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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This being the last Newsletter of 2015, I greet all IPA members and readers in the true spirit of the bonds of friendship that exist within the IPA.

The **32nd National Council Meeting** of IPA South Africa was successfully hosted by the Port Natal Region at the Santana Resort, Margate from 29 October to 1 November 2015. It is my personal opinion that this was one of the most constructive National Council Meetings ever held. Within the time constraints we could as a collective really take a good look at where IPA South Africa finds itself now and what our key focus areas should be from now to 31 March 2017.

Project 7000 was in this regard launched with the intention on the one hand to grow our membership drastically over the next 18 months, but on the other hand to also improve our interaction with our existing members. The key emphasis of our approach will be directed at transforming IPA South Africa into a vibrant Association through a strategic marketing drive and the creation of greater visibility amongst the various law enforcement agencies. More formal background to these aspects will be undertaken through a Note to all members early in 2016.

Our approach to provide **1 x Year Free IPA membership** to new members upon enrolment has since its implementation during November 2014 been largely successful. We will continue with this approach going forward. We do in this regard call upon our members to use this aspect as marketing initiative and to motivate others to join the IPA. It is only through membership growth that we can keep annual membership fees realistic.

The **2016 IPA Card** will be distributed to all paid-up members by the last week of January 2016. We are calling upon all members who have as yet not paid their 2015 fees to do so by 31 December 2015. The Cards will only be printed for those members who are duly paid-up at 31 December 2015.

Regional Activities. Since our last Newsletter I have had the opportunity and privilege to attend various AGM's and functions of some of our Regions – East Rand, Johannesburg, Jacaranda, Garden Route and the Northern Free State. It was throughout fascinating to see the levels of friendship that exist amongst IPA members, their families and friends of the IPA. Although all Regions face various challenges, it was once again noticeable that the cause of the IPA is sound and second to none. Let us build on this and live out our Motto of "Servo per Amikeco – Service through Friendship".

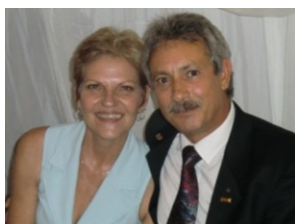
The Year 2015 is at its end. May we all take the lessons of what this Year has brought upon us and those around us. May we make these lessons part of ourselves and take it forward in the interest of us as individuals personally, as a member of a family, as a friend of others and similarly live this out with whoever we interact with.

Thank you to all Committees and members nationally for the support and commitment towards the cause of the IPA. It is fully understood that it can sometimes be energy tapping, but you have over 2015 risen above the challenges that we face.

On behalf of Dirkie and myself, a Merry Christmas to all. May you, your families and friends experience true love, peace and friendship over the Festive Season. We wish all a wonderful and prosperous 2016.

We pray that God keeps His Hand over each and Bless all as He may deem appropriate.

Dirkie and Vossie Vos





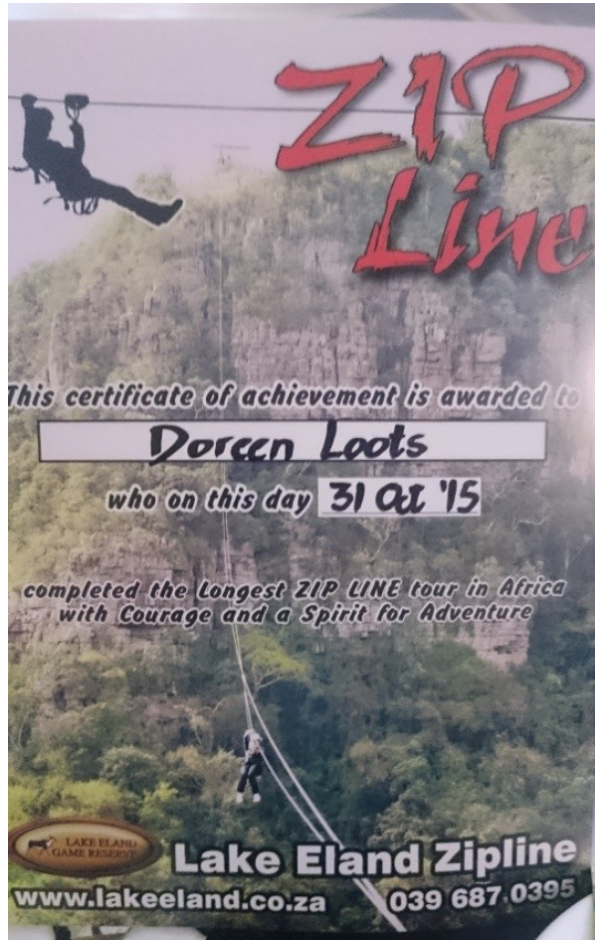
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS GO ZIPLINING WHAT A DAY!!!

