



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators
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NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is a great pleasure to be serving you once again as the President of the Ohio Investigator's Association. I would like to thank Linda Hardesty-Fish and Arnie Schropp for their effort and dedication to the organization the last two years in serving as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Additionally, I would like to welcome our newly elected officers Gary Kennedy and Randy McGough. Gary will be serving as our new Secretary and Randy will be serving as our new Treasurer.

Once again, the Christmas banquet was a huge success and everyone seemed to have a great time. John Monce, Chief of Investigations for the Auditor of State's Office received the association's "Investigator of the Year" award for 2002. John received the award due to the outstanding work he did in the investigation of former Fairfield County Sheriff Gary DeMastry. John's efforts helped secure a six-year prison sentence for the former Sheriff.

Faith Ottavi received the association's "President's Award." There are just too many things to list that Faith does for the organization. Trust me, she deserves it.

It's time to renew your membership to the OIA. Our membership drive runs from January through March, so if you would like to be included in the 2003 edition of the OIA roster, we must receive your application and dues by March 31, 2003.

Our guest speaker for the January meeting will be Tom Rice, who is currently the Federal Security Director at Port Columbus

International Airport. Mr. Rice has also served in several other prestigious law enforcement positions including serving as the Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Safety Director for the City of Columbus. Mr. Rice will speak on "The Transportation Security Administration, One year and Counting".

I hope to see you there.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meeting Dates - 2003	
January	21 (Tuesday)
March	26
May	28
July	23
September	24
November	19 (3rd Wednesday)

Except for January 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 2003

President, Lou Agosta - 466-8164
Vice-President, Chad Holland - 466-2316
Secretary, Gary Kennedy - 644-5955
Treasurer, Randy McGough - 461-0256
Membership, Faith Ottavi - 466-4135
Newsletter & Website, Gregg Thornton - 644-9110

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Nominating, Alan Bonham - 644-7139

SPECIAL THANKS OIA BANQUET



A HUGE OIA thanks goes to the following people/retailers for donating gifts for the door prizes at the OIA Holiday Banquet, held at the

Ohio Historical Society's Colonel Crawford Inn, circa 1860s. The Inn was appropriately decorated and the servers were in period dress.

Ruth Wagner (Faith's mom)
Cheryl&Co. Gourmet Food and Gifts - 646
McCorkle Blvd., Westerville, OH 43082
David Brown @ Sterling Paper Co. - 1845
Progress Ave., Columbus, OH
The Columbus Zoo
Ouellette Jewelers-207 S. High Street,
Columbus, OH - courtesy of Ken Ouellette
Meijer Co.
California Fitness Center- State & High Street
Honeybaked Ham Co.
Lynd's Farm Market "A World of Gourmet
Tastes" on State Route 161 between New
Albany & Granville
New Perspective "A Full Service Salon" 7370
Sawmill Rd., W. Worthington, OH - courtesy of
stylist, Cherie Fritch

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your annual membership with the OIA. If you are renewing your membership, please find a renewal form included with this newsletter. Forms are also available on our web site. If your contact information is still the same as last year, just write your name and check the appropriate box. An application for new

members is also included and available on our web site. Membership dues will remain at \$20.00. Please visit our web site for more information about renewing your membership or becoming a new OIA member. Your membership must be active by March 31, 2003, in order to remain on our mailing list and be included in the OIA Roster, which will be distributed with the May newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Investigator of the Year Award – John Monce

President's Award – Faith Ottavi

Service Award – Linda Hardesty-Fish – 2 years as OIA Secretary

Service Award – Arnie Schropp – 2 years as OIA Treasurer

OIA SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE

Once again the OIA will be a co-sponsor with Attorney General-Elect 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, May 9, 2003. Reserve this date now and watch your mail for registration materials.

NOMINATIONS FOR INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR NOW OPEN

Nominations for Investigator of the Year are now being accepted. Please visit our web site for more information. The submission deadline is Monday, November 3, 2003.