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SPI 62th Anniversary Dinner Program

6:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.

Cocktails

7:00 p.m.—7:20 p.m.

*Welcoming remarks by Steven Levine,
SPI Board Member*

National Anthem sung by Emy Cee

NYPD Pipers

NYPD Color Guard

7:20 p.m.

James O'Neill, Commissioner, NYPD

7:30 p.m.

Opening remarks

Bruce Sackman, President, SPI

7:35 p.m.

Veterans Health Update

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2018 SPI Person Of The Year:

HON. ERIC GONZALEZ

Eric Gonzalez made history in November 2017 when he became the first Latino District Attorney elected in New York State. He had been appointed Acting District Attorney by Governor Andrew Cuomo a year earlier following the tragic death of his predecessor, the late Ken Thompson, with whom Gonzalez had served as Chief Assistant District Attorney.

DA Gonzalez began his legal career in the Kings County District Attorney's Office upon his graduation from law school in 1995, and spent several years as a junior and then senior assistant in various bureaus within the office, including the Sex Crimes and Special Victims Bureau, Domestic Violence Bureau, Orange Zone Trial Bureau, and Green Zone Trial Bureau, where he was promoted to Chief. During his career Gonzalez tried a full range of cases, including homicides.

Promoted by District Attorney Thompson to Counsel to the District Attorney in March of 2014, DA Gonzalez was instrumental to the office's smooth transition during the change of administrations.

Gonzalez successfully guided the launch of several key initiatives, including the creation of the office's nationally-recognized Conviction Review Unit and the office policy of declining to prosecute the possession of marijuana, which he framed and implemented. Since his appointment to lead the office, DA Gonzalez has implemented his own trailblazing initiatives, including bail reform, a Young Adult Court and a policy to reduce unfair immigration consequences in criminal cases.

Following his swearing in as District Attorney in January, Gonzalez launched a ground-breaking initiative known as Justice 2020, to help him carry out his vision of keeping Brooklyn safe and strengthening community trust in our criminal justice system by ensuring fairness and equal justice for all. The Justice 2020 Launch Committee, made up of criminal justice reform experts, defense groups, service providers, law enforcement, formerly incarcerated individuals, clergy and community leaders, will recommend steps DA Gonzalez can take to make the Brooklyn District Attorney's office a national model of what a progressive prosecutor's office can be.

DA Gonzalez grew up in East New York and Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and attended John Dewey High School in Coney Island. He graduated from Cornell University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a dual major in government and history. In 1995, he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School, where he was president of the Latino Law Students Association.

He resides in Brooklyn, less than a mile from where he grew up, with his wife and three boys.





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2018 SPI Distinguished Career:

RUBEN BELTRAN



Assistant Chief Ruben Beltran joined the New York City Housing Police Department in January 9, 1986, and began his career on patrol assigned to the Police Service Area #3 in Northern Brooklyn.

He was promoted to Sergeant in May 1993; Lieutenant in May 1997; Captain in March 2000; Deputy Inspector in June 2003; Inspector in November 2005; Deputy Chief in December 2008; and Assistant Chief in December of 2014.

He has served in PSA 3, the Housing Bureau's Narcotics Enforcement Unit Brooklyn/Staten Island; Transit Bureau District 3 in Upper Manhattan; Executive Officer of the 63rd Precinct in Marine Park and 71st Precinct in Crown Heights; Management Information Systems Division (MISD); Office of the Police Commissioner; and was the creator and first

Commanding Officer of the NYPD Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), the first of its kind in the country.

Recently designated the Commanding Officer for the School Safety Division, he has also served as the Commanding Officer for Management and Budget, and Commanding Officer of the Information Technology Bureau. In addition to serving in the commands mentioned, Assistant Chief Beltran has served as the Commanding Officer of the 115th Precinct as the first Hispanic Commanding Officer for the most diverse and majority Hispanic Community in the country consisting of over 250,000 residents, in Jackson Heights, Corona and East Elmhurst.

