



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:

We are quickly coming to the end of another enjoyable year for the Ohio Investigator's Association. As I reflect over the past year, I would like to thank the membership for supporting our organization. The Ohio Investigators Association would not exist without the dedicated people who make up our membership. Once again, thank you!

If you have not attended the annual awards banquet in the past, I would encourage you to do so this year. There will be good food, good company and a lot of nice door prizes. Everyone who attends has a great time and I am sure this will hold true at this year's banquet.

Over the past year, we have been very fortunate to have some outstanding speakers. This month is no exception! Our guest speaker will be Daniel A. Malkoff, Chief of the Court of Claims Defense Section of the Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Malkoff will provide an overview of the Ohio Court of Claims with an emphasis on both the kinds of claims that can and can't be filed in the Court. Additionally, Mr. Malkoff will speak about the issue of state employee immunity from suit.

Looking forward to seeing you on November 13th.

Lou

OIA BANQUET – 1860s STYLE

It's still not too late to make your reservation for the OIA Holiday Banquet. Step back in time and experience a truly unique holiday banquet. Come and enjoy an 1860s period holiday at the Ohio Village, 1982 Velma Avenue, located next to the Ohio Historical Society, next to the Ohio State Fair Grounds. There will be good food, good times, awards and door prizes in a 1860s holiday atmosphere.

Presenting Our Menu

(Professionally catered by Vito's Catering Inc.)

Vegetable and Cheese Tray with Dill Dip &
Crackers

Assorted Stromboli

(Italian, Chicken Florentine, and Roasted
Portobella)

Fresh Garden Salad w/ assorted dressings

Gourmet Dessert Bar – Strawberry Cheesecake,

Gourmet Pies Reese's, Oreo or Snickers,

Granny Apple Torte & Carrot Cake

Coffee, Ice Tea, Ice Water, Soft Drinks, & Cash
Bar

The date of this event will be Wednesday, December 4th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost for this event will be \$15.00 for members and \$15.00 for any guest of a member. Parking is included in the price. Please contact Faith Ottavi 752-2468 or Gregg Thornton at 644-9110 to make your reservations, now, as seating will be very limited.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Only 1 Meeting Left!

November 13 (2nd Wednesday)

Please visit our web site for more information about our 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

Newsletter/Website, Gregg Thornton – 644-9110 and Mark Levy - 644-9177

Nominating, Alan Bonham - 644-7139

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 \$4,567.56.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our membership stands at 111 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 POSITIONS

Hey, it's that time of year again and before we send Alan Bonham out on a recruitment mission, here is your chance to let us know in advance if you're interested in an officer's position or committee chair for the OIA next year. Contact Alan at 644-7139 for more details.

OIA DISPLAY BOOTH

For those of you who attended the Attorney General's Office Conference on Law Enforcement, you probably saw something very new this year. The OIA unveiled its brand new tabletop display board. Look for it at other conferences, training seminars, and special events in the future. A special thanks goes out to Faith Ottavi who handled all of the logistics regarding the booth's design and assembly. Way to go, Faith!

EMERGING TRENDS IN FRAUD PREVENTION CONFERENCE

Plans are underway for the third annual Emerging Trends In Fraud Prevention Conference, jointly co-sponsored with our friends at the Central Ohio Chapter of the Certified Fraud Examiners and Mr. Jim Petro. Look for more details in the January newsletter. The all day event is scheduled for Friday, May 9, 2003, at the Columbus River Club and Conference Center.

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 Gregg Thornton or Mark Levy. Please visit us on the Internet at www.oia.homestead.com/home.html