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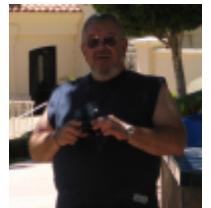
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Group Photo:
April Picnic at
Val Vista Lakes



Photo by
Mark Hawthorne



A bunch of members
were not in the photo, because they
were having too much fun
listening to Matty play his harmonica.



2009 Scholarship Drawing Held at June Meeting
Winners were picked by R-25's newest member, Anthony Langdon.
The winners were:

John Loy and his granddaughter, Jaclyn Weeman. Jaclyn will start ASU Barrett Honors College this fall. She will study political science and musical theater. This summer, she is working as a lifeguard at Sun Splash. Thank you for the scholarship. The money will be well used. John retired from the NYPD in 1985.



COURTNEY KISER with her proud grandfather, BRUCE DREWETT. The picture was taken this June on a day trip to Quebec while Courtney and her younger brother were visiting us in Vermont. Courtney is starting her sophomore year at Glendale Community College, where she is working towards a degree in psychology. I retired from the Phoenix PD in 1999 and moved to Vermont the same year. A life member of the IPA, I also had the privilege working with Kevin Davis for the first couple years of his too short career.



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Helping Hand



R-25 Helping Hand Award will be presented to R-43 at this year's NDC. The award will be given to R-43 for aiding a stranded Peoria police officer's family in Miami, FL. The complete story is on page 26 of the IPA National Newsletter, and in the online edition of this newsletter.

Briefing



If you have an idea or something the region should be involved in, **let us know!**

Please advise us on any changes to your e-mail, telephone number, or address. Please let us know if you become aware of a sick member.

We are working on bringing the IPA NDC to the Valley in 2011.

Besides the benefits on the front cover, we also attended a benefit on 5/15/09 and gave a donation to Vivian Anaya, a Glendale PD dispatcher who is gravely ill.

We are happy to report the marriage of Albert Sinclair (aka Cookie) to the former Melba Jones. Good luck from all of us!



We lost member: DOUGLAS COOK D.O.D. 5/14/09
We lost a member's wife: Rachel Milione D.O.D 5/30/09



New Members

Robert Ackermann, CA DC (Ret.)
Orazio Amabile, PHX PD
Marvin Barnes, ALB PD (Ret.)
William Bennett, Old Westbury PD (Ret.)
Deirdre Candelaria, ALB PD
James Carlough, PHX PD
James Collins, ALB PD
Mark Geiger, US Border

Thomas Grover, ALB PD
Jack Head, AZ State MV
Robert Huntsman, ALB PD
Joe Kassa, ALB PD
Anthony Langdon, DOD (Ret.)
Chris Marquez, ALB PD
Bryon Soller, Mesa PD
Micheal Trompak, Detroit PD (Ret.)
Mildred White, Savannah PD (Ret.)

In late April of 2009, during a debriefing for a drug warrant that my department had served earlier in the morning, I was advised that the President of our union, James Cousins wanted to speak with me immediately. I left the meeting and was directed to a conference room. In the room were several officers, a supervisor and the union president. I also noticed a long time friend of mine and 28 year veteran, Daniel Ortiz-Robles, was at the head of the room and looked very concerned. James told me that Daniel had an emergency situation and they felt that I could help him. James asked if I had any contacts in Florida through the International Police Association (IPA). I told him that I did not have any off the top of my head but I was sure I could quickly develop some contacts quickly. I asked specifically what could I do to help. Daniel told me that his wife and two children were coming back from Puerto Rico and during the flight his son started having seizures. Fortunately there was a doctor on board who advised the pilots to make an emergency landing. The plane made an emergency landing and his family and son were taken to a local hospital via ambulance. Due to the emergency they were unable to get any of their luggage. After being admitted to the hospital they were advised that he would need to stay for several days. Daniel's wife and two children found themselves in a strange city with no money, no extra clothes, not even a toothbrush, and no place to stay.

I immediately began working on contacting our IPA brothers and sisters in Florida. I had a heck of a time finding phone numbers but, I found e-mail addresses on the IPA R-43 web page and sent urgent e-mails to all the board members. The first person to call me back was Jerry Rudoff, 1st Vice President of R-43. Within hours I had received a half dozen calls of people willing to help. These phone calls went on into the next day. Jerry was able to quickly offer them a member's house to stay in or a discounted room rate at a hotel right next to the hospital and take care of there other immediate needs.

As some of you may know, it is very comforting to have a contact in a strange city, and someone that you can trust. Jerry stayed in contact with Daniel's family each day while in Florida and sent me regular e-mails updating me on the progress. I was able to keep updated on Daniel's family with out calling Daniel each day.

Daniel was reunited with his family and his son is doing fine. As I said earlier Daniel is a long time friend and a 28 year veteran police officer. When I called Daniel and told him about all the help his wife and family were getting in Florida, there was a long pause and he said "from the bottom of my heart I thank you." I told Daniel that no thanks were necessary. This is simply what members of the IPA do. We provide SERVO PER AMIKECO (service thru friendship).

My personal thanks to Jerry Rudoff and R-43 for helping a brother in blue.

This situation gave me an opportunity to show (not just tell) other officers what Servo Per Amikeco really means. I am expecting several new memberships, for the IPA, in the next few months.

Donald Watts

2nd Vice President IPA R-25





SEE INSERTS

FOR MEETING DATES AND EVENTS

Laughlin 2009



Six Regions from Two Countries

The Second Annual Laughlin Friendship Getaway (May 3-5) was a success. Everybody had a good time. There were loads of prizes and plenty to eat and drink. Everyone was a winner!



IPA ON PATROL

Joe Brodsky spreading his good will in Portugal



NM Member Duke in Turkey



8/30/09 Meet and Greet
Ian and Fiona Andrews from IPA Scotland being welcomed by Gus (top) and members in attendance (right)





Benefit for Phx Sgt Kathy Ralph
Kathy's three sons (middle)
accepting a donation from Region
on 8/14/09

Benefit for Mesa PO Mark Kelly
Mark (middle) accepting
a donation from Region
on 7/25/09



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