

The ROUNDUP

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The highlight event of the year in Region 2 is our annual Christmas dinner and awards night, which occurred on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at the Riviera Parque Convention and Event Center in Concord, Ontario.

Ticket sales were hot this year, meaning we actually sold 15% more tickets than we had planned for. This did not create any problems though as the venue was large enough to add the necessary tables.

The new Commissioner of the O.P.P., a member of R2, attended and presented his father, Bevan, with a beautiful plaque in recognition of services rendered to R2 over his 50 years of membership. In turn, the Commissioner was presented with a beautiful gift box containing various IPA R2 pieces.

Our guest of honour, retired Detective Inspector Bruce Kruger attended with his wife, son and daughter in law. Bruce was honoured with a special plaque as well as a gift box (which although to late for the party, will be hand delivered to him by the 2nd V.P., David Lowe, for his pursuit of recognition and assistance for first responders who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Please see more about the event inside.

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DECEMBER 2019

IPA Region 2 - Year in Review

2019 has been a particularly good year for Region 2.

R2 hosted the IPA Canada Section for the annual general meeting, held in Toronto.

Following the AGM, R2 hosted some guests from other parts of Canada as well as some international guests for a friendship week. Although the response to Friendship week was disappointing, those who did attend had a great time. Among the highlights of the week was a visit to a Pow Wow in Barrie and a visit to the Martyr's Shrine and Huron Village in Midland, Ontario. Although the group was small, every member seemed to enjoy himself or herself, tremendously.

International friends were made along with the memories.

R2 also hosted, during the year, a number of international Members of various IPA sections. Included was a visit by John Taylor and his wife, Chris, hailing from IPA UK, specifically Liverpool-Merseyside. This lovely couple enjoyed a group breakfast accompanied by about a dozen R2 members. Souvenirs were exchanged and friendships formed. See more later.

A major event for R2 members was the annual Ontario Police Memorial Parade, held in Toronto on May 5. R2 was well represented with Bill Yetman acting as our Parade Marshall. R2 Member, Art Lowe was pushed in a wheelchair by his son, R2 Associate member, Bob Lowe, while David Lowe, Joe Rizzuti and Colin Hawke were the flag carriers. Other members were in step and marched from the Royal Ontario Museum down to Queen's Park where the ceremonies took place.

In March, a visit to an indoor gun range was arranged by Joe Rizzuti and was attended by about a dozen members. For only \$35 each, the members were given instructions, a weapon and a full box of cartridges. Each shooter was scored and given his target as souvenirs. It was a good time for those who attended.

There were many more events throughout the year, too many to list here. If your event was not listed here, forgive me and let me know so I can mention it in the next issue.

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POLICE COLLECTORS CLUB

IPA R-2

Police Memorabilia and Swap Meet

Saturday March 21, 2020

49 Coulter St. Barrie ON

Limited Tables Available

Contact Dave Lowe at

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to reserve space or for further information

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IPA R2's First Patch Collector and Police Memorabilia Collector's Show

March 21, 2020

Barrie, Ontario



Do you collect police memorabilia and/or shoulder patches? Are you interested in meeting with others like yourself who are also interested in buying, selling or trading police memorabilia and or shoulder patches?

If you answered yes to the questions above, then Barrie is where you want to be on Saturday, March 21, 2020. The venue is not large but can hold about 20 tables (self-supplied) and is well located just 3 minutes off Hwy 400.

Best part yet? It is absolutely free! All you need to do to have your own table space is contact me, David Lowe and give me your details. It is strictly first come, first served for the tables. However, admission is also free so even if you are not interested in setting up your own table, you are more than welcome to come along. Bring your wallet and/or your traders and see what is available for you.

The venue for this event is a free standing building on the property of 49 Coulter Street in Barrie. Although there is very limited parking at the actual facility, off-loading is easy and there is plenty of parking both on street and in the parking lot of a major shopping mall, adjacent to this location.

Nearby are many restaurants, Tim Horton's, Starbuck's, Burger King and MacDonald's for your convenience.

This event is sponsored by the IPA R2 and the Patch Collector's Club.

