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INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION REGION 11 - FLORIDA



REGION 11 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

G.G.'s of NEW YORK RESTAURANT

**Meeting Starts at 7:15 PM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th, 2021**

***IF YOU ARE EATING:
PLEASE ARRIVE AROUND 6:30 PM***

G.G.'s of N.Y. Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria



**5440 N State Road 7
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33319
Phone: (954) 484-0400**



**NORTH OF COMMERCIAL BLVD - SOUTH OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT
PROSPECT ROAD (NW 56 Street) on the West side of State Road 7.**

Bring Your Anti-Viral Masks. COVID is still around !!

**Please call if you get lost - we've had meetings here in the past
and we get a private room in the rear of the restaurant.**

(954) 290-4598 Richard

**If you go on their web site you can check out the directions, the
menu, and other information.**

1st Vice President's Message

Just for this newsletter, I'm temporarily relieving our new President, Mike Zibrin, of having to write a message. He recently underwent knee replacement surgery and, although doing well, has enough pain to break a few pencils. So, I took the paper away and saved the #10's.

I realize it is going to be very difficult to replace the man who ran this region for 25+ years. Bob Killen loved the International Police Association and had served in different positions over the years both in the National and Regional sectors. Bob served a three-year-term as the President of the U.S. Section from 2009-2012 and the Associate Secretary to Ireland for many years. He became president of our region years ago and brought many of us into this organization.

I want to thank everyone who was in attendance to support Bob's family at the funeral home, church, cemetery and/or the family home afterwards. The region sent a beautiful flower arrangement. Region 43 (Miami-Dade and Monroe counties) and the National IPA Board of Directors also sent magnificent flower arrangements.

The new board will soon be getting together in order to determine what direction the region will take:

*A change of the meeting location is high on the priority list. We will be checking on locations in southern Palm Beach county. But, for now, the meeting will still be at G.G.'s in May (see page two). Anyone in Palm Beach County have any idea where we can have a private (Free) room with food service?

*The idea of having a raffle for a gun or rifle (for those concerned, it will go through a Federal Firearm Licensed dealer). Similar raffles conducted years ago were overwhelmingly successful. These are two ideas that will be floated at our board meeting.

Sam Goldstein, a past Region 11 President and Vice President has been welcomed back to the board as 3rd Vice President.



REST IN PEACE

Robert Joseph Killen (March 04, 1947 - February 25, 2021)

PARKLAND, FLORIDA – Robert “Bob” Killen, 73, passed away February 25, 2021 at Broward Health Coral Springs in Coral Springs, Florida, due to complications related to COVID-19. He was born March 4, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois.

Bob graduated from Kelvyn Park High School in Chicago, Illinois in 1965. He was an insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance for several years before he received his Law Enforcement Certificate from Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Illinois. He moved to Tamarac, Florida in 1978 and graduated from Broward County Police Academy in August 1978. He worked for Tamarac Police Department before he moved on to the Broward County Sheriff’s Office and later with Miami Gardens Police Department. He was a member of the International Police Association and was their Region 11 President for many years traveling worldwide to conferences. Throughout his law enforcement career, he worked with and trained K-9 work dogs for the departments he worked at.

Bob was an avid sports fan favoring the Chicago White Sox, Chicago Bulls, Chicago Bears (holding season tickets even after he moved to Florida), and the Chicago Blackhawks as well as the Florida sports teams. He was a fan of Notre Dame’s Fighting Irish football team out of South Bend, Indiana and proud of his Irish heritage. He traveled to Ireland several times in pursuing his interest in his Irish roots and history. He started the day with a cup of coffee but would love to hoist a pint of Guinness when the occasion arose.

Bob was of the Catholic Faith and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Boca Raton, Florida.

Surviving are his wife of 13 years, Silvia Santos Killen, his four sons and one daughter-in-law, Robert (Lina) Killen of Palm Bay, Florida; Thomas Killen of Parkland, Florida; Mike Killen of Cooper City, Florida; Shane Killen of Cherokee, Iowa; and his sister, Jo Anne Albrecht, of Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Bob leaves behind other family, many friends and special people, including Taynara Matias Vento and her children, Isabella and Giuliana Vento; and Gabriel Santos Matias and his daughter, Alicia Calixto Matias.

In addition to his son, Sean Killen, Bob was preceded in death by his parents Ann and John Sawczyn; his brother-in-law, Rudy Albrecht; many Aunts and Uncles; and his grandparents.

Bob was laid to rest at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1500 South State Road 7, North Lauderdale, Florida.



