



# ILV NEWSLETTER

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## Thank You and Farewell

Dear Ladies, although some of you already know, many ladies may not have heard my news. I will be leaving Ho Chi Minh City for Perth on 6<sup>th</sup> December and standing down from my position as ILV Chairlady 2009.

It has been a fantastic year and we have achieved so many of our objectives. Recapping the year; We started off my term as Chairlady with the Lion Dance at the first meeting, throughout the year we have held the monthly Mystery Tours, Dance at Alibi's, Sun Downer at The Deck, Welcome back morning tea, Member to member Bazaar, Welcome back Drinks night, Caulfield Cup, Charity Bazaar, Evening Christmas Dinner and to finish off, the Christmas Luncheon at the New World Hotel. It has been a very busy and fun time, and these functions were only half of our achievements with Esmira and Angela doing monthly outings, the Library for relaxation, groups playing Mah-jong and Bridge, the Book Club, Baby group, Evening ILV, Tennis, Badminton, Golf, Uno and Gin Rummy. Also next year in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter there will be a quiz night.

Many thanks to all of the Committee and volunteers, without your help and support ILV could not run and achieve any of these fun activities.

Special thank to Sherry and Leonie my Vice Chairladies, Leonie will step up into the position of Chairlady for the remaining 2 months.

Once again, thank you for all your support and friendship, see you at the Christmas Luncheons, Cheers, Jules. Chairlady 2009

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A Beary Country Christmas

International Ladies in Vietnam

Annual Christmas Luncheon  
December 3rd, 2009  
11:30-3:30

New World Hotel  
76 Le Lai, Dist. 1

Members 500,000 VND  
Non-Members 1,000,000 VND

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**Something different to occupy your time while Travelling.....**

There are some good podcasts that can be downloaded for free from [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk).

Just look for the podcasts link at the bottom of the webpage. By typing a key word in the 'quick find' box you can link to podcasts on history, cinema, arts, money and much more.

For those who enjoy reading BBC Radio 5 has a World Book Club podcast which presents well known authors discussing their books. If you travel a lot and have seen all the airlines have to offer for entertainment, podcasts could fill the void.



The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are "XL."

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt .

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.



Ho Chi Minh City  
Since 1992

## **EVENING ILV**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**7.30pm – 9.30pm**

**Admission: Đ100,000**

**11/9 Nguyen U Di, Thao Dien Ward, District 2 – An Phu**

**Rachel's Mobile Number: 0918 730 889**

# **Christmas Bazaar**

We are proud to announce the inaugural Evening ILV Christmas Bazaar which will be offering all manner of wonderful delights, and gorgeous arts & crafts from charities and members.

This is a wonderful chance to attend the first Bazaar of the season and buy all those beautiful presents for friends and family – and in time to send/take/ship them home!

So if you need to surround yourself with luxe or to choose the perfect gift – come and support your favourite charities and the artistic endeavours of our ILV members

We'd love to welcome all ILV Members and any new ladies to Saigon. We hope you'll come for wine, coffee or tea, a chat and chances at the door prizes!! A map, directing you to the above address can be found under the Evening ILV thumbnail on the ILV website [www.ilvietnam.com](http://www.ilvietnam.com) – otherwise please feel free to phone the number listed for directions.

**Please feel free to bring other ladies who may be interested – ALL LADIES WELCOME**

## Local Lunch—September and October

Many apologies to those who were disappointed in not reading a report for September in the last Newsletter – here is a double pleasure!

**September**, being the start of a new term, seemed the ideal month to go for what is usually regarded as the quintessential Vietnamese dish – pho. Having some amongst us who don't eat red meat, I chose a local eatery that serves both beef and chicken pho. It has the added bonus of also serving mien, the glass noodles that are often used in noodle soups with chicken instead of the usual pho noodles. About 12 of us descended upon Huong Binh on Vo Thi Sau street and we ordered a variety of (rare) beef pho (pho bo tai), chicken pho (pho ga) and chicken with vermicelli (mien ga). The usual assortment of iced and hot tea, mineral water and fresh coconut were also ordered. Then as the soup arrived, lessons were given in popping the wet towel packets to the alarm of the neighbourhood cats I'm sure!



