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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2001

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well it seems that last month's rant had some effect! There were seventeen ladies at last month's Evening Meeting and a whopping twenty-five at the lunch. This represents a 100% improvement on the previous couple of month's turn-outs, but with a membership of well over 110 now, I'd say there was still scope for more.

It's getting towards that time of the year when we have to think about a new committee. As you may be aware, every year the entire committee resigns and a new one elected, usually in April. That it not to say that previous committee members cannot be re-elected - of-course they can! Our AGM this year is scheduled for 30 April, so if you think you'd like to have a go - don't be shy and put your name forward. You'll find a nomination form in this month's newsletter, it just needs to be completed and returned to me as soon as possible. I'd encourage anyone to have a stint on the committee. You'll make new friends and have some good times planning events for the members, so if you're new (or new-ish) to Bangkok and want to get involved here's an ideal opportunity to broaden your circle. Even if you've been here for a while, it's a good way to get to know others better and to offer your experience as a seasoned Bangkokian!

Many thanks this month go to Jeannette Dobbs, who has been our Membership Secretary since December, and who has had to step down from the committee. Thanks Jeannette for all you've done.

As usual, I hope to see as many of you as possible at this month's events.

Sue

SILC AGM

Date: Monday 30th April 2001

Time: 10 am

Venue: Bangna Towers

All SILC members are welcome to attend. Further details will be provided in the April newsletter.

International Adoption Parent Support Group

We are International Adoptive parents interested in forming a support group in Bangkok. This group may be of interest to pre-adoptive parents who would like to learn more about adoption as well as post-adoptive parents looking for support and resources.

For more information, please contact either Julia Galliker d'Aliberti at 385-7655 or email: jpgalliker@aol.com or Renee Ritterling at 385-7565 or email: ritter@ksc.th.com.

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH 2001

LUNCH

DATE: Wednesday 7th March
 VENUE: Crepes & Co
 18 Sukhumvit Soi 12
 TIME: 12 noon
 RSVP: Sharon -3619120 or your
 local representative by
 Monday 5th March.

Bangkok's only creperie, featuring 100
 delicious and creative crepes and a
 selection of Mediterranean specials.

TOUR

Visit the 'Le duc de praslaine'
 chocolate factory

DATE: Thursday 29th March
 TIME: 8.30am from Patana
 COST: 200 Baht excl. lunch

Additional details provided in
 this newsletter.



RSVP to Sabine Benke,
 Tel: 758 6454
 Please book early to
 avoid disappointment.

COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 13th
 March
 TIME: 9 am
 VENUE: Marie Wilson's
 S5B Garden Towers
 RSVP: Marie - 751-9865

EVENING MEETING

There will be no evening
 meeting this month.

WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday 8th
 March
 TIME: 9.30am
 VENUE: Tina Alejandro's
 524 Lakeside 1
 RSVP: 316 8564 or
 01 299 5821

COFFEE MORNING

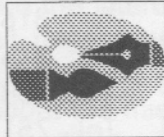
DATE: Tuesday 20th March
 TIME: 9.30am
 VENUE: Bangkaew Room
 Bangna Towers B
 RSVP: Your local committee
 representative by Friday
 16th March

Hair/fashion demonstration by Pa-
 nipa. Please see further details in
 this newsletter.

ART AND CRAFT CLASSES

Day: Monday
Time: 9.00am
Place: Helen Frost's
734 Lakeside 1
Newcomers always welcome

For more information
call Helen
Tel: 317 1132



MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Every Monday morning
(except school holidays).

10.00 to around 12 noon

Contact Julia Tel: 385-7655
or Pat Tel: 758-6631 for
details

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 5281

GOLF - 18 HOLES

Green Valley
call to organise a group
Contact: Val Ashman
Tel: 740 2935

MAH-JONG

Day: Wednesday

Place: Rotating households

Contact: Julie Heather
Tel 385 8133 or 7585423
or Kathryn Lythgoe
Tel 3163264

NEW! AQUAROBICS CLASS

At the LADAWAN POOL by the
Bangkok Dolphins

Day: Tuesday (starts 27th Feb)
Time: 9 am - 9.45 am

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Lakeside 1, Thursday

07.30-09.30 a.m.

Contact:
Helen Frost
Tel: 317 1132



SILC FUNCTIONS, REPLY POLICY

If you are planning on attending any of the SILC functions advertised in this newsletter, please could you make sure 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, or the hostess direct.

Representatives for replies!

