

# ELP Info :

a newsletter for students in the English Language Program of Roosevelt University

## Giving It Up To Make a Difference

The New Deal is the name for Franklin D. Roosevelt's economic and social plan to help the U.S. recover from the Great Depression during the 1930s. In honor of President Roosevelt, New Deal Service Days have become part of the Roosevelt University tradition and experience.

In April each year, RU students, faculty, and staff participate in New Deal Service Days by lending a helping hand in Chicago and the suburbs. Their volunteer work can be painting, cleaning, or anything else that the community needs. ELP's April 2009 service project was the "Give It Up" campaign.



Hao (Corey) Wu and Dunchao (Eric) Xing did research and prepared a presentation to explain the reasons everyone should give it up for Habitat for Humanity.

The idea for our "Give it Up" project came from Shi (Sheena) Qui. Sheena noted that students don't have much money but that if we all gave up a little thing like coffee or soda for a day, we could combine the money we saved and donate it to charity. Together we could make a difference.

In early April, students in ELP 80 conducted a survey and found that most people could, in fact, make a small contribution. Then students in ELP 90 did research on five organizations: Doctors Without Borders, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, Kiva, and One Laptop Per Child. They created PowerPoint slide shows to present their research

during a meeting on April 16 so that ELP students and faculty could vote for the organization that they wanted to make a donation to. The popular choice was Habitat for Humanity.

The difficult part came next as students asked classmates, friends, family, and others to give up their favorite beverage for a day and contribute the money for a good cause. These efforts really paid off. The total amount of money collected for Habitat for Humanity was \$370.57.

Thank you to all of the "Give It Up" volunteers. Everyone did a fantastic job!



Lina Song, Ji-Hyun (Stephanie) Hwang, and Yunus (Ozzy) Yildirim volunteered additional time to count the donations that they and their classmates collected during the Give It Up campaign.

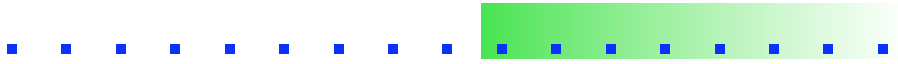
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# RU-Wise

## Something Old

Roosevelt University has an interesting history. The University was founded on April 24, 1945 as a school that would offer all qualified students an equal opportunity for a good education, regardless of their age, ethnicity, socioeconomic group, religion, or gender. Roosevelt came to the Auditorium Building in 1946. Before that, it was a multi-use building with a hotel, stores, restaurants, and offices. During World War II, it was used as a USO Center and a place for people in the military to stay when they were in Chicago. If you're interested in seeing old photos of the Auditorium Building, go to [www.american-architecture.info/USA/CHICAGO/CHIC-LS/CHIC-LS-036.htm](http://www.american-architecture.info/USA/CHICAGO/CHIC-LS/CHIC-LS-036.htm). To learn more about the history of the University, take a look at the Chicago History Museum's *Encyclopedia of Chicago* at [www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/1093.html](http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/1093.html) or information that's on the RU web site at [www.roosevelt.edu/aboutru/history.htm](http://www.roosevelt.edu/aboutru/history.htm).

## Something New

Our university is continuing to grow in 2009. Because HCC is being demolished in preparation for a new building, many of the offices and student services that used to be in HCC are now located in other parts of the Auditorium Building. For example, the Office of International Programs is Room 336 AUD, and you can find the Counseling Center in Room 462 AUD. The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) now has its office, with information about student activities on campus and around Chicago, in Room 344 AUD. Use the RU web site to keep up on office locations and other current student information that you need, including library and computer lab hours. The URL is [www.roosevelt.edu/current/default.asp](http://www.roosevelt.edu/current/default.asp).

## And the Winners Are . . . .

Four ELP students are being honored this year for their achievements. Thanks to the generosity of College of Professional Studies Dean John Cicero, each student will receive a \$100 gift card to the Roosevelt University bookstore.

