

October 2003



SILC News

*A publication of the
Samutprakarn International Ladies Club*

From the Presidents.....

Helping Hands

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have come forward to organise the SILC Charity Bazaar. We couldn't do it without you. The Bazaar is scheduled for Wednesday 12 November to be held at Bangkok Patana School. Please mark the date in your diaries. It's a great way to get your Christmas shopping done whilst helping out some worthy charities.

Once again we are seeking distributors for our newsletter. We need a volunteer for Ladawan. If you are able to spare a little time once a month, please contact us. Details inside. Thanks to those who carry out this task on a regular basis and to those who have stepped in to help.

Most of us take a healthy diet for granted. At last month's Committee Meeting the SILC Welfare team brought to our attention that many of the children at the local kindergartens are suffering from some form of malnutrition. We decided to start supporting our local kindergartens with a donation of fruit each week. To fund this, we will collect coins at SILC events. Start collecting your loose change and bring it along to the next function you are attending. All contributions will be gratefully received.

The new SILC membership directory is due to be released in October. We are updating the section at the front of the

directory. If anyone has any new information or shopping tips to include in this section please contact Kelly. Also please let Kelly know if any of your details have changed since you renewed your membership, especially e-mail addresses. If you are not receiving e-mail notices of SILC events, it is because we don't have your correct e-mail address.

Each month we hold a coffee morning in a member's home to welcome new members to SILC and catch up with old friends. We need volunteers who are willing to host a coffee mornings in their home. If you can help please contact Sharlini.

We're asking a lot from you this month but also have a lot of great activities to offer. Remember, you only get out as much as you put in. Have a great month!

Annette & Ingrid

Deadline for next issue:
Thursday 16 October
Send contributions to:
silcnews@hotmail.com

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1 October
Committee Meeting
9.00 am
Sharlini Colin-Thome's home

Tuesday 7 October
Coffee Morning
10.00 am
Annette Gerlach's home

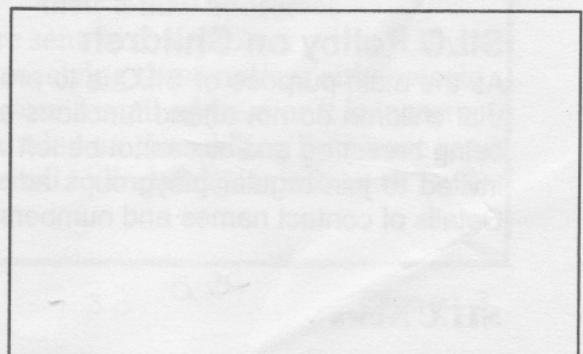
Thursday 2 October
Lunch
11:30 am
Ayobowan

Wednesday 15 October
MERCY Video
7.30 pm
Jo O'Kane's home

Wednesday 29 October
Local Wat & Klong Tour
8:30 am
Bang Phlee—Lat Krabang
Road

Wednesday 12 November
SILC Bazaar
10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Bangkok Patana School

Further details on p4 & 5...



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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 500 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 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. 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.

Committee Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, September 2nd 9:00am
Elaine Blocher's Home
12 Members present

Treasurers report

31st August, 2003

General Account:

Savings Account	112,909.58
Petty Cash	<u>29,919.00</u>
Total Balance	142,828.58

Welfare

A loose change collection will be made at SILC meetings to purchase fruit for the preschools.

The SKIP preschool has changed its name to Mercy Schools.

A Mercy school is now operating at the site of the new airport for 90 children of the construction workers.

Preschools need old CD's, card boxes and other miscellaneous items that make good projects for the children.

The FORDEC Preschool is now open. SILC will maintain this as the main project to support this year.

Publicity & Membership

90 paid members. All unpaid members will now be dropped from the database.

Membership forms to be available at SILC meetings and all committee members should also have some to give out. Information flyers have been given to local moving companies and schools to distribute to newcomers. The new directory will be printed in October

Newsletter

Volunteers needed to help with distribution.

Website

The cost of setting up a website is minimal but the issues of building it, determining what info it will contain and maintaining it need to be determined. The project was put on hold.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 1 October 2003; 9.00 am
Sharlini Colin-Thome's home

Helpful Hints Needed for SILC Directory

We will be publishing a new SILC directory very soon. If you've met any newcomers in our area, do encourage them to join SILC promptly so they can be included in the directory.