I must say, the thought of Zipping down the longest Zipline in Africa sounded very thrilling and exciting. During the two days of the NCM the topic came up for discussion quite often. Then the morning arrived and we boarded the busses and off we went. Once we arrived at Lake Eland and saw what was waiting surely some people's stomachs went into a knot. We all gathered together in a room to receive our instructions, got "dressed up" and then it was time and what an experience it was.



AND WHAT A SUPER WOMAN!!!!

Tannie Doreen, wife of Past President Pilot Loots, at the age of 77 showed as all how it should be done and age should not be an excuse not to Zipline. This was such a great achievement, the President, Vossie Vos thought it a good idea to award her for her courage and bravery. May she be an example to us all, life is too short, go out and enjoy



IPA JOHANNESBURG
FUND RAISING EVENT
BARNYARD - 50 CARAT GOLD

As the Johannesburg regional committee we arrange various fund raisers during the year to gather much needed money to keep the region afloat. We use this to pay the rent, so that we have a venue at which to meet and keep to our social responsibility programmes. One of our annual fund raisers took place on 7 November 2015 at the Barnyard in Cresta. The show was called "50 Carat Gold".

I am thrilled to say that it was another great success!

The President of IPA SA, Vossie Vos and his wife Dirkie honoured us with their presence, even though they had just driven back from Durban. It was wonderful having you with us!

We will continue to arrange such outings in the future and hopefully next time we will attract more IPA members. Come and join us, it will be fun.

Thanks to the other committee members who came to the party (pun).

Monies raised will go to a worthy cause in the New Year. Till then.....Rock On!

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Gordon Billing
Chairman JHB Region



MONTHLY SOCIAL EVENING

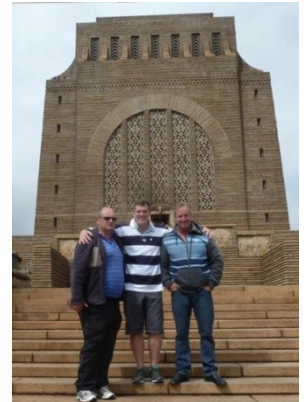
Gerhard Van Wyk - Receiving his 20 year certificate.

IPA JOHANNESBURG VISITORS FROM AUSTRALIA

Two of our members Gerhard van Wyk and Clem Nel hosted IPA visitors Paul and Dianne Dempsey from Brisbane, Australia on 6 September 2015.

This is what the visitors had to say upon their return to Australia

"Lads, just a quick email thanking you both for a great day out seeing the sights and enjoying an ale or two. We thoroughly enjoyed our time in RSA and can't wait to return. Dianne still talks about visiting Alexander and that we were lucky to get out of there with our lives and also cruising on the motorways. We had no problems on the rest of the holiday, the only thing is that we have put a few extra kilos on with all the good food and cold beers. Many thanks Paul & Dianne Dempsey"



VISIT FROM IPA JACARANDA



On the 3rd of December members of IPA Jacaranda visited IPA Johannesburg. Jacaranda visited ipa jhb on 3 Dec 2015.

