

# *International Police Association*

## *Region 14*



**January 2011**

**South Carolina/Tennessee/North Carolina**

### **President's Message**



Well, to quote a line used by Jack Nicholson, "I'm Back." Now that I got that off my mind, I want to thank you all for the confidence you have shown to the entire new Board for 2011-2013. Even more so is a big thank you to our past President Jack Hannon and First Lady, Mary, and to the past Board for the outstanding job they all did during some very difficult times. Unfortunately, for the past three years Jack had to deal with the failing economy and the many serious illnesses and the loss of so many behind-the-scene members who will always be remembered in our prayers. On top of it all our younger members' families grew with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which kind of controlled where we can go and when. Jack, Mary and the entire past Board - we all thank you and look forward to working with you all as we move forward.

I would like to take a minute to pass on some history about our region. There are approximately 58 National Regions, the 1<sup>st</sup> being the Buffalo, NY Region #1, founded in 1964. Region 14 was the 14<sup>th</sup> Region and was founded in 1975. Unfortunately, I could not find out at this time by whom and where it was founded. The region, like all organizations, had its own ups and downs. It was a long time ago when a small group of members, including Art & Jo Alloy, Vince & Annette Cerullo, and Ralph & Alice Gaeta, decided to re-ignite the region, gathering for a meeting in a small motel room. I'm sorry if I left anybody out, as I was not part of the region back then. Well, Region 14 grew from the very small group to approximately 200 members at one time. Geographically, we are one of the largest regions, covering the entire states of NC, SC, and TN. National requires that the region have at least one meeting per year, but you will find that most regions have monthly meetings.

Because we cover three states, a monthly meeting would not work due to the distances members would have to travel. Therefore, it was decided - in an attempt to give the most people the opportunity to attend meetings- that the region would have quarterly meetings in different areas and make them mini-weekend vacations. The thing that makes Region 14 very unique is that our meetings are family-oriented meetings. This is not prevalent with other regions. This concept has created a second family atmosphere to those attending our meetings. The compassion and love expressed and shown at our meetings are just overwhelming.

Now I must ask you all for your help. As most of you are aware, Art & Jo have put a lot of time and effort into putting together our meetings but, due to many factors including the aforementioned, it has become more and more difficult to plan meeting locations and get the attendance needed to keep the costs down, therefore making the meetings successful.

Well, we do have what we believe will be a very unique, fun-filled, exciting and laid-back environment for us all. On April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> we are all heading to the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia, which is located on Rt 441 between Clayton, Ga, and Franklin, NC. Believe me when I say it is by far one of the prettiest places east of the Mississippi. There is something for everyone's taste; go on the internet to [www.Dillardhouse.com](http://www.Dillardhouse.com). Because this is a new concept, we booked a limited amount of rooms and show tickets at amazing prices. Unfortunately, the Region 14 treasury cannot afford to make up the differences for cancellations or lack of attendance that we must commit to our places of lodging, dining and shows. In summary, please help to support our region by attending and signing up ASAP, so that if we get a good response we might be able to book more rooms and show tickets, etc.

Again, this will be a meeting you all won't want to miss. God bless you all, and stay healthy.

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**IPA MEETING MINUTES  
DEC. 4, 2010  
MYRTLE BEACH, SC**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by President Jack Hannon.

**Officers in attendance:**

Jack Hannon, President  
Ralph Gaeta, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ed Maher, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President...absent  
Noel Lanier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President...absent  
Robin Kane, Secretary...absent  
Art Alloy, National Delegate

Also in attendance was Vince Cerullo, Quartermaster.

The opening prayer was offered by Dean Hamrick, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vince Cerullo.

The minutes of the last meeting in New Bern were read by John Haaga, and a motion to accept was made by Tom Dorfer, seconded by Vinny Prajka. It was brought up that Art Alloy's name was inadvertently omitted as being present as a board member at the September meeting in New Bern, NC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ralph Gaeta stated that the total balance as of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> is \$5,608.54, with outstanding bills remaining for this weekend for the hospitality room and Chestnut Hill restaurant. A motion to accept was made by Vince Cerullo and seconded.

**Old Business:** None

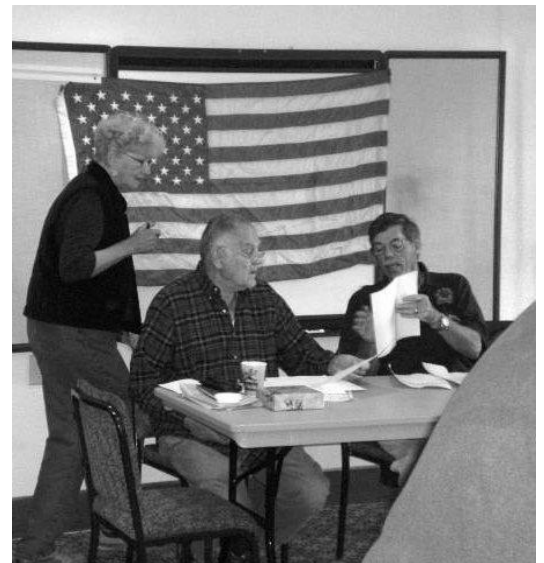
**New Business:** Jack welcomed several members who had not been to meetings in a long time. He also thanked those who have helped with the Hospitality Room. He then brought us up to date on the health status of Don Kane, and Eileen Austin reported on John McKendrick. Art Alloy further updated us on Ed Maher, who is recuperating in Florida and is hoping to attend the next meeting. Jack asked that we remember them in our prayers.

