

**Film Notes:**



The producer of "The Red Violin" recently paid his third visit to Inge in Boulder, bringing with him an experienced screenplay writer from England. He is planning to make a feature film of her book, "Twilight over Burma," in 2006. We look forward to the eventual release of this film and the awareness it will bring to the world.

**Don't miss the "BBB" - Burma Benefit Bash**

Our first ever, big fundraising event.

September 24th, Saturday

from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
at the Indochine Warehouse  
1779 Valtec Lane, Boulder, CO  
(near Arapahoe and 71st)

- featuring a Silent Auction -  
with great items (i.e. mountain condo  
stays and a 3-day trip to Chicago)

Plus:

- Live Music & Food and Drink -

Presented by Burma Lifeline, together with  
the compassionate owners of Indochine  
(a local business).

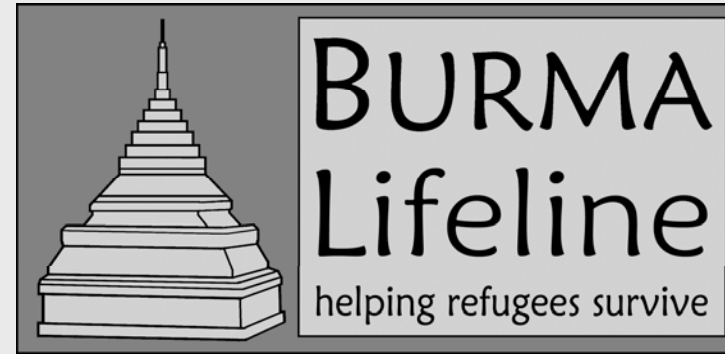
Tickets \$30 in advance / \$35 door  
Available at both Indochine locations  
For more info call 303-444-7734

You should receive a postcard in the mail, with more info about the "BBB"  
We hope to see you there !

(If you'd like to contribute to the silent auction, please let us know.)



featuring the band:  
"Girls on Top"!



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**Dear Friends of Burma Lifeline,**



Inge Sargent  
Burma Lifeline President

We cannot thank you enough for your generous support of our efforts to aid the many refugees from Burma in bordering countries.

Please read this update on the events and achievements of Burma Lifeline during the past year.

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average 28 cents a year to educate a child and 34 cents a year per person for medical care. Yet, they buy tanks, aircraft, weapons and everything a well-equipped modern army needs, all to use to control their own citizens. Is there any wonder that tens of thousands flee every year to neighboring countries like Thailand, India and Bangladesh? With your support, Burma Lifeline can help the refugees survive until they can return home to a peaceful life in their own homes, on their own land.



**What's Happening in Burma?**

Nothing is happening to end the suffering of Burma's people. Living conditions for approximately 50 million people (40% of them ethnic minorities) are getting worse daily. Murder, rape, torture, forced relocation and forced labor continue. One out of three young children are chronically malnourished or physically stunted. The military government of Burma spends on

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### Accomplishments of Burma Lifeline

With your help, we have successfully strengthened both ends of our mission, in our home office and in the lives of the refugees. Here at home we have taken steps in the past year to reorganize our entire operation by:

- Enlisting more volunteers and forming committees.
- Hiring (in January 2005) our first half-time employee, Christa Coleman, to help us in every aspect of our operation.
- Buying our first computer and software to better track the allocation of your donations.
- Raising more awareness of the refugee crisis on the Thai-Burma border by holding a public event with film and talks, called "Human Rights, Disease and Environmental Issues Affecting Refugees from Burma," on April 9, 2005 at the Boulder Public Library.
- Developing a logo for Burma Lifeline and creating our first case statement.



Christa Coleman, our new employee, can be seen working just about everywhere within the organization.



A visitor takes in a Burma Lifeline display at the Boulder Public Library



Guests attending Burma Lifeline presentations at the Boulder Public Library, April 9th 2005

### Our plans for the months to come include:

- Improving our reporting to you (through more newsletters) to keep you better informed.
- Moving Burma Lifeline's small office out of a home to a space provided by another non-profit organization located in town.
- Holding our first ever big fundraiser, the Burma Benefit Bash. See back page for details.
- Improving Burma Lifeline's website. Vijay Patel has kindly volunteered his expertise to help us achieve that goal.
- Increasing our aid to the refugees from Burma.

### On the Thai-Burma Border

Burma Lifeline has:

- Provided emergency funding for food, medical costs and school supplies for newly arrived refugees. When they cross the border into Thailand, the refugees receive rice, salt, oil, fermented soybeans and chili from Burma Lifeline, a month's supply of food for a family of five, amounting to \$19.32.
- Provided partial funding (\$10,000) to support

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School for refugee children

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a school for 315 refugee children; that includes breakfast and lunch for the orphans and other students attending the school, textbooks and stationery, as well as salaries for 10 teachers and other staff members. Originally we were asked for \$22,000 but we couldn't afford to fund the whole program, so we contacted the Foundation for the People of Burma in San Francisco. With their help, the entire program was funded. It is requests like this that have caused us to try to significantly increase our fund- raising capacity.

• Supported the Shan Women's Action Network Intern Project which is training young Shan women to visit villages on both sides of the Thai-Burma border to promote health, educational and economic programs. This program has been very successful and we are anticipating a fresh request for funding.

• Recently had four of our Burma Lifeline people (two directors and two volunteers) visit the Thai-Burma border regions, at their own expense. They have seen for themselves how great the needs of the refugees are and how much Burma Lifeline is accomplishing with your generous help. Without your support we could not continue our efforts.



Clinic at the border

### Appeal from Inge Sargent, President of Burma Lifeline

Although the horrible tragedy caused by Hurricane Katrina has exhausted many of us emotionally and financially, we cannot forget the gentle, helpless refugees from Burma.

The Hurricane was recognized around the world as a terrible natural disaster, yet many do not know of the continuing humanitarian disaster that is happening along the Thai-Burma border. For several years now thousands of refugees have been arriving each month at Fang on the border, fleeing their homeland.

Most of them arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs and are entirely dependent on organizations like Burma Lifeline for their survival. Every dollar you can spare means survival for a refugee halfway around the world. Thank you for whatever you have already done and what you can still do.

### - Ways you can help -

**Make a tax-deductible donation.** In the amount of:  \$20  \$50  \$100  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Stay informed about what's happening** (in Burma and with Burma Lifeline) via our bimonthly email news update.

Yes, send me the news update, my email is \_\_\_\_\_

**Become more involved with Burma Lifeline.** (If you have any time to offer, we could use your help.)

Yes, contact me about becoming involved with Burma Lifeline. Name & Address (if different from mailing label) \_\_\_\_\_

*Clip and send with your donation or info request, using the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.*

Please make checks payable to *Burma Lifeline*.  
For your records our tax ID is 84-1516038

*Thank you, From all of us at Burma Lifeline.*