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Upcoming Holidays

Public Holidays during the next month or two are listed. Main Bank branches and Government Offices including Immigration will be closed.

Excursions Being Organized

Members often organize excursions which can be one day tours, overnights, and sometimes international travel. If any are being planned, they will be listed here.

Information of Interest from the Open Forum and Other Sources

Information of interest is often announced by fellow expats at the Open Forum session during the Club's Sunday Meeting. Items of continuing interest are included here until they are incorporated into the appropriate section of the Club's website.

Government Holidays -

These are the dates that Government Offices and Bank Branch Offices will be closed – Source is Bank of Thailand

REMINDER: If you are not already a subscriber to the Club's weekly Newsletter, to subscribe go to www.pcec.club and select NEWSLETTER from the left-hand column. Enter your email address in the box and click "subscribe." You will receive an email so you can "confirm" you want the newsletter. Once you confirm, you will be in our automated mailing list for receipt of the Newsletter.

DON'T WANT THE BREAKFAST BUFFET AT THE MEETINGS?

If you do not wish the full buffet available at the Sunday meeting, you may purchase coffee, pastries, etc. at the FLOW Cafe on the ground floor of both Towers of the Holiday Inn and bring it up to the meeting room. Club members receive a 25% discount at the FLOW as well as all other Holiday Inn Restaurants & Bars (other than promotional items).

THAI IMMIGRATION NEWS



[Click Here](#) to read the latest reports we have on what is happening at Thai Immigration in Pattaya (updated as of September 21, 2017).

As of November 12, 2017, we continue to receive mixed reports about the requirement to file the TM.30 Address Report within 24 hours of returning from travel outside Thailand. Consequently, we continue to advise filing the report within 24 hours of return (or next business day). Please follow the above link for more information.

KEEP US INFORMED – If you experience something different at Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration office then what we post here and in the Visa& Immigration section of the website, let us know so we can keep our information up to date – we also appreciate notification if you find the information we provide was what your experienced - you can email your information to darrel-pcec@inbox.com.

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Club Announcements



IT IS THAT TIME – JUDITH EDMONDS IS SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PATTAYA ORPHANAGE

For the past several years, the highlight meeting of the year is the Christmas Program. Each year, the Pattaya Orphanage arranges for their Children’s Choir to entertain us with Christmas Carols along with some dancers. At the end of the program, presents are provided for the children and funds given to help the Orphanage. This is made possible through donations collected by Judith during our Club meetings. So, it is that time again as Judith needs to collect the donations in sufficient time to allow for the purchase of gifts before the Christmas Program meeting in December. If you want to donate, Judith has a “jar” available, just drop in whatever you wish.

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BANGKOK HOSPITAL PATTAYA ANNUAL DECEMBER CHECK UP PACKAGES

In December, BHP offers some substantial discounts to their various check up packages.

If you purchase voucher by 31 December 2017, you have until 28 February 2018 to use it.



REMINDER FOR SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS

If you wish to provide a suggestion or comment to the Governing Board, please place it in the suggestion box at the back of the meeting room. If you wish a response from the Board, please include your email address.

You can also send suggestions and comments to: suggestionbox@pcec.club.

Breakfast Raffle



FREE BREAKFAST BUFFET ON FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

A reminder for members to bring their current membership card in order to participate in the drawing. There will be a drawing the first Sunday of each month. Then it will be back to the first Sunday of each month, drawing tickets are given out to members. At the end of the meeting, a ticket is drawn for the full breakfast buffet, which can be obtained at the next or subsequent Sunday meeting – be sure to see Judith to claim your “prize.”



DO YOU KNOW OF A BUSINESS THAT YOU COULD RECOMMEND TO YOUR FELLOW EXPATS?

Often during the Open Forum portion of the meeting, someone will recommend a particular business such as a handyman, auto mechanic or body shop, air conditioning service, clothing shop (with large sizes to fit our heftier expats), computer service, etc. To see information on businesses that have been recommended, [click here](#) to visit our webpage listing.

Do you know of a business that you can recommend, please let us know by email to info@pcecclub.org or info@pcec.club.



WE ARE ALWAYS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR INTERESTING SPEAKERS

The Club's needs your assistance in finding interesting speakers for the Club's Sunday meetings. If you know of someone with an interesting topic, please let us know along with how to contact them. To make suggestions for speakers or topics, please email speakers@pcec.club.

