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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](http://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 14, 2017,).

A report was posted on Thaivisa on September 6 stating the person posting was fined 1,600 baht at Jomtien Immigration when he went to do his annual extension because his landlord had not filed a TM.30 form (report of alien living in property) – the following is an extract:

*First immigration officer was very business-like but friendly. He informed me that my landlord had never reported my address, so I needed to complete an additional form (TM-30) and pay a fine before preceding. I was taken to another room and filled out the form. That officer then called my landlord and read her the riot act for not reporting me. I paid the 1600 baht fine (will be deducted from this months rent), and was given a part of the TM-30 to keep in my passport.*

**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](mailto:darrel-pcec@inbox.com).



### AMERICAN EMBASSY OUTREACH VISIT ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The next outreach visit for Pattaya has been announced by the American Citizen Service unit. The location and time is usually announced a couple of weeks before the scheduled date we will this information when received. For more information, visit <https://th.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/consular-outreach/>.

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## Club Announcements



### FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AGAIN THIS YEAR ON OCTOBER 15

We are again arranging with Gavin Waddell for Phyathai Hospital Sriracha to bring nurses to the Sunday meeting to administer Flu Shots starting at 9:30am in the Lobby of our Meeting Room on the 4th floor of the Executive Tower.

The most current vaccine consists of strains from California, Hong Kong, Thailand and Australia. We anticipate it will be at the same price as last year (750 baht per vaccination, the price is usually 1000 baht). Payment for the shots will be just before the shot is given.

We will add more information for details of the vaccine, and cautions for those with medical problems as well as the confirmed price, which should be in next week's Newsletter. This Flu Shot program is open to everyone.

The low price is based on administering 55 or more Flu shots, so your interested friends, family and acquaintances are invited to have their names listed on the FLU SHOTS sign-up sheet and to attend the meeting on October 15 to get their annual Flu vaccination.



### AKVAVIT RESTAURANT NOW OFFERS PCEC MEMBERS A 10% DISCOUNT ON FOOD & DRINK

On August 30, the Club Dinner was held at Akvavit Restaurant with 20 in attendance to enjoy an excellent meal and conversation. Our host, Chef Pelle has advised us that PCEC members upon showing their current membership card will receive a 10% discount on food and drink ordered from the Lunch or Dinner Menu (it will not apply to promotional items such as the weekly special drink or set dinners).

Akvavit offers International and Thai cuisine with some Scandinavian specialties. To see the menus, [click here](#) and select "lunch" or "dinner" from the drop down "menu". To see the menu, [click here](#) and select "dinner" from the drop down "menu". To read the reviews, click on [Pattaya Mail](#), [Pattaya Today](#), and [TripAdvisor](#).



Located on Jomtien Beach Road adjacent to Jomtien Soi 3. From South Pattaya, take Thappraya Road to Jomtien – when the Road ends, turn left and continue to where it intersects with Jomtien Soi 3. The front is open air with an air-conditioned dining room in the rear.



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A SHOPPING TRIP TO IKEA AND THE MEGA MALL?

We have requests from several people for a one-day shopping trip to this popular destination. If a sufficient number want to go, Richard Smith will make the arrangements and the Club will make a signup sheet available at the Sunday meeting. The trip will go when there are 8 or more people signed up. The trip will leave the Markland at 10:00am by Minivan and, depending on traffic, arrive at IKEA & the Mega Mall about 11:30am. The Minivan will return at 4:00pm, to take the participants back to Pattaya, with arrival at about 6:00pm.

The Minivan charge is 2,500 baht, the minimum number required to schedule the trip is seven. The charge is shared equally among those who go. Richard will collect the money for the trip in the Markland Lobby before the shoppers board the minivan. The ideal number for the trip is eight, which leaves room for your purchases. The groups usually have lunch at the very good and reasonable IKEA restaurant in the store - and then start shopping. The IKEA store is huge, it will take about two hours just to get through its football field sized two floors. Most groups finish about 3:30pm, take time for coffee, then gather in the entry area for the minivan at 4:00pm. Tony Heron will be going with you and can answer many of your questions about getting around in the store. If you are interested please list yourself and those with you on the IKEA & MEGA MALL sign-up sheet at the PCEC Sunday Meetings.



## DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR PCEC MEMBERS & FRIENDS AT THE "KAAN" SHOW IN JOMTIEN

Kaan is the spectacular live fantasy show now at the new Singha D'Luck Theatre on Theprasit Rd. For the next two months, the Kaan show will have a ticket booth on the Central Festival first floor offering single tickets to their show at a 30% discount for the first ticket and a 50% discount for the second ticket. For those over 60 years of age who have proof of their age the discount for the first ticket increases to 40%.

The Kaan show is a live fantasy based roughly on the Ramayana, in which a young man is "warped" into a fantasy of the ancient book he has been given to read by the librarian, and passes through nine adventures mirroring the chapters in the book. The fantasy is supported by 90 cast members in the costumes of the time, plus huge mechanical animals, flocks of flying birds, fantastically costumed people and a huge screen supporting the activity on the stage.

Several PCEC members have seen the show and label it "Fantastic" and "Amazing" - truly a 1st in entertainment in Pattaya. The show starts at 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday, and offers a second (same) show on Saturdays at 8:30 pm (closed Mondays).



## 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](mailto: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, visit our webpage:

<http://www.pattayacityexpatsclub.com/expats/docs/expat-recommended-business.pdf>

Do you know of a business that you can recommend, please let us know by email to [info@pcecclub.org](mailto:info@pcecclub.org) or [info@pcec.club](mailto: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](mailto:speakers@pcec.club).

