



# The LIGHTHOUSE



**Spring 2009**

## President's Message

*Greetings fellow IPA members! This, being our first newsletter of 2009, let me take this opportunity to wish each and every member a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. The year started off with another great IPA event, the Woodloch Pines getaway. My wife and I just returned from this wonderful haven in the Poconos, and if you have never been to Woodloch, I highly recommend that you experience it for yourself. I understand that our Vice President Alan has already secured 2010 dates, and I know he is eager to share the upcoming information with you all.*

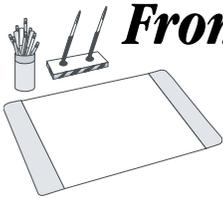
*By now, members who have paid their 2009 dues have received their new 2009 identification cards from the National Committee. On the back of the ID card, you will notice an ad for a discount promotional company [FORCE]. This advertisement was approved at our last National Delegate Conference and is supported by the National IPA Executive Committee. The company, FORCE Group, is offering a FREE service to members, that is, a discount program with major retail companies. Should you wish to take advantage of these discounts, or if you want further information on the program, you must sign into their website. It costs nothing. If you have no interest, just disregard the ad.*

*This year's National Delegate Convention will be hosted by Region 57 and will be held at the Casino Queen Hotel and Casino in Illinois, on the Mississippi River across from the St. Louis Gateway Arch. The dates are October 25-30, 2009 and all members are welcome to attend. Registration forms and tour information can be found in the upcoming IPA News Magazine and on the national website, [www.ipa-usa.org](http://www.ipa-usa.org). The package that Region 57 has put together is at a reasonable cost and includes many meals and tours. Check it out.*

*On a more exciting note, I am pleased to announce that the winner of this year's international Arthur Troup Scholarship is our very own Regional Treasurer, Mary Anne Villardi. She will be going to Germany to attend a weeklong training seminar at the Gimborn Castle. For those who have never heard of Gimborn, let me give you a little background. The Gimborn Conference Center was founded more than 30 years ago in Germany. The conference center is located in the western portion of Germany, about 30 miles east of Cologne. Officially called the "Informations und Bildungszentrum Schloss Gimborn (IBZ), it is commonly referred to as "Gimborn Castle." The center has approximately 30 seminars each year. About 15 are presented in non-German languages with simultaneous translation. A few classes are given in English only. The Arthur Troup scholarship awards 3,000 Swiss Francs (approx \$2800. US) for travel and class related expenses.*

*The National Treasurer, Kevin Gordon, was invited to instruct at Gimborn in 2003 and returned convinced of the advantages of the center. At his suggestion, the National Executive Board initiated a US Section scholarship in 2004 and have sent one scholarship winner each year since. This scholarship is for \$1,500.00 which usually covers the airfare to Cologne and the class fee that includes meals and lodging.*

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## *From the desk of your Editor,*

**Alan Feinstein**

*It seems like an issue of the Lighthouse is finally completed and, once again, I am chasing our Board members around for articles, pictures and anything else which help fill the pages of a new Region 15 newsletter. We have been quite busy the last few months. I attended the Holiday Party and Auction at the Middle Island Country Club. Diane, Jay, and Eddie Jueng and their staff went all out to show their hospitality for our group. Tom Heinssen was so pleased that he has negotiated an outdoor barbeque for our open meeting sometime this summer. We will hopefully tie in a little pre-meeting golf.*

*Our trip to Newport, Rhode Island was memorable. The mansions are an incredible piece of American history. We had a great dinner at the Atlantic Beach Club and an even better lunch at the Mooring Restaurant in downtown Newport the following afternoon.*

*Our winter getaway to Woodloch Pines, Hawley Pa., this past January lived up to all expectations. Once again, we enjoyed fabulous meals, beautiful accommodations and lots of fun. I also had the opportunity to spend a day at the "Lodge at Woodloch." This resort, which is not connected with Woodloch Pines, has been written up as one of the top ten spas in the United States. As I walked in for my massage, I understood why. It was a magnificent facility and boasted incredible indoor and outdoor pools and hot-tubs which were available to us for the entire day. The staff catered to our every need. I initially thought that \$125 was a tad expensive for my massage appointment but I left feeling that it was worth every cent. This is a "must do" for anyone going to Woodloch Pines. I am also glad to announce that we are going back on January 25 to 28, 2010. Our group has been given the new rates and we were only increased by ten dollars per person for the entire stay! I can not stress enough the fabulous value this getaway is.*

*I look forward to our Spring Open Meeting at the Suffolk Community College Culinary Arts Institute in Riverhead. Those students can cook up a meal, as we learned at Martha Clara Vineyards this past fall. I will also be meeting up with IPA members later this spring in San Francisco and Napa.*