Lakeside Villa 1	Gill Sheffield	Tel: 316 8157
Lakeside Villa 2	Jonquil Henry	Tel: 316 4074
Ladawan	Gill Symons	Tel: 758 5171
Garden Towers	Marie Wilson	Tel: 751 9865
"Others"	Sue Davies	Tel: 751 9876

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

Report on January coffee morning - Feng Shui

On Thursday 23rd of January we had our first coffee morning of 2001.

Lots of old and new members met at Audrey Watt's lovely home to catch up after the Christmas break and to find out more about the ancient art of Feng Shui.

Anna leong gave a very interesting talk on Feng Shui giving us lots of ideas on ways we can create harmonious surroundings in our homes.

We worked out our Chinese horoscope animal signs and were given some predictions of the year to come. I think that I had better close the door and sleep the year out.

If anyone is looking to buying or renting a house Anna gave us a few useful tips on what to look out for.

If anyone would like to delve further into the art of Feng Shui Anna conducts classes in 'Do it yourself Feng Shui.'

Thank you Anna for an interesting talk and giving us an insight to the world of Feng Shui. Thank you Audrey, for opening your house to us all and to the ladies who supplied such delicious food for the coffee morning.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February coffee morning.

Wendy Nalder

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please note the deadline for the April 2001 newsletter is Monday 19th March.

All contributions are welcome. Please send to Andrea Williams:

Email: andrea_bkk@hotmail.com Telephone/Fax 316-5065

Report on Father Olivier Morin Evening Meeting

The memory of Father Olivier's talk on the evening of February 5 will remain with me – and hopefully make me a better person. Father Olivier is an extraordinary person in every sense of the word. He is an entertaining, charismatic speaker, a resourceful, skilled bureaucrat, and a humanitarian seemingly beyond measure.

I went to the meeting based on the interesting notice in last month's newsletter. I knew that Father Olivier is a Jesuit priest who has been working with confined persons in Thailand for about ten years, beginning with aid to the Vietnamese boat people. However, I was slightly dubious about the mission of a man who works with prison inmates, if only because welfare needs in Thailand are so vast among those who have not been convicted of a crime. After all, if a person is in prison, might he be guilty and deserve his lot?

At the meeting, I was surprised to learn that Father Olivier has two major constituencies. First, he works with people who are trapped in the Bangkok Immigration detention center. I was horrified to learn about the treatment of people who, for whatever reason, do not have legal documents and the means to leave Thailand to return to their home countries. For the most part, these people are from very poor countries and come to Thailand illegally in search of work – "legal" or otherwise. It was shocking to hear about the terrible living conditions in the detention center. Apparently, when illegal aliens are caught by Immigration, they are sent to wait in barren concrete cells. While confinement in these holding cells is intended to be temporary, it is very permanent for some. According to Father Olivier, one can only leave Immigration detention with a ticket to one's home country. Sadly, for those without the means to help themselves, Immigration detention becomes a one-way trip into a crowded, inhumane "prison" with no amenities of any kind. Father Olivier recounted the story of one man who has spent the past eight years in detention, and has never been allowed to leave his concrete cell.

Like many gifted speakers, Father Olivier tells story after story with a mix of humor, irony, consternation and sadness. Amazingly, Father Olivier can see humor in the often-daunting tangle of government bureaucracies. In his work at Immigration, Father Olivier provides both humanitarian comfort and tangible resources. For those who have no possible financial means, Father Olivier coordinates return passage through private donations. Father Olivier was most impressive when he talked about the way that he provides aid for those who fall through the gaps in the international system. For example, several African nationals cannot return to their home countries because of civil war conditions. Father Olivier described the case of one young Vietnamese man who was captured by Thai Immigration and deported to Vietnam where he was imprisoned and tortured. This man escaped and returned to Thailand where he again risks confinement in Immigration detention without a valid visa.

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.....Report on Father Olivier Morin's talk continued

Father Olivier's second constituency is work with prison inmates – both men and women. In one poignant story, Father Olivier described the case of a non-Thai speaking foreigner who was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. The man did not understand the outcome of his case until a guard made a slashing motion across his throat. While Father Olivier knew that the man was guilty of drug crimes, his humanitarian powers are so great, that he was able to provide comfort and spiritual hope to someone who is completely alone.

To support Father Olivier's mission, SILC Welfare gave him a donation of 5,000 baht. However, many in attendance were so moved, that another 9,222 baht was placed in the monk's bowl. Father Olivier contacted SILC to express his thanks and reports that he will use the funds to help the Vietnamese man described above. Many thanks to Lynda Cooke for hosting the evening.