As many of you will know, in the south pho is usually eaten for breakfast or as a late night snack. In the north, it is quite normal to eat pho at lunchtime too and now with many northerners living and working in Saigon, many pho shops are open all day. However, truly southern local pho sellers will only operate in the early morning and again in the evening so don't be disappointed if your local is shut at lunchtime – there is always Pho 24!

The joy of eating pho in the south is that you get to add mounds of herbs and beansprouts as well as lemon juice, nuoc mam and black bean and chilli sauce – you can also choose to have offal such as liver and kidneys added as well as meat balls. All in all, a nutritionally complete meal in a bowl with all major foodgroups covered. Many Vietnamese will say that Hanoi pho is the real deal but, for me I prefer the "greener", DIY version. These days a good bowl of pho will set you back about 30,000-35,000d, still a bargain, and a good start to the day.



In **October**, a hardcore of 4 of us went to the vegetarian *com binh dan*, Phap Hoa, at the far end of the park running along Pham Ngu Lao. As I never know what anything is called in these vegetarian places, I took the executive decision to order *thap cam* (ie a bit of everything!) for us. We also had some seaweed soup and a portion of the vegetarian version of bitter gourd soup. I tried to persuade the others to order a drink called *ma de* – I have no idea what is in it but it seems to promote a very good night's sleep (perhaps not the best thing to have as I was playing tennis later in the afternoon!). Our meal was accompanied by a monk saying his prayers before, and after, eating lunch and the whole meal cost less than 20,000d each!

This month (November 5<sup>th</sup>) we will be trying another speciality of the south – Banh Trang Phoi Suong (literally, rice paper left out in the morning mist), eaten with pork and fish. Hope to see you all then.

Huong Binh, 148 Vo Thi Sau, District 3 Phap Hoa Quan 1, 200 Nguyen Trai, District 1 (closed 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of lunar month)

## Getting Away - the Charms of the Cambodia Capital

Forced by circumstances to leave the country in order to come back in (!), I was glad that a friend in Singapore replied too late to my request for bed & board, giving me an excuse to return to Phnom Penh for the first time in 18 years. The last time I had been to Cambodia's capital was in 1991 as a side trip to my first visit to Vietnam. I have been to Siem Reap a couple of times since then but direct flights from Saigon meant that I have always bypassed Phnom Penh itself.

My memories from 1991 were of a country that was living in the shadows, with people housed in properties showing daylight through the roof. The drive from Saigon had been interesting – the contrast in farming activity as we crossed the border was almost tangible - but also somewhat edgy; a trip to the Killing Fields was tempered by the need to get there and back well before dark and I am sure I remember seeing villagers with machine guns strolling casually along the rural roads. The streets of Phnom Penh were also dotted with the blue berets of the UN Peace Keeping Force – Prince Sihanouk had just returned but the country was not yet fully secured. The roads were quite empty and I have the impression that everything was dark – certainly it seemed difficult to find many places to eat and this was the only time in a 3-week trip that we ate at the hotel.

So it was with some interest that I booked my ticket with Vietnam Airlines (a bargain \$49 but with a \$25 service tax on leaving Cambodia by plane) and arranged a mid-range hotel (Amber Villa, \$35 per night including breakfast) which turned out to be well-situated near the Independence Monument, a short walk from the riverfront and halfway between the Russian Market and the Central Market. Road 51 (Pasteur) also turned out to be one of the few places that I saw a number of ordinary Cambodian restaurants that, had I had more time, I would have liked to try for lunch. Getting from the airport (after our 27-minute flight! and speedy delivery of a \$20 tourist visa valid for one month) was less stressful than it could have been with a fixed rate of \$9 for a taxi and \$7 for a tuk-tuk – I took a taxi from and a tuk-tuk to the airport and would recommend the latter as more fun as long as it isn't raining!



The streets of Phnom Penh are laid out in a grid system and, with even-numbers going EW and odd NS, it was simple to explore on foot and find my way home afterwards. Dollars are used interchangeably with the Riel, with change less than a dollar given in riel (current exchange rate 4000 riel = 1\$) which you can then use to buy snacks or drinks.

