



## OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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## NEWSLETTER

September 2002 Issue

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

Hello everyone, I hope all is well. It's that time of year again! The kids go back to school, the leaves start to turn, the weather gets chilly, and let's not forget, football, football and more football. Yea!

If you happened to miss the last meeting, Mr. Paul Nick from the Ohio Ethics Commission spoke about valuable investigative resources that are available from the Ethics Commission. Additionally, he gave a brief law update about recent law changes that could possibly affect state investigators in the future.

It is my pleasure to announce that Auditor of State Jim Petro will be our guest speaker for our September meeting. Now serving in his second term, Mr. Petro is responsible for overseeing the financial condition and legal compliance of nearly 5,000 units of government. He has served Ohio in both the public and private sector and his legal experience spans more than 25 years as a practicing attorney, city law director and criminal prosecutor. Jim served eight years in the Ohio House of Representatives and four years as a Cuyahoga County commissioner. Jim will be speaking on "fighting corruption and building trust."

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Lou

### OIA BANQUET – 1860s STYLE

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming OIA Holiday Banquet. Step back in time and experience a truly unique holiday banquet. Come and enjoy a 1860s period holiday at the Ohio Village, 1982 Velma Avenue, located next to the Ohio Historical Society. (Detailed directions will follow in the November newsletter.) 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **OIA INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The OIA is accepting nominations for the Investigator of the Year Award. The nomination deadline is November 4, 2002. 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.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*Only 2 Meeting Dates Left!*

September 25  
November 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

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  
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 \$6,325.69.

## **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.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

We've received information that the Office of Disciplinary Counsel has moved! Please update your records as follows:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
The Supreme Court of Ohio  
250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325  
Columbus, OH 43215-5454

Their phone number remains the same:  
614.461.0256

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