For further information or to book free space for your table, email David Lowe, 2nd V.P. R2, at [david.lowe2019 @ gmail.com](mailto:david.lowe2019@gmail.com)



President's Message

I hope that all of you are enjoying the fresh, cold, snowy weather that is now upon us. Of course I expect that all of you are preparing for the upcoming holiday season, whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah or Diwali, Mahayana and New Year (including Chinese New Year) or Winter Solstice, I wish for each of you to enjoy this season but to please be careful.

Of course, there will be many social events over the next year and I hope to see many of you out to these events. Speaking of events, I would like to take this opportunity to give special recognition to our Event Director, Joe Rizzuti, and to his team for the hard work they went through to make our Christmas Dinner and Rewards night a sell-out success. Joe always has done a first class job when he takes things on as he does. There will be many pictures from the event posted on our website so be sure to drop into the site and have a look.

The awards part of the evening was pretty exciting. We had the Commissioner of the O.P.P. (a ten year R2 member) present his dad (a 50 year IPA member) with dad's 50 year pin and the President then presented the Commissioner with a beautiful gift box of IPA medals, coins and pins, put together for the occasion by John Domonkos. A special award was given out to our Guest of Honour, Det. Insp. Bruce Kruger (ret.) recognizing Bruce's hard work in pursuit of force recognition of mental health issues including PTSD, among members. The reward was presented to Bruce by his son, Provincial Constable Skeeter Kruger. Bruce graced the group with some very fine words which were greatly appreciated, especially by the first responders (active and retired) in the room who had suffered, many in silence, for years with various mental health issues.

I would like to remind all of you that our website has been upgraded and is user-friendly, containing much valuable information for upcoming events, both local and global. Our meeting minutes are posted on the site so if you cannot make it to a meeting, check out the site to see what your elected Board is up to.

As a gentle reminder, our Membership Directors have asked me to mention that we need to keep our memberships and our personal data up to date. If you change mailing addresses or email addresses, please notify the Membership Directors at the following email address. Dave or Debbie Carey at ipar2adm@rogers.com. Please remember to invite your qualified friends and colleagues to become members of the IPA R2. The IPA is a great organization and we don't want to keep that a secret. We want to tell the world about it, or at least the law enforcement parts of the world. Region 2 is one of the largest regions in Canada with a huge populations of police officers numbering in the tens of thousands yet we have only a comparative handful (about 350) of members. Do you part to sell the IPA to your colleagues.

The Region's next business meeting will be held at 7 p.m., January 08, 2020 at #2 District, York Regional Police, 171 Major Mackenzie Dr., Richmond Hill. It is open to all members. If you wish to place anything on the agenda please advise our Recording Secretary, Malina Nicoara at malinanicoara@hotmail.com.

Again, I would like to express my best wishes to all of you and your families during this festive time of year. Your Board of Directors extends its best wishes as well with a little reminder to enjoy yourselves but stay safe. Do not drink and drive.

Membership Directors' Report

Well, 2019 is drawing to a close so it is that time of year to renew your membership in the IPA.

We have had a good year with many activities and events such as our Christmas Dinner and Awards night, the annual Kid's Club Christmas breakfast, the Ontario Police Memorial Parade and more. We held our summer barbecue this year in conjunction with the AGM, which R2 hosted, and shared the barbecue with friends and members from other regions in Canada, the U.S.A. and Europe.

During the year, we had many foreign member visitors in the region, allowing us to make new friends and international contacts.

We are in the process of putting together many events for 2020, which will be posted on our website so keep checking the site every week or so to see what's happening.

Do not forget that if you are traveling, be sure to fill out the travel form on our website and submit it. You may end up receiving great help in your travels from members in other Regions, all over the world.

Annual dues are just \$35 and should be paid before the new year (unless you have prepaid).

For members with 40 years to 49 years of membership, the dues are only \$19.50 and for those members with 50 or more years of membership, the dues are only \$15.50.

For those of you who would like to prepay for years to come, you may do so for up to 3 years in advance.

You can pay by cheque made out to IPA Canada R2 and sent to either Dave or Debbie Carey (the Membership Directors) at 14 Sphinx Crt., Orillia, Ont., L3V 7Y4 or by electronic transfer to the Treasurer, Farhan Kever at ipar2.comm@gmail.com.

