



ILV NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY'S NEWS

Chúc mừng năm mới "2010"

"Happy New Year" to all our Members.

Whether you celebrate the New Year according to the Gregorian Calendar , or you celebrate the New Year according to the Lunar Calendar, in most customs it is a time for celebration, casting aside the old and the resolution of better to come.

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Sir James George Scott wrote: "The especial great season for every one, rich and poor, is the new year, the Tet."

Tet starts in January or February at the time of the full moon before spring planting. Officially it lasts three days, but since advance preparations are important, it often requires a week or more away from everyday activities like school and work. Houses are cleaned (so that the Kitchen God can give an approving report to the Jade Emperor) and decorated with gold banners, red ribbons,

and decorated with gold banners, red ribbons, and coloured lights. Food and wine are placed at the family altar to please the spirits of dead ancestors. The community celebration can include a parade with elaborate floats, and fireworks, song and dance. It is said that the first visitor on the first day of Tet brings luck, good or bad, so many people take care to invite the right person to make that visit. Whatever happens that first day is said to set the pattern for the whole year.

Editor's Note :

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The New Year has begun, and ILV has many interesting and informative Guest Speakers and Outings planned for the forthcoming months.

It is also time for the Annual General Meeting and the election of the Executive Committee.

The AGM will be held on 25th February, so if you have ever wanted to help out and get involved, now is the time to start thinking about which position your talents would best serve, and think about nominating!

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Future points of Interest

February evening: Valentine's chocolate sales

February 11: Julie Robbins from Operation Smile and Mimi Vo HeartBeat

February 25: AGM

March 11: West Coast Laser and Dental Clinic Skincare presentation.

April 8th: New Zealand

"Thank You" to Talisman for kindly providing us with a projector for our presentations.

A BEARY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

The Christmas lunch at New World was a resounding success. Everyone seems to get into the spirit of Christmas as was evident by the many people who dressed up for the occasion. This year we had 137 people attend the lunch. The food was delicious and we thank David the chef at New World for a great meal. After lots of dancing (thank to the great DJ) many of us then carried on at Phatty's well into the night!!



The Saigon Children's Charity did a fantastic job singing many Christmas carols which we all sung along with.



I would also like to thank the following sponsors who donated some lovely door prizes.

- Nutrifort
- Mai Chau Lodge
- Caravelle Hotel
- Sheraton
- Vino
- Phatty's
- Nga Lacquer Shop
- Henry Forwood
- Mekong Merchant
- Anthony George for London Hair & Beauty



Also thanks to Exotissimo for sponsoring the champagne reception.

I would also like to thank the Christmas lunch committee who did a great job in organising the event.

The beneficiaries from this years giving tree are Duc Duc, Friends of Street Children and Education for Development, thanks to everyone for there generous donations.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and we will start the countdown for this year's lunch!!

ILV Library

RELOCATED and OPERATING at Canadian International School in Phu My Hung D-7 Come and enjoy the new venue!!!

Our extensive lending library is claimed to be the largest English language library in Vietnam. You will find best sellers as well as 'romance rags' and plenty in between for your reading pleasure. There is also a growing selection of books in other languages.

The library operates on the "Honor System" for check-in & check-out. Most books can be borrowed for four weeks. Borrowers will please choose up to 10 books from the shelves, write the names of the books you have taken in the records book, return the books directly to the Library and resshelf your returned books in alphabetical order (not simply stacked on any available shelf, thank you). Old books must be returned before you can borrow more. Books should not be dropped off at Coffee Morning, please. The new venue will have helpers to assist you with check out and return.

The library has been relocated to the Canadian International School, who have most graciously offered to house our extensive collection in their Teacher Library at SC39-SD40, Panorama, Nguyen Duc Canh Street in Phu My Hung, D-7. To gain access to the library, please, bring along a valid I.L.V membership card. You can use the facility all school days as well as Saturday mornings.

A HUGE thank you to Crown Relocation for, once again, coming to our rescue to pack and move the books and shelves in a timely and efficient operation!!! You're the best.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please contact the brains of the operation, our Head Librarian, [Maha Itum](#) or call her on 093 825 0289.

Book donations are always appreciated; however, there are a couple of exceptions. Photocopied books and books with titles such as "The Canadian Tax Laws of 1978" are not!

Bus Timetable - see over page for pickup and route.

