

FEBRUARY 2010

BASS NEWSLETTER



DON'T FORGET VALENTINE'S DAY -
SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY



NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS
WELCOMED AT THE AGM -
JANUARY 26TH / CAROL SINGING
AT THE MINCE PIE MORNING -
DECEMBER 8TH

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It was quite something to be in Seoul early in January and experience the big snowfall. It was also quite a shock to the system, as we arrived back from New Zealand the night it started to fall. It was amazing to see all the locals, young and old, out clearing the streets the next day, whilst at the same time reading about some agency in the UK telling householders not to clear the streets for fear of being responsible for any subsequent injury to others. I know which country I'd rather be in after heavy snow!

Our 2010 Events made an appropriate start with family ice skating at the Banyan Tree. Maybe some of you have already ventured onto the ski slopes or are planning to go to the International Ski Festival at Yongpyong next weekend. I'm saving myself for a couple of days skiing in Niseko (Japan) over Lunar New Year, a trip I thoroughly recommend if you are keen on winter sports.

Read on to find out about the great line-up of activities and events in February. Sign-ups have already started

through basseoul@yahoo.co.uk and places for all events are limited, so don't delay booking your place. We are also making the initial plans for The Queen's Birthday Ball 2010, which this year will be held on 5th June at The Grand Hyatt. Save the date!

We would really like to have more Newsletter contributions from our members in 2010. This is your chance to tell us about a great trip you've made, tell us what you recommend to do in Seoul, write a book or film review, pass on some useful information or you can even have a gripe. We'll include as many as we can and give a small prize for the best one each month. So please get writing.

Ruth



SKIING WITH MY FAMILY
- NISEKO (JAPAN)

MEET YOUR 2010 BASS COMMITTEE



On 26th January at the Annual General Meeting, members were introduced to the new 2010 committee. Standing left to right:

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| - ALISSA ROGERS - WEBSITE MANAGER | - HOLLY PRICE - NEWSLETTER EDITOR |
| - ABBIE STAVROFF - EVENTS TEAM | - KAREN HOLDEN - TREASURER AND VICE PRESIDENT |
| - MIDORI CANNON - EVENTS TEAM | - RUTH ATTEWELL - PRESIDENT |
| - MARIA MACKAY - KOREAN LIAISON | - FIONA UDEN - HONORARY CHAIRPERSON |
| - TRACY GIBSON - EVENTS TEAM | - SUZIE GIBSON - SECRETARY |
| - SHANNON SINCLAIR - MEMBERSHIP | - SUZAN WALSH - WELFARE CHAIR AND VICE PRESIDENT |

Each month, to talk about all of the wonderful work we do, a different committee member will write about their role within BASS and what work is involved. Starting with:



ME WITH MY HUSBAND RUSS

HOLLY PRICE - NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hi everyone, my name is Holly Price and I am the Newsletter Editor for BASS. I have been producing the newsletters since November so I am still quite new to the role. My job is to pull together all of the content for the newsletter and then artwork it. I use a mac program called Pages and the newsletter takes me a couple of days to produce each month. Once completed, it is then sent out to all members by the 1st of every month.

Being a committee member I attend a monthly committee meeting where we discuss all areas of BASS from upcoming events to budgets and accounts. I use this meeting as an opportunity to agree who will supply me with content for the next month's issue and to discuss new ideas for the newsletter. I also use websites such as korea4expats to pull out interesting upcoming events that members maybe interested in.

As Ruth has mentioned in her President's letter, it would be great if we can start getting more contributions from members for the newsletters as it is a great place to share and pass on useful information, share good (or bad!) experiences or ask for help or advice. We will include as many as we can each month and we will also give out a small prize to the best contribution so please get writing and we will look forward to hearing from you!

*Don't forget to
send your
newsletter
contributions to
basseoul@yahoo.co.uk*

PLEASE WRITE TO US AT basseoul@yahoo.co.uk IF YOU HAVE ANY:

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| - Feedback | - Useful websites |
| - Tips or Experiences to share (Good or Bad!) | - Can you recommend a good Doctor or Dentist |
| - Useful information | - Have you been somewhere amazing on holiday or to a good skiing resort |
| - Book or Restaurant recommendations | - Do you know a good hairdressers |
| - Are you looking for help or advice | - Do you have a good yoga / pilates teacher you could recommend |
| - Can you recommend any good shops | |
| - Any problems you have encountered and overcome | |

WHAT'S ON.....

