

THE ALL CALL

Visitors to Region 4



It's been a very busy season for visitors to Region 4.

It started out with an officer from Australia and his girlfriend. We picked them up at the airport and we were invited by GAPA to their monthly meeting where they met many PO's, had a fantastic dinner with lots of beer, and then I dropped them off at the Chicago Getaway Hostel which they liked with its great location. The IPA has a discounted rate for our visitors. They toured Area 3 detectives and had a ride-along. We hosted a dinner for them.

Next came nine officers from Norway, guests of the Chicago Police Department, attending a Narcotics Conference. The CPD had a great tour for them. They went on a ride-along with the now disbanded Mobile strike force, saw the Helicopter Unit, SWAT, and spent a full day on the range. The IPA hosted a Meet and Greet dinner for them.

Barbara, Swiss from Zurich, was next. We met her at the Hancock Center for the view and a drink, followed by a stop for lunch and then the 24th District for a ride-a-long. Our former president, Richard Hargeaves, hosted her in Addison. We also arranged an Architectural river cruise for her.

Thorir from Iceland was next. He came to Chicago for a Social Media Conference presented by the CPD. I picked him up at the airport, we stopped for breakfast, dropped his bags, toured Navy Pier and had a river cruise. He only had one free night so Bob Mitzner suggested we attend a fundraiser sponsored by the 18th District. It was at Dick's Last Resort, which happened to be next to his hotel. He was able to meet many officers including their Commander Ken Angarone.

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2011 Western Experience and National Delegate Council

All IPA Members and guests are invited to the 2011 NDC, October 15-19, 2011. Hosted by Region 25 - Metro Phoenix, Arizona. Registration fee is \$189 per person. Marriott Hotel & Resort, Mesa AZ IPA group rate \$89 per room per day plus tax.



Those wishing to extend their trip, discounts have been arranged for hotels in the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas areas.

Information:
<http://www.ipa-usa-region25.org/ndc.htm>

Upcoming Region 4 Meetings

RSVP: IPA4Chicago@gmail.com

Note: At time of newsletter publication, meeting dates and locations were accurate. However, please check Region 4 website for updates or changes.

For Further Info:
www.IPA-USA.ORG/REGION4

Tuesday, AUG. 30, 2011
6:30pm drinks, 7pm dinner
 Highlanders Polish Buffet
 10135 S. Harlem
 Chicago Ridge, IL

Sunday, SEPT. 25, 2011
1:00pm Lunch
 Sandy's Serbian Restaurant
 7021 W. Higgins Ave
 Chicago, IL

Tuesday, OCT. 25, 2011
6:30pm drinks, 7pm dinner
 Bohemian Crystal Restaurant
 639 N. Blackhawk Dr
 Westmont, IL

Tuesday, NOV. 29, 2011
6:30pm drinks; 7pm dinner
 Lone Tree Manor
 7730 N. Milwaukee Ave
 Niles, IL

DEC. - No meeting this month

Dietary restrictions or preferences can be accommodated with notice.

Friends and family always welcome.

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May saw the arrival of Nestor and Teresa, both POs from Spain. They were picked up at the airport and stayed at my daughter's apartment who was out of town. We stopped for a quick bite where I tried to help them with the menu but failed. Luckily, the waitress spoke Spanish. That night we had a Meet and Greet dinner for them and another guest, Klaus and his wife, from Schaumburg, Germany.

Klaus told us about the sister city program they have with Schaumburg, Illinois Police Department. In the 1850's people from Schaumburg Germany came to the US and began farming the area. Officers from both cities now exchange visits. Klaus and his wife visited NYC while they toured the US.

Nestor and Teresa are Groupon fans, and had a good time using them. We set up a river cruise and tour of the Bike Unit. They even saw the Cubs win! They invited us to dinner at the House of Blues which was a lot of fun. We stopped for a nite cap, and as we chatted a tour bus stopped to let off passengers. It was International Mr. Leather weekend! The boys were in their best leather costumes. It was quite a show.

Angie from London arrived by Amtrak on her journey across the US. She was only in Chicago for a day but would return later in the month. It was my birthday so we invited her to join us for dinner. Her train was canceled because of flooding so she opted for the Greyhound. She regretted it 40 hours later. It seems that some of the riders thought she was rich and were planning to rob her. (Note to self: don't plan a robbery when the victim can hear you.) She sent me a text message asking for help. I found that her next stop had a Sheriff sub station. I explained the situation to the astonished dispatcher. They rescued her and she continued on by air. She toured the West Coast and returned to Chicago for another day. We had a Meet and Greet dinner and set up a boat ride for her. She liked the Hi Hostel at State and Congress.