Within the city, the main sights are the Royal Palace compound and the Silver Pagoda. Admission costs \$6.5 and a guide can be hired for \$6. You are free to wander around after the completion of your tour but certain areas are off limits as the King also lives within the compound – the flag was flying when I visited but sadly I wasn't able to arrange an introduction to Asia's most eligible bachelor! Other sites of interest include the Museum and the various Wats scattered throughout the city. For those of us that are used to markets here, there is not much difference in the markets although these are probably the best place to bargain if you want to buy the Khmer checked scarves in cotton or silk. One of the other specialities of Cambodia is the silverware, especially the boxes in the

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shapes of animals and birds. You can find these in the markets but there are also a number of shops one road back from the riverfront close to the Royal Palace. Be aware that the price of solid silver and silver plate will vary widely, the same design ranging from \$40 to \$6.

For those who are addicted to market food, a plate of stir-fried noodles with an egg in the foodcourt area of the markets will only set you back \$1. In the evenings, you can also find rice congee (like Vietnamese chao) called borbob which will also cost \$1 a bowl.

If you prefer a rather less local setting for meals but still want to try something Cambodian, there is a charity called Mith Sam Lanh that operates 2 different restaurants training disadvantaged youth: Remdong is set in a colonial villa and serves upmarket Khmer cuisine; Friends is a more relaxed café close to the Museum. Friends also has 2 shops; the one beside the café sells craft items and the other on Street 240 sells clothes designed by the youngsters in the project.



Yodicraft opposite Friends is another charity craft shop providing work for the disabled. There is another charity shop on the waterfront called Colours of Cambodia which also sells souvenir items. For those with more conservative tastes there are a number of Vietnamese and western restaurants including a branch of Pacharan!

Finish off your day with another must - a stroll along the waterfront at Sisowath Quay in the late afternoon. If you are lucky, you will see Sam Bo, the only elephant still in Phnom Penh who lives at Wat Ounalom, taking his daily perambulation; you will certainly see the people of Phnom Penh out enjoying the relative cool of the river breeze.

This is also a good place for "monk watching" - I was amused to see this couple of monks enjoying the pleasures of a Red Bull and cigarette!



I remember talking my way into the Press Enclosure here in 1991 when Sihanouk was hosting celebratory boat races. Today, old ladies ply their wares of lotus flowers or birds to those wanting to make an offering at one of the two shrines that flank the riverside Pavilion while the snack sellers try their luck amongst the populace. Some optimistic groups even try fishing off the bank and young boys enjoy a plunge in the cooling waters of the Tonle Sap.

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With an afternoon flight going to Phnom Penh and a lunchtime inbound flight, this is a good trip to take on a bank holiday weekend if you still like Asia but prefer quieter, less psychopathic traffic. The sights of Phnom Penh can be seen easily in a day and, with 2 nights to experiment, you can try various eating options.

Amber Villa, No. 1A St 57, Boeung Keng Kang 1, Chamkammon

Friends Restaurant and Craft Shop, #215 Street 13 (behind Wat Ounalom)

Friends @ 240 (casual cotton clothing), 32 St 240

Romdeng Restaurant (upmarket Khmer cuisine), #74 St 174

Yodicraft, opposite Friends Restaurant

Colours of Cambodia (souvenirs), 373 Sisowath Quay

The Artisans'Collection (fair-trade craftshop), AAC-11B St 240



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Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November!  
Bonfire night BBQ at Mekong Merchant  
23 Thao Dien, District 2, HCMC

Kids games  
Fancy dress & best guy competition with prizes

GUY FAWKES

Adults: Members US\$10  
Non Members US\$15  
Children 11 to 17 US\$10  
Children 10 and under US\$5  
Starts at 6 pm

Includes bonfire BBQ, 1 beer or soft drink

Lucky draw prizes from:



Contact Jakk at 0981 345 760 or Tran for more information at BBGV  
25 Le Dean Blvd., Dist 1, HCMC



T: 9828 8490 E: officemanager@bbgv.org or you can register online at www.bbgv.org

### What's the difference between : http and https ?

The "S" in HTTPS indicates a secure site. If you visit a web site or web page, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: http://. This means that the web site is talking to your browser using the regular 'unsecured' language. In other If you fill out a form on the web site, someone might see the information you send to that site. This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an http web site! But if the web address begins with https://, your computer is talking to the web site in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on.

If a web site ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should look to see if the web address begins with https://. If it doesn't, there's no way you're going to enter sensitive information like a credit card number!

Beware.....

