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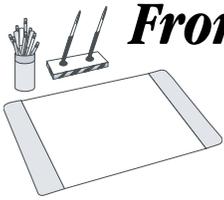
As the 2009-year draws to a close, I would personally like to thank the members of the board for their dedication and support throughout the year. I would especially like to thank Joe Cozine, who recently retired as 2nd Vice President, for his tireless efforts that provided Region 15 members with many memorable trips and events. Joe, thank you for your service! You will be missed by one and all.

While on the subject of events and trips, Pat and I are presently offering our members a four day weekend to Boston in the spring of 2010 leaving from Police Headquarters, as well as an exotic all-inclusive cruise to The Galapagos Islands in September. I urge anyone who may be able to take advantage of these destinations to give it serious consideration as they are filling up quickly.

We will shortly be announcing our 2010 itinerary. Many new options are being considered, so stay tuned. On that note, I hope to see a large turnout at our upcoming Holiday Open Meeting & Chinese Auction at Shandon Court, which our own Jerry Maroney has put so much effort into planning. Please show your support.

Happy Holidays to you and yours! Stay safe and enjoy.

*Servo Per Amikeco
Bill Wieners*



From the desk of your Editor,

Alan Feinstein

The summer of 2009 is behind us. It was a short one and seemed to rain more often than not. September has been glorious and if we luck out, our hurricane season will forget Long Island as a destination. I write this article for both myself and Mary Anne, who is currently in a one week course at Schloss Gimborn, outside Cologne, Germany. She will certainly let us all know this great experience was upon her return. She was one of several international recipients of the Arthur Troup Scholarship, presented by the International Board of the I.P.A. I hope we see more members of Region 15 apply for this, as well as our National scholarship to attend these week-long seminars.

The summer luau open meeting was a well attended success, according to all. Unfortunately, I was scheduled to attend a conference out of town that day and missed the fun. I am looking forward to our next open meeting that Jerry has booked at Shandon Court in East Islip. He has put together a menu that will be an eye-opener! The Chinese Auction is always great due to the generosity of our members and Tom Heinsen has promised some more "dark-horse" style surprises.

In January, we return for our third annual Woodloch Pines getaway in Hawley, Pa. Everyone who goes seems to re-book this trip each year. I can not say enough about the accommodations, food and daily entertainment this fine resort has. The best feature is the very low, all inclusive rate for this three night trip which goes from January 25 to January 28. This trip will be listed as a "Friendship Event" for other Regions around us in 2010. Please visit the website and place a refundable deposit on a room. You will NOT be sorry!

I would like to close by saying a big THANK YOU to our retiring Second Vice President, Joe Cozine. Joe joined the board shortly after me and has been a continuous driving force for events and trips for our membership. Both he and his wife, Nan, were always there to help with meetings, mailings, and most importantly, the Scholarship as Committee Chairman. His efforts will be missed and we wish the Cozine's all the best!

Mary Anne wanted me to remind our Credit Union enrollees that the deduction will be taken on October 1 for the 2010 year. We ask that you keep us advised of address changes to avoid additional postage costs in forwarding mailings. Lastly, she wanted some feedback about using Suffolk Community College in Riverhead again next year.

From both of us, we wish all the best for healthy and happy days as we approach the holiday season. Hope to see you at all our events. Servo per Amikeco...

Alan Feinstein, 1st V.P.



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2009 Open Meeting Luau at Middle Island Country Club



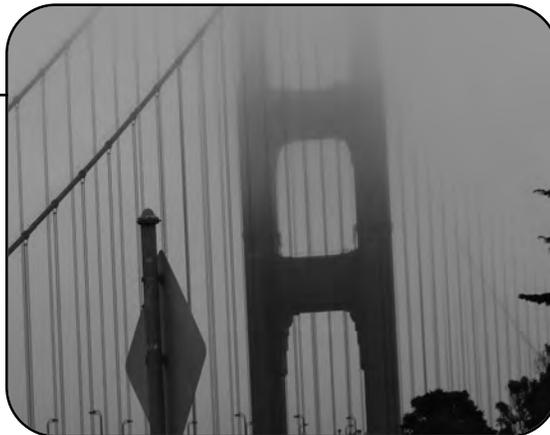
IPA Region 15 California Coast Trip – July 16-24, 2009

On July 16th twelve of us were transported by limo service to JFK Airport from Headquarters in Yaphank where we met two more of our group. We began our nine-day California trip. We boarded a Jet Blue flight to San Diego. We spent two nights there and toured much of the town including the fantastic zoo, historic Old Town, Cabrillo National Monument and visited Del Coronado. On day three we boarded the Pacific Sun Liner Train to San Juan, Capistrano and the beautiful Capistrano Mission. We boarded our coach again to go on to Los Angeles to visit the usual Hollywood stuff and stayed one night. Next day was a highlight for sure. It included the trip to Santa Barbara and a visit to the Reagan Library. This magnificent museum featured the actual Air Force One that President Reagan used. It is magnificent. We then traveled to a quiet sea side village to stay a night at Shell Beach. From there, we went on to San Simeon to visit Hearst Castle. We came north along the Big Sur Coastline where nature's beauty is spectacular. We checked out the Pebble Beach Golf Course and saw the 18th hole that is also a gift shop. We stayed over night in Monterey. Next stop, the Sierra Nevada Mountains, an impressive sight. The breathtaking falls and beautiful red woods are just awesome at the Yosemite National Park. We stayed one night near Yosemite then Sacramento and the Napa Valley where we stopped at a winery and cheese tasting. From there we went across the Golden Gate Bridge and stayed two nights at a hotel on Fisherman's Wharf. On the way we visited a cheese factory that produced 1.2 million pounds of cheese a day, "Wow!" We enjoyed a San Francisco Tour, Twin Peaks, Union Square and China Town. Teri, our wonderful and informative tour guide and our driver Brad did everything possible to add humor and enjoyment to our trip. All in all, the entire trip was great!

Joe Cozine



Portion of Berlin Wall at Regan Library



Golden Gate Bridge



Hearst Castle Pool



IPA Members and Friends in CA.



FROM THE TREASURER'S VAULT:

Mary Anne Villardi

Once again it is "dues time." Those with credit union deductions will have their dues deducted October 1st. all others will be receiving dues billing from the national board. Please pay them promptly. Your dues do go to keeping costs of all our events at a reasonable price. For example, the open meeting at the Middle Island Country Club cost us \$42 per person, but we offered it to our members at \$37 per person. Your dues were used toward the cost of this event. The board does figure some type of monetary discount for all our events. As always we encourage everyone to attend as many our events and get the most from your dues. I wish a fond farewell to our fellow board member, Joe Cozine. Joe has been with us for many years and has given us a lot of ideas. The Fire Island cruises along with beautiful Long Island sunsets always provided fond memories. Joe also provided the board with many new events that brought members out. Thanks Joe, for all your help and experiences over the years. Many happy years to you and, your wife, Nan.



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I would like to thank Lady Liberty Cruises for their outstanding service and also thank our members for making this a successful and unforgettable event.

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it's new members:

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James Moran Edward Zitek

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