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## Upcoming Special & Club Events

### CLUB RELATED EVENTS



### CLUB DINNER WILL BE AT PAN PAN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The next Club Dinner will take place from 7pm at the well-known Italian Restaurant Pan Pan. This restaurant has considerably improved over the years and has now become a favorite of Thais as well as Expats. Apart from the traditional fare of pasta and pizza, it offers a substantial choice of main courses. In addition, there is an extensive menu of succulent desserts. [Click here](#) for a review by Pattaya Mail (published in 2014, so the prices may have gone up somewhat).

If you wish to attend, please place your name, number in your party, and contact telephone or email address on the signup sheet at the Sunday meeting. This is needed so the restaurant can be informed on the anticipated number that will be attending. As usual, separate check bins will be available for individuals, couples, or more. Since all do not arrive at the same time, we have asked that they take orders when you are ready. If you signed up and find you cannot attend, please scratch your name off the signup sheet. If you are unable to attend a meeting to sign up or cancel, please email [info@pcec.club](mailto:info@pcec.club) so we can let the organizers, Michel and Darrel, know to add your name or scratch it off in case of canceling.



Pan Pan is located on Thappraya Road just before the intersection with Theprasit Road if coming from South Pattaya or just past the intersection if coming from Jomtien Beach or Jomtien 2nd Road. Parking is available in

back of the restaurant.



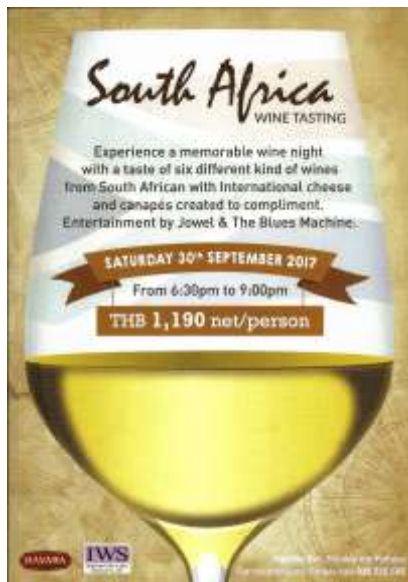
## DRIVER LICENSE ASSISTANCE TRIP FOR PCEC MEMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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. 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.

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](mailto:henk2223@gmail.com).

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



## HOLIDAY INN WINE TASTING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The South African wine tasting will be in the Havana Bar of the Holiday Inn (fronts on Beach Road) from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. There will be six South African wines accompanied by cheese and canapés and with entertainment b Jowel & the Blues Machine. The regular price is 1,190 baht, but PCEC members pay only 990 baht.

Reservations are recommended. Please call 038-725-555.



## HOLIDAY INN'S FARMERS' MARKET ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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.



## BRUNO'S WINE DINNER FOR THIS MONTH WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 30

It will be a six course Italian Wine dinner beginning at 7pm. The price is 2,800 baht net. To view the menu, [click here](#). Please note that the PCEC member discount does not apply for this promotional event.



Bruno's is located in Chateau Dale Plaza on Thappraya Road. To contact them, telephone 038-364-600/1 or 038-119-586/7, Fax to 038-364-602

### EVENTS OF SOCIAL INTEREST



## PATTAYA PLAYERS PRESENTS NEIL SIMON'S COMEDY "FOOLS" ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

Neil Simon's acclaimed comedy "Fools", with a cast of 10, portrays the absurdly dim-witted inhabitants of the Ukrainian village of Kulyenchikov, which for 200 years has suffered under the spell of a curse that has rendered its population colossally stupid. Can a naive school teacher succeed in lifting the curse and rescuing the sweet Sophia from a life of idiocy?

The performances will be at the Eastern Grand Palace Hotel on Soi Khao Talo in Pattaya. Directed by Sheldon Penner, the cast is led by Pattaya Players' stalwarts Wendy Khan, Bob Smith, Charles Elwin, Doug Campbell and Paul Strachan, and introduces newcomers Jayne

Jouai, Luz Welmans.

Tickets for Friday or Saturday night at 7pm are priced at 800 baht, including a pre-performance newly enhanced buffet dinner beginning at 5:30pm. For Reservations & further information, call Gary at 085-913-1827 or email [pattayaplayerstake2@gmail.com](mailto:pattayaplayerstake2@gmail.com).

Note: Please make your reservations early so as to allow organizers to ensure the buffet requirements are adequate.





## EELSWAMP PRESENTS PIANO CONCERTS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Pianist Evgeny Starodubtsev, is "An accomplished and probing artist" (New York Times") and will be making his third visit to Eelswamp to perform two grand programs.

Friday 29th September, 6pm - "Early Beethoven - Late Chopin"  
Sunday October 1st, 6pm - Frederic Rzewski, 36 Variations on the theme

The price is 1,200 baht for one concert and 2,000 baht for both. [Click here](#) for more information.



## 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](mailto:sheldon@sheldonpenner.com), or call him at 092.413.7876.

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## Excursions Being Organized

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*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.*

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### BEST OF CAPE TOWN – 8 NIGHT TOUR HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 2018

Allan Riddell has advised that the planned tour for October 9 has been canceled as there were not enough signed up to attend in time to make it feasible.

He plans to arrange a similar tour for PCEC members in 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Allan by email to: [allanriddell@hotmail.com](mailto:allanriddell@hotmail.com).

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### 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](mailto: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.



<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Anniversary of H.M. the former King's death</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Chulalongkorn Day</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Cremation of H.M. King Bhumibol</b>

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## Information of Interest from the Open Forum and Other Sources

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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