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**From The President**

Hello Chapter Presidents,

It is my pleasure to inform you that Nashville, Tennessee is the newest FBINCAAA Chapter member. Congratulations Hugh Tharpe, President and all chapter members!!

Former FBI Los Angeles CAAA Chapter President Mark Mulcahy and the FBINCAAA Vice President has resigned as an FBINCAAA board member due to business obligations. We very much appreciate what Mark has done for both Los Angeles and for his continued assistance with the our Conference Planning Committee and wish him well for the future.

The FBINCAAA Board, at its 1/30/09 meeting, elected Doug Opirhory, President of the FBI Newark CAAA chapter to fill Mark's unexpired term. Congratulations Doug!!

Congratulations also to Stephen Williger, a member of the FBI Cleveland CAAA Chapter and an FBINCAAA Board member who was elected Vice President on 2/18/09.

One of the follow up suggestions from the 2008 National Congress in Tampa was to explore ways to provide more information to SACs about our organization. I posed this question to FBI leadership and learned that the FBI periodically schedules new SAC orientation meetings. I requested and have been given permission to include in the new SAC orientation packet a letter from the FBINCAAA describing the roles of our organization and our Chapters and encouraging cooperation and support.

I look forward to seeing you in Scottsdale, Arizona in June.

Thanks for your continued support of the FBI.

Earl

## Honolulu Chapter

On January, 13th, the Chapter held its annual membership meeting to elect a new Board of Directors and to provide a recap of the 2008 functions enjoyed by the membership. One week later, on January 20th, the 2009 Citizen Academy classes began. Both functions matched our largest turnouts.

In 2008, we were most fortunate in being able to provide outstanding presentations and gatherings for our membership. Our local FBI office graciously provided us with the opportunity to have a presentation by the special agent in charge of the Robert Hansen case (the movie "Breach"), concerning the transfer of secrets to the Soviets by the former agent. Additionally, we sponsored a tour of the Hawaii State Civile Defense Command Center located inside Diamondhead Crater in conjunction with our Citizen Academy graduation. We were also able to obtain a tour of the security features of the Honolulu Airport that keep us safe as we travel. We also held a new member mixer in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the FBI, at which we provided commemorative coins to the attendees.

We capped off 2008 with a command presentation by the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Honolulu, who provided us the opportunity to appreciate what our military does for all of us as well as the countries in the Pacific.

In 2009, we are commencing our program sessions with a presentation by a special agent who interviewed Saddam Hussein. We are also preparing to welcome our new SAC who arrives first quarter 2009.

Aloha!

## Kansas City Chapter

Our speaker for the Spring 2008 graduation was The Honorable William Sessions, former FBI Director, former United States Attorney, and former Chief Federal Judge for the Western District of Texas. There was record attendance for graduation, about 150 alumni and their guests.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes Golf Tournament was held in September at Oakwood Country Club. Five years ago the FBI-KC Citizens' Academy Alumni Association started the Heroes Golf Tournament to honor our fallen heroes, the law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty. The Tournament established a fund to benefit the spouses and children of these dedicated and professional law enforcement personnel, who have made the ultimate sacrifice in their quest to make our community safer. Each year the event has grown in number and stature, and in the amount raised for such a worthy cause. This year's event raised more than \$15,000 for the Fallen Officers Fund.

Two Citizens' Academy classes (spring and fall) were hosted during the calendar year, in which we had a total of 51 graduates.

A briefing was held at regional headquarters offices where SAC Monte Strait updated alumni on changes developing with the FBI. It was followed by a dutch-treat casual dinner at the Flea Market - best hamburger in town. Attendance was 85 alumni. A member of our alumni association owns the Flea Market restaurant and hosted our group in a private dining room.

The Kansas City Chapter was the first to receive a \$225,000 grant in conjunction with the American Football Coaches Association, earmarked for the purchase of Child ID Kits for Kansas elementary students. This arrangement was based upon an MOU/agreement by National President, Earl Motzer. The Wal-Mart Foundation was the grantor.

In addition to these top three accomplishments, our program committee has presented a number of other opportunities for alumni association members to remain involved and engaged with our FBI regional headquarters.