SAVE THE DATE!
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY BALL
SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 2010



BASS EVENTS

The Events team are looking forward to a great New Year! For February we have got the following events on offer:

We kick off with an **OPEN HOUSE COFFEE** – a great chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

VENUE: STARBUCKS, BELOW SOMERSET PALACE

DATE: TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY

TIME: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Please sign up at basseoul@yahoo.co.uk to attend this event so we have a feel for numbers.

Why not try your hand at **FLOWER ARRANGING** – just in time for Valentine's Day.

VENUE: MAYFAIR FLOWERS, SAMCHEONG-DONG

DATE: THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY

TIME: 10.30am to 12.30pm

COST: KRW 50,000 (to cover the cost of all materials - to be paid in advance via bank transfer)

Followed by lunch at the 8 Steps Restaurant – KRW 28,000 for a set lunch (to be paid on the day)

There is a max of 10 places for this session, if we have more people than places we will see if we can arrange a second class in the future.

Deadline for sign up and payment is strictly Thursday 4th February via bank transfer. Please sign up at basseoul@yahoo.co.uk and follow the transfer steps below.

For the **FEBRUARY BASS MONTHLY MEETING** - we are thrilled to be joined by David Turberfield, who will introduce us to some stress busting techniques and give us an insight into the art of meditation and the benefits it can bring to daily life. So if you are in need of a bit of peace and tranquillity, this session is a must.

VENUE: SEOUL CLUB

DATE: TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY

TIME: 10.00am to 12.00pm

To chase away the winter chills, we have a **CURRY EVENING** booked. This is fantastic value for money at just KRW 32,000 per person which includes food and all beverages!!! Yes ALL beverages, so come along and join us for some delicious Indian Cuisine and some catching up.

VENUE: CHAKRAA RESTAURANT, ITAEWON

DATE: FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY

TIME: 8:00pm

COST: KRW 32,000

The deadline for sign up and payment is strictly Wednesday 17th February via bank transfer. Please sign up at basseoul@yahoo.co.uk and follow the transfer steps below.

Finally, we are pleased to promote on behalf of the Chakraa Spice Club a BASS exclusive. Learn how to **COOK TRADITIONAL INDIAN CUISINE** using ingredients which are all available in Seoul.

Chakraa Spice Club offers classes in Indian cooking for those who want to learn how to cook or expand their skills. The sessions will run over two weeks on a Monday and Wednesday.

VENUE: CHAKRAA RESTAURANT, ITAEWON

START DATE: MONDAY, 8th MARCH

END DATE: WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH

CLASSES: 10:30am to 12:00pm

LUNCH: FROM 12:15pm

COST: KRW 40,000 PER SESSION or

KRW 150,000 FOR ALL 4 SESSIONS

(costs include the lesson fee, recipes and lunch)

The deadline for sign up and payment is strictly Monday 22nd February and there is a minimum of 15 places for the classes to run.

Please note this is not a BASS event, if you would like to register or obtain further Information please call, 010-5050-0758 or email spiceclub@chakraa.co.kr or chakraa.spiceclub@gmail.com - All sign ups we have previously received have been passed to the organiser.

We are already underway with plans for our **MARCH EVENTS** and we will be in touch with details soon, but we just wanted to let you know that Sara Hague will be selling her fabulous jewelry at the March Monthly Meeting with fantastic raffle prizes to be won too!

The Events team would love to get ideas from you - the members - about things you would like us to run or suggestions for speakers at our monthly meetings – please email the basseoul@yahoo.co.uk with your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Events team

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS are as follows:

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Please advise this information to Karen Holden, BASS Treasurer by email: karen@holdencrew.com

PHOTOS FROM RECENT EVENTS

*Don't forget to send your
newsletter contributions to
basseoul@yahoo.co.uk*

There have been lots of great BASS events over the last couple of months including:

- Christmas Party at the Grand Hyatt
- Mince Pie Morning at the British Embassy Residence
- Family Ice Skating at the Banyan Tree
- Annual General Meeting at the Seoul Club



WHAT'S ON.....

