

A publication of the Samutprakarn International Ladies Club

March 2008

Dear All,

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you all well. I am very happy that Neena volunteered to take on the job of Editor thus enabling us to continue our monthly publication. I sit at home writing this wondering just how cold I will be tomorrow morning at the same time. I was lucky enough to win 2 flights to the UK at last year's Pink and Black Ball and so my daughter and I are off to the UK for half term. The one catch is that the flights are with Air Astana, which, for those of you who do not know, is Kazakhstan's national airline. It means we fly via Almaty and on the way to London we actually get to spend 12 hours there. I have managed to get visas -which was an interesting experience; if only for the fact that the 'Embassy' is a room 2 metres square on the 43rd floor of the Jewellery Trade Centre in Silom. My daughter thinks it is very cool going to 'Borat' Country but I am more concerned about the -10C temperature. It will be an adventure I am sure and I think I am looking forward to it.

February has been quite a busy month so far, I enjoyed a lunch with a select few at the Novotel Suvarnabhumi. The previous Tuesday I was at a very entertaining cooking demonstration by Jacque Kirkham. Life is never dull with Jacque around and although she always tries to make me eat far too much, the food is always very yummy. I sadly missed the Ad maker's night out as I was still up to my ears in packing boxes having moved house the day before but Lizzy and Pam assure me it is to become a regular event so I will get there at some point.

March promises to be an interesting month with lunch at Bacco in Soi 53 and St.Patrick's Coffee Morning at Colette's to name but two of the events and of course our Sponsored Swim on march 8th. Please encourage as many people as possible to come along. We really want to make the day a big success and possible an annual event. All are welcome young and old, SILC members or otherwise.

Anyway I think that is enough from me - oh just a quick note to you all that our AGM this year will be held on Friday 9th May. Please do come along, there is some free food to taste and is a good chance to have a chat with some people that you may not normally see.

I hope to see you all soon - take care and safe travels

Jane

We wish you all a
Happy Easter!



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Aims and Policies

Organisation of the Club

SILC creates an opportunity for women of all nationalities living in the Samutprakarn 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 600 Baht to cover costs and receive a newsletter and club directory.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published ten times a year with articles and information on club activities. Contributions are welcome and can be sent to the newsletter editor.

Committee Meetings

These are held once a month and are open to all members. Please inform the meeting hostess 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. Members with babies, toddlers and children are invited to join regular playgroups advertised in the SILC newsletter and special family activities. Details of contact names and numbers can be found in the newsletter.

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Letter from the editor

Hi
my name is Neena and I am your new Editor !



I am Indian and my husband Andreas is German, we have two boys, Marc is 7 and Neil is 5 and both go to St. Andrews, Sukhumvit. We have been living in Bangkok since December 2003 (4 years already !!!) and I have been a member of SILC since 2005.

I have been the Events Coordinator for BAMBI and I was the Playgroup leader at Seri that's why I look familiar !)

In Sep 2005 Neil started Nursery and I started to work. From 2005 to 2007 Sep I worked as a Kindergarten Teacher in Talents International Preschool .

Last summer I did a Special Needs Education course at the University of Oslo and hope to work in that field.

Presently I am not working and will be your full time Editor. I have done many different Jobs before but I have never been an Editor.

So Please be patient and feel free to give me your advice, tips and suggestions.

And send me LOTS OF ARTICLES.

Thanks.

Neena Luetz

If you know anyone that may be interested in joining SILC please ask them to contact:

Suriawati Ibrahim

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suriawati.ibrahim@gmail.com



Regular Events

Golf

Every Thursday morning;
alternating Samutprakarn
courses.
Newcomers welcome.



Contact: **Annette Gerlach:**

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Do your photos of Thailand
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put them into albums? If you'd
like to join a very informal
group of ladies who regularly meet to create
albums.



Contact: **Penny Fournel:**
cdngeese@truemail.co.th

089 066 6453

Mah-jong

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Wednesdays from approx
9am until 12noon in
members' homes.

Contact:

Shirley Tan

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ages 0 to 4 at members
houses

Contact:

Tania Donoghue:

02 399 2991
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FRIDAY 9TH MAY

At 10 AM

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Treasurer's Report :

Financial Position as at the end of January 2008 :

Cash in the Bank 171,455 Baht

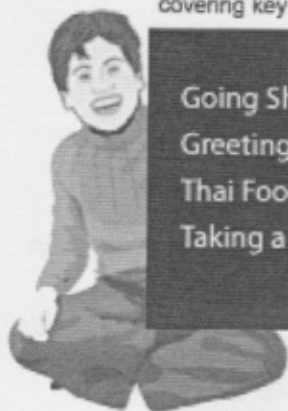
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What Does the SILC Committee Do ?

