



# International Police Association

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### A Dream Trip in China

by Joan Honebein

I took off with some friends, Laurie and Ron, from Arnold, CA from SFO. Ten hours later we were at Narita International, in Tokyo, went through security and boarded another plane for 3 hours to Beijing. We were met by a cute, extremely nice young lady, who would be our guide while we were in China. She took us to a wonderful hotel, Peninsula Palace Hotel. Boy, was I spoiled! This was all 5-star. Everything was set out for me, slippers and robe. The room was so elegant and hi-tech control panels for everything. Large flat screen TV, that can be turned so that you can watch it from the tub. Marble, beautiful woods, a king size bed and soft mood music...what a way to go. The pool was a beautiful, inside, infinity pool, at just the right temp....with attendants to take care of you and offer you fruit and refreshments.

We met for breakfast downstairs. The buffet was unbelievable! No MSG! And of course, I had to try a little bit of everything. Most of the servers spoke English...so pleasant and efficient.

We then took a walk and ended up on a shopping street. We Americans think we have it so nice. You wouldn't believe the beautiful stores, huge, beautiful buildings and ornate decor. They even bargain in some of the stores. We went into a leather shop. The leather was so soft and fine....and it was like being in Mexico, the prices just kept coming down. On the street, we drew a lot of attention (Laurie has red hair, so that helped). We would smile and they would smile and bow back...so nice, compared to some parts of the world.

We had to come a day before the rest of the group, because we booked last minute. This way we got to rest and be caught up before the tour began. There were only 11 of us on the tour, so it was an intimate tour.

We started the first day of our tour with a trip to Tian an Men Square. Here size means everything. One million people can fit in the square. Of course, I should say that here in China, there is no such thing as "personal space". On this day, we estimated that there were, at least, 300,000 people visiting the Square and the Forbidden City, which is next to it. Nothing is mentioned about

the political incident that occurred here and some how you get the feeling that it would be politically incorrect to bring it up. It is bordered by "huge" government buildings that look oppressive and "communistic" monuments and a large picture of Mao.

The Forbidden City covers 40 hectares (2.4 acres/hectare) In other words, BIG. I expected it to be very grand and luxurious, but it is fairly austere. They were re-painting everything and getting it ready for the world to see during the 2008 Olympics. You walk from one section to the next, through gated walls and up and down stairs. Each section had a different purpose. Several throne rooms where officials were greeted and entertained. Also, housing for the emperors concubines. He had to have 3,000 of them. And here's the kicker...when an emperor died, the new emperor inherited his concubines. If he didn't like the ones he got, he had to kill them and replace them with new ones so that he would still have 3,000. You didn't want to be a concubine. We thought it would never end. It's hard to believe that one person could be allotted so much, when so many had so little.

After lunch, we went to the Empress' Summer Palace. A man made lake, Lake Kunming, made just so that the Empress could have a place to go when it was hot. No one else was allowed. We took a boat ride across the lake.

I must add here that there is one negative about China...the air pollution. It makes LA look good. Because of the pollution, there is a slight dust every where.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Years to all our members and friends. The new year is starting out slow. I have not received any information pertaining to IPA activities pending or scheduled during the year 2006. I am sure this will change in the near future.

The Christmas Brunch was held at Bay 101, in San Jose, on December 11. The turn out was tremendous. We had approximately fifty-five members and friends attend the affair. The former Secretary General of the IPA in Canada did attend this function with his wife. We were very honored with their presences and want to thank Don Simerle for sponsoring them. The Brunch was located in the main dinning room and everything was arranged beautifully. The food was outstanding and there was plenty of it. The main dishes were excellent and the deserts outstanding. The Chef and staff members did a fabulous job, as always. The bagpipers did not perform this year due to another commitment. They had a choice of performing for our function or being part of a commercial for the Coca Cola Company. I don't have to tell you which function they chose. We do wish them the best. There seemed to be close to a hundred raffle prizes of all shapes and sized. The best part of the entire function was observing the friendships of our members and friends flourishing. Everyone appeared to have a great time communicating and sharing personal experiences. The conversational level in the room was outstanding and at times it seemed that everyone was talking at the same time. It was just a happy, happy, time. At the end of the Brunch a bottle of wine was handed out as a little holiday cheer. Region #37 is very lucky to have such a great bunch of people within our organization. Next year, the brunch is going to be bigger and better. See you there.

