



INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION UNITED STATES SECTION REGION 36

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MARCH-APRIL 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did all of you remember to observe February 14th, Valentine's Day, by ordering flowers, taking to dinner, etc., your spouse or significant other? If you didn't you will probably not be in a condition to read this newsletter!!!! I should know that all of us remembered!??? Susan and I started a two week cruise on this day, going to Chile, Uruguay and Argentina, South America. We have always wanted to travel around Cape Horn and this afforded us the opportunity.

As of this date it has been confirmed that 26 R-36 members have send in their \$25 dues to National for renewal of their 2009 membership. If you have not sent in your renewal dues, please do this immediately. A \$25 check made out to IPA can be send to our National Membership Secretary, Diane MacGregor or National Treasurer, Kevin Gordon, or if you prefer, you can also pay by credit card. If you have a question about renewing your membership please contact me or any of your Board Officers. Our names and contact information are noted in this newsletter under "IPA Region 36 Board of Officers". I again ask all members to assist in recruiting new members.

Recently, your Board of Officers discussed providing a roster of R-36 members to each member. It was agreed that in our next newsletter this information would be provided, and if a member did not want his/her name or contact information noted on this roster, s/he would be advised to contact me (my contact info is in this newsletter) and make it known that s/he did not want his/her name or contact info provided to other members. **Note: this roster would only be provided to R-36 members. If I do not hear from you by March 28, 2009, it will be assumed by your R-36 President that it is okay to list you on the roster and provide it to all R-36 members.**

On February 4, 2009, I received a phone call from Ron Willis (past President of R-36 and now a member of R-30). He advised me that he was in Huntsville. I invited Ron to lunch which he accepted. Over lunch he advised that he was moving back to Houston and was changing his IPA membership back to R-36. Welcome back Ron!!!

At our February 5, 2009, Board Meeting we had a pleasant surprise. Another R-36 past President, and current R-36 member, Matt Zepeda, was in attendance. He stated that he is now living in Round Rock, Texas, close to his kids, and he and his wife are really enjoying life! We also had a guest in attendance, Adrian Summers, from London Metropolitan Police, retired, who is now living in a retirement community in Huntsville, Texas. He has expressed an interest on becoming a member of R-36. He now has an application in his possession for completion. The rest is up to him to become a member of A Great IPA Region, R-36!!!!

Noted below is a list of our Board Meetings which are always held the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

March 5, 2009 Luby's Cafeteria, 922 Lakefront Circle, The Woodlands, TX
April 2, 2009 Whitney Oaks Hall, 816 East Whitney, Houston, TX (713-692-0198)

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FORCE GROUP

I know that many of you are stilling wondering what Force Group means on the back of you 2009 IPA card. This service is being provided to you at no charge and works to get you discounts in stores and restaurants around the USA. All you have to do is go to our web site www.ipa-usa.org and follow the link there to the Force Group web site to set up your account. You will sign up and can then take advantage of the discounts available. I know that in these difficult times, every little bit you can take off a bill counts. Please take full advantage of this offer and start your savings today!!

Vi Powrie
President
IPA-USA

P.S. Don't forget that the World Congress this year is in Turkey, and R-57 is hosting our NDC in Illinois and it sounds like it will be a really good one, so sign up for one or both as soon as possible!



PRIVILEGE CARD

www.forcegroupnetwork.com

HEALTH & WELFARE

The following Region 36 members have birthdays in March:

- Edward Abram
- Bob Barnard
- Mary Jones
- Steve Lyons
- William McMillon
- Keith Van Sickle

The following Region 36 members have birthdays in April:

- Jesus Diaz
- Christ Heart
- Kenneth Perreault

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Oops! A January birthday was omitted from the last newsletter. Happy belated birthday to **Matt Zepeda**



NATIONAL POLICE MUSEUM

Thought you might find this interesting. Sad to say the Police Museum being built in DC will now be done later (2013 instead of 2011), smaller and cheaper than planned. Read about it at the below site. When congress approved the memorial they specified that it had to be built with donations. Seems to me this country has money for everything else. Absolute shame.

Too bad the police in this country aren't as organized as elsewhere. If every US cop and/or retired cop sent in \$50, it would be built with \$ to spare. How nice it would be to be able say as police officers, "we built that" the same way we do most things, without anyone else's help. Okay, I'm done ranting now!

http://www.nleomf.org/media/press/NLEM_ontrack09.htm

Kevin Gordon
IPA National Treasurer

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour on Sunday, March 8, 2009! Make the change Saturday night before you go to bed so that you are not late for church, work, etc. on Sunday morning.



