."
4. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
5. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay check on accessories for it.

FIVE REASONS TO BELIEVE COMPUTERS ARE MALE:

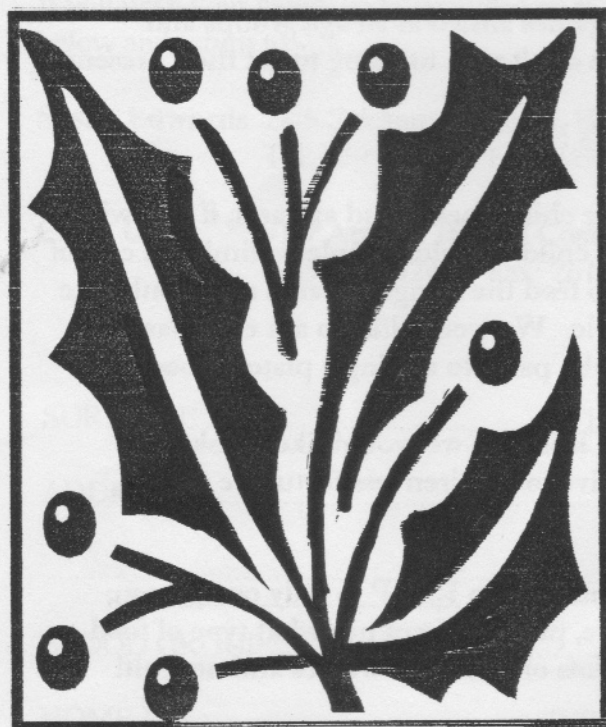
1. They have a lot of data, but are still clueless.
2. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.
3. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have obtained a better model.
4. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
5. Big power surges knock them out for the rest of the night.

S.I.L.C.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1998
NOVOTEL HOTEL, BANGNA

Drinks 7:30 – Dinner 8:00



Tickets THB 1250
Tables of 10 available
Includes traditional Christmas dinner, beer,
wine, soft drinks, dancing and prizes
Please give your choice of main course with
ticket purchase

- * Dress Smart / Casual (ties optional)
- * Prize for best festive dress
- * Music by professional DJ, Paul Jackson of 95.5 FMX
- * Please bring a gift for our welfare children of approx. THB200 (and label clearly with age & sex)

MENU:

- * Roast Tom Turkey w/herb stuffing, asparagus and candied pumpkin, potatoes amandine, cranberry sauce and giblet gravy
- * Fillet of fresh seabass poached in lobster bisque, lemon scented rice pilaf and zucchini pistou
- * Vegetarian dish also available

Don't Miss Out!! Only 140 tickets available – first opportunity to purchase is at the SILC BAZAAR Oct 29. For tickets telephone Gill 758 5171; Jennifer Dickie 758 6811; Nathalie Scott 758 6787



It's soon the season to be jolly it's also "Party Time"
Children's Christmas Party, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. December 10, 1998
740 Lakeside Villa 1, Bangna Trad rd. km 5.5

The children's Xmas party has become somewhat of a tradition for S.I.L.C., and the little ones truly enjoy the opportunity to meet Santa, and have a party dedicated to their enjoyment. We have planned several games aimed at all age groups and will again make sure that the really little ones don't wait too long to get their present.

What do we need from the Mum's and Dad's ?

- A present wrapped and labeled with your child's name and age and, if you wish a short message for Santa to pass on to the child. Could you please limit the cost of the gift to 200 baht per child. We need to feed the hungry hoards and would like to offer as much "healthy" food as possible. We would like to ask each parent whose child (or children) are coming to the party to bring a plate of food. Drinks will be provided by S.I.L.C.
- Last, but not least! In the true spirit of Christmas we would like to ask the children to bring their small change to give to children less fortunate than themselves. *

To streamline coordination of the party we ask you to RSVP to only one person; Rosie Jope – 316 1907. When you call Rosie, please inform her what type of food you can bring just so we don't end up with lots of tuna sandwiches and no fruit!

There are two drop off points for the children's presents:

Isabella Henderson : 293/35, Soi 5/8 Moobaan Ladawan, phone: 758-6726
Susan Holland : 740 Lakeside Villa 1, phone: 316-1188

Traditional Coin Collection: *

Every year about this time, we ask that each SILC family sets up a collecting box/tin/jar in their home, suitably decorated if you like, to collect small change to bring along to the children's Christmas party. The money is used to benefit less fortunate children in the local community. Thank you!



CENTRAL BLOOD REGISTER

Several blood types, particularly **Rhesus negative** groups, are very rare in Thailand, and you never know when you, a loved one, friend or colleague may be in need of a few units of that very special fluid.

With the cooperation of various clubs, societies and companies banding together the names and blood groups of their members, the Central Blood Register was created. The register is not held by hospitals and other blood-collecting organisations. The purpose of the CBR is to provide a source of blood donors primarily for emergency situations.

Signing-up for the CBR does not carry any obligation, nor does it mean you will necessarily ever be asked to donate. But if you are, the chances are it will be for a member of your own organisation.... and the chances are it will probably be to save a life.

If you wish your names to be included on the Central Blood Register, please fill out the form below and return to:-

Susan Edwards 28/9 Sukhumvit Soi 36, Bangkok 10110
Tel: 259 7305 Fax: 259 2606 Mobile: 01 457 7428

Carol Grose 91/7 Apt 5B, Habitat Condo, 91 Sukhumvit Soi 53, Bangkok 10110
Tel: 261 3924 Fax: 261 3924 Mobile: 01 456 7298

SURNAME FIRST NAME

ADDRESS

BLOOD GROUP

HOME NO WORK NO

MOBILE NO

NAME OF SPOUSE

BLOOD GROUP

Please indicate from which organisation you received information about the CBR

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If you are already registered with the Central Blood Register, please pass this form onto friends who may be able to use it.

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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