



Samutprakarn International Ladies Club

Monthly Newsletter - November 2001

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

The Big Event(s)!

November brings two of SILC's most popular and most important annual events: our Charity Sale fund-raiser, and our Christmas Party celebration. The Charity Sale is set for Monday 12 November in the auditorium of Bangkok Patana School. Commonly called "the Bazaar", this event has grown from a few tables set up in a member's living room, to a display of 40 carefully selected vendors. We're proud to say that the SILC Charity sale has gained a reputation for being one of the "better" sales of the season, with a good selection of quality merchandise. Shoppers won't be disappointed this year, as we have invited back our favorite vendors, plus a few new ones with interesting items not often seen in Bangkok. Thinking of light weight gifts to take or send home for Christmas? There will be plenty of choices in jewelry, accessories, house wares, paper products, decorative items, toys and silks. For your own home (or for your Christmas stocking!), there will be beautiful blue-and-white pottery, linens, baskets, carpets and hand-crafted décor pieces. You can even get your Christmas crackers for a traditional family celebration! Be on the lookout for SILC's own "Lego Christmas Tree", decorated with bargain-priced Lego kits donated by member Kathryn Lythgoc. Thank you, Kathryn - we're sure they will be a sell-out!

The Charity Sale is our major fund-raiser for welfare projects. We earn money from the stall rental, admission charge and sale of raffle tickets. Last year's auction of the top raffle prizes was a huge success, and this year we'll try to do even better! All of the monies from the Lego sale will also go into the Welfare account. There's still a chance to get involved with this worthwhile project. Contact Alison Tyrrell to volunteer 30 minutes or so greeting shoppers at the entry table, or get details from Lyn Bradley on helping with the set-up on Sunday the 11th.

All in all, it should be a fun day, so bring lots of cash to support a worthy cause! What better excuse could you have? The sale will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the school auditorium. Bangkok Patana is located on Sukhumvit Soi 105 (Soi LaSalle), from Srinakarin Road, turn right at the first traffic light south of the Bangna Trad interchange. The school is about 3 kms ahead on the right. You will need to present a photo I.D., and drivers are required to park and wait across the street.

Our other major event will see you kicking up your heels at the SILC Christmas Party! We'll be ringing in the holiday season on Saturday 24 November at the Royal Princess Srinakarin Hotel with cocktails, a traditional turkey dinner (or vegetarian if you prefer), raffle prizes and dancing to the music of 95.5 FM's own DJ. This is always the highlight of SILC's social calendar, immensely enjoyable and a great way to meet or catch up with members and their guests. Why not organize a table of 10 or 12? Or let us know how many are in your party and we'll seat you with others for a chance to meet new faces. Just don't stay at home! See the article inside the newsletter for all the details on how you can get your tickets.

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While you're browsing these pages, please also take time to read and reflect on the article about use and misuse of the SILC directory. We'd like your input on the issues raised before we print the next directory in January.

With this issue we say goodbye to our newsletter editor Andrea Williams, who is returning to the U.K. Your efforts in making the newsletter so enjoyable have been truly appreciated and we bid you a fond farewell, Andrea. Many thanks to Alison Tyrrell, who showed the true "go girl" spirit in stepping forward to fill Andrea's shoes. She said it would be a crash course in computer literacy, but in our opinion, she's gone straight to the top of the class!

See you at SILC this month!

Kate and Audrey

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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, articles and information on club activities. Contributions are welcome and can be sent directly to the newsletter editor.

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 editor.

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.

SILC POLICY ON CHILDREN

As the main purpose of SILC is to provide a network and support for its members, it is our policy that children do not attend functions and tours, except in the case of very young babies who are being breastfed and/or cannot be left with a carer.

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<p>Lunch Pratunam Market & Baiyoke Sky Hotel's Restaurant</p> <p>Thursday 15th November 9.30 am Indra Regent Hotel coffee shop RSVP Karen on 02 752 9876 or Sue 02 751 9876</p>	<p>Coffee Morning "The Easy Life"</p> <p>Wednesday, 21 November 9.30 am Terri Pavlovich's 706 Lakeside Villa 1</p> <p>RSVP to your local com- mittee representative</p>	<p>Annual SILC Charity Bazaar</p> <p>Monday 12th November 10.00 am to 2.00 pm Bangkok Patana School If you would like to volun- teer to help please contact Lyn on 02726 2191 or Al- ison on 02 751 9942.</p>
<p>Committee meeting Friday 2nd November Melanie Newton's 33/247, Soi 6/5 Moobaan Laddawan</p>	<p>Tour Christmas Shopping Trip</p> <p>Friday 30th Nov Depart Patana School at 9.00 am sharp</p> <p>RSVP Linda Meyer on 02 312 5591 By 26th November</p>	<p>Evening Meeting "The Buyers Guide to Gemstones"</p> <p>Thursday 8th November 7.30 pm Maria Thompson's 155 Lakeside Villa 2</p> <p>RSVP: Melanie Newton 02 3858016 or Maria Thompson 02 316 4141</p>
<p>Annual SILC Christmas party Saturday 24th November 7.30 pm at Royal Princess Srinakarin Hotel</p>	<h1>DECEMBER 2001</h1>	

<p>Welfare Activities</p> <p>Next Committee meeting Monday 5th November Starbucks, Central Bangna 11.00 am</p> <p>All members are welcome to attend Call Lyn 02 726 2191</p>	<p>Carols By Candle Light Family evening</p> <p>Thursday 6th December Venue to be confirmed</p> <p><i>See next month's newsletter for further details.</i></p>	
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In addition to these diary dates, don't forget to check out our regular activities!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MAH-JONG

Day: Wednesday
Place: Rotating households

Contact: Julie Heather 02 385-8133 or 02 758-5423
or Kathryn Lythgoe 02 392-4352/3

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUPS

Monday mornings
LADAWAN
10.00 am to around 12 noon
Contact Julia Tel: 02 385-7655

Wednesday mornings
THANA CITY
Contact Lorina Swindley
Tel: 02 336-1010

Thursday mornings
LAKESIDE 1 & 2/GARDEN TOWERS
Contact Tracey Magee
Tel: 02 316-8152

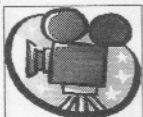
ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Lakeside 1, Thursday
07.30-09.30 a.m.

Contact:
Lynda Cooke
02-3166276



MOVIE CLUB



Would members please take note that the movie club has been temporarily postponed due to lack of interest. Should any member wish to recommence, please advise any SILC committee member, so that we can continue next year.

Anyone for computer courses etc?

We need volunteers to organise and attend new SILC activities. Some suggestions have already been made, computer courses, yoga, aerobics, bridge.

Are you willing to be a contact person for SILC members to register interest in an activity? Can you or someone you know offer a class? If so call or send a quick Email to Audrey, 02 3316 4091 or wattbkk@loxinfo.co.th

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Date/time: Friday 26th October, 10.30 a.m.
Venue: Sharon Gastright's
S 22B Garden Towers
Bangna Trad Road Km 6.5
Samutprakam 10540
Book: The Quiet American by Graham Greene
Contact: Renee Ritterling: 02 336-1141
Julia Galliker d'Aliberti 02 385-7655



REGULAR ACTIVITIES



ART & CRAFT GROUP WITH CHERYL LAMB.