Visit www.korea4expats.com For
more outside events and
information

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SEoul INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
LET'S DANCE GALA EVENING
The Golden Twenties

Saturday, March 13, 2010 6:30 pm
Grand Hilton Seoul, Grand Ballroom
Individual Ticket: KRW 80,000
Table of Ten: KRW 750,000

Cocktails, Buffet Dinner, Open Bar
Charity Silent Auction, Dream Raffle
Attire: 1920's Inspired Dress, Business Suit, Cocktail Dress

Bank Account Information: SC Cheil Bank (199-20-014610) Mariya Maderich. Ticket Reservation at: tickets@siwapage.com

SATURDAY, 13th MARCH

SIWA LET'S DANCE GALA EVENING

tickets@siwapage.com

Cocktails, Buffet Dinner, Open Bar, Charity Silent Auction, Dream Raffle. Grand Hilton Seoul, Grand Ballroom.
Individual Tickets KRW 80,000 - Table of Ten KRW 750,000
Time: 6:30pm. Please Note: Tickets will also be available for purchase at the BASS Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 23rd February, 10:00am to 12:00pm

TUESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY

DULWICH COLLEGE SEOUL ADMISSIONS SEMINAR

admissions@dulwich-seoul.kr

Venue: The Seoul Club

Time: 10:00am

Please email your RSVP to the address above.

FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY

VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT

Please visit: <http://www.sac.or.kr/>

Artist Pf Jeongwon Kim, Vn Soovin Kim, VI Sangjin Kim, Vc Young Song, Special Guest Yirum(Composer)

Venue: Concert Hall, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul: Time: 8pm

SUNDAY, 14th FEBRUARY - 8:00PM

HOPE FOR HAITI FUNDRAISER - ITAEWON

With the events and images being shared around the world from the devastation in Haiti, a group of volunteers thought it was time to raise hope and organize an event so people in Korea could donate to a worthy cause.

Admission: W10,000 (tickets can be purchased at the door)

Venue: Roofers (Across the street from the Foreign Food Market).

THURSDAY, 18th FEBRUARY

KIWI CHAMBER, RUGBY EVENING WITH JOHN KIRWAN

www.kiwichamber.com

The ticket price includes a fabulous 3 course dinner accompanied by premium "Captain Cooker" NZ beer and bubbly, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir wines for KRW 85,000 per person (Table of 10 just KRW 800,000).

To register please visit www.kiwichamber.com or email chamber@kiwichamber.com.

UNTIL SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY

KOREAN WAR MONUMENTS EXHIBITION

<http://www.photomuseum.or.kr/>

Photographer Kang Yong Suk marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. Kang's photographs focus on the scars and traces left by the Korea War.

Hours: 10:00am to 7:00pm Weekdays / 11:00am to 6:30pm Weekends/Holidays

Venue: Museum of Photography, Olympic Park Area, Seoul
Telephone: 02-418-1315

FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY

DAEBOREUM FIRE FESTIVAL, JEJU ISLAND

www.buriburi.go.kr

On the Full Moon Day, which falls on the 15th day of the first lunar month of the year, the Jeongwol Daeboreum Fire Festival is held in order to pray for a healthy year and good fortune. Visitors to the festival can experience the traditional lifestyle and practices of Korea's farmers. In this festival this practice is revived, and visitors get to experience setting pheasants free, traditional wedding ceremonies, and more.
Location: Saebyeol Oreum area, Aewol-eup, Jeju Island
Telephone: 064-1330 / or 02-1330

FRIDAY, 5th MARCH TO SUNDAY, 7th MARCH

KARMA PERFORMANCE

Theater 'YONG' in Seoul

Karma is Korean non-verbal fantasy performance blending Korean contemporary dance, various martial arts and beautiful painting.

Booking contact: Nara Yun / 010-774-5765

video Clip of show: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_EEAESReDE

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY TO MONDAY, 15th MARCH

SHOPPER'S DELIGHT TOURS FOR NEWCOMERS

events@korea4expats.com

These 'Shopping Tours' are designed to introduce foreign residents to various shopping areas in Seoul as well as to familiarise you with the Seoul public transit system.