President

- Shall preside at all meetings, affix signature to all official contracts entered into by SILC. Serve as the official representative of SILC. Chair the Committee meetings as well as other club events at which she presides. Write lead article for the newsletter.

Vice President

- Shall assume duties of the president in her absence, will assume any responsibilities delegated by the President from time to time.
- Shall be responsible for all matters concerning the Evening Meetings including arranging guest speakers or social focus, venue, purchasing drink as necessary and gift for guest speaker and preparation of an advertisement for the newsletter.

Secretary

- Shall record and keep the minutes of all official meetings and give them to the Committee members before the next meeting. Has charge of all documents not specifically under the charge of any other Officer and will handle all correspondence for the club.

Treasurer

- Shall be the custodian of all funds and will give authority to others to collect monies for annual subscriptions and receipt of all monies. Shall make payments, keep accurate accounts, present monthly statements at the Committee meetings and submit yearly accounts at the AGM after submitting financial records for audit.
- Shall keep a back up data base of each member's name and address in case of absence of membership officer.

Newsletter Editor

- Shall be responsible for producing a monthly newsletter to inform members of the activities of the club and accept contributions by members of appropriate material to be published. Shall edit all information. Shall liaise with officers for information and decisions regarding appropriate content and advertising. Shall appoint a sub-editor if necessary. Shall be responsible for collation, labelling and distribution of the newsletter.

Membership and Newcomers

- Shall keep a database of each member. Shall print labels for each month's newsletter and update the SILC name badges. Produce an annual directory for member use and an intermediate update if required. Shall make personal contact with each new member and provide each with a directory and newcomer's package.

Welfare

- Shall be responsible for the investigation of and contact with charities based on the club's goals for welfare. Shall prepare a monthly progress report for the Committee meetings and for the newsletter as appropriate. Shall make suggestions for the fundraising for welfare monies and help in the implementation of these projects.

Coffee Morning

- Shall make all the arrangements each month, including venue, food, beverages and theme. Shall arrange for a guest speaker and purchase a gift if applicable. Shall be the contact person. Shall prepare an advertisement for the newsletter.

Lunches

- Shall organise a suitable venue and date each month and make all the arrangements. Shall be the contact person for reservations. Shall prepare an advertisement for the newsletter.

Tours

- Shall make all the arrangements each month for suitable tours in the Samutprakarn and Bangkok area, including setting dates, arranging transport, all necessary reservations and calculations of cost. Shall be the contact person and shall prepare an advertisement for the newsletter.

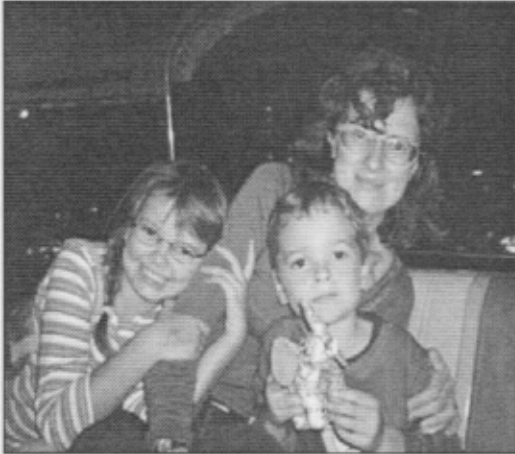
General Committee Member

- Shall give support and aid to all other committee members when requested. Shall assume duties of officers temporarily unable to carry out their duties or in the event of their departure.

IF any of these appeal to you
remember job sharing is allowed!
Please consider joining the
Committee SILC needs you!

New Members!

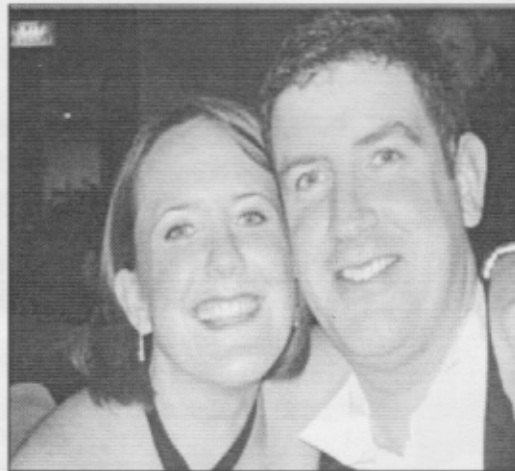
Julie Bouchard



We arrived in Bangkok in August, both my kids are having a great time at Patana and everyone is enjoying a warm winter.