LỊCH XE BUS																
Tuyến 1 / Route 1 (Khu H / H area)																
PMH <small>Phu My Hung</small>	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	17:30	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00
DK <small>Đông Kinh</small>	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:30	16:30	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:30	20:30	22:00
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Tuyến 2 / Route 2 (Khu S / S area)																
PMH <small>Phu My Hung</small>	7:00	8:15	9:30	11:30	14:15	15:30	17:00	18:30	20:30							
DK <small>Đông Kinh</small>	7:45	9:00	10:15	12:15	15:00	16:15	17:40	19:15	21:30							
Miễn phí đăng tin Liên hệ: (08) 5.412.8989																



**ĐƯỜNG DÂY NÓNG XE BUÝT
(BUS HOT LINE)
0908.700.070**

- Đất sử dụng đa hợp & công trình đô thị
- Khu công viên đô thị, vành đai, khuôn viên riêng
- Khu đã xây dựng cao ốc, nhà phố, biệt thự, khu thương mại
- Sông, rạch
- Trạm xe buýt
- Đường đi tuyến 2 (S area)
- Đường đi tuyến 1 (H area)

Đơn vị phát hành: CÔNG TY TNHH QUẢN LÝ VÀ KINH DOANH BẤT ĐỘNG SẢN P

ILV Quiz Night

Contact Leone for booking

When: March 20th Where: Intercontinental Hotel
 Cost: VND 400,000 members 450,000 Non Members

Tables are of 6—8 people, free flowing Beer, soft drink. BYO wine (No corkage charge) There will also be various canapes served throughout the evening.

As a special deal, guests coming to this event will be able to book dinner at the Market 39 Restaurant at 550.000 VND (normally 648.000 VND) pp for buffet dinner, including free flow of wine, beer, soft drinks, water, coffee and tea. Reservations must be made via Dining Reservations, dine@icasianasaigon.com or +84 (0)8 3520 9099. Do not forget to mention ILV.

February Book Club

Evening Book Club

This month we will be reading Other Voices, Other Rooms by Truman Capote and we will be meeting on Feb. 25th, location has not been decided.. We will send an evite telling people where it will be held.



March book will be What is the What by Dave Eggers and it will be discussed on March 25th.

Attention Newcomers

There will be a Newcomer's coffee morning, Wednesday February 3rd at 10:00am in the home of Sherry Groen.

Please contact her at 0908546015

Come and enjoy some Coffee and conversation.....

Membership Lists and the ILV Guide

The ILV membership list is provided to each member to enable them to contact other members, for either support or information.

It is given to each member with the understanding that this is the purpose of this list, and it is not to be circulated to any outside source or database.

It is stated on the list that it is for Personal use only, and that commercial use is not permitted.

Also, distribution of the "ILV Saigon Guide" as a whole, or in part, is not permitted. It is for members **ONLY**, and not for public distribution.

Evening ILV

**EILV for Wednesday
 10th February 2010**

7:30pm—9:30pm

Come along and have a glass of wine, a cup of coffee and meet some people.

Take this opportunity to socialize, expand your network, and learn about all ILV has to offer.



**11/9 Nguyen U Di Str,
 Thao Dien Ward, D2**

An Phu

**Contact: Rachael
 0918730889**

Admission:

100,000 VND

Refreshments served

**Come along and Join
 in the Fun**

What's on this Month



Canada Rocks Outdoor
Rock and Roll Dinner & Dance
CHARITY FUNDRAISER
Featuring "The Ten Dollar Bill Band"

Place: #4 Cherry Blossom Lane
Date: March 6th, Saturday
Time: 6:30 pm - midnight

Limited Tables of 10 - 5,000,000 VND
Individual Tickets - 500,000 VND

Jaspar Vino Canadian Consulate White Palace
Can-Cham East Meets West Minh Hung



SAIGON INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN SCHOOL

Now recruiting spoken English kindergarten teachers.

Contact Sophie : 090 824 14 29

OUTING February 24th FLOWER ARRANGMENT

We will meet at the Norfolk Mansion at 9:00 am. From there we will go to the flower market and collect everything we need, then back to Norfolk for a lesson in flower arrangement.

If you are interested please contact Sherry.

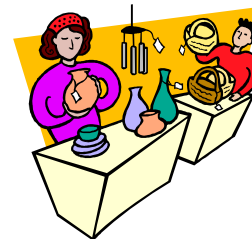


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What's coming up

Keep a look out for information on Events coming up in the next few months.

May 6th—Members Bazaar



May 9th—Mother's Day

May 29th—Summer Send Off. Buffet dinner with partners.

Consular Club Art Auction

The Consular Club Art Auction is on March 12th at Sherwood Residence. This is an annual fundraising activity organized by the Consular Club to help disadvantaged people in Vietnam. Please come to bid for quality paintings or to just enjoy the cultural experience.

