

The LIGHTHOUSE



SUMMER 2011

President's Message

On January 1st, Bill Wieners stepped down from his nine year position as President of Region 15. Having stood in his shadow for this entire time as First Vice President, I now found myself taking the helm of this outstanding organization. I don't know where to start when it comes to the accomplishments Bill and his lovely wife, Patricia, have made with our Region. We are considered a top group when it comes to events, trips and meeting venues. Both Bill and Pat have worked tirelessly to assist members and have always extended themselves to serve IPA members with friendship, holding true to our motto, Servo per Amikeco. I will write further in another article to summarize the many notable moments we have had with Pat and Bill. I have recently been informed that our former first couple has been lured to the Region 14, encompassing their mountain cabin in the Carolina's. I wish them many years of retired bliss and hope to see them at Region 15 events in the future.

Our Region has had several changes to Board members at the start of the new year. Both Carol LoPiccolo and Vi Dolan have transferred to Region 13 in Pennsylvania. Welcome to Pete Falcetta, who has been appointed as Second Vice President, effective January, 2011. Pete brings years of experience in police association management along with his and Annette's absolute enjoyment of IPA events. Tom Heinssen has taken my former position of First Vice President. Tom and Sue's continuous efforts and enthusiasm will guarantee that this association will only get better in benefits to its membership. Finally, I need to thank Mary Anne for assuming a dual role as the new Secretary/Treasurer. This is a continuous task, with our large membership changing almost weekly. This, coupled with monthly reports, IRS filings, keeping minutes, answering correspondence and running events is quite the accomplishment! We were fortunate to have Pat Wieners as Membership Secretary through June but Bill's transfer to a new Region has created another opening on our Board. I hope that one of our active members might step up and join us on the Board as we can really use some extra help.

I have had the fortune to entertain some visiting law enforcement this past few months. Two visitors from the Belgian Federal Police were given the "cooks tour" of New York City and then treated to VIP treatment by our SCPD Special Patrol Bureau. We then spent a day enjoying the vineyards of the North Fork, as well as fresh oysters and NY pub fare. I also entertained a Sergeant from Dearborn, Michigan, who received the similar NYC and east end experience.

As the summer progresses, I look forward to my journey to Scotland, joining with the Scottish IPA for the Military Tatto (pipe band festival). Our summer meeting has been formulated and should be another success. We are also considering other venues for our late fall meeting, Tom Heinssen will fill you in.

This year has been unusually harsh with devastating tornados ripping apart populated areas in Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri and Oklahoma; the likes we have never witnessed before. As always, our brother and sister members in law enforcement have risen to the call of help, despite their personal tragic losses. I will ask the National Board if we, as a Region, can provide any assistance to any fellow IPA member who has suffered from these horrific storms.

As I close, I wish to thank all those who made our Installation meeting a success. My thanks to the Suffolk Superior Officers Association, Suffolk Detectives Association, SCPD Columbia Association and the SCPD Steuben Association. Our members are members of these, and other associations and we appreciate the genuine comradery and support we were shown.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, don't forget your sunscreen and as always, stay safe!

*Servo per Amikeco
Al Feinstein, President*

MESSAGE FROM TOM HEINSEN, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Good Luck Bill and Pat Weiners on your transfer to Region 14. Your dedication and hard work as President for the members of Region 15 will be missed. I want to personally thank you and Pat for all you've done and wish you both the best of luck

Our last open meeting at the Culinary Institute in Riverhead went well. We had a very good turnout and everyone enjoyed the food, the cooking lesson and the company. There were also some very nice raffles, thank you Mary Anne for all your hard work. Along with the installation of officers, the Scholarships were drawn. Congratulations to our winners and congratulations to our new board member, Pete Falcetta.. I've had the pleasure of working with Pete for many years in the Suffolk Detectives Association and look forward to working with him again in the IPA.

The next open meeting will be posted in this publication. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Until then, stay safe and enjoy your summer. Happy Fourth of July.....

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2011 Hank Klein Memorial Scholarship Award

Happy summer to all! To those of you who do not yet know me, my name is Pete Falcetta, a retired detective from SCPD and an active IPA, Region 15 member. I now look forward to serving all of you as the newly appointed Second Vice President and Scholarship Committee Chairman.

We received a total of 32 applications from dependents or grandchildren sponsored by active, paid members of IPA, Region 15. All applications were carefully reviewed, and at our spring open meeting on April 29 at the Culinary Institute in Riverhead, we held a drawing from which four \$500 scholarship winners and six alternates were chosen from the 30 eligible applications.

It is my pleasure to announce the 2011 scholarship winners: Robert Greguski, grandchild of Kenneth Greguski, Alyssa Mc Cormick, grandchild of Harold Mc Cormick, Michael J. Pitts, dependent of Michael E. Pitts and Barbara Erdei, dependent of Jason Bishop. It is an honor to be involved in such a valuable committee, one that helps our young people with their educational expenses. Congratulations to all.

My wife, Annette and I look forward to seeing you at future IPA Events.

Servo per Amikeco,
Pete Falcetta 2nd VP



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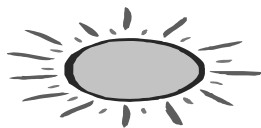
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Pat and Bill

As I write this testament to our former President and First Lady, it is very hard trying to remember all the events, trips and meetings these two wonderful people were responsible for. Having personally traveled to Europe, South America and the across our great country with Bill and Pat, I can only say my memories are fond. What great company these two are. Pat was always "on top" of stuff. No matter what the task, she was figuring, fixing, finagling and finalizing ahead of schedule. She can straighten out anything...and believe me...she did! As for Bill, always the peacemaker and always there for advice...which was always good. It was always easy to find these two, hands tangled together, except when the Pino Grigio was poured.. We are going to miss them as a Region, I will miss them as friends. Please come back and see us often.....

Al Feinstein



Region 15 Entertains Belgian Federal Police



MARY ANNE'S INSTALLATION MEETING REPORT

Region 15's installation and open meeting at the Suffolk County Culinary College was once again a culinary delight and the food was top notch. The staff and the students set out a delicious feast for all our members. This year's culinary demonstration in their Wolfe kitchen was performed by three of our members. Our new food network stars cooked up some yummy treats for all of us.



Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners. I hope everyone who attended this meeting remember to use their Region 15 gift on their next trip. Your luggage finder should hopefully help you find that black or dark blue bag as it keeps going round and round the baggage carousel with all those other bags.



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