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Upcoming Special & Club Events

CLUB RELATED EVENTS



CLUB DINNER AT LOUIS RESTAURANT ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

For several years, Michel has selected Louis Restaurant in Naklua for November (when the weather cools down for open air dining). The dinner is scheduled from 6:30pm. The owner, Khun Wichai, has worked for 22 years under prestigious European chefs at the Royal Cliff Hotel and later ran the former Alois Restaurant on Thappraya Road near the Bali Hai 3rd Road overpass.

He opened his present location several years ago and still produces an International menu of the highest quality with imported meat, fish and seafood as well as having excellent Chilean and South African wines by the glass or carafe available. Louis is also a PCEC Featured restaurant offering PCEC members a 10% discount (for the Club dinner, all will receive the discount). [Click here](#) and scroll to down to the restaurant name to view the information on our website.

Since some arrive early and some later, the Restaurant will take orders when you arrive and will serve your order when ready. Separate “check bins” will be provided.

If you plan to attend, at the Sunday meeting please put your name on the signup sheet, number in your party, and contact email or telephone number (write legibly please). This is needed so we can advise Khun Wichai of the number to prepare for as well as contact you in the event of any changes. If you find you cannot attend, please scratch your name off the list. In the event you are unable to attend a meeting to either add or delete your name, please email info@pcec.club with the information.

Louis Restaurant is located at the end of Naklua Soi 31 where it intersects with Soi 6 Pattaya Nua (North Road). You can enter from Naklua Road onto Soi 31 or from Pattaya Nua (North Road) onto Soi 6. [Click here](#) for Direction (Map and Google Street View captures).



IPHONE CLASS AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The “Commander” is back and will be offering a class covering iPhones 7, 8, and X at 1pm in the Markland Condominiums – Room 2403. The class will include audio instructions and time for your questions and provide suggested Apps you may be interested in. Please bring your iPhone to the class.

The class will be limited to the first 20 people to sign up. For those who would like to attend the “Commander’s” presentation, please list your name, email address, and phone number on the iPhone Class sign-up sheet. If you have any questions about the class, please contact the “Commander” at commanderlv@gmail.com.



DRIVER LICENSE ASSISTANCE TRIP FOR PCEC MEMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Monthly assistance trips are provided to the Land Transport Office for obtaining Thai driving licenses. This assistance is for PCEC Club members only with a current membership card.

Member Henk Hauer usually conducts the trip on the last Wednesday of the month, but has scheduled the December trip for Wednesday, the 6th. In January 2018, it will revert back to the last Wednesday of the month. The trips at 9am and departs from parking area opposite IBIS hotel - on same Soi off 2nd Road that goes to Holiday Inn - [click here](#) for map. The trips departure time is 9:30am. He has also scheduled the next trip to be on Wednesday, December 6. He will revert back to the last Wednesday of each month beginning January 2018. You should contact Henk beforehand to confirm the trip date, time, meeting location, and let him know you wish to participate in the trip. Telephone 085-309-0603 or email henk2223@gmail.com.

See the [Driving License](#) page on the Club's website for information on the process and the documents needed.



HOLIDAY INN'S FARMERS' MARKET ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

A Farmers' Market is held every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Holiday Inn hotel, our Club meeting host, on Pattaya Beach Road from 10:30am – 3:30pm. Products range from wellness items, jewelry, freshly prepared food, organic vegetables and fruits.



MANTRA WINE EXPERIENCE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Mantra's monthly Wine Experience will be from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The premium Wines from France will be featured. sumptuous buffet will be prepared by Executive Chef Shaun Venter and his staff.

The cost is 1,290 baht per person to the public, but showing your PCEC Members card will reward you with a 15% discount d to 1,100 baht per person. Please make reservations at 089-428-4185 or email Benjamas.s@amari.com.



FROM NOVEMBER 13 TO 17 THE MANTRA WILL OFFER "THE CHEF'S THAI CUISINE", A PRESENTATION OF THE MOST INTERESTING AND TASTE TEMPTING THAI FOODS

It is their Chef's exploration into the many wonderful Thai foods he has tucked away in his repertoire of Thai foods - and your opportunity to explore these delightful tastes for yourself.

Reservations are recommended, - the cost is 1,290 baht, but PCEC Members receive a 15% discount when they present the membership card. For reservations please call the Mantra at 089-428-4185. or email Benjamas.s@amari.com.



