

International Police Association

Region 14



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South Carolina/Tennessee/North Carolina

President's Message



For all of you who missed the Greenville meeting, you missed one of the best. Thank you, Renee and Harold Sherbert and Dianne and John Haaga, for putting this meeting together with Diana and myself. The weather was fantastic, the ball game and hotdogs were like being back in the 50s and 60s, and the shows were top shelf. Above all, the Westin Poinsett Hotel was an experience I would want to enjoy again; the entire staff was as professional as it goes.

While I'm on the subject of meetings, as of 9/1/11 we had sold 36 of our 50 seats for the December Myrtle Beach shows and dinners. When they are gone, I'm sorry to say, those who waited too long will have to obtain their own theater tickets and take what might be available. Also, you will have to make your own dinner arrangements by calling the restaurant.

Let me explain how the system works: We book the show and dinner as far in advance as possible to obtain the best available theater seats - and some of the finest restaurants- along with the hotel. Sometimes we have cut-off dates that allow us to cancel by a certain time, but in most cases there is no cut-off date. In that case, if we do not meet our obligation the Region must pay for the tickets or rooms we don't fill. It has become more and more difficult to guess how many people will attend, and therefore how many tickets/dinners we should commit to. We have been stuck in the past, and the Region just does not have the funds to cover these loses. If we try to order more tickets for the show, they usually are not as good as the initial tickets and then we have a seating problem, especially when the theater does not issue tickets for groups - and sometimes the restaurants can't accommodate the extra people. The bottom line is to book as soon as you can.

I hope you all enjoy the fall weather. Diana and I are looking forward to seeing as many of y'all as possible in Myrtle Beach.

Al

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*******REGION 14 - 2011 MEETINGS*******

Dec 2nd and 3rd, 2011 -- Myrtle Beach, SC
(See flyer on last page)

IPA MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

GREENVILLE, SC

Officers in attendance:

Al Tosi, President

Tom Burns, 1st Vice President

John Haaga, Recording Secretary

Art Alloy, National Delegate

Officers Excused:

Vinny Prajka, 2nd Vice President

Ralph Gaeta, Secretary/Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM. The opening prayer was given by Ernie Black, and we were led in the pledge to the flag by Harold Sherbert.

There was a moment of silence for our troops and for all our members who could not be with us.

President, Al Tosi: He welcomed everyone and thanked Renee and Harold Sherbert for their valuable help in planning this weekend. He announced that it was Ernie Black's 80th birthday.

Secretary, John Haaga: A motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting, which were available in the April Newsletter and on the IPA Region 14 web site, was made by Harold Sherbert and seconded by Art Alloy. A list of new members was read, including Bill and Pat Weiners, formerly of Region 15, who were introduced. Judy and Stan Planty were welcomed, having traveled here from their home in Florida.

Treasurer's Report by Al Tosi: There is a balance of \$5,749.91 before the bills for the Greenville meeting are paid - \$828 for dinners plus \$75 extra in tips for the servers. A motion to accept was made by Stan Planty and seconded by Tom Burns.

Old Business: None

Health and Welfare Report by Al Tosi: Ed Maher is in a rehab facility in Florida, and he hopes to be at the Myrtle Beach meeting. Lynne and John McKendrick were also mentioned; she has had surgery, and he has found treatment at a VA clinic in Virginia. Ralph Gaeta is recovering from a fractured wrist. Also, Robin and Don Kane have had good news about his condition.

NDC Report, Art Alloy: Art spoke about the upcoming National meeting in October, and said there are 17 amendments they will be voting on, one allowing military police to become members. Art thinks that should be amended to say that they have at least 4 years of service. Another amendment would prohibit any region meetings, social events, or trips to conflict with the annual National meeting. There was some discussion about this, and John Haaga said that since the National meeting is announced a year in advance, local regions should be able to plan their meetings and events around that date so that there would be no conflicts. He said we needed to resolve this, and further discussion ensued about the need for us to take a vote on how we want Art, as our NDC Rep, to vote on this amendment. Renee Sherbert made a motion that we take a vote to support this amendment; it was seconded by Bill Weiners. Al asked for a show of hands from those in favor of supporting this amendment to prohibit any events from conflicting with National meetings, and there was a unanimous show of hands.

1st Vice President, Tom Burns: He asked that members get travel vouchers from National and send them to him for approval. He also recognized Ernie Black's birthday by presenting him with a patch and a hat.

Newsletter Report, Dianne Haaga: Emailing the newsletter seems to be working well. Please keep your email current so that you can continue to receive the newsletter and informative emails from us.