From 2:00 AM to 3:00 AM Sunday

REMOVE AND SAVE THIS PAGE

Proposed Calendar of Events for 2009. Remove this page and post it on your refrigerator or bulletin board. MAKE SURE THAT YOU MARK YOUR CALENDARS, ALSO!!!

- 5 Mar 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. Luby's Cafeteria, 922 Lake Front Circle, The Woodlands, Texas, 281-367-7892 (for directions only).
- 2 Apr 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. Sacred Heart Society of Little York (Whitney Oaks Hall), 816 E. Whitney, Houston, Texas, 713-692-0198 (directions only)
- 7 May 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. El Chico Mexican Restaurant, 1833 IH 45 North, Huntsville, Texas, 936-295-9608 (for directions only).
- 4 Jun 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. Luby's Cafeteria, 922 Lake Front Circle, The Woodlands, Texas, 281-367-7892 (for directions only).
- 4 Jul 09: Annual BBQ at the home of President Clarence Hightower.
- 6 Aug 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. Location to be announced.
- 3 Sep 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. Location to be announced.
- 1 Oct 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. Location to be announced.
- 25-29 Oct 09: National Delegate Conference in southern Illinois.
- 5 Nov 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. Location to be announced.
- 3 Dec 09: 11:00 AM Board and General Meeting. Location to be announced.

ANNOUNCED VISITORS:

None at the time of publication.

Go to www.texas-ipa-region36.com to check for notifications that are received after the newsletter publication date.

MARCH 2009 BOARD & GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2009
TIME: 11:00 AM Board Meeting
 General Meeting to follow
LOCATION: Luby's Cafeteria
 922 Lake Front Circle
 The Woodlands, Texas
 281-367-7892 (for directions only).
COST: Order individually from menu
DRESS CODE: Casual

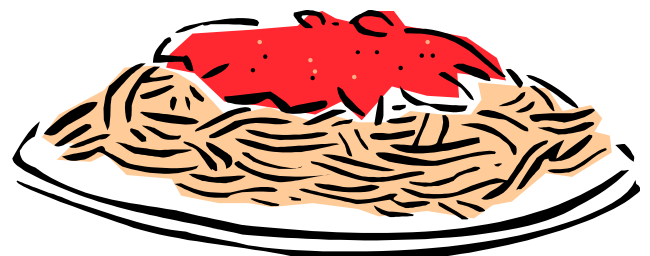
RSVP: President Clarence Hightower at e-mail chightower1@msn.com



MONTH BOARD & GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2009
TIME: 11:00 AM Board Meeting
 General Meeting to follow
LOCATION: Sacred Heart Society of Little York (Whitney Oaks Hall)
 816 E. Whitney
 Houston, Texas
 713-692-0198 (directions only)
COST: Order individually from menu
DRESS CODE: Casual

RSVP: President Clarence Hightower at e-mail chightower1@msn.com





SEE THE WORLD

FUTURE DATES AND LOCATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE (IEC)

6-11 Oct 09: Antalya, Turkey. The IPA World Congress will be held at Maritim Pine Beach Hotel in Antalya. Antalya is named "Turkish Riviera" thanks to its archeological and natural beauties. Integrating sea, sun, history and nature in a magical harmony, Antalya has the most beautiful and cleanest coasts of the Mediterranean Sea. Along the coast line of 630 km., there are ancient cities, ancient ports, memorials, bays and green forests like lacework. Deposit due by 30 Apr 2009. For details go to www.ipa2009.org.

11-17 Oct 09: Friendship Week following the World Congress. Visit Pamukkale, Hierapolis and travertines, Kuşadası, Ephesus, House of the Virgin Mary, St. John and Artemis temples, Asklepiion and Akropol, Çanakkale (Dardanelles), Gelibolu (Gallipoli), İstanbul (historical structures such as Sultan Ahmed Mosque, Grand Bazaar, Topkapı Palace, Hagia Sophia and Hippodrome will be visited. Details can be obtained at www.ipa2009.org.

7-12 Sep 10: Paris, France

2011: Romania

2012: Israel

FUTURE DATES AND LOCATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (IYG)

(IYG's are open to the children and grandchildren of current IPA members.

IYG participants must be 16 or 17 years old.)