MEMORIES



**ROBERT KILLEN
UNITED STATES IPA
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
2009 - 2012**

**REST IN PEACE
BOB
YOU'LL BE MISSED**



FRIENDSHIP

Submitted by Bob Killen (seven years ago)

A story is told by a soldier who is finally coming home after fighting in Iraq. He called his parents from San Francisco. "Mom and Dad, I'm coming home, but I've got to ask you a favor. I have a friend I'd like to bring with me." "Sure", they replied, "We'd love to meet him." There is something you should know, the son continued, "he was hurt pretty badly in the fighting. He stepped on a land mine and lost an arm and a leg. He has nowhere to go, and I want him to live with us."

"I'm sorry to hear that, son. Maybe we can help him find somewhere to live." "No Mom and Dad, I want him to live with us." "Son, said the father," you don't know what you're asking. Someone with such a handicap would be a terrible burden on us. We have our own lives to live. I think you should just come home and forget about this guy. He'll find a way to live on his own."

At that point, the son hung up the phone. The parents heard nothing more from him. A few days later they received a call from the San Francisco Police that their son had died after falling from a building and believed it was suicide. The grief-stricken parents flew to San Francisco and were taken to the city morgue to identify the body of their son. They recognized him, but to their horror they also discovered something they didn't know. Their son had only one leg and one arm. The parents in this story are like many of us. We find it easy to love those who are good-looking or fun to be around, but we don't like people who inconvenience us or make us feel uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from people who aren't healthy, beautiful, or smart as we are.

Thankfully there's someone who, won't treat us that way. Someone who loves with an unconditional love that welcomes us into the forever family, regardless of those who are different from us. Tonight, before you tuck yourself in for the night, say a little prayer that the Almighty will give you the strength you need to accept people as they are and help us understand the differences that may be among us.

There's a miracle called "Friendship" that dwells in all of us. You don't know how it happens or when it gets started. But you know the special lift it always brings, and you realize that friendship is one of the Creator's precious gifts.

Friends are a special rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share words of praise, and always want to open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care.

SERVO PER AMIKECO THE IPA MOTTO FOR SERVICE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP

The International Police Association is a friendship organization for members of law enforcement, whether serving or retired founded in 1950 by police sergeant from the United Kingdom. As of 2020 we have more than 372,000 members in 68 countries on six continents, making the IPA the largest police association in the world.

[IPA - International Police Association \(ipa-international.org\)](http://ipa-international.org)

International News from USIPA New Zealand & Malta Associate Secretary

Dear IPA USA Colleagues who are planning trips to either Malta or New Zealand,

I wanted to let you all know about the continuing travel restrictions to New Zealand. We recently processed a travel request for an IPA member wanting to travel to New Zealand in February of 2022. Here is the response we received from my counterpart in New Zealand:

“At the moment only returning New Zealand residents and citizens can enter New Zealand. On their arrival they are tested and must have had a COVID negative test 72 hrs before their arrival into NZ. They are put straight into 14 days managed isolation at hotels and are tested again on day 3 and 12. On their release from managed isolation they must isolate at home for another 5 days as we had a couple of cases that tested positive after 14 days.

The vaccine has just started to be distributed and it will take at least until the end of the year or early next for everyone to be vaccinated.

The managed isolation facilities will be in operation until at least the end of this year and more than likely into next year. No tourists will be allowed into New Zealand for a long time yet. I would not be planning a trip to NZ at this point and if visitors can wait until 2023, they will have a better chance of getting in.

My thoughts are that no tourists will be allowed in until all NZ people are vaccinated and persons arriving will have to have been vaccinated.

At the moment no one from Australia is allowed in without being isolated in managed isolation for 14 days for which they have to pay for.

I hope this clarifies the situation in New Zealand.”

Yours in Friendship,

Denise Sellers, IPA USA Associate Secretary to New Zealand and Malta

Here was the auto response from the Malta Travel Secretary;

“Please note that as from now, for personal safety and health reasons, members of IPA Malta National Executive Committee will not be entertaining requests for meetings with colleagues from any county, until further notice.

Stay Safe.”

Looks like their borders are closed until further notice also.

Denise Sellers



2022 I.P.A US Section Training Program



Course Details:

(5 day Course)

Course Content:

Defensive Tactics

Firearm Subjects

Active Shooter

Officer Resilience/Safety

Human Trafficking

Gangs

Room Clearing

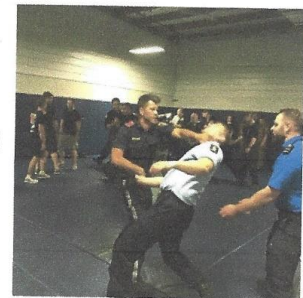
Tactical Demonstrations

Social events each day
and much more!!