Saigon Children's Charity Cyclo Challenge

The 10th Anniversary Annual Saigon Cyclo Challenge on March 13th organized by the Saigon Children's Charity will be held at Taipei school.



Annual General Meeting

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Committee members

Job Descriptions

Chair Lady - Executive Position

The Chair Lady is the official face of the International Ladies of Vietnam. As the name implies she chairs any meeting of the committee and is our representative at meetings and functions outside ILV. During coffee mornings she is often the first person members approach with questions or problems. Time requirements – It is important to be at as many coffee mornings as possible and monthly committee meetings and up to 1 hour per week on phone calls, emails, etc.

Vice Chair – Executive Position (Two Positions)

The Vice Chair assists the Chair Lady and acts in the Chair Lady's place if she cannot attend. Time requirements – Attendance at coffee mornings, 30 minutes per week outside of meeting times and attendance at monthly committee meetings.

Treasurer – Executive Position

The Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the ILV. She keeps detailed records of incoming and outgoing monies and balances them against the cash on hand which she keeps in her possession. She makes payments on behalf of ILV. She delivers the Financial Report at Committee meetings and at the Annual General Meeting. She liaises with the coffee morning venue re numbers and payment. Time requirements – attendance at coffee mornings to receive invoices, supply Reception with change etc, 30 minutes per week to balance the books and 1 hour at end of month to balance the books, write a report for the monthly committee meeting and attend monthly committee meeting.

Treasurer – Executive Position

Performs treasurer's responsibilities in her absence

Secretary – Executive Position

The Secretary takes minutes of each Committee meeting, writes them up and distributes them (via email) to the Committee members. She collates and redistributes Committee Member Reports (via email) before each Committee Meeting. She is also responsible for any incoming or outgoing correspondence.

Membership and Link Lady Coordinator

The Membership Coordinator is responsible for keeping track of new and existing memberships. She collects the paperwork from the Newcomers Table each week in order to update the membership records. She is also responsible for maintaining a group of existing members who she "links" with new members to help them with their transition to life in Vietnam. Time requirements – Membership takes about 45 minutes per week and Link Ladies about 30 minutes per week, plus writing a report for and attending the monthly committee meetings.

Newcomers Table Coordinator (Two Positions)

The Newcomers Table Coordinator is responsible for maintaining a roster of members to staff the newcomers table, to fill out the paperwork associated with joining ILV. She is in charge of the Black Book, which is the record of the ILV Membership Numbers. Time requirements – 15 minutes before and after coffee mornings to set up and pack up, 1 hour per month printing forms and updating membership information, writing report for, and attending monthly committee meetings.

Guide Book Editor (Two Positions)

The Guide Book Editor collates, edits and is responsible for the printing of the Guide Book on an as needs basis.

Discount Coordinators (Two Positions)

Maintains the validity of current discount vendors in the Guide Book and signs up new vendors, either through ILV member recommendation or their own initiative. Time requirements – 1 day per month physically checking to see if shops are still at addresses and getting paper work signed, 1 hour per week collating paperwork and emailing changes to Guide Book Coordinator, write report for and attend monthly committee meetings.

Reception Coordinator (2)

Coordinates the Reception Desk Roster, usually 2-3 months in advance. She maintains supplies of stationery for the desk. Is on hand each coffee morning (with 2 rostered helpers) to welcome guests and members and collect entrance fees and to make the ladies aware of any sign up lists for outings, lunches etc that are kept at the desk. At the end of the morning she counts the numbers in the sign in book and balances the money against this figure which is then handed over to the Treasurer. Time requirements – 15 – 20 minutes before start of coffee morning to set up Reception Desk, 20 minutes per week to organize the roster, buy stationery, write report for, and attend monthly committee meetings.

Library Coordinator (2)

Coordinates the Library Roster for each week's coffee morning. She is responsible for maintaining the numbering system of the ILV library. She allocates new books numbers and is also responsible for physically maintaining the books and purging their numbers when necessary. Time requirements – write report for, and attend monthly committee meetings.

Newsletter Coordinator (2 positions)

Responsible for collating, editing and publishing the monthly newsletter. Time requirements – 3 hours per month doing calendar and layout.

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Web Site Coordinator

Is responsible for updating information on the web site and liaising with the web site designer. Also replies to mail sent to ILV via the links on the web site. Time requirements – 1 hour per week on site and write report for and attend monthly committee meetings.