Julia Galliker d'Aliberti

Report on Lunch at the Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit

February's lunch was held at the Basil Restaurant in the hotel at 12pm. Twenty-five ladies, seated at three tables, were treated to a sumptuous Thai lunch which featured crab cakes, Tom Yum Goong, green curry, chicken & cashew nuts and three kinds of rice, followed by a taro-custard tart. I'm happy to say that none of the above were particularly spicy, which came as a relief to those of us who can't take too much "phet". Rice in three different colours was also a first for me.

Basil Restaurant is rather elegant, all light wood and waiting staff in smart Thai outfits and I think we all felt that we had "done lunch" properly on Thursday.

After everyone had eaten as much as they could, Chrissie Davis who is the Spa Manager at the hotel, arrived to give us a short introduction to the new spa facilities at the hotel. She handed out discount coupons and leaflets to everyone and answered a few questions. Chrissie had arranged a free raffle for us, with three prizes of treatments at the spa and dinner at Basil Restaurant for two. Gill Sheffield (what, again? I hear you ask) won a massage, Felicity won dinner for two and Viola Garcia received the top prize of a half-day package at spa. I'm sitting next to Gill at the next function in the hope that some of her luck rubs off.

All in all, a very pleasant lunch which I'm sure was enjoyed by all.

Sue Davies

ART BAZAAR at THE NIELSON HAYS LIBRARY

March 3rd & 4th, 10 am - 5 pm, Rotunda Gallery, 195 Surawongse Road

Over 30 artists will display their works for sale and exhibition. The bazaar will feature paintings, photographs, silk designs, ceramics, jewellery, carpet tent bags and antiques. This year's bazaar will also feature poetry reading and performance art and amusement for children.

For more information please call the library at 233-1731.

COFFEE MORNING - TUESDAY 20th MARCH

TIME: 9.30am
VENUE: Bangkaew Room, Bangna Towers B

This month we have a hair and beauty demonstration by Khun Panipa. Many of you will already know Khun Panipa from her salon near Bangkok Patana School. This promises to be a fun morning featuring hair care, cosmetics and some fashion modelling. Don't forget to bring your wallet as there will be some products and clothes for sale. And of course you will be provided with the usual refreshments! We expect that this will be a popular event so please come and join us.

During the morning a representative from the ISG - The International Support Group - will talk briefly about the work of the group in Thailand and we will present our cheque for 35,000 baht to them. This is an annual donation, made by SILC, which supports 10 students and enables them to continue their educationa wonderful gift from our members. Sponsorship forms will also be available for those who would like to sponsor their own student.

Please make your reservations either to Sara Cowley, Tel 336 0927, or to your local SILC representative. Deadline: Friday 16th March.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Something to make you laugh.....

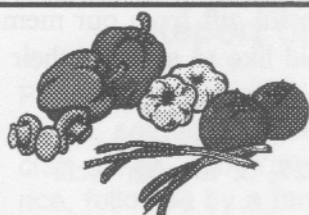
A few minutes before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." "Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked. "Nope, sure ain't." said the man. "Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?" asked Satan. "Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone. "Did you know that I could cause you profound, horrifying, physical AGONY for all eternity?" persisted Satan. "Yep," was the calm reply. "And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope." More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?" The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years.

Thank you Sue for forwarding this.....Ed.

Welcome to the following new members.....

Laura McCann	Nationality:	British	Children's Names/Birthdates:
131 Lakeside Villa 2	Partner:	Neil	Jack Nov 16, 1996
Bangna Trad Km 7.5			Rosie June 4, 1998
Prakanong 10260			Lily Oct 3, 2000
Tel: 316 4075			
Fax: 317 1923			
Email: lauram@loxinfo.co.th			

Maria Thompson	Nationality:	Australian	Children's Names/Birthdates:
155 Lakeside Villa 2	Partner:	Malcolm	Harry April 13, 1994
Bangna Trad Km 7.5			Samantha June 6, 1996
Prakanong 10260			Olivia March 23, 1999
Tel: 316 3984			



SILC RECIPE BOOK

Chicken Adobo in Coconut Cream: Fancy "Tom Yung Goong":
Festive Chocolate Mousse: Decadent Chocolate Torte: Peaches and
Cream Muffins: Salmon of Eastern Promise: Konigsberger Klopse.

Where can you find recipes such as these..in English and in Thai? In the SILC RECIPE BOOK of course...! On sale now for only 300 baht a copy from the Patana school shop or Tina Alejandrino (e-mail: alejandrino@pacific.net.th) Copies will also be on sale at the February 27th SILC coffee morning. All profits support SILC welfare projects.