Vince Cerullo made an announcement concerning the difficulty in getting people to run for office, and he asked that everyone please consider helping out. He then swore in the new members of the board:

President, Al Tosi  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Tom Burns  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Vinny Prajka  
Secretary/Treasurer, Ralph Gaeta  
Recording Secretary, John Haaga  
NDC Rep, Art Alloy



Pictured from left: Art Alloy, Vinny Prajka, Al Tosi, John Haaga, Tom Burns



Pictured from left: Diana Tosi, Ralph Gaeta, Jack Hannon

Vince Cerullo presented Jack and Mary Hannon with a gift of an engraved clock in appreciation of their three years of service as President and First Lady.

Our newly elected president, Al Tosi, thanked Jack Hannon and also thanked Don Fredericks for doing the newsletter. He announced that the newsletter will now be written by Dianne Haaga.

Al asked for ideas and input from the members for locations of future meetings. He also asked for ideas about increasing member participation at future meetings and recruitment of new members.

In regard to our March, 2011, meeting (see meeting flyer on page 5), Al discussed the Dillard House in Georgia and asked for a show of hands from those who would be interested in attending.

At 11:10 AM a motion to close the meeting was made by Vinny Prajka and seconded by Ken Nordt. Ernie Black closed the meeting with a prayer.

## **NEWS FROM THE EDITOR**

*Dianne Haaga*

### **Myrtle Beach Meeting:**

Our Christmas meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC, was a great success with approximately 53 people attending. Once again we stayed at the Staybridge Suites, which is always comfortable. The hotel and the lobby were nicely decorated for Christmas, and there was the usual huge Christmas tree. On Friday many of us met in front of the big fireplace in the lobby and caught up with people we hadn't seen in quite a while. Among those who traveled the furthest were Pat and Betty from New Hampshire and Tom and Maggie Dorfer from Maryland. Time certainly does fly, and it was nice hearing the latest news about everyone. Soon it was on to Thoroughbred's for a delicious dinner. After dessert and coffee, we drove to the Carolina Opry for the annual Christmas show. As always, the theatre was beautifully decorated and lit, and our seats were excellent. We saw many of the usual performers, though many of us missed the Bassett Hound and a couple of the regulars. But we were glad to see so many of our favorite performers, and Moses was back this year. After the show we met up in the hospitality room for drinks and snacks – and lots of conversation until the wee hours.

On Saturday morning we held our meeting in the hospitality room, and the rest of the day was free for golf, shopping or just sitting around the hotel. Many people hit the Tanger Outlets and maybe had some lunch. Dinner was at Chestnut Hill, where we had a nice meal with excellent service by two waitresses who really hustled and did such a great job serving our group. We then left for the Alabama Theatre for another nice Christmas show. One of the songs I enjoyed most at this show was "Let There Be Peace on Earth," which was performed by two excellent vocalists – a man and a woman – and also with a video in the background of many children singing together. It was very well done and also one of my favorite songs because of the inspiring lyrics – "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." Back at the hotel we once again gathered in the hospitality room. On Sunday morning we had a nice breakfast at the hotel before saying goodbyes and getting ready to leave for home.

### **Newsletter:**

I look forward to being the editor of the newsletter and, with help from many people, I'm in the process of learning the ropes. One of the surprising things I've learned is the high cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to our 142 Region 14 members. I really feel that I need to bring this to your attention because it is your dues that are funding this endeavor. I would like to suggest that we consider emailing the newsletter to everyone who has an email address and that we mail a printed newsletter only to those who do not use email. This would really save money that could be used for other purposes, and we would also have the advantages of a newsletter in color with photographs and with as many pages as we want. Those who do not want to read it on the computer can always print it out themselves at home. Please give this your consideration.

Also regarding the newsletter, I would appreciate hearing from anyone about news they have of themselves or their families – anything you think would be of interest to our members. I also welcome suggestions for the newsletter – just email me or call me, and I promise to respond to you promptly. This is YOUR newsletter, and it should reflect what is going on with Region 14 and with our members. Thank you!