Assistant Chief Beltran holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, is a 2004 graduate of the Police Management Institute at Columbia University and a 2014 graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Business Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

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2018 SPI Distinguished Business Person:

JOSEPH FORLINI



Joe Forlini is the third-generation co-owner of Forlini's, the go-to event space for the Society of Professional Investigators for... "12, 15, 20 years? I don't even know!" he laughs from his tiny office tucked inside the atmospheric, old-school Italian-American restaurant at 93 Baxter Street in Lower Manhattan. For the past six decades, this family eatery has drawn a colorful mix of judges, prosecutors, attorneys from nearby courts, U.S. Marshals, NYPD detectives and investigators of all stripes. When SPI first inquired about holding its monthly meetings in the legendary wood-paneled back room, Joe just remembers that it felt like a natural fit. "I knew some of the guys from SPI from back when they were law enforcement. God Bless them!" he says.

Forlini's Restaurant has been a special home for SPI, the investigative community and all law enforcement agencies.

The Forlini family has been serving the law enforcement community since the beginning, starting with Joe's grandfather, Giuseppe. In 1943, the Italian immigrant started a small bar at 5 Baxter Street, establishing a close relationship with the courts and the NYPD's 5th precinct early on. In 1956 (coincidentally, the same year SPI was formed in New York City), sons Frank and Freddie took over, soon joined by brother Hugo, and expanded the bar into a restaurant at today's location. The bar is still central to Forlini's (and serves as the "ultimate criminal-court-insider watering hole," according to a 2012 *New York Times* review), and the earthy food hasn't changed, with traditional dishes from the Forlini family seat in the North Italy town of Piacenza—less marinara, more rich sauces, polenta and stuffed meats.



Forlini's is famous for its osso buco veal dish, its panzerotti (a savory turnover), and, if you ask many SPI members who like to linger at the table for desserts, the most delicious and fluffiest cheese cake in town. The secret? Prepared with "half ricotta and half cream cheese... It's very light!" says Joe.

Joe, a/k/a “Big Joe,” his cousins “Little Joe” and Derek were the trio of third-generation Forlinis running the restaurant, until Little Joe’s passing in 2016. *“Now it’s me and Derek. As long as we can work, we work,”* says Joe. The cousins want to stay true to their roots. *“My father always said: ‘We’re not Uptown, we’re Downtown.’ So we take care of working class people down here.”* Over the years, Forlini’s has also seen its share of celebrities. Framed autographed headshots of movie stars and *Law & Order* actors decorate the walls. Michael Imperioli, who played Tony’s nephew Christopher in *The Sopranos*, once worked as a bus boy at the restaurant. During Martha Stewart’s trial in 2004, the high-profile defendant and her team availed themselves to the eatery’s proximity to court. But if you ask any legal professional fond of Forlini’s, the biggest “rock star” tied to the eatery is certainly retired Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau. *“His secretary, Ida, would call up and say: ‘The Boss is coming in! Can he have his table for the day?’”* Joe recalls, waving towards the booth with the pink plaque designating “Morgenthau.” He says that he hasn’t seen “the Boss” in a while: *“If you talk to him, tell him that his booth is ready!”*



Recently reached by phone by the *New York Times*, Robert Morgenthau, now 99, told the paper that his favorite dish at Forlini’s was the linguine with white clam sauce. He also enjoyed the atmosphere: *“You could see people who were adversarial in court but without any hostility, and that’s why we liked it.”* The retired D.A. was quoted as part of a September 16 article celebrating Forlini’s as the new hot restaurant among “beautiful people,” from fashion models to skateboarders, social media influencers, and the selfie-loving millennial crowd in general. How did that happen? Forlini’s is a holdout, a “time capsule” of old New York, with Instagram-ready décor and appetizing dishes. Young hipsters, the article said, “chase authenticity.” The old-timers find the newcomers amusing, observing them with “anthropological curiosity.” *“They’re all nice kids,”* Derek Forlini told the *Times*. *“Good kids. They’ve never caused trouble. Some are so thin though you wonder how they can even drink liquor.”*



Stills from the short documentary “Snoops”, The New Yorker Presents.

