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Message from the President



This column proves somewhat paradoxical to write...it's my first column, as President of the FBINCAAA, in our first e-newsletter, as well as my last column, since I am slated to leave office and turn the gavel over to Earl Motzer come July 1st.

The last few years, four or five, one loses count, have been very exciting and fulfilling but not without a fair share of frustration. From our first meeting at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City, when we were brought together by then-Unit Chief Cassie Chandler and handed a folder outlining our charge, mission and responsibilities, to today, seems like an eternity! There were six of us called to the meeting by the FBI to work together to help make this organization a reality. Two of those had to leave our sessions due to situations not connected to the Citizens' Academy and they should also be noted as original Founders: Larry King of Phoenix and Dave Grant of Buffalo.

For a while, six of us emailed, met, called and worked, as time permitted, to develop By-laws, establish our mission, open up communication, assist new chapters to establish and all the while work with the FBIHQ to create an organization which would be of great value, in each of our communities to the Bureau, and to this burgeoning group of then-newly formed Citizens' Academy Alumni

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Associations.

Some of us went through this program so long ago that counterterrorism was mainly stories told us by our Special Agent instructors about the FBI's counterespionage work during WWII! Our course consisted, basically, about information regarding gangs, white collar crime, serial killers, the Bureau's Mafia-busting success and the like. Then came 09/11/01 and the FBI's world changed, as did ours and the CA program. I really envy those of you who graduated within the last few years; I'd really love to be able to take the program all over again, gleaning the knowledge that you have been privy to regarding the national and world situations today.

We all are members of a very privileged group – those who have been let into the “backstage” world of the FBI, seeing how it works, meeting those who make it work, and learning about the outstanding men and women of the Bureau who work around the clock every day of the year to keep our nation safe and free from harm. I know you'll agree that it has been a rare experience to have been so fortunate as to associate with the likes of those who put their lives on the line for each of us and our families. I have become a bit miffed when I hear that “we have really been lucky in this country not to have been attacked since 9/11”. Really? There is no luck involved; it is the hard work and dedication of those with whom we have been privileged to associate who daily ensure our security working the proverbial “24/7”. It is to them we owe a great debt of thanks!

There is one other group to whom I owe my personal thanks, my co-Founders: Stacy Irving, Meredith Wester and David Weis. We have become fast friends, one of the great advantages of belonging to an association like ours, and I am confident that we will never forget these past few years of working together to make the FBINCAA a reality. Two others must also be acknowledged: Tracey Ballinger, with us from the very beginning and without whom we could have accomplished nothing (!), and our Unit Chief for the last three years, Brett Hovington, who taught us how to work with the FBIHQ, and, sometimes, with each other, and how not to let our frustration with the bureaucracy get the best of us! Under Brett's guidance this organization has grown from our original 12 or so to the current count of 51! Tracey and Brett – our hearty thanks for helping to bring this dream to a reality!

Well, I have taken altogether too much valuable space, and your time (if you even bothered to read this far!) and I just want to thank each of you for helping us help the FBI, our partners in making our communities ever safer, and for helping, as Ambassadors, to tell one and all the facts about our nation's premiere law enforcement organization – the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A very Happy 100th Anniversary to our FBI friends, associates and partners!

Jerry Fogel

Chapter News

Cleveland



Frank Figliuzzi, FBI Special Agent in Charge, Cleveland Division, recently presented Thompson Hine partner Stephen D. Williger with the 2008 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award. The award, presented on behalf of the director of the FBI, was established in 1990 as a way to honor individuals and organizations for their efforts in combating crime, terrorism, drugs and violence in America. Williger was chosen to receive the award in recognition of his dedication to the FBI Citizens' Academy Foundation of Cleveland since its inception in 2004, his recent selection to the Board of Directors of the FBI National Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, and his offering legal knowledge and skills to the cause of community safety. Williger, who practices in the Business Litigation practice group at Thompson Hine, focuses on complex fraud and securities cases and complex entertainment law disputes.

Jacksonville

Jacksonville would want to at least mention that we have gotten off the ground and started our Chapter.

Louisville

The FBI Louisville Citizens' Academy Alumni Association is in its third year of operation. We are fortunate to already have six lifetime members who have each contributed \$1000.

