

**INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION  
UNITED STATES SECTION  
REGION 29 BULLETIN  
FEBRUARY 2016**



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**Bill O'Connor, President region 29**

**Kevin M. Gordon (1955-2016)**

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to the United States Section President Kevin Gordon.

Kevin was born on May 5, 1955 in East St. Louis, Illinois, the son of William and Irene Gordon. He grew up in the St. Clair County, Illinois area. In 1975 he married his life-long partner Beth (Kastner). Kevin and Beth celebrated their 40th Anniversary this last December.

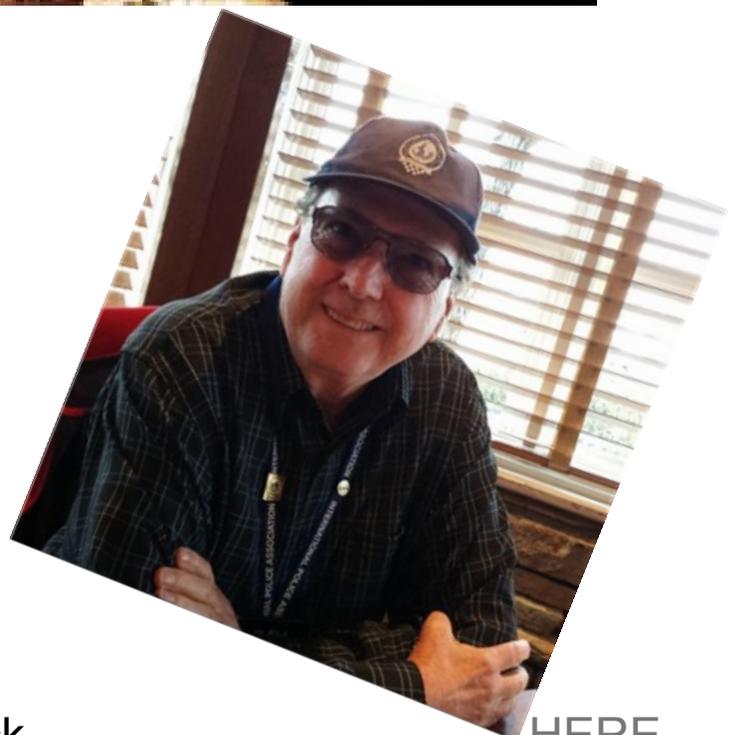
Kevin began his law enforcement career with the Cahokia, Illinois Police department in 1981 rising to the rank of Sergeant. In 1993 he became the Chief of Police on the Mascoutah, Illinois Police department, a position he held until his retirement in 2005. He served as the President of Region 57 from the time of its formation until his death. He also served as the Treasurer of the US Section and finally US Section President for the last 4 years. His legacy includes many exciting programs and innovations for the organization. His leadership and humor will be missed.

Outside of the IPA and Law Enforcement Kevin had a passion for travelling, camping, sitting in his backyard with a campfire and spending quality time with his family. His children include Adam (Erin) Gordon, Todd Gordon, and Sarah Gordon. Three Grandchildren; Aiden, Elizabeth and Abigail. He leaves behind three sisters; Sandra Gordon, Dolores Gordon and Joyce (Joseph) Rogers and a Brother, Kim Gordon as well as many nieces and nephews.

Kevin you served this earth, your family, your friends and your comrades in law enforcement well while you were here. Rest well my friend.

Bill O'Connor, R-29 President

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To view all the Brunch photos click

[HERE](#)

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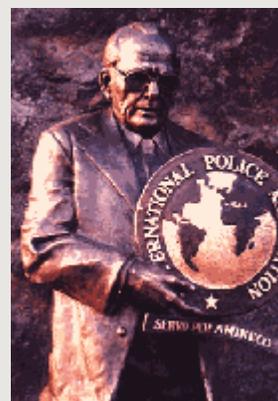
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## 2014 Region 29 Activity

Email your reservations to Mary Ellen Meier at  
[ipa.reg.29.brunch@gmail.com](mailto:ipa.reg.29.brunch@gmail.com) or call 916-961-2510

Please bring an item for the raffle.



