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President's Message

Greeting NY CASA Members,

As the summer is winding down we are gearing up to celebrate our 100th year Anniversary of CASA with a grand celebration hosted by the Philadelphia Conference in King of Prussia, PA. It was great to see each of you at the meeting in June. We started the day with "Sanitation the Link to Pest Control" and ended with the Kingsborough Farm Tour. I hope each of you enjoyed your time at the meeting.

The committee values your input in our meetings as we continue to bring you the topics that most interest our members we invite you to complete the electronic surveys delivered to you via email.

If you have any topics and speakers that you have found of interest please let me know so that I can arrange for them to present at our meetings.

We look forward to providing you with great meetings and educational experiences that you can use for a lifetime.

Darrell A. Newell

President

New York Conference CASA

H. Price Thompson Scholarship



The deadline for CASA members or their relatives to take advantage of the H. Thompson Price Scholarship is March 1, 2016. Applications must be completed and submitted to the Scholarship Chairperson by that date.

Don't miss this opportunity. Visit the CASA website at www.casaftdo.org for more information.

Save the Date



The 100th Annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar will take place April 25-28, 2016 in Valley Forge, PA.

Have something to say?



Share news from your organization with our membership during the open forum at the quarterly meetings!

Reserve a time slot by contacting any of the board members.

CASA, New York Conference, Finding the Best Trainers: Bill Kolbe, with 40 Years in Urban Entomology



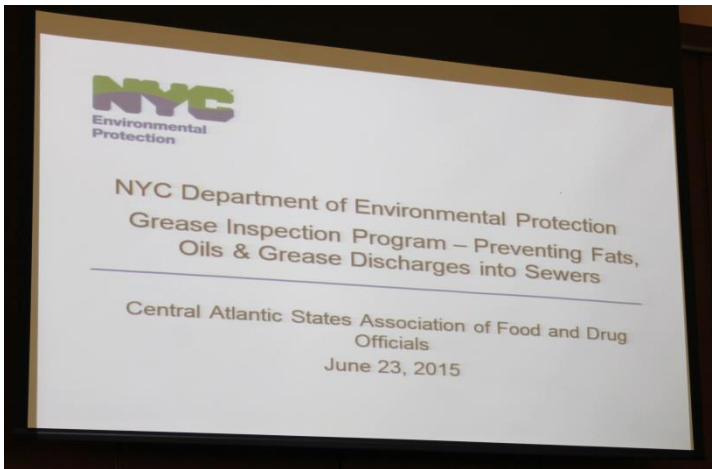
William A. Kolbe, BCE, technical director for Viking Termite and Pest Control, Inc. with over 40 years in the urban-entomology/structural-pest-control industry. After graduating with a degree in entomology from the University of Delaware in 1974, Kolbe started in the structural-pest-control industry as a service supervisor. He was the chair of the National Pest Management Association Rodent Committee (1986), chair of the Copesan Technical Committee (1983), a member of the Pi Chi Omega Board of Directors, and author of "Chapter 14: Flies" for the *Mallis Handbook of Pest Control* (9th Edition). Bill is a board-certified Entomologist in Urban Entomolgy. He is a frequent speaker for National Pest Management Association (NPMA), and has authored several publications in industry trade magazines. During his career in pest management, he also served in the United States Army Reserves and retired in 2002 after 28 years of service.