Tour - Thursday 29th March

Visit the "Le duc de prasline" Chocolate Factory in Sukhumvit, Soi 49

Meeting point: 8:30 a.m. at Bangkok Patana School

Return approx: 2:30 p.m. at Bangkok Patana School

Cost: 200 Baht p.person, lunch not included

After visiting the factory, we will be having lunch at "Duilio's", an Italian Restaurant also located in Soi 49. Indulge in one of the 8 fabulous set lunches, there's a good variety for everyone's taste (prices start from 140 Baht). Or make your choice of salad (69 Baht), pasta (89 Baht) or pizza (99 Baht). This is not only very good value, but a serene little restaurant with scrumptious food ! Don't miss this tour, book your seat soon ! The factory limits tours to 20 persons, so we cannot take more than that. Please call Antoinet (phone: 7585440) or Sabine (phone: 7586454) to make your reservation.

WELFARE NEWS

- 5000 baht from Welfare funds was presented to Father Olivier at the last monthly meeting to assist him with his work with refugees and prisoners. (A further 9222 baht was collected during the meeting!) I have just received a card from him thanking us all for a most enjoyable evening and for our generosity.
- Following an urgent appeal for funds from the Rejoice Urban Development Project in Chiang Mai - who care for HIV positive mothers and babies and those at risk - we sent a cheque for 20,000 baht for the purchase of formula milk. (Mothers with AIDS are advised NOT to breastfeed their babies as this can pass on the infection.) This project is run by two dedicated volunteers (one of whom spoke at a SILC coffee morning approx 3 years ago on his work in the AIDS hospice in Bangkok.) Please visit their website at www.rejoicecharity.com or even better call in and see them when in Chiang Mai if you would like to learn more.
- 3000 baht was recently received from the Lakeside 1 children's Christmas Party. Thank you all! We will spend the money on buying fruit for the children at Wat Sra Kaew orphanage on our forthcoming visit.
- Thank you to those who have already sorted out donations of clothes and toys for the orphanage. Keep them coming in! If you wish to accompany us on our trip, please SIGN UP NOW with your 350 baht.
- I recently visited Mettaracharuk Hospital (near the Rose Garden) and met Dr. Pannet and his team at the well-run eye clinic there. Dr. Pannet updated us on his project and his aims (i.e. that in 6 years time all children in the Kingdom needing glasses will have them.) Used eyeglasses are re-cycled here and they now also have stocks of new standard frames for children. His most pressing need now is funding for the sessions "in the field" when thousands of eye screening tests are carried out and some cataract operations performed. Maybe we will be able to help with this in the future? In the meantime, your unwanted glasses will be well used.
- Hope to see you at the March coffee morning when we'll have a presentation of our cheque for 35,000 baht for the 10 students SILC sponsors through the ISG.
- I will be on holiday till 4th March, so please contact other welfare committee members during this time if you have any queries. Thank you.

Felicity Dent, Welfare Chair.

WELFARE TOUR TO WAT SRAKAEW....TUESDAY MARCH 13th 8am-3pm.

WHEN: Tuesday 13th March

TIME : Depart PROMPT from BPS at 8am. RETURN approx 3pm

COST : Between 350-500 baht ,depending on numbers.

NB 350 baht must be pre-paid by Tues 6th March.

THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.... Please pay at the SILC coffee morning in Feb or phone to make other arrangements. We cannot book a coach or minibuses blind! THANK-YOU!

Wat Srakaew is home to approx 1600 orphans and abandoned children. The children are housed, clothed and fed and education at local schools is provided by the Wat with help, obviously, from the local community and groups such as ourselves. On this visit we will take fruit for their lunch (last time we noticed they didn't receive any fruit, just a plateful of rice with a type of watery "stew" made from cabbage & pork or chicken bones.) We will also be taking donations of clothes and toys received, plus items purchased from SILC funds such as sacks of rice, cooking oil, tins of biscuits, detergent etc etc. Can you or your husband's company help in this?

We will arrive at the Wat in time for the children's lunch and a tour of the dormitories and maybe also a peek at the small shop which, on our last visit, was a make-shift "nursery" for three adorable babies...

On our way to the Wat we will call in at the Queen's handicraft centre at Bang Sai to see some Thai handicrafts and maybe make a purchase or two. (Wat Srakaew also has a small shop selling beautiful silver jewellery, among other things, so you should bring your wallet!)

We will have lunch in Ayutthaya near the river (own expense) before returning to BPS hopefully in time for 3pm.

Please wear cool, comfortable clothing (suitable for temple visits) and bring a drink.

CONTACT numbers: Tina Alejandro 01-299 5821 or 316-8564
Maureen Bligh 316 8547

PLEASE CONFIRM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, with deposit, but no later than Tues 6th March. Thank-You!

