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The International Student House
Newsletter

Greetings!

We have exciting news to announce regarding renovations to ISH - we are going to become a handicapped accessible facility. The process of renovating our 100 year old Main Hall building to make it compatible with ADA regulations will take place over two years.

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Trustee Bill Crocker Honored at a Sparkling ISH Fall Gala

The ISH community turned out to celebrate the contributions of Dr. William Crocker, as ISH trustee for more than 40 years, at a festive gala on October 28. A capacity crowd of more than 80 people filled Ella Burling Hall, sparkling with a fresh polish and the warmth of a fire in its beautiful hearth, to honor Bill Crocker for his years of service to both the International Student House in Washington, DC, and his seminal work as an anthropologist and scholar at the Smithsonian Institution.



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Former Senator Tom Daschle Visits with Residents at International Student House

Following the successes of our Global Leadership Lecture Series with former senator Chuck Hagel, General Brent Scowcroft and Ms. Harriet Fulbright, ISH was thrilled to have former senator Tom Daschle at ISH on March 18th, 2010.

Senator Daschle engaged the audience of residents, alumni and friends of the house on issues such as Health Care Reform and the role of Congress in Government, before taking numerous questions from residents.

The International Student House thanks Senator Daschle for giving his time to speak with our residents and house.

Click [here](#) to view pictures from the event.



Resident Article from Chandan Sapkota and Adnan Kummer

Exchange rate: Stay the course

By Chandan Sapkota and Adnan Kummer

There are rumors about potential change in exchange rate of Nepali rupee (NRs) with Indian rupee (IRs), with which Nepal has pegged its currency at a rate of NRs 1.60 equal to IRs 1.00 since 1993.

While some analysts are

wondering why Nepal's currency cannot be changed, or appropriately revalued, others are calling for devaluation at the rate of NRs 2.00 equal to IRs 1.00. Some people say that change in exchange rate is essential because the existing peg set almost two decades ago does not reflect changing trading environment and widening productivity gap undergone by these economies. Others point out a little more convincing situation relating to soaring trade deficit with India and the need to contain it. [Read More](#)

ISH Photos

Click on the image for photos from ISH's most recent events from our Fall Gala Dinner to our 2010 Ping Pong Tournament to our St. Patrick's Day Tea!



New ISH Tote Bags and Backpacks available!



We're pleased to present our new ISH Tote Bags and Backpacks!

This is the perfect gift for a current resident, alumni or just someone that has a great relationship with the house.

The Tote Bag is in Light Blue and made from durable 600D Polyester. The Bag also comes with a zipper enclosure and 32" web handles with Velcro Shoulder Straps.



The Back Pack is 100% Poly Microfiber in the front and 100% Poly Air Mesh in the back to provide superior comfort. This Pack also comes with a zippered front pocket, extra thick drawstrings for greater comfort and reinforced bottom grommets for durability.

Each bag is \$5.00 USD plus shipping. For more information, click on the images, or go to

<http://www.ishdc.org/life/store.asp>

Marpat Halls own Gaurav Dhamija wins the 2010 ISH Ping Pong Tournament

The second year of the International Student House Ping Pong Tournament produced a set of memorable matches that brought up an inevitable final between the two best players of the house, Gaurav Dhamija and Mohsin Khan. These two table tennis gladiators battled through a bracket tournament of more than 20 players to face each other in a fierce battle of epic proportions. Despite the straight set win, Mohsin brought upon the house a fierce level of competitiveness that might never be matched again...



In the doubles finals, Gaurav and partner Florian Tschandl, battled Mohsin Khan and Lola Mathus and won in straight sets.

To see pictures from ping pong finals, click on the image.

ISH announces call for "ISH Stories"



Got an interesting story from your time at ISH???

We'd love to hear from you! Our next newsletter will be focused on our ISH alumni and their experience at 1825 R street. Whether it's your future love that you've met, or great friendships that's stood the test of time, we want to hear all about what ISH meant to you! Send your stories to Jonathan Park at jpark@ishdc.org

[Click here for ISH Alumni updates from Alumni that have visited the house over the past year!](#)

Alumni Updates

Nancy Coleman
USA
Class of '44

My husband, Demarest Lloyd Jr. grew up in this House until 1944. He became a naval fighter pilot, flying off the U.S.S. Hornet. He was shot down over Guam, June 12, 1944 and lost his life in WWII. His only survivor is a daughter, Taugley Campbell Lloyd, now 64 years old. As his widow I spent many happy moments here during WWII.

B. Shimon Schwarzschild
Germany
Class of '48

Retired editor USDA forest service, active nature protection advocate in international environmental cons'n. Founded Action for Nature Inc. And Native Yew Conservation Council. Shuttling between California and NY.

Wonderful memories of my I-House stay. I-House was a true refuge from still prevailing "Jim Crow" segregation in DC. Keep up the good work!!!

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We're updating our alumni database!!!

ISH has a more than 70+ year history with over 9,000 alumni from over 130 countries. Over the years we have lost contact with many of our alums as you've moved around the world for your careers or family. ISH is embarking on a major campaign to update our alumni database to better serve the alumni community. Our goals are two-fold:

1) to collect the most up to date information of our alumni in order to keep up with your lives and careers

2) to develop a resource for you to connect with other alumni through the International Student House

We need your help to succeed. Please reply back with your current contact information, including any new email address, as well as updates on you life, career, family, etc... In addition, please forward this newsletter to all of your ISH friends so we can connect to as many alumni as possible. We'd love to hear from them as well!

Thank you for all your support and have a great fall!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Park
Director of Alumni Relations
International Student House
Washington, DC