On Wednesday 31st October Cheryl has prepared a class on **"Easy to make Christmas Decoration"** and **"Easy to make tassels"**

On Wednesday 7th November Cheryl will show us how to **"Start pencil sketches"**.

On Wednesday 28th November it's **"Bring your own Ideas"** (anything from needlework, painting, etc)

So come along and join like minded ladies for an informal morning at 338 Lakeside Villa 1
RSVP Cheryl Lamb on 02 316-8518



Anyone for Golf!

NEW SILC GOLF SECTION.

Starting January 2002 the new founded SILC Golf Section is looking for members. Players of all levels are welcome, both **experienced** and **newcomers**.

The plan is to have a weekly round of golf on alternating courses in Samutprakarn, maybe with the occasional trip outside Bangkok. The idea is to play in the morning, and finish with lunch in the clubhouse.

If you are interested, please contact: Annette Gerlach, Thana City. Tel 02 336-0895 or Email at gerlach@loxinfo.co.th

Please tell us: How long you have been playing, which day and time you would prefer and which golf courses you would prefer.

Attention Ladawan Ladies

Ladawan Walkers. We are a group of ladies who walk every weekday morning around Moobaan Ladawan shortly after the school buses have left around 7 am. We generally meet near Julie Heather's house on the Main Soi near Soi 7 and 'pick up' others on the way. We walk for about one hour, following a similar route, getting our daily exercise and having a general chat. Some ladies bring their dogs along also. New walkers are always welcome to join us (for the full or part of the route if you wish), so if you see us, please join in or if you want more information please call either me Jeannette Dobbs on 02-385-7882 or Julie Heather on 02 385-8133.

Meeting in the Park. Recently a group of mothers and their children (aged from tots to teens) on Moobaan Ladawan have started meeting up informally in the park area (near the big play ship etc) between the times of approximately 4pm to 6pm on Thursday afternoons. This is an ideal time for mothers and their children to meet up and get to know others they may not probably come across on this large Moobaan.

SILC EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER



Samut Prakan International Ladies Club

Annual Charity Fair

supporting welfare projects in Thailand

**Monday 12th November
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**at Bangkok Patana School
Soi LaSalle, Sukhumvit Soi 105**

50 Baht entry donation
Raffle tickets 5 for 100 Baht

For information contact:
Lyn Bradley 02 7262 191
Sue Davies 02751 9876
Diane Rossiter 02751 9878

Don't miss this great opportunity to purchase those hard to find Christmas items, traditional gifts, toys, home décor, jewellery and many more items. Join in on the raffle—maybe you will be one of the lucky prize winners.

As always, the proceeds from the raffle and the ticket sales go towards the charities we support so, please invite all your friends and friends' friends.....

SILC FAIR VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED.

If anyone would like to offer their help on the day, we need lots more volunteers to help take entrance money or sell raffle tickets. If you can spare just half an hour on Monday 12th November please call Alison Tyrrell (02 751-9942) or Lyn Bradley (02 726 2191) or Kate Thomas (02 336 0780).

SILC EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

SILC BAZAAR UPDATE.

You may ask yourselves –“What is the Charity Bazaar and Do I really want to go?” Of course the answer is

“YES”.

Here are just a couple of reasons: -

Spoil yourselves and buy some pearls, something for the house or buy some hand woven silk scarves whilst supporting all the charity organizations. If you're spending the festive season in Bangkok there will be Christmas Crackers to buy from the British Women's Group. For far flung friends buy some greeting cards and pop them in the mail. Maybe, if you purchase a carpet, you can ride it home – that's if you know the magic words!!!! Perhaps some toys for the children? And lots, lots more..... Buy lots of raffle tickets – who knows, maybe it's your lucky day!

I hope that I have given you all a good reasons to go to the Patana Auditorium on

Monday 12th November between 10.00 am and 2.00pm.

This is SILC's major fundraiser and the money we receive from the Raffle as well as from the rental we charge the vendors all goes to our welfare projects.

Due to the security regulations at Patana, please don't forget to bring (and remind your friends) some form of ID Card or the Patana School Pass.

Please come and support SILC and our vendors!

November Christmas Shopping Trip

Date: Friday 30th November

Time: Leaving Patana School at 9 a.m. sharp!

Venue: Local Factory Outlets

RSVP by Monday 26th November to ;

Linda Meyer 02 312 5591

Ladies, this trip will be one to stock up on those valuable Christmas goodies that you may not have in Bangkok. We are talking Christmas trees, decorations and gifts!! Any more information would spoil the surprise – rest assured you will be able to see places you will not have visited before and you will certainly want to ensure you bring enough cash on the day to be able to purchase those essential items before December is upon us. Transport is by courtesy of Patana school minibus, so we therefore ask that you **PLEASE inform us** if, after signing up for this trip, you are no longer able to join us, thereby freeing your place for another member. Due to our schedule, we will leave the school at **9 a.m. SHARP**, so don't get left behind for this trip! If you are running late for any reason on the day please contact Audrey on 01 829-5415. We will endeavour to source an appropriate lunch venue, so we can all get together to compare notes.

SILC EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

November Coffee a.m.

"The Easy Life"

Wednesday, 21 November
9:30 a.m.
Terri Pavlovich's
706 Lakeside Villa 1



RSVP to your local reply representative (see listing in this newsletter)

Catch up with friends and then settle in for a talk on "Life, the Easy Way." Energy healer Anup will tell us how we can benefit by recognising and rebalancing positive and negative aspects of our lives.

"I wonder if I could do SILC coffee mornings?"

It's easy!

- Choose a date in the third week of the month.
- Refer to list of SILC members who've offered to host a coffee morning, and contact a hostess.
- Refer to SILC list of potential speakers/topics to arrange a guest speaker. Remember, some coffee mornings are just for chat - no speaker needed!
- Arrange for SILC cups, plates, electric urns and coffee items (3 plastic storage bins) to be sent to hostess. These bins can be stored at a committee member's home if you don't have room.

On the day...

- Set out a basket for visitor donations and small change donations to welfare
- Offer the hostess the opportunity to tip her maid(s) 100 baht, provided by SILC.
- Ask a member to do a brief write-up of the coffee morning for the SILC newsletter.

Like to try? Contact Kate 02 336 0780, Audrey 02 316 4091, Melanie 02 385 8016

The sale of used books helps our four-legged friends

Books at the September "Buck's fizz/Mimosa" morning raised nearly 1,600 baht for animal welfare projects. Thanks to all who contributed and bought books! The proceeds were presented to SILC member Margot Park to assist in her work with organizations helping stray dogs in Bangkok. Our next book sale will be at the December coffee morning.

Did you know....

There is a big sale of used books and magazines on the first Sunday of every month at Holy Redeemer Church on Soi Ruamrudi. The sale is held in Redeemer Hall, directly behind the main church building, from 9 to noon. Prices from 10-60 baht. Proceeds go to charity projects. You can choose some books and then enjoy a leisurely Sunday brunch downtown!