PLEASE NOTE THAT NON-SILC MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS TOUR WITH US.

Felicity Dent for Welfare Committee.

S.I.L.C.
Samutprakarn International Ladies Club
Annual General Meeting

Nominations are invited from the members for all positions on the 2001-2002 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	Second
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Welfare				
Newsletter				
Membership				
Newcomers				
Coffee Mornings				
Lunches				
Tours				
General Committee				
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Please fax completed form to Sue Davies on 751 9928 before 23rd April.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS DUTIES

PRESIDENT

Preside at all meetings, affix signature to all official contracts entered into 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 club's 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 contract with charities based on the club's 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 coordinating travel arrangements, time, venue and dates and be the contact person for them.

THE NEILSON HAYS LIBRARY
ABN AMRO BANK

SILC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2001/2002

ALL subscriptions are due by **APRIL 1st 2001**. Please complete this form and return with your subscription of 500 Baht to:

Heather Gatland
33/46 Soi 2/1 Moo Baan Ladawan
Srinakarin Road
Bangplee
Samutprakarn 10540

or hand to any committee member

Please **DO NOT** send cash in the post

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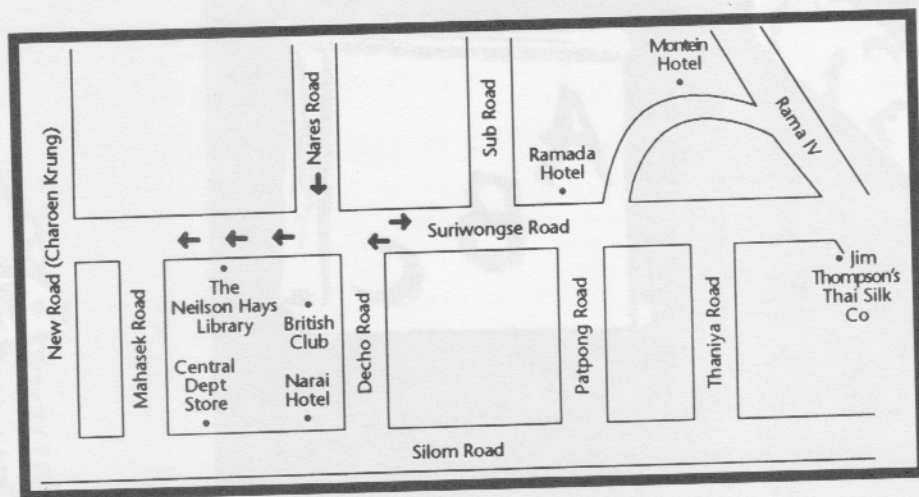
Would you be interested in joining the committee?

Yes/No

Please renew your subscriptions promptly to ensure
you continue to receive the newsletter



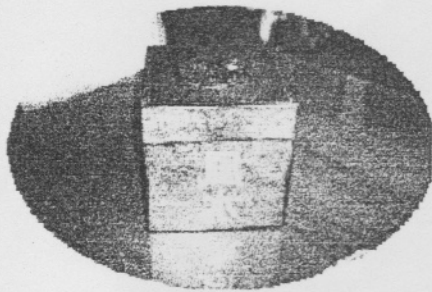
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 - ◆ Ceramics ◆ Jewellery ◆ Sculpture ◆ Celadon ◆
 - ◆ Soft furnishings ◆ Raffle ◆ Antiques ◆ Laquerware ◆
 - ◆ Poetry ◆ Readings ◆ Prizes ◆ Carpets ◆
 - ◆ Furniture ◆ Performance Art ◆
 - ◆ Children's Books ◆
 - ◆ Children's Craft ◆ Story telling ◆
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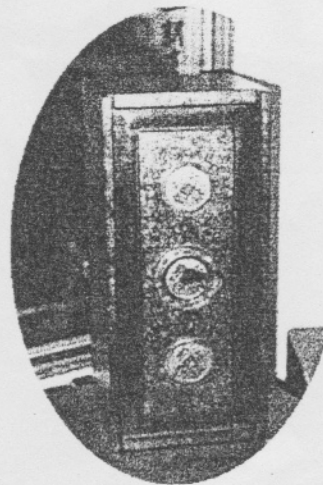
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**14th, 15th and 16th of March
9am-6pm daily**