We have lived in Asia for the previous 10 years based mainly in Hong Kong with spells in Singapore and Taiwan. My main interests are swimming and shopping.

Zoe Lian Bennett



Hi my name is Lian Bennett,

I moved to Thailand on December 1st 2007 with my husband James for a period of three years. We are from Swansea in Wales. This is our first move abroad, but so far we are thoroughly enjoying ourselves in Thailand. We both enjoy meeting new people and socializing. Even though we are living in the Nonthaburi province we have already met a number of people in the Bang Na area, and I have been fortunate enough to attend some of the SILC weekly events already. I must admit everybody has been incredibly welcoming.

Mariska Abrahams

Hi,

I am a new SILC member and my name is Mariska Abrahams. We moved last November to Bangkok from Holland and we stay here for 2 years, working for Scania. This is our first posting and so far so good! My husband is called René and we have 1 son, Timo. He is 12 years old and is on Patana School (year 8).

We live in Moo Baan Villa Nakarin (Prawet). I have worked in the travel industry and during that time we travelled a lot, which is one of our hobbies. The last years I worked as a relocation expert for an International removal company in Holland. It was quite a challenge to coordinate our own relocation to Bangkok!

I joined already a few SILC activities and enjoy it very much.

On the picture you see the 3 of us during a trip to River Kwai.



Jeanie Lai

Sawadee-ka,

I am a new member of your club and my name is Jeanie Lai, married to Kelvin Cheong who is working in LamChaban with 2 kids (boy 13, girl 9). I am like a "single mom" as my hubby is stationed here and comes home once a month while kids and myself stay in Singapore and I handle everything on my own. I have been flying in and out of Thailand for the past 3 years, most of the time for leisure (golfing and spa).

Last October I joined force with Sok Bee who is also a new member of SILC to start a playschool located on Soi Bearing, Fantasia Villa. Other than the playschool, I have a trading company in Singapore dealing with electronics components since 1988 and I am also a partner of a pastry shop.



Me and my other half taken in Japan.

Life is short so I always make time for R&R....

bowling, golfing, playing pool, karaoke ...you

na me it I do it...outdoor life is part of me.

So much about myself here...

Hope to meet all of you....maybe in our Kids

International Playschool.

March Events

12th



ThaiTopGolf is a fun point-scoring game played at a high-tech driving range.
The game appeals to golfers and non-golfers alike and players of all ages.

When: Wednesday March 12th 7:30pm

Cost: 200 baht per person
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There is food and drink / beer available.

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We must have exact numbers and need names of all
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So, please RSVP to

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Lizzie at ea_west@yahoo.co.uk 0860 338914

BY Friday 7th March

"I'm just a golfer, man. I chase a little white ball around and work on my farmer tan."

Tiger Woods on denying being a celebrity.

"I'm allergic to grass. Hey, it could be worse. I could be allergic to beer."

Greg Norman

"Golf is like a love affair. If you don't take it seriously, it's no fun;

If you do take it seriously, it breaks your heart.

Arthur Daley





St Patrick's Coffee Morning

Please come along and celebrate St Pats day

17th of March 2008

with Colette and the SILC ladies

9.30 to 11.30

At Colette's
723 Lakeside 1
Bangna Trađ km 4



Please try and wear something green and if you are organized some Irish food or some green food BUT most of all please come along.

Please RSVP by 10th March
to Irene Gray 0818069240
or irenemgray@gmail.com



**All SILC events are subject to change.
Please confirm your attendance with the relevant contact.**

March Events



BACCO ITALIAN RESTAURANT

SUKUMVIT SOI 53

28

Friday 12th March

12 Noon

March's lunch takes us to a newly opened Italian restaurant called Bacco Osteria de Sergio which in short means a place where the owner can host his guests.

Some of you may recognise the owner, as he also owns 'Basilico' on Soi 33.

The menu is large and contains a variety of items to try including the usual pizzas, pasta, antipasti and risottos and the unusual such as the Piada (which is a sandwich made from flatbread, cooked and then filled with delights such as cooked ham, mozzarella, spinach and parmesan, these are ideal as a snack and go great with a glass of wine),

So come along girls and try out this lovely restaurant, after all it is Friday!!!