Supply Officer Tom Nagengast had set up shop at the Brunch and sold several items. Remember, if you have any suggestions regarding souvenir items; please contact Tom or someone on the Board. Our supply items make excellent gifts for friends and family members. If you plan to travel throughout the country or to another country, our supply items do come in handy as trading items. We want to offer the best to our members.

## International Police Association – US SECTION BADGE

Region 57 has created a US Section Badge as a region fundraiser. The badge is similar in design to other sections including the German and Switzerland Sections. The badge is approximately 4" high and 2" wide. Gold, full color logo, black text. The banners read "IPA" United States", and "Section". The two side banners list the founding dates of the International of Jan 1, 1950, and the US Section of Feb. 26, 1962. There is a money clip on the back, which allows fastening in a badge case.

If interested: Mail to IPA, 505 North Tenth, Mascoutah, IL, 62258, or fax 618-566-8844 or email [treasurer@ipa-usa.org](mailto:treasurer@ipa-usa.org) Kevin Gordon, US Treasurer, President Region 57.

REMEMBER – Any organization thrives on membership. I would like to encourage all of you to see if you can recruit some new members for Region #37. IPA is a great organization – please help us grow.

TRAVEL - If you have traveled during 2005, please take a few minutes and describe your trip, contacts, and experiences during these trips and forward them to our Editor, D. Tyler. This is especially interesting if your travel has involved IPA contacts anywhere in the world. This will give us less fortunate members a chance to read your article and at least dream of going somewhere. As an example: it was extremely interesting when member Gale Stroud wrote about his trip last year to his home town and viewing the first traffic light in town.

GOOD NEWS – Last year Region #37 scheduled a Brunch at "Lori's Diner, 19930 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino (corner of Blaney and Stevens Creek Blvd). The food and service was fantastic and the price was great. The reason for this entry is to let everyone know that the restaurant officers a 25% discount for seniors and a 30% discount for Vet. I'm not sure how you prove you're a senior or a vet, but it is interesting.

Servo Per Amikeco  
*Donald J. Zies* - President



# VISITORS/HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES



Chris Hudok from Region 47 is planning his honeymoon for June 2006 in Hawaii and is looking for a place or places to stay. He hasn't set any particular island but needs help.

Jim Brown from England is looking for information in Hawaii. He and his wife are on a cruise touching on many islands from April 21st to May 6th. She is blind and wheel chair bound. They would like to see the Arizona Memorial. If you can help any of these people—please let me know ASAP.

If you know of anyone planning to visit our region, please let your editor/hosting incoming know at [dityler2@netzero.com](mailto:dityler2@netzero.com) or 408-267-3336.

## ORDER YOUR IPA BADGES

Did you know that if you wear your IPA pin to the brunch you will double your entry raffle ticket? And your spouse is wearing theirs, theirs will also double? So, order your badge now! Call Ann Moore at 408-227-9590.

The official fold over Member Pocket Badge (\$33.00) or the Spouse Badge (\$7.00) may be ordered by contacting Ann Moore, Region 37 Treasurer, at 408-227-9590. All badges must now be prepaid.

YOUR CHECK IS TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO **I.P.A. REGION 37.**

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## EVENTS

### ***Brunches:***

#### **2006 Dates**

January 29th,—Crazy Horse Restaurant, Monterey (with a speaker)  
February 26th—Drying Shed, San Jose (Sheriff Lori Smith will be the speaker)  
March 26th—Ridgemark Country Club, Hollister  
April 30th—TBA  
May 28th—Alter Ego, Gilroy  
June 25th—Joan & Peter's, San Juan Bautista  
July 22th—Annual BBQ—this year at the Allen residence in Morgan Hill  
August 27th—Lori's Diner, Cupertino  
September 24th—Dunnville Corners, Hollister (Tentative)  
October 29th—Bold Knight, San Jose (Tentative)  
November—No meeting (Happy Holidays)  
December 10th— TBA

**For Reservations: REGION 37 —  
HOTLINE 408/997-1960**

**BOARD MEETINGS** Erik's Deli - Cottle Rd & Rochester, San Jose. Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. Members are encouraged to attend. Please, come and join us.

