



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators
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NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

It is a great pleasure to be serving you as president of the Ohio Investigators Association for 2002. I would like to thank Gregg Thornton for the great job he has done as president of the association for the past two years. His act will be tough to follow.

If you missed the Christmas banquet in December, you missed a great time! Faith Ottavi presented everyone with a personally hand-made Christmas ornament. She really outdid herself this year. Thanks Faith! David Kessler of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section received the association's "Investigator of the Year" award for 2001. David received the award due to his outstanding work in assisting Ohio's elderly citizens who were victims or potential victims of telemarketing fraud. Great job Dave! Alan Bonham received the association's "Presidents Award." Through Alan's efforts, the association was able to co-sponsor the "Emerging Trends in Fraud" conference. Because of this co-sponsorship, the association received a one thousand dollar check from the Columbus chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners. Thanks Alan!

It's that time of year again to renew your membership to the OIA. Our membership drive runs between January through March, so if you would like to be included in the 2002 edition of the OIA Roster, we must receive your application and dues by March 31, 2002.

Our speaker for the January meeting will be Sgt. Earl W. Smith of the Columbus Division of Police. Sgt. Smith is a 24 year veteran of the

department and will be speaking on procedures the department has implemented since the September 11, terrorist attacks.

See you at the January meeting.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meeting Dates - 2002

January 23

March 28 (4th Thursday)

May 22

July 24

September 25

November 13 (2nd Wednesday)

Except for March and November, all meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please visit our web site for more information about these meetings.

OIA OFFICERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Officers & Committee Chairs for 2002

President, Lou Agosta - 466-8164

Vice-President, Chad Holland - 466-2316

Secretary, Linda Hardesty - 461-0256

Treasurer, Arnie Schropp - 644-9110

Membership, Faith Ottavi - 466-4135

Professional Development, Vacant

Newsletter, Mark Levy - 644-9177 and Gregg Thornton - 644-9110

Nominating, Alan Bonham - 644-7139

By-Laws, Mike Moran - 416-6300

SPECIAL THANKS OIA BANQUET



Special thanks to Faith Ottavi, Arnie Schropp, Jr., Deb Gearhiser, Linda Hardesty Fish, and Gregg Thornton for arranging many of the fabulous door prizes at our banquet last month. We would also like to thank the following merchants and individuals for their donations: Ruth Wagner (Faith's Mom), Buckeye Hall of Fame Café, Cliff Nelson at the Ohio State Racing Commission, Broad Street Bagels & Deli, Peppers New York Deli, California Fitness Center, Brenen's Coffee House & Café, Cappy's Delicatessen, Cheryl's Cookies, David R. Brown at Sterling Paper Co., The Honey Baked Ham Company, Sprint PCS, Star Buck's Coffee, New Perspective Hair Salon, and Dominic & Company Salon.

CONGRATULATIONS

Investigator of the Year Award – David M. Kessler

President's Award – Alan R. Bonham

Service Award – Gregg Thornton – 2 years as OIA President

Special Recognition – Faith Ottavi, Membership Chair

OIA SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE

Once again the OIA will be a co-sponsor with State Auditor Jim Petro and the Central Ohio Chapter of the Certified Fraud Examiners of the Emerging Trends in Fraud and Prevention Conference. Final details about this year's conference will be available soon so be sure to check our web site for the latest information. The one-day conference will take place at the Columbus River Club on Friday, April 12, 2002. Reserve this date now and watch your mail for registration materials.