



ILV NEWSLETTER

June 2009 NEWS

Expats Kids—What happens when you go home

Guest Speaker June 4th

The headmaster of ISHCMC will be our guest speaker on June 4th. His talk will be on Expats Kids, and their reintegration into the "real world".

YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN EXPAT KID IN ASIA WHEN...

You flew before you could walk

You can't answer the question, "Where are you from?"

You have a passport, but no driver's license

You watch National Geographic specials and recognise someone

You run into someone you know at every airport

Your life story uses the phrase "Then we went to..." five times

You speak with authority on the quality of airline travel

National Geographic (or the travel channel) makes you homesick

You live at school, work in the tropics, and go home for vacation

You don't know where home is

You sort your friends by continent

You know there is no such thing as an international language

Your second major is in a foreign language you already speak

You realise it really is a small world, after all

You watch a movie set in a foreign country, and you know what the nationals are really saying into the camera

Rain on a tile patio - or a corrugated metal roof - is one of the most wonderful sounds in the world

You haggle with the checkout clerk for a lower price

Your wardrobe can only handle two seasons: wet and dry

You have a name in at least two different languages, and it's not the same one

You automatically take off your shoes as soon as you get home

You know the geography of the rest of the world, but you don't know the geography of your own country

You have best friends in 5 different countries

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Future points of Interest

June4
Headmaster ISHCMC

June11
Special presentation from a Bangkok Clinic on Surgical and Non Surgical enhancements for women

June25
Dr. Simon Kutcher, Dengue Fever

Wanted

Qualified Primary/CELTA Teachers, native English speaking, to volunteer a 2-3 hours per week to assist in teaching at a Primary School in District 3 for the next School Year (September-May). Please contact Camilla Leigh. Refer to Membership List for details.

To receive the newsletter by email contact: ilvnews@hotmail.com
or view on the web at <http://ilvietnam.com>

Mystery Walk

Juli Notman

Phu Lam Market

On Monday the 18th, six ladies headed out to District 6. Our destination was the Phu Lam market, which is just off Hong Bang roundabout on Ba Hom (Road # 10). We had a good look through Phu Lam Market, stopping to check out the fresh veggies and the baby clothes.

Lunch was at Honey's Cafe, a very nice café with great food. Only 50,000vnd for a three course meal and drinks! The café is on Duong So 7 off An Duong Vuong.

Our next stop was to check out some of the garden centres. There is a lovely Orchid nursery next to the park between An Duong Buong and Kinh Duong Vuong. There are so many different types available, and at great prices.

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Don't miss out....

I am planning a Mystery Jungle walk and BYO Picnic lunch, the walk will be about 4km easy walk under trees. Lunch will be by a creek. The date will be August 17th Monday. Leaving Somerset HCMC 10am

Taking names and mobile numbers at the ILV meetings, we will need to travel by private cars so any one who can use their car for the day would be great, arriving back HCMC by 3pm

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Membership List

There has been a large increase in unwanted spam emails from local Vietnamese business... ANYONE found to have been using the members contact list inappropriately for business purposes, will be removed from our membership.

I would like anyone who has had spam email to email me, Juliana Notman. My contacts are in the membership list, or let me know at the ILV meeting. This way, will we be able to gauge how many members are being hit by these business and which companies.

I don't hand my card out to anyone and don't drop it in the bowls at functions so when these come through, they have only come from one place.....the list!!!

Thanks regards

Jules Chairlady 2009



Books for ILV Library

If you are leaving HCMC or just having a clean out, think about donating some of those books you have enjoyed and accumulated over the years.

The ILV Library is always looking for an injection of new material. All books need to be in good condition, with no photocopies please.

They can be dropped off at the Library (see page 12 for directions) or Contact Maha Itum on 0938 250289.

ILV Summer send off Dance

On Saturday 16th May we held the 1st ever ILV dance at Alibi's.

It was a fantastic night, the 10 Dollar Bill



played all night .THANKS to the Band, who donated their time, great music all night.



There were 90 people in attendance, and they danced until they dropped.

The beer flowed freely, all ladies had their wine and food was plentiful.. Many thanks to Alibi.

Alibi lived up to it's reputation of being a good place to go for good food, and a drink, any night of the week.

We will be holding another function for ILV Ladies, Partners and Friends WHO don't go away over the summer, life lives on in HCMC 365 days of the year!!!