Our annual membership drive has netted over \$20,000 to date, with more contributions coming in daily. An opportunity to become a "Life Member" was offered for the first time this year at the \$1,000 level (with a discount if paid before the end of the calendar year). At least 18 alumni have made this "Life Member" commitment at this time.

## Miami Chapter

The FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association-South Florida sponsored three Holiday initiatives in 2008. Monies were raised to help maintain operation of *His House Children's Home* and *HANDY, Inc.* The two South Florida organizations are a critical resource for children, providing a lifeline for abused, neglected and disadvantaged youth. The third endeavor was the sponsorship of New Years' Day dinner at the *Broward County Salvation Army*. Alumni members also volunteered, serving hot, nutritious meals to families in need.

"One of the fundamental goals for the Alumni Association is to partner with the FBI-Miami Division and help them reach out to the communities in need. Our Holiday Initiative affords the FBI office a perfect opportunity to connect with the community on a humanitarian level and impact the lives of others. As the Alumni Association strives to impact the lives of South Florida communities, we are proud to assist FBI-Miami in fulfilling its outreach mission as well," said Rita Scott, President, FBI CAAA-SF.



(Left to right) Jeff Green, FBI-Miami COS, Juan Ramirez, Alumni Member and Rita Scott, Alumni President (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) present Handy, Inc. Director with \$1,000 worth of gift certificates.



Alumni Members Juan Ramirez, Rita Scott, Robert Fountain, and FBI-Miami COS, Jeff Green presents Executive Director of His House Children's Home with gift certificate and supplies.

## Minnesota Chapter

We will be soon having Board of Directors' elections.

The Executive Board recently sent out a survey to the membership to see how the association was doing and if there were any suggestions. Overall, the results came back very positive.

## **Nashville Chapter**

On a joint trip with Memphis, the group from Nashville visited the FBI Academy in Quantico and FBI HQ in DC in November. Members also took in the area sites including a tour of the Pentagon and US Capitol. Nashville member photos were put together in a film to commemorate the trip and each member received a group photo with Director Mueller.

Nashville was granted Chapter status in January 2009.

Our group has created the first FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association facebook page

## Newark Chapter

Recently The Garfield Boys & Girls Club held its annual installation brunch! The Club had made a spectacular turn around, which was noted by the Boys & Girls Club National Organization. The FBI Newark Citizens' Academy is very supportive of the Garfield Boys & Girls Club. The Garfield Boys and Girls Club provide youth services to almost 1,000 children.

The Club's Annual Installation brunch was attended by FBI Newark Special Agent in Charge Weysan Dun and FBINCAA executive board members. Also in attendance were New Jersey State Assemblymen Fred Scalara & Gary Schaer, Senator Paul Sarlo and Bergen County Sheriff Leo McGuire. This year's theme was "50 Years of Hope & Opportunity!"

Picture # 1 left to right is Sohail Mohamed, VP Legal Affairs (FBI Newark CAAA), Nancy McKarahan, Treasurer (FBI Newark CAAA), Special Agent in Charge Newark Division Weysan Dun, Garfield Police Chief Kevin Amos, Douglas Opirhory (FBI Newark CAAA President & Boys & Girls Club of Garfield President)

Picture #2 includes FBI Newark SAC Dun, Garfield Mayor & Council, Garfield Boys & Girls Club Executive Board and Trustees, Alumnus and Dallas Cowboys player Miles Austin, Garfield Police Chief Kevin Amos, Douglas Opirhory President of FBI Newark CAAA & Garfield B & G President.

The FBI Newark Citizens' Academy will begin its next class on March 11, 2009. The FBI & FBI Newark CAAA have partnered to make this the best class ever!

FBI Newark CAAA education and community outreach committee under Roger Steib is fully operational and has some great programs in the works. This committee will begin screening members, in the first phase of the application process, to participate in the FBI National Citizens' Academy Speaker Certification Program.

On behalf of the FBI Newark Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, President Douglas Opirhory would like to thank Special Agent in Charge Weysan Dun and the entire staff of FBI Newark for their outstanding support. FBI Newark has given us the support and has helped us to develop the skills necessary for FBI Newark CAAA to continue in it's mission in supporting the FBI and serving our communities.