12th
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If you would like to join this lunch
by Monday 24th March

please RSVP to Jo Thomas
davejo@loxinfo.co.th

or

Mobile No. 087 0248 256

(Cost depends on what you choose to eat and drink)

March Tour

TOUR to Ban Bu Village On Monday 24 March



Jiam Sangsajja Bronze Factory in Ban Bu Village is one of the few places left in Thailand where bronze ware is still made in the traditional way. An English speaking guide will show us around the work place where craftsmen make bronze bowls and plates by hand, hammering, heating, quenching and hand polishing. There is also a small shop where you can purchase bowls, plates etc. in various sizes.

7.30 am meet up at Bangkok Patana School reception and leave 7.45 am by bus.

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After visiting Ban Bu Village we go on a long tail boat for a tour



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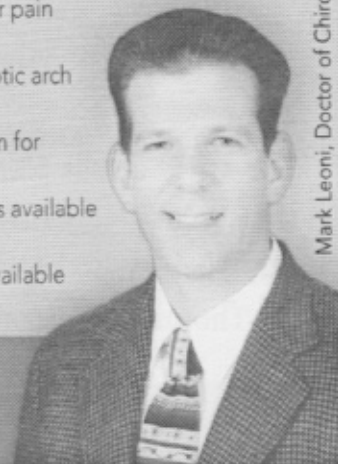


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SILC



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(To build walkways for FORDEC children's charities)

Saturday March 8th

Lakeside 1

3pm

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1 length or 50 lengths it all helps

For entry details please contact

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Jo Thomas davejo@loxinfo.co.th



January Reviews

Food Glorious Food !

Fourteen of us glamorous S.I.L.C. ladies turned up at the Gallery Café at the Davis Hotel for our monthly luncheon.

It was my first time at the café and I was not in the least disappointed.

The food was a buffet setting, with so many different dishes from all parts of the world – it was just like the United Nations!

Many of the ladies including me dumped the diet for the afternoon as the food was just too good to be true, the desserts were to die for and shouts of 'We need the sweets!' were heard reverberating around the restaurant.



The wonderful food was joined by the wonderful conversation, which was non stop even through all the eager munching. I am almost certain that all that chatting helped to burn away the calories in every delicious mouthful!

Anyway, as everyone knows a little bit of what you fancy does wonders – don't you agree ladies? If you do, then no doubt we'll see you all there again for another glorious (if not gluttonous) luncheon.

Food-delicious Jacque*

How did you spend the Half-term break ?

Did you go away ? Was the place nice ?

Would You recommend the place, the hotel ?

Do you have any interesting tips or suggestions

about travelling in and around Thailand ?

Send in a write up to

silcnews@hotmail.com

February Reviews

Pancake Tuesday

First of all a big thank you to Jacque for hosting, for the very enjoyable cooking demonstration and for the fabulous lunch of Malaysian food. Secondly apologies for the typo in my reminder but I am sure a lot of girls are now very familiar with Lakeside 2 and even made a few new friends as they tried to get in the wrong houses!! The SILC magical mystery tour!!

Some History about Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts: the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Shrove Tuesday is sometimes called Pancake Day after the fried batter recipe traditionally eaten on this day.

But there's more to Shrove Tuesday than pigging out on pancakes or taking part in a public pancake race. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing that Christians used to undergo in the past.

In shricing, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them. In the Catholic or Orthodox context, the absolution is pronounced by a priest. This tradition is very old.



In the viewing gallery was a wide range of cooks from experts, to can't cook, won't cook ! I being in the later group. I was amazed how quickly and easily Jacque threw all the ingredients together and how amazing they tasted.

We watched and listened to Jacque's funny story of being distracted by the phone, to having your kitchen on fire. Not a good idea especially when the ceiling has just been painted!!

Then we moved on to the pancakes. We had placed 2 stickers under 2 chairs "can't cook, won't cook". Olivia was placed on one unknown to her and Lian on the other. They turned out to be a great combination and the girls expertly tossed their pancakes.

Next came Edwina and Margit. Edwina's had some very professional moves but unfortunately her pancake ended up on the floor This was very good fun and entertaining.

My favorite part was lunch..it was so delicious.

Lovely Malay curries, nasi goreng, pancakes with meringues and orange sauce was definitely the highlight for me. There was a mouth watering carrot cake and lots more that I didn't try. It was a long day for Jacque who was up from 5am cooking / I left about 1.30pm and she still had friends there.....

Thanks again Jacque.



Recipes From Jacque !