We are currently planning, along with the Society of Former Special Agents, InfraGard and the National Academy, for the FBI's 100th Year Anniversary Celebration in Kentucky.

One of our projects is to accompany FBI Special Agents in SWOT gear to Kentucky's two Children's Hospitals once or twice a year. We give small gifts and bring lots of cheer and goodwill to patients and families alike.

New Mexico

The New Mexico FBINCAA has completed all paperwork and is set to launch its chapter officially in May. The Officers are President Susan Seligman, Regional Director, New Mexico Anti-Defamation League, Vice-President Betty Rosenberg, Communications Specialist, Presbyterian Hospital, Treasurer Karin Vallo, Public Relations and Business Manager for Sunny Skies and Sons Construction Company, and governance advisor attorney Johanna Cox, Silva, Saucedo & Gonzales, P.C.

New York

The FBINYOCAAF has been built on a solid foundation due to the extreme efforts and dedication of our past two Presidents, Alan H. Lieber, Esq. and Yvonne Pradier. With this solid base and another graduating class joining our ranks we now have the drive, motivation, vision and mass to build the rest of our house. It is our new President's goal, Robert Schnell, to lead the NYO Chapter to be the prestige organization of the FBI National Citizens' Academy Alumni Foundation.

The FBINYOCAAF would also like to acknowledge and thank Special Agent Red Nucum as he assumes the role of our dedicated advisor. We look forward to working closely with Red to make our organization available to assist the FBI in any way possible as well as call on him to be our liaison to the FBI in order to support us in our dedication to community service.

We are encouraged by our organizations caring, dedication and generosity. Under the Lieber Presidency, our chapter approved and granted a donation to the Achilles Track Club for the purchase of a Hand cycle for its Freedom Team to be presented to one of our countries disabled members of the armed forces at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. This Hand cycle is to be used in the upcoming 6th Annual Hope and Possibility 5m Run in Central Park on Sunday, June 22. The FBI and our CAAF have created a special bond of commitment and we look forward to our chapter's participation at this important event.

Let us all find it within ourselves to dedicate our association to preserving the active membership, encourage former and current graduates to join our organization and dedicate themselves unselfishly toward our vision of making our communities better and safer to live and raise their families.

Oregon

The FBI and the Oregon FBICAAA Chapter is organizing a Senior Fraud ScamJam to be held October 11, 2008 at New Hope Church in Clackamas, Oregon. New Hope has over 1,000 senior parishioners. With the churches help and the participation of the Salvation Army and AARP we expect well over 1,500 seniors to participate. We plan to teach the seniors how to protect themselves from financial and investment fraud, ID Theft, medical fraud and numerous schemes where seniors are targeted by con artists.

Chuck Whitlock will be the keynote speaker. Chuck is the author of many books about how seniors can protect themselves. Chuck has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show many times and trains thousands of police officers how to investigate cons against seniors. Chuck has been doing ScamJams for the Better Business Bureaus throughout the United States for over 20 years. This is the first year that he is doing a ScamJam for the FBI and the FBICAAA.

We plan to allow each network affiliate station in Portland an opportunity to present their best senior fraud investigative story. Many law enforcement agencies will have exhibit booths and hand out useful information that will educate seniors about agencies established to protect them.

Seattle

The Seattle FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association is now entering its fourth year. We have a very diverse group of community leaders in our membership and, as a result, we have a much broader understanding of each community's concerns and issues. As a community partner with the FBI, there is one issue that we all agree on: that is the safety of children when they use the Internet and instructing children and families regarding the unknown dangers they face and how to be safe in cyberspace.

Our association has partnered with the FBI and has produced an hour-long informational presentation on the child Internet predator. We currently have six community presenters who give up their personal time to go out into the community and talk to parents, schools and communities to raise awareness.

Our first presentation was delivered in November 2007 to a Parent Teacher Association at a local middle school. The PTA membership offered to evaluate the presentation and make suggestions which we subsequently implemented into the presentation. We received copyright permission for two short videos that re-enforce the way predators use the Grooming Process to entrap children. As the Internet has evolved we now also have to focus on not only the vulnerable child but children who are risk-takers, both online and offline.

