

THE ALL CALL

The Watch Log

Happy New Year.

We ended the year with a successful November holiday party where almost everyone received a raffle gift and the rewrite of our bylaws were approved. Bill Frapolly told us about the great IPA accommodations in Barcelona, Spain.

We started the year with the Board focusing on five initiatives for Region 4:

- Better Serving Our Region 4 Membership
- Increasing and Retaining Our Membership
- Better Serving Our Visitors
- Improving Our Region Communications
- Introducing Our Brand

And here are some highlights of our efforts. We enhanced our meetings with speakers, including: Tony Langone, President of the Italian American Police Association and Joe Ahern, Executive Director of the 100 Club of Chicago. We planned a destination meeting with Region 56 Wisconsin - but the Tempel Lipizzans cancelled their season. We're trying again with another destination event for 2012. We began redefining Board responsibilities in 2011 which culminated in the rewrite of the bylaws which better direct our efforts. We ramped up our Development and Recruiting efforts. We attended retirement events, union picnic, ethnic meetings, met with Chicago sports clubs, and exhibited at the ILEETA conference. On our education and benevolence front, we awarded the Region 4 recipient of the Harold Litwin scholarship a matched contribution. We welcome a new member in the Extraordinary Membership category, now available to spouses of deceased law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.

It was a big year for serving our visitors who arrived from 13 IPA countries. We held meet and greets, we provided transportation, we home hosted, we set up ride alongs and station tours. We found long term housing, we found an internship opportunity for a member, we helped with genealogy requests, and we even served home cooked meals in our homes. Our Region has special sightseeing arrangements for boat tours and we have new accommodations with preferred rates. Kudos to Bill Frapolly, our 1st VP, for making sure every IPA visitor to Chicago was taken care of.

We launched a new logo to re-introduce our Region 4 IPA brand. The logo design competition was awarded to the Studio of James C. Smith, a world renowned Chicago architectural illustration and design firm. The manufacturing of the patches has been awarded to our Region 4 member in Nebraska, Monty McCord and his Silverstar Enterprises. Production is taking place now.

Our work on the new bylaws is showing already as we have now conducted a board meeting electronically. This allows us to organize our record-keeping, respond quicker to business, and save time and gas.

We are continuing these initiatives in 2012.

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2012 Region 4 Meetings

RSVP: IPA4Chicago@gmail.com

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

Updates and Further Information:
www.IPA-USA.ORG/REGION4

Sunday, 29 January, 2012*

1:00pm Lunch

With IPA Guests from Spain
Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafe
6501 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL 60459

Sunday, 11 March, 2012

1:00pm Lunch

A St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Irish Times Pub and Restaurant
8869 Burlington Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513

NEW DATE: Tuesday, 17 April, 2012*

6:30pm cocktails, 7:00pm dinner

ILEETA Conference
Golden Chef Chinese Restaurant
600 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090

Sunday, 8 July, 2012*

1:00pm Picnic Lunch

Location TBD

Thursday, 4 October, 2012

6:30pm cocktails, 7:00pm dinner

Chicago Marathon Party
Location TBD

Tuesday, 27 November, 2012*

6:30pm cocktails, 7:00pm dinner

Holiday Party
Location TBD

December - No meeting this month

* General Meetings

Dietary restrictions or preferences can be accommodated with notice.
Friends and family always welcome.

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You'll notice our meeting schedule for 2012 has slightly reduced dates and different days of the week. We have a fluctuating attendance and unreliable RSVPs at our meetings, so in turn we're trying to be more effective in our efforts. We are concentrating our efforts on enhancing our meetings, structuring around recruiting events, meeting visitors, and special events. January meeting we have guests from Spain. March we are looking for a guest speaker. April will be tied in with our recruiting efforts at the ILEETA and guest attendees from the conference. July is a destination event, location to be determined. October we will welcome IPA runners from around the world in the Chicago Marathon.

Including just one IPA event in your calendar this year would go along way to bolstering our meetings and meet and greets. Help our 3rd VP, Jim Mathey with your attendance and solid RSVPs as he gets this new program together.

Watch your email for an upcoming online member questionnaire. We need to update member contact information to ensure we're reaching all our members, we want to identify where our members will help with visitors, and we need to respond to National information needs.

While membership remains steady since its big drop in 2008, this year recruiting becomes our priority. Increasing our membership by at least 10% in 2012 is our goal. We need the next generation of members. Along with our branding, make sure you keep talking up the IPA. We need your help. Kathy Sasso, our 2nd VP, is leading the way to get the IPA and Region 4 known and our membership up.

Designs are in the works for a challenge coin to further brand our logo. Your design input is welcome.