### February Sweetheart Brunch

Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 10:00 am

Golden Corral

7700 West Stockton Blvd. [Map Link](#)

Sacramento CA 95823

Cost: Seniors (60+)	\$8.84 plus drinks and tax
Everyone else	\$9.84 plus drinks and tax

Please let us know if you will be coming by reply to this email before Feb. 11th or call 916-961-2510.

Raffle prize contributions are appreciated.

### ***Reflections By Kevin Gordon, IPA USA President Reprinted from the National Reporter***

This was the last article from Kevin Gordon. It was printed in the last Bulletin but since his passing it is appropriate to restate his thoughts on the IPA.....Editor

While at the WC in Cyprus and watching the daily news I was reminded of the ongoing and numerous conflicts in the world. A Cyprus local commented to me that north of Cyprus is Turkey, south is Israel and east is Lebanon and Syria, and "we are surrounded by tension". News commentators and statesmen often comment how much turmoil there is in the world today and while this may be the case, it is nothing new. The world has always been a tumultuous place. Sometimes less, sometimes more, but always turmoil somewhere. Apparently it is part of the nature of man to be in constant dispute. It is easy to overlook that it was due to one such great conflict, WW2 and the resulting, mistrust of nations and individuals, that indirectly (or possibly directly depending on your view) led our founder Arthur Troop to see the need for such an organization as the IPA. Troop said "distrust and hostility had led the world to the brink of extinction" and added "Friendship and trust had to take their place, otherwise there would be virtually no future for Mankind" There have been many discussions lately of what is the role of the IPA in today's world? What is the niche of the IPA? In the past travel was a big reason to belong. That was before the Internet and all the online travel opportunities. Much has changed since. Which brings us back to the main question. What purpose does the IPA serve? Is there a need anymore for the IPA? The answer is unequivocally yes. The primary purpose of our beloved IPA goes back to friendship that is so basic to our foundation. That is the purpose of the IPA. Association provided training and scholarships and benefits are just secondary benefits. This friendship can be seen first hand

at every IPA gathering and especially at the World Congress. Hundreds gather from scores of different countries and several of those countries are in active conflict of one stage or another, with other countries who are also in attendance. Those conflicts are left at the door because friendship over shadows all. Every IPAer can provide many examples of friendship around the world. I met and became friends with IPA Armenia President Grigor Sarkisyan in Copenhagen when Armenia was recognized as an IPA section. We are friends who only see each other once a year. We shake hands, share the IPA hug, and often toast each other AND just as importantly, toast each other's country. Not bad for two people who can't talk to each other as neither speaks the other's language, who know little of each other's policing background and less of each other's culture. But we share the unexplainable cop relationship, the bond of doing the same jobs in different places, in different ways, but dealing with much of the same in a profession that knows no borders. Jurgen Klos, of the German Section, served as IPA International President from 1982 to 1988 and once asked, "What in this still strife-torn world, can be valued higher than friendship? When Klos told Dr. Burg the former Israeli Interior Minister, "Where there is Friendship, there is Peace", Dr. Burg replied, "Friendship is peace" As all IPA members know, Arthur Troop established our organization motto as "Service through friendship". Maybe an additional fitting motto would be "friendship is peace" and when the potential new members ask the standard question that they all ask, "Why should I join, what is in it for me?", we should simply reply "friendship and peace". If that isn't enough for them, they very well may never understand anyway.

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# IPA USA SCHOLARSHIP CLUB

## [Donate Online](#)

The purpose of the Scholarship Club is to support annual scholarships that the IPA US provides. These include the HAROLD LITWIN, GIMBORN TRAINING, and INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING Scholarships.

Scholarship Club Membership runs the calendar year, Jan to Dec. Annual Dues are \$15. Anyone can be a member of the Scholarship Club: individual, organization, a region or a business! As a thank you for the \$15 membership dues, the IPA will hold a monthly raffle. You receive one chance to win for every membership so if you prefer donating \$30, you'll double your chances to win each month while supporting a great cause!