## New York Chapter

On Thursday, September 18, members of the FBI/NYO Citizens' Academy Alumni Foundation joined current and retired FBI members at a dinner dance at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle, NY to honor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the FBI. After the colors were presented, current and former members were presented plaques and told of their history with the Bureau and its evolution to its current state of the art structure. SAC George Venizelos MC'd the evening. Among those honored was former Director, Louis J. Freeh. Former ADIC of the New York Office, James Kallstrom was present as were many retired Special Agents and staff.

Everyone enjoyed magnificent food and an evening of music, dance and great camaraderie.



## Sacramento Chapter

Greetings! We ended a very successful year with our 4<sup>th</sup> annual holiday event. On December 4th fellow alumni Joe and Shirley Mohammed graciously allowed the complimentary use of the Mohamed Family History and Learning Center for the event. Over 80 alumni, guests and FBI employees enjoyed entertainment and delicious food items catered by fellow Citizens' Academy graduate Linda Storelli.



On January 22nd we sponsored an informational briefing for our alumni and their guests. Retired Special Agent Max Noel gave an excellent presentation on the Unabomber investigation which detailed the FBI's investigation and eventual arrest of Ted Kaczynski. The 86 people who attended thoroughly enjoyed this interesting and informative presentation which was very timely given that many of our graduates visited the Newseum during our annual Citizens' Academy alumni trip to Washington D.C. last October. Currently on display at the Newseum is the Unabomber cabin.



## Seattle Chapter

During the week of January 26, Seattle CAAA members and guests took advantage of an extraordinary opportunity to visit the Bureau's headquarters and the Quantico training and analysis facilities. Spearheaded by SAC Laura Laughlin, SA Carolyn Woodbury, and Community Outreach Specialist Nakia Ray, arrangements were made for our visit and tour.

On Tuesday, January 27 our group toured FBI headquarters which is an office building located in the heart of Washington DC. We had the opportunity to meet with several officials and learn about their priorities and work. A highlight was a discussion with Deputy Director Pistole, who took time from his very busy schedule to spend almost an hour with the group.

On Wednesday the 28th, a van picked us up at our hotel and we made the 30 minute drive to Virginia and to the Marine base which is home to the Bureau's Quantico facility. We paired up with a very knowledgeable and energetic tour guide, SA Kurt Crawford. We were given an extensive tour of the training facilities with extensive background on how it has grown over the years. We were fortunate to also see a graduation ceremony for brand new agents, presided over by Director Robert Mueller.

It was fascinating to hear the descriptions of forensic and scientific experts as they described their methods and daily routines, and also how new technology is reviewed and embraced in the laboratory setting. The Quantico facility is truly impressive and reflects a top-notch, professional organization.

This was a great opportunity to further our knowledge and understanding of the FBI. Thank you to our Bureau friends for all of their work in setting up this tour. If you have the opportunity to visit these facilities, do not pass it up.



## St. Louis Chapter

The Chapter appointed three new members to its Board of Directors to fill three vacancies. New Board Members are R.Gregory Evans, Lisa Holland, and Don Sanders.

Three new officers were also elected by the Board in January. Patrick Barron became Vice-President, Lisa Holland as Secretary, and Don Sanders as Treasurer.

Chapter President Don Anderson was elected to the National Association's Board in December 2008.

The St. Louis Chapter held its holiday reception on January 13, 2009 for Members, Alumni, and FBI Officials. SAC John Gilles, and ASAC Maxwell Marker attended.

On February 10, 2009 several members of the Chapter toured the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Museum located in St. Louis. This was a very insightful tour and briefing of a highly visited force-one protected facility.

The Chapter is currently focusing on distribution strategy and for the Child ID Kits and soliciting local businesses for participation in the program, with a goal of major distribution at the All-Star Game this summer.

The Chapter sent a donation for Fallen Agent Samuel Hicks from the Pittsburgh area, and will be donating a three-meal sponsorship to the St. Louis FBI Citizens' Academy Graduation this spring.

The St. Louis Chapter is currently working to plan an insiders tour of the 8<sup>th</sup> Division's Federal Reserve Headquarters in May of 2009.

The St. Louis Chapter is still working on constructing its website and is working toward a March 1, 2009 completion date.

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