



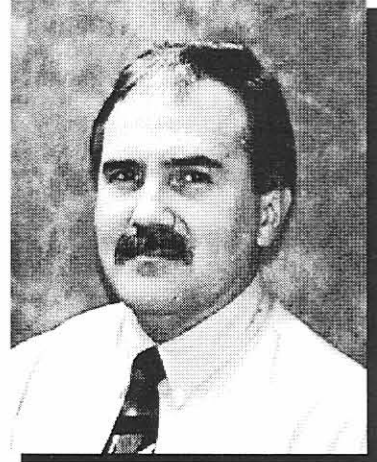
### *A Message from the President*

Fellow Members:

Welcome to the second edition of the revised FDIAI Newsletter. I hope most everyone is happy with some of the changes made under the direction of your new editor, Alan Clark. Alan has worked very hard and put many hours into this newsletter and I think he has done a fine job. There are more changes to come over the next several issues including a new cover and from the feedback I have already received, the members are extremely pleased with the changes.

Most incoming presidents wish for a smooth and uneventful year and I have been no exception. However some situations have already arisen requiring my attention.

Jay Mullins, the Chairman of the Board, resigned his position effective February 16th, 1999 for personal reasons. In following our constitution, Deborah Fischer has assumed the position for the balance of the year. We wish Jay the best of luck and hope everyone will support Deborah for another year as Chairperson. Deborah was just about to relax after five very giving years helping run the organization when she was delivered the good news. However, I know she will give 110 per cent to the effort because she really cares about the organization.



Wesley Zackery, the District 2 Director, has resigned his position due to a change in employment. Former Director Rosemary Brown has been appointed to fill that position for the remainder of the year. The position of District Director for District 6 remains unfilled.

Our new Secretary/Treasurer, Patricia Murphy, has spent many hours learning her new job and has become acclimated to it very quickly. The transition went very smooth with virtually no disruption of services for the organization. Maintaining the finances and membership records for nearly 800 members is a full time job and her dedication is sincerely appreciated.

The upcoming Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for May 8th at the Melbourne Hilton, the site of our 40th Annual Conference in October. We will be discussing issues such as creating a website for the FDIAI. Hopefully we can make this happen this year.

I urge everyone to begin making plans to attend the October conference in Melbourne. After speaking with the speaker coordinators, I am very impressed with the topics and speakers planned. Bud Haemmerle and Deborah Fischer are doing an excellent job working late hours to get the topics and speakers most requested in last year's evaluations. The social activities will be even better than last year if that is at all possible.

The South Florida Forensic Association in conjunction with Districts 8, 9, and 10 of the FDIAI will be hosting the first Technology Expo in Plantation (Broward County) on Thursday, May 20th from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The latest in forensic equipment from lasers to digital cameras will be on display and demonstrated. Several companies from across the country will be attending to display their new products. We urge all members to attend this informative meeting.

As always, I am always available for suggestions or comments to improve the organization. My address, phone number and e-mail address are on the inside front cover. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Until the next issue..

Jim Kammerer  
President