CELTIC COMEDY LEGENDS AT HOLIDAY INN'S HAVANA BAR ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Bangkok Comedy Fringe presents Celtic Comedy Legends. Three great comedians in one night at Pattaya Holiday Inn beginning at 8pm. Three great comedians in a one night. Joe Rooney, from the TV show, Father Ted; Phil Kay, Scottish Stand Up Comedian, and Aidan Killian, 'Wonderful storyteller' per Bunbury Magazine. For tickets, go to website:

<https://www.bangkokfringe.org/bangkok-fringe-comedy-shows-clubs>. For more information, email info@bangkokfringe.org.



BRUNO'S WINE DINNER ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Bruno's Restaurant will be presenting their Italian - French Wine Dinner consisting of a six course dinner with specially selected Wines from Italy and France. It will be from 7pm onward. [Click here](#) to view the menu.

The cost is 2,800 baht net. Please note, the PCEC discount does not apply to the Wine dinners. [Click here](#) for location and contact information.

GRAND OPERA AT THE ORPHANAGE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26



Singers from the Grand Opera Thailand Sunday will be at Pattaya Orphanage at 5 pm.

Tickets are 500 baht (300 for students) and are available from the orphanage, at the Club's Sunday meeting, see Les Edmonds, or you can email the Pattaya International Ladies Club (PILC) at presidentpilc@gmail.com.

EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST



INTERNATIONAL FLEET REVIEW 2017 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The Royal Thai Navy is hosting the Review to mark ASEAN's 50th anniversary since its founding, after being appointed the official representative body by navies representing each ASEAN nation. It will take place in Pattaya Bay and in the Sattahip.

There will be over 40 modern warships with 10,000 crew members representing 30 countries expected to join in this historic fleet review. The ten day event will also include other naval activities, including naval and air exhibitions on Pattaya Klang Beach, tourism attractions in Pattaya, naval military parades and the RTN Marching Band performing along Pattaya Beach Road. The 11th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting 2017 will also be held in Pattaya City, as will the inaugural ASEAN Multilateral Naval Exercise in and around Sattahip District in Chonburi and the Gulf of Thailand.

Other special activities planned to run at during the same time period will include:

- Thailand International Swan Boat and Traditional Boat Race 2017, from 10 to 13 November at Khlong Bang Phai Reservoir, Ban Chang District, Rayong.
- ShipTech IV Exhibition: Ship Technology for the Next Decade, from 15 to 17 November at Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall, Royal Cliff Hotels.
- The Air Race 1 World Cup Thailand 2017, from 17 to 19 November at U-Tapao Rayong-Pattaya International Airport in Sattahip, Chonburi – see Upcoming Events in Pattaya below.
- A Sailing Competition by the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, on 17 November on Pattaya Bay.
- There will also be Max Muay Thai matches, concerts and a fair promoting cultural and traditional Thai products representing all four regions of Thailand from 16 to 17 November at Pattaya's Bali Hai Pier.



AMARI'S OKTOBERFEST AT THE SWIMMING POOL ON NOVEMBER 18

It will be from 6:30pm to 10pm with a special menu full of German buffet delights such as sausages, pork knuckle, roast chicken and much more. Entertainment by the Instarstar band. Attendees will receive a complimentary giveaway mug. There will also be plenty of German beverages for you to chug away. [Click here](#) for menu.

The normal price is 1,500 baht (Early Bird Special is 1,400 baht if purchased before 10 November). Buy 10 tickets for 12,000 baht (only 1,200 baht per ticket). [Please Note: There is no PCEC discount for this event] For more information and reservations, please contact: Khun Ben at 089-428-4185 or email benjamas.s@amari.com.



PILC WILL HOLD THEIR 24TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Pattaya International Ladies Club (PILC) has been in existence since the '70s, and has raised many millions of baht through the Annual Bazaar and other spectacular fundraising events, and they are hoping for a bumper fundraiser this year.

Come one, come all! The Bazaar will be in Holiday Inn Pattaya from 10am to 4pm. Entry fee is 150 baht per person, children under 12 are free.

They have asked their vendors to make their stalls very festive to promote the Christmas season. They will also have a Santa's Grotto and a face-painting corner for the children, foot massages for the weary shoppers, and a magician to entertain young and old alike. They anticipate that more than 50 vendors will be in attendance, selling one-of-a-kind items not found

elsewhere.