So stay posted..... probable date end of July.



Thanks to Leonie and Sherry who help make this the success that it was ☺

Cheers and Thanks to all who attended and help create a fantastic Night

Jules Chair 2009 ☺

"Pete and I had a great time! I'm so grateful for my 4 days of Physio in Singapore. It enabled me to dance without pain--and dancing is one of the joys of my life. It was a great idea to have the dance. Look forward to having one next year! Or even sooner!!!!"
Lydia

Enjoy a Local Lunch

Camilla Leigh

On (another) rainy day in May after the Coffee Morning, 14 of us headed off in a number of cars for the far reaches of Phu Nhuan district, venturing across the railway line to eat the best pork chop in the world! The request to head for Nguyen Kiem street and then disembark beside a roadside grill and open-fronted "rice shop" caused a range of reactions in the various drivers from amusement to consternation.

Four of us arrived first and were soon tucking into *cơm sườn*, garnished by lightly fried spring onion and pickles, the chops grilled to order and then served slightly cut up on steaming mounds of rice. We also ordered a selection of soups to accompany our lunch – bitter melon, pickled cabbage and green leaf with finely minced pork. 2 more cars arrived after a short while, cleverly managing to find the right place first time with only the address; Juli brought up the rear after concluding the Coffee Morning.

We all tucked in, most ladies dutifully flavouring the rice from the outsize jam-jars of *nước chấm* sitting on the tables. Easy to eat with a spoon and fork, the rice is a special type of "broken" rice (*cơm tấm*) usually used for the lunchtime plate-of-rice type meal. Glasses of ice came automatically, to be filled from jugs of tea. Pork chop on rice is probably one of the most versatile Vietnamese meals – it is eaten widely for breakfast as well as lunch and also as a late evening meal on

the way home from class or work.

Safely inside out of the rain and sitting on inox stools (rather than plastic chairs, sorry!), we took over 2 whole tables. Luckily, the owner is now well-used to ILV ladies arriving *en masse* since the first Local Lunch a few years ago, a big change from when I first summoned up enough courage to enter in 1994 - at that time, I don't know who was more scared, them or me! Since that time, improvements have been made but the quality of the rice and chop have remained high. It is just a shame that this place is only open over an extended lunch-time (from about 10am until supplies run out usually about 3pm). Many Vietnamese of-fice staff will come here for lunch, relishing the thick-cut of the pork chop here as compared to the more normal "escalope" to be found elsewhere.

A final bill of 618,000 dong averaged out at just under 45,000 dong each, a little more pricey than an average cơm bình dân but, I hope, well worth the extra cost and the journey.

See you next month!

Camilla



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## ILV Outings

Angela Nicholson

### Vung Tau Outing

April was a fantastic month for outing as we did two great days out with wonderful ladies. Our first April outing was to Vung Tau. Well, I can tell you this was not an easy outing to organize but somehow everything just worked out in the end. First the cyclo organizer never got back to me to confirm, then by some kind of miracle the day before we were to meet at the ferry for the 9 am ferry, I stopped by to check on the ferry schedule. Turns out the 9 am was cancelled, so after one hour 4 ladies helped me to rebook an 8:30 ferry. I called all the ladies and told them the change of plans and late the night before I got our confirmation for the cyclos, it was on for the Vung Tau outing. Everyone met at the ferry and we were off on our adventure. The ferry ride was great and lots of conversation and laughter from the ladies. We walked to Tommy's Bar and had a coffee and relaxed a bit before our cyclo adventure. The cyclo rides were great, I tell you these experiences are the ones you remember and cherish. Riding on those old bikes brings you back to colonial days. I tried to ride the cyclo and it was really difficult, I have a great deal of respect for all the drivers' hard work. After the cyclo tour we went to Tommy's for a lovely lunch. The table looked lovely and we enjoyed our lunch, unfortunately one lady never got her lunch so she shared with her Mom, but these things happen in Vietnam.



never got her lunch so she shared with her Mom, but these things happen in Vietnam. The funniest thing was we ordered a chocolate cake to share and they brought us toast with that bitter cooking chocolate and then fried, it was interesting and on the house. Tommy's Bar and Restaurant treated us wonderfully. We were all very relaxed and the attitude of all the ladies was just amazing. I have to say I had the biggest smile on my face all day because everyone got along and brought such amazing positive energy. A few ladies took the early ferry home and the rest of us took a stroll along the harbor and park. We were all very lucky to get a seat home (the ferry double booked tickets so some angry customers didn't get a seat). Honestly, I had such a great time in Vung Tau. Of course the Cyclo tour and lunch were great but the main reason this trip was so much fun was the vivacious ILV ladies. I want to thank you all and especially Esmira and Eileen for all their help organizing this trip.



