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The first half of 2018 has been quite eventful. This was the year in which we held our general elections for the new Board of Directors, the year that our former President, Chris Barratt was elevated to the position of our National President, the year in which Luis Agostinho was elected as our new President and the year in which we, the Board passed our own constitution.

We had another spectacular barbecue at Joe's place this past June and on behalf of all of us, I would like to thank Joe, his darling wife, his sister and all the others who worked so hard to give us this special annual treat.

As you can see over to the right of this column, our Region 2 is hosting an International Friendship Week next year. Chris Barratt has offered to take the lead on this major event (as if he doesn't have enough to do as our National President) and he may be reaching out in search of assistance so please, consider lending a hand if asked, or volunteering without being asked. Let's all work together with Chris to make this a fantastic feather in our cap and to ensure every participant returns home with nothing but high praise for the men and women of Region 2 and the great hospitality I know that we will show every one of these visitors.

Way to go Chris and team !

Region 2 GTA North will hold its next breakfast social on September 20th in Cookstown at "HotStacks Family Restaurant" at 29 King St. North (old Hwy 27) beginning at 0930. Please contact David Lowe to confirm your seat. Please feel free to bring your significant other or a friend. Contact David at 705 302 9404 or by email at David.lowe1950@gmail.com

**Region 2 International Friendship Week
May 31 to June 8, 2019**

We are having international visitors!!!
This English-speaking tour starts in Toronto and takes our international guests on a tour of eastern, Western and central Ontario, featuring:
Niagara Falls,
City of Toronto,
City of Ottawa,
The Thousand Islands,
An Aboriginal Pow Wow.

This tour is limited to a maximum of 54 participants. Please spread the word to your international IPA contacts.
More details are forthcoming...check-back soon.





Canadian Thunder—Down Under!

International travel is one of those great benefits we earn after years of hard work, scrimping and saving and sacrificing a million small things. Being a member of the IPA makes that international travel even better as it can afford many opportunities that the “ordinary Joe” will never have. If you don’t believe me, just ask your fellow Region 2 member, Jim Dallimore. Jim has recently completed a fantastic vacation to the great land down under, Australia, and is kind enough to share some of his experiences with us in this publication. Thanks Jim!

“Australia has been on my to-do list for a long time, so in January 2018, I delivered a travel form to the IPA travel secretary, Harry Summerton, who forwarded it to his counterparts in Australia, specifically those in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

On my way to Australia, I stopped over in San Francisco where I was hosted by a local IPA member, Jack Wornski, a retired SFPD member (who also gave me one of his patches as a souvenir). After a great two night stay with Jack, I motored on to Sydney Australia, a fifteen hour journey on Qantas airlines.

I stayed in Sydney for one week where I attended a local IPA meeting held downtown at the Daystreet Police station. Of course, while there I was treated to a tour of the station and I was also presented with some lovely small gifts. This visit was orchestrated by Steve Turner, Vice Chair of IPA Sydney who is also a serving member of the New South Wales PD in Wagga Wagga, 461 km west of Sydney. Steve, his wife and another couple hosted me for a wonderful seafood dinner on the waterfront.

Right...IPA Secretary





After my week in Sydney, off I went to Canberra. In Australia, each state has its own police force and as well, Canberra hosts the federal police whose mandate is similar in nature to that of our RCMP.

Canberra is Australia's federal capital. I stayed in Canberra for three nights, lodging at the university house. I was met at the train station and driven to the university house by an IPA member and his wife. The next morning was spent touring the city, visiting memorials and the old parliament buildings with two members of the local IPA. Canberra is built around a lake so they made sure to take me to visit the station of the "water police"



Top left—"water craft"

Top right—"patrol boat"

Right—parliament buildings



The very next day, I visited and toured the Museum of Australia. In the afternoon, another member of the IPA, Andrew Kuzek, picked me up and took me to a special dinner, held in my honour, where I was presented with an emblem of the Federal Police. After dinner, I was given another tour of the city, by night.

The next morning, Andrew picked me up and delivered me to the bus station where I caught the 9 a.m. bus to Melbourne.





Next stop—Melbourne ! Upon arrival in Melbourne, I was met by Trevor O'Shanassy, the local IPA house manager. Trevor, a retired Victoria City police officer had arranged for me to stay with three IPA members in the Melbourne area. Trevor and his lovely wife Denese hosted me for the first two and my last night in her suburban Melbourne home. Trevor and Denese gave me a wonderful tour of central Melbourne. We also met up with an IPA member from Greece who happened to be staying at the local IPA house which is located in Melbourne's suburbs. My gracious hosts ended up driving me to the airport when the time came to leave Melbourne.