Please remember that any and all questions regarding membership in the IPA R2 should directed only to the Membership Directors at the email address ipar2adm@rogers.com

The Membership Directors, Dave and Debbie Carey, wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.



Remembrance Day is a very special day in Canada. We celebrate the sacrifices made by the men and women of Canada's armed forces in both world wars, Korea, Bosnia, Afghanistan and anywhere else Canadians have served. The photo to the right features our member, Joe Rizzuti in a Remembrance Day gathering of law enforcement personnel.



Canada remembers in such a significant manner that it has caused the letter below to be written as an open letter to the City of Ottawa and to Canadians in general.

"Merci, Ottawa

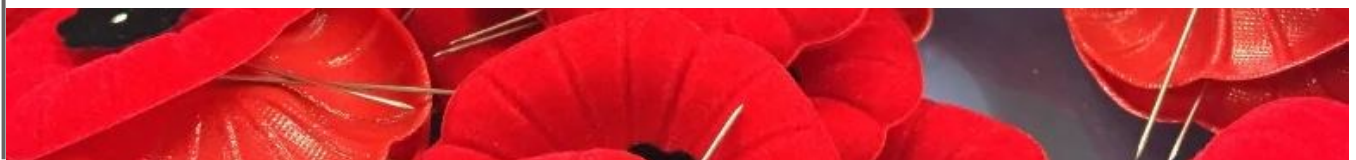
Many saw my post last weekend about visiting Ottawa from the US for the Sens/Hurricanes game. While there, I had the honor of attending your Remembrance Day ceremony. My wife and I waited an hour and a half to get a good view and to say it was life changing would be an understatement.

I have served in the US military for 10.5 years now and I my unit is gearing up for another deployment to the Middle East next month. The amount of respect that has been instilled in Canadians for their great military and the ones that have given the ultimate sacrifice is beyond words.

While we do have a day to remember our fallen, where I live in North Carolina has nothing like it. Our Memorial Day has turned into businesses marketing sales for their products and average citizens using it as a day off work to go to the beach or barbecue. The true meaning has been lost. But not in Canada. No. You all understand the sacrifice these men and women have made and choose to stand outside in the freezing cold for hours honoring their memory. Tears streamed down my face as I watched the pride in your eyes as different branches of your armed forces marched past, the claps for the veterans, some in wheelchairs and some barely able to stand as they put their age and pain aside and marched past in formation. It was beautiful.

I will be wearing a poppy every year from now on. I told you it was life changing and I meant it. Your fallen will never be forgotten by this American, no matter what happens. Thank you for being such hospitable hosts and showing me there still is hope and pride in the greats who have walked before us."

This letter was written by a U.S. soldier who was visiting Ottawa to watch a hockey game. As he stayed in Ottawa for a couple of days, he decided to attend the National War Museum on November 11. This is where this American soldier had his life changing moment. We thank him for his service



The following article appeared in the December issue of Focus 50+

LORRAINE LOWE (Wife of Member Art Lowe)

By Cheryl Dillon



Like one of Lorraine's favourite country music stars, Dolly Parton, has famously said, "If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours". Lorraine Lowe has dedicated herself to helping people smile a little easier. Whether through her fundraising and advocacy efforts or by helping to ease their troubles by listening and being a good friend and neighbour. Soft spoken, polite and reserved yet stubborn in the face of adversity and determination to do everything she can for a cause she believes in. Lorraine Lowe has worked hard her entire life and now at 80 years old, she's working hard to help inspire as many older adults as possible to get out there and do things, to get out there and volunteer for causes they believe in. Lorraine is compassionate and filled with ideas to help people in her chosen community and she wants others like her, seniors, to pitch in where they feel they can help too!

Lorraine has lived in Simcoe County for more than 50 years. She worked at Woolco before getting hired on as an "on-call" housekeeper at Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH), where she worked to obtain a full-time housekeeping position that she worked at until her retirement. Lorraine is very proud of her work at RVH, she says, "Like a wagon wheel, everyone has their own part in a hospital, and every part is important."