<http://www.entsoc.org/member-news/bill-kolbe>

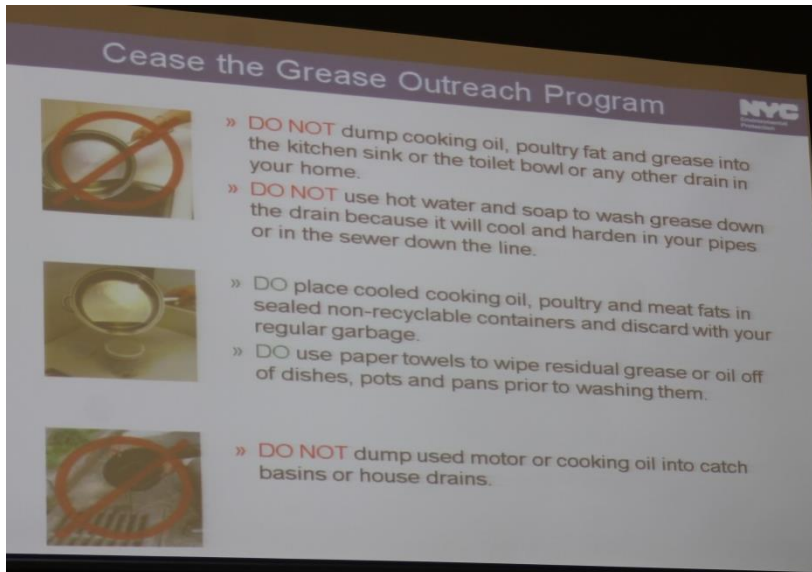


Director of Technical and Training Services William (Bill) A. Kolbe, BCE, for Viking Termite and Pest Control, Inc. addresses CASA members with approximately 90 minutes of technical training in the subject of P.E.S.T., Pest Elimination & Sanitary Techniques. One of Bill's specialties is vertebrate pest control. Bill emphasizes the connection between pest control and sanitation, especially in food service establishments.

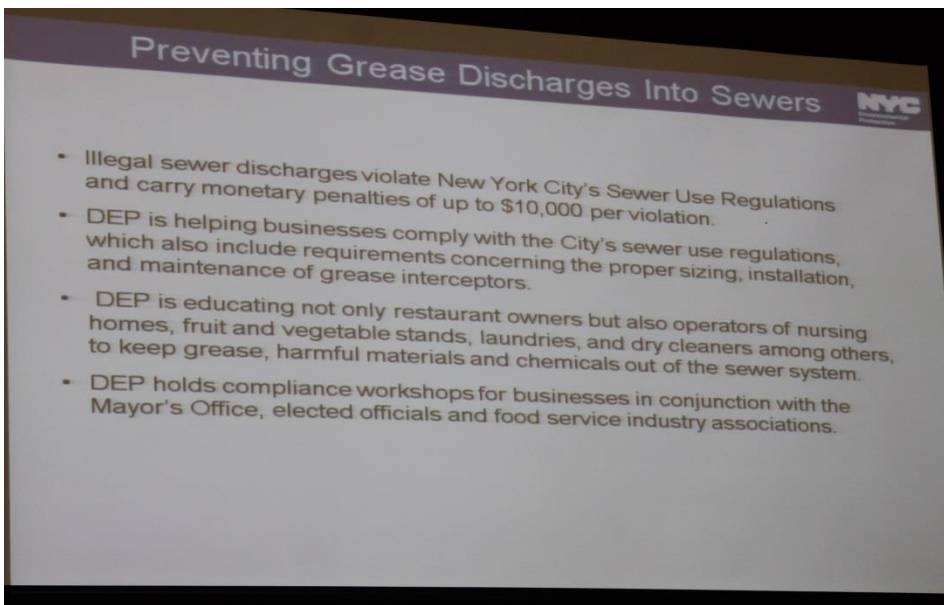
Environmental Compliance in New York City



Charles Sturken, Director of Environmental Compliance and Outreach Unit, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) explains the City's "Cease the Grease" Outreach Program.



Mr. Sturken describes some waste-disposal dos and don'ts



CASA , New York Conference, Former Vice President Mr. Darrell A. Newell takes the Podium for the First Time as CASA , New York Conference President



I am very excited to serve in my new role as the President of the New York Conference. I am looking forward to continuing to support our CASA mission. Darrell A. Newell graduated Suma Cum Laude from North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro with a Bachelor in Science in Occupational Safety and Health. He soon joined the Fairfax County Health Department in Northern Virginia, where he spent two-and-one-half years serving as a Public Health Sanitarian Level II and Plan Review Officer. Darrell later joined The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company where he now serves as Director of Food Safety. Mr. Newell succeeded Ms. Phyllis Black, Food Inspector II, New York State Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, whom served as CASA New York Conference President from May 2013-May 2015.

CASA New York Conference Welcomes its Newest Members:



From left to right: Alyssa Russo, Public Health Sanitarian Trainee, Nassau County Department of Health; Farooq H. Faizi, Public Health Sanitarian II, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH); Mohamed Ali, Public Health Sanitarian II, NYCDOHMH; Mohamed R. Karim, Public Health sanitarian II, NYCDOHMH; Kamilah Hutchinson, Public Health sanitarian I, NYCDOHMH; Charlton H.L. Smith, Associate Public Health Sanitarian I, NYCDOHMH; Anne Spooner, Public Health Sanitarian, Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services (SCDHS); Mike Rodriguez, Intern, SCDHS; and Curtis Russell, Public Health sanitarian II, NYCDOHMH.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Agricultural Development

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Chief of Staff NYSDAM Division of Agriculture Development



The mission of the Division of Agricultural Development is to protect and strengthen the viability of New York's food and agricultural industry. The division strives to accomplish this mission through a wide range of activities and services within four broad program areas: Market Development; Promotion and Consumer Education; Healthy Food Access; and Business development and support.