Thanks to Joe and Derek Forlini, while the surrounding area continues to change, Forlini’s restaurant remains a fixture, a staple of Lower Manhattan and, indeed, a special home for SPI. *“It’s the perfect setting for investigators,”* said SPI president Bruce Sackman, in the short, *New Yorker*-produced documentary

Snoops that filmed at the restaurant. *“Every month, my SPIs get together at Forlini’s. It’s like I have two families. And like most families, we’ve got some interesting characters!”*



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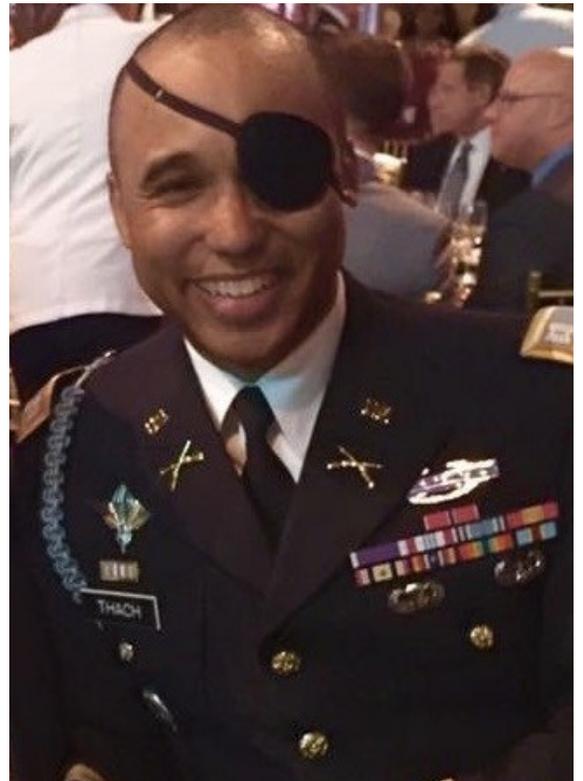
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Captain James Van Thach on veterans health

Captain James Van Thach, U.S. Army Infantry, Retired, is a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient, who was also given the honorary title of Staff Brigadier General by the Iraqi government representative Staff Major General Nassir al-Hiti. Because of his severe wounds from the war zone, he was medically retired from the U.S. Army.

Capt. Van Thach is a volunteer Veteran's Advocate with Wounded Veteran Initiative of Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) with his beloved service dog Liz by his side. He is a certified Suicide Prevention Counselor and has served on humanitarian missions in healing for himself and U.S. Military and our allies in Afghanistan, Israel and Vietnam. Additionally he volunteers as the Public Affairs of the Royal Lao Airborne.

His program "ScamLifeGuard.com & Anti-Suicide program" has been adopted by the Royal Lao Airborne as a humanitarian mission to educate and stop against Internet, business, romance & human trafficking scams.





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Emy Cee, our National Anthem singer



Emy Cee is an R&B singer raised in Spanish Harlem, New York. Her music influences include the big forces in music and R&B, divas such as Chaka Khan, Beyonce, Alicia Keys.

Following the attacks of 9/11, Emy took a break from music to serve her country. Now a Veteran and seasoned singer, Emy Cee has performed on many stages across the US alongside a number of talented musicians. The most memorable was performing with Roger Waters of the legendary Pink Floyd at Madison Square Garden. The performance was a benefit concert by the Bob Woodruff Foundation in support of wounded veterans.

In addition to music, Emy Cee can be heard in some popular brand commercials, calls, even tutorials around the globe. She also dabbled into acting, appearing in the movie iCreep, featuring Dascha Polanco (Orange is the New Black).

