



Phuket International Women's Club

e-newsletter

December 2008

CLUB NEWS

Hello Members and Friends!

The last time I wrote the newsletter was in September. My how time flies. And as it is flying – so are many of you either here to your 'other home' or there – to your 'other' home. I think you know what I mean. Home yes, is where the heart is. Where ever you spend time with loved ones this Holiday Season may it be a home full of good cheer, (good beer) and wine, but more importantly may your homes be filled with the blessings that Christmas and New Years do bring to families. Now to give you the news of 'our PIWC family'.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee was a little quiet this month, but will resume meetings early in the next year. Once again thanks goes out to Carol Fryer and Khun Wipa for all the hard work they did this year.

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

Our website will probably be a continuing work in progress, but that does not mean you cannot have a peak now and again to view photos and current activities. It can be accessed by going to phuketiwc.com. Why not have a look and bookmark it on your browser. If you have an idea to give it more shape do let Sue know. Or if you have photos you would like us to upload please forward them as well.

Our last successful lunch was held at the Vocational College. Forty two members attended and gave their support. Many members purchased beautiful handicrafts created by the students. The students also made the lunch. We were entertained with traditional Thai dancing and even a Thai boxing exercise routine!

UP AND COMING

Monthly Lunch

To be held this Thursday December 11, at Twin Palms. Please make sure you book with Margaret before Tuesday evening. If you want to bring a friend it will cost them 600 baht. If you would like to bring something for under the tree, please bring some sort of stationary gift no more than 200 baht in price. These gifts will be donated to Baan Pakrong-Cheep primary. There will be silent auction and great raffles prizes. If any of you can sing a Christmas carol let our Lunch Lady know and she will give you a moment to shine!

December Coffee Morning

This month's coffee morning is cancelled. See you next year at Star Bucks.

As 1st January is a Thursday, we have moved all the events to one week late, i.e. committee meeting on the 8th, Starbucks on 15th and lunch on 22nd.

ANNUAL GALA BALL

Well it was smashing, sparkling and just divine now wasn't it? If you were not there, you missed a great evening! Over 1.3 Million Baht was raised for our students! We ought to be proud. Lots of legs were kicking (not their husbands or wives) but kicking the air and floor with swirling movements to the Lai Thai Orchestra. The Orchestra, despite having to travel by mini bus to get to us, did a fantastic job of keeping us all moving and grooving. Thank you to Raimon Land our Gold Sponsor as well as the many people who stood up to be counted by pledging a donation of B10,000 for a student for 1 year. (You know who you are!). A big cheer goes to Carole Dux and the Ball Committee for passing through many hurdles to give us all grand evening.

MEMBERS NEWS AND NEW MEMBERS

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of Tom McNamara a well-known businessman here in Phuket. The welcoming committee has sent the family our condolences.

Please give Valerie and David Dobson a call or visit to encourage the healing of David's burns. David has had a little relapse and they, I am sure would appreciate your kind words or deeds.

Welcome to new members Margaret Walker; Pamela Bunnak-Ross; Pauline Haldemann; Theva-Aksorn and Polly Jones. Next month we will let you know what country they are from. ☺

There are yet more grandchildren that we know of, both Dominique and Cindy have added to their families, congratulations to all.

The Annual Royal Phuket Marina Craft Market will take place this year on December 12,13th 20th and 21st. If you would like to sell some Christmas items there is a small booking fee of 300 b. Contact Crystal Riedemann at 0862820567 for more details. Otherwise enjoy shopping!

Speaking of shopping ...where is my purse?

Until next year...May the abundance that is all around us continue to bless you and your Family this Holiday Season!

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P.S. Next year we will be 20 years old!!!

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

Dec 11	Lunch 12-2p.m.	Twin Palms Restaurant Surin Beach	Contact: Margaret Spratt info@phuketiw.com
Dec 12,13, 20, 21st	Royal Phuket Marina Christmas Market	Royal Phuket Marina	Contact: Crystal Crystal@skippersphuket.com 086 282 0567
Jan 8 th	Committee Meeting	The Sanwich Shoppe, Cherng Talay	Contact Sue president@piwc.com
Jan 15 th	Meet and Greet	Starbucks. Central Festival	10 a.m. – 12 a.m.
Jan 22 nd	January Lunch	TBA	

Weekly Activities

Day	Activity - Time	Place	Contact
Mondays	Mah Jong 9.30 a.m.	Member's House	Christine sweetpea_robinson@yahoo.com
	Bridge 1.30 p.m	2Gusti, Central	Christine: sweetpea_robinson@yahoo.com
Tuesday	Golf 1.00 p.m.	Laguna Phuket Golf Club	Marion: m_tideman@yahoo.com
Wednesday	Tennis 8 a.m. Bridge 1.30	Hilton Hotel Skippers, Royal Phuket marina	Christine: sweetpea_robinson@yahoo.com
Tues/Fri	Pilates	Carol Morris Home	Jill Robson jill.robson@gmail.com