26 Jul-9 Aug 09: Israel. The theme is "In the footsteps of the Bible". The participants will visit Jerusalem, both above and below the ground, witness some of the largest building projects in history, visit the City of David, Salomon, the foundations of the temple, witness the destruction of Jerusalem, the prophets, the Kings of Israel, the Judges, follow Jesus on his way to crucifixion on the Via Dolorosa, the place of his judgment and crucifixion, and visit the Church of the Tomb. For information please contact Secretary General Rich Nevarez at IPASecGenUSA@aol.com or 916-983-0373.

AND THE USA

25-29 Oct 09: Region 57 (southern Illinois) will be the location of the 2009 NDC. Where the Mother Road, the National Road, the Loneliest Road, the Great River Road, the Lewis & Clark Trail and the Ohio River Byway all meet! The Casino Queen Hotel and Casino is located in Illinois on the Mississippi River directly across from the St. Louis Gateway Arch with incredible views of both the Arch and the St. Louis skyline. The registration form is online at www.ipa-usa.org or Region site www.ipa-usa.org/region57 or call Kevin at 618-566-8844 or e-mail kevin@kgordon.com.

10-19 Jun 10: NDC to be held in Seattle, WA (10th & 11th), with a cruise to Alaska departing on the 12th.

2011: Proposed cruise from Galveston and proposed site in New Orleans

2012: 50th Anniversary of the US Section

THE IPA WAY

Whenever you have travel plans regardless of the destination, please contact Secretary Mary J. Jones as soon as you can. Even though you may be making all of your own arrangements, she can put you, in most instances, in contact with IPA members at your destination. You can never have too many names and phone numbers, especially if you are visiting an area where you have never been before. IPA assistance can range from just having a contact number to full accommodations being provided. The next time you travel, try traveling the IPA way.

Most IPA Sections require at least 6 weeks notice of your travel plans in order for them to have sufficient time to help you with your travel plans. Assistance with travel to other Regions within the US Section can be arranged with a shorter notification; however, since all IPA members who might be assisting you are volunteers, please be considerate and give them as much advance notice as possible. As soon as you know your destination and a general time frame, submit the travel form and let the IPA members at your destination assist you with your itinerary.



APPROVED REGION 36 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- DATE:** 4 December 2008
LOCATION: Luby's Cafeteria, 922 Lake Front Circle, The Woodlands, Texas
PRESENT: President Clarence Hightower, 1st VP Allen Rogers, 2nd VP Leonard Hanham, Secretary Mary Jones, and Treasurer Ellis Milam
EXCUSED: 3rd VP Matt Jenkins and 4th VP Jeffrey Osterhout
ABSENT: None
MEMBERS: John & Betty Nostovich
GUESTS: None

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by President Hightower. The reading of the minutes from the 4 September 2008 Board Meeting was waived, since they had been distributed to all members via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Leonard and seconded by Ellis to accept the minutes as published. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Clarence reported on the cruise that he and Susan recently took that included ports of call in Italy, Turkey, and Greece. He only heard from the Associate Secretary to Italy; however, no assistance was given while they were in port.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Allen reported that Lorraine Baker, an IPA member from New Zealand was again in Houston for 16 days for the Quilt Show.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report

3RD VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report

4TH VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Life Members	9
Regular Members – Current in Dues	58
Regular Members – Delinquent in Dues	14
Total IPA Membership	81
Spouses of Deceased Members	3

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ellis reported that the income for November 2008 was \$16.01, the expenditures for November 2008 were \$308.40, and the balance at the end of November 2008 was \$3845.55

OLD BUSINESS: Clarence reported that Jim Ashby asked to be allowed to put a link with his travel agency on the Region 36 website. A motion to this effect was made by Mary and seconded by Leonard. Since Jim is not paid to serve as the Region 36 webmaster, allowing him to place this link would serve as compensation for his position. The motion passed.

Mary gave a report as to how Region 36 voted on each bylaw proposal that was discussed at the 2008 NDC and the outcome of the entire delegates' voting regarding each proposal.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The motion to adjourn was made by Ellis and seconded by Allen. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 February 2009 at El Chico's Restaurant in Huntsville

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Jones



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May 7, 2009 El Chico Mexican Restaurant, 170 South, I-45, Huntsville, TX

June 4, 2009 Luby's Cafeteria, 922 Lakefront Circle, The Woodlands, TX

Your Executive Board Of Officers looks forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

If I can assist any member with any IPA matter of mutual interest, please contact me. May God continue to bless us in our endeavors, whatever they may be.

Clarence A. Hightower