We need your helpful hints for updating the front section. Do you have any new LOCAL tailors or restaurants to recommend? Any hints for newcomers you'd like to pass on?

Please email by 12th October to
kelly@loxinfo.co.th

New SILC Directory

Is your contact information up to date?

If any details have changed please inform membership secretary Kelly ASAP so she can include them in the new directory.

E-mail Notices

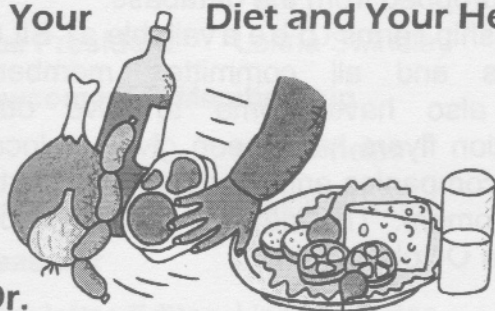
Prior to events SILC sends a reminder to those members who have provided us with their e-mail addresses.

These are sent 'bcc' to protect privacy. If you are not receiving these notices either we do not have your e-mail address or it is incorrect. To be included on the mailing list please send e-mail to lindaful@loxinfo.co.th

October Events

Coffee morning

Your Diet and Your Health



Dr.

Chanida Pachotikarn

Tuesday 7th October

10.00 am

Annette Gerlach's home:
92/8 Thana City, Prestige.Housing 1
Bangna trad km 14.
Tel: 02 336 0895

This month the speaker is Dr. Chanida Pachotikarn who is an overseas qualified dietician and the vice president of the Thai Dieticians Association. She also consults at Chulalongkorn & Ramathiboththi Teaching Hospitals in Bangkok.

She will speak on the role diet plays in staying healthy and in the prevention of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, osteoporosis etc. and also how diet can help during menopause. She is happy to answer your questions on health & diet.

Sharlini
02 398 9196
skd@loxinfo.co.th

SILC Committee Meeting

Wednesday 1 October 2003

9.00 am

Sharlini Colin-Thome's house:
78 Sinkao, Srinakarin Road
Tel: 02 398 9196

All welcome

Lunch

AYUBOWAN

Thursday 2nd October

11:30 am

Sukhumvit Soi 8

For the ultimate Sri Lankan dining experience come along and join us at the next SILC lunch.

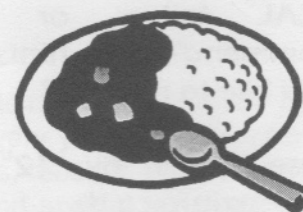
The venue is Ayubowan, which means 'hello'. It is a delightful restaurant situated in Sukhumvit Soi 8, just turn into the Soi and it is 300 metres up on the left hand side.

There is an A la Carte menu and also a set menu for around BH200. For those who are interested, they also serve Long Island Teas!!

We will be meeting at 11.30 am for those who need to get back for little ones coming out of school.

To sign up, please contact me and also let me know if you need a lift.

Lesley Moore
02 751 9909
01 875 5336



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

October Events

Evening Event

MERCY Video

This is a real life video inspired by a young Thai girl's life, surrounded by her family and friends coping with AIDS. It is truly inspirational.

Jeanne or Jamlong, one of the producers, will provide explanations and discussion prior to the video and afterwards as there are many questions and queries associated with such a powerful piece.

English subtitles - although much of the dialogue is by native English speakers.

We would kindly request a minimum of B100+ by way of entry donation for the scholarship fund.

Tea/Coffee provided. Please bring a plate of food to share. The video will commence at 8 pm and lasts approximately 1 hour with discussion to follow. Due to seating limitations only members & guests who have confirmed via RSVP will be accepted. This is to ensure everyone has a seat and so the screening can be suitably arranged for the exact number attending.