Gordon Billing (Chairperson JHB) handing over a token of good will to Phillip Du Toit (Chairperson Jacaranda).



IPA EAST RAND YEAR END FUNCTION 2015

The year 2015 is nearly something of the past!!

On Saturday 14 November the IPA East Rand, had their year end function which was held at the residence of the chairman, Eric Roos in Witfield, Boksburg.

It was a great pleasure to welcome our guest of honour, the IPA National President, Vossie Vos and his wife, Dirkie. We would like to thank them for travelling all the way from Pretoria to Witfield to spend the day with us.

During the AGM the current committee was unanimously re-elected for a period of 4 years, (Instead of 3 years). This was discussed and approved with immediate effect at the National Council Meeting held at Margate in October 2015.

During the function which was an informal braai, all members and their guests gathered around the braai(s), preparing and cooking their meat – (“In Afrikaans: Almal het lekker saam gebraai”)

It was a great atmosphere and we enjoyed socializing, laughing and having a few cold ones. The members of the IPA surely know how to have a good time.

On the menu there were ostrich neck “potjie”, wors, ribs, chops, “paptert”, garlic bread, and a variety of salads, which was enjoyed by everybody.

At the end of a wonderful day and with the promise to have a similar braai next year, everybody departed happy and excited to recruit new members for the IPA East Rand.

I would like to thank and extend my appreciation to Sarie van Niekerk, Alida and Jeff Chatzkelowitz, Marlise Bornman and my wife Alida, for their contributions, planning, preparations and hard work, it was a huge success.

Lastly, I would like to wish all the IPA members worldwide and their families, a wonderful Festive Season, may the year 2016 be blessed and bring many more members on board.

We bow our heads in silence and salute the members that passed away during the year 2015

Kind Regards
Eric Roos
Chairman IPA East Rand

IPA GARDEN ROUTE VISIT FROM AUSTRIA

Colonel Walter Ringhofer (IPA Austria) and his wife, Andrea visited Plettenberg Bay from 6 to 8 November 2015.

First of all they were taken to view the stunning Beacon Island Hotel situated on the rocks between Central Beach and Robberg Beach.

Thereafter they were accompanied to several view spots overlooking the town and beaches.

Then followed a guided tour of the police premises, our visitors were impressed by the very friendly and supportive attitude by the members on duty and the high degree of companionship that they experienced at Plettenberg Bay Police Station.

On Saturday 7 November they went on the circular and strenuous hiking trail at Robberg Nature Reserve after first visiting the Nelson Bay Cave where extensive excavations had been done to research the living conditions of the first human inhabitants of the area. The excursion to Robberg took four hours to complete.

At sunset they enjoyed seafood in a restaurant on Central Beach, Plettenberg Bay.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the next morning they said goodbye and auf Wiedersehen to Plettenberg Bay and left for the Tsitsikamma Nature Reserve at Storms River.

Hugo Gerber
IPA Garden Route



IPA GARDEN ROUTE VISIT FROM GERMANY

The IPA Germany Tour Group, organized by Günter Lambrecht visited the Garden Route and stayed in Knysna from 22 to 24 November 2015.

On Monday evening, 23 November 2015 members of the Garden Route Region joined them at the Drydock Restaurant at Knysna Waterfront.

It was good to see again some old friends from Germany, (Günter, Heinz and Siegfried) and of course to make new friends, in the spirit of our motto.

We exchanged memorabilia, chatted, had a lovely meal together, escorted them to their hotel, had a cup of coffee, (etc) with them, hugged, said "Auf Wiedersehen", until the next time, liebe Freunde!

Komm bald zurück! (Come again, soon).

Hugo Gerber
IPA Garden Route



IPA GARDEN ROUTE

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The President of IPA South Africa, Hendrik (Vossie) Vos awarded Hugo Gerber with a Certificate of Recognition for having served from 1992 to 2015 as the Chairperson of the IPA Garden Route Region.

He was also awarded with Honorary Life Membership of the International Police Association (South African Section).