SILC EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER LUNCH AND TOUR

Thursday 15th November

This month's lunch will see us up in the clouds, or in the bright blue yonder since hopefully the rainy season will be over. We're aloft in the Baiyoke Sky Hotel's buffet restaurant on the 76th floor.

As we will be in the vicinity of Pratunam market, and Christmas looms, we decided to begin the day earlier with an informal shopping expedition (i.e. you can lose yourself as easily as we can!) in the labyrinth of stalls in the clothes market. Pick up that frou-frou negligee set, or sequinned dancer's outfit, after all it is the "silly season", before you walk over to the Baiyoke for the international buffet.

If you wish to join us for the shopping trip, we plan to meet in the coffee shop of the Indra Regent Hotel (which is opposite Pratunam) at 9.30 a.m., or alternatively meet us at the Restaurant at 12 noon. When booking please let us know when you plan to join us.

Please ring Karen on 02 752-9863 or Sue on 02 751-9876 by 9th November to reserve your place.

Evening Meeting - "The buyers Guide to Gemstones".

Date: Thursday 8th November
Venue: Maria Thompson's house
155 Lakeside Villa 2
Bangna Trad k.m.7.5
Time: 7.30 p.m.

RSVP by Monday 5th November to:
Melanie Newton 02 385 8016/01 816 9838 or
Maria Thompson 02 316 4141

This month's evening get together is a must for anyone who wants to know about buying gemstones. Georgette Siew-Williams is a qualified gemmologist who graduated from the Asian Institute of Gemmological Sciences (AIGS) in Thailand and the Gemmological Association and Gem Testing Laboratory of Great Britain. Georgette will be sharing an interesting topic with us; "The Buyers Guide to Gemstones". This will cover natural, synthetic, and imitation gems, the 4Cs and cutting styles. It will hopefully help us as buyers to gain more knowledge and to be more informed when purchasing gems or jewellery.

Georgette will try to help with any problems or questions on the night. We guarantee that this will be a very interesting session and an eye opener for us all!

Bring your friends.

Guest and non-members are welcome at SILC functions, but we ask for a donation of 100Baht towards costs for coffee mornings and evening meetings.

Garden 
Towers

Apartment Homes for Rent
Bangna-Trad K.M. 6.5

Baking is more than a pastime. It's a natural passion where you cannot resist trying a new recipe!

BAKERY CLASS IN NOVEMBER



- DRESDENER STOLLEN

- CHRISTMAS CAKE

Taught by Bakery Chef, Khun Prawing Saengnark, experienced in 5-star hotel and airline catering for more than 20 years.

Cost : Garden Towers Tenants Free Of Charge
Outside Guest : 399 Bath/person, all inclusive [Coffee Morning and materials in class]



*Date : Friday, 30th November 2001
Time : 09.00-12.00 hours
Venue : Bakery Room,
Bangna Towers A, Ground floor*

Booking is required. Please call Marketing Department.



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REVIEWS

Coffee morning- Thursday 11th October

Are you an animal lover or just thinking of adding a pet to your family? This was a coffee morning for you! We gathered at Kate's for coffee and tidbits with our two distinguished guests for the morning: Margot Park with just one of her loves and best friends, Izzy.

Margot gave us a very informative talk on a dog's body language, his behavior, and his emotional needs, followed by handouts to read and share with our family, friends and neighbors.

Margot is actively involved with spay and neutering of stray dogs in and around Bangkok. As you can well imagine, she is very busy; however, she will gladly make time to present talks to school children or community groups on the importance of both the proper care and the humane treatment of animals. As with all important issues, education and better understanding is the best way to initiate change.

Thank you Margot and Izzy for an interesting morning. Margot, your commitment to this worthy cause is greatly admired!

Linda Meyer

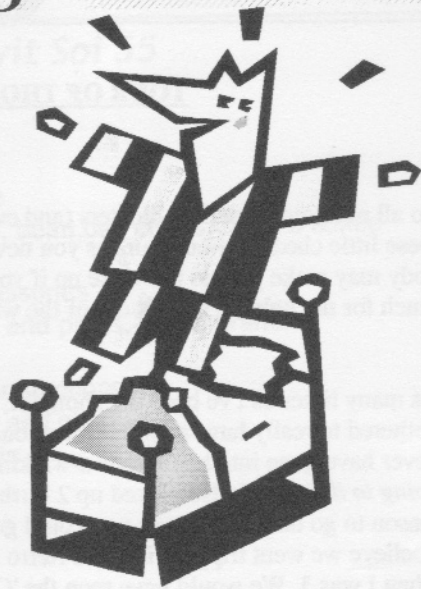
Kids and Dogs: 10 Do's and Don'ts

1. **Don't** approach dogs you don't know without the permission of the owner. Not all dogs are friendly and some may bite.
2. If adults tell you it's OK to pet their dog, **don't** run, scream or shout, and **don't** poke at, grab, or hug the dog or pound on its head. **Do** approach slowly and quietly, and allow the dog to sniff your hand before you pet it gently under its chin or on its chest. It is best not to reach down from above a dog's head.
3. **Don't** attempt to touch or pet a dog that growls, snarls or runs away from you.
4. **Don't** play roughly with any dog.
5. **Don't** try to pet a dog through fences, car windows or cages, and don't approach a dog that is tied up.
6. **Don't** try to take bones, food or toys from a dog.
7. **Don't** frighten or startle any dog, especially when it is sleeping.
8. **Don't** try to punish a dog in any way, even if you think the dog has been naughty.
9. If a dog you don't know comes up to you, **don't** run or yell, and don't look directly into its face. **Do** stand perfectly still, watch the dog out of the corner of your eye, and walk away slowly after a minute or two.
10. **Do** treat all dogs, cats and other animals kindly and humanely.

REVIEWS

Things to consider.....

....before you bring a dog home



Source: *Choosing and Caring for a Shelter Dog*, by Bob Christiansen.

Thanks to SILC member Margot Park for providing this information when she spoke at the October coffee morning.

Why do I want a dog?

What type of dog will I choose? Know the typical behaviors expected from the breed you want to adopt.

How will I teach the dog the rules of the house? Chewing, barking, digging and house soiling are normal dog behaviors until effectively trained.

Do I have enough time and energy for daily care activities? Dogs require food, water, exercise, care and companionship every day of every year of their lives.

Have I considered the costs involved in caring for a dog? License, food, grooming, toys and medical care, including spay or neuter surgery.

Am I looking for a pet for my child? According to research, the responsibility and daily care for pets usually becomes the mother's obligation, regardless of initial plans involving children. Make sure YOU as the parent want the dog.

Are dogs allowed where I live? Get permission, preferably in writing, before committing.

Do I have enough space to house a dog properly? Chaining a dog in a confined area — aside from being cruel — usually leads to behavior problems.

Will I mind the constant fight to control hair shedding, fleas and odors? Will these duties burden and annoy me? Am I, my friends or relatives allergic to pet hair?

Will I be a responsible pet owner by providing vaccinations, identification, prompt health care, spaying or neutering for my dog?

