



D2 kitchen and wait staff celebrate a job well done.



IWFS International President Yvonne Wallis (left) with Chava GM Peter Jones and his wife Sharon.



Peter Lucas of Destination Resorts gets his IWFS medallion.

LIVIN' IT UP: INT'L WINE AND FOOD SOCIETY

Founded in 1933, the International Wine and Food Society (IWFS) is the oldest independent gastronomic society in the world with 6,000 members and 133 branches worldwide. The launch of the Phuket chapter of the IWFS – presided over by International President Yvonne Wallis – took place on August 22 at the Dusit D2 Phuket Resort in Patong as several of the island's culinary and social luminaries joined the independent society to become Phuket's founding members.



Yvonne Wallis (standing, 4th from left) presided over the event, which became more light-hearted as the evening progressed.



Kelly Lewis, GM of the host venue, D2 in Patong, makes sure the ladies are happy.



Kelly Lewis, Burasari GM Lukas Gerber and Jason Beavan of Class Act Media.



Mike Inman, GM of Aspasia, tells a colourful joke to Brian Connelly, his counterpart at the Doubletree Surin Beach.



Brian Connelly and wine expert Jon Hyams enjoy some fine company.