**Wednesday 15th October
7.30 pm**

Jo O'Kane's: 728 Lakeside Villa 1

RSVP: Monday 13 October

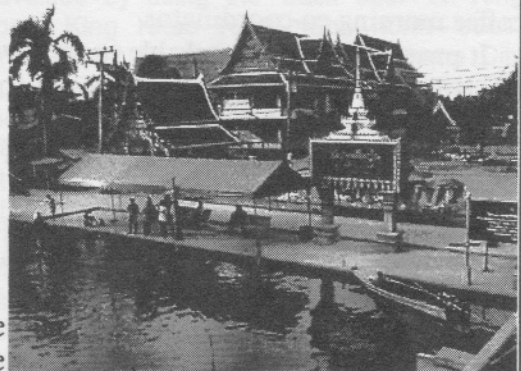
Lorina 01 701 2390 lorina@samart.co.th or Jo 02 740 2509 jo@okanes.net

Tour

Local Wat & Klong Tour

**Wednesday 29 October
8:30 a.m.**

**Meet point : Wat Bang Plee Yai Klang, Bang Phlee -Lat
Krabang Road (map provided)
Tour will end before 12:00 p.m.**



We have planned another local tour this month — a chance to explore our own back yard! We will begin by visiting the Wat Bang Plee Yai Klang and Nai temples. The first, W.B.P.Y. Klang has a large reclining Buddha, which you can actually enter. Inside the statue are paintings depicting the Buddha's life and teachings, which we will briefly discuss. The second temple, W.B.P.Y. Nai has a revered Buddha statue, which is said to have floated down the river to the temple in ages past. The little wooden shops along the klong there are over 100 years old, and fun to explore. We will then board boats for an hour long tour through the local klongs. Many of the homes and shops are reachable only by boat: a whole world we never see when speeding down the Bangna Trad highway.

Please be advised that signing up is a commitment to pay 200 baht on the day (which you will have to pay if you withdraw after the 24th, because we have to book the boats). The Wats are very close and easy to find, so we will be carpooling. (We will give directions nearer to the date.) Dress appropriately for the temples, and remember that the klong boats are *not* tourist boats: we recommend long, loose-fitting skirts or pants/trousers, a hat, sunscreen and a *tiny* cushion to sit on. We had great fun — and a few adventures — when scouting out this tour, and hope you will all join us!

Sign-up deadline: Friday 24 October.

Terry O'Donnell Parsons 02 316 4051 bangkokterry@aol.com
Jo O'Kane 01 752 5801 jo@okanes.net

Regular Events

Golf

Every Thursday morning; alternating Samutprakarn courses. Newcomers welcome. Contact:
Annette Gerlach: 02 336 0895

Playgroups

Three neighbourhood playgroups are in operation. Contact the relevant co-ordinator:

Ladawan

Tuesday mornings
Melanie Newton: 02 385 8016

Lakeside 1&2 and Garden Towers

Thursday mornings
Elaine Blocher: 02 316 8152
Thana City

Friday afternoons

Annette Gerlach: 02 336 0895

Tennis

Fridays at 7:30 am. Contact:

Lynda Cooke: 02 316 6276

Mah-jong

Mah-jong takes place on Wednesdays from approx 9 am until 12 noon in members' homes. Contact:

Julie Heather: 02 385 8133
rodheath@ksc.th.com

Reviews of September Events

Coffee Morning

This month's coffee morning, held at Terry O'Donnell Parson's home, was on the subject of 'How to buy and care for Asian wooden furniture', introduced by Sharlini, this year's coffee morning co-coordinator.

It proved to be a remarkable turnout with over 30 ladies present, due I'm sure to both the interesting topic and the fact it was the beginning of the new school year and we were all keen to catch up with each other.

We were lucky enough to have several new members (whom Julie and myself shamelessly cornered to extol to them the delights of Mah-jong), and an excellent mix of ladies of all interests.

Our speaker was Jenny Economou from Jenthai furniture and she gave a very well illustrated and informed talk on buying and caring for wood.

I think it was enlightening to most of us with tips on what to think about before buying, such as: the wood that suits your requirements, the pros and cons of ply... that shipping weight we all have to remember... and—my own bete noir—the dreaded termite. Was I the only person who went home and rattled all my wooden pieces and interrogated my maid about unusual dust? It turns out that in my absence over the summer my house was routinely sprayed and I can rest easy, but I eye all those lovely carvings with great suspicion! Yet another tip from Jenny was that Home Pro sells a liquid you can paint on your pieces to protect and rid them of pests.