Nasi Goreng (Malaysian fried rice)

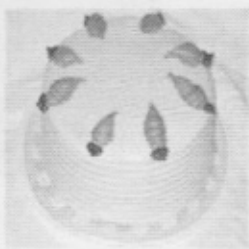
- 10g butter
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 1 clove garlic crushed
- 1 small fresh red chili, finely chopped
- 4 green shallots, chopped
- 150g chicken fillet chopped
- 150g Chinese B.B. Q. pork, sliced
- 1 small carrot, thinly sliced
- 200g cooked shell prawns
- 4 cups cooked jasmine rice (cooked rice have to be cold)
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon hot paprika

Heat butter in wok or pan, add eggs swirl wok so eggs form a thin omelette, cook until just set, remove from wok, cool. Roll omelette, cut into 5mm slices set aside. Heat oil in wok, add garlic, chili and shallots, cook until just tender. Add chicken, cook stirring until chicken is cooked, add pork, carrot, prawns, and rice cook until combined and hot. Stir in sauces and paprika. Serve topped with omelette.



Carrot cake

- 130g self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate soda
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- 130g brown sugar or muscovado sugar
- 2 cups grated carrots
- ½ cup walnut, finely chopped
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 150ml vegetable oil
- ¼ teaspoon salt



Frosting

- 60g cream cheese, softened, 30g butter 1 teaspoon lemon rind, 1 ½ cups icing sugar.

For the cake: preheat oven to 180c, grease and line 14x25cm loaf or 21cm round tin, sift flour, bicarbonate soda, and cloves into large bowl. Mix in the sugar, carrots and walnuts. Pour in the eggs and oil, using an electric mixer, beat on medium speed for 2 to 3 minutes, until mixer is well-combined. Pour into prepared tin and bake for 1 hour or skewer comes out clean when inserted.

Allow to cool on wire rack for 10 min before unmoulding.

To prepare the frosting: in a mixer, whip cream cheese, butter and lemon rind on high speed until smooth. Reduce to medium speed and add icing sugar bit by bit. Whip until smooth.

Braised ginger chicken

- 1.5kg or 3 pounds or there about, (I only use chicken breast because that is all my husband will eat) cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3 tablespoon light Soya sauce
- 3 tablespoon thick Soya sauce (this is a very, very thick Soya sauce)
- 1 ½ teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3 tablespoon cooking oil
- 3 inches ginger peeled and finely chopped
- 5 cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 cups water

Marinate the chicken in Soya sauce, pepper for an hour, heat the cooking oil and sauté ginger until lightly golden and fragrant, then add garlic, sauté until fragrant, add the marinated chicken and stir-fry for 5 minutes, stir in the water and boil, lower the heat and simmer for about 20 minutes or until cooked and the gravy thickens, garnish with chopped spring onions.

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February Reviews



What a night... Ad makers evening review

We thought it was about time that the new Ad makers Suvarnabhumi was bought to the SILC ladies attention. The famous Ad makers previously of Lang Suan have opened up a sparkly new bar in the Bang Na area. So, last Friday night we had a huge turnout of around 60 people.

Luckily the venue were well warned and SILC and our Ad makers hosts arranged some snacks to keep the thirsty drinkers well fed. The first band of the night was the acoustic band, which is great listening whilst you enjoy some food and a catch up chat. A little later the rock band starts and I have to say they are really good (well, to my ears anyway). It wasn't long before there were many SILCettes bopping away on the dance floor.

It was a great night, to welcome some new faces and also to catch up with those we haven't seen for a while. Ad makers is a great place to enjoy some good food and drink at reasonable prices. We are thinking of making it an unofficial monthly event. See the newsletter for more details.....

For those that have not found it yet...it can be found at the outer ring road. Go past TESCO LOTUS Bangna, then follow signs for 'On Nut Road'. When you get round the corner you should see the large Ad makers sign. On your return, there is a short cut if you follow a small soi after the 'Blue Lagoon' mooban. You eventually end up outside Tesco again. Ask staff inside the bar for more details. To book a table call on 081 8492020.

by
Pamela Manning

FEBRUARY LUNCH REVIEW

February's lunch was at the newly opened Novotel at Suvarnabhumi airport in their 'Sala Thai' restaurant located on the ground floor right next to the 'Square' restaurant which gives you the options of either choosing from the Thai A la Carte or international A la Carte menus, or you can choose to opt for the lunchtime buffet from the 'Square' restaurant. Priced at 650Baht ++, I thought this was quite pricey considering we had eaten at the Davis Hotel 2 weeks before at 349Baht++. However the meals from the A la Carte menu were very reasonable and thanks to Jane who provided her Accor card when we asked for the check bin, we received a discount so lunch turned out to be a bargain!!!!