As a Scholarship Club member, your name will be in each monthly drawing. Each month will have three winners, a \$100 winner and two \$50 winners. If you join prior to the calendar year, your membership gives you 12 monthly chances to win. Yes, 12 chances to win \$100 and 24 chances to win \$50, all for a \$15 membership fee. If you join later in the year, your name will be in in all the remaining monthly drawings.

The drawing will be held the first week of each month. Winners will be contacted and will be listed on our US Web site.

### **DEC**

**\$100 Francis Fusco Region 15**

**\$50 Dell Caldwell Region 29**

**\$50 Bob Ganley non member**

### **NOV**

**\$100 Lou Villagomez Region 64**

**\$50 Jay Robledo Region 2**

**\$50 Tim Kelly Region 29**

### **OCT**

**\$100 Richard McCabe Region 3**

**\$50 Veleria Phillips Region 1**

**\$50 Ronnie Pane Region 29**

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## International Police Association US Section

### JOIN THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP CLUB!

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*Donations to our scholarship program are tax deductible*

JOIN ONLINE AT [www.ipa-usa.org/ScholarshipClub](http://www.ipa-usa.org/ScholarshipClub)

Or

Complete form & mail with a check for \$15 per membership to:

IPA

PO Box 254731

Sacramento, CA, 95865



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ or email \_\_\_\_\_

**ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$15 DUES PER MEMBERSHIP PAYABLE TO "IPA US"**

YOU MAY DONATE MORE IF YOU WISH. YOUR NAME IS ENTERED ONCE FOR EVERY \$15 DONATED. ATTACHED IS A CHECK FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (Enter amount)

Or provide CC # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Sec code \_\_\_\_\_

## IPA Events Worldwide...

2016 May Canada Joint NDC/AGM meeting [Info](#) [Registration](#)

2016 May Canada Friendship Week [info](#) [Registration](#)

April/May 2016 Croatia Tour IPA Dubrovnik info [HERE](#)

May 2016 Tuscany Friendship Week info [HERE](#)

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Martha's Vineyard [HERE](#)

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**For more worldwide IPA events click**

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## **Stay Connected**

### **Retired CHP**

Monthly Breakfast, meet the 3rd Wed. At Venita Rae's in Rocklin. Contact [www.chp1010.com](http://www.chp1010.com)

### **Sacramento P.D. Veteran Officers Association**

Meet 1st Mon of month at Evan's Kitchen at 855 57th street, Sacramento Starting at 11:00 AM. A buffet lunch will be served at Noon. \$18@. Reservations can be made by either calling (916) 541- 5224 or email [richardkupper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardkupper@sbcglobal.net).

### **Santa Clara County Sheriff's Retirees Brunch**

3 or 4 time a year at Mimi's in Elk Grove retired LEO & civilians from Santa Clara S.O. Contact Howard DeSart at [howarddesart@gmail.com](mailto:howarddesart@gmail.com)

### **Yolo County Retired Peace Officers**

Association meets for breakfast the 2nd Sat. of odd numbered months at the Elks Lodge, 500 Bush St. Woodland. Contact Susan at [sarge889@gmail.com](mailto:sarge889@gmail.com)

### **Sacramento Area Blue Line**

Association. Retired LAPD officers lunch at 11:30, meets 2nd Thursday of each month at Strikes Unlimited, 5681 Lonetree Blvd. Rocklin, CA Contact Ed at [fasted1019@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fasted1019@sbcglobal.net)

### **711 Club**

Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept. Veterans and employees lunch the 2nd Wed. Of each month except July and Aug. Into at [www.711club.org](http://www.711club.org)

## **Retired or planning to retire**

You may want to consider joining the International Association of Retired Law Enforcement Officers (IARLEO) representing thousands of LEO's throughout the world. Their mission is to be a voice of all retired LEO's . For more information see their website.