The Region #37 Board Meetings schedule is:

Region #37 Board Meeting will be held on the following dates in 2006: Feb 7, Apr 4, Jun 6, Aug 1, Oct 3, and Dec 5, 2006

## **E-mail Addresses**

The Region is trying to compile a list of everyone's e-mail addresses. Please send Ann Moore your e-mail address. Her e-mail address is: [natvdtr@comcast.net](mailto:natvdtr@comcast.net)

## **Letter from Nordlingen IPA**

Greetings to members of IPA Region #37 San Jose/Silicon Valley. The IPA Nordlingen is still in the same shape and with the same executive committee.

In what we are thinking full of longing is the partnership with the section 37 in San Jose-Silicon Valley. We were trying to get in contact with this section again several times-but in vain!

For that reason here my request to ask you, could you try to get in contact with them and give me the name of a contact I could correspond with. It would be a pity if this partnership should get lost. Even if we are not planning a trip to California soon, but there should be a connection anyway.

Spend the holidays in pleasure and contemplation,

Yours, Nini, Eva and Elke Lang  
Nordlingen IPA

## ***New Members***

There are no new members this month. Please start recruiting. \$20 a year is very little money for a lifetime of friendships.

When was the last time you brought in a new member?

You can find applications on our website:  
**[ipa-usa-reg37.org](http://ipa-usa-reg37.org)**

## **Yearly Dues!**

Ann Moore has sent out notices for yearly dues, If you want to beat the crowd, she will have the stamps at the brunches.

Sign up early and save us the postage!

## China-Continued from Page 1

Saturday, we drove to the Great Wall. In China, it is said that if you climb up on the Great Wall, you are considered a "hero". Guess this is my only chance to be a hero. The climb up onto it is easy. To traverse it is not since it goes over mountains. There are thousands of steps, none of them even, and some of them as steep as going up a ladder. I went as far as I could, but since I have a height issue, I stopped when it got to steep. It was really something. Throngs of people (thousands) climbing...all ages and sizes...even saw one tall Russian woman doing it in heels. Well, now I have accomplished one of my goals in life. It was thrilling to know that I was on one of the Seven Wonders of the World. One of the only man made things to be seen from space.

In the afternoon, we went to the Ming Tombs and the Chang Ling Exhibition. There are 13 emperor buried there. More stairs up to the top of the tomb. We walked about a mile of the Sacred Road, the way to Heaven for the Emperor. His body was carried by 36 carriers, from the Forbidden City to the Ming Tombs. The walk was beautiful and so peaceful.

Sunday morning we took a "pedi-cab" (Rickshaw with a bicycle) into the old part of town. We would consider this area very poor. We went to a local resident's home. The resident, a man of about 40, told us about their life in the area. Eight family members lived in the home. They have little or no privacy and not much in the way of comforts, but seem to have a happy life.

Beijing is a city of 13 million people...12 million bicycles. A beautiful, modern downtown. Very friendly people.

In the afternoon we flew to Shanghai. OH, MY GOD!!! What a city! 15 million people. The new area makes any city I have seen in the US look shabby. You would not believe the unusual buildings. As far as the eye can see...skyscraper after skyscraper. All architectural marvels. And our hotel! 5(+) stars. And the buffet! The same. I will be so spoiled.

Monday, a full day city tour. We started at a school for ages 5 and 6. What beautiful and well behaved children. We were able to observe them doing their lessons and playing. They then did a little musical recital for us. It really made me miss my grandbabies! Of course, the pre-requisite—visit to a Temple, where we saw the largest "white" jade Buddha, carved from one piece of jade. In the evening we went to an astonishing acrobatic show. Hard to believe anyone can do the things that these young men and women did.

Tuesday, we drove an hour and a half to Suzhou. Went to a silk factory and saw how silk is made from a silk worm cocoon. Gives you a real appreciation for the work (of the worm) that goes into one silk scarf. Hand done and labor intensive. Then to an 800 year old house and garden, another Temple and the Embroidery Research Institute, where it takes 6 months to a year for an artist to complete one picture.