The English Language Program Leadership Award recipient is **Lina Song**. Lina was nominated for the award by an ELP classmate because of her enthusiasm and the help she gives to those around her.

Students who entered the competition for the English Language Program Writing

Award submitted what they felt was the best sample of their writing for the spring semester. ELP faculty judges selected the following winners: **Yunhe (Crane) Wang** in ELP 83, **Luchuan (Rex) Ye** in ELP 93, and **Maria Ziegenfuss** (ELP 111).

You can celebrate with Lina, Crane, Rex, and Maria at the College of Professional Studies awards ceremony on Thursday, April 30, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The ceremony will be in the Gage Gallery, first floor of the Gage Building.

## Essential Reading

The **ELP final exam schedule** is available outside the ELP Office. Make sure you know the room and time for each of your finals. You must take your exam(s) at the regularly scheduled time.

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All ELP instructors will have **post-term office hours** after they have submitted final grades. Talk to each of your instructors to find out when their office hours will be so that you have a chance to discuss your final exam and course grade.

You'll be able to get a **printed unofficial copy of course grades** on Wednesday, May 6, beginning at 10:00 AM.

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If you have a **locker** on campus, be sure that you know what your responsibilities are for emptying the locker at the end of the spring semester. Go to Room 204 AUD for answers to locker questions.

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Remember that the Spring 2009 **U-Pass** is valid only until May 19. After that, you will have to pay to ride the CTA. Get information at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com).

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**ELP summer classes** are May 26–July 19. See Susanne as soon as possible if you want to take ELP classes in summer and are not yet registered.

Also **register now for Fall 2009**. Fall classes start August 31.

**See Susanne** during her office hours, 1:30–2:30 on Tuesday and Thursday, for advising and a signature until May 14. Email [smclaugh@roosevelt.edu](mailto:smclaugh@roosevelt.edu) to make an advising appointment after May 14.

The **first tuition payment** for Summer session is due on May 15. The first tuition payment for the Fall 2009 term is due on July 31. Tuition and housing fees are listed at [www.roosevelt.edu/studentaccounts/tuitionfees2009-10.htm](http://www.roosevelt.edu/studentaccounts/tuitionfees2009-10.htm).

# Student Spotlight

*Piyachart (Tung) Palakawong Na Ayudthaya is graduate student from Thailand. Tung is studying for an MBA at Roosevelt. This semester, he is taking ELP 111 and major courses.*



*Piyachart (Tung)  
Palakawong Na Ayudthaya*

**Your last name is really interesting. What's the story behind it?**

There's a connection to the Thai Royal family, not this monarchy, but a previous one. An ancestor of mine was a brother of King Rama I of Thailand. Ayudthaya, the last part of my name, was the capital of Siam (a former name of Thailand) at that time.

**How do you feel now that you're about to finish your ELP classes?**

Great. I don't mean great because I'm finishing but great because I'll be doing my full major with nothing else. And I won't have to come to the Auditorium Building. All my classes will be in the Gage Building.

**Why did you decide to do an MBA degree?**

After I finished my undergraduate degree, I worked as a sales rep for a tire manufacturing company for four years. The turning point was when I got a new boss. He was a good guy, but I thought that I could do his job. I needed to prove that I had the qualifications to advance.

**Then what's your goal when you go back to Thailand?**

Since I was in sales before, I'll probably do consumer products. I want to work for a real Thai company, one that's owned and run by Thais, not an international company like before.

**Last semester you were helping a friend with a movie. What was the movie about?**

A friend from Thailand was doing a degree in film at DePaul. Actually, I helped him with a couple of his films. The idea was to show what people here think about Thailand. The movies used animation, so I was an actor who became an animated character.

**Since you were in Chicago last summer, can you make a few recommendations for summer-in-the-city activities?**

Last summer I spent time at the lakeshore. There's a beach at North Avenue where people play volleyball. My friends and I took

food to eat outdoors, and I played soccer there. Another thing that I recommend is Taste of Chicago. It has a variety of food that's really yummy. I liked the pizza and the chicken teriyaki.

