

## Activity Reminder & Interim Newsletter

**To: Region 62 IPA Members & those visitors and friends on our email list.**

**Activity Notice. A reminder that our next scheduled activity / meeting will soon be happening. Please mark your calendar and come and join us.**

**Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 1830 (6:30 pm). Eggspectations Restaurant.**

**We will again have the private dining/meeting room for our use. We have enjoyed this location, along with the good service, food, and beverages for several of our previous meetings and they have been able to accommodate our group by providing separate checks for our dining. We hope to see ALL of you there.**

**The restaurant is located at 5009 Westone Plaza Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151. Phone: (703) 263-7444. [MENU](#) [MAP/directions](#).**

**Take the Westfields Boulevard exit off of route 28 (Sully Road), heading west (or perhaps sw) to Stonecroft Blvd. (should be the first exit). Take a left, followed by another left and Eggspectations will be located in a small mall of stores that parallel route 28 in the SW quadrant of the cloverleaf. On occasion, traffic has been heavy in some directions during the evening rush hours. George Ashley mentioned that he avoided some of it by coming out (westbound) via Braddock Road from Fairfax to route 28. I will be trying that route this time.**

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**Visitor Requests. As many of you are aware, the Region has been receiving a number of requests for assistance from potential visitors. This always presents some problems as not everyone follows the prescribed rules as established by the IPA. We often receive requests that are not accompanied by the proper IPA travel form, or that may come directly from the individual and not through one of the associate secretaries (in the case of out-of-country visitors). Often, the requests do not contain the required copy of the individuals IPA membership. We are thus not even able to immediately verify that they are bone fide members. To compound the problem, potential visitors may often send their requests to any of several various individuals within the region, (sometimes to more than one person) and this will occasionally confuse the issue. Various other US regions, the [Associate Secretaries](#), and even some of our National officers have compounded this issue by forwarding various requests in a variety of ways. The original established procedure was to send requests to the region secretary who would then bring them to the attention of the proper people for action and response.**

**All of us involved in the activities of the region want to ensure that all requests are handled as promptly and expeditiously as they can be and that none are possibly overlooked. At the same time we do wish to confirm the identity and background of those making requests in order to provide a measure of protection. With our web page being available in the public domain, we can never know exactly who may be contacting us until we check.**

**We all realize that everyone providing assistance are all volunteers, that some requests just cannot be honored as certain locations cannot be accessed any longer, and that on occasion, certain times or days are not convenient for tours or meetings with local law enforcement agencies. Last minute requests and those that do not provide sufficient details such as exact dates or particulars are usually hard to accommodate.**

**Stepping Up to the Plate. Many of our region members have done an outstanding job so far. Recently, Dennis and Diane Arcoraci hosted the biking British brothers at their home as the brothers finished their 4300 mile bicycle journey across the United States. Dan and Marketta Jenkins later hosted them for a few days and gave them quite a memorable experience of the Washington area.**

In order to inform ALL members of pending requests and to attempt to coordinate the various needs and arrangements of potential visitors we have started listing all *known* requests on a special page of our regional website, <http://www.ipa-usa.org/region62/visitor.htm>. You are each encouraged to regularly check this page and stay informed about visitors that may be arriving. Perhaps you will be able to meet new colleagues and make new contacts and friends. Please assist where you can with any arrangements, hosting, sightseeing, or other assistance.

**VAT**. In this case VAT stands for Visitor Assistance Team and not value added tax. Your regional board hopes to form a team of a few interested individuals that can review all requests for assistance and coordinate these requests, making sure that none are overlooked. We are looking for:

1. A few individuals to become part of the Visitor Assistance Team and take some of the pressure off of the one or two officers that usually wind up sorting through all of the requests and then contacting the membership in an attempt to get someone to step forward and volunteer to participate.
2. We also want to compile a list of our members that may be able to make special contact or provide arrangements for visits to visit law enforcement agencies or facilities, or to see special units thereof. We are also looking for contacts to other places of interest to visitors in our area. If you have something to offer, or have a good contact, or can make a contact, etc. please get in touch with me so that I may include it on our (non publicized) list for possible future use.
3. If you are interested in hosting, doing some sightseeing, or serving as a guide – on occasion, whenever, or whatever, please feel free to contact me so we can also include you on the list we maintain for future consideration.

We usually suggest that our visitors peruse our travel page for the suggestions and links found there as one of their first steps. <http://www.ipa-usa.org/region62/travel.htm> A number of attractions, the hotel offering IPA discounts and other information is located on that page. Any suggestions that you may have to be included will be appreciated. Contact the [webmaster](#).