## Summer in Saigon

Camilla Leigh

Many of your friends have gone home for the summer and school is out until September. So, you're in HCMC; you've been to most of the museums and there is only so much time you can spend at home before you go stir crazy. Here are a few suggestions of how to pass the summer months in, and around, Saigon.

### [Study Vietnamese en famille:](#)

The Vietnamese Language for Foreigners Centre of the Social Science and Languages University has beginners' classes starting every 2 weeks or so (the next class starts on 8 June) or you can arrange a tutor for the whole family. Group classes run for 2 hours a day, 5 days a week, leaving the weekend free for other family activities; and if you are studying together you can practice together outside of class! Private "group" lessons can be arranged within reason to fit into your schedule.

*Truong Dai Hoc Khoa Hoc Xa Hoi va Nhan Van, 12 Dinh Tien Hoang, District 1*

### [Evening Classes:](#)

Schoolday curfew can be relaxed during the holidays so why not take in an evening class in martial arts or perhaps dancing. The Youth Cultural Centre behind Diamond Plaza teaches 4 different types of Martial Art and Ballroom and Hiphop/Disco dance classes, with each class running 3 times a week. All classes end by 9pm. Group tennis lessons can be taken from 6.30-8pm at the adjoining tennis courts – a more social and cheaper alternative to private tuition for beginners. For those who prefer more artistic pursuits, the Youth Cultural Centre also runs classes in Vietnamese calligraphy.

*Nha Van Hoa Thanh Nien, 4 Pham Ngoc Thach, District 1*

### [Theme Parks and "Tourist Areas":](#)

Saigon has 2 main **theme parks**, the older Dam Sen in District 11 and Suoi Tien, beyond An Phu in District 9. Dam Sen is probably more suited to younger children as it is less extensive. Both have swimming pools and places to eat. These parks get particularly busy on Sundays and Public Holidays. Other parks around the city also have play areas for small children – these are bustling in the early evening especially on Sundays.

There is a **crocodile farm** in District 12 – the cages have easy viewing for smaller children as the walls are low with safe chain-link fencing throughout. Not for the squeamish perhaps but this is a good place to see crocodiles near Saigon with information about crocodiles and a CITES-certified gift shop and a restaurant serving dishes made from crocodile.

*Lang Ca Sau Sai Gon, Ha Huy Giap, Khu Pho 1, Thanh Loc, District 12*

Don't forget the **Tourist Areas** (Khu Du Lich) scattered around. These are essentially resorts usually with a swimming pool, tennis courts and restaurants as well as lodging facilities and are an alternative to hanging out at home. The most convenient for town are Binh Quoi 1 and 2 on Thanh Da Island in Binh Thanh district and Van Thanh, also in Binh Thanh off Dien Bien Phu.

### [Daytime classes:](#)

If you are missing friends to play with, fill your day with a morning or afternoon class at the Women's

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**ILV Outings continued.....**

Esmira Hackenberg

**Song Be Outing**

We met at the Central Post Office at 8.30 am as usual, and twenty lovely ladies boarded the fun bus.

On our way to Minh Long we visited a ceramic shop, where they had a few newly-designed pots and cups. We have become regular customers, by now, usually stopping on route, to check out what's new, however we still have not managed to gain any discounts. Nevertheless, a few ladies bought a few things. Then we on to the Minh Long factory.

The shop has a few new designs. The Ladies enjoyed their shopping and bought a few kitchen essentials. It is a beautiful little mall and every time I go I find something new to buy. The chinaware is beautiful and extremely good value for money. When I went to Harrods last summer I saw a lovely white coffee mug set of 8 different scenes craved inside, they were selling for 900 pounds. I tell you I have bought very similar mugs, also hand craved at Ming long for 60,000 dong each. Now that's a deal!