How will my dog be cared for when I am away? If you don't have a friend or neighbor you can rely on, is there a kennel with a good reputation and can you afford the costs? Will the level of care be acceptable?

Am I committed to keep and care for my dog for its entire lifetime, even when I move or my lifestyle changes?

REVIEWS

TOUR OF THONG LOR - THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2001.

To all newcomers and all oldsters (and everyone in between, really) be advised that you should really just go on these little check-em-out tours as you never know *how much longer you will be here!* But be forewarned; somebody may make you do the write up if you haven't been around for awhile! Lyn, I still have your pen. Thanks so much for not helping me get out of the write up.

As many times as I've been on Thonglor, it's only been to go to the vet or to get to somewhere else. Now that I've bothered to really have a look, I have found some nice frames that I'd been looking for - in a building that I would never have gone into had I gone a-walking on my own (although that's not a bad idea either - except *when are you going to do it??!*) I also picked up 2 birthday presents for kids at a toy store in this same building (another good reason to go on a SILC tour, you could get lucky). This was in the Home Building, where we began our walk. Next I believe we went tripping into the Retro store to say, 'Sock it to me', and I saw chairs that we had in our home when I was 3. We would have seen the 'Castle Building' but on Audrey's recon visit, it was half-standing with a wrecking ball in the middle of it; but we did zip past the Log Cabin building which serves nice Thai food and the Teak Building was also pretty to look at. However, when I tried to take a picture the guard wouldn't let me. I think sometimes a whistle goes to people's heads. Inside are portrait studios where the group spent an awfully long time for married folks (!?!). Of course, you can have family portraits done as well; and if it's good enough for the Minister of Military, Chavalit, and Governor Samak

We strolled into a high-end pet store with everything from Harley Davidson leashes and snoopy clothespins to fresh-baked bickies from the bow-wow bakery! They did have nice strong collars and leashes, which I've never seen anywhere, and you can also eat next door accompanied by your adoring pet. We don't know if they get to sit at the table with you, or what. Food or drink was not an issue as we passed by plenty of street vendors and shop restaurants, including Budapest Restaurant, which was on our list. We passed Photo Cake Express where edible logos and messages can be incorporated into your desserts; a high-end furniture store that had some *Xmas* decorations, of all things, that I wouldn't have minded buying. Point of interest No. 2 was the Camilian Hospital because it was one of the first hospitals in Bangkok (set up by missionaries). Point of interest No. 1 being the name, Thonglor, researched by Kate's husband, Mike, and meaning gold foundry. The area was formerly where merchants came with their gold to make into ingots. This still carries auspicious associations so there are many bridal shops (I counted 8) along our route. On the way to Point of Interest No. 3, I spotted a pick up truck at the curb with a sticker on its window, "I Never Think Artist", (I love those darn things -what does it mean?) and 2 1/2 open sewers. I was just a little pleased with myself when I could come up with some bit of lore of my own on the 'Dragon building' (POI #3). My driver tells me that the location of the building is unlucky due to its position on the road directly across from a Soi seeming to head straight for it at the T- junction. Therefore, it is adorned with creatures and odd shaped protuberances which are Chinese for Good Luck. The bar across the street has a large bamboo model of a building alongside it, which has always fascinated me, and a picture of my hat on the sign as pointed out by one of my walking mates. Some comments on the 'tour' from many of us as we reflected on the morning: It wasn't hot; It wasn't sticky; It wasn't flooded; There weren't any dead dogs (so it wasn't icky?)

Thanks to Kate and Audrey for rounding us up.

Becky Hazleton

REVIEWS

Explore Thong Lor - Sukhumvit Soi 55 28 September 2001

For the home

- Gold Teak House – sells picture frames and vintage furniture
- Shades of Retro – that 70s look....lamp shades, fondue pots, bean bag chairs. Also a coffee café.
- IND design (Home Place) – contemporary furniture and accessories
- Pictory (Home Place) – Framing, display cases, original art and prints. (New branch opening in Seacon Square)
- Kensington Arts (Home Place) – European antiques and reproductions
- Larsen's (Home Place)– furniture, accessories, décor items and gifts
- Gallery 55 (Home Place)– features exhibitions by local artists
- Lighting and décor shops up and down the soi

For Kids (but not only...)

- Sun Deck – Sun protection gear, clothes, toys and baby equipment
- Smile World (Home Place) – Moulded plastic ride-on toys, play equipment and children's furnishings. Wax-coated indoor sand is for all ages!
- Balloon Art (Home Place) – The original Bangkok balloon studio; balloon arches, shapes, bouquets make great party decorations and gifts.
- Studio KIDS (Gold Teak House) – Children and family portrait photography

For Pets

- Pet Care and Pet Hospital – Sub-soi 9
- Doggie Bag – everything for the dog, including a private pampering salon. Gifts for dog lovers, dog health items, and doggie photo studio.