To learn more about Emy Cee and listen to some songs, visit her website emyceemusic.com

AAPLE/SPI SEMINAR ON PI LICENSING

Over 130 AAPLE, SPI and NYPD personnel RSVP'd to our September 5 seminar at 1 Police Plaza on getting a private investigator license in New York State and registration had to be closed early. Both associations want to thank speakers Ernita Gantt, Chief Investigator for the New York State Department of State, Bureau of



Licensing Services and Scott McGoldrick, senior investigator, for their detailed presentation and much appreciated Q&A. The seminar started with a review of Art. 7 of the General Business Law that governs PI licensing in New York State. Licensing requirements are demanding in New York. As a result, the state has less than 3,000 licensed private investigators, but licensed PIs have the advantage of being able to perform security or bail enforcement work as such. Many in the crowd were law enforcement professionals

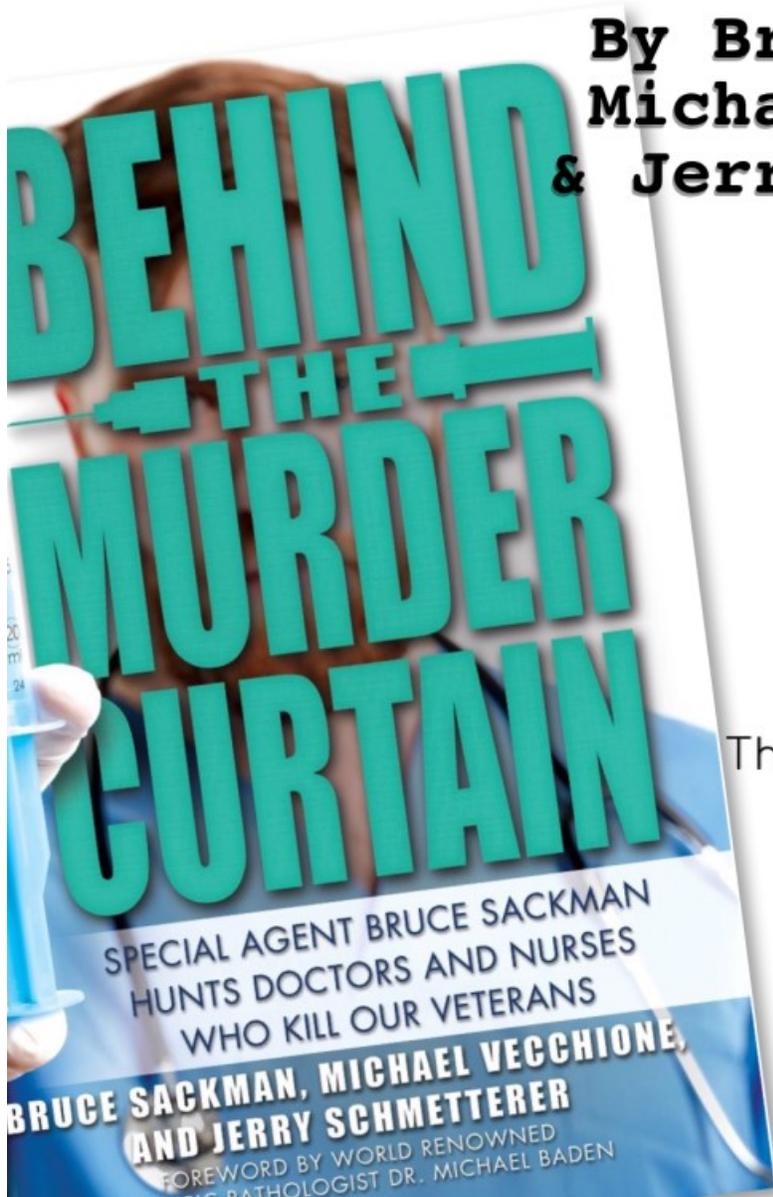


interested in becoming PIs, some of whom had already passed the test. Established PIs in the audience asked detailed questions about the practical applications of the law, staying compliant, fending off unlicensed activity and managing complaints, all of which, from both a consumer protection and service provider's points of view. A detailed account of the seminar will run in the next issue of SPIOnline.

