



IPA REGION 62 NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Believe it or not it is spring! This morning I was awakened by the roar of thunder and the sound of the raindrops on my roof. As I rolled over to catch a few more winks before the alarm went off I remembered I had left my Harley outside and uncovered! A few minutes later and quite a bit wetter I settled for a morning coffee while I planned my day.

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Spring means warmer temperatures, rain instead of snow and of course...visitors from far and wide to see our nation's capital. Two weeks ago I had the pleasure to host a couple from Italy. Alessandro Montanari and his wife Grazia Grandi are from Bologna, Italy and they annually vacation in our area. They had both seen all the regular hotspots and were interested in a behind the scenes tour of a local police department. We spent the morning and afternoon visiting training facilities, helicopter bays (Alessandro is a pilot) and of course no afternoon would be complete without a barbeque lunch! We had a great time together and I hope to see them again next year. (SEE PHOTO'S PAGE 5)

This is the most enjoyable part of being in the IPA is meeting cops from all over the world and getting to show off my department to them. If you haven't had the chance to host anyone for an afternoon visit please take advantage of the opportunity and let the Visitor Assistance Team (VAT) know you are interested. You will be glad you did and who knows, you may find yourselves making a lifelong friend.

TREASURERS REPORT

Our membership of fully paid (& re-newed) members now stands at 94 Members, plus a small handful of renewals in Transit.

Our current fund balance now stands at: \$ 6,231.37

We have only 11 Members that use no E-mail; so we will continue to communicate to them by letter in lieu of electronic means.

David Ackley



INFORMATION ON FOREIGN TRAVELER REQUESTS FROM VICE PRESIDENT JUDY DUFF



On Saturday, March 12, 2011, IPA members Judy Duff, Tim Field, Dave Ackley, Larry Linville and Joe Dunn gathered at the Lion and Bull Restaurant in Haymarket, Virginia to discuss strategies for the new Visitor Assistance Team (VAT). Additional members of the VAT team not able to attend that day are Hugh Brien and Cecil Richardson. Because the number of visitors is growing rapidly with the warmer weather approaching and the fact that we have merged with Region 7, the team needed to be formed and organized to assist those visitors. It was determined that the team members would take turns in coordinating the visits; however, they would continue to seek assistance from all IPA members of our region to host the visitors with transportation, sightseeing, facility tours, accommodations, etc. Requests for help may be on our website or through a mass email or seeking out members who have specific abilities or areas of interest. The visitor requests come in many different ways by information on our website or through Associate Secretaries of the country of origin. There was no coordination to make sure each request was answered. We hope that the current process will facilitate the timely and efficient assistance requested.

As a side note, the Lion and Bull Restaurant www.lionandbull.com is owned by retired Majors, Ron and Audrey Miner. Check them out.....they give discount to any law enforcement officers, current or retired.

VAT Assignments to date where your assistance could be helpful.....

Judy - Richard Leek and wife from the UK arriving May 15 for four days. They are seeking outdoor adventure. I have not received travel forms for him yet so we shall see if we can help him.ou need to add to website.
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Dave - Ferdinand Klob from Germany arriving May 2 and leaving May 5 staying in Capitol Heights (I believe Dave will try to find him other accommodations). He would like to see FBI and police stations. Ackleyd@cox.net

Larry - Helmut Steffens from Altenkerchin, Germany arriving in DC July 1 to July 6 travelling with his daughter, Angelina, age 16. He is renting a vehicle and would like to be shown police departments llinville@cox.net

Hugh- Norfert Bautenberg from Germany arriving in DC on June 21 to June 23. They need help with accommodations for five people for 2 nights. They would also like to see Capitol and White House. hbrien@aol.com

PLEASE VISIT THE WEB PAGE FOR LATEST UPDATES ON VISITORS NEEDING ASSISTANCE AT <http://www.ipa-usa.org/region62> See the VAT information section... We have requests coming in frequently and all the updates will be posted there for your help....

*ARTICLE PROVIDED BY OUR TREASURER
DAVID ACKLEY*

Premiums for Public Safety Officers

If you are an eligible retired public safety officer (law enforcement officer, firefighter, chaplain, or member of a Rescue squad or ambulance crew), you can elect to exclude from income distributions made from an eligible Retirement Plan that are used to pay the premiums for accident or health insurance or long-term care insurance. The premiums can be for coverage for you, your spouse, or dependents. The distribution must be made directly from the Plan to the insurance provider. You can exclude from income the smaller of the amount of the insurance premiums or \$3,000. You can only make this election for amounts that would otherwise be included in your income. The amount excluded from your income cannot be used to claim a [Sch. A itemized] medical expense deduction. For this purpose, an eligible retirement plan is a governmental plan that is:

- A qualified trust,
- A section 403(a) plan,
- A section 403(b) annuity, or
- A section 457(b) plan. [This is mostly where we fall under]

So, on the front of your Federal Income 1040 Tax form add: “PSO” next to the Gross amount of your retirement distribution and be sure to deduct it along with your taxable portion of the retirement plan distribution.

Federally: The CSRS and FERS are considered eligible retirement plans



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NOW THIS IS WHAT I CALL THE IDEAL RETIREMENT PAST TIME.....by
your editor Dennis Arcoraci Life doesn't have to be Police related to be interesting...



He uses long pole to prod bottom of Lake to feel hard plastic frisbees



Once he feels one he places a marker stick seen to his left and uses net pole to retrieve



Wow, a good catch....in the net. I told him, it's too bad they weren't lobsters.



Here is the 'hole' where the Frisbee has to hit the chains and drop in the basket. You can see our friend in background fishing for Frisbees...



In John Taylor Lake , Largo, FL we find this man doing a most unusual fishing. He is poking his prod for the feel of any Frisbees that fall in the lake. He finds one and places a pole as marker and takes his net pole and retrieves the disc. The park gets many disc golfers every day and he sells them back to the owners for cash as they are special discs. Many fly into the lake as some of the holes are close to the water. Fairfax County put a Frisbee course in Burke Lake Park years ago. Here, they take it seriously and have the Lake Taylor Frisbee Golf Club. This is where I walk my dog Joey along the 1 ½ mile path that winds around the lake and through the course. Everybody gets along fine, including the alligators





WITH FAIRFAX COUNTY PURSUIT DRIVER TRAINING COURSE DEPUTY ROB DEER JR. (from page 1)



WITH FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE FLIGHT OFFICER JOHN DEBOUIS (from page 1)



WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE ROESSLER (from page 1)

PLEASE SEND ANY ARTICLES AND/OR PHOTOS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS AND MEMBERSHIP. IT IS NOT HARD TO COME UP WITH A SHORT PARAGRAPH OR TWO THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO READ. WE ARE ALL A BIG FAMILY JOINED BY THE SAME THREAD OF BLUE AND WHAT'S OF INTEREST TO ONE IS INTERESTING TO ALL.

AS EDITOR, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD A SECTION DEDICATED TO OUR MEMBERS OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS IN NEED OF OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. TIMES ARE TOUGH AND WE NEED TO SHARE OUR SHOULDERS FOR EACH OTHER.....CONTACT ME AT MY EMAIL ipavapatriot@aol.com

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