While in Melbourne, after my first two nights with Trevor and Denese, I was introduced to Fiona Webster, the local IPA secretary. Fiona hosted me in her home for five days. In that five days, she took me sightseeing and doing so, we travelled almost 1,000 km by car and train. Fiona was a Victoria City police officer for twenty years but now works for Melbourne PD, Central Station, dealing specifically with wiretaps.

Next was a wine festival on the Sunday, followed by a Monday trip to "Ballaret" which is the location of a local TV show called "Dr. Blake Mysteries". That evening, Fiona took me to dinner to St. Kilda, a seaside suburb where we actually saw penguins.





After the great day on Monday, how could we beat it? Simple. We spent Tuesday on the “Puffing Billy”, a steam train ride into the mountains. This time it was my treat. Fiona and a friend. It took about an hour each way from the city to the “Puffing Billy” station which we did by local train similar to our Go Transit. The Puffing Billy ride was about 90 minutes long, each direction, so three hours. After that long but interesting day, I went to a friend’s home for dinner. This was a friend who I had met in Milton.

I was a busy man, as on Wednesday, it was time for a steam boat ride in Echuca, down the Murray River. This steam boat was a paddle-wheeler fueled by wood.



That evening, I was a guest of some of the local IPA members for dinner at the local legion, after which we went over to join in on the local IPA meeting, held at their clubhouse in suburban Melbourne. There, I presented one of our ball caps and made a short speech. I was then presented with one of their challenge coins.

On Thursday, I toured Melbourne. Dave and his wife took me on a ferry ride across Melbourne's harbor entrance and then on Saturday, a 100 Km drive down the great ocean road, where I saw rock outcrops in the ocean.

On Friday, Fiona was back to work so Trevor picked me up and took me to the home of Dave Chalmers in Ocean Grove, south of Melbourne where I was hosted for two more nights, and was toured about the area.

After this wonderful time with all these wonderful IPA members, it was time to head home. I departed Australia, spent a week in Hawaii and then landed back in Canada.

Thanks to everyone of those wonderful IPA members who went the extra miles for me. They were all wonderful and made my trip so fantastic. I hope to one day be able to reciprocate.”

Jim Dallimore



Left—Dave and Beverley Chalmers

Right—Jim at the Twelve Apostles Rock formation





IPA networking at its best....

In November I received a request from a longtime IPA member and friend from the Czech Republic, Vladimir Macek. I met Vladimir and his wife Hanna in 2010 at a friendship week in Hong Kong. In 2012 when I visited Prague, Vlad was my very gracious host.

In 2013 I returned the favour when Vlad brought a team of Czech IPA hockey players to North America and I was able to assist them with tours, lodging and setting up friendly hockey competition.

This recent request was to arrange a meeting between persons knowledgeable at the Toronto Police Service Mounted Unit and two senior officers of the Prague Mounted Unit to exchange information and best practices.

Calls were made to the Toronto Police Service and Region 2 IPA member Staff Superintendent Mario Di Tommaso was very accommodating. He set the ball rolling for the meeting and all the pieces fell into place quickly.

On November 25th, I escorted Lt. Vladimir Sperl and Lt. Petr Doubek, Officers in Charge of the Prague Mounted Unit, to the Toronto Police Service Mounted Unit stables on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds. All concerned gave the visitors a warm welcome, especially Sgt. Kris McCarthy and Supt. Bill Neadles.

Seven members of the Mounted Unit put on a demonstration that was narrated by Sgt. McCarthy. Although English was understood by both Czech officers some of the finer points needed more in depth interpretation which was ably provided by Ms. Tatiana Bajcurova, a Toronto PS civilian member.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was acknowledged that both parties benefitted by the exchange of ideas and a bond of friendship was formed.





Italian Carabinieri 204th Anniversary Celebration

The Carabinieri are the national gendarmerie of Italy, policing both military and civilian populations. It was originally founded as the police force of the Kingdom of Sardinia, the forerunner of the Kingdom of Italy. During the process of Italian unification in the 19th century, it was appointed the "First Force" of the new national military organization.



For many years there has been a special bond between IPA Canada Region 2 and the Toronto Chapter of the Carabinieri Association, with many of the Carabinieri members also being members of the IPA.

A number of IPA Region 2 members were on hand at a recent social function to celebrate the 204th anniversary of the Carabinieri.





ARE ALL CROOKS THIS STUPID?

It does not take a lot of research to come up with some really interesting and very stupid criminals, regardless of where you live. I have listed just a few examples for your enjoyment, below, courtesy of the BBC News.