New Business: There was a discussion about our policy of purchasing tickets, specifically that it has always been understood that tickets are non-refundable. However, recently we had an incident where a member who had purchased tickets consequently changed his plans and was emphatic about getting a refund. He did eventually receive a refund, but we cannot and will not continue to do this.

Al announced that he has already sold 30 tickets for the Myrtle Beach meeting.

The closing prayer was given by Ernie Black. A motion to close the meeting was made by Jack Hannon and seconded by Dianne Haaga. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.



NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

Dianne Haaga

Greenville Meeting: We had a good time in Greenville, an up-and-coming city in the upstate of South Carolina. Twenty members were in attendance, and we were glad to welcome three guests - Chase and Monica Hunter, friends of ours from Anderson, along with Jackie Kellett, guest of Renee and Harold Sherbert. The weather was beautiful, making it a pleasure to stroll down Main Street and visit the many nice shops and restaurants. Our hotel, the Westin Poinsett, was comfortable and accommodating. Our buffet breakfast was wonderful, and many of us agreed that the made-to-order omelets were terrific. Dinner was also very nice, and the molten lava chocolate cake was delicious. One of the best things about the weekend was that we could leave our cars in the parking garage and walk to everything. The hotel even surprised us by providing complimentary shuttle service to the ball game and the show at Centre Stage for those who wanted it.

Newsletter: As of now, those without email will still receive a printed newsletter, but this may change in the near future. Many organizations have switched to emailing their newsletters or posting them on a web site in order to avoid the high costs of printing and postage. IPA Region 14 does both. On our web site, iparegion14.com we post newsletters, meeting dates and information, contact information, and information about IPA.

Member News: Please send us any news (including photos if you have any) of trips you have taken, awards you have received, or any special occasion. We will be happy to publish this in our "Member News" section of the newsletter.

Request from Tom Burns: "IPA Region 14 TRAVEL"

I am in need of people who are able to help with foreign and domestic IPA Member's who are requesting to visit our 3 states. Any volunteers please send me an e-mail at N2pne4@windstream.net

"Interesting Info" The following was sent by Alice Gaeta. It's lengthy, so I've reprinted only a portion of it, but more will follow in future newsletters. This is really pretty interesting stuff....

If you knew all of this previously, you should try to get on a game show. . .

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth.

If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.

To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over two million individual flowers.

Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.

Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!

People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash.

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!

Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

The night of January 20 is "Saint Agnes's Eve", which is regarded as a time when a young woman dreams of her future husband.

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

Member News

New Members, Bill and Pat Weiners, Travel to Scotland for IPA Friendship Week

On August 6, 2011, Region 14 members Bill and Pat Wieners, traveled to Ayr, Scotland to attend a Friendship Week hosted by the Ayrshire Branch of the Scottish Section of the IPA. We were met by members of the host region at the airport and they took us to our "home" for the next seven days, The Menzies Irvine Hotel. Our new IPA friends were among the friendliest and accommodating people we have ever met. Our itinerary for the week included the Opening Ceremony, Tour of Ayrshire, Tour of Falkirk including the engineering wonder The Falkirk Wheel, Culzean Castle, The Robert Burns Cottage and Museum, Edinburgh and the Military Tattoo and a ferry trip to the Isle of Arran. We were also treated to some of the most delicious culinary delights including Scottish Haggis and Steak and Potato Pie, to name a few. The entertainment each evening was fantastic. There were about 105 IPA members from a variety of countries attending this auspicious gathering. We were even given the opportunity to hire a kilt to wear to the Gala Banquet which made this occasion even more special.

We commend the host region for organizing such a diverse and interesting program. It was truly memorable. I would encourage any IPA member who has the opportunity to attend a Friendship Week, whether here or abroad, to take advantage of it and experience the true spirit of the IPA.....Service through Friendship. The Ayrshire Branch Members, and their wives, will not be forgotten, and we open our home and hearts to any of them should they ever wish to travel to our neck of the woods.

Servo per Amikeco, Bill and Pat Wieners



Fred and Betty Lou Sutliff Survey Storm Damage from Hurricane Irene

Members Fred and Mary Lou Sutliff, both pilots, flew over North Carolina in their new Cessna 172, which holds 4 passengers and cruises at 125 mph.