## November Book Club

The novels for discussion this month are:

Mon. Nov. 9 "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova will be discussed at 12 noon at Hideaway café D.3

Thurs. Nov. 19 "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin will be discussed at 4 pm at Renas' house D.2

**PLEASE NOTE EVENING BOOK CLUB WILL NOW BE ON A THURSDAY.**

Remember to reply to your invitations to order your book and confirm your attendance at meetings.

Also please be aware if you order a book you must pay for it.



## Caulfield Cup at Saigon Races

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the Saigon Race Club the 3<sup>rd</sup> Caulfield Cup was held. The Day was a great success with 100 people attending and having a flutter on the races. The good luck shone on some, Leonie picked the winner of every race.. Well done!!

There were many Fancy fillies and lovely hats, a few bogans and very handsome man... All in all a great day.

So next year remember the Caulfield Cup.



## 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 8:45am. 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](mailto:sandrine.duc@hotmail.com) or 0935125261

### Beginner's & Improver's Bridge

Beginnings and improvers at Norfolk Mansion at 10am Tuesday 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

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

Scrabble resumes at Norfolk Mansion on Fridays at 1:30. All levels welcome - we bend lots of the rules :-)  
Contact Eileen 090 800 8841 or email [info@ilvietnam.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@ilvietnam.com) if you plan to join us.

## ILV Committee 2009

### Executive Committee

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**Juliana Notman**

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**Sherry Groen / Leonie Sands**

Secretary

**Colleen Miller**

Treasurer

**Susan Wilson**

Vice Treasurer

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Reception Coordinator

**Lucy Houghton**

Outings Coordinator

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**Rachel Greig**

Newcomers' Coffee Coordinator

**Rena Bradshaw**

Lucky Draws Coordinator

**Julie Tarne**

Notice Board

**Sue Corns**

### GENERAL MEMBERS

**Keiko Imai**

**Cathy Taylor**

**Pam Osterland**

## What's on this Month

### ILV EVENTS

**November 11th** Members & Charities EILV Christmas Bazaar at Rachel's 7:30pm. See page 2 for directions.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** Charity Fair Rex Hotel 10.am

**December 1st** Christmas dinner at the Renaissance Hotel 6.30pm booking made at hotel under ILV.

**December 3rd** ILV Christmas Luncheon. New World Hotel

### Evening ILV

Evening ILV will be on the second Wednesday in November - **Wednesday 11th November**

### Updating the Recipe Book

ILV is currently updating the recipe book. If you have an favourites that you would like to share, forward them on to Sherry .( Refer Membership List for details)

### Outings

Anyone interested in attending any of the monthly outings , contact Esmira Hackenberg. ( See membership list for details)

### OTHER EVENTS

**November 3rd** Melbourne Cup  
Where: Phatty's  
When: 9:30am start  
No cover charge

Where: The Boathouse  
When 7:00am start  
Cost \$60.00

**November 7th,8th** Annual Vietnam Field Hockey Festival. Venue: 780 Su Van Hanh, District 10. International Teams will be competing. Admission Free. For information con-

tact James Chew 0938889899 or visit [www.vietnamhockey.vn](http://www.vietnamhockey.vn)

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** Gaya Fashion Parade 11.30am at Gaya

**November 14th** The 16th Annual Charity Bazaar of the Consular Club in HCMC will take place on November 14, 11am - 3pm at the Legend Hotel Saigon.

Entry tickets cost VND 50,000. Free entry for children under 10, when accompanied by an adult.

Raffle tickets now available @ VND 50,000 - with great prizes: Airline tickets to Jakarta, Bangkok, Seoul, Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur and much more! Please order your tickets while they still last at [consularclub@gmail.com](mailto:consularclub@gmail.com). We will be happy to deliver them to you.

**November 14th** Arts for Mobility. An evening of Art & Music Venue: Ho Chi Minh Opera House. Tickets: VND 350,000 available from Black Cat, Asia Life offices, Au Lac Do Brazil, Peaches, Sheridan Irish Pub, Tourist Information Centre

**November 21st** Saigon St Andrew's Society Annual Charity Ball. Park Hyatt Saigon at 6:30pm Tickets cost VND 2.2 Million per person. For information call Ceri Roche on 0907709998 or email [saigonstandrews@gmail.com](mailto:saigonstandrews@gmail.com)

### 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



## November '09 at a Glance

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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