We were given a guide to all the correct questions to ask about wood drying and so on, although I was left wondering if this would be practical in my limited Thai at Chatuchat market. (And supposing I was able to communicate, would the answers simply be those I wished to hear!?) However, this point aside, it was interesting to know what you should look for in a reputable dealer who can inform you of your piece's history (Speaking of which I should mention the 'aged' furniture that could have been sat in a flowing stream for a few days to get that 'bumped look' around the legs!)

Jenny also went through the various finishes that made the wood easier to care for, and the introduction of rattan bamboo and laminates.

All in all I think we all had plenty to ponder on when we stood up to enjoy the wonderful buffet of delights that was on offer. No ordinary coffee and biscuits this, but a range of sweets and fine smelling savouries that lured many of the dieters off their sworn path of non indulgence. I think many like myself renamed it lunch and therefore a healthy necessity!

I should also mention that at the coffee morning Jo O'Kane and Terry were doing a fine job of recruiting for their tours which sound very interesting and can so easily be overlooked when you read the SILC News and promise yourself to 'do something about that later'.

All in all it was a great morning and if this is the promise of things to come, we should have some very sociable and enjoyable mornings ahead of us.

Judi Blackhurst

Review of September Events

Lunch

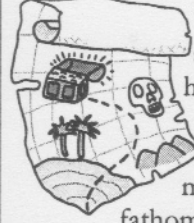
Thirteen of us attended the September lunch, held at Pandan. For those of you who don't know it, it is a Thai restaurant hidden away along Bangna Trad Road. The same familiar faces were there and it would be good to see some new faces at the next scheduled lunch (dig, dig!).

The surroundings were fresh, modern and airy and the staff although pleasant seemed to have difficulties coping with a large order. The drinks menu was quite limited and many of the choices were unavailable on the day. The meal order caused considerable confusion and came out over a long period of time with one of the meals completely forgotten.

So all in all, not great, but made up for by the excellent company and up to date gossip! See you all at the next lunch.

Jo Clifton

Lakeside 2 House Numbers Revealed



If anyone has noticed Lyn Bradley stalking the streets of Lakeside 2 with her dogs and a piece of paper recently the mystery is revealed: For those amongst us who have not yet mastered the highly skilled task of fathoming the logic behind Lakeside 2's numbering system, Lyn set out to procure a definitive map from the Lakeside 2 management. This achieved, she was about to give it to the SILC News editor when a glance at it showed its accuracy to be somewhat circumspect. Undaunted, she spent her evenings as super sleuth and the results of her findings appear as a flyer in this newsletter. Keep it in your car!

Newsletter Distributor Needed for Ladawan

Are there any Ladawan members out there who can spare an hour a month to help distribute the SILC News? All it entails is picking up newsletters from Sabine and delivering them to Ladawan members. If you can help on a regular basis please contact either:

Sabine Benke
35/156 Soi 7/14 Ladawan
Tel: 02 758 6454
Email: sabinebenke@hotmail.com
or Linda: lindaful@loxinfo.co.th

Tour Notes

Bicycling in Chonburi

Take the family bicycling by the sea! It's only about an hour from here to Chonburi (follow the road signs south). You can rent bikes at several rental stalls along the sea front. They have singles, tandems, and 3 & 4 seaters. You can ride the bikes along the paved area between the road and the beach, so it's perfectly safe for kids of all ages. There's a little pier at one end of the beach (*not* for swimming), and it's quite fun to walk out and watch the fishing boats unload in the afternoon. You can eat BBQ chicken and tasty rice at one of the stalls, or try one of the restaurants along the roads.

Terry and Jo

Thana City Traffic

Anyone who has tried to get to or from Thana City in recent weeks will have noticed the traffic chaos. This can be avoided by using the 'back door' on King Khao Road. King Khao Road runs north-south between the Outer Ring Road and the Thana City entrance, to Lat Krabang. It is just before (ie City side) of Bang Phlee market on the north side of Bangna-Trad Road.