1) Armed robber Andrew Hennells was caught after he boasted on Facebook about his plans to raid a supermarket in a post which included a selfie, a picture of a knife, and the words: "Doing. Tesco*. Over."

Police caught him 15 minutes later with the knife and £410 in cash stolen from a Tesco in King's Lynn, Norfolk. He was jailed for four years last April. (* Tesco is a grocery store)

2) A retired couple from Lancashire returned home from a holiday in 2014 to discover a burglar fast asleep in their bed.

Martin Holtby and Pat Dyson were amazed to find the intruder, Lukasz Chojnowski, had done their dishes, washed his underwear and even bought some groceries.

Ms Dyson said their house "wasn't too tidy" when they went away, but Chojnowski - who is originally from Poland but moved to Leeds - had kindly tidied up.

"He did burn an old saucepan but that happens!" she added. Chojnowski, then 28, admitted burglary, and was given a two-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay £200 costs.

3) Two Welsh tourists landed themselves in court in 2012 after they got drunk and stole a penguin called Dirk from Sea World in Australia.

Rhys Owen Jones, 21, and Keri Mules, 20, from south Wales, broke into the park on Queensland's Gold Coast, swam with the dolphins and let off a fire extinguisher in the shark enclosure, before making off with poor Dirk.

When they woke up - hung-over and with the flightless bird in their apartment - they tried "their incompetent best" to care for him by feeding him and putting him in the shower, the court heard.

They later released Dirk into a canal, but were spotted by locals who called police. A magistrate fined them 1,000 Australian dollars (equivalent to £637 at the time) each, and told them to drink "a little less vodka".



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Region 2 New Members

Dale LEWIS, # 1954, CBSA (Immigration Enforcement)

Paul JOMM, #1955, CBSA (Customs)

Gregory LESTER, #1956, former RCMP, now O.P.P. Orillia HQ

Dawn LEFEVRE (ROGERS), #1957, O.P.P.

Justin HOPE, #1959, YRP

Peter DONALDSON, #1958 CBSA (Immigration Enforcement)

Alaric WOODROW, #1960, formerly Military Police, transfer from Region 10

Chris MARCINIAK, #1961, O.P.P.

Robert PECK, #1963 O.P.P.

Andre BOTEJU, #1962, YRP

Marcos LINS, #1965, CBSA (Immigration Enforcement)

Christian MACINTOSH, #1964, CBSA (Immigration Enforcement)

Paul ROSATO, #1966, O.P.P.

Gloria HERMANUS #804, Extraordinary Member, widow of James

Robert "Bob" LOWE, first Friend of IPA Canada Region 2

Let's all give these new, transferred, extraordinary members and our first designated "Friend of the IPA" a warm welcome into our ranks.





President's Message

I hope that everyone is enjoying the fabulous weather that this summer is providing us with. I know that some of you are on vacation, some are hanging around your lakeside cottages or like me you are busily working away the summer in the hopes of a nice upcoming rest in the fall. Whatever is that you are partaking in, I just wish that you are all doing well.

As part of my duties as President, I attended the Annual General Meeting which was hosted by Region 9 and held in Vancouver, BC. I had the opportunity to meet delegates from all 15 Regions, as I held the vote for Region 10 (Niagara) who unfortunately were unable to attend. I got to learn how other regions conduct their meetings and more importantly how they conducted their socials. After all, that's what the IPA is all about, friendship, camaraderie, making new friends and renewing old friendships. A lot was accomplished at the AGM and next year, Region 2 has the privilege of hosting the Annual General Meeting here in Toronto.

Region 2 will also be hosting a friendship week and we look forward to meeting members from around the world. It is always interesting when you meet members from around the world as they tell you all about their region and their country. Policing is basically the same, but its always fascinating to hear how it's achieved in various countries around the world.

To date we have had three (3) socials in place of board meetings, and the first two were successful in that 35-40 members attended. The social on August 1st, was of course disappointing as only 12 members attended with their spouses, and two new members joined us for the very first time. One was from Moldova who now resides here in Canada as was the second who hails from Brazil and is now with CBSA. A hot buffet was put on for the group with lots of leftovers to take home. I am aware that most members were most likely away on holidays. I hope that the next social which will confidently be in October will have a better turnout. The idea of the social is exactly what it is, a "social", an opportunity for all members of the IPA to meet friends both near and far, and of course make new friends.