PCEC members and guests, stop by the Bazaar after the November 19 Club meeting which is also at the Holiday Inn Pattaya and do some Christmas shopping!



EELSWAMP PRESENTS MOZART SUBLIME ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Pro Musica Quartet with Born Lau, viola in concert. Mozart's The String Quintets in C major and G minor will start at 5pm. Reservations are 1,000 baht per person. Email asiachart@hotmail.com for reservations.

For more information call 038-069-681 during office hours. Due to limited number of places payment must be received before the day. [Click here](#) for more information.

BEN'S THEATER JOMTIEN
presents

"The Salaya Quartet"



Inga Causa violin Cooper Wright oboe
Danny Keasler viola Marcin Szawelski cello

Benjamin Britten, Jiri Druschetzky,
Joseph Fiala

Saturday 25 November 2017 at 8pm doors open 7:30pm
Dress code: smart casual, no shorts, no slippers
Tickets THB 900 pp incl. free drinks of choice
Reservations strictly by email:
benstheaterjomtien@gmail.com

Please state your name, number of tickets required and mobile number
You will receive a confirmation with a road plan to Ben's

Ben's Theater presents non-profit making concerts and theatrical performances that bring quality musicians and actors to Pattaya. There are no sponsor and income from ticket sales goes directly to the performers.

SALAYA QUARTET AT BEN'S THEATER JOMTIEN ON SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

Ben's Theater Jomtien will open their classical season with the Salaya Quartet consisting of four top musicians from the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra.

The concert begins at 8pm, doors open at 7:30pm. The dress code is smart casual, no shorts or slippers.

Tickets are 900 baht per person and include free drinks of choice. Reservations are strictly by email to: benstheaterjomtien@gmail.com. Please state your name, number of tickets required, and mobile number. You will receive a confirmation with a road plan to Ben's.



EELSWAMP PRESENTS 3 CONCERTS ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 9, & 10

Two brilliant musicians - three concerts - Ilya Kondratiev, piano and Erzhan Kulibaev, violin. Performance on December 8 is at 6pm and for December 9 & 10 at 5pm.

Admission is baht 1,200 for 1 concert, 2,000 for 2, and 3,000 for all 3. [Click here](#) for or email asiachart@hotmail.com or call 038 069-681 (during office hours) for more information.



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ฟังดนตรี Jazz On The Beach และประมุขภาพเพื่อการกุศล

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FREE IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY WORKSHOP

*You are more creative and funnier than you
think.*

Prove it to yourself at the Pattaya Players' monthly FREE COMEDY IMPROV WORKSHOP at the Robin Hood Tavern at the Avenue Mall on Second Road, Pattaya. Create original theatre comedy instantly, under the direction of award-winning playwright and director Sheldon Penner.

Play theatre games and perform for one another in a friendly, no-pressure, supportive environment. Everybody welcome, ages 12 or over. No experience necessary. Just the desire to play, laugh and have fun!

For dates and more information to reserve a place at our next session, please sign up for the Pattaya Improv Meetup at Meetup.com, email Sheldon at sheldon@sheldonpenner.com, or call him at 092.413.7876.

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Excursions Being Organized



The following are announcements about any excursions being organized by member(s) or others. Excursions are usually open to all, but Club members may receive priority if limited space is available.

DISCOVER MYANMAR TRIP: FEBRUARY 11-18, 2018

Immerse yourself in the magic of Myanmar. This fascinating country is home to endless natural beauty and impressive architecture. Its ancient history is astounding, and its culture is captivating.

Come join this group on an 8-day tour that will include a visit to the former capital Yangon, the stunning archeological site of 2,000 pagodas in Bagan, and Inle Lake, famous for its unique one-leg boat rowers and typical floating gardens.



And these are just the highlights of the trip! Of course, there will also be some off-the-beaten path adventures. [Click here](#) for more information and photos.

The price of the trip is \$1,580 US per person. Price includes accommodation at 3+1/4 star hotels based on twin/double room sharing; flight tickets: Bangkok-Yangon-Heho-Nyang-U-Yangon-Bangkok; daily breakfast, 6 lunches, 3 dinners, all ground transportation in Myanmar, boat tours at Inle Lake, entrance fees according to the program, local English speaking guide. The single room supplement is \$350 US. **In order to reserve our flights and hotel rooms at a group rate, a deposit of \$800 US per person will be needed by NEXT SUNDAY, November 12.**

If you are interested, please send Pat Koester, the organizer, an email with the subject line "Discover Myanmar 2018" to email address: patkoester@pattayacityexpatsclub.com. She will send you more information and a tentative schedule. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to include them in your email.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING ON A SAFARI IN TANZANIA OR A VISIT TO BHUTAN?