PHOTOS FROM GREENVILLE MEETING

Friday Night at Fluor Field - Greenville Drive vs. Savannah Sand Gnats



John and Dianne Haaga

Top left: Diana & Al Tosi, Judy & Stan Planty, Jack Hannon, Jim Walker
Front row: Renee & Harold Sherbert, Pat & Bill Weiners



After the game, we enjoyed a beautiful fireworks display



Saturday morning street market: Al Tosi, Stan & Judy Planty, Diana Tosi



Carriage tours of Greenville



President Tosi welcomes members to Region 14 meeting



Art and Jo Alloy at the meeting



Renee and Harold Sherbet enjoying lunch on Main Street



Ann and Tom Burns relaxing in the lounge at the Westin Poinsett



Left: Mary Hannon, Carol Hofacker, Jack Hannon & Ray Hofacker



Left: Ernie Black, celebrating his 80th birthday, & Chuck Oshinsky



Left: Bill & Pat Weiners, Diana Tosi, Stan & Judy Planty



Left: Dianne Haaga, Monica Hunter, Maureen & Jim Walker, Chase Hunter



Left foreground: Ann & Tom Burns, Ernie Black & Chuck Oshinsky
Background: Hannons & Hofackers



Left: Jackie Kellett, Renee & Harold Sherbert

MEET CHUCK OSHINSKY



Chuck in the lobby of the Westin Poinsett

Chuck Oshinsky was born December 20, 1927 in Library, PA. He graduated from Academy High School in Erie, PA, and went into the Army Air Corps, which later became the US Air Force. After attending training as a teletype mechanic in Scott Field, Illinois, he went into student administration. In 1947 he served in the Army Signal Corps in Bremen, Germany. During 1948 and 1949 he was crew chief on a B-17 air-sea rescue, and he flew the first flight to Berlin in a "jury-rigged" B-17. He married Edith in August, 1951, and they left Germany in December of that year. In 1952 Chuck went to Hamilton Air Force Base near San Francisco and later to Charleston AFB.

After 21 years of service, Chuck retired from the Air Force on Aug. 1, 1966. He then worked for the Charleston City Police for 4 months, and he left in order to continue college at Trident Tech Turbine School. After completing his studies, he worked for 5 years as an engine engineer for AVCO-Lycoming in Charleston. In 1974 he became a public safety officer at the Medical University of South Carolina, where he worked for 12 years before retiring.

Chuck has been an IPA member since 1989, and he joined Region 14 when it was formed in 1994 or 1995. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He and Edith live on James Island, SC. They have 3 children, who were each born in a different state while he was in the Air Force – one in California, one in Texas, and one in Massachusetts. The Oshinskys also have 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Chuck enjoys fishing hunting, and traveling, and he has been to 62 countries. He considers himself an ambassador when traveling, and he enjoys mingling with the locals and learning about their cultures. Volunteering is also one of his activities, and he especially enjoys volunteering at the Ocean Golf Course on Kiawah Island. He says that he once played a foursome with Joe Louis and Sam Snead.

**INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION
REGION 14 NC-SC-TN
2011 HOLIDAY MEETING WEEKEND IN
MYRTLE BEACH, SC
DECEMBER 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2011**

**HOTEL: STAYBRIDGE SUITES—FANTASY HARBOR
3163 OUTLET BLVD, MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29579
1-800-238-8000**

**MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION - ASK FOR IPA RATE
CUT-OFF DATE : 10/25/2011**

**RATE: STUDIO--\$62.99; 1 BEDROOM--\$72.99; 2 Bedroom--\$118.99
ALL ROOMS PLUS TAX---INCLUDES CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
RATE GOOD FOR DAY BEFORE AND TWO DAYS AFTER WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY—DEC. 2nd 4:30 PM Doors Open PIRATES VOYAGE, Old Dixie
Stampede Building. Show & Dinner 6:00 PM**

SATURDAY--DEC. 3rd

**Breakfast at Staybridge Suites
10:00 AM Quarterly Meeting in Magnolia Room, Staybridge Suites
ENTIRE DAY FREE FOR SHOPPING
4:30 PM DINNER AT CHESTNUT HILL RESTAURANT
9922 NO. KING'S HIGHWAY, MYRTLE BEACH, SC
6:30 PM PRESHOW
7:00 PM THE CAROLINA OPRY CHRISTMAS SHOW—After the show stop
at Magnolia Room at Staybridge Suites for cookies, sweets and a cool drink.**

**We have only 50 tickets for each show so make your reservations with a
check as early as you can—first come first served. When the 50 tickets are
gone we cannot get anymore. IF YOU CANCEL AFTER 10/25/2011,
THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

SUNDAY-- DEC 4th

**BREAKFAST – FAREWELLS – CHECK OUT
COST \$ 135.00 PER PERSON
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