We will be adding more resources to our website.

I personally receive great satisfaction in making Chicago so accessible, especially to the younger world travelers, and this year I received great satisfaction from our beginning efforts at educational benevolence; I look forward to expanding these efforts.

We are all saddened by the 29 December killing of the CPD's Clifton Lewis during a robbery while working a second job. We are also sad to announce the passing of Fred Barney, past president of Region 4 and former national officer. A Memorial will be held 14 Jan 2012 at 11028 SW Hwy. Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465.

Get well wishes go out to member Joe Salvo, who is home nursing a broken leg; and Mary Jones, past president of Region 4 and current member of Region 36, who is recuperating from back surgery.

Bob Mitzner, President

2012 50th Anniversary of IPA US

Join us for the celebration. Meet police from all over the world as they help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary, 9-12 November, 2012, Washington, D.C.

Go to www.ipa-usa.org/50th.html for hotel reservations, registration forms, and online registration



IPA Events of Interest

2-7 September, 2012
IPA World Congress
Eilat, Israel

9-15 September, 2012
Friendship Week, Israel

7-14 October, 2012
Friendship Week
Sydney, Australia

10-13 November, 2012
USA 50th Anniversary
Washington, DC

2013 IEC World Meeting,
Denmark

Further information:
www.ipa-usa.org

**2012 Region 4
Major Recruiting Events**

Volunteers and supporters needed for these and other events:

ILEETA International Law Enforcement Educators & Trainers Association - 16 April, 2012, Wheeling, Illinois

FOP Lodge 7 Chicago Picnic - 18 July, 2012

Midwest Security & Police Expo - 21-22 August, 2012, Tinley Park, IL

Region 4 Board

President: Robert P. Mitzner
1st Vice President: William W. Frapolly
2nd Vice President: Kathryn Sasso
3rd Vice President: James Mathey
4th Vice President: Albert McCaffery, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer: Kathleen Lambros

Region 4 U.S. Section Positions

Associate Secretary to Hong Kong & Monaco: William W. Frapolly
Associate Secretary to Iceland & Turkey: Robert P. Mitzner
Associate Secretary to Israel: Diane Shapiro

What is it??!!



It is the IPA USA's QR code, Quick Response two dimension barcode. Scan the QR now.

It's a unique bar code that directs people to the IPA USA website. It's like adding the website address to something, but instead of typing in the URL, just scan the barcode with your smartphone and the app takes you right to the website. This technology was originally developed to track parts in manufacturing plants.

There are many other ways it can be used. It can contain contact and event information, and we will be using it in our recruiting materials and our exhibit displays. Region 4 is adapting to another new technology.

Sign up for IPA USA Emails

Join IPA USA online and sign up to receive their Email Newsletter . If you have done so yet, visit the IPA USA website at www.ipa-usa.org to sign up for their Email Newsletter. Enter your email address in the section of the home page and enjoy getting some new and more timely updates of events and activities.

2012 Dues

A reminder from our Secretary/Treasurer: Dues notices have been mailed out. Please pay your dues for 2012. Your Region 4 membership renewal is important to us.

Advertising

Region 4 can help members advertise and network their business with other members. Send us a digital file of your business card for a free Business Card Ad in the upcoming newsletter. Another benefit of your IPA Region 4 membership.

Digital submission guidelines:

Dimensions for business card: 3 1/2"W x 2"H

Please send in high resolution JPEG

Email your digital file to: ipa4chicago@gmail.com

2011 Visitors

Australia
Austria
Cyprus
Denmark
Germany

Gibraltar
Iceland
Ireland
Minnesota
New Zealand

Norway
Spain
Switzerland
United Kingdom

More IPA Events of Interest

Section Canada Rocky Mountain Tour

Scheduled for 2-14 June, 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, 14-27 July, 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

Incoming Visitor

We have a Huelva, Spain member Rafael, on an extended visit to Chicago with his wife Sonia who will be studying at The Newberry Library in Chicago and Northwestern University in Evanston.

They will be in Chicago from approximately 20 January to 17 February 2012. Rafael practices martial arts and is also studying history at the university level He seeks new IPA friends while in Chicago.

This couple has found a furnished apartment in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood and is looking forward to meeting members of the IPA.

They will be our guests at the January 29 lunch in Burbank, Illinois at Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafe.

Please set aside this date to join us.

The All Call Newsletter

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

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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). The Czech Republic is the site for 2012: 4-18 Aug. 2012 Switzerland is the site for the 2013 IYG, 20 July, 2013 to 3 August, 2013.
More information: IPA Czech Section at www.ipacz.cz and IPA Swiss Section at www.ipa.ch/en/

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