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

André Britz received a Certificate of Recognition for outstanding services rendered to the International Police Association from the President of the IPA South Africa Section, Hendrik (Vossie) Vos.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On the 4th of December the Region had their AGM and it was also election time. Congratulations to all.



Mondray Van Eck
Chairperson



Allie Du Plessis
Vice Chairperson



Erica Van Eck
Secretary

IPA WEST COAST BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

During October a breast cancer awareness event was held at Vredenburg SAPS.

It is very important for us, male or female to make sure we know our bodies. Look out for any changes in your breasts and go for regular check-ups. When breast cancer is detected early, it can be cured.

We lit candles and had a moment of silence for those who have not been lucky enough to survive breast cancer.



WORLD AIDS DAY

On the 1st of December was World Aids Day. Education and prevention is the key in fighting aids.



Elbie Gore
Vice Chair : IPA West Coast


IPA WEST COAST RACE DAY

The Race Day at Kennilworth has been a fund raising event for the Region for many many many years. And it has always been a fun filled day and this time was no exception.

We all met at the Blue Peter Hotel and we gathered on the Piggies Party Bus destined for Kennilworth Race Course. As soon as we arrived, the serious studying started, which horse is going to win??????

We would like to thank all the sponsors of this event. Unfortunately this may have been our last race day as the cost of hosting such an event has increased drastically and not a viable fund raising event any more.





IPA WEST COAST

The International Police Association is an independent body made up of members of Law Enforcement Agencies, whether in employment or retired, and without distinction as to rank, sex, race, colour, language or religion. Its purpose is to create bonds of friendship and to promote international co-operation. It is committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948. Its aims include the development of cultural relations amongst its members, a broadening of their general knowledge, and an exchange of professional experience; in addition, it seeks to foster mutual help in the social sphere and to contribute, within the limits of its possibilities, to peaceful co-existence between peoples and to the preservation of world peace!


IPA West Coast would like to thank all our sponsors who helped to make this day a success.

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BLOW THE WHISTLE AGAINST CRIME CAMPAIGN DURING 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM OF NO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

IPA SAVE THE DAY!!!!!!

A Blow the Whistle project was planned for the Vredenburg SAPS area and various organizations were committed to help make the day a success: APD, Local Municipality, Correctional Services, Mfesani, Siyabonga, IEC, Arcelor Mittal, Sea Harvest and local Fire and Ambulance services, CPF and Sanlam Sky solutions.

The IPA was also invited and Elbie Gore represented the organization.

We all planned together and decided to target a local school. We decided on Panorama Primary School which is one of the schools in an area with a high crime rate. We planned around having the whole school involved and let the project run over two days. We decided to paint the School Hall facing the community with the hands of the learners.

The aim of the project was to create awareness of the crimes happening around us. We started early on Friday the 27th of November at Panorama Primary school and learners from grade 1 to 6 painted the wall. We were welcomed with big smiles on the faces of the learners.

The purpose of "Blow the Whistle" was to give every child a whistle and make them aware that they should speak up about crime.

Unfortunately our plans failed (long story). A day before the event and NO WHISTLES!!!! Stress levels were running very high. It was found that the only payment received for the whistles were the payment made by the IPA. IPA had previously committed to buying 150 whistles and due to some misunderstanding they actually paid for 400 whistles. Thank goodness for this misunderstanding because that incorrect payment ensured we had all the whistles we needed for the project.

Saturday morning we started with a walk about around the school and all went whistling blowing the whistle on crime. Back at the school we had different planned activities waiting for 400 smiling faces and joyful hearts. The day ended very well and it was all because successful cooperation of Stakeholders that we are working very closely with and off course the Hero of it all IPA!

We thank all our Stakeholders including APD who represent people with disabilities for your contribution to make a child in need happy! What you did was generous and I salute you!

Hope you have a wonderful and Prosperous Festive season.