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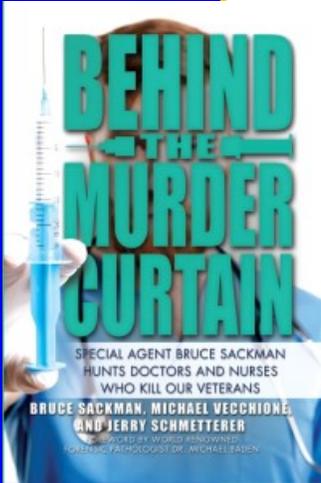
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Bruce Sackman On Medical Serial Killers

In October, the president of SPI will switch chairs at Forlini's and be our presenter, along with the co-authors of his upcoming book, [*Behind the Murder Curtain*](#), Jerry Schmetterer and Michael Vecchione.



"The most grievous cases involve doctors and nurses who murder their patients. And when I say murder, I'm not talking about mercy killings or malpractice," says the Ret. Federal agent, currently a full-time hospital investigator.

From the publisher: Behind the Murder Curtain is the true story of Bruce Sackman, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General. Sacman's main responsibilities had been investigating white-collar crimes such as embezzlement when he is drawn into the macabre world of doctors and nurses who murder their patients. Sackman evolves from an investigator of routine cases to the world's leading expert on Medical Serial Killers—MSKs—doctors and nurses who ply their evil trade hidden behind the privacy curtain at a patient's bedside.

OUR NOVEMBER 15 DINNER: NICK HIMONIDIS ON INVESTIGATING BITCOIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

Nick Himonidis, of The NGH Group, is an attorney, licensed to practice law in New York, a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and is also a Certified Computer Forensic Specialist (CCFS). He has extensive training and expertise in financial fraud investigation, computer forensics, data recovery and analysis, electronic discovery and the handling, authentication and presentation of digital evidence. and insurance fraud, embezzlement, and frauds against state and local governments and the U.S. government, as well as numerous matrimonial and custody matters.





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SPI from the Atomic Age to “Life on Mars”

Established in 1956 by New York law enforcement professionals with a then-niche interest in forensic science, the Society of Professional Investigators started publishing from its earliest days a monthly newsletter called *The Bulletin*.

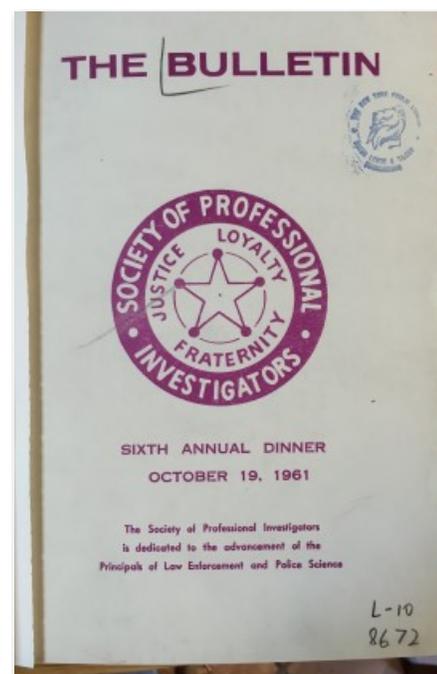
A mix of association news and academic articles, *The Bulletin* was also its own “Google alert” before the Web, with a section called “SPI-net” that was a digest of all news related to the investigative industry. The New York Public Library has dozens of Bulletin back-issues, dated from 1961 to 1975. While incomplete, this collection provides fascinating insight into the life of SPI during the Cold War, and the challenges presented to this unique group of professional investigators as they transitioned from the “Atomic Age” (which they perceived in a positive, futuristic sense) into the full-blown Cold War, and then later the legendary lawlessness of ‘70s New York.