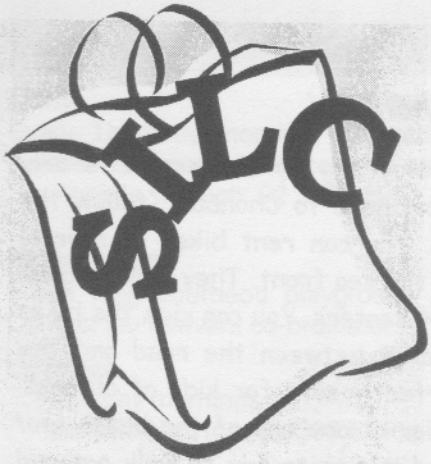
To get to the Prestige Housing area:

Take the Lat Krabang exit on Bangna Trad Road after the Outer Ring Road. Continue on the frontage road until you see King Khao Road which crosses above Bangna Trad Road. Turn left, drive about half a km until you see a yellow and green striped building on your left. Opposite this is the entrance to Thana City—marked by a large yellow sign. Take the next U turn and look out for the sign—which just to fool you is written in Thai on this side! Turn left, pass through the 'security' banner (fairly loose definition in Thana City!) then turn right, left then straight on past the clubhouse then left. You will pass the PC's (condo) on your right then keep going straight and you will come to the housing where all the present SILC members live.

On departing, simply retrace the route, pass over Bangna-Trad Road then take the U turn which is provided after the barrier. Warning: Don't be tempted to U turn before the barrier—sometimes police lie in wait under the flyover and leap out waving their ticket books—evidently those yellow lines mean no U turns....



Linda



Charity Bazaar

Turning buying into giving

**Wednesday
November 12th**

10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Bangkok Patana School Auditorium

Soi LaSalle, Sukhumvit Soi 105

100Bht entry donation 20Bht students photo id required

Featuring:

- 40+ vendors-
silver, home decor, jewelry, toys,
clothing, & MORE
- Bake Sale
- Whatsit's coffee and sweets



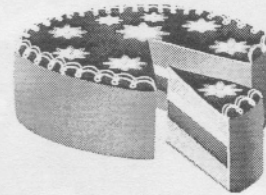


Help Needed!!

The Bazaar is our major annual welfare fundraiser

It will be held on

Wednesday 12th of November
at Bangkok Patana School
from 10:30 am—3:30 pm



We need:

- **lots** of volunteers to help on a rota-basis.
- cakes for our cake stall.
- helpers needed for the 11th Nov (day before bazaar) from 4pm till 7pm;
- helpers from 8am till 4pm on the day of the bazaar day.

If anyone can spare an hour or two please contact the following ladies:

advertising:	Michele Haugh	02 336 0822
	Laura McCann	02 336 1171
cake stall	Sue Davies	02 751 9876
raffle tickets	Maria Thompson	02 316 4141
	Lyndy Broadfoot	02 316 4023
entrance table	Karen Cohen	02 740 3031

Thank you!

SILC Bazaar Sub-Committee



SPECIAL OFFER

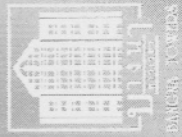
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Get Fit Get Fun