The Winter tour program focuses primarily on indoor locations.

Dates: Mondays 1,8,22 February and 8,15 March 2010

Time: 9/9:30am to 12:00pm

Cost: 5-tour package: W120,000 (SIWA members W100,000)

Individual tours: W35,000 each (SIWA members W25,000)

Meeting Place: Itaewon - RSVP to the email address above.

UNTIL SUNDAY, 28th MARCH

MONET TO PICASSO

Masterpieces from the Philadelphia Museum of Art including Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh, Pierre August Renoir, Paul Cezanne, Henri Matisse, Piet Mondrian, Paul Gauguin, Edgar Degas, Pablo Picasso and more.

Venue: Hangaram Art Museum, Seocho-gu, Seoul

Hours: Dec-Feb: 11:00-19:00 March: 11:00-20:00

Closed: 28 Dec, 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 29 Mar

Please visit: <http://www.sac.or.kr> for details

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY
and many happy returns to:
REGINA DIXON
SANDRA EVANS
MARIANNE GAUSE
KAREN HOLDEN
OLIVIA HOWE
MARIA KIM
MIN LONG
RUTH NADERER
YOUNG HEE PARK
CLAIRE REYNOLDS
DEBBIE SPRAKE

In FEBRUARY we wish a
very HAPPY BIRTHDAY and
many happy returns to:
RICA ABBOTT
HANNAH BIGGS
JANE CASSELLS
KYLE DEVLIN
BEVERLEY HONNIGER
SILVIA JOHANSEN
JUDY KAY
JINYOUNG KENNEDY
MARIA MACKAY
CATHY MORELAND
JENNY THORN
ANDREA WELLMAN

And also a great WELCOME to
our NEW MEMBERS:
EUNJU CHO
SUZIE GIBSON
CLAIRE REYNOLDS
SUBOK YANG
JUDY KWON
YUKO REED
EUN MIDEVERE
SHINWON ELIZABETH YOON

And a sad GOODBYE to:
SALLY ROBINSON
ANN DICKINSON

**2010
MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
REMINDER!**

Membership renewals are now due:
50,000KRW (January 1st 2010 –
December 31st 2010)
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Treasurer by email: karen@holdencrew.com
Or pay at the next coffee morning.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

JENNIFER MCINTOSH



Jennifer grew up in a small fishing town on the north-east coast of Scotland but a school trip to Europe when she was 14 gave her the taste for France and she moved there in summer 1976. Several jobs later, including demonstrating hydraplanes and teaching English to French cooks, she settled for the dull life of an international civil servant and spent the last 30 years at the OECD in Paris where she ran the Chief Economist's office. Eager to give up work and to escape the daily onslaught of emails, she followed her husband, Didier, to Seoul in summer 2009, when he took a professorship with the Korean government's WCU (World Class University) Programme. Apart from travel, good food and wine and restoring their Breton farm, Jenny's interests have been mainly full-time work and bringing up four sons, three of whom are now in Europe. She'd now like to help with BASS's fundraising and as a start has agreed to coordinate the organisation of the Queen's birthday ball this year. Welcome to BASS!

CHRISTMAS IN BALI BY MANDY STEIN

Tired of living out of suitcases in cold, wet and windy England and Ireland at Christmas, we decided to spend the holidays somewhere hot. The obvious choice was Bali. A sunshine paradise with outdoor adventure activities, culture, shopping and.....my daughter lives there.

While Bali offers the obvious sun, sea and surf, which Kuta is renowned for, it also offers the most amazing shopping and cosmopolitan restaurants in Seminyak and arts and crafts in Ubud, amongst tropical forests and those infamous monkeys.

We spent Christmas eve and Christmas day at the Hyatt in Nusa Dua, which is on the south east of the island on a long strip of golden sandy beaches with plenty of water sports where we met a very friendly Father Christmas, in serious need of an eyebrow wax!!!

We also travelled to the north of the island, to a village called Lovina, which

is quieter than the South. New Years day 5.30am, we were out on very narrow boats, dolphin watching, (truly amazing) and then snorkeling among exotic and colorful fish.