From the
February 1964
issue:

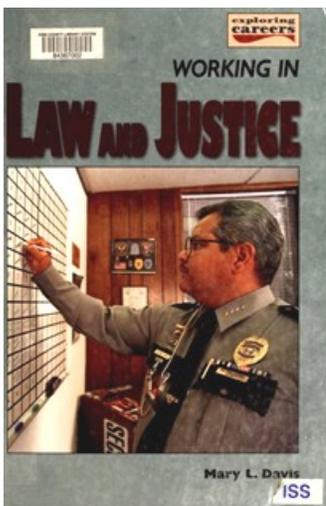
“Kremlinology is the systematic study of Soviet events and society, including their crimes and criminals. Like criminologists, kremlinologists peruse and pursue to protect and preserve the welfare of good ole U.S.A.”

SPI’s founding members began their careers toiling during World War II for the Office of Strategic Services/Office of Strategic Intelligence (OSS/OSI), the precursor to the CIA, and that influence is clear in the early issues of *The Bulletin*. Many of the 300+ members worked for intelligence agencies, the NYPD, and local police forces, with members including the police commissioner of Newark, and the then-commissioner of the New York Fire Department. In the ‘60s, members started retiring from the public sector and got into private investigation, hired by big agencies such as Pinkerton, or directly by companies such as Freedomland, an amusement park in the Bronx. SPI members met the third Thursday of every month, much like today, but at hotels, including the Roosevelt and McAlpin. The annual gala was held at Riccardo’s in Queens. Early awards recipients included **Robert F. Kennedy**, praised for his fight against labor racketeering, and the entire detective division of the NYPD, “for its handling of security problems at the U.N. General Assembly meeting”, following Nikita Khrushchev’s infamous shoe-banging incident in 1960.

The Cold War was inescapable, especially in the professional circles of SPI. *The Bulletin* published many articles related to detecting and fending off “America’s enemies.” In the October 19, 1961 edition, then-Bulletin editor **Thomas Coon**, investigator for the Waterfront Commission at New York Harbor, warned against the most insidious dangers of Communism, including “the promotion of illicit narcotics by Red China,” and the ongoing effort to destroy “the morale of the Free World.” But the tone of many Bulletin editorials was also deeply optimistic, celebrating “fantastic” scientific advances that were being “accomplished in a manner that defies the comprehension of the college graduates of such recent



vintage as the 1940s and 1950s.” Like today, SPI was a bridge between public and private investigative groups, taking part in such projects as The National Police Testing laboratory, to provide effective and reliable testing equipment for law enforcement. In the mid-sixties, *The Bulletin* raved about a computer database of 120,000 legal cases, available at a New York research firm for \$20 per search (then a small fortune), taking “minutes” rather than “days.”



The Bulletin published articles on topics as varied as handling firearms at a crime scene, identifying bodies after a catastrophe, or the art of interrogation. Collecting, sorting, organizing and sharing information among law enforcement agencies was a main theme. Police investigators were advised to read the “daily receipt of teletype alarms” in order to stay in the loop, and to build a “newsclip file: a storehouse of facts and knowledge at the very elbow of the investigator.” A guide on creating “intelligence files” is still spot-on: “There has to be a never-ending reminder that the information which one member of the force carries in his head may seem insignificant and non-revealing of a pattern. Combined with other information, it can be tremendously valuable.” Over the years, *The Bulletin* was quoted in manuals, books (left) and found its way into many universities, in the U.S. and internationally.

In New York City, SPI had its own brick-and-mortar “library” for members, courtesy of the second president of SPI, **John Cye Cheasty** (a former Navy intelligence officer-turned lawyer, who helped in the prosecution of Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa, housed a collection of law enforcement textbooks and publications at his office on Broadway.) In the ‘60s and ‘70s, just like today, SPI was contacted by true crime authors and TV shows. SPI member and NYPD homicide detective **Burton Armus** worked as an advisor on “Kojak,” and later became a Hollywood producer.