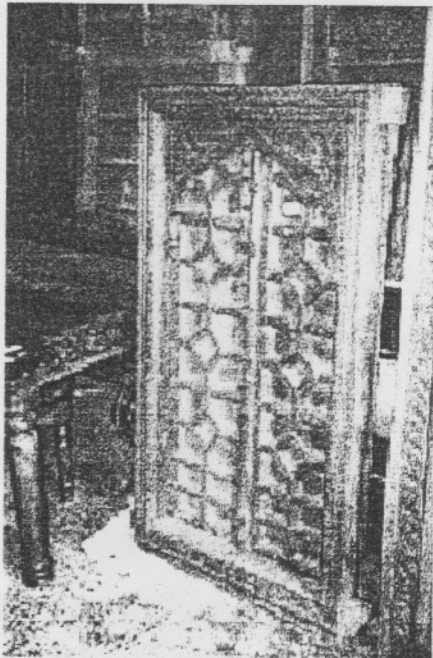


Good feng shui....

Burmese days.....



Arabian nights....



**... Jewellery from Colleen
Hamilton and Cambodian
silver from Bea Grunwell**

Location.....

**Apt 9B
Oriental Towers
Ekamai Soi 12
Sukhumvit Soi 63
Bangkok**

**Please contact Liz Hall on 382 0198 or 01 614 3863
e-mail to lizziehall@hotmail.com**

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takes you through the golden years
of the

50s, 60s and 70s
when rock'n'roll, soul and disco ruled the world

Prize for the best Retro Outfit

FUN FAIR 2001

Bangkok Patana School
2/38 Soi Lasalle
Sukhumvit 105
Bangna

Saturday 17th March, 2001
9.30am - 3.00pm

Admission - 20 Baht

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

Chinese Almanac Calendar

The Chinese Almanac Calendar is a section taken from the Chinese Almanac Book. In South East Asia it is known as the “Tung Sing” or “Tung Shu” which means “Know All Things Book”. Also known as the oldest encyclopedia in the world and one of the longest producing publication with a legendary history of over 4,200 years old, compiled by the best of China’s astrologers. The Chinese Almanac Calendar is revised and reissued each year but the bulk of the ancient text remains the same.

To this present day, millions of Chinese and non-chinese around the world use this calendar as a guide to plan their everyday activities. The concept of “doing the right thing at the right time and day” has been practiced by the Chinese for centuries. Certain activities will meet with more success if undertaken on certain days while on the other hand situations may not turn out well or successful if attempted on the wrong day.

The good and bad days depends on the influence of the good and bad stars present each day and each star has a set of different meanings. There are 88 good stars, then there are 4 stars which can go either way. Finally comes the 162 evil stars reflecting the fact, says tradition, that evil outweighs good in the affairs of the world. The calendar also provide details as to which hour is good, average or bad. So if you really need to undertake an important task on a bad day, try then to choose an auspicious hour to start off with.

The Chinese Almanac Calendar is a valuable reference guide. A lot of billionaires like Li Ka Shing (the richest man in Hong Kong), tycoons and top business men around the world would not think of launching a new project without first checking if that day was auspicious. Even wine makers and brewers of beer in many countries use this calendar to start off their brewing and wine making to get the finest quality of wine and beer.

I have included a chart indicating the Chinese New Year dates from year 1901 to 2002 for easy reference. With the help of this chart you will find out exactly which animal sign you belong to. If a certain day is especially bad for your animal sign, just keep a low profile and do the normal things you do each day. Do not attempt anything new that day, taking risk or travel far from home.

Adherence to the calendar’s daily advice should result in a more pleasant living experience. Try it – you have nothing to lose !

A sample for the month of March is included in this month’s SILC news letter.

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DATES OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR : 1901 - 2002

