



## OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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### NEWSLETTER

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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

Greetings! I hope everyone is surviving the winter. Hang in there! It won't be long until everyone will be complaining about the heat and humidity.

Our membership drive has gone well and I am happy to report that we have several new members. As for all of you older, more established folks, don't forget to RENEW your membership by March 31<sup>st</sup>. This will assure that your name will appear in the 2002 OIA roster.

We had a very nice turnout for our January luncheon. If you missed the meeting, Earl W. Smith, the spokesperson for the Columbus Division of Police was our guest speaker. Earl spoke about security concerns the police department is addressing since the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Once again we have been invited by Auditor of State Jim Petro and the Central Ohio Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners to co-sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Emerging Trends in Fraud Prevention Conference. The conference will be held at The River Club, 679 W. Long Street, Columbus, Ohio on April 12, 2002. Experts will be speaking on Computer Crimes and other fraud topics. Last years conference was very informative and I encourage all members to attend.

Our Speaker for the March meeting will be Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen.

Sheriff Phalen has a total of 32 years of law enforcement experience and was a Lieutenant with the Columbus Division of Police Narcotics Bureau before being elected Sheriff. Sheriff Phalen will be speaking on "Police Corruption" and changes he has implemented to restore credibility to the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department.

See you at the March meeting!

Lou

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meeting Dates - 2002

|                 |                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>March</b>    | <b>28 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)</b>  |
| May             | 22                                   |
| July            | 24                                   |
| September       | 25                                   |
| <b>November</b> | <b>13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)</b> |

Except for March and November, all meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## **OIA SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCES**

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 Prevention Conference. A conference brochure and registration form is included with this newsletter. Additional information is also available on our web site. The one-day conference will take place at the Columbus River Club on Friday, April 12, 2002. Reserve this date now and send in your registration form right away to reserve your seat.



## **LUNCH RESERVATIONS**

We would encourage everyone's cooperation by paying by check or if you prefer to pay by cash, no denominations larger than a ten-dollar bill.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Presently, the OIA has a balance of \$4,997.19.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Our membership stands at 64 paid members. See a new member at the OIA luncheon? Take time out to greet and exchange information.

## **OIA PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

OIA mugs and writing pens are available. The cost of the mug is \$5.50 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. Writing pens are only \$1.00. Please visit our web site or contact Arnie Schropp, Jr. for more information.

## **THURSDAY MARCH MEETING DATE**

Please make a special note that our March meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, instead of the traditional fourth Wednesday. **See you on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>!**