Club members Pasit Foobunma and Allan Riddell both are on the Board of the South African Thai Chamber of Commerce and in that capacity visited and toured other countries. As a result, they are enthusiastic about providing the opportunity for others to have the opportunity to visit these countries. Currently, they have updated the popular Tanzanian safari for 2017.

If you think you may be interested, then contact Allan Riddell by email at allanriddell@hotmail.com. [Click here](#) for more information on Tanzania Safari including links to itineraries and [click here](#) for more information on Bhutan with links to specific itineraries.

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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

During Public Holidays, main Bank branches and Government Offices, including Immigration, will be closed. Also, for religious Holidays and their Majesties Birthdays, there may be a prohibition on the sale of alcohol (hotels are usually exempt); consequently, some entertainment venues may be closed.



Tuesday 5 December National Day

Sunday 10 December Constitution Day

Monday 11 December Substitution for Constitution Day

Sunday 31 December New Year's Eve

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Information of Interest from the Open Forum and Other Sources

WEBSITE FOR US CITIZENS/RESIDENTS RESIDING OUTSIDE USA TO VIEW TV PROGRAMS IN USA – “USTV Now” provides regular TV programming from the USA over the Internet free of charge. They require that you register by confirming you are a US Citizen or Resident currently residing outside of the USA and then providing your email address and a password you want to use. Go to <http://www.ustvnow.com/index.php> and click on the Sign Up for Free button – the registration process is self-explanatory. After you are registered, you can go to the same URL and Log in with your email address and password. They do offer some cable channels and other services for a fee; but most broadcast programs are available, e.g., ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, and others.

ANNUAL CAR REGISTRATION IN PATTAYA – Many car owners trek to the Land Transport Office off of Highway 36 to pay their annual tax and get a current “sticker” to place on their windshield (windscreen). But, it isn’t necessary. Every Saturday from 10am to 4pm, they have staff available at Big C South (Sukhumvit Road) to do the registration. They are on the 2nd floor near Customer Service counter. But, if your car is 7 or more years old, you will need to have it inspected before you can register it at Big C or the Land Transport Office. This can be done on Sukhumvit Road about 200 meters north of Pattaya Orphanage. This establishment will also handle the annual registration for you – pick up the registration and new sticker a couple of days later. There is another on Sukhumvit near Bangkok Hospital Pattaya entrance – See Below:



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Government Holidays in Thailand - 2017

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Sunday	1	January	New Year's Day
Monday	2	January	Substitution for New Year's Day
Tuesday	3	January	Additional day granted by Thai Cabinet
Saturday	11	February	Makha Bucha Day (R)
Thursday	6	April	Chakri Memorial Day
Thursday	13	April	Songkran Festival
Friday	14	April	Songkran Festival
Monday	1	May	National Labour Day
Friday	5	May	Coronation Day
Wednesday	10	May	Wisakha Bucha Day (R)
Saturday	8	July	Asarnha Bucha Day (R)
Monday	10	July	Substitution for Asarnha Bucha Day
Friday	28	July	H.M. the King's Birthday
Saturday	12	August	H.M. Queen Sirikit's Birthday (also Mothers' Day)
Monday	14	August	Substitution for H.M. Queen Sirikit's Birthday
Friday	13	October	Anniversary of H.M. the former King's death
Monday	23	October	Chulalongkorn Day
Thursday	26	October	Cremation of H.M. King Bhumibol
Tuesday	5	December	H.M. King Bhumibol's Birthday (also Fathers' Day)
Sunday	10	December	Constitution Day
Monday	11	December	Substitution for Constitution Day
Sunday	31	December	New Year's Eve

Note: When the Holiday occurs during the weekend (Saturday or Sunday) the following Monday (substitution day) is when Banks and Government offices will be closed.

(R) Observance of a Buddhist (religious) holiday – usually the sale of alcohol is prohibited and some entertainment venues may subsequently be closed. Usually, hotel restaurants and bars are exempt from the ban.

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