[www.iarleo.org](http://www.iarleo.org)

## **Change of address**

When you change your email address, phone number or home address, please notify the Secretary/Treasurer [ipa29linda@gmail.com](mailto:ipa29linda@gmail.com)

## **Special Events**

Share your special event with region 29. A recent trip with a few pictures, a special anniversary. Send to [rickenbipa29@gmail.com](mailto:rickenbipa29@gmail.com)

## **IPA USA Website**

If you haven't visited the IPA website recently, give it a try. It's all new. Pay yearly dues online, travel discounts IPA house rental information. National IPA events. A one time registration is all it takes. Try it soon [www.ipa-usa.org](http://www.ipa-usa.org)



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The IPA USA website <http://www.ipa-usa.org> now has a “special interest” feature. • On the website, hover your cursor on Groups-Regions then move cursor down to special interest. If you have a special interest group that you would like to have a discussion forum for, contact IPA President Kevin Gordon, he will set it up. • If it’s of interest to you, it will probably interest other members. • If you are interested in serving as administrator for a group, please let Kevin know.

Kevin Gordon, US President [president@ipa-usa.org](mailto:president@ipa-usa.org)

### USA TO HOST 2016 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GROUP

The United States Section proposed to host the International Youth Group in 2016. This will be held in Region 6, the LA area and is being chaired by our Youth Coordinator Barb Piirinen. It has been 20 years since an IYG was held in the US, the last being 1996 in Region 23, San Diego.

The US National Delegates voted to support the IYG at the October Sacramento national meeting. We expect 50 teenagers from around the world to attend this event. For more information contact Barb at [nyec@ipa-usa.org](mailto:nyec@ipa-usa.org)

### Region 29 includes the following counties

Northern CA : Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter,

Central California: Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare & Inyo Counties.



## **IPA Membership Cards Now On Line**

At the last national executive board meeting, it was voted to discontinue the plastic courtesy membership cards as of 2015. These cards are not official IPA recognized membership cards but were provided as a sort of extra “courtesy” card. They have been paid for by PLEA in exchange of them running their ad on the back. That ad hasn’t been very successful for them and with the rising cost of everything; they can no longer afford to provide the full cost. The cost is about \$1.50 a member with postage etc. PLEA requested we split the cost in the future. After much discussion it was decided to eliminate the card as it serves no real purpose and is an unneeded expense. Each member’s official ID card is online and printable from there. Occasionally a member has problems printing the card due to a printer issue and in those few cases we have been able to assist. (President Kevin Gordon)

**The alternative is to fill out a card on the National Reporter and print it. Go to the IPA National Reporter (IPA-USA.org) and under MEMBERS click ADMIN ITEMS click MY PROFILE, then click MEMBERSHIP**

## Invitation to join IPA

### Why Join?

US and World contacts and travel, quarterly magazine, scholarships, networking with 400,000 professional friends, collecting, insurance, plus many more benefits!

**World Wide Police Contacts:** 400,000+ Police Friends in 60+ countries willing to assist you. Lifelong friendships.

**Travel the IPA Way:** Who better to show you the area than a working officer! Travel often at a reduced cost or sometimes no cost at all.

**Publications:** Four digital issues of the IPA National Reporter magazine each year.

**ID Card:** ID card is provided in digital format online.

**Scholarships:** Variety of scholarships for members and children/grandchildren of members.

**E-News:** An IPA E-News twice a month to keep you updated on all IPA Events.

**Discounts** on all IPA logo items and various other discounts

### *WHO CAN JOIN?*

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** Membership shall be open to all law enforcement officers employed with, or retired from, a law enforcement agency. Law enforcement officer is defined as an employee of a governmental agency with a formal commission authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law. Members of the military police do qualify for membership in the United States section.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** is open for non-sworn employees and volunteers (e.g., reserve officers, chaplains, support personnel) of law enforcement agencies. Verification of agency affiliation AND POLICE AGENCY ID CARD is required. Associate Members cannot vote or hold office and are not eligible for scholarships. Some administrative areas of the web are not open to Associate Members.