Service through friendship

IPA greetings
Sgt Felicity November



IPA POEM COMPETITION 2014-2015

The International Police Association's Poem Competition 2014-2015 was hosted by the International Cultural Commission (ICC), and poems were submitted to the ICC by the authors' national secretaries general by the deadline of 30 June 2015.

32 poems were received

- 27 for the category 'Traditional' from the IPA sections of Australia, Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Malta, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Sweden and the UK.
- 5 poems were received for the 'Haiku' category from Austria, Finland and Russia.

The authors' names and sections were removed, a code was given to each poem, and the identifying information was kept safe by Eija Aspholm of the ICC. The coded poems, plus the rules and a comments form were then emailed to the reviewers, who made their decisions not knowing the identities of the authors and sections.

All reviewers were asked to comment and give a position to the poems. This was followed by Eija Aspholm analysing the results.

The reviewers were Helena Kalema, a retired Sergeant and editor of the 'Veteraanit' magazine (police veterans), and Jutta Purontaus, Departmental Secretary in the Police Department of the Ministry of Interior from Finland. In addition, Stephen and Dianne Crockard assisted by giving comments on the Haiku poems.

The results of the competition were announced during the recent IPA World Congress in Cyprus and are as follows:

Category	Poem	Author	IPA Section
Overall winner	Christmas Mouse	Jo Huysamen	South Africa
Traditional			
Winner	The Wind	Alfie van Litsenborg	South Africa
Second	Creation	Jo Huysamen	South Africa
Third	Once	John Grant	Canada
Haiku			
Winner	The Spring	Matti Pätäri	Finland
Second	Haiku	A. Kosikov	Russia
Third	Blue Night	Mika Hakkarainen	Finland





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Join us for the 2016 International Youth Gathering

In Los Angeles California
July 16th - July 30th

"Land of the free, home of the brave..."



Registrations are open and the spots are half filled already. Sections should visit our website at www.ipa-usa.org/IYG if they are sending someone and register as soon as possible

- Participants must have reached their 16th birthday but not their 18th birthday on 17th July 2016 (Beginning of IYG 2016).
- This event will be spoken entirely in **English** (there will not be interpreters).
- The cost is **\$800.00 USD** per participant inclusive of accommodation, meals, transport and all venues within California. This price **excludes** air travel costs.
- Participant **must** have travel/health insurance that covers sports activities.
- A deposit of **\$250.00 USD** should be paid to bank account or on-line prior to **February 1, 2016**. The balance of **\$550.00 USD** is due **March 24, 2016**.



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Registrations for the 2016 IPA World Congress & Friendship Week in New Zealand are now live!

All the details are available on the IPA New Zealand website <http://www.ipa.org.nz>

The program and other related documents can be found at

<http://www.ipa.org.nz/index.php?page=61st-World-Congress-2016>

IPA SPAIN "MOTOFORPEACE"

I am Celestino Suárez, an IPA member from Spain. I am also a member of another European Police organization called "Motoforpeace".

Motoforpeace is non-governmental organization formed by European police and each year supports a humanitarian project and travels the world on motorcycles carrying a message of peace and friendship between the police of the world.

Motoforpeace was born in 2000 and so far has traveled the world covering more than 100,000 km on motorcycles and supporting humanitarian projects in Africa, Asia and South America.

The whole history of travel and projects to date can be found on the web www.motoforpeace.it.
Next year we will contribute towards three humanitarian projects:

- Construction of an orphanage in Bolivia (We will make the donation to NPH American organization founded by Father William B. born in Phoenix, Arizona.)
- Donation for drugs for one year for handicapped children orphans, they are treated at the Rancho Santa Fe NPH Honduras.
- Donation for drugs for one year for children living in the dump of Tegucigalpa

We will also travel with a medical team of the Italian police who will remain in Honduras three weeks practicing interventions.

The second part of our project is to have a motorcycle tour from Panama to Canada. The group is formed by 13 motorcycles and two vans with a total of approximately 20 people.

The journey begins on March 13 in Panama and arrive in New York on the 5th of May.