Only a small gathering for this months lunch, 4 of us in fact, however that didn't seem to make a difference, we enjoyed good conversation about our children, trips back to our home countries and how we deal with jet lag!!!!

The décor of the hotel is beautiful, very light and airy and very spacious too, although a little on the cool side, the air conditioning could have done with turning up a touch, however the food, after a bit of a wait considering there were only 4 of us was delicious, very well presented and huge portions, I opted for the salmon from the A la Carte menu which was gorgeous while a couple of the ladies opted for the Thai menu, both dishes looked beautiful and Jane commented her Yam Sam Krob (to you ladies, it means three crispy salad) was the best she had ever had or tasted in Thailand!!!

Well worth a visit if you want to stay local to the Bangna area and enjoy the lovely surroundings and delicious food.

Hope to see you all next time.
Jo Thomas

Easter Quiz

- 1. Where does the name Easter come from ?**
 - A. An Anglo-Saxon Goddess called Eastre
 - B. A saint from the sixth century
 - C. An old word for East star
- 2. On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate the day that..**
 - A. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was greeted by cheering crowd
 - B. Jesus sheltered under a palm tree during a thunderstorm
 - C. Jesus fed 5,000 people
- 3. How long is Lent in Western Churches ?**
 - A. 49 days
 - B. 21 days
 - C. 40 days
- 4. Why do we have eggs at Easter ?**
 - A. Jesus liked eggs
 - B. They are a symbol of rebirth
 - C. They are a symbol of sadness because they look like a tear drop
- 5. What traditionally happened on Ash Wednesday ?**
 - A. People put ash on their foreheads
 - B. People wash themselves with ashes from a fire
 - C. Fires are lit all over the world to celebrate Jesus' time in the wilderness
- 6. Which of the following has nothing to do with Shrove Tuesday ?**
 - A. Lean Tuesday
 - B. Fat Tuesday
 - C. Pancake Tuesday
- 7. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made**
 - A. by monks in a monastery in London
 - B. By burning crosses
 - C. By burning palms which have been saved from Palm Sunday last year
- 8. Why do we have the Easter Bunny ?**
 - A. Early Christians revered Rabbits as holy animals.
 - B. Rabbits live in the garden of Gethsemane
 - C. Rabbits were a pagan fertility symbol
- 9. Jesus was crucified at a hill called Golgotha. What does it mean ?**
 - A. Place of the Skull
 - B. The High Mountain
 - C. The place of Olive trees.
- 10. What is celebrated at Easter ?**
 - A. The Ascension of Jesus
 - B. The Resurrection of Jesus
 - C. The Crucifixion of Jesus



Answers on Page 27.



Easter Egg Facts

Easter eggs are specially decorated eggs given out to celebrate Easter holiday .

The oldest tradition is to use dyed and painted chicken eggs, but a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs, or plastic eggs filled with confectionery such as jellybeans. These are often hidden, supposedly by the Easter Bunny, for children to find on Easter morning.

Eggs are a symbol of the new life that returns to nature at Easter Time.

The custom of exchanging eggs began long before Easter was celebrated. It was a custom of the Egyptians and the Persians.

In England they began writing messages and dates on their eggs and exchanging them with friends and loved ones.

In the North of England, at Easter time, a traditional game is played where hard boiled pace eggs are distributed and each player hits the other players egg with their own. This is known as "egg dumping". The winner is the holder of the last intact egg.

In the 1800's, candied eggs were made.

They were open on one end and a scene was put inside. They were used as table centerpieces.

Beeping Easter eggs are Easter eggs that emit various clicks and noises so that the visually-impaired children can hunt for Easter eggs. Some make a single, high-pitched sound and others play a melody.

A Fabergé egg is any one of sixty-nine jeweled eggs made by Peter Carl Fabergé and his assistants between 1885 and 1917.

The eggs are made of precious metals or hard stones decorated with combinations of enamel and gem stones. The term "Fabergé Egg" has become a synonym of luxury and the eggs are regarded as masterpieces of the jeweler's art.



What's on in Bangkok and Beyond!



Maroon 5 Live in Bangkok

Impact Arena, **3rd March.**

Info : www.thaiticketmajor.com OR www.bectero.com



Harry Connick Jr and his Big Band Live in Bangkok

Convention Center at Central World **17th March.**

Info : 02- 265 3456 www.thaiticketmajor.com

Disney on Ice Presents Mickey and Minnie's Amazing Journey

Impact Arena 22nd - 23rd and 28th -30th March.