We found Bali to be a diverse island with incredibly friendly, happy people. It tantalized all of our senses, from the vibrant colours of the sarongs worn by the Balinese women as they made offerings to Hindu gods, to the wind chimes in paddy fields, and the incense sporadically placed on random pavements, to the fantastic fresh and cheap food, and of course the luxurious fabrics and materials with which the Balinese people display their craftsmanship.

We all loved Bali. It was interesting, fun, relaxing and very HOT!!!

Mandy Stein



NOTICES AND INFORMATION

Don't forget to send your newsletter contributions to basseoul@yahoo.co.uk

DVLA INFORMATION

A word of warning!

Recently I was advised via the DVLA that I needed to renew my photo driving licence. I completed the documents as instructed but when I came to the final sign off I realised that they would prosecute me if I lied and said I was resident in the UK - when in fact not! Dutifully, I contacted DVLA to ask their advice, as I knew I would need my licence to hire a car in the UK in the summer. They wrote back informing me that I needed to be a permanent resident in the UK to renew, and that I would need to speak to the Korean Authorities to obtain a Korean driving licence. Just thought it would be helpful to let you know.

Tracy Gibson

MAHJONG GROUP

Come and join us every Friday at the Seoul Club at 10:00am to play this interesting and addictive game. No experience necessary as the members there will be happy to teach you. If you would like any further information, email basseoul@yahoo.co.uk

GLOBAL VILLAGE CENTRE

Website:

<http://global.seoul.go.kr/itaewon>

Visit the website to discover the many services and programs available.

A REAL GEM OF A HELPER - AVAILABLE

Norma has over 15 years experience of working for the British Diplomatic Community here in Seoul. She comes highly recommended – friendly, efficient, honest, hard working and extremely reliable. She cleans, washes and irons quickly and thoroughly. She is fantastic with children – my sons adored her! Great with pets too – a real asset to any home.

For further details please contact Tracy Gibson at tracygibby@yahoo.co.uk

NEW BLOG WEBSITE

Check out a new blog website about Seoul, Daegu and Busan. www.theoneonefour.com

MOVING SALE

For sale: rattan furniture, sofa, 2 chairs, coffee table, 3 wooden chairs. KRW 400,000 o.n.o
Also: 3 large plants KRW 50,000
Phone Mandy on 010 9100 1061



BABY CHANGING UNIT FOR SALE

Baby changing unit for sale. Top of unit specially made and fits to draws beneath. Very solid, has been used for twin boys until the age of 3.5 years. KRW 100,000

Please contact Verena by email at Verbena_vbaehner@hotmail.com

WWW.KOREA4EXPATS.COM

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HELPER AVAILABLE

My name is Annie Jane Villaranda I am Phillipino 43 years old with 20 years experience as a domestic helper. I can supply references with a present American employer here in Korea. I am pleasant and willing to be helpful. My duties have included household chores, child care, cooking and marketing. I am looking for a live in position Please make contact thru Nancy Botcheller at 6730-8866 Somerset residences. I am available immediately and willing to discuss my salary with those interested. Sponsor needed.

RECIPE CORNER

Recipe by Karen Holden

Heat oven to 180C/350F.

Cream fat and sugar, then add eggs. Fold in 50g (2oz) of the flour.

Add cherries, peel, raisins, almonds and lemon rind.

Add remaining flour and baking powder.

Grease a 25 x 9cm loaf tin (10 x 3.5 in) and coat with breadcrumbs. (I use a round tin (22 cm dia / 8.2 in) with push up bottom.

Add cake mixture and bake for 1 - 1 1/4 hours.

Ice when cool.

Really Easy Light Fruit Cake

- 200g (7oz) butter or margarine
- 100g (4oz) light brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 225g (8oz) plain flour
- 50g (2oz) glace cherries (I got these from Kim's club)
- 50g (2oz) chopped candied peel (I got dried mixed fruit/peel from Homeplus that looked exactly the same)
- 100g (4oz) sultanas or raisins
- 50g (2oz) flaked almonds
- 2tsp baking powder
- grated rind of 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp dried breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp icing sugar (not needed if you prefer non-iced fruit cake)