Lorraine is grateful for and devoted to her family, she has two sons and a daughter and is the proud grandmother to thirteen grandchildren. It was her devotion to her family that led her to her enriching volunteer experiences. She first started volunteering in her early 60's to support and "give back" to the Epilepsy Association of Ontario for all the support and care they provided her family and one of her grandchildren. It was through this volunteer experience that Lorraine says she first witnessed the impact that volunteers can have on an organization and on a community. Since starting to volunteer, Lorraine has lent her time, personality and determination to many community organizations and causes, including; homelessness issues, bullying in schools, the Metis, and Elder Abuse, among others. But the organization she has come to feel most passionate about and for which she has dedicated herself most, is the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie.

In the past, Lorraine has had friends and loved ones seek support, shelter and resources from the Barrie Women and Children's Shelter, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency and short-term temporary housing, counselling services, supports and resources to women and children who have experienced the effects of domestic violence. While people often think that these resources are for "other people" and that a community like Barrie isn't greatly affected by domestic violence, the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie supports more than 1,000 people every year. Domestic violence doesn't discriminate and can happen to you, your neighbour, your friends and your loved ones. Lorraine has seen how important an organization like the Women and Children's Shelter is to the community of Barrie, and she understands how important volunteers are to maintaining the organization's services and

supports.

Over the years, Lorraine has hosted garage sales and donated the proceeds of the garage sales to the Women and Children's Shelter, in addition to selling scarves, and amassing donations to support her participation in the Shelter's annual fundraising event, "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes", that raises money and awareness of violence against women by literally having men (and other community members) walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes. While Lorraine no longer walks in this annual fundraising event due to recently overcoming a stroke she had in July 2018, she still actively fund raises to help the organization. Lorraine is adamant that everyone can do something. She says that as she got older, and even as she has overcome the effects of her stroke, she has had a lot of people support her to continue to do what she can to not give up working for what she believes in. Lorraine is the first to admit that she couldn't be as active as she is without the help and support from her husband Art, and other important people in her life. "I have a lot of help – people believe in me and I have a lot of good people around me," she says. "People don't realize that seniors have a lot to give" Lorraine says. She continues to give her time and to fund raise and she encourages others to do the same.

In a similar vein and in recognition of Lorraine's hard work, Lorraine was a recipient of the Ontario 150 award in 2017. This award was given to her for her selfless volunteer work in the community by the Province of Ontario.



Lorraine Lowe being presented her Ontario 150 award by the then

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IPA Travel Benefit

Many IPA members seem to be unaware of a very valuable benefit they have simply for being a member of the IPA. That benefit involves travel.

In the past, I have posted in this newsletter, an offer from an IPA member in Florida to pick up members at the Fort Lauderdale airport and drive them to either their hotels or to the cruise terminal. Not only does this type of generosity save you money, it also gets you first hand knowledge of the local area right from the "horse's mouth" so to speak.

Another occasion saw members visiting San Antonio, Texas, being met by the local IPA President who then toured the group of four around the area so that they might enjoy their visit even more.

Then there was a member who visited Australia and was received as an honoured guest in a number of different cities, by local IPA members who showed our member a great time.

I myself, am headed out in January to Portugal. My wife and I are in contact with the Portuguese section of IPA and are hoping to meet some local members there.

By having hosted IPA members from the U.K., my wife and I are now planning to attend the Liverpool/Merseyside Friendship Week next August, staying with those friends we met by hosting here.

These IPA members will make our wonderful trip even so much better. This is one of the best benefits that membership in the IPA offers.

If you are taking off for a vacation and want to see how real people live and work, go onto the National website, download the travel forms and send them to the President who will forward them to the National Travel Co-ordinator. It is definitely worth the time and effort.

IPA Canada website is <https://www.ipa-canada.org/>

Procedure for use of the International Travel Form system. The travel form should be used when groups or individuals wish assistance from other Sections they are planning to visit. It does not need to be used where personal contacts are already in place, i.e. regular group exchange visits, visiting friends, etc. Please allow sufficient time for processing, one to three months in advance of departure. The further in advance the more likely you are to receive the benefits.

Full instructions are available on the above website. Bon voyage!

