



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



The Club encourages members to become involved with their fellow members with similar interests. The organizer of the group and its members determine when and where they meet and the activities they undertake. Some groups meet weekly or monthly, while others meet periodically. These groups are not restricted to members, so feel free to join a group with your particular interest. If you have an interest or idea and want to start a new group, please discuss it with a member of the Activities Committee or Governing Board and we will help you publicize it. The groups usually meet as scheduled, but it is always a good idea to contact the host to be sure of the date, time, and location.



Discussion Groups

conversation

Breakfast or lunch, these groups get together for good



Recreational Groups

Golfing, Bowling, & Sailing – lots of fun



Educational Groups

photography

Computers, Writing, Genealogy (family tree),



Dining Groups

A chance to socialize over a good meal

DISCUSSION GROUPS



DISCUSSION GROUP - Meets WEEKLY on MONDAY from 11:30am or 12 Noon and lasts as long as there are participants remaining. The group meets at the Shagwell Mansions, across from Carrefour, in Soi Arunothai. With no set agenda, it offers a freewheeling and sometimes vigorous discussion on any subject which participants care to engage in - such as political events in the world, history, religion, esotericism, wars, past and present conflicts etc. The only taboo is subjects which are considered sensitive in our host country Thailand. For more information please contact Michel de Goumois at 081-525-1296 or email him at mdgo@loxinfo.co.th.



IRA'S MONDAY MEETING – Meets WEEKLY on MONDAYS. This Group, formerly known as Raising Awareness meets at 1pm to 3pm in the Markland Condo in Room 2403. Free Parking in Markland Garage above floor 5 (if below they will boot your vehicle and fine you). Easily accessible via Baht Bus and Even Walking!! The Group is hosted by Ira. Ira points out that he has decades of experience with making folks feel welcome in a Meeting Environment, and facilitating expats helping expats. For each Monday, a new topic is chosen. Ira's goal is to have a fun two hours, with expats meeting new expats, ideas are exchanged, and new friendships are formed. Suggested Contribution is 60 Baht. Any extra Baht collected are saved, and at fantastic Holiday Party with Food and Drink is provided at the end of the year. Please email Ira to be added to the weekly email notification of Meeting Topic: irawetts@gmail.com. To contact Ira, telephone 061-736-5514.



BREAKFAST ON WEDNESDAY - Meets WEEKLY on WEDNESDAY starting at 10am for breakfast and general conversation. The group meets at the Haven Restaurant which has moved to Soi Lenkee, between Third Road and Soi Buakhau. There's an extensive breakfast menu, very good food at a very reasonable price.



THE "LIFE ENHANCEMENT 101" INTEREST GROUP – The Group will meet on Wednesdays at 1pm. They will present and discuss different perspectives on personal growth as proposed by a variety of top leaders in the field - and those attending the meetings. The presentations will be part multimedia, part interactive discussion and part your thoughtful comments and suggestions. The meetings will be on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in Markland Room 2403. There will be a room set-up and equipment charge of 400 baht which will be shared by the group.



TOUCHY TOPICS - Meets WEEKLY on THURSDAY 1pm - This group whose format includes current topics of the week as well as a discussion on a controversial topic selected by the host, a member, or a guest, now meets at the Central Festival Shopping Center at The Loft restaurant located on the 3rd floor. The topics are always thought provoking and subject to lively discussion. They do encourage all to buy food, or at least coffee and dessert and leave generous tips so that management and staff makes the Group feel welcome. Drinks or food brought from outside are a big no no! Newcomers are invited to simply show up at said venue or contact host: Richard Lecavalier at 086-156-7323 or email to: pictou34@yahoo.com.





SPANISH CONVERSATION - Meets 1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS of the MONTH.

Your Host is Al Serrato. The group meets at 1pm in the Diamond Café located on the corner of South Pattaya Road and Third Road. This group brings together persons interested in practicing their Spanish. For more information, email Al at alsdeman@yahoo.com.

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RECREATIONAL GROUPS



GOLFING - Meets WEEKLY on TUESDAY.

John Williams is your host. No reservations are required. Contact John for information on cost and how to have fun playing Bingo, Bango, Bongo - no handicap, no stroke scoring, no ridiculous PGA or Saint Andrews rules. Everyone is welcome. John can be contacted by phone at 092 324-5557 or by emailing him at jmwpga@aol.com.