I would like to give a special thank you to Joe Rizzuti, our special events coordinator, for the fantastic annual BBQ that he put together, for getting all of the food and drinks, and most of all opening up his home to host everyone. I have heard nothing but positive comments about the entire event. Well done Joe! It seems that when it comes to organizing and promoting events, Joe continuously does a terrific job. A special plaque was commissioned for Joe, and it was to be presented at our August social, unfortunately Joe was unable to attend and we will present him with the plaque at the next opportunity.

Congratulations also goes to Colin Hawkes for his untiring work in keeping the IPA store stocked and for being constantly on the prowl for new items. Colin is the Supplies Officer for Region 2 and he continues to

to do a spectacular job in that position. Colin was presented with a special plaque at the August social, to say thank you for all his hard work.

Just a gentle reminder to all, to please stay current with your membership and invite your present and former work colleagues to become members. To check on your membership status please contact Dave or Debbie Carey at ipar2adm@rogers.com. The IPA is great organization, don't keep it a secret...please promote it and recruit your friends and work colleagues. Let's build our region as the largest in Canada and continue to promote friendship.

We were also very pleased to be reminded that the IPA is truly an international organization by having IPA visitors from the USA, France and the Ukraine attend our fair city of Toronto as their base, for travel across this wonderful country we call Canada.

The Region's next business meeting is **7:00pm on Wednesday, September 12, 2018** (instead of September 05) at #2 District, York Regional Police, 171 Major Mackenzie Dr. Richmond Hill and open to all members. If you wish to place anything on the agenda please advise our Recording Secretary, Malina Nicoara at malinanicoara@hotmail.com



York Regional Police District 2
171 Major MacKenzie Drive
Richmond Hill

Publisher's Message

Summer is almost over as you find this newsletter in your email in-box. It has been a decent summer, weather wise, with plenty of hot days and only a few wet ones.

I am sure that many of you have had lovely times away at cottages, on picnics or just having family get togethers, as we have up here in the Barrie area.

Now, as the weather cools down a little, and the days start getting shorter, we can start thinking of our IPA friends once again and begin to socialize a little more often with those friends and colleagues.

We have a few new members who I hope read this newsletter and take this message as a personal invitation to come north for one or all of our monthly breakfast socials. We choose a venue in Barrie (central), Orillia (north) or Bradford/Cookstown (south) where members will get together for a hearty home-style breakfast and some good camaraderie with the people who know and understand what you want to chat about.



Our next breakfast will be on September 20, 2018. The venue will be HotStacks in Cookstown, on Hwy 27, east side. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us. We would love to have your company for a couple of hours.

Of course, do not forget to get your tickets for the biggest social event of our year, the Christmas party. For you new members, let me tell you that Joe and his team go the extra mile and get us the best deals ever. This year's party will be at the same general location as last year and will be on November 24. Watch for more news for times, etc, but contact Les for your tickets. They will be in limited supply.



A DEA officer stopped at our farm yesterday. "I need to inspect your farm for illegal growing drugs." I said "Okay, but don't go into that field over there..."

The DEA officer verbally exploded saying "Mister, I have the authority of the United States Government with me!". Reaching into his rear pants pocket, the arrogant officer removed his badge and shoved it in my face. "See this freakin' badge? This means I can go anywhere I want to go, anywhere! No questions asked and no answers given. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?"

I nodded politely, apologized and went about my chores. A short while later, I heard loud screams and saw the DEA officer running for his life. He was being chased by my big ole mean bull. The bull was gaining on him and the officer was clearly terrified.

I threw down my tools and ran to the fence and yelled at the top of my lungs....

"Your badge....show him your freakin' badge!"

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia, have gout, have poor circulation, can hardly feel my hands or feet anymore. I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92 and have lost all my friends. But thank goodness, I still have my driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape so I asked my doctor for permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. He said go for it. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over!

The Senility Prayer

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyways, the good fortune to run into the ones I do,
and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Always remember this...you don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.

These "old" laughs were provided courtesy of Jim Dallimore.

That's it, that's all....

Two members of our Region have signed off into retirement. Dave Trach, after 37 years and Jeff Nolan a 30 year veteran of York Regional Police are starting a new chapter in their lives. Pictured below is R2 member Al Almeida wishing Dave a fond farewell and Jeff and I raising a glass to the future. Best of luck gentlemen, it's been a pleasure.



submitted by Chris Barratt

And remember ladies and gentlemen, as we get older we need to consider some words of wisdom in order to make our senior years better.....for example, look at what this spry young woman told reporters:

Reporter interviewing a 104 year-old woman asked her:

“...and what do you think is the best thing about being 104 years old?”

The 104 year-old lady looked the reporter in the eye and calmly and simply replied:

“no peer pressure”