After all that shopping and browsing at the big and relatively-empty shopping centre, we went downstairs and enjoyed our lunches, ca phe sua das at the small restaurant. We returned to the Central Post Office at 13pm. It was a great day!

**Summer in Saigon continued.....**

*(Continued from page 6)*

Cultural House. With classes in everything from cooking to massage to ao dai dressmaking to craft-work, you can learn everything you need to be a domestic goddess! Classes are taught in Vietnamese but you can learn enough by watching. At less than 500,000 dong for 12 sessions over a month (3 days per week for 4 weeks, 2 1/2 hours per session), these are a bargain and one of the easier ways to make "ordinary" Vietnamese friends if you are not working – you will usually be "adopted" by a classmate who speaks some English. The next "month" of classes starts in on June 10/11 and registration begins about 10 days before the class starts.

*Nha Van Hoa Phu Nu, 192-4 Ly Chinh Thang, District 3*

Weekday Breaks: For those of you with a more adventurous streak, why not take off on a "Weekday Break" while your husbands are slaving away at the office. If you can't borrow the car for more than a day, Mai Linh Express now operate an extensive network of shuttle buses which run on a schedule and for which you can book a designated seat in advance. These operate out of the major bus stations but you can take a Mai Linh taxi to get there! Buses run throughout the Mekong Delta and also to Vung Tau and Da Lat. If you save money on the transport, you can splurge on the accommodation when you get there!

Mai Linh Taxi, 64-68 Hai Ba Trung, District 1

So enjoy your summer! For more information on any of the activities list above, please contact Camilla

**Thank You to the Danish Ladies.....some wonderful sites to see**



The Little Mermaid, the sight most tourists coming to [Copenhagen](#) visit. The statue is life size, sculptured partly after the ballet dancer Fini Henriques, partly after the sculptor's wife, in 1913. The Little Mermaid is located just a few hundred meters South of the cruise quay, Langelinje, in Copenhagen Harbour.



The Botanical Garden is a lovely breathing space next to the busiest S-garden for Copenhagen University and has copies of many well-placed around the garden, making visits experience.



space next to the busiest S-garden for Copenhagen University and has copies of many well-known Greek sculptures both a natural and a cultural



Gilleleje is located close to a navigation point called Nakkehoved, with its 2 lighthouses. The tall Western one and the lower Eastern one, which today serves as a lighthouse museum as well as a restaurant.

Amagertorv is a square on Strøget, with some of the more exclusive shops - Illums Bolighus, Georg Jensen Silver and Royal Copenhagen / Royal Denmark to name a few. The other main pedestrian street, Købmagergade, starts at Amagertorv and crosses North west through Downtown Copenhagen to Nørreport S-train station.



Rundetårn, the Round Tower, is an observatory built by King Christian 4 in the 17th century. It is 33 meters high, which made it a veritable skyscraper at the time of its construction. The observatory is still in use today, although the lights of Copenhagen shine much brighter today.



## Clever Ways to Use Your Cell Phone Camera !

Eileen Sonnack

### Clever Camera Tricks

*Adapted from PC World By Dave Johnson*

If you're like most people, the camera built into your phone is a grossly under-utilized feature . Consider these applications to start getting your money's worth - they're really practical and very easy!

#### 1. Insurance inventory

Photograph the valuables in your house! They serve as a valid claim for insurance purposes. Store all the photos on a memory card and keep it in your safe or lockbox. If you're moving, provide a cd to the relocation company.

#### 2. Memory aid

What hotel room are you in on this trip??? No, your key doesn't tell you... Take a photo of the room number. Often forgetting where you parked the car (while you're home)? Capture a landmark and you can refer to the picture when you return and zero in on your destination. Rental car? - snap the license plates, too

#### 3. Shopping assistant

Have you ever sent your kids or spouse to the store and they returned with the wrong item? Snap a picture of it with their camera phone and send them off with a visual reference. This is a really good suggestion here in Vietnam to show shopkeepers what you're searching for!

#### 4. Portable scanner

You need to make a copy of an important document -- on the spot. No problem, just photograph it with your camera. This works reasonably well for business cards, too With a utility like [Snap-ter](http://snapter.atiz.com/) (<http://snapter.atiz.com/> 14 day free trial), you can even straighten and correct the document so it looks like it was scanned professionally.