This summer, I plan to travel to California and D.C. These will be my first trips in the U.S.

Another place I want to recommend in Chicago is Sound Bar, on Ontario St. If you have a password, there's no entrance fee. The music is all right. The point is when you don't need to pay, you can enjoy yourself. You don't need to drink.

**Are there any good places for Thai food in Chicago?**

There aren't a lot of restaurants with real Thai taste. Rosded and Zapp are pretty good. Rosded is near the Western Ave. stop on the Brown Line. Zapp is in the 2900 block of Devon Ave.

**Where should people go if they want to visit Thailand?**

There are many beautiful places. The temples are fantastic. And we have a lot of floating markets on the rivers.

**What are three adjectives that can describe you?**

That's really difficult. My English teacher in Thailand said that I was the "amazing" guy because I did well in class, so that's OK. "Creative" is another word. For example, I just made my video clip last semester. I felt like dancing, and the music was a good match. "Silent" is a good word to describe me too because I'm a quiet person.



## Around Chicago and at RU . . .

### See Chicago by Bus, by Boat, by Bike, and From the Sky

Now that the weather is getting warmer, it's the perfect time to enjoy Chicago. These are some of your options.

The Chicago Trolley Company offers two-hour audio tours on its red double decker buses. With a hop-on-hop-off ticket you can ride all day, getting on and off the bus as many times as you like at museums and other tourist locations. [www.coachusa.com/chicagotrolley](http://www.coachusa.com/chicagotrolley) has details.

A second option is a Wendella boat tour. The company has architecture tours on the Chicago River, as well as combination river and lake tours. Best of all is their sun-

set cruise on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Get planning information, including schedules, routes, and prices, at [www.wendellaboats.com](http://www.wendellaboats.com).

If you're looking for some exercise while seeing Chicago, why not try a bike ride? If you don't own a bike, you can rent one from Bike Chicago at Millennium Park, Navy Pier, or North Avenue Beach. Their web address is [www.bikechicago.com](http://www.bikechicago.com).

Finally, think about a trip to the top of the John Hancock Tower. On a clear day, the views from the skydeck are incredible, and the price of admission includes an excellent multimedia tour. When you buy your ticket, ask about student discounts. To plan, go to [www.hancock-observatory.com](http://www.hancock-observatory.com).

### International Day at RU

Mohammad Abuali and Maribel Hernández Tagle participated in the annual RU International Day celebration on April 9. The event featured live performances, food, and table displays so that everyone at Roosevelt could learn about the home countries of international students. If you want to be a part of the 2010 celebration, go to the Office of International Programs in Room 336 AUD and ask how you can get involved.



## Check It Out!

Celebrate with other RU students at the **It's Been a Circus...End of the Year Bash** on Thursday, April 30 at 8:30 PM in the Congress Lounge. The event is free. You can find additional information about this and other on-campus events on the RU web site at [www.roosevelt.edu/calendars/osaCalendarChicago.asp](http://www.roosevelt.edu/calendars/osaCalendarChicago.asp).

Stop by the CSI Office in Room 344 AUD to buy tickets for **Mary Poppins** at the low price of \$20. While you're there, ask about tickets for shows at the Auditorium Theatre. Bring your RU ID.

If you're a Harry Potter fan, you'll want to see **Harry Potter: The Exhibition** at the Museum of Science and Industry. The special exhibit is open from April 30 through September 27. There's more detailed information on the museum web site, [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

Chicago-area museums have excellent **gift shops**. If you have family or friends visiting Chicago who want to buy souvenirs, or if you want to buy gifts before you return to your home country for a visit, try the gift shop at the Field Museum, the Art Institute, Symphony Center, the Chicago Architecture Foundation, or the Cultural Center. Use Google to get the address and hours of operation for each location.