31 Jan. 1957 <i>Fire - Rooster</i>	2 Feb. 1965 <i>Wood - Snake</i>	3 Feb. 1973 <i>Water - Ox</i>	5 Feb. 1981 <i>Metal - Rooster</i>	6 Feb. 1989 <i>Earth - Snake</i>	7 Feb. 1997 <i>Fire - Ox</i>
18 Feb. 1958 <i>Earth - Dog</i>	21 Jan. 1966 <i>Fire - Horse</i>	23 Jan. 1974 <i>Wood - Tiger</i>	25 Jan. 1982 <i>Water - Dog</i>	27 Jan. 1990 <i>Metal - Horse</i>	28 Jan. 1998 <i>Earth - Tiger</i>
8 Feb. 1959 <i>Earth - Pig</i>	9 Feb. 1967 <i>Fire - Ram</i>	11 Feb. 1975 <i>Wood - Rabbit</i>	13 Feb. 1983 <i>Water - Pig</i>	15 Feb. 1991 <i>Metal - Ram</i>	16 Feb. 1999 <i>Earth - Rabbit</i>
28 Jan. 1960 <i>Metal - Rat</i>	30 Jan. 1968 <i>Earth - Monkey</i>	31 Jan. 1976 <i>Fire - Dragon</i>	2 Feb. 1984 <i>Wood - Rat</i>	4 Feb. 1992 <i>Water - Monkey</i>	5 Feb. 2000 <i>Metal - Dragon</i>
15 Feb. 1961 <i>Metal - Ox</i>	17 Feb. 1969 <i>Earth - Rooster</i>	18 Feb. 1977 <i>Fire - Snake</i>	20 Feb. 1985 <i>Wood - Ox</i>	23 Jan. 1993 <i>Water - Rooster</i>	24 Jan. 2001 <i>Metal - Snake</i>
5 Feb. 1962 <i>Water - Tiger</i>	6 Feb. 1970 <i>Metal - Dog</i>	7 Feb. 1978 <i>Earth - Horse</i>	9 Feb. 1986 <i>Fire - Tiger</i>	10 Feb. 1994 <i>Wood - Dog</i>	12 Feb. 2002 <i>Water - Horse</i>
25 Jan. 1963 <i>Water - Rabbit</i>	27 Jan. 1971 <i>Metal - Pig</i>	28 Jan. 1979 <i>Earth - Ram</i>	29 Jan. 1987 <i>Fire - Rabbit</i>	31 Jan. 1995 <i>Wood - Pig</i>	
13 Feb. 1964 <i>Wood - Dragon</i>	15 Feb. 1972 <i>Water - Rat</i>	16 Feb. 1980 <i>Metal - Monkey</i>	17 Feb. 1988 <i>Earth - Dragon</i>	19 Feb. 1996 <i>Fire - Rat</i>	

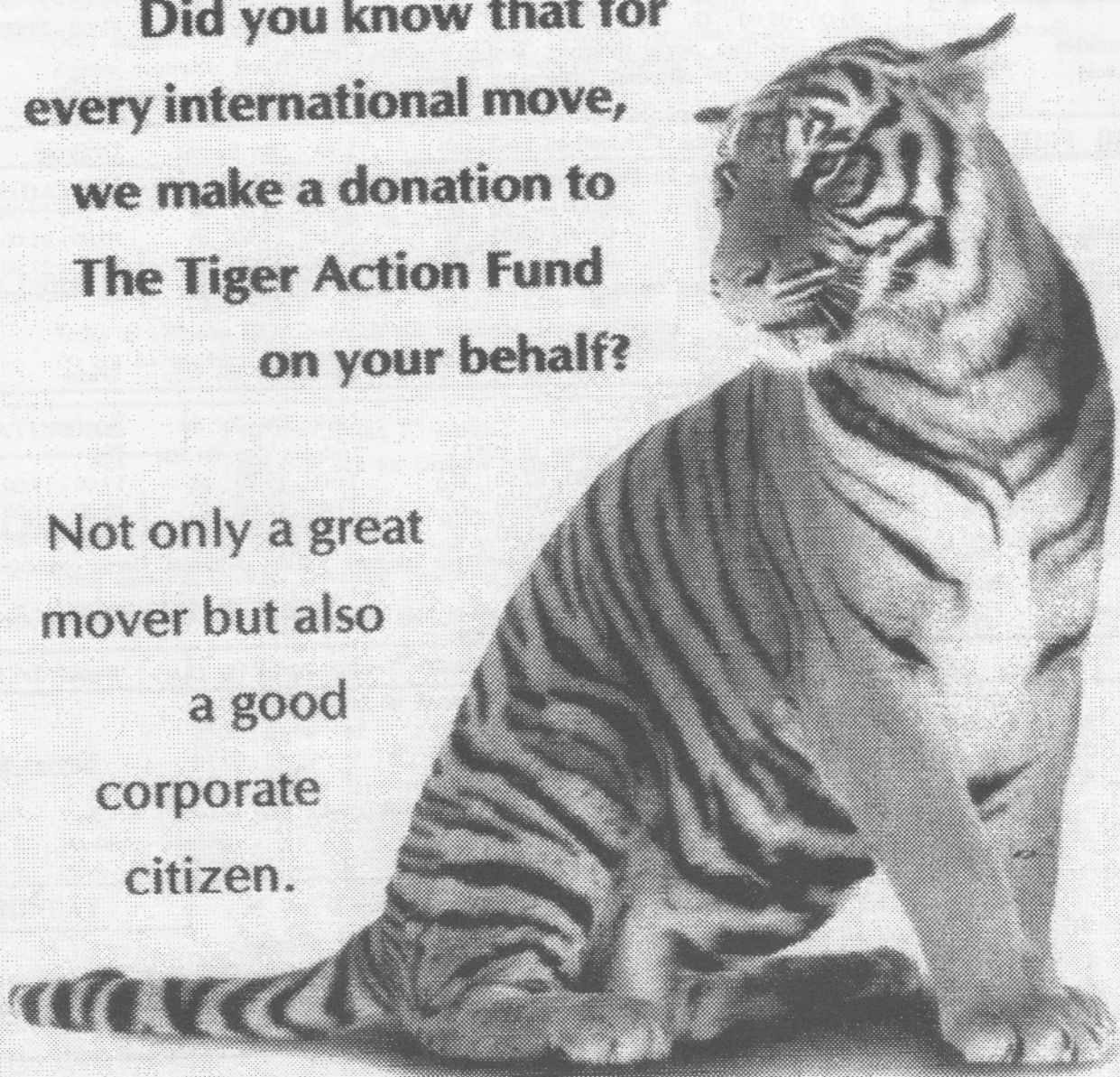
DATES OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR : 1901 - 2002