#### 5. Document a problem

Dave Johnson wrote - "My wife and I went to a concert last year and discovered that one of our assigned seats was broken -- so broken, in fact, it was barely possible to sit in it. There was no staff to help us, so I photographed the chair disaster and contacted management the next day. We ended up getting a full refund for the show. Apply this basic idea to fender benders, damaged merchandise and any other glitch that comes your way."

#### 6. Keep track of the little ones

On vacation or going to an unfamiliar place? Snap a photo with your camera phone before you head out for the day. If you get separated, you have an exact record of what they look like and what they're wearing.

#### 7. Remember new acquaintances

We meet lots of new people during our time in Vietnam. Why not keep an album of new acquaintances?

## June Book Club

The novels for discussion this month are;

Monday 8th June at 12.00 noon at Hideaway Cafe, 41/1 Pham Ngoc Thach, District 3 to discuss "The American Boy" by Andrew Taylor. Contact Sue Hunter



Wednesday 17th June at 4.000pm (venue to be confirmed) to discuss "The Gift of Rain" by Tan Twan Eng. Contact Janet Bainbridge

For Contact details refer to membership list

## Evening ILV

**EILV for Wednesday 10th June 2009**

**7:30pm—9:30pm**

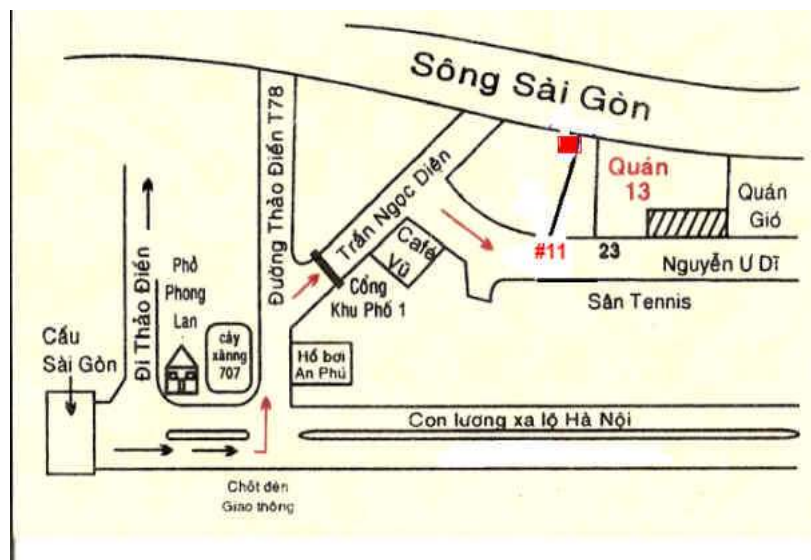
**Come along and have a glass of wine, a cup of coffee and meet some people. Take this opportunity to socialize, expand your network, and learn all about ILV .**

**11/9 Nguyen U Di Street, Thao Dien Ward, D2, An Phu**

**Contact: Rachael 0918730889**

**Admission: 100,000 VND**

**Refreshments served**



## Welcome New Members

### Argentina

Lorena Condori

### Australia

Diane Winter  
Vehllia Tranne  
Louisa Visentini  
Lindy Wrightson

### Belgium

Mieke Van Helstrand

### Britain

Nara Ringrose  
Melissa Lee  
Uemmue Oezdemir Bas-sett  
Jacque Kirkham  
Ruth Cavanagh

### Canada

Lucette Lamoureux

### Denmark

Lene Villadsen

### France

Nicole Schall  
Veronique Manzano  
Dror Lam

### Germany

Jessica Heinrich

### Netherlands

Kirsten Theuns

### New Zealand

Trea Kenny  
Libby Sims  
Sandi Boyle

### Poland

Aleksandra Nicot-Berenger

### USA

Stephanie Diamond  
Carmelita Rubi  
Catherine Walter  
Janell Wright  
Michele S.Baigrie  
Namtran Pham

### Vietnam

Xuan Thuong Nguyen  
Quan Thi Hoang Lien

**Local News**

**Saigon Children's Charity**

Saigon Summer Ball will take place at the Sheraton ballroom on June 5th.

All proceeds will go to the Saigon Children's Charity.