Interesting things about China: Pollution is beyond com-

prehension. Traffic makes the Bay Area look easy. On all streets, you have cars, busses, trucks, bicycles, motor scooters and pedestrians competing for the same space. I keep waiting to see accidents happen in front of me. On the major freeways, they have digital diagrams of the roads lit up showing where congestion is. Speed limit signs on the highways are in neon. You can't say you didn't see them. Police vehicles run with red lights on all of the time. You have to be able to understand at least 5,000 Chinese characters, to be able to read a newspaper. About 10% of the country is Communist. If you are not a communist, you can not vote in their elections.

I hope in the future China will be our friend, because it is going to surpass us in a very short time.

We caught a 1-1/2 hour flight to Yichang. Now this is what I expected China to be like. After leaving the airport, we found ourselves in farming country. Very poor farming country. It appears that each family here has a small plot, I would say the majority have less than an acre. We saw fields being plowed by oxen, crops being transported on vehicles that could only be described as primitive. Some were motorcycles with truck chassis built over them, some were trailers pulled by 2 wheel cultivators. We notice police officers standing about every quarter of a mile. Our guide told us that the "Premier" was visiting for a meeting and that the officers were for security. Suddenly, we were told to pull over and get off the road as the motorcade was coming. We pulled off in an area where people were playing Mahjong. I walked over and said "Ni Hoa" (Hello). They smiled and said "Ni Hoa". I took some pictures of the people and the area. Then we watched the motorcade go by and continued on our way.

—More to come in the next edition—

## December Brunch



## Vacation Ideas

**DISNEYWORLD, FLORIDA.** 3 bedroom house only 20 minutes from Disney World. Pool, Hot tub, Tennis and play area. Contact [wdinv@aol.com](mailto:wdinv@aol.com)

**LAS VEGAS,** New 2 bedroom home near Las Vegas if you are 55+. E-mail [ahipy-chipy@home.sbcoxmail.com](mailto:ahipy-chipy@home.sbcoxmail.com)

**VISITING LONDON?** Check out [www.welcomehomes.co.uk](http://www.welcomehomes.co.uk) for a list of B&Bs. These are not IPA B&Bs but the site may make finding accommodation in London a little less painful.

### **B&B IN NORMANDY**

IPA member Ian Moram would like to remind you about his B&B near the beaches of Normandy and other historic sights. The B&B is located 45 minutes from Caen and 3 hours from Paris. You can contact them at [lauriemoram@aol.com](mailto:lauriemoram@aol.com)

### **AMSTERDAM B&B**

If you need a place to stay and worry free transportation in Amsterdam, contact their national secretary Theo Vrosch at [secretary@ipa-nederland.nl](mailto:secretary@ipa-nederland.nl) His prices are reasonable. This is where the president of IPA Canada stays while in Amsterdam.

### **IPA ACCOMMODATION ITALY**

#### Arzachena (Sassari), Sardinia

An Italian member has offered two newly built apartments, with air conditioning and furnished to a high standard.

The first floor apartment has two bedrooms, living room, small kitchen, bathroom, small covered balcony and terrace. The ground floor apartment has a double bed (on request there is the possibility to add another single bed), kitchenette and bathroom.

For information and bookings contact Agostino CARAI at: e-mail: [crcarai@libero.it](mailto:crcarai@libero.it)  
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## INTERNATIONAL WEEK FOR POLICE FORCES

**JESOLO LIDO (Venice) - Italy**

**05 – 12 June 2006**

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Accommodation in Hotel \*\*\*: € 50,00 per person per night in double occupancy

Accommodation in Hotel \*\*\*\*: € 60,00 per person per night in double occupancy

Full board ( each meal with ¼ water and ¼ wine or soft drink) – beach facilities.

The above mentioned rates are to be intended for 3 nights staying at least;

The price does not include the IPA Gala Evening on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June and the Venice Tour (€ 60,00 per person required);

Written Registration Form to be sent to:

**Comitato Esecutivo Locale di Venezia**

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**E-mail: [diegotrolese@virgilio.it](mailto:diegotrolese@virgilio.it)**

A deposit of € 100,00 per person is required when booking (further details will be given personally).