Think Health

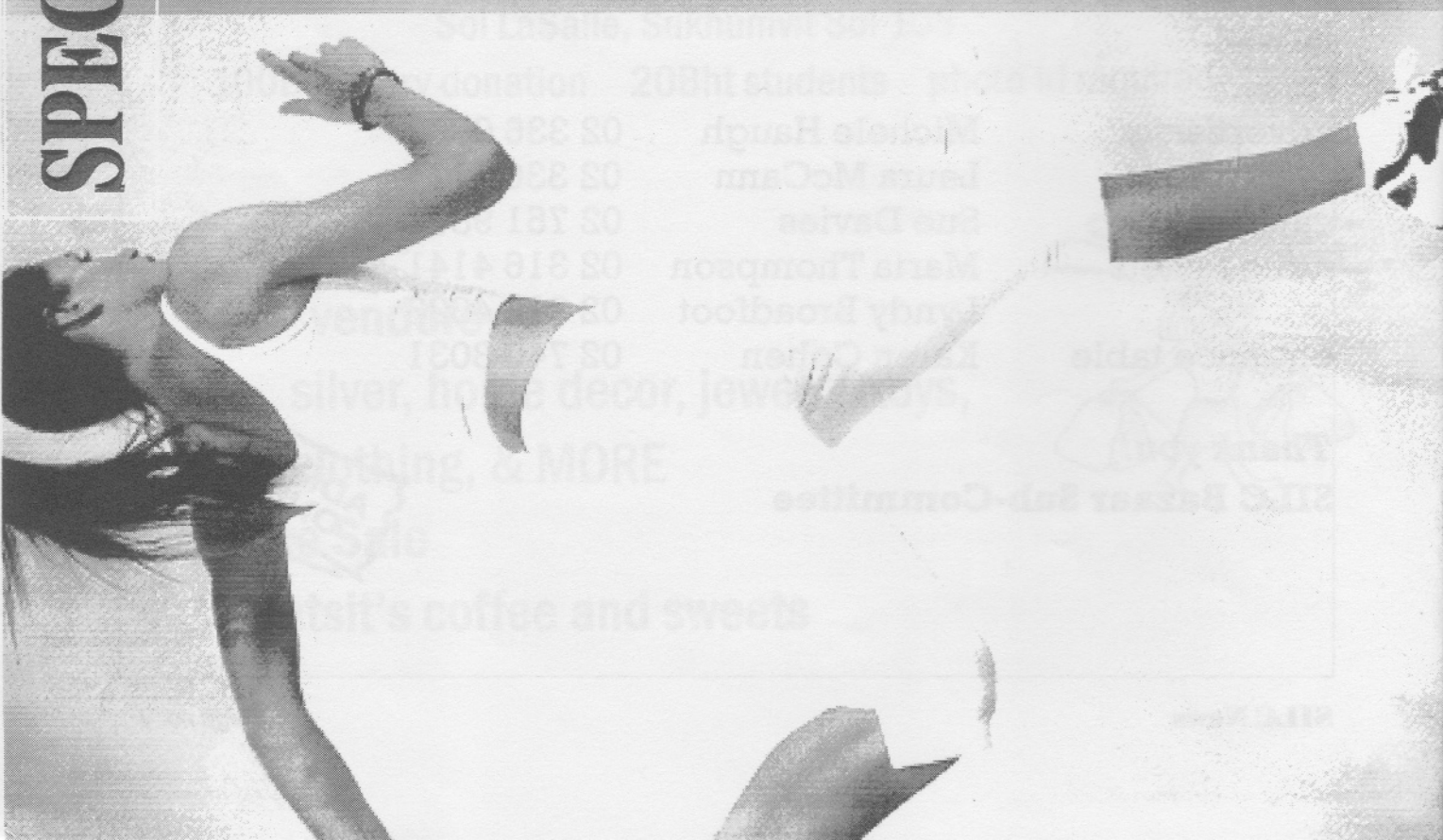
Think Bangna Towers Sport Club

Be our member today for good health



Bangna Towers Sport Club

Call : 02-312 0140 Ext : 1870



What's on in Bangkok...

Contemporary Arts & Crafts In Thailand

Tues 18th November to Sunday 23th November

Promenade De'cor Building
Ground Floor through Third Floor
Hilton International Bangkok
Nailert Park (Wireless Rd)

Opening Cocktail Party
Tues 18th November
6.00 pm onwards

A group of crafts projects and artists, consisting of Thais and International people, working together to promote high quality crafts with original designs. Organized in 1998, all participants share the objective to help crafts producing villagers to attain self-reliance. Products on sale include: silk fabric, garments, scarves, tablemats wall hangings cushions, ceramics, baskets, specially crafted jewelry, aromatic candles and others art de'cor items and artifacts.

Lea (BangReng Khai)	New Fall Collection
Sop Moei Arts	New Collection of Baskets and Textiles
Chabatik	New Fall Collection
MariGold	New Collection of Jewelry

Proceeds go to Crafts Producers and to Charity projects

Thank you for your kind support

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BRAHMS GERMAN REQUIEM and DANIEL PEARL DAY

The Bangkok Opera
Trinity Hall St. Joseph's Convent School, Convent
Road October 10 8 pm.
02 254 4787 / 254 4712 for reservations
donations requested

Thailand premiere of Brahms's masterpiece, A German Requiem, will be performed as part of a world-wide concert marathon for peace in the world, at the request of Judea Pearl, father of journalist Daniel Pearl who last year was a tragic casualty of the bloodstained history of our times. Daniel Pearl was a musician as well as a journalist, taking his violin with him wherever he went, and this musical memorial celebrates the creative and the beautiful in our shared human heritage.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNI-COLOR DREAMCOAT

October 7-12
The Bangkok Playhouse
8:00 pm also 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday

Tickets: Bht. 500, 800 and 1,000.
Gala Performance on October 9th:
Bht. 800, 1,000 and 1,200.
Student Performance on 7 October: Bht. 300.
From: Thaiticketmaster.com
or 02 204-9999.