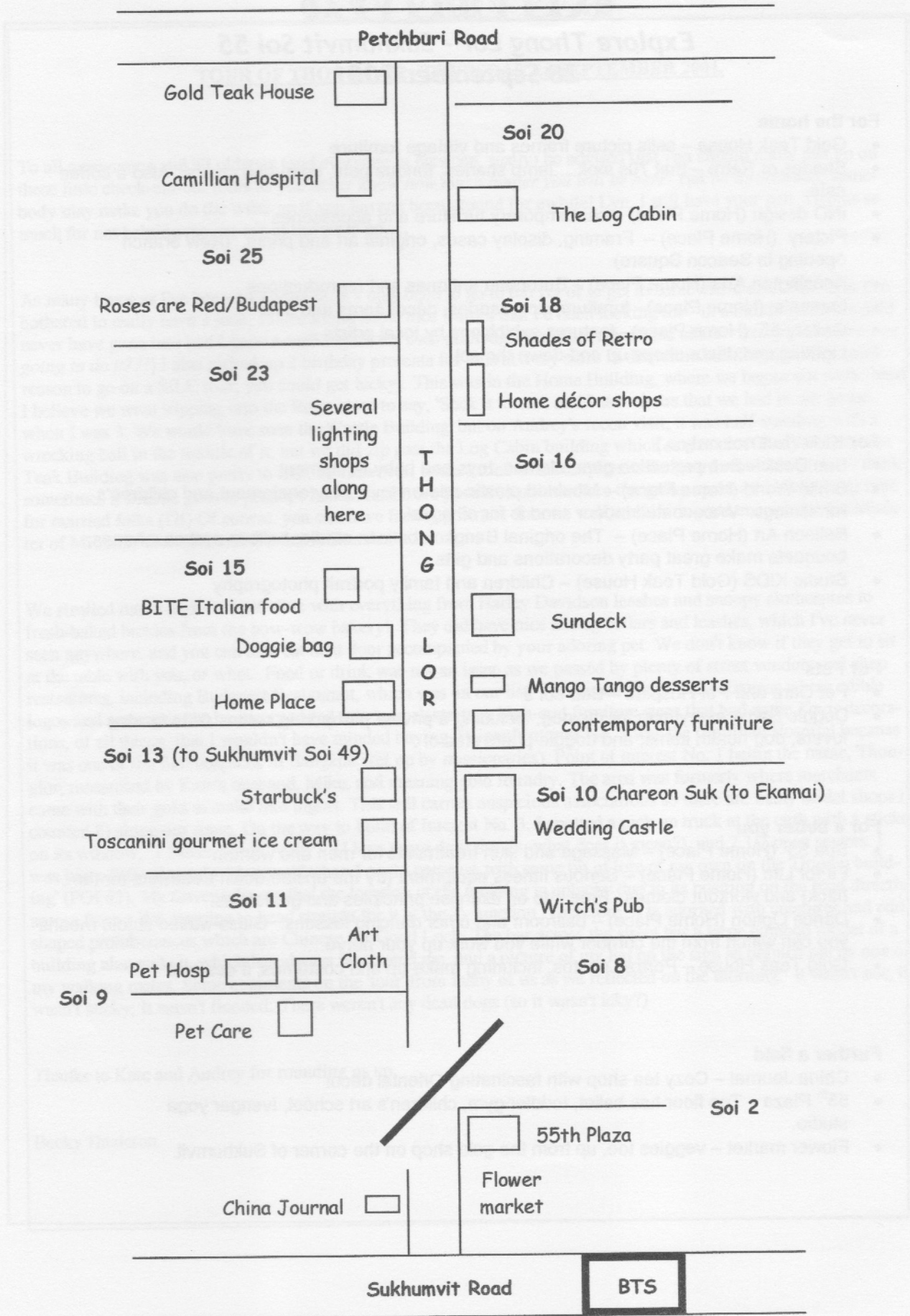
For a better you

- Spa 55 (Home Place) – Massage and skin treatments for men and women
- Fit for Life (Home Place) – Serious fitness equipment (try the upside-down treatment for the back) and workout clothes. Free info on exercise principles and guidelines.
- Dance Option (Home Place) – ballroom and other dancing lessons. Glass-walled studio means you can watch from the corridor while you work up your nerve...
- Gold Teak House – Portrait photos, including make-up and costumes, if desired!

Further a field

- China Journal – Cozy tea shop with fascinating Oriental décor
- 55th Plaza – Top floor has ballet, toddler gym, children's art school, Ivengar yoga studio.
- Flower market – veggies too, up from the gold shop on the corner of Sukhumvit.

Explore Thong Lor (Sukhumvit Soi 55)



REVIEWS

Ready Steady Cook – Sunita’s Curry Feast, Thursday 4th October.

I need as much help in the kitchen department as possible, just ask my poor family who have had to endure years of culinary disasters. Imagine my delight at looking through my first SILC newsletter, (I have only been in Bangkok for a month) to find that the October evening out was to be a gastronomic feast at Sunita Kulisra’s house with some expert tuition as well. So encouraged by my husband I set off to enjoy an evening of Indian food .

Sunita showed us how to prepare and cook two Indian snacks, a fish Cutlet and Chicken Tikki. They smelt and looked delicious, Sunita reassured us that these were easy dishes to try and gave us the recipes to take home and try for ourselves. Why does it always look so easy when someone else is doing it?????

We were able to savour further delights as Sunita had prepared a dinner of dishes from the Punjabi region of India for us to enjoy. Whilst these were being cooked we were able to peruse the range of Indian and Kashmiri handicrafts, table linens, cushion covers and papier machee art which were for sale. Great Christmas presents and perfect to pack up and send home to relatives back home.

Conversation throughout the evening was lively and I was able to meet many more new faces, SILC ladies are all so friendly. It was a delightful evening and Sunita is a superb cook .

So, with renewed enthusiasm , confidence and clutching the recipes in my hand I head off to Villa Supermarket. Maybe supper tonight will be a different kind of surprise for the family!!!!!!!

Thank you Sunita for opening up your home and your hospitality.

Ros Jones

Newsletter Deadline!!!!

The deadline for the December/January Newsletter is Friday 16th November. Please forward all contributions to Alison before this date. Email: tyrrell@cscoms.com Tel 02751 9942

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be on Friday 2nd November at 9.30 a.m. at Melanie Newtons’s , 33/247, Soi 6/5 Moobaan Ladawan, Srinakarin Road, Samutprakarn 10540.

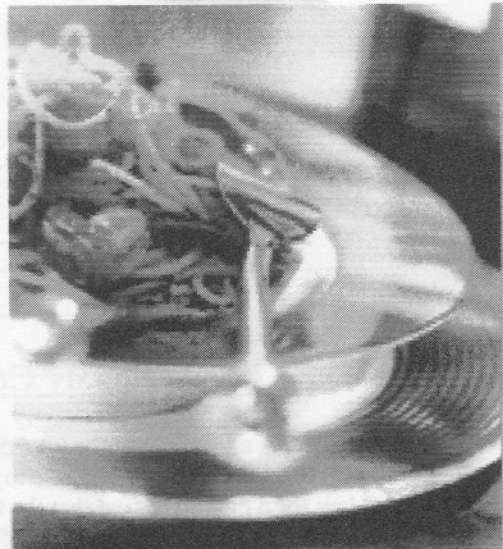
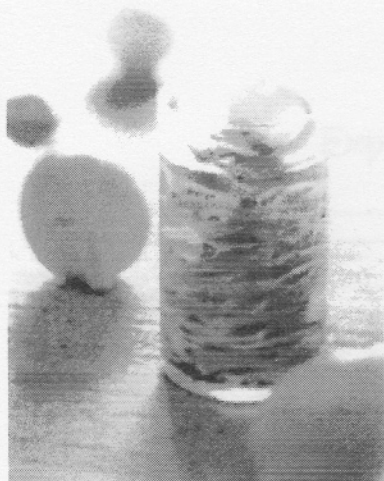
RSVP Kate Tel 02 336 0780 Email: beebymp@loxinfo.co.th

LADAWAN LADIES “HELP!”

Ladawan ladies, can any one spare just a couple of hours once a month to distribute the newsletter in your area. All the newsletters will be complete and addressed , I will even drop them off at your house. It is just a matter of delivering them to the addresses on the labels. It could be a good way of getting to know your neighbourhood and meeting other SILC members. Jeanette Dobbs and Julie Heather have kindly agreed to deliver this month’s but both have done their fair share in the past and are busy with welfare and newcomers commitments. If you think you can help please call Alison on 02 751 9942 or Email tyrrell@cscoms.com

Marriage Quote

“The theory used to be you marry an older man because they are more mature. The new theory is that men don’t mature. So you might as well marry a younger one”.