Our latest guest was Rupert from Austria. He's from a town of about 25,000 in the East. His wife is from Michigan and he took a side trip to Chicago. He stayed at the Getaway Hostel (Clark & Fullerton). I picked him up at the train station and we stopped at Billy Goats for lunch. When I dropped him off I got a tour of the Hostel. It's very clean and vibrant. A guest singing opera accompanying herself on a grand piano greeted us. They have a media room, pool tables, and a large kitchen area with food storage for guests; breakfast is included along with free Internet. The rooms are very clean but rather monastic. They offer outings every night, but I setup a downtown tour and a river cruise. He also toured the 19th District. Rupert was excited to find an authentic Austrian bakery where we had breakfast on his last day. His ride-a-long was different. Rupert got to sit in the Cub's dugout and lunched at Mr. and Mrs. Hot Dog (Superdawg) along with answering a few Police calls. He had a lot of fun at the Meet and Greet.

We had an emergency request from Germany for officers to have a Police tour. They were part of a Band playing in Chicago. It started out with 20 people and ended up with over 40. The 19th District setup a great tour and provided CAPS memorabilia for them.

Look for Flash Messages on two new guests coming in the next few weeks, Tina from New Zealand and six officers from Iceland who are doing a Route 66 trip. The probable dates are the 3rd and 14th or 16th of September for Meet and Greets.

I would like to thank Commanders Mike Wick 24th District, John Kenny 19 and Gary Yamashiroya Area 3 Detectives for all their help with our guests. A special thanks goes to Shoreline Sightseeing in providing an excellent Architectural River cruise.

Bill Frapolly, First Vice President

IPA Events of Interest

Sept. 18-25 2011
IEC World Meeting, Romania

Sept. 25-Oct 2 2011
Friendship Week, Romania

Oct. 15-18 2011
NDC Western Experience
Mesa, Arizona

Nov. 10-13, 2012
USA 50th Anniversary
Washington, DC

2012 IEC World Meeting,
Israel

2013 IEC World Meeting,
Denmark

Further information:
www.ipa-usa.org

IPA Event of Interest

Section Brazil invites you to visit the Brazilian Pantanal, an internationally known region of pristine and biologically rich environments and the world's largest freshwater wetland system.

The tour program is open year round (except for July and January).

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The Watch Log

Region 4 is making great progress of ensuring a great future for the IPA and our Region.

With the help of my wife Kathy we sent a mailing and questionnaire to 70 members who were not receiving Region 4 emails. A careful audit of our membership roster identified other missing member emails. Most of them are now getting our emails, including our Flash Messages and Region 4 Newsletter. But this leaves some members who do not get email. I do not want to lose any members because of this but at this time we do not have the manpower to offer service via U.S. mail, however we will be mailing The All Call to those identified.

Our July Region 4 Board Meeting saw a complete rewrite of the Region 4 Bylaws which had become outdated. The revision will bring us up to today's technology and facilitate a higher level of participation and transparency. The new Bylaws will be posted on Region 4 website for review by membership and come to a vote at the November General Meeting

One of my campaign initiatives was "Branding and Advertising". We thank one of our Nebraska members, Monty McCord, for sparking the logo and patch development with his initial submission. We opened up the competition and quite the competition it has been. We want to thank our four participants: Monty McCord, April Galamin, James Smith, and our board member, Jim Mathey, for the thought and work put into the quality submissions. The array of ideas made the decision difficult. The Board has selected the logo designed by James

Smith and The Studio of James C. Smith Architectural Illustration. It was selected on many of its merits, but key was its timelessness and encompassing nature.

The top blue rays symbolize the Mars Light, the Police Officer's beacon. The checkerboard symbolizes the Chicago Police Department (the largest law enforcement agency in our Region). The vast sea of police blue symbolizes world police presence. This logo was designed for perpetuity. It will be incorporated into letterhead, patches, challenge coins and promotions. When used as a patch, it will have a lower rocker patch which will be designed with each new administration. An additional rocker commemorating our 50th Anniversary of IPA US Section is forthcoming.



On the Board scene, we have some announcements.

Al McCaffery has resigned his post as 2nd VP and accepted the position of 4th VP, Benevolence and Education Coordinator, for the interim. His retirement travels in California have become too demanding. We should all be so lucky! We thank Al for his great insight and level headed opinions.

We need a member with a big heart to take this very vital position of 4th VP. Some of the responsibilities will be:

keep membership informed of educational opportunities, establish and build on our relations with other benevolent organizations, liaison with police memorials, promote our IPA benefits, establish new programs for our widows and disabled.