Proceeds from the show will be donated by
LAND ROVER THAILAND to "THE
SOMDETYA'S CHARITY FUND"

For more information call: Suwannee Khumkiert:
0 2247-0123, ext. 1928, 0 2247-0177,
or Manu Wuvanich: 0 2247-0123, ext. 1916-18.

ThaiCraft Sales

THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL,
SUKHUMVIT SOI 11, BANGKOK

Next sale...

Saturday, 4 October 2003

10 am to 1 pm
Tower Wing, Third Floor
Nearest BTS: Nana Exit 3
By car: Park at hotel via Sukhumvit 11 or 15

ThaiCraft is a registered non-profit association. We work with village artisans and handicapped persons throughout the country to help them achieve self-reliance by providing guided training and experience in marketing as well as preserving and promoting their traditional craft skills.

Wide range of handmade products available: woven silk and cotton, baskets, jewellery, wooden items, ceramics, cutlery, hill-tribe products, musical instruments, embroidery, paper, flowers, and quilts.

Thousands of village artisans rely on the ThaiCraft Sales to promote of their high-quality handicrafts. All products come directly from the craftspeople themselves at reasonable prices that reflect our fair trade principles.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or need additional information call:
Khun Srisuda: 02 676 0636 x 101
domestic@thaicraft.org

Time for a Laugh

So English Makes Sense?

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes; but the plural of ox became oxen not oxes. One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, yet the plural of moose should never be meese. You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice; yet the plural of house is houses, not hices.

If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen? If I spoke of my foot and show you my feet, and I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet? If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those, yet hat in the plural would never be hose, and the plural of cat is cats, not cose. We speak of a brother and also of brethren, but though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him, but imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim.

Some other reasons to be grateful if you grew up speaking English:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound. 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of a bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

18) After a number of Novocain injections, my jaw got number.

19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

22) I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt.

Screwy pronunciations can mess up your mind! For example...If you have a rough cough, climbing can be tough when going through the bough on a tree!

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wiseguy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

If Dad is Pop, how's come Mom isn't Mop?

Contributed by Jeanette Dobbs

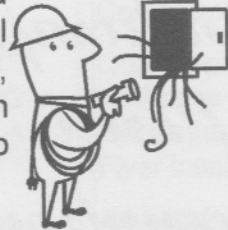
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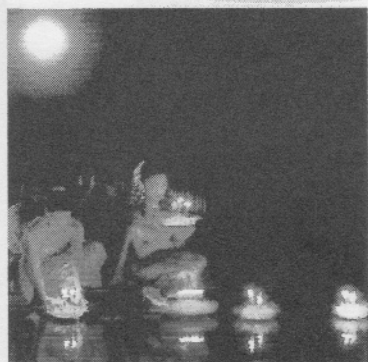
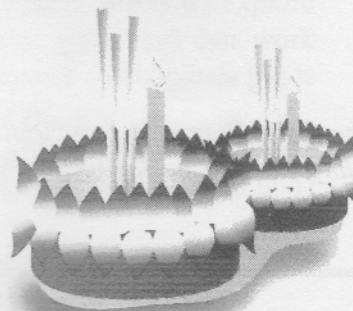
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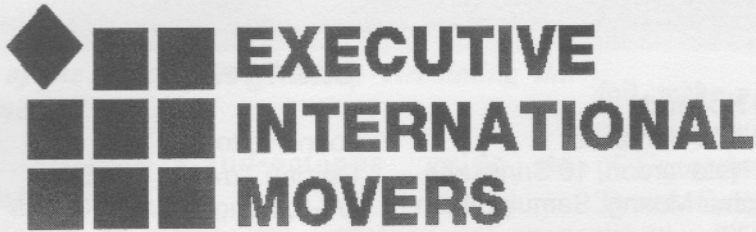
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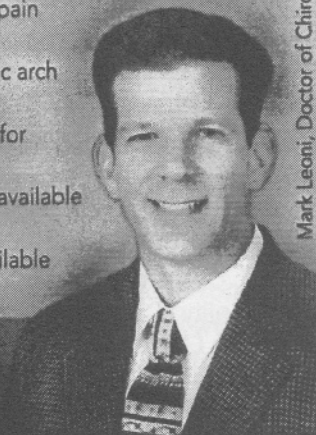
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A Parents Guide

