



# Long Yang Club of Seattle Newsletter

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## Annual Membership Meeting

We will be hosting our Annual Membership Meeting on February 23 at 730PM. Positions up for re-election include the chairman and treasurer position. Please contact us if you would like to run for one of these position. The only requirement is you need to be a member in good standing with LYC-Seattle. Appetizers will be provided. Members and non-members are welcomed, but only current members are eligible to vote. Come join us and help shape our future. This meeting is tentatively scheduled to be at Arena (925 E Pike St).

## Lunar New Year

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. The Chinese year 4700 begins on February 12, 2002. LYC, Q&A, YAMS, and MPowerment will be jointly sponsoring a dance party at 1017 E Union. There will be food, dance, music, and a whole lot of fun. The event is free, but donations are accepted. Come join us on Feb 15 at 8PM.

## Chairman Duncan Speaks

Whew, the year is over. I would like to extend thanks to my fellow council members, the staff at Arena, and all the new members and current members of our club for a wonderful year. Night FantAsia will be continuing this year. Please stay tune for updates. Lets make this year 2002 the best year ever. Peace.

We are still looking for a newsletter editor and a social events coordinator. If you can help out, give us a call or email us.

## Gay Thailand

*by our Secretary*

Thailand is the leading destination of Gay Travelers, for various reasons from the culture aspects of Thailand to the sexual.

This was my 6<sup>th</sup> trip to the Land of Smiles and each time I go I experience a new and different part of Thailand I have not seen before. However on this trip my Lover went w/ me so we played tourist, as this was his first trip to Siam.

We spent a week in Bangkok seeing the Grand Palace, Wat Po and other major attractions. We also took in the Gay Bangkok. We met several times with members of LYC-Thailand attending various LYC events. There are several places in BKK that being an LYC member you can get discounts. One of those is the Telephone Pub just off Silom Road. This place is one of the most popular Bar and Restaurant and has been operating there for over 14 years. It a great place to start the evening before heading out to visit other bar/clubs in the area. Not too far from Telephone is the infamous DJ Station, one of the hottest disco in town. It is 3 stories and packed full of hot bodies sweating and dancing. The one thing that has changed in BKK and through out Thailand is that all clubs/bars must close at 2 AM, no longer can you dance or drink or until the sun comes up. The new Government has been trying to clamp down on the images of Thailand being the SEX capital of the world. Also go go boys as well as go go girls can no longer dance naked on stage, and the infamous sex shows are no longer allowed, however we did run across a couple of boy bars where we saw live sexual acts on stage. The prices in Thailand are inexpensive, as the Thai Baht is 44 to the US Dollar. Anyway enough for now until next time Sawasdee.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

(all events are subject to change, please check with our web page or hotline for the most up to date information)

### JANUARY 2002

5	Sat	4:30PM	Council Meeting
5	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social

### FEBRUARY 2002

2	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social
	TBA		Council Meeting
15	Fri	8:00PM	Lunar Year Party
23	Sat	7:30PM	Membership Meeting

### MARCH 2002

2	Sat	4:30PM	Council Meeting
2	Sat	7:30PM	Coffee Social
17	Sun	3:00PM	St Patty's Potluck



## UPGRADING TO WINDOWS XP?

Well, I finally upgraded to Windows XP, because my Win 98 SE got messed up. Please don't try to believe this is an easy process. It took me a whole day to do the upgrade and this is someone that is computer literate. Things do run much better and smoother. I am happy with the XP upgrade, but lots of programs are still awaiting full compatibility with XP, especially hardware products. If your computer works fine with Win 98, I would suggest you to hold off. Unfortunately, Mac OS X is going through the same issues. Its a great operating system, but full compatibility is slow in coming.

Please note that this is not an advertisement for MS products. I believe Microsoft is a monopoly and will eventually be punished. They force you to register their products, yet they can't play fair with their competitors. I believe they make great products, but then again, they make their money from all those upgrades they keep on pushing.

**Long Yang Club of Seattle:** We are an international, non-profit social and educational group established for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people who share an interest in Asian culture.

LYC-Seattle exists to provide an understanding and supportive environment, to raise awareness of the Northwest Gay Asian community, and to promote an atmosphere that encourages and inspires multi-cultural communication, learning, and fun.

**Membership** in LYC is open to all WA residents over the age of 18. All membership information is held in strict confidence. Annual membership dues are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple. To join, leave a message on the hotline, or send us an email, or sign up at our web site.

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