Tickets USD \$120 pp

Formal Attire

For further information or to book tickets email Lisa Tobin at :

saigonsummerball@ saigonchildren.com

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**Saigon Choir**

Hayden and Mozart

Conservatory of music

June 5-6-7<sup>th</sup>

For further information contact :

[Ally-son\\_keane@rmit.edu.com.vn](mailto:Ally-son_keane@rmit.edu.com.vn)

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**Southern Fruit Festival 2009**

The Southern Fruit Festival 2009 is an opportunity for visitors to learn the abundance and diversity about Vietnamese-grown fruits throughout 3 months.

It is a must that visitors attend the Street Carnival, the fruit arrangement competition, the "City of Fruits" etc., Besides sight-seeing, visitors will have the chance to taste different types of fruits and engage in folk games at Suoi Tien at special discounts.

When: 01 / 06 - 27 /06

Where: Suoi Tien Cultural Park

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Thursday, 18th June 2009  
From 6pm to 9pm

Come and celebrate the Queen's Birthday with a Garden Supper in the British Consulate Garden 25 Le Duan, Dist.1

Please bring your photo identification



VND 250,000 for BBGV's members  
VND 490,000 for non-members

Includes a British buffet, beer, wine & soft drinks



Contact Tran for more information at BBGV  
25 Le Duan Blvd., Dist.1, HCMC

T: 3829 8430 E: officemanager@bbgv.org or you can register online at www.bbgv.org

## Canada Day Celebration

A TRADITIONAL, FUN FILLED, FAMILY PICNIC AT PARKLANDS WITH ALL DAY, FAULOUS BUFFET BY WHITE PALACE .... FREE FLOW BEER, WINE, CEASARS, SHOOTERS , SOFT DRINKS AND COFFEE FROM HIGHLANDS HOCKEY SHOOT-OUT, BREAK THE PLATE, COCONUT KNOCK, RING TOSS, BASKETBALL SHOOT OUT, MAGICIANS, BREAK DANCERS, FACE PAINTING, BALLOON MEN, DUNK TANK, MINI PUTT, WATER PARK, BOUNCY CASTLE, AND MORE ...

LUCKY DRAW WITH FABULOUS PRIZES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN LIVE MUSIC, DJ'S AND THE LAST PERFORMANCE BY BILL JOHNSTON WITH THE TEN DOLLAR BILL ...

\*ALL FOR ONLY VND650,000\*

(KIDS 5 to 12 VND200,000)

Corporate packages available ... 10 tickets for VND 6,000,000.

COME AND CELEBRATE CANADA DAY WITH THE CANADIAN COMMUNITY, Saturday June 6th, from 2-10pm at Parkland Country Club, 628A An Binh, An Phu, District 2.

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\*WHAT COULD YOU BE DOING \*\*THAT \*\*WOULD BE \*\*MORE FUN THAN THIS?\*

For more information and tickets contact Patrick Tel: (84-8) 3824 3754

Email: [em@canchamvietnam.org](mailto:em@canchamvietnam.org), or [hcmc@canchamvietnam.org](mailto:hcmc@canchamvietnam.org)

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**The Ceilidh** was held at the New World Hotel. It is a less formal event than the St Andrews Ball but no shortness in fun.

To get the most out of these evenings, you need to go to the dance practices. These are usually held 4 to 6 week before the event. If you don't go you need to find a table of friends who don't want to dance, as it is too hard to expect a group of 6 other couples to try and teach you on the night...

Thanks to the St Andrew Society for a great night. Here is the winning Poem on the night .

Lintons Ploughman's Lunch

Ye ugly, creepin, blastit wonner,

Detested, shunn'd by saunt an' sinner,

How daur ye set your fit upon her –

Sae fine a lady!

Gae somewhere else and seek your dinner

On some poor body.

Ye flat-footed knock-kneed Highland dancer

Be-skirted legs like oak-wood handles

How daur ye wreck flowers of Edinburgh

Sae damned yer prancing

Seek sore other fan to strip your willer

At some damned ceilidh



## ILV REGULAR MONTHLY 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](mailto:golf@songbegolf.com)

### Parent-Baby Groups

Babies born Sept 2006– Sept 2007 contact Lauren Scott [laurencott2000@hotmail.com](mailto:laurencott2000@hotmail.com)

District 7 baby group. For more info contact Aditi Kumar on 0913400760 or [sk.aditi@gmail.com](mailto:sk.aditi@gmail.com)

### Monday

#### Badminton

Mondays and Fridays at 8:30am. Contact Daisy on 0909608800 or 930020 #1613.