Get cooking demonstrations and shop for food at the only organic farmer's market in Chicago. From May 9 through the end of October, **Green City Market** will be held outdoors at the south end of Lincoln Park each Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A full calendar of events and travel information is available at [www.chicagogreencitymarket.org/events\\_calendar.asp](http://www.chicagogreencitymarket.org/events_calendar.asp).

Chicago has many outdoor concerts, festivals, and other special events from May through September. Find out what's going on by using the city's tourism web site: [www.exporechicago.org](http://www.exporechicago.org).

# Word Puzzle

As most ESL students know, English has many “borrowed words” that come from other languages. Match the English words in the lefthand column with their language of origin.

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| <u>i.</u> 1. tornado, guitar, patio | a. Hindi    |
| ___ 2. typhoon, kowtow              | b. Mandarin |
| ___ 3. shampoo, bangle, jungle      | c. French   |
| ___ 4. algebra, zero, monsoon       | d. Greek    |
| ___ 5. yoghurt, caviar, tulip       | e. Dutch    |
| ___ 6. alphabet, museum, athlete    | f. Japanese |
| ___ 7. mammoth, bistro              | g. Czech    |
| ___ 8. judo, soy, tycoon            | h. Russian  |
| ___ 9. diplomat, parachute, sauce   | i. Spanish  |
| ___ 10. pistol, polka, robot        | j. Turkish  |
| ___ 11. dollar, muffin, noodle      | k. German   |
| ___ 12. boss, cookie, bumpkin       | l. Arabic   |

For more on words that English has borrowed from other languages, go to [www.kryystal.com/borrow.html](http://www.kryystal.com/borrow.html).

Answers: i, b, a, l, j, d, h, f, c, g, k, e.



## Web Finds

Are you planning to get your Illinois driver’s license? Then go to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/rules\\_of\\_the\\_road/rrtoc.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/rules_of_the_road/rrtoc.html). There you can study for the written test with the Rules of the Road manual. Click on Driver’s License Exams to find out which chapters to study.

You’ll find the meanings of more than 7,000 idioms in American, Australian, and British English idioms in *The Free Dictionary*, at [idioms.thefreedictionary.com](http://idioms.thefreedictionary.com). Simply type in a phrase to get the explanation that you’re looking for.

Make your own comic strip, and then send it to your friends. Go to [www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix](http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix), and have some fun.



## International Food Corner

### Basic Cheesecake

- 1 3/4 cups of graham cracker crumbs
- 3 packages (8 ounces each) of cream cheese
- 1 1/4 cups of white sugar
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 3 tablespoons of flour
- 1/2 cup of sour cream
- 1/3 cup melted butter

1. Take the cream cheese and eggs out of the refrigerator early. They should be at room temperature.
2. Pre-heat your oven to 450° F. Put the oven rack in the middle. Place a shallow pan of water on the bottom of the oven.
3. Mix the graham cracker crumbs, 1/4 cup of sugar, and the melted butter. Press the mixture on the bottom and half way up the sides of a cheesecake pan. Set aside.
4. Using an electric mixer, combine the cream cheese and sugar just until smooth. Mix in the vanilla and the flour.
5. Add the eggs one at a time. Mix completely after each egg.
6. Add the sour cream, and mix completely.
7. Pour the cheesecake mixture into the prepared pan.
8. Bake at 450° F for 10 minutes. Lower the temperature to 250° and bake for 30 minutes more. Turn the oven off. Leave the cheesecake in the oven for 30 minutes more. Now, for the first time, open the oven door and remove the cheesecake.
9. Cool completely. Then put the cheesecake in the refrigerator overnight. The next day, eat your creation plain, or add your favorite topping.



This group of ELP cheesecake fans visited Eli’s Cheesecake World on Chicago’s Northwest Side during Spring Break. If you prefer to buy a cheesecake rather than make one, look for Eli’s in the freezer section of your favorite supermarket. If you’re interested in going to Eli’s for a tour or for one of their special summertime events, first visit [www.elicheesecake.com](http://www.elicheesecake.com).