In 2008 we have delivered our presentation at the Washington State PTA Region 2 conference in March, the Seattle Crime Victims week in April, which took place at the Virginia Mason Medical Center auditorium, and on May 3 at the Washington State PTA conference.

We chose to reach out to district and state PTA groups and schools because their leadership is not only knowledgeable, but also extremely proactive with regard to children and their health, welfare and safety. Their leadership is often surprised at what they have learned and is willing to share this information through their newsletters and other communication channels with their parents.

We have still to persuade parents to become involved with their children when they use the Internet. Too many parents still do not understand how they can become more engaged just because they do not use the Internet in the same way as their children. Making such a cultural change is hard but we are able to offer them help – free hands-on, one-day classes run by local law enforcement officers and knowledgeable computer professionals, enabling parents to understand how their children use the Internet.

Over the next few months we will be looking into translating the Child Internet Safety presentation into several Asian languages using voice-over software. Once this is completed we then plan to convert the presentation into video format. This can be done with no expense, we think! And the video may be shown in waiting rooms at cultural centers, even medical center waiting rooms.

The Seattle FBI and the Seattle FBI CAAA are strongly committed to reach as many communities as possible so that we can help children have a safer and more enjoyable online experience. If we can encourage parents, grandparents, guardians and caregivers to use the same parenting skills they use in the real world, we may have a chance to intervene on behalf of those children who are not lucky enough to have the kind of support they so richly deserve.

South Carolina

Columbia, SC has a Quantico/FBI HQ trip set for May 14th, which we also hope to combine with a White House and/or Congress tour. We have 25 people going, including the Paul Vandderburg, the Vice President of the Tampa Chapter whom I met at the Atlanta Regional meeting. Our Community Relations person is traveling with us and our SAC will be up in the area to do the tours with us. We toured our Univ. of So. Carolina Football stadium last summer, which is where I sing the National Anthem and Alma Mater for our football games. It is an 82,500 person stadium and, thus, larger than some pro ball ones.

We are tying in with National for the IRS exemption as well as the D & O insurance....In the past, we have had presentations by our Director of the Dept. of Public Safety, Director of Homeland Security for our State Law Enforcement Division, presentations by two FBI agents just returned from Iraq, and a terrorism briefing by the Supervisory Agent in charge of the JTTF in SC. We hope to do an Airport tour in June and see it primarily from a security vantage point. As a principal Government Liaison for the Red Cross, I also just completed a week-long Homeland Security Course at the National Emergency Training facility in Emmitsburg, MD (10 minutes from Camp David) as well as a Hurricane/Emergency Conference at Myrtle Beach, SC put on by our Emergency Management Division. This all fits in well both with my FBI connection and the fact that I am a volunteer Policeman (State Constable with Statewide authority). We have also helped sponsor our Columbia Division's Christmas drop in, breakfast at the firing range for the last Academy class, and a dinner during one of their other classes. We're also assisting with their Adopt-a-School and mentoring programs. Our membership at this juncture is around 50 individuals and we charge \$50/year for dues.

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars. The Leadership Congress will be held in Tampa, Florida, June 17th through June 19th, 2008. This year's theme is "Securing Our Nation Through Community Partnerships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Conference Chairperson Stacy Irving -- with the assistance of the Tampa Bay Chapter and Tracey Ballinger -- has a great Congress lineup planned. Some of the highlights to look forward to: Strategic Planning, Citizens' Academy Experience Discussion, FBI "True Engagement" Session, Certification of the Train the Trainer Program, Alumni Chapter Fundraising, Retaining Chapter Alumni and much more. Check your email for information regarding registration and hotel information. ***Hope to see you in Tampa!***

From the Founders

A final note from the four founders of the FBINCAA that are still with us – Jerry Fogel, Meredith Wester, Stacy Irving and David Ilan Weis. We've been on this job for many years now and have given it our collective 'all.' It's been an enormous amount of work and as only Meredith will remain as an officer after this upcoming conference, we want to take this opportunity to wish the incoming Board – and the CAAA itself – our heartfelt good luck in moving this organization forward. "Onward and upward" as the saying goes!

Yours most sincerely,



Jerry Fogel



Meredith Wester



Stacy Irving



David Ilan Weis

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