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**Regional Web Site**. Our web site, <http://www.ipa-usa.org/region62/> has undergone a few subtle changes recently. The opening, (index or home page) now has several new links to connect you directly with many of the various separate pages inside. You no longer have to search for some of the links. I urge you to periodically check the [activities, news, and announcements page](#) and the [visitor request page](#) on a frequent basis.

There are actually several rather important (at least to your IPA region) things pending. It would seem a bit illogical to replicate all of it here, so I will give the brief highlights and you can read it in the announcements and news.

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**Election**. We presently have one VP position vacant now, BUT we are already scheduled to hold a new election for ALL elected positions. This election will be held at the October 13 meeting. We need candidates with the time to work for the region and that are willing to run and serve. Several individuals have already announced their desire, intent, and willingness to serve. They are listed on the webpage. Other positions have no candidates running as yet. It would be nice to have at least two or more people interested in each position and in serving the needs of the region. In reality:

- All positions are open.
- They are for a three year term with the new officers being sworn in (usually) at the December meeting. New officers *officially* take office on December 31, 2010 and will serve for the years 2011, 2012, and 2013. (*IPA bylaws*)
  - The following officers must be elected according to existing IPA bylaws:
    - Region President
    - 1st Region Vice-President
    - 2nd Region Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer

○ **NDC Representative**

**Other positions may be elected or appointed.**

- **We do need a Newsletter Editor.**
- **We can also certainly use a new Webmaster.**

Any individual interested in any position please contact me and I will add you to the list on the website. The region deserves the best people!

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**Region growth & email list.** Our region continues to grow. Our treasurer, David Ackley recently sent a new update containing three new members and a renewal.. That brings us up to 104 paid members. Welcome to Eric Acevedo of the Fairfax county Police, Mike Fisher with the US Border Patrol, and Martin Lee Leddy with US Army CID. Also, thanks for the renewal Fred! I hope that each of you will be able to come to this next activity. I rather expect more activity than business at this meeting, although we seldom ever let business interfere with our fun and friendship. Do join us and introduce yourselves to everyone. I have added you to our e-mail list which I send only to our region members and to those known IPA members visiting and working in this area that have asked to be notified of our activities. One or two very close friends of IPA members that have been vouched for and verified and a couple of lapsed IPA members that we hope will rejoin also receive copies.

**Security.** You may have noticed that a list of recipients and/or email addresses are not showing on this mail out. I have started sending many of my mail outs, particularly larger ones, through the Bcc box of my email program following the example of many agencies and institutions that are doing that in an effort to avoid having address lists copied and possibly spammed. As we never know exactly where all email may eventually wind up (or to whom it may be forwarded) it does pay to use some caution whenever possible. Now, if we could just get individuals to stop hitting the reply to all button (a few professors at my college are the worst offenders) we would really accomplish something.

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**Other Ramblings from ‘round the region.**

Tim Field, our President is presently in the United Kingdom for the next several weeks. Tim said he planned to eat plenty of fish and chips.

Judy Duff has been busy downsizing now that her daughter is headed off to college and as a soon to be empty-nester, Judy decided to sell her house and move to a more manageable location. Perhaps in the Leesburg area.

Kelly Kunkel contacted one of our potential future German visitors and offered to host him and his family at her home near Berryville (he had mentioned he also wanted to see the mountains). Kelley has also had one of our IPA long term visitors to the area, Stefano Bergonzini as an occasional guest. Stefano, an IPA member from Italy, a member of the Italian Carabinieri, presently serving as the Security Chief at the Italian Embassy in Washington contacted our Region back in February wanting to connect with some of our activities, and especially hoping to get in some hunting in this area. He has since hunted bear with Kelly's husband in Canada, and may soon be hunting wild hogs and swamp monsters in the south. Another example of **Servo Per Amikeco or Service Through Friendship**, our IPA motto.

**Dennis and Diane** Arcoraci will soon be off for a visit to the U.K. I understand they will visit England and Scotland. I am not sure if Dennis will be wearing a kilt or not, but if he does, perhaps we can get him to model it for us on their return.

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I apologize for the format of this interim report. I certainly miss the finesse as well as the presentation of Dennis' newsletters. The main thing is to get your attention directed to our activity coming up next week, August 11. Secondly, to hopefully direct you to our website to find out what is happening and keep up-to-date with visitors and activities. We do need people to step forward and consider taking over some of our positions to keep this region running smoothly. Our

geographic location puts us in a “prime” spot for many IPA visitors. Luckily, we have a wealth of talent and resources among our members. We just need some additional folks to step forth and assist from time-to-time. We know that we have many fine and innovative law enforcement agencies to showcase so it should be easy to do with minimal effort.

I look forward to your suggestions and assistance.

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