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Ag Development program highlights:

- Agricultural Producers Security, Commodity Procurement, Crop Insurance
- Pride of New York, Farmers' Markets, Farm/Cuisine Trails, Trade Shows & Events
- Specialty Crop Block Grants
- Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, WIC Vegetables and Fruits Checks
- Farm to College, Farm to School
- International Trade, Market Order Administration
- Organic Certification Reimbursement, Organic Farming Development/Assistance



Key New York agricultural statistics:

- In 2012, cash receipts totaled \$5,29 billion
- 36,000 farms include 7 million acres on approximately 23% of the state's land area
- Dairy is the state's largest agricultural sector, accounting for almost half of farm gate income, or over \$2,55 billion
- New York ranks fifth nationally in overall production of fresh vegetables
 - Pumpkins, apples, squash, maple syrup, snap beans, grapes and cauliflower, sweet corn, onions and tart cherries



Taste NY Retail Presentations

- Currently nine retail locations
 - NYS Thruway – Chittenango and New Baltimore Travel Plazas; Airports – LGA, JFK and MacArthur (Long Island); Highways – Todd Hill (Taconic State Parkway); Javits Center, Grand Central Terminal, NYS Fairgrounds
- Store produced over \$1 million in gross sales in 2014
- Vending machines have also been developed to showcase New York products



challey.comer@agriculture.ny.gov; prideofnewyork.com; taste.ny.gov

Kingsborough Community College Urban Farm Tour



Mara Gittleman (right), Farm Education Manager, Kingsborough Community College, educates CASA members on the day-to-day operations of the Urban Farm program.

Food and food policy are experiencing a boom in New York City today, and an epicenter of this activity is in Brooklyn. At Kingsborough Community College's Urban Farm, vegetables, fruits, and herbs are grown by and for students in a variety of programs across campus. The farm now also includes a community garden for use in your classes - visit our website for more information. There are opportunities for students and faculty to be trained as urban farmers, and to learn how to harvest, process, and cook fresh produce. There are also many opportunities to incorporate the urban farm and local food production more generally, into curricula across disciplines...

http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/faculty/kctl/pages/fig_farm.aspx



Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials

Quarterly Training Session

Our third quarterly meeting of the 2015 calendar year will be held on September 24th, at the FDA facility at 158-15 Liberty Ave. in Jamaica. Proper ID is required to enter the building. Please be sure to pre-register so that we may give your name to the security guard at the front gate

Please join us beginning at 9am for registration and continental breakfast

9:30-10:00

"Surface Pathogen Elimination Practices
for Ready-to-Eat Fishery Products"

Eugene E. Evans, CFP
Food Inspector 1
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

10:00-10:30

"The Impact of Native Language-Based Training on Food
Safety Compliance in Suffolk County"

Lisa Potopsingh
Senior Public Health Sanitarian
Suffolk County Department of Agriculture and Markets

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-11:45

"Genome Sequencing"

Julia Mullins & Laura Howard
Microbiologists
FDA

11:45-12:00

CASA Business Meeting

12:00-1:00

Lunch

Sandwiches will be provided

1:00-2:00

Prior Notice of Imported Foods

Anthony Rauert
Consumer Safety Officer, Import Specialist
FDA

2:00-3:00

Open Forum

FDA Food Code Update

Mary Leong
FDA

WNV Mosquito Trapping

Nicholas Guarino
Suffolk County Department
of Health Services

3:00-4:00

Q&A Session

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Registration Form 2015 September Meeting

Name _____

Agency/Firm _____

E-mail Address _____

Meeting Registration: \$20 (member)

\$30 (non-member)

CASA Membership:

Regulatory Agency- \$15

Academic & Retired Regulatory Member- \$10

Associate Member- \$35

Please make checks payable to NY Conference CASA
Fax Registration form to Nadine Roe (631) 852-5871

Or, mail registration form to:

Nadine Roe
Suffolk County Department of Health
360 Yaphank Ave, Suite 2A
Yaphank, New York 11980

Directions to FDA facility :

The FDA building is easily accessible from the Van Wyck Expressway (678) from either north or south. Exit at Liberty Ave. and proceed east for approximately 1 mile. The building will be located on the north side of Liberty Ave. just beyond the Long Island Railroad trestle. Enter through the main gate, identify yourself and announce that you are attending the NY CASA meeting. You will be directed where to park. Enter through the main entrance and proceed to the main floor conference room.