*This fall we will send Mary Anne off to Cologne, Germany to attend a terrorism course at Gimborn Castle. She applied for, and received the Arthur Troup scholarship which will cover the costs for this educational endeavor. I look forward to joining her in Germany at the conclusion of her course and expect to meet up with members of the IPA in Cologne and Frankfurt.*

*On a final note, the economy has been in the forefront of everyone's minds. Your Board is continually looking to best serve the membership in the most efficient and economical ways. Our mailing costs and bulk rate stamp fees have climbed significantly. Furthermore, returned envelopes have added even more dollars to our postage budget. We have decided to give up our Patchogue bulk permit this October. Our mailings will be bulk-permitted from Allcolor Printing in Farmingdale. Our event and meeting flyers will be incorporated into the Lighthouse newsletters. The event flyers will also be on our website, [www.iparegion15.com](http://www.iparegion15.com). I send out numerous reminders and other newsworthy items to our members. Please send me your e-mail address if you haven't received these e-mails.*

**Servo per Amikeco, Al Feinstein, 1st VP**



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# From the Desk of Carol LoPiccolo, *Secretary*:

## Happy New Year to All....Is it already Spring, 2009?

*Being host mom to IPA exchange student, Julia Wolff, has come to a close. Julia returned to Germany on December 18th. It has been a wonderful experience. Many thanks go to my dear friend, Violet Dolan, co-host mom, who supported both Julia and I through our many adventures. I also want to thank Maureen Gonzalez who showed Julia the East End of Long Island and Shelter Island.*

*Julia excelled not only in all her schoolwork, but also in her command of the English language. Her thirst for knowledge is unimaginable, and on many days she worked independently, striving to achieve her goal.*

*I will always remember her when I hear "Mama Mia" since this was the music she played during all our travels. Whether it was shopping, baking, preparing for her Semi-Formal dance or visiting new places she never disappointed me with her enthusiasm. Julia enriched my life in ways I never expected. I wish her a happy, healthy and successful life.*

**Carol LoPiccolo, Secretary, Region 15**

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## More Than Just an Adventure

*Have you ever wished to see another country through your eyes as an exchange student? I did and it came true. My name is Julia Wolff, born on the 4th of August 1992 in Germany, as the only child of Roland and Gabi Wolff.*

*Many years ago, I dreamed of an unforgettable trip as an exchange student to another country, far away from Germany. I never thought that my dream would come true. Leaving the small town in the Wesel District, in North-Rhine-Westphalia, meant more than just an adventure to me. This exchange gave me the opportunity to experience the culture, arts, beliefs and institutions of the American population that are passed down from generation to generation.*

*On the 13th of August, my trip to the United States of America began. While I was sitting on the plane, crossing the Atlantic Ocean, I hoped it would be unforgettable. At that time, I had no idea how unforgettable it will really become.*

*When I landed in New York, my host mom, Carol LoPiccolo and her good friend Violet Dolan were eagerly awaiting my arrival. After the first few days of being homesick, I began to enjoy my time. School in the United States started for me and every other student of Western Wayne High School, Pennsylvania on the 27th of August. The thoughts of meeting many new people in school and talking to them in English made me extremely nervous. After my first day in school, I felt very comfortable, because the students and teachers welcomed me.*

*My days were filled with school and after school activities, like playing tennis for the Western Wayne High School Tennis Team. On weekends, Carol took me to different places, trying to show me the beauty of the United States and its diversity. One of the most interesting things Carol showed me was the Amish Country. I've heard about their lifestyle before, yet seeing it was like seeing people living in another century. Seeing the Amish people living without electricity made me think about the luxuries today's people are enjoying. For me, watching television or traveling by train is a matter of course. I can't even imagine traveling by horse and buggy. I was so busy enjoying my time in the United States that I didn't even recognize how fast the time went by.*

*On the 10th of December, Carol and Violet planned to take me to New York City. Carol surprised me on the evening before the 10th with a ticket for the Broadway Play "Mama Mia". Due to unforeseen circumstances, Carol couldn't come with us, yet she wanted me to see the most populous city in the United States. Violet (Vi) tried to show me as many things as we possible could see on one day. We went to the "Top of the Rock", the Rockefeller Center and the Broadway Play "Mama Mia". In addition, we stopped at a Chinese Restaurant to eat and to dry our clothes which were soaked full of rainwater. I enjoyed my day in New York City, although after walking miles, my legs got tired. When Vi and I arrived at Carol's house, the only thing I could think of was falling asleep.*