June 6 –10, 2022

Green Bay, Wisconsin

The IPA US Section is pleased to announce that we will again be hosting a 5-day tactical training program geared to any member no matter where you are at in your career!



This course will cover a variety of topics affecting all of us no matter what uniform you wear. The program will be hosted in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area again and will be held at a variety of local state of the art training facilities. **Low cost housing and meals are available and allow for some great networking.**



**Housing available for
\$25.00 USD a night
(includes most meals with
room)**



Training Cost:

\$700.00 USD

(plus housing fees)

Questions?

Please contact US Section

President Joe Johnson

President@ipa-usa.org

MOTIVATION

John is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say... When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, 'If I were any better, I would be twins!'

He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, John was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation. Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up and asked him, 'I don't get it!' 'You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?'

He replied, 'Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or....you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood.' Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or... I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or....I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life. 'Yeah, right, it's not that easy,' I protested.

'Yes, it is,' he said. 'Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life.'

I reflected on what he said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it. Several years later, I heard that he was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw him about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, 'If I were any better, I'd be twins. 'Wanna see my scars?' I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place. 'The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter,' he replied. 'Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or...I could choose to die. I chose to live.' 'Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?' I asked.

He continued, '.....the paramedics were great!' They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man'. I knew I needed to act. 'What did you do?' I asked. 'Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me,' said John. 'She asked if I was allergic to anything.' Yes, I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity'

Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.' He lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude...I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything.

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.



U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

2030 SW 145th Avenue
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February 22, 2021

Mr. Anthony Romano
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Dear Mr. Romano,

I want to sincerely thank you for your condolences regarding the passing of Laura Schwartzenberger and Daniel Alfin. I also want to thank you for extending your regards to our four wounded Special Agents.

I personally and sincerely appreciated your thoughtful message. Your thoughts and sympathy are a great comfort during this difficult time.

As you can imagine, losing two of our own—Laura and Daniel—was a devastating loss to the FBI Miami Field Office and the entire FBI. We in the FBI truly are a family, and Laura and Dan were important parts of our family.

We can only rest assured that Laura and Dan pursued their passion of helping and serving others. They demonstrated the core values that shape the FBI. Every day, Laura and Dan accepted the risk that comes with being an FBI Special Agent in order to protect the most vulnerable members of our society—children. In the pursuit of justice, Laura and Dan made the ultimate sacrifice. They truly are heroes. We will always remember them.

Your support means the world to all of us at the Miami Field Office. Right now, I am focused on ensuring our entire workforce has the space to mourn while we continue to meet our operational needs and serve our community. It means a lot to know that we can rely on you in our time of need.

I have passed along all of your condolences to my workforce, and I know they are comforted to hear of your support during this difficult and terrible time. It is truly a time when we all must lean on one another.

Please rest assured that we will continue to pay tribute to Laura and Dan by fighting to protect those who need it most. I ask that you also please continue to remember Dan and Laura and honor their sacrifice for our country.

Again, thank you for your support to the FBI and the Miami Field Office. Thank you for standing beside us as we move through this difficult time.

Sincerely,

George L. Piro
Special Agent in Charge
Miami Division

LONGEVITY !?

- * The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54
- * The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57
- * The world bodybuilding champion died at the age of 41
- * The best footballer in the world Maradona, died at the age of 60.
- * James Fuller Fixx credited with helping start America's fitness revolution by popularizing the sport of running died of a heart attack while jogging at 52 years of age.

BUT

The “Kentucky Fried Chicken” creator died at 94.
The inventor of the “Nutella” brand died at the age of 88
The cigarette maker, “Winston”, died at the age of 102
The inventor of opium died at the age of 116 in an earthquake
And the ”Hennessey Liquor” inventor died at 98.

How do doctors conclude that exercise prolongs life?

The rabbit is always jumping up and down, but it lives for only 2 years and the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years.

So, take some rest, chill, stay cool, eat, drink and enjoy your life.

(Not approved by the Department of Health, Welfare and Annoying Habits)

ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE

Region 11 Chaplain Tony Romano reminds us:

Our God is so big. He is bigger than any pain we may experience, any evil we may face, any hardship that tries to break us into little pieces. He is bigger than our fear or failure.

He is bigger than any doubt.

When you feel like your world is spinning out of control, when you're unsure whether you have the strength to continue, remember that God has you in the palm of His hand.

Wherever you go or whatever you do, He is with you.

And that will never change.