We are looking for assistance with places to sleep. Elsewhere in the world we have been received in police schools, Police stations or army, or as a last resort, not very expensive hotel.

Any contacts or assistance you could be able to provide would be appreciated.

An image is better than thousand words – please view the video to see what it is that we do!!

<https://youtu.be/RNhQYef037k>

We need your help and we sincerely hope we can assist.

Celestino Suárez
Servo per Amikeko
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ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION
IPA SOUTH AFRICA
MOSSSEL BAY: BOLAND PARK, DIAZ BEACH, GARDEN ROUTE, WESTERN CAPE

Marianna de Jongh, Treasurer of the IPA Central Cape has offered their private facility situated at Boland Park, Diaz Beach, Mossel Bay to IPA as Alternative Accommodation to IPA members. Mossel Bay is situated in the Garden Route in close proximity to George, Plettenberg Bay, Knysna and Oudtshoorn.

Accommodation Facility

The facility situated approximately in the middle of Hartenbos and Mossel Bay, is a walking distance from the Diaz Beach and has the following to offer:

- A 4 x bedroomed house accommodating 7 x persons (1 x room with a double bed, 2 x bedrooms with bunker beds and 1 x bedroom with single bed)
- Well equipped with a bathroom, 2 x toilets, showers and basins
- Fully fledged kitchen and all utensils as well as a stove, 2 x fridges and a deep freezer
- Lounge and dining room
- A TV with DSTV decoder available (Guests just need to bring along their own DSTV Card)

Pricing is as follows

- Out of Season - R500.00 (ZAR) for the house per day
- In Season - R850.00 (ZAR) for the house per day

Terms and Conditions Apply

As the pricing may change annually, please confirm pricing with Marianna

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IPA members wishing to use these facilities are to note that the discounted rates only apply to fully paid-up members and that the accommodation fee for the spouse and immediate dependants (children) of an IPA member will be the same as that of an IPA member. Proof of IPA membership will be required upon arrival and check-in.

The following is to be noted

IPA South Africa is not responsible for the reservation, maintenance or management of the facilities. Upon making reservations, inquire about the tariff applicable for IPA members. Proof of IPA membership (IPA Membership Cards) will be required upon arrival and check-in.

On behalf of all IPA members, the National Executive Committee requests all IPA members and their families utilising the facility to uphold the motto and objectives of IPA at all times.

Enjoy your stay at these premises and upon departure and leave a proud IPA legacy behind.

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INTERNATIONAL CALENDER

January 2016 AUSTRIA: Austria Ski Week 2016	February 2016 GERMANY: 49th IPA Carnival FRANCE: International Gala Evening
March 2016 SCOTLAND: IPA House Managers Conference	April 2016 USA: IPA Trip - Pacific Northwest & California USA: IPA-Trip Trains, Wineries & Treasurers of Northern California CROATIA: Friendship Week - The Croatia Tour 2016
May 2016 FRANCE: International Motorcycle Rally 2016 CANADA: IPA Friendship Week 2016 ITALY: 40th Anniversary of IPA Toscana Est	June 2016 AUSTRIA: 40th Anniversary of Wörgl-Kufstein-Kitzbühel Branch SPAIN: VI European Police and Fire Games FRANCE: International Open Golf Tournament
September 2016 SPAIN: XIII 7-a-side Football Championship for Police HUNGARY: 25th anniversary celebrations of IPA Hungary USA: SEE AMERICA Trip, New England by rail	October 2016 NEW ZEALAND: 61st IPA World Congress NEW ZEALAND: Friendship Week 2016

Is your IPA (SA) region or branch planning an event for 2016? Let us know at ipasa@lantic.net or webmaster@ipasafrica.co.za so that we can promote your event on our website and social media platforms including Facebook, Google+ and Twitter. You are also more than welcome to send in photos and articles of past events for online publishing.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to thank you for your support in the past year and I look forward to your continued support in the new year. Please keep your articles coming.

May you all have a happy festive season and stay safe.

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