We're on the web!

www.ipacanadaregion2.com



Below, you will find a beautiful letter sent to Region 2 in regards to Det. Insp. (retired) Bruce Kruger who was our Guest of Honour at our Christmas Gala and Awards evening.

Date: December 04th, 2019

To: International Police Association, Canada, Region 2

Attention: President Luis F. Agostinho, CD.

Dear Lou,

My wife, Lynn, and I were thrilled to attend the IPA Region #2, Annual Christmas and Awards Dinner last Saturday as your "*guest of honour*". It was a wonderful evening. More importantly, however, it was truly an extreme honour for me to have received the plaque from the IPA, recognizing my efforts advocating for improvements addressing mental injuries and wellness within the law enforcement community. As you know, the affects from PTSD and Operational Stress Injuries (*OSI*) can be catastrophic on individual officers, and collectively, upon our members' families. It's so encouraging to see attitudes change, stigma slowly eroding, and support provided to this cause, thus creating safer work and home environments within law enforcement.

Lou, I sincerely thank you, Vice President Dave Lowe and the IPA #2 membership for this honour, which was made even more special to me by having this presented to me by my son, Provincial Constable Skeeter Kruger, also a fellow IPA member. I extend my great thanks to you and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe... and healthy... New Year.

Kindest regards,

The Children's Breakfast Club Christmas Gala

For the eight straight year, members of Region 2 have volunteered at the Annual Children's Christmas Gala. On Dec 3, more than one thousand children from local schools attended the Liberty Grand Event Centre for this holiday festival. All the children received toys donated by the Spin Master Toy Co. and Liberty Grand provided a lunch for all the kids, numerous volunteers, and dignitaries in attendance. The children were treated to a host of fun activities, music, and of course photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, (Jim and Lorna Dallimore). Lino Murarotto, Janusz Fornal, Farhan Kever, and Frank Manchisi are featured in the attached photos.

Rick Gosling, the founder of the Breakfast Clubs, and organizer of this event, is an honorary member of Region 2. Mayor John Tory was present as the Guest of Honour along with all the corporate sponsors that generously support the Breakfast Clubs. Toronto Police, Fire and Paramedics were represented by their respective Honour Guards.

Our participation assisting the organizers and children is a rewarding experience that we hope to continue for many more years. For more information about the TCBC visit <https://breakfastclubs.ca/>

2019 Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Night



(Left) At 645 pm, the Piper led the Executive and the guests into the hall.



Special Guest, Thomas Carrique, Commissioner of the O.P.P. and son of 50 yr member Bevan Carrique



(Right) From left to right, Guest of Honour, Det. Insp. (retired) Bruce Kruger,, 2nd V.P. David Lowe and 50 year member Bevan Carrique



The Dynamic Duo and the couple that were at the very heart of all of the hard work putting this event together, for the 6th year in a row.

Joe and his lovely wife, Marie Rizzuti

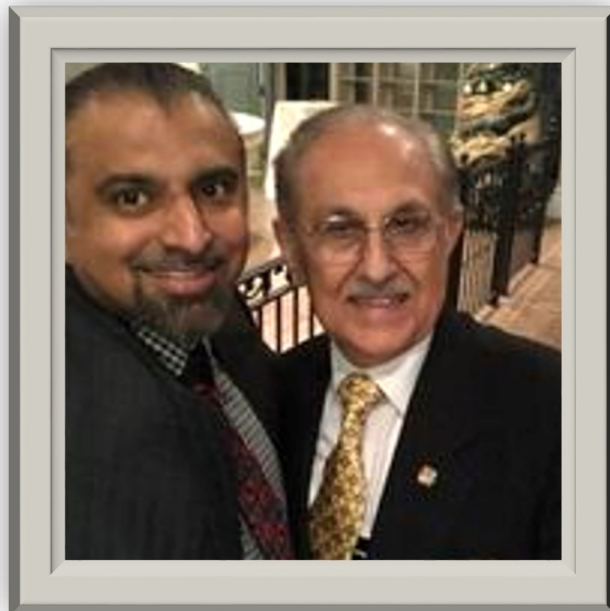
Our Guest of Honour, Bruce Kruger, receiving his special plaque of appreciation from IPA Region 2. Bruce was introduced by 2nd V.P. David Lowe (left) and the actual presentation to Bruce (center) was made by his son, Provincial Constable Skeeter Kruger (right), also a member of Region 2. Bruce received his 25 year pin.



