



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dear Members:

Has Buckeye Chuck (Ohio's version of **Punxsutawney Phil**) seen his shadow yet? I hope so. I can't take too much more of this!

On a lighter note, it was good seeing everyone at January's meeting. If you happened to miss it, our guest speaker for the January meeting was Mr. Tom Rice, who is currently the Federal Security Director at Port Columbus International Airport. Mr. Rice spoke on the Transportation Security Administration's efforts to secure the nation's airports and in particular Columbus and Rickenbacker International airports.

Our guest speaker for March's meeting will be Mr. Heinz Ickert. Mr. Ickert is the founder of Ickert and Company, LLC. His firm provides financial, accounting, tax and corporate advisory services to corporations and individuals. In addition to providing a full range of accounting and auditing services, the firm is heavily involved in fraud deterrence and investigation. Mr. Ickert is a Certified Public Accountant, (CPA) and Certified Fraud Examiner, (CFE).

Mr. Ickert will be speaking on several different topics involving financial fraud.

See you at the March meeting!

Lou

Meeting Dates - 2003

March	26
May	28
July	23
September	24
November	19 (3rd Wednesday)

Except for 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

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President, Lou Agosta – 614-728-5139

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OIA SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCES

For the third straight year, the OIA will be a co-sponsor with Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro, Auditor of State Betty Montgomery, and the Central Ohio Chapter of the Certified Fraud Examiners of the Emerging Trends in Fraud Prevention Conference. A conference "Save The Date" card is included with this newsletter.

Additional information will soon be available on our web site. The one-day conference will take place at the Columbus River Club on Friday, May 9, 2003.

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 \$4,170.85.

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 MEMBERSHIP AND ROSTER

Just a reminder to our members that membership dues for the 2003 calendar year must be received by March 31st in order to continue receiving the OIA newsletter and be included in the OIA Roster. Dues are only \$20.00 and can be paid at the next meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the OIA secretary.

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.

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.

The OIA Newsletter is published six times a year for the benefit of its members. Submissions by e-mail are welcomed year-round and can be addressed to Gregg Thornton. Please visit us on the Internet at www.oia.homestead.com/home.html