## IPA REGION 14 SPRING MEETING

April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 DILLARD, GEORGIA

*This is one meeting you do not want to miss! The rivers will be running at their fullest, the waterfalls overflowing and everything will be turning green.*

**HOTEL/RESORT:** The Dillard House - established 1917  
Highway 441, Dillard, Georgia  
2 miles from the NC border  
706-746-5348 1- 800- 541- 0671  
Email: [reservations@dillardhouse.com](mailto:reservations@dillardhouse.com)

**RATE: \$99.00 + \$11.88 TAXES = TOTAL \$110.88 DOUBLE QUEEN ROOMS IN "THE MEADOWS" -  
WEEKDAY RATES \$89.00 + TAXES**

**MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND ASK FOR "IPA RATE"**

**NOTE: WE HAVE ONLY BLOCKED A SMALL AMOUNT OF ROOMS SO RESERVE EARLY, IF NEED BE WE  
WILL ATTEMPT TO BLOCK MORE ROOMS**

**Note: above rates are the anticipated 2011 rates, not any higher, however you might receive a quote of up to  
\$10.00 less per night.**

### **FRIDAY: April 1, 2011**

**3:00 pm Hospitality Room open-light snacks, mixed beverages**

**6:00 pm Dinner at the Dillard House- an unbelievable, continuous sit-down dinner- desserts and  
beverages included**

**8:00 pm Quarterly meeting in Hospitality Room, including light snacks & beverages**

### **SATURDAY: APRIL 2, 2011**

**7:00-10:00 pm Breakfast at the Dillard House: all-you-can-eat breakfast served at your table The rest of  
the day you are free to visit the area, or just relax at the Dillard House. Information will be available upon  
your arrival, as to what not to miss while you are in the area.**

**4:30 pm Another sit-down dinner at the Dillard House with all the fixings**

**7:00 pm Time to head to the Smokey Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, in Franklin, NC, located  
on Hwy 441 about 10 miles north of the Dillard House.**

**7:30 pm Show at above theater, Harris III "Mayhem & Misdirection Tour" Illusionist/magician  
Afterwards back to Hospitality Room for socializing, light snacks & beverages**

### **SUNDAY: APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011**

**7:00 – 10:00 pm Another unbelievable breakfast at the Dillard House and  
good- byes; be sure to pack up what you did not eat for the road.**

**TOTAL COST \$110.00 PP PLUS YOUR HOTEL COST PLEASE BOOK AND SEND YOUR CHECK ASAP SO WE HAVE TIME  
IF NEED BE TO RESERVE ADDITIONAL ROOMS AND OBTAIN MORE SHOW TICKETS WHICH PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE WITH  
THE FIRST BLOCK OF THOSE WHO SIGNED UP AND PAID.**

**MAKE CHECK OUT TO: IPA REGION #14 AND SEND TO: RALPH GAETA, TREASURER  
PO BOX 1633  
SOUTHERN PINES, NC 28388**

## ***MEET FRED SUTLIFF***

Fred Sutliff was born in Eden, NC. It was during WW II, when he was 10 years old, that the family moved to Philadelphia, PA, because his father had started working for the Reading Railroad. Fred grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. He joined the Air Force Reserves and was called up during the Korean War. While in the Air Force, he had a job with a colonel who helped him to get into flight school and become a pilot. During his stint in the Air Force he flew for 6 ½ years in France and Korea. The colonel later became Commanding Officer of Cocoa River, FL, which is now Cape Kennedy.

After discharge from the Air Force, Fred married and moved to Hempstead, NY. He worked for a short time in the sheet metal department at Republic Aviation in Farmingdale, where he was involved in building F102 and F105 Air Force fighter planes. His law enforcement career began when he joined the Nassau County, NY, Police Department in 1954. When he started working for the NCPD he was a patrolman walking the beat and then moved on to driving sector cars. He also worked in a plainclothes unit and later with Highway Patrol. Fred says he thoroughly enjoyed his 25 years in law enforcement. After retiring from the NCPD in 1979 he did investigative work for a private company that contracted to several insurance companies for underwriting, and his work took him all over the world.

In the 1990's he retired – this time for good - and moved back to North Carolina. He and his wife, Betty Lou, also a NC native, settled down in a little town named Washington by the Pamlico Sound. They have a very interesting hobby - both are pilots who enjoy flying their own plane, a Cessna they keep at a local private air strip. They have flown all over the east coast of the US and are members of the Experimental Aircraft Association, a group that builds and flies their own planes. In March they will be attending "Sun and Fun" in Lakeland, FL, a 7 day event that is sponsored by the EAA and the city of Lakeland. The expected attendance is 150,000 people and 1,000 planes.

Between the 2 of them, Fred and Betty Lou have 8 children, 6 grand-children and 2 great-grandchildren – who live in NY, FL, PA and NC. They do a lot of traveling and enjoy visiting their family. As IPA Region 14 members for the past 5 years, they also enjoy attending meetings. Fred says that one of the things they enjoy most about retirement is being able to pick up and go whenever they please.

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

April 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 -- Dillard House, GA

June 24th and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Sept 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dec.2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 - Myrtle Beach, SC