Guest Speaker Coordinator

Finds and coordinates speakers on a variety of topics of interest to members on a regular basis (currently twice per month). She arranges for a small gift for any speaker who is not representing a business or organization, the cost of which is reimbursed by ILV. She is responsible for making arrangements with the speaker, looking after the speaker on the day of the talk and liaising with the venue staff if any equipment is needed (e.g. Microphones). She is also responsible, as necessary, for keeping the venue informed of any speakers who are not ILV members.

Notice Board Coordinator

Is responsible for deciding what is eligible for the notice board and tables and stamps eligible notices. Set up and packs up the Notice Board and tables and makes sure that the information displayed is of the correct size and is current. Also sets out the trays of business cards and flyers. Time requirements – 15 minutes before and after each coffee morning, write report for and attend monthly committee meeting.

Outings Coordinator

Plans and coordinates monthly outings, e.g. Pottery trip, art gallery tour. Time Requirements 2 hours per month on planning, plus attending the outing, writing a report for and attending the monthly committee meeting.

Special Functions Coordinator

Is liaison for subcommittees formed to coordinate special functions e.g. a cocktail party or the Christmas lunch.

Activities coordinator

Maintains communication with individual activity hostesses and advises web and newsletter of venue, date, contact information changes.

Regular ILV Activities

Monday

Badminton

Mondays and Fridays at 8:45am.
Contact Carmen 0937518299 or
Kim Li 093 7712230.

Duplicate Bridge

At Carmargue, 191 Hai Ba
Trung, 6.30pm. Open to all:
husbands, partners, visitors etc.
A light supper is eaten half way
through the evening. Contact

Alexander Egert: 0903909111.

Tuesday

Mahjong

10am-12pm, Norfolk Mansion,
2nd floor. All levels of player
(including beginners) welcome.
Improvers' Bridge Contact Irene
McKinnell 0908311218

Improvers' bridge, 10am-
12pm. If you would like to play,
contact Sandrine on sandrine.duc@hotmail.com or
0935125261

Beginner's & Improver's Bridge

Beginnings and improvers at
Norfolk Mansion at 10am Tues-
day contact Keiko

Wednesday

Uno - Yes, that's right, the
game you used to play with the
kids. Come along and join the
fun...put your name down with
Irene now! 10:00am-1:00pm
Mekong Merchant .Contact:
Irene McKinnell 0908311218

Thursday

Duplicate Bridge

Players with experience, 1:15 pm,
Vasco's.

Friday

Line Dancing

10.30am at Pacific Garden, 594
Ba Thang Hai ,Ward 14, District
10. Keiko on 0903332081 for
more details.

Swedish Gin Rummy at the Me-
kong Merchant D2.

Scrabble

Scrabble resumes at Norfolk Man-
sion on Fridays at 1:30. All levels
welcome - we bend lots of the
rules :-)
Contact Eileen 090 800 8841 or
email info@ilvietnam.com if you
plan to join us, please. Bring a
board if you have one.

Bowling

Friday mornings, 10 o'clock, at the
SuperBowl, level 4, Diamond
Plaza. Bring your own socks.
Shoes can be rented. We play 2-3
strings and then go to the food
court for lunch. Call Eileen 090
800 8841 or email
info@ilvietnam.com if you plan to
join us.

OTHER Activities

Golf—Song Be Golf Club offers
special rates for ILV members.
Monday to Friday, 07:00 to
09:30am, USD\$40 per 18 holes
inclusive of green and caddy
fees. Tee times can be arranged
by calling Song Be directly at
0650-755802/803 or email
golf@songbegolf.com

Parent-Baby Groups—Babies
born Sept 2006– Sept 2007 con-
tact Lauren Scott [lauren-
scott2000@hotmail.com](mailto:lauren-scott2000@hotmail.com)

District 7 baby group. For more
info contact Aditi Kumar on
0913400760 or
sk.aditi@gmail.com

Cards—Friday 1:30 Norfolk
Mansion. 17-19 Ly Tu Trong D1.
2nd Floor by the Pool.
Everyone Welcome.
Contact: Doreen Stanbury
0908443079

February at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1 Badminton 8:30am Duplicate bridge 6:30pm Book Club 12:00 noon	2 Mahjong 10:00am Improvers' bridge 10:00am Beginners' bridge 1:30pm	3	4 ILV coffee, Rex Hotel Tea Room 10:00am Experienced Bridge 1:15pm	5 Badminton 8:30am Scrabble 1:30pm Swedish gin rummy 1:30pm Line dancing 10:30am	6	7
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