Info : www.thaiticketmajor.com

"Rumors" Needs Actors!

Bangkok Community Theatre (BCT) is looking for more men for their May production of the hilarious Neil Simon comedy "Rumors." We have some wonderful talent already lined up from the first round of auditions, and we are looking for a few more experienced, fluent English-speaking adult actors of any nationality to complete the ensemble cast of 10.

This play is a classic Simon farce with misadventure leading to mayhem and madcap merriment. Good comic timing, a commitment to the rehearsal schedule and the right mix of characters will be most important in casting. At this time we are still trying to work out that mix so we need you!

So, if you are an experienced actor and you enjoy Neil Simon comedies, please call the director, Angela, at 089-006-5259 asap.

Additionally, if you'd like to work backstage, please email rumors@sala.net or call 081-869-1104.

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Date: Saturday 1 March 2008

Time: 10 am – 2pm

Place: Ambassador Hotel (Sukhumvit Soi 11, Bangkok)

Next Thai Craft Fair on 29th March.

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Dating process:

6 weeks : I love U, I love U, I love U.

6 months : Of course I love U.

6 years : GOD, if I didn't love U, then why the hell did I propose?

Back from Work:

6 weeks : Honey, I'm home.

6 months : BACK!!

6 years : What did your mom cook for us today??

Gifts:

6 weeks : Honey, I really hope you liked the ring.

6 months : I bought you a painting; it would fit the motif in the living room.

6 years : Here's the money. Buy yourself something.

Cooking:

6 weeks : I never knew food could taste so good!

6 months : What are we having for dinner tonight?

6 years : AGAIN!!!!

Apology:

6 weeks : Honey muffin, don't you worry, I'll never hold this against you.

6 months : Watch out! Don't do it again.

6 years : What's not to understand about what I just said??

New Dress:

6 weeks : Oh my God, you look like an angel in that dress.

6 months : You bought a new dress again???

6 years : How much did THAT cost me?



WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

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Mob: 081-349 5727

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BECOME A CAT FOSTER PARENT

Foster parents provide temporary homes for cats prior to adoption and for cats needing time to recover from an illness or injury. It's a wonderful and rewarding way to contribute to saving homeless pets, and a fun and flexible way to volunteer some of your free time. Best of all, it's a great way to enjoy a pet if you are unable right now to make a lifetime commitment to adopting one.



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Taking a cat into your home, loving it, and then letting it go requires a special kind of person. A cat foster parent role is to prepare the kitty for adoption into a loving home.



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A SIAM SOCIETY STUDY TRIP

A VISIT TO TURKEY'S CLASSICAL SITES

Wednesday, 26 March to Friday, 4 April 2008

Leader: Khun Bilaibhan Sampatisiri

Vice-President of the Siam Society



Turkey boasts a rich culture that through the centuries has made a lasting impression on modern civilization. Being the heir to many centuries of cultures makes Turkey a paradise of information and cultural wealth. Hattis, Hittites, Phrygians, Urartians, Lycians, Ionians, Lydians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Byzantines, Seljuks, and Ottomans have all made important contributions to the history of the area. Ancient sites and ruins scattered throughout the country give sufficient proof of each civilization's unique distinction.

Turkey also has a very fascinating recent history. Upon the decline of the Ottoman Empire, a young man named Mustafa Kemal, who was a soldier and a great visionary, took the defeat of World War I and turned it into a shining victory by liberating Turkey from all occupying forces. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk founded the Republic of Turkey on October 29, 1923. He led his country towards peace and stability that brought about tremendous economic growth and increasing modernization. Through decades of change and growth, Turkey still boasts growing success, living by Ataturk's motto of **"Peace at Home, Peace in the World"**.

Under the leadership of Khun Bilaibhan Sampatisiri, Vice-President of the Siam Society, we have arranged a study trip to Turkey from Wednesday, 26 March to Friday, 4 April 2008. Members will have the opportunity to visit and admire famous and remarkable attractions of the country, like the territory between the central Anatolian cities of Nevsehir, Goreme and Kaymakli, historically called Cappadocia, and its unique geological formations and historical heritage. (Cappadocia is the area where the Hittites one of the greatest civilizations of Anatolia was founded and flourished;) the open air museum of Goreme, its rock churches and houses indicate it has been a large monastic settlement since the ninth century; Pamukkale and Hierapolis, the archaeological museum at Selcuk, ancient cities of Ephesus, Myra, Aphrodisias, Aspendos, as well as the Istanbul, where members will visit the most important and magnificent Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman sites, the large and excellent museums in this huge city with a population more than ten million.