TEN PIN BOWLING – Meets WEEKLY on TUESDAY

Magic Howard Posener is your host. They meet on Tuesdays at 6pm at the bowling alley on the second floor of Tops Market at the corner of 2nd Road and Pattaya Central Road, The cost is 110 baht (bring your own socks). It's a happy group of about 18 people (ideal if you have a Thai partner or single.). For more information contact Howard by email at magichoward@hotmail.com



THE WRITERS' GROUP – Meets on fortnightly on Friday

They are a mixed group who meet to practice creative writing. Stories, poems, reminiscences, fantasies ... people write in a 20-30-minute burst, and then (optional) share with the group. Members take turns to host the meeting in their homes and suggest stimulus ideas.

For more information, contact John Lynham, 098 331 5937, or email: johnlynham@hotmail.com.

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EDUCATIONAL GROUPS



IPHONE, IPAD, AND GALAXY SMARTPHONE GROUP

Meets periodically. Richard Smith coordinates the activities of this Group. They usually meet in the Markland Haad Sai Room when there is enough interest. The sessions are usually conducted by member Howard Posener with the assistance of others. There is normally a signup sheet when a meeting is being planned.

Also, an advance deposit of 150 baht per person is required to confirm your reservation when a meeting is scheduled. It is used to cover the cost of the meeting room and other expenses; any funds collected in excess of these costs are donated to the Mercy Center.

If you have any questions or need more information about the meeting, please contact Richard Smith at 089-244-9523 or by email at rick2mail@gmail.com.



FRIENDS OF THRIVE

Ren Lexander and Shawn Chiasson have formed a 'Friends of Thrive' Interest Group.

Friends of Thrive will receive fortnightly emails about what is happening with Thrive. All you need to do is sign up on the Interest Group form or you can email Ren: renlexander@gmail.com. Thrive is the organization founded by Jeremy Kraus and his wife that is doing amazing work caring for and raising Thai children who have been rescued from sexual abuse by police and social workers.

Fortnightly emails will also let members know about opportunities to give of their time, skills and whatever else they can share.

Ren's interview of Jeremy can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5fkHHpXiYY>.



GENEALOGY GROUP (BUILDING A FAMILY TREE) – Periodic Newsletter

Their aim is to share information on how to go about building a family tree. Ian Frame is coordinating the Group. The Group does not have regular meetings, but rather keeps up to date on their mutual interest through distribution of a Newsletter. This newsletter aims to provide genealogy related articles, historical photographs, and useful Internet links.

Any member having genealogy related information to share, or specific queries, merely forwards it to the Genealogy Newsletter by email to ian.frame@gmail.com. Meetings will only be convened if members feel that there is a need to address a specific issue.



PHOTOGRAPHY - Meets PERIODICALLY

The *Club Announcements* Section of the weekly Newsletter will include the host, date, time, and topic when a meeting is scheduled. They meet at the Markland Hotel, corner of Beach Road and Soi 1 in Pattaya. Meetings are usually held in the Meeting Room on the 3rd floor of the Markland Parking Garage. For more information, call Richard Smith at 089-244-9523, or 038-412-197 or by email at rick2mail@gmail.com.



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DINING GROUPS

One of the best ways to meet and get to know your fellow Expats is during an enjoyable meal at a good restaurant. As with many of the Club's activities, you do not have to be a member to join in. The Amari Resort also has a monthly "Wine Experience" that is usually well attended by Club members. Several of the fine dining restaurants in Pattaya will periodically hold a wine dinner. As with the Amari's Wine Experience, these also will find our Club wine aficionados in attendance. So, if you are a recent arrival, whether just visiting or settling in, please not only come to our regular Sunday meeting, but join us at one or more of these wining and dining together events - a great opportunity to meet and get to know one another better.



CLUB DINNER The Club has a monthly dinner at a good restaurant in Pattaya. The next Dinner and location when selected can be found in the Club Announcements section and is published in the Club Newsletter.

Michel De Goumois organizes the event by selecting the land making the arrangements with the restaurant; this may include selecting items ala carte or from a set menu and/or a discount. Each participant selects their choice and receives a separate "check bin" for payment. It is not restricted to members; all are welcome to join in this enjoyable evening of good food and camaraderie.



Participants usually start to gather around 7pm. At the Sunday meetings prior to the Dinner, a signup sheet for those wanting to attend is available. The signup sheet is used so that Michel can inform the selected restaurant of the anticipated number to prepare for. To offer suggestions for the next Club dinner or for more information, please contact Michel de Goumois at 081-525-1296, or email info@pcecclub.org or info@pcec.club or you can see Michel at our Sunday meeting.

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