

New Years in Bangkok 2011



New Years in Bangkok was incredible, as usual. Friends Neal and Patty Christensen rented the Presidential Suite on the 34th floor (note fireworks at our level) of the Peninsula Hotel overlooking the Chao Phraya River and invited their fifty closest friends—and we're all close friends. In Saskatoon, Su and go out with friends in small groups or have people over for dinner. Here, we have this huge herd of fascinating friends that gets together regularly at different venues, St. Julian of Bangkok's famous White Room one of the standards. I'll introduce you to a few.



The still hot blonde Dutch babe is in her seventies and grew up in a Japanese Internment Camp on Java, also the birthplace of her sexy name. A year ago the host, her and I were having a conversation at a party about our favorite movies.

Me: "Zhvigo."

Java: "Ah! Cairo. 1960. I was having an affair with Omar. He had a very small penis."

Neal and I just about fell off our chairs laughing so hard.



The babe in the middle is Typhoon Maura Moynihan, the late senator Patrick's daughter and one of Warhol's Girls back in the seventies. She is just one hell of a lot of fun and her incredible high energy, intelligence and spirits account for the fond nickname. When she sweeps into a room, trees bend and sand flies in all directions.



Aren't Thai women beautiful? Where's Su...? Oh, back in Canada working, forcing me into these Thai sandwiches to keep warm. This is why Thai cuisine is world famous. Delicious!



That's Neal in the green-and-white flowered shirt with Patty. They love nothing better than entertaining friends. And, gosh, we love nothing better than to be entertained by them! I didn't fold into a cab until 5:00am but some didn't stumble out until 8:00pm the next day!

I hope your New Years was as great and may this be your best year yet!