#### 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.

#### Bunco

Ladies Night once a month, Couples Night once a month. 7-10pm Contact Carol Stuart 01227140638 for details.

### Tuesday

#### Mahjong

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

### Improvers' Bridge

Improvers' bridge, 10am-12pm. If you would like to play, contact Keiko on 0903332081

#### Beginner's & Improver's Bridge

Beginnings and improvers at Norfolk Mansion at 10am Tuesday contact Keiko on 0903332081

### Thursday

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

### Friday

#### Line Dancing

From May 8th dancing will be at Pacific Garden, 594 Ba Thang Hai St. Ward 14, District 10. Contact Keiko on 0903332081 for more details or to arrange transport.

### Swedish

#### Gin Rummy

1.30pm until approx 4.30pm, by the pool in Norfolk Mansion, 2nd floor. We collect VND 20,000 from each player and the winner receives a voucher worth VND 100,000 to spend locally. No experience necessary. Contact Doreen Stanbury on 090 944 3079.

#### Scrabble

1:30pm, Norfolk Mansion, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, poolside. Numbers are increasing and the competition is hotting up.

## ILV Committee 2009

### Executive Committee

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**Juliana Notman**

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### GENERAL MEMBERS

**Christine Branch**

**Nina Farrer**

**Keiko Imai**

**Alison Mc Ghie**

**Cathy Taylor**

## What's on this Month

### ILV EVENTS

#### ILV Coffee Guest Speakers

June 4th Headmaster ISHCMC  
 June 11th Bangkok Clinic  
 June 25th Dr. Simon Kutcher

#### Mystery Walk

For information about this month's Walk, contact Juliana Notman . Refer to Membership List for details.

#### Newcomers' coffee

Newcomer's coffee will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 10:00 am . The host's address is on your invitation. Please send an SMS to confirm your attendance.

#### Evening ILV

Evening ILV this month will be on Wednesday 10th June.

#### Outing for June:

If you are interested in the above outings, please contact:

Angela Nicholson Do,  
[angelanicholson\\_hk@yahoo.com](mailto:angelanicholson_hk@yahoo.com)  
 or Esmira Hackenberg,  
[esikyle@yahoo.com](mailto:esikyle@yahoo.com)

### OTHER EVENTS

#### June 5<sup>th</sup> Saigon Children's Saigon Summer Ball

Sheraton Ballroom contact:  
[saigonsummerball@saigonchildren.com](mailto:saigonsummerball@saigonchildren.com)

#### June 5-6-7<sup>th</sup> Saigon Choir

Hayden and Mozart Conservatory of music. Three international guest soloists from the UK and Australia, and with the combined talents of the International Choir of HCMC with the HBSO Choir and the HBSO orchestra, it promises to be one of the best musical events in HCMC this year. Group bookings and discounts are available if you would like to round up at least 10 members, and you can [contact Amaury le Blan on 0903 930 907](tel:0903930907).

[Allyson\\_keane@rmit.edu.com.vn](mailto:Allyson_keane@rmit.edu.com.vn)

#### June 6<sup>th</sup> Canada Day

A traditional fun filled Family Day at Parklands. Contact Patrick on 3824 3754 or email [em@canchamvietnam.org](mailto:em@canchamvietnam.org) for details

#### June 18<sup>th</sup> Queens Birthday Party

Venue The Consulate Garden, 25 Le Duan District 1. Email [officemanager@bbgv.org](mailto:officemanager@bbgv.org) or Tel: 38298430 for more information .

### ILV LIBRARY INFORMATION

The Library, located on level 2 of the Parklands Country Club (formerly Saigon Country Club), An Phu, operates on an honour system.

Borrowers can take books from the shelves and re-shelve them on return. Questions, concerns or ideas can be addressed to Maha Itum: 0938 250289.

Contributions to books are welcome. No photocopied books please. Give books for donation to a staff member at the country club and they will place them in the library for you.

Map to Parklands



## An Invitation

ER Couture has issued an open invitation to ILV Members to view their latest collection. Refreshments will be served, and you will have the opportunity to meet the designer. ILV Members will receive 20% discount on any item purchased on the day.