*Sooner than I could even imagine, the day of farewell arrived. Now, at the end of my time in the United States, I can say that the trip exceeded my expectations. I am thankful to Mr. Bill Wieners and IPA Region 15 and Mr. Heinz Zengeler, who made my dream of seeing another country as an exchange student, come true. In addition, I want to thank my host mom, Carol LoPiccolo for giving me the opportunity to stay with her. The time with you, Carol, was a great experience, even if it wasn't always easy. I am glad that I spent time with you, such a strong, independent and generous woman. I want to thank Violet Dolan as well, who was always available when I needed help or somebody to talk to.*

*I want to dedicate these last lines to my parents. Mom, dad, I LOVE YOU more than anything in this world. Although you weren't physically here with me in the United States, you were always with me in spirit. I want to thank you for the encouragement, strength, and love that you give me every single day.*

**Julia Wolff 12/16/2008**

## Martha Clara Wine Tasting

Cabernet, Pinio Grigio, Merlot, Rose, so much wonderful wine. Once again, this past September, Martha Clara Vineyards in Riverhead hosted the fall open meeting of IPA Region 15. The vineyard, owned by the Entenmann family, has been graciously donating their tasting room to our membership for the past seven years. Unfortunately, we will not have a 2009 fall meeting with them. Last year's event brought only half of our usual attendance of tasters from years past. Our members always took advantage of the discounts offered during this evening and their purchases offset the generous donation of space, which can be quite costly to rent in the fall harvest season. Jackie E., Bob Kern and the staff have always supported law enforcement associations and it is hoped that we may someday return. I guess it is another sign of these economic times to take a break from this event.

I hope our members still find their way out to Martha Clara Vineyards to show our support and appreciation of the great hospitality from the Entenmann family towards Region 15. For those who joined us, they experienced our latest culinary find. Culinary Director Richard Frelich and students from the Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts program in Riverhead prepared a delicious array of appetizers. Their presentation was mouth watering. It was definitely "A+" and I hope that was the grade the students received for all their work that night. We will be enjoying their talents again on April 24, 2009. This time it will be at the SCCC facility located on Main Street in Riverhead. There will be a working demonstration in their "Wolf-Sub Zero Demonstration" kitchen plus a dinner to be prepared by the students. It will be just like an episode of the Food Network, but this time we will get to eat it as well as watch it.

On a final note, dues notifications were sent out by the National IPA. Please pay them promptly. We thank you for your quick response. You still can sign up for credit union deductions for the year 2010. The Suffolk Federal Credit Union deduction form can be found on our website at [www.iparegion15.com](http://www.iparegion15.com) and mailed to me prior to September.

**Servo per Amikeco.....**

**Mary Anne Villardi, Treasurer**

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### **Please note the following from our Secretary General, approved at our last NDC in Colorado:**

At our last National Conference the Delegates approved a Discount Promotional Company ( FORCE GROUP ) to print their ad on the back of our ID cards. You and your members are now receiving these new cards. This did not cost the National anything and it won't cost you or your members anything. They (Force Group) offer a *free* service to our members. If you choose to take advantage of it, you just need to sign on to their web site. If you don't want it just disregard it. I have enclosed a welcome letter from the Group Force, it explains how to sign on and what discounts you can obtain. They offer discounts at vacation sites as well as discounts at shopping locations. If you have any questions about this service please contact one of your National Board Officers.

**Richard Nevarez**

**Secretary General, United States Section**

# President's Message

(CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER)

*The rules are simple. The applicant must be an IPA member in police service and a member of the IPA for at least one year. The winner must agree to write a report in article form for the National IPA News Magazine upon completion of the seminar. Winners have up to 2 years to use the award. Applications are available online at [www.ipa-usa.org](http://www.ipa-usa.org), click administrative forms and find #20. Applications are due by August 1, 2009 for the next scholarship. You can also contact a board member for additional information*

*International Youth Group: Another worthwhile offer that is open to IPA members is the International Youth Group, which is held each year and open to younger members of an IPA family [ages 15–18]. It is a chance for young people to visit another country and participate in an event they will never forget. It is a unique opportunity to experience travel and meet people of a similar age from different cultures and backgrounds, while gaining a deeper knowledge of the history, social character, natural surroundings and family life of the hosting country. The IYG program conforms to the spirit and aims of the IPA and is open to children and grandchildren of current IPA members. This information may also be found on the national website, [www.ipa-usa.org](http://www.ipa-usa.org), or contact a board member for additional information.*

*These, and other awards, are available to IPA members across the country. All you need to do is apply. Please read your National IPA Magazine, or visit the National website, to learn more. IPA is there for you. Please take advantage of these wonderful opportunities for you, your children, and your grandchildren. We need to keep our Region growing. Come and experience IPA. You won't be disappointed.*

*In closing, on a local level, the Region 15 Board is again organizing events for the year. As always, a few new venues are being planned, and a return to some "oldies but goodies" will appear on the agenda. Look for more information on future events in The Lighthouse, our newsletter or our website. Hope to see you soon. Stay safe and be happy!*