Buffet lunch new Style

At Club House Restaurant

2nd Floor, Bangna Towers B

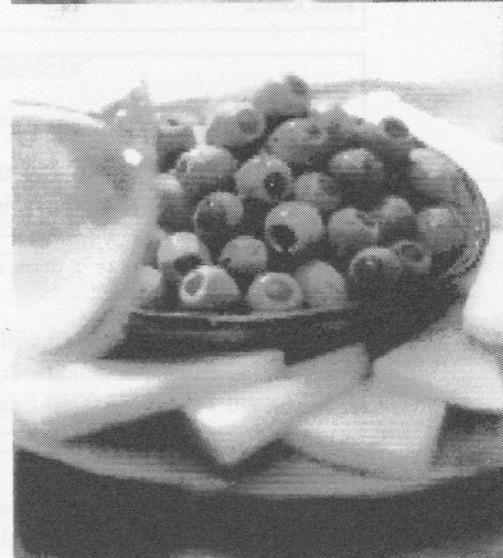
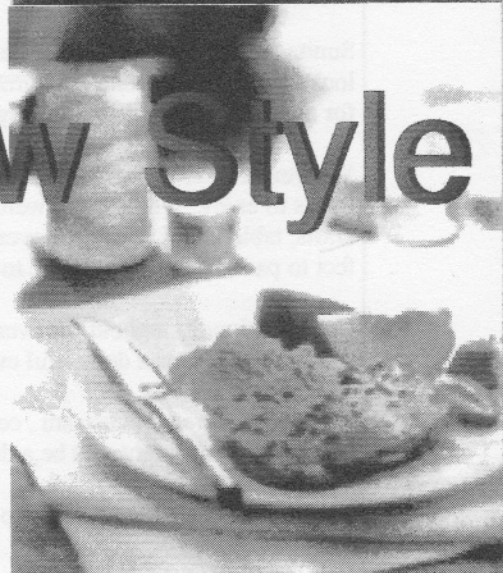
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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMITTEE

SILC Members' Directory – Policy Guidelines

Your committee has had many complaints about an approach made by a company called Medicap Ltd to SILC members by email. Recipients were sent 4 very large identical emails with attachments by this company to promote a seminar. We were informed by the company that the email contacts were made through a SILC member passing on the Members' Directory to them.

It seems appropriate at this point to remind members that any potential advertiser should place an ad or flyer within our newsletter, rather than take the step of using the Directory without authorisation, thereby causing unnecessary problems for our members. Our Directory is intended solely for the use of our members to contact other members within the club. Addresses, telephone numbers, emails, fax numbers and children's information should not be distributed to advertisers or businesses.

SILC formerly on occasion sold a mailing list of members' addresses to businesses which have provided exceptional discounts or services to the club. However, because we have no control over resale of the mailing list by these businesses, we have discontinued the practice.

Proper use of the Directory will ensure that all members can feel comfortable in providing contact information to SILC. We hope that respect for the privacy and trust of other members will allow us to continue to offer a personal Members' Directory.

If you have comments about our format of publishing address, phone, fax, e-mail and children's information in the SILC Members' Directory, please contact our membership secretary Laura McCann at 02 316 8788.

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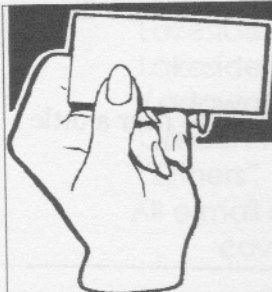
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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Quarter page	250 Baht
Half page	500 Baht
Full page	1000 Baht
Flyer insert	500 Baht

Personal advertisements for SILC members are free of charge.

Advertising requests must be received by the editor prior to the monthly newsletter deadline (date printed in each issue).



Spread the word!

Let others know about SILC. Our new wallet-sized cards have contact information and a brief description of SILC aims and activities. Perfect for introducing SILC to newcomers. Pick up a few at any SILC function, and pass them on!

WELFARE ACTIVITIES

Welfare Activities

Once again this monthly note is full of thank you's from both Lyn and I for donating such items as bikes, sheets, towels. Keep up the good work!

Bikes

We went and collected a bike to take to Siam-Care; thank you for the donation. After much messing around the driver managed to take the front wheel off the bike and fit it in the boot; yes you can fit a large bike in the boot of a Camry. Then it was off to Siam-Care near Lad Phrao Rd. No rain on the way but once we got there it started pouring. We sat around for half an hour until it stopped. By then the water was ankle deep and we waded out to the car. Went around the corner and the water was knee deep; yes I know my knees are closer to the ground than some people. There were waves coming along the road as the cars moved. I just wondered how deep it had to be before the water leaked into the car and we floated away. We made it back to high ground safely, and I guess the moral of the story is don't go down the back streets off Lad Phrao Rd when there is heavy rain.

Anyway the bike was gratefully received at Siam-Care and will be sent to one of their sponsored students upcountry to make it easier for them to attend school. Many of these students have parents who have died from AIDS or are suffering its effects. Often a bike means they can travel between home and school quicker, still attending school while helping out at home.

Anyone who would like to donate a bike please get in touch with us. Julie on 02 385 8113 or Lyn on 02 726 2191. Any condition will do as we know where a fix it shop is.

Julie Heather

Update: Pre-school news.

With Thai school holidays in October there was a lowering of numbers at the Srinakarin pre-school, down from 65 to only 40. A huge difference when they are normally all crammed in one room.

While Concordia and SKIP saw an increase in numbers as older students came back to visit and join in. It was amazing to see how much some children had grown and changed since they started school.

It is nice to see how much the children and teachers appreciate our visits, and to hear a little voice as we go out the door - "please come back tomorrow".

WELFARE ACTIVITIES

Sheets and more sheets.

A big thank you to everyone who donated sheets, towels, nappies and even rags to take to the AIDS Hospice. It was wonderful to get such an overwhelming response. Ask the ladies whose spare rooms were filled with these items for a month!

Please continue to collect any old ragged sheets, towels, and kitchen cloths and any other item that could make a sturdy rag. Any donation, any condition is appreciated. We will continue to deliver donations throughout the year.

THANK YOU

Once again the book sale at the September Coffee morning proved to be very popular and raised 1,600 Baht. We are receiving a lot of positive feedback about them. So please bring any books, magazines and videos that are taking up space.....they could be just what someone else is looking for! All proceeds benefit our welfare projects.

The next book sale will be at the December coffee morning, so save your change and stock up on some holiday reading material.

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

I would just like to remind you to save your aluminium cans, cardboard rolls from kitchen wraps and toilet paper, polystyrene mince plates, wine corks, etc. In fact all the things we think are rubbish! Our SILC volunteers can recycle all these items in their craft work with underprivileged children.

Bring your donations to any SILC function, or call for pick-up:

Julie 02 385 8133, Kate 02 336 0780 or Lyn 02 726 2191.

The next WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Will be held on **Monday 5th November**

At

StarBucks, Central Bangna at 11.30 a.m.

All members are welcome to attend. Please call Lyn at 02 726 2191 if you wish to join us.

SILC FUNCTIONS, REPLY POLICY

If you are planning on attending any of the SILC functions advertised in this newsletter, please make sure that you let someone know you are coming as it makes it so much easier for the hostess to plan. Please call one of the names listed below, any committee member or the hostess direct.

Representatives for replies

Lakeside Villa 1	Gill Sheffield	Tel: 02 316 8157
Lakeside Villa 2	Audrey Watts	Tel: 02 316 4091
Ladawan	Vacant	Tel: 02 758 5171
Garden Towers	Marie Wilson	Tel: 02 751 9865
"Others"	Kate Thomas	Tel: 02 336 0780

All e-mail addresses and fax numbers can be found inside the front cover of your newsletter, or in the telephone directory.