*Note: Dues are for calendar year. Joining in Jan-Sep provides membership for the remainder of the year. All regular & associate memberships expire Dec 31. Joining during Oct-Dec provides 90 days grace with membership for the remainder of the calendar year and the next calendar year.*

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## INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join the easy and quick way! Join online. Visit [www.ipa-usa.org](http://www.ipa-usa.org)

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Spouse's Name (If any) \_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date (If app) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been an IPA member?  Yes  No Previous IPA Number (If app) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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### MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

I declare my desire for membership in the United States Section of the International Police Association (IPA). I agree with the aims and objectives of the Association as outlined in the Statutes and Standing Orders, and that I shall conform to the Rules of the United States Section of the IPA. If accepted, I will endeavor to further the work of the Association by fulfilling the obligations of membership, and will submit my membership fee and regularly subscribe my renewal fee by January 1st of each year to remain a member in good standing. I hereby authorize the Secretary General of the United States Section of the IPA to confirm and verify my status as a bona fide Police Agent or Officer of the Agency listed above. I release any individual, organization, or agency from any and all liability incurred as a result of providing such information.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### VERIFICATION

Send a copy of both sides of your Law Enforcement ID card OR have the application certified by a member (see below)

THIS AREA FOR MEMBER RECOMMENDING NEW APPLICANT

I do hereby certify that the above applicant meets all requirements for membership in the International Police Association

Recommended by: Signature & Print name \_\_\_\_\_ IPA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Region No. \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

Fill out the form and mail it with your \$30 check made payable to International Police Association or complete CC info below.

Membership fee, due with application, is \$30.00. Dues are for calendar year. Joining in Jan/Sep provides membership for the remainder of the year. All nonlife memberships expire Dec 31. Joining during Oct/Dec provides 90 days grace with membership for the remainder of the calendar year and the next calendar year. Digital ID cards are provided online for all members. Renewals by due date of 12/31 will also receive an ID in the mail in Jan.

\_\_\_ Visa CC Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Dis \_\_\_\_\_ CVS \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digit security # required)  
\_\_\_ AMX \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to:  
IPA US  
P.O. Box 257  
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To keep you all updated.

The digital ID cards are online since 1/1/16. Plastic cards will be mailed this month to those who renewed by 12/31/15.

Renewal reminders were sent to all members who have emails. In March we will send mailed invoices to those who do not have emails.

While most members are sending in the proper \$30, about 2 dozen members have sent in \$25 after 1/1/16. A few more arrive each day. In those cases as instructed, the \$25 is accepted and an invoice mailed or emailed for the additional \$5. Their membership is not renewed until receipt of the \$5. This keeps us within the bylaws and the guidelines set by the NEC. As region officers you should be aware of how this is being handled.

A few members have informed us that they paid by check although we don't have them listed. Some checks never arrived. Some were cashed at the region level but we were never informed. Some have made it past us and been cashed but not recorded as such. That was our oversight and its been fixed.

The Secretary General asked to remind regions that the International Youth Gathering pre-application forms are due by 1 February. Information about the IYG, as well as the pre-application form, can be found on the U.S. Section website. If you have a child or grandchild interested in attending, please submit it to the SG.

Also a reminder that region annual reports are due not later than 15 February to the Secretary General. This is a required submission and regions **MUST** use the new Annual Region Report Form that is on the website, as it incorporates new requirements voted on by the NDC reps at the last NDC.

Thanks!

Yours in friendship,

## **How to Display The United States Flag**

### *Ten Guidelines*

*The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.*

2. The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the floor.
3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
6. The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
7. The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
8. Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
9. The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.
10. The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.

New Year's Day.....	January 1 <sup>st</sup>
Inauguration Day (Presidential) .....	January 20th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.....	3rd Monday in January
Lincoln's Birthday.....	February 12t
Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day).....	3rd Monday in February
Easter Sunday.....	variable
Mother 's Day.....	2nd Sunday in May
Peace Officers Memorial Day (half-staff)* .....	May 15th
Armed Forces Day.....	3rd Saturday in May
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon).....	last Monday in May
Flag Day.....	June 14th
Father's Day.....	3rd Sunday in June