(Find out your year element and which of the 12 animal signs you belong to)

19 Feb. 1901 <i>Metal - Ox</i> 8 Feb. 1902 <i>Water - Tiger</i> 29 Jan. 1903 <i>Water - Rabbit</i> 16 Feb. 1904 <i>Wood - Dragon</i> 4 Feb. 1905 <i>Wood - Snake</i> 25 Jan. 1906 <i>Fire - Horse</i> 13 Feb. 1907 <i>Fire - Ram</i> 2 Feb. 1908 <i>Earth - Monkey</i>	22 Jan. 1909 <i>Earth - Rooster</i> 10 Feb. 1910 <i>Metal - Dog</i> 30 Jan. 1911 <i>Metal - Pig</i> 18 Feb. 1912 <i>Water - Rat</i> 6 Feb. 1913 <i>Water - Ox</i> 26 Jan. 1914 <i>Wood - Tiger</i> 14 Feb. 1915 <i>Wood - Rabbit</i> 3 Feb. 1916 <i>Fire - Dragon</i>	23 Jan. 1917 <i>Fire - Snake</i> 11 Feb. 1918 <i>Earth - Horse</i> 1 Feb. 1919 <i>Earth - Ram</i> 20 Feb. 1920 <i>Metal - Monkey</i> 8 Feb. 1921 <i>Metal - Rooster</i> 28 Jan. 1922 <i>Water - Dog</i> 16 Feb. 1923 <i>Water - Pig</i> 5 Feb. 1924 <i>Wood - Rat</i>	25 Jan. 1925 <i>Wood - Ox</i> 13 Feb. 1926 <i>Fire - Tiger</i> 2 Feb. 1927 <i>Fire - Rabbit</i> 23 Jan. 1928 <i>Earth - Dragon</i> 10 Feb. 1929 <i>Earth - Snake</i> 30 Jan. 1930 <i>Metal - Horse</i> 17 Feb. 1931 <i>Metal - Ram</i> 6 Feb. 1932 <i>Water - Monkey</i>	26 Jan. 1933 <i>Water - Rooster</i> 14 Feb. 1934 <i>Wood - Dog</i> 4 Feb. 1935 <i>Wood - Pig</i> 24 Jan. 1936 <i>Fire - Rat</i> 11 Feb. 1937 <i>Fire - Ox</i> 31 Jan. 1938 <i>Earth - Tiger</i> 19 Feb. 1939 <i>Earth - Rabbit</i> 8 Feb. 1940 <i>Metal - Dragon</i>	27 Jan. 1941 <i>Metal - Snake</i> 15 Feb. 1942 <i>Water - Horse</i> 5 Feb. 1943 <i>Water - Ram</i> 25 Jan. 1944 <i>Wood - Monkey</i> 13 Feb. 1945 <i>Wood - Rooster</i> 2 Feb. 1946 <i>Fire - Dog</i> 22 Jan. 1947 <i>Fire - Pig</i> 10 Feb. 1948 <i>Earth - Rat</i>	29 Jan. 1949 <i>Earth - Ox</i> 17 Feb. 1950 <i>Metal - Tiger</i> 6 Feb. 1951 <i>Metal - Rabbit</i> 27 Jan. 1952 <i>Water - Dragon</i> 14 Feb. 1953 <i>Water - Snake</i> 3 Feb. 1954 <i>Wood - Horse</i> 24 Jan. 1955 <i>Wood - Ram</i> 12 Feb. 1956 <i>Fire - Monkey</i>
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