



# 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:

Hello everyone! We had a very nice turnout at our March meeting. If you happened to miss it, Sheriff Dave Phalen of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office spoke about police corruption and the challenges he faced after being elected Sheriff.

We have another great speaker lined up for our May meeting. Kurt Douglass, the Columbus resident agent for the United States Secret Service will be speaking about the past roll of the Secret Service and their expanded role after 9-11.

See you at the May meeting.

*Lou*

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meeting Dates - 2002

May	22
July	24
September	25
<b>November</b>	<b>13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)</b>

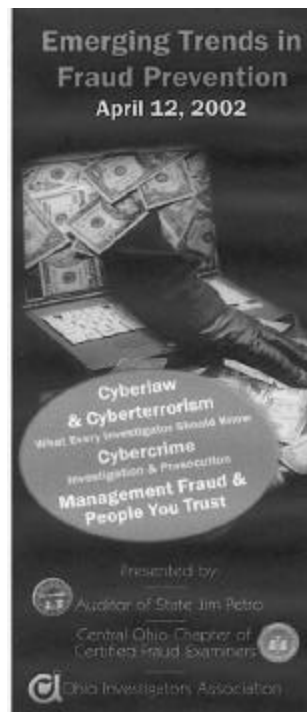
Except for November, all meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Please visit our web site for more information about these meetings.

### 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 CONFERENCE A SUCCESS



The one-day Emerging Trends in Fraud Prevention Conference on Friday, April 12, at the Columbus River Club was a huge success. Nearly 200 registrants from the public and private sector attended the event and learned about the latest trends in fraud prevention related to cyber-crime, cyber-terrorism, and management fraud. The OIA would once again like to thank State Auditor Jim Petro and the Central Ohio

Chapter of the Certified Fraud Examiners for inviting us to co-sponsor this event with them again this year. Plans are already in the works for a similar conference next year.

## **LUNCH RESERVATIONS**

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

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Presently, the OIA has a balance of \$5,405.32.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Our membership stands at 94 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.

## **OIA ROSTERS**

The OIA Rosters are ready for distribution and will be mailed out shortly. Faith Ottavi will also distribute them at the May meeting. Rumor has it that a new cover will appear and the OIA's ten-year anniversary will be acknowledged.

## **INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The OIA is accepting nominations for the Investigator of the Year Award. Please visit our web site for complete details about the nomination process or contact an OIA officer. The OIA will present this award at the December banquet.

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 either Mark Levy or Gregg Thornton. Please visit us on the Internet at [www.oia.homestead.com/home.html](http://www.oia.homestead.com/home.html)