"FROM THE SILC MAILBOX"



Dear SILC Members:

I was approached recently by a person in the Senior Management of Medicap about a Seminar a well known Heart Specialist was to give in Bangkok. My intention to publicize this Seminar to all SILC members was for the potential health benefits of members led me to give details, fax, email, etc in order to do so.

The spate of complaints from various members due to the unexpected emails sent by Medicap, made me immediately aware of my terrible mistake in the method of dissemination of the information regarding the Seminar. I would like to offer my sincere apologies and am prepared to offer my apologies personally to any individuals who have been particularly offended by this unintentional invasion of your privacy.

I have asked Medicap not to use any informative information regarding members addresses etc in the near future and have been assured by them that they will not do so.

Sunita Kulisra

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?

Do you know of a really great/ interesting restaurant/ shop/ tailor/ service etc etc? Let us all know about it! Please submit details to Alison Tyrrell by the deadline date. (Get a business card if possible.) This column can also be used to ask SILC members about something. Just email your query and contact details.

HOLLOWEEN!

Have you left it too late to get a Halloween costume made for October 31st? No need to worry there is a good supply of costumes, masks, plastic bats, snakes and spiders and much much more at very reasonable prices at Emporium, Soi 24, 622 Sukhumvit Road by the stationery department. Hope you have a fun filled, scary night!!!!!!

Great New Restaurant

Have you tried the new restaurant which is part of the Sompong chain which has recently opened on the link road between Bang Na Trad Highway and Srinakarin Road? (on the site of the old "December" supermarket).

This very popular restaurant serves excellent fresh seafood, and other dishes. The service is fast and efficient but the only drawback so far is the menu is only in Thai! Don't be put off however, there is a picture menu which covers most of the fish dishes, if you prefer meat or have a favourite dish, they will be happy to oblige if you can ask for it in Thai!

Be warned, it is very busy at weekends but they open early which makes it easier to park. Children are most welcome and seem to enjoy watching the huge flames from the barbeque downstairs!

Gil Symons

If you have a personal recommendation you would like included in the newsletter please ensure that the recommended person is aware and agrees to being placed in the "where did you get that" section of the newsletter.

BITS & PIECES

Having just taken on the job of newsletter editor over the last week and being computer illiterate I have had to have a very quick lesson on how to use a computer. Reading this article describes me to a tee and gave me a real chuckle. I hope some of you can also identify with me!!!!!!

Diary of a computer lamer

- Day 1.** I just tried to connect to America online, which I've heard is the best online service I can get. I can't connect, I don't know what is wrong!
- Day 2.** Some guy at the tech support center says my computer needs a modem. I don't see why. He's just trying to cheat me. How dumb does he think I am?
- Day 3.** I bought a modem, I couldn't figure out where it goes though, it wouldn't fit in the monitor or the printer. I'm confused.
- Day 4.** I finally got the modem in and hooked up. A three year old next door did it for me.
- Day 5.** The three year old kid next door hooked me up to America online for me. He's so smart.
- Day 6.** What the heck is the internet? I thought I was on America Online, not this internet thingy. I'm confused.
- Day 7.** The three year old kid next door showed me how to use this America Online stuff. He must be a genius at least compared to me.
- Day 8.** I tried to use chat today. I tried to talk into my computer but nothing happened. Maybe I need to buy a microphone.
- Day 9.** I found this thingy called Usenet. I got out of it because I'm connected to America Online, not Usenet. I went to the doctor today for my regular checkup. He says that since I connected, my brain has mysteriously shrunk to half its normal size.
- Day 10.** These people in this Usenet thingy keep using capital letters. How do they do that? I never figured out how to type capital letters. Maybe they have a different type of keyboard!
- Day 11.** I found this thingy called the Usenet oracle. It says that it can answer any questions I ask it. I asked it 44 separate questions about the internet. I hope it responds soon.
- Day 12.** I found a group called rec.humour. I decided to post this joke about why the chicken crossed the road. To get to the other side! Ha ha! I wasn't sure if it posted right so I posted it 22 more times.
- Day 13.** Someone told me to read the FAQ. Geez, they didn't have to use profanity.
- Day 14.** I just read this post called make money fast. I'm so excited, I'm going to make lots of money. I followed his instructions and posted it to every newsgroup I could find.
- Day 15.** I just made my signature file. It's only 6 pages long, so I will have to work on it some more.
- Day 16.** I just looked at a group called alt.aol.sucks. I read a few posts and I really believe aol should be wiped off the face of the Earth. I wonder what "aol" is, however.
- Day 17.** I was asking where to find some information about something. Some guy told me to check out ftp.netcom.com. I've looked and looked, but I can't find that group.
- Day 18.** Some guy suspended my account because of what I was doing. I told him I don't have an account at his bank. He's so dumb.

I would just like to say a big thank you to Andrea who patiently and methodically went through the producing of Newsletter with me last week. I know I speak for everyone when I say she will be sorely missed. We wish you the best of luck. Please keep in touch you never know when you might be needed!

Driver available end of December

As we will shortly be leaving Thailand our driver is looking for a new job. Khun Banjong has worked for us for the past 2 1/2 years. He is reliable, safe and dependable. He lives in this area and has his own motorbike. He has an excellent knowledge of all areas of Bangkok and beyond. He speaks good English.

For more information please call Gill on 02 758 5171 or 01 310 3521

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EXCELLENT MAID AVAILABLE

Due to our departure from Thailand, I am looking for a new job for my hard working, and trustworthy maid, Sunan. If possible Sunan would like to remain on Ladawan or in the Sukhumvit area. Sunan is an accomplished cook, having experience in Italian, Thai and Farang cooking. She is hard working, conscientious and adaptable. She will be available to transfer early December.

Please contact Gill for further information on 02 758-5171 or 02 310-3521.

WHAT'S ON IN BANGKOK?

Book Fair

Saturday & Sunday, 10 & 11 November

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Neilson Hays library is hosting a **BOOK FAIR** with a difference on the weekend of November 10th and 11th. Not only will there be second hand books available at low prices, but Bangkok's leading book publishers and retailers are making available new books at discounted prices...up to 70% off! Nancy Chandler stationery, old maps and prints, beautiful art notebooks, 2002 calendars and diaries and more will give you the opportunity to buy the perfect Christmas gift. For the children there will be books for all ages, Foyles educational books, activities and the popular Little Puppet Theatre will perform for free! Refreshments and food will be available from the British Club. So bring the whole family and enjoy the day!

The Neilson Hays Library
195 Suriwongse Road (near the British Club)
Tel: 02 233-1731 or Fax: 02 233-4999

www.neilsonhayslibrary.com

The Neilson Hays Library is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

YMCA International Bazaar

Saturday, 10 November

Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre

10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Proceeds will go to the YMCA charities
H.R.H. Princess Soamsawaali will preside
over the opening ceremony

For further information call YMCA 02 287-3136.

Community Services of Bangkok Yard Sale.

Saturday, 17 November

15/L Soi 33 Sukhumvit from 9.30 a.m.-Midday 12 noon.