One of the better jokes recently circulating the internet...

The string-bag-and-octopus guide to parenthood

Women: to prepare for pregnancy, put on a dressing gown and stick a big bean-bag down the front. Leave it there for nine months. After nine months take out 10% of the beans.

Men: prepare for paternity - go down to the local chemist, tip the contents of your wallet on the counter and tell the pharmacist to help himself. Then go to the supermarket and arrange to have your wages paid directly to head office.

Go home, pick up the paper and read it for the last time.

Before you finally go ahead and have children, find a couple who are already parents and berate them about their methods of discipline, lack of patience, appallingly low tolerance levels and how they have allowed their children to run riot. Suggest ways in which they might improve their child's sleeping habits, toilet training, table manners and overall behaviour. Enjoy it - it'll be the last time in your life that you have all the answers.

To discover how the nights will feel, walk around the living room from 5 pm till 10 pm carrying a wet bag weighing approximately 9-12lb. At about 10pm put the bag down, set the alarm for midnight and go to sleep. Get up at 12 and walk around the living room again, with the bag, until 1am. Put the alarm on for 3am. As you can't get back to sleep, get up at 2am. Sing songs in the dark until 4am. Put the alarm on for 5am. Get up, make breakfast. Keep this up for five years. Look cheerful.

Can you stand the mess that children make? To find out, first smear Marmite onto the sofa and jam on the curtains. Hide a fishfinger behind the stereo and leave it there all summer. Stick your fingers in the flower beds, then rub them on the walls. Cover the stains with crayons. How does it look?

Dressing small children is not as easy as it looks. Buy an octopus and a string bag. Attempt to put the octopus in the string bag so that none of the arms hang out. Time allowed for this - all morning.

Take an egg carton. Using a pair of scissors and a pot of paint, turn it into an alligator. Now take a toilet roll tube. Using only copydex and a piece of

foil, make a Christmas cracker. Last take a milk container, a ping-pong ball and an empty packet of Cocopops and make a replica of the Eiffel Tower. Congratulations, you've just qualified for the Play Group Committee.

Forget the BMW Z3 and buy a Mondeo. Don't think that you can leave it on the drive spotless and shining. Family cars don't look like that. Buy a choc-ice, put it in the glove compartment and leave it there. Get a 20p piece and stick it in the CD player. Take a family-sized packet of chocolate biscuits and mash them down the back seats. Run a garden rake along both sides of the car. There perfect!

Get ready to go out. Wait outside the loo for half an hour. Go out of the front door, come in again, go out, come back in, go out. Walk down the path, walk back up it, walk down it again. Walk very slowly down the road for five minutes. Stop to inspect every cigarette end, piece of used chewing gum, dirty tissue and dead insect along the way. Retrace your steps.

Scream that you have had about as much as you can take until the neighbours come out and stare at you. Give up and go back into the house. Do it all again later. You are now just about ready to take a small child for a walk.

Go to your local supermarket. Take with you the nearest thing you find to a pre-school child - a fully grown goat is excellent. If you intend to have more than one child, take more than one goat. Buy your weeks groceries without letting the goats out of your sight. Pay for everything that the goats eat or destroy. Until you can easily accomplish this, do not consider having children.

Hollow out a melon, make a small hole in the side. Suspend it from the ceiling and swing it from side to side. Now get a soggy Weetabix and attempt to spoon it from the swinging melon by pretending to be an aeroplane. Continue until half the Weetabix has gone. Tip the rest into your lap, making sure a lot of it falls onto the floor. You are now ready to feed a 12 month old baby.

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