Always looking for an opportunity to pose for the camera, President Lou Agostinho embraces our members whenever he can.



(Right) A crafty looking pair, if ever I saw one. Farhan Kever (Left) our Treasurer and John Domonkos, a long time member, pose for the camera.





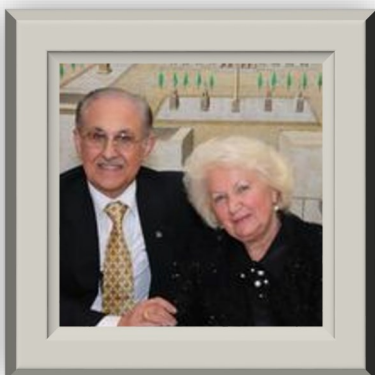
Robert (Bob) Clements, a 54 year member and his lovely wife, Laura.



(Right) From left to right, Farhan Kever, Laura Clements, Bob Clements, Bob Lowe (standing) Sandra Lowe, Lorraine Lowe, David Lowe (standing)



A toast to the lovely ladies of the IPA Region 2, without whose support, nothing would ever get done.



IPA Benefits—Why should I join?

There are many examples of the IPA's benefits, in my mind. However, the benefits of our travel plan are some of the greatest benefits we have..

The best benefit in my mind is the opportunity it gives us to meet police members from around the world and to find out that being a copper in Toronto is not all that much different from being a copper in London, U.K, or Rostock, Germany. This meeting of like-minded individuals can cause long lasting, even life-time friendships to form while we learn of foreign cultures, cuisines and entertainments along with history and geography.

A secondary benefit is the cost savings to the travelers. For example, my recent visit to Germany, had I taken the excursions offered by my cruise ship, it would have cost me about \$300.00 for my wife and I and I can guarantee that those who took the ship's excursions did not have half as much fun as we had, nor were they likely to have the opportunity to visit places that only the "locals" know about.

Then there are the IPA Houses scattered around the world where only IPA members and there families can take advantage of well located, well managed and low priced accommodations in many foreign lands.

I have heard many of our brothers and sisters make comments about not being able to convince other police members to join the IPA simply because our members themselves may not be totally aware of this great benefit.

The next time you have an opportunity to recruit a new member, be sure to tell him or her about his great benefit available to our members. You may be surprised how many potential members could be swung over if they only knew. So tell them!

Other benefits you can talk about include FRIENDSHIP WEEKS, INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF CONTACTS, WORLDWIDE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE, AFFINITY PROGRAM AND MEMBER DISCOUNTS, TRAINING / STUDY BURSARIES / CONFERENCES, SOCIAL & INTERNATIONAL SPORT EVENTS and the opportunity to MAKE FRIENDS WITH MEMBERS YOU'VE NEVER MET

The Older than Dirt Test

Do you remember these things? If you actually remember them, then you are "older than dirt" (like me)

1)Fender skirts 2)Emergency brakes on cars 3)PF Flyers 4) Harry Truman upsetting Dewey in first post war US election 5) Sticky flypaper 6) Dixie Cup ice cream "picture" lids 7) Girdles and crinoline petticoats 8) "Good night Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are" 9) Rare hamburgers 10) Building toy structures 11) Leave it to Beaver 12) Axle grease 13) "1914—Good then, 1935—Good now and 2000—Always good 14) Getting picked last (humiliating) 15) Spanking 16) No blood or violence in TV programs 17) 1957 Ford Thunderbird 18) Baseball cards in the spokes of your bike 19) Playing "Cops and Robbers" 20) Blue flashbulbs

If you remember 17—20, you are one very old geezer. If you remember 12-16, you're getting older but not quite a geezer, yet. If you remember 11-15, don't tell your age but if you remembered 0-11, You are one sad excuse of a geezer. To redeem yourself, pull your yellow pants up around your chest, use your ear hairs for a comb-over, and shout "This country's going to hell" five times. Girls? Oh, I can't imagine any senior woman worth her grey being that obtuse and not being able to lie well about it. Ooops !

Goodbye till next time