**ILV Event**  
12-2 p.m. 8th June 2009

ER-Couture recently launched its fashion boutique in An Phu and on this occasion, we would like to invite all ILV members to an exclusive ILV event.

On the day, members will have the chance to browse the latest collection, enjoy refreshments and meet the designer. Professional make-up artists and hair-stylists will be on site for the ultimate fashion and beauty experience.

ILV members will enjoy 20% discount on the day plus the chance to win a fashionable gift.

ER-Couture Boutique  
43 Thao Dien, An Phu  
Supermarket 2nd Floor,  
[www.er-couture.com](http://www.er-couture.com)

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## June '09 at a Glance

| Monday                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                             | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                                                                                                                 | Friday                                                                                                                                           | Sat                                              | Sun                         |
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| <b>1</b><br>Badminton<br>8:30am<br><br>Duplicate<br>bridge 6:30pm                      | <b>2</b><br>Mahjong 10:00am<br><br>Improvers' bridge<br>10:00am<br><br>Beginners' bridge<br>1:30pm  | <b>3</b><br>Newcomers<br>Coffee Morning<br>10:00am | <b>4</b><br>ILV coffee, Rex<br>Hotel Tea Room<br>10:00am<br><br><br>Experienced<br>Bridge 1:15pm<br>Vasco's                              | <b>5</b><br>Badminton<br>8:30am<br><br>Scrabble<br>1:30pm<br><br>Swedish gin<br>rummy 1:30pm<br><br>Line dancing<br>10:30am<br><br>Bunco 7-10pm  | <b>6</b><br>Canada<br>Day<br><br>Saigon<br>Choir | <b>7</b><br>Saigon<br>Choir |
| <b>8</b><br>Badminton<br>8:30am<br><br>Duplicate<br>bridge 6:30pm                      | <b>9</b><br>Mahjong 10:00am<br><br>Improvers' bridge<br>10:00am<br><br>Beginners' bridge<br>1:30pm  | <b>10</b><br>Evening ILV<br>7:30pm                 | <b>11</b><br>ILV coffee, Rex<br>Hotel Tea Room<br>10:00am<br><br><br>Experienced<br>Bridge 1:15pm<br>Vasco's                             | <b>12</b><br>Badminton<br>8:30am<br><br>Scrabble<br>1:30pm<br><br>Swedish gin<br>rummy 1:30pm<br><br>Line dancing<br>10:30am<br><br>Bunco 7-10pm | <b>13</b>                                        | <b>14</b>                   |
| <b>15</b><br>Badminton<br>8.30am<br><br>Duplicate<br>bridge 6.30pm                     | <b>16</b><br>Mahjong 10:00am<br><br>Improvers' bridge<br>10:00am<br><br>Beginners' bridge<br>1:30pm | <b>17</b>                                          | <b>18</b><br>ILV coffee, Rex<br>Hotel Tea Room<br>10:00am<br><br>Experienced<br>Bridge 1:15pm<br>Vasco's<br><br>BBGV Queen's<br>Birthday | <b>19</b><br>Badminton<br>8:30am<br><br>Scrabble<br>1:30pm<br><br>Swedish gin<br>rummy 1:30pm<br><br>Line dancing<br>10:30am                     | <b>20</b>                                        | <b>21</b>                   |
| <b>22</b><br>Badminton<br>8:30am<br><br>Duplicate<br>bridge 6:30pm<br><br>Mystery Walk | <b>23</b><br>Mahjong 10:00am<br><br>Improvers' bridge<br>10:00am<br><br>Beginners' bridge<br>1:30pm | <b>24</b>                                          | <b>25</b><br>ILV coffee, Rex<br>Hotel Tea Room<br>10:00am<br><br>Experienced<br>Bridge 1:15pm<br>Vasco's                                 | <b>26</b><br>Badminton<br>8:30am<br><br>Scrabble<br>1:30pm<br><br>Swedish gin<br>rummy 1:30pm<br><br>Line dancing<br>10:30am<br><br>Bunco 7-10pm | <b>27</b>                                        | <b>28</b>                   |
| <b>29</b><br>Badminton<br>8:30am<br><br>Duplicate<br>bridge 6:30pm                     | <b>30</b><br>Mahjong 10:00am<br><br>Improvers' bridge<br>10:00am<br><br>Beginners' bridge<br>1:30pm |                                                    |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                             |