Now is the time to clean your closets and cupboards.... Join the CSB yard sale and obtain a table space for 500Baht donation. (Bring your own table). To reserve table space or additional information contact CSB 02 258-4998.

Admission on day of sale 20 Baht, children under 12 free.

Community Services of Bangkok Celebrations of Nations (Annual Event).

Monday, 10 December

Hilton International Hotel, Nai Lert, Wireless Rd,
11.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m.

"A Fun Filled Day for the Entire Family
Adults 100 Baht, Children under 12, 50 Baht.

For further information please contact the CSB on
02 258-4998 or 02 258-5652.

"Contemporary Arts & Crafts In Thailand" Pre-Christmas Exhibition & Sale.

Tuesday, 27 November to Sunday, 2 December

Hilton International Hotel, Wireless Road,
Promenade Décor Ground, 2nd & 3rd Floor.

10.00 a. m.-6.00 p.m. (2nd Dec will close at 5.00 p.m.)

Opening party with snack and beverage on 27 Nov 6.00 p.m.

Proceeds go to crafts producers and to charity projects.

SILC MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the following new members:

Alison Blazquez

756 Lakeside Villa 1
Km 6.5 Bangna Trad Road
Bangplee, Samut Prakarn 10540
Tel: 02 316-8144
Email: alison@blazquez.freeserve.co.uk

Nationality: British
Partner: Nick
Children: Kirsty, May 28 1988.
Philip, Nov 28 1990.
Naomi Aug 17 1993.

Sharon Gretton

N 5A, 2-4/5 Garden Towers
Km 6.5 Bangna Trad Road
Bangplee, Samut Prakarn 10540
Tel: 02 751-9714

Nationality: Australian
Partner: John
Children: Jaime, Dec 4 1979
David, Dec 7 1982
Shayn, Apr 24 1992

Lakshmi Tantya

35/204, Soi 5/10 Mooban Ladawan
Srinakarin Road, Samut Prakarn 10540
Tel: 02 758-5645

Nationality: Indonesian
Partner: Andrianto
Children: Ivan Jayapurna, 2 Dec 1996
Amanda Jayapurna, 11 Aug 00

Ros Jones

S 2B Garden Towers
Km 6.5 Bangna Trad Road
Bangplee, Samut Prakarn 10540
Tel: 02 751-9859
Tel: 09-821 9825

Nationality: British
Partner: Mark
Children: Joshua, Jan 7 1990
Amy, Mar 28 1992
Jacob, Nov 2 1994

Busaya Sajapala

101/27 Tantawat 2
Km 3.5 Bangna Trad Road
Bangna 10260
Tel: 02 751-9992
Email: garden@teohong.com

Nationality: Thai
Children: Chalet Isarabhakdi, 7 Jan 96.

Please note the following changes:

Kathryn Lythgoe
55 Sukhumvit 49/4
Soi Akarapat
North Klongton Vattana 10110
Tel: 02 392-4352
Tel: 01-827 8775
Fax: 02 392-4353

Nationality: British
Partner: Graham
Children: Nick 16 Feb 1984

Alison Tyrrell's new Email address:
tyrrell@cscoms.com

Leaving Bangkok.

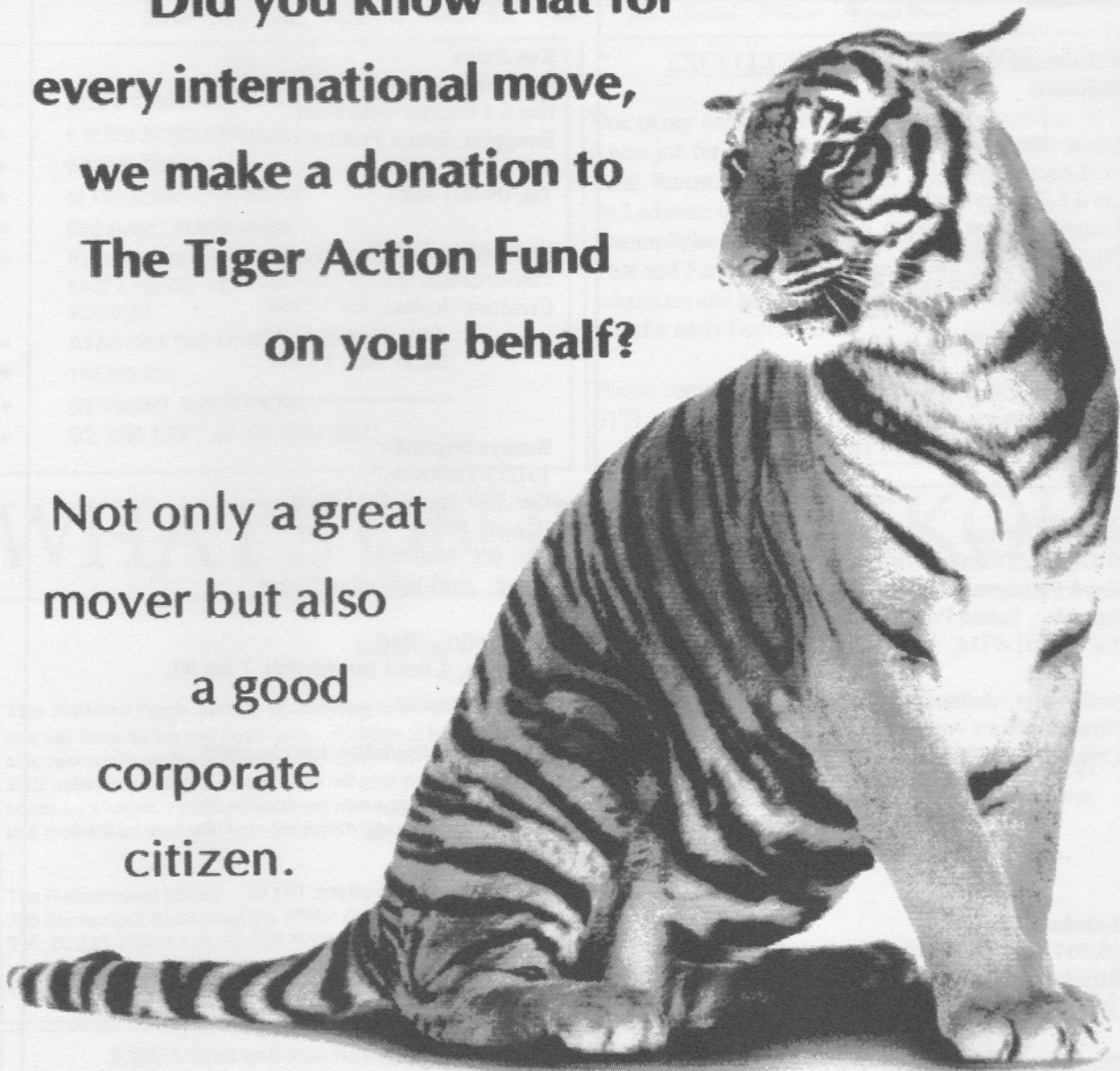
Helen Hazell will be leaving Bangkok to move to Hong Kong at half term. She would like to keep in touch with her friends. Her email address will be:-
nandhhazell@yahoo.com

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