Request form from your editor—Diana Tyler

Events include: Welcome ceremony at Kursaal in Piazza Brescia (Jesolo) with the presence of all Police Forces with several detachments; Evenings patrolling of the town; Free day – Tour of Venice; Evening patrolling of the town with Parade and Austrian Police Band Show at Piazza Marconi (Jesolo); Meeting at Piazza Mazzini (Jesolo): Parade with all the Police Forces towards Piazza Aurora (Jesolo); and State Police Band Show.

The event will be attended by all State and Local Police Forces; during the official events there will be Helicopters flying over, Horse Units, Dogs Units and several Police Detachments.

## Hong Kong/Macau Friendship Week

IPA Hong Kong in conjunction with IPA Macau has announced the details of their Friendship Week scheduled for Nov.12-20, 2006. This information can be viewed at <http://www.ipa-hksar.com/hk-macau.htm>.

There is a registration deadline of April 30. Cost of the event is \$1595 U.S. per person.

## Trip to England

Richard Nevarez, Region 29, is once again, by popular request, planning a trip to England. Probably the Sussex, Kent and southeast section of the country. The dates are September 12, 2006 thru September 19, 2006. The group will be limited to 40 people. They will meet in London and end in London. Please contact Richard via e-mail at [rgnevarez@aol.com](mailto:rgnevarez@aol.com) for further information. In the past, these trips have filled very quickly so you will need to respond quickly.

## IPA National Conference 2006 7-Day Cruise November 4-11, 2006

**Port Canaveral to the Western Caribbean-  
Progreso Yucatan, Cozumel, Belize & Key West**  
Cruise web site is [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com) and ship is The Glory—Prices as low as \$599\* pp,do .

**Deposit of \$250 holds until August 2006**

**Conference Registration Fee only \$25**

**All Business Meeting will be on the Fun Days at Sea .**

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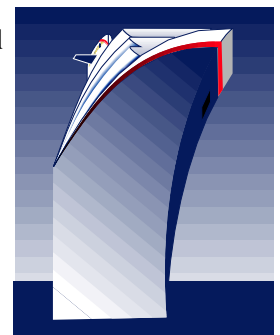
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**Price Includes: virtually everything: accommodations, meals, snacks, 24-hour room service, fun activities, lavish entertainment, most shipboard activities, the gym, the supervised activities of the Camp Carnival program and more!**



**JANUARY BRUNCH**  
January 29th—10 AM  
**CRAZY HORSE RESTAURANT**  
Hwy 1 & Munros Ave. , Monterey  
831-649-4771  
\$15.00 per person



As always, this should be a very nice brunch. We have always had a very nice menu at the Crazy Horse with the usual salads, soups and hot and cold meat entrees. Hopefully the weather will be lovely in Monterey so that you can make a day of it at this beautiful part of our region.

Directions: Take Hwy 101 south to Route 156, west to HWY 1 in Monterey. Then Hwy 1 to the Munros exit. The restaurant is at the rear of the Bay Park Hotel and behind the Union 76 gas Station.

**THERE WILL BE A GUEST SPEAKER FOR THIS EVENT. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS.**

**Sheriff Lori Smith  
will be speaking  
about her trip to  
Israel.**

**FEBRUARY BRUNCH**  
February 26th—10 AM  
**THE DRYING SHED**

402 Toyon Ave., San Jose—408-272-1512  
\$20 PER PERSON

This is a 65 ft. buffet table including but not limited to roast beef, halibut, crab, salads, fruits, & desserts.

**THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME HERE, SO LETS MAKE A BIG EVENT OUT OF THIS BRUNCH.  
EVERYONE SAYS THE FOOD IS GREAT!!**

Directions: Hwy. 680 to McKee Rd. (or however you want to get to McKee-i.e. Hwy. 101). East on McKee towards to hills. Left on Toyon Avenue. This is just before the San Jose Country Club.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED: CALL R-37 HOTLINE AT 408.997.1960.**

Leave your name and the number of people in your party.

**REMEMBER TO BRING SOMETHING FOR OUR RAFFLE !**

Remember to bring exact amount or checks for the brunches. Ann doesn't always have change.