Reading *The Bulletin* makes it clear that SPI was far ahead of its times in some respects. Yet, women were conspicuously absent in the early days of the organization. In 1964, *The Bulletin* expressed shock when ALDONYS, the Association of Licensed Detectives of New York State, elected a woman president, Miriam Oslar, calling it “the most striking event in private eye circles since Prof. Moriarty threw Sherlock Holmes down the Alps.” One prominent female member of SPI in the ‘60s was **Kitty Barry**, a fearless NYPD narcotics detective working undercover in the city’s heroin dens. One wouldn’t know that from reading *The Bulletin*! At the same time, the newsletter was publishing debates on Community Policing, and encouraging detectives to be “friendly cops,” a pretty novel concept back then. In the late ‘60s and early ‘70s, editorials started lamenting the breakdown in law and order in New York City. Investigators who had gone through a decade contemplating man’s extinction during the Cuban missile crisis were now puzzled by youth rebellion, protests, decay, and anti-cop sentiment. Investigators sometimes felt like they had landed on Mars. “We have financial problems in the city government... They want to legalize Marijuana... We are going downhill real fast!” read one 1971 editorial by then-president **Mauro Contrastano**. Yet he concluded by rallying the troops: “We have great talent in our organization [...] Problems are made to be solved and obstacles to be overcome. Who is better equipped than the members of the SPI to do those jobs?”



SPI board member **Alan Stoddart** (SSA DoC-OEE Ret.) owns a *Bulletin* from 1973, a record. We had to go to the New York Public Library to find older issues (reference: L-10 8672 spring, 1961-Oct. 1975)

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Several members of SPI are prominently featured in the September/October 2018 issue of [PI MAGAZINE](#), starting with the Society's president, **Bruce Sackman**. His new book, *Behind The Murder Curtain*, co-written with **Michael Vecchione** and **Jerry Schmetterer**, is out this month. *"The book tells how this dedicated investigator brought down four MSK (Medical Serial Killers) while developing the RED FLAGS PROTOCOL, which is now taught to investigators and forensic nurses throughout the world,"* writes the magazine.

As in every issue, **Bruce Hulme**, SPI board member and director of government affairs shares his insights on new rules, regulations and bills. SPI member and New York private investigator **Matt Spaier**, founder of Satellite Investigations, contributes an article on his first-hand experience with Electronic Canvassing. *"Electronic canvassing can work in every aspect of the personal injury process,"* he writes. *"We have gathered information for attorneys who are making pitches to be retained. We have used electronic canvassing to find notice witnesses,*

do site investigations and perform due diligence on expert witnesses." **Anthony Luizzo**, another SPI member, and regular contributor to the magazine, has a very educational piece on security survey models used to diagnose crime exposures in residences, commercial and industrial entities.

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A YEAR OF MEETINGS IN THE BACKROOM AT FORLINI'S



Speakers at SPI monthly dinners this year included John Jay Asst. Prof. Chelsea Binns on fraud hotlines (below, l.). Paul Raffile (r.) gave a presentation based on his first-hand experience using #OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) in corporate security.





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Above: SPI President Bruce Sackman with our June speaker, NYPD Chief of Community Affairs Chief Nilda Hofmann and NYPD liaison Mitch Weiss.

Duc Nguyen of RGL Forensics (r.) came to speak about resident data left in our phones and every day devices.



May speaker Tony DeStefano, on the Lufthansa Heist, with SPI Vice-President Ernie Lungaro

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The New York Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners would like to extend its congratulations to the Society of Professional Investigators on its 62nd Annual Awards Gala.

We also extend our congratulations to the SPI honorees Eric Gonzalez, Kings County District Attorney, Ruben Beltran, Commanding Officer, Management and Budget, and Joe Forlini, of Forlini's Restaurant.

We encourage SPI members and event attendees to visit our website, www.nycfe.org, to join the New York Chapter of the ACFE and to attend our fall fraud conference, (8 CPE credits), which will take place on October 12 at Fordham University. Please mention this advertisement when booking your ticket to receive a special rate.

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Members of the board and Mitch Weiss at the SPI 61st Awards Dinner



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