*Yours in Friendship,*

*Bill Wieners*

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## "WOODLOCH PINES 2008"



# "2008 HOLIDAY PARTY-CHINESE AUCTION"



# MARTHA CLARA VINEYARD-FALL 2008

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# "NDC-COLORADO SPRINGS 2008"

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## From the Desk of Joe Cozine, *2nd VP*:

Another season has just about passed and I am sure we are all looking forward to Spring. This will also bring us to our drawing of our annual scholarship winners for 2009. The drawing will take place at our April 24th meeting at the SCCC Culinary Arts Institute in Riverhead. I wish good luck to all of our thirty three applicants this year. I am sure the winners will make good use of their winnings. Bill and Mary Anne will take care of the drawings as Nan and I will be in Ireland. We ended the 2008 year with an overnight trip to Newport, Rhode Island to see the mansions decorated for the holidays. It was an interesting trip which also included a great dinner at the Atlantic Beach Club. The two days were enjoyable, even though a few people were not happy with our guide. Others thought she was very good (nothing is perfect).

All information on our trips and events for 2009 will be in the Lighthouse newsletter and our website, [www.iparegion15.com](http://www.iparegion15.com). Please keep in mind our California Coast trip scheduled for July 16th, traveling from San Diego to San Francisco. We will fly from J.F.K. to San Diego. Coaches will take us to all sights and hotels. Some highlights will be Sonoma Valley, Yosemite National Park and two nights at Fisherman's Wharf San Francisco. We have 10 people signed up already. You can find the information on this trip in the IPA National News magazine. A deposit can hold your space. Any questions please call me 654-4344. Hope to see you there!



**Servo per Amikeco, Joe Cozine, 2nd VP**

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## **Jerry Maroney reports:**

As Spring (and St. Patrick's Day) is closing in, I want to thank those who made our holiday party a great success. I have doing a bit of travelling but look forward to jumping in with Tom on another event this summer at the Middle Island Country Club. The staff was a pleasure to deal with and they promise us another fine Open Meeting, with some pre-event golf!! I am planning another trip to Sturgis, North Dakota, this summer. Any IPA member who is interested in this "fest" and needs info or assistance, please contact me.

**Servo per Amikeco.....Jerry**



## FROM THE TREASURER'S VAULT:

**2008 National Delegates Conference  
Colorado Springs, CO.**

This past October marked the date of the 2008 National Delegates Conference in Colorado Springs, CO. What a beautiful part of our country! The city of Colorado Springs has so much to offer visitors, including the Air Force Academy, Pike's Peak, the US Olympic Training Center, the Garden of the Gods, its breathtaking mountains and thousands of Aspens which were turning yellow. It is understandable that Colorado is a hiker's and skier's paradise. Our hosts, Region 17, were truly gracious. Every day of our event was looked after to the last detail. We were taken to Colorado's Royal Gorge, a scaled down, yet awesome canyon which reminded us of the Grand Canyon. I also had the opportunity to take the Cog Railroad to the top of Pike's Peak-a height of over 14,000 feet. From this amazing vantage point I was able to view five different states.

The NDC business meeting ran a full day and included Region reports, officer reports, by-law changes and a hashing of ideas and commentary by the attending delegates. Future conference sites were decided, with St. Louis as the 2009 site on Oct. 25, 2009. Information can be obtained on the internet, at [www.ipa-usa.org/region57](http://www.ipa-usa.org/region57). The next conferences will be held in Seattle (2010) followed by a seven day Alaskan cruise.

On a final note, Eastern Long Island Region 15 is, once again, the largest active membership region in the country. Our membership continues to keep us strong and your Board wishes to express it's appreciation for your loyalty and support at events, meeting and trips.

**Mary Anne Villardi, NDC Representative**

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## NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND 2008



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## Officer Down: Police Officer Glen Ciano

**Officer Down: Police Officer Glen Ciano** - [Yaphank, New York]

**Age:** 45

**Cause of Death:** Vehicular assault

Police Officer Glen Ciano was killed when his patrol car was struck by a vehicle being driven by an intoxicated operator.



Officer Ciano was responding to assist a fellow officer who had stopped a vehicle with stolen license plates. His patrol car was struck by a vehicle making a left turn onto Commack Road from Vanderbilt Parkway. The force of the collision sent the patrol car off the road and into a utility pole. The patrol car burst into flames, killing Officer Ciano.

The suspect was arrested at the scene and it was determined that he had been operating his vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Police Officer Ciano had served with the Suffolk County Police Department for 22 years and is survived by his wife and two children. He was assigned to the 2nd Precinct.



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