Jewellery Course

Come and join me for a session of gemstone and jewellery pricing techniques That can only be acquired by the people in the trade.

Lots of sample stones will be available for grading practices and price appraisal methods will be discussed!

For further details.

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Brain Games

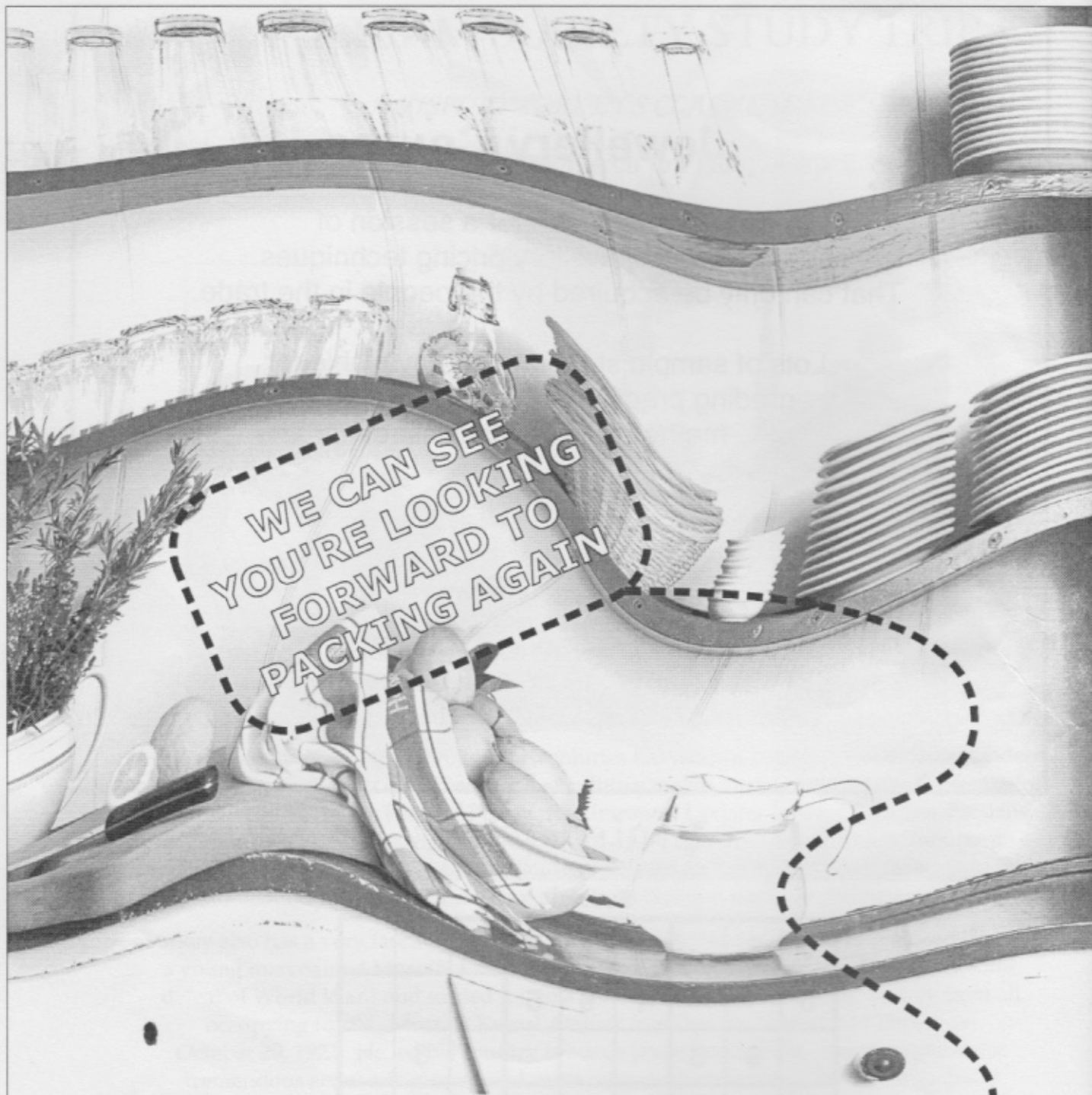
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Answers to Easter Quiz.

1.A 2.A 3.C 4.B 5.A 6.A 7.C 8.C 9.A 10.B.



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