Jim Mathey has taken on the awesome responsibilities of 3rd VP. He will be setting up our meetings and events. With his fun loving attitude I think our meetings will be better than ever. Jim is enjoying his retirement from CPD Forensics South.

Kathy Sasso has taken the position of 2nd VP, Development Coordinator. She has the ideas and energy to get our roster up and attracting the next generation of members. Kathy is retired CPD 18th District where she worked the action packed midnight watch.

Our key to the future is recruitment. I have had fun speaking at various events and displayed our new tabletop display at the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association Expo, FOP Lodge 7 Picnic, Chicago Retired Police Association breakfasts and luncheons. Next we will be targeting the new generation of IPA members. Join the fun of advertising the IPA, it's rewarding!

With the declining strength of the dollar, we've seen a big increase in visitors to Region 4. Bill has been doing a great job; contact him to give him a hand.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Bob Mitzner, President

Every year young people from around the world, children/grandchildren of IPA members, are invited to visit another country and participate in an event that many will never forget -- the IPA's International Youth Gathering (IYG). Switzerland is the site for the 2013 IYG, July 20, 2013 to August 3, 2013.

More information: IPA Swiss Section at www.ipa.ch/en/

Development



"The Next Generation IPA"

I have recently been appointed as the Development (membership and retainment) Coordinator.

One of my major goals for IPA Region 4 will be expanding membership. I will be addressing different police clubs, meetings and other events in an effort to promote our organization.

Other Development efforts include using our new logo design and the website to include links with other organizations. I am open to any suggestions and am available to speak with any organizations in our area.

Kathy Sasso, 2nd Vice President

Member Travel Tip: Pack a bunch of police items that are small and not too expensive as quick handouts. For example, shoulder patches, ballpoint PD pens, kids' plastic PD badges and the like. They go over big time. Be sure to have IPA business cards with all your contact info. Many will exchange and keep contact.

Jerry Kosik

Travel The IPA Way

It seems so long ago my wife Kathy and I whiled away the winter as guests of the New Zealand IPA. New Zealand should be on everyone's list of countries to visit. It is surreal majestic snow capped mountains, waterfalls from the heavens, pastoral sheep, world class wines and dynamite trout fishing. Unfortunately the NZ Friendship Week was cancelled due to a lack of participation. But this, and an earthquake, did not stop our plans, just altered them.

IPA NZ assisted us with the IPA lodging arrangements and found a rental car for a great rate. We used United Air Miles on Air NZ for a great flight and making our travel to NZ very reasonable.

IPA NZ's National Travel Secretary, Marlene Merriman,, coordinated our trip perfectly, having to scramble around with our dates in Christchurch due to the devastating earthquake which had destroyed the central business district so completely.

IPA NZ owns three "holiday homes" which gives all IPA members the reciprocal opportunity to rent among 70 other Holiday Homes across the two islands.

While most of our time was spent in ultrascenic rural areas, did not allow for us to meet a great many IPA members. Kiwis citizenry love to meet travelers and we have fond memories of our IPA hosts and new friends.

Bob Mitzner

Request for Proposal (RFP)

We invite vendors to contact us regarding the production of Region 4 embroidered patches, challenge coins, and promotions using our new logo.

Interested suppliers, contact: ipa4chicago@gmail.com

More IPA Events of Interest

Section Canada Rocky Mountain Tour

Tentatively scheduled for June 2 -14, 2012. A coach tour with 2 nights in Calgary, 2 nights in Banff, 2 nights in Waterton and 2 nights in Edmonton. While in Edmonton, guests will join the IPA Canada Annual General Meeting with delegates from across the country for a joint social event. Option to add one week in Vancouver and BC. For booking and updated tour details visit: <http://ipa.ca/events/rockymountaintour2012.php>

Region 57 Southern Illinois Route 66 Coach Trip

Join your fellow IPA members exploring Route 66 on a 14 days journey from Chicago to Los Angeles, exploring this amazing piece of American history, July 14-27, 2012. Open to all IPA but was developed with our foreign members in mind. Many of them want to take a Route 66 trip. Flyers are available on Facebook or the Region 57 web site or direct download from:

http://www.ipa-usa.org/region57/Route_66_Flyer.pdf

Home Hosting Opportunity

Detective Renzo from Lima, Peru is looking for home hosting for 3-4 nights sometime in October, with proximity to downtown Chicago. Spanish helpful.

ipa4chicago@gmail.com

Newsletter

Share your stories: police, travel , "life after police" or volunteer activities. Send to: ipa4chicago@gmail.com

Region 4 Board

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