

THE BELL RINGER

The Newsletter of the Philadelphia Conference of the Central Atlantic States
Association of Food and Drug Officials

Fall 2017



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is just around the corner and in a few weeks, we can look forward to a season of change. The leaves will glow with yellow, orange, and red, and there will be a crispness in the air. This season is also bringing concerns that we face in keeping our CASA organization thriving and providing you, its members, high quality quarterly training. CASA is only as strong as its membership and the CASA Executive Board needs your help to maintain the sustainability of the Philadelphia Conference. Providing high quality training sessions is what keeps our membership active; therefore, we are asking for not only your input, but we need everyone to get more involved.

The Philadelphia Conference Executive Board & Committees are made up of approximately 15 individuals. Several of those individuals hold both a position on the board, in addition to heading up one or more of our committees. Further, some of us are retired, myself included! Now don't take this the wrong way, as I love being involved with CASA. However, with several retired individuals on our board it makes it more difficult for them to maintain professional contacts within the food industry; thus, it becomes more difficult to decide on relevant topics and speakers for our training seminars.

In my opinion, I am certain that we have a diverse membership with the knowledge and expertise to provide a wealth of information that can be used to train others. We must all work together to sustain CASA, so that we continue to educate and protect the consumer. Please consider getting involved to help sustain and strengthen the reason and importance of CASA's position in the public health partnership, with which we are all associated. Just contact any member of the board to let us know you are interested. You can reach me at LSBonner@comcast.net.

Our Fall Meeting on 9/15/17 is being held at Procacci Brothers, Philadelphia, PA. **We have an interesting agenda to include the topics of:** How Technology is Changing Food Safety; Sanitization for Food Safety Using Sanitizer Test Strips; Farm/Storm Water Management & It's Effect on Food Production; and Overview of Preventive Controls for Human Food. We hope you can make this informative meeting!

Lastly, it's not too soon to mark your calendars for the 102nd Annual Education & Training Seminar, hosted by our colleagues from the New York Conference, in Stony Brook, NY from April 23-26, 2018. Consult the website at www.casafdo.org for information.

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Mark Your Calendars!

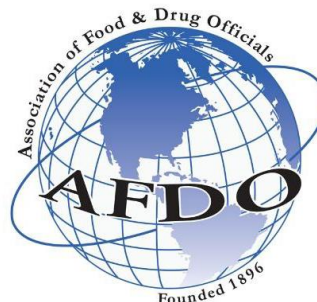
April 23-26, 2018

LONG ISLAND, NY

Please join us at our
102nd Annual Educational
and Training Seminar!



*The Charles B. Wang Center and Hilton Garden Inn
Stony Brook University Campus
Stony Brook, NY*



Sincerely,

Lynn Bonner, President

Philadelphia Conference of CASA

Conference News & Updates

At our Fall 2016 educational seminar, Jeanne Garbarino and Priscilla Lewis (from the Vineland City and Englewood, NJ Health Departments, respectively), along with Howard Rabinovitch (retired from FDA), demonstrated how the AFDO-administered Retail Program Standards and their related grants can inspire health departments to pursue improvement of their retail food programs. Good news – the 2018 Retail Program Standards Grant Portal is open until October 2, 2017! Barbara Kitay (from FDA's Office of Partnerships) reports that grant funding is open to state, local, territorial, and tribal regulatory retail food programs that have enrolled in the Retail Program Standards.

Approximately \$1.4 million in funding is available for the upcoming granting year! Check out <http://afdo.org/retailstandards> for the most up-to-date information including application instructions.

Since the inception of the AFDO-administered Retail Program Standards Grant Program in 2014, more than \$4.9 million has been awarded across 1,119 grants, per the map below.





When: March 21, 2018 1:00pm-4:00pm

What: 8th Annual FDA Matters Conference

Where: Delaware Law School, Wilmington, DE

Focus: Opioids, Medical Devices, Food Safety and Other Matters FDA—Year in Review, Top Notables, and Looking Forward

Brief Description: This "All Matters FDA" promises to be informative and related to the Food and Drug Administration's top accomplishments across the food and drug law spectrum. Learn about "hot topics" and hear the latest from seasoned professionals.

Collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief Request

The Unforgotten Haven, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is going to Houston, Texas for their 2017 Hurricane Harvey Relief Mission Trip, on or about October 20th.

If you are attending our 9/15/17 Fall educational seminar or work with someone who is, we ask that you review the below list of desperately needed items. You can be guaranteed that the Haven will personally bring your donations where you intend them to go! They have partnered with other Emergency Management organizations and the items will be physically handed out by Haven volunteers and not just dropped off. I know it will be appreciated by those who have lost everything.

Take a look at their website to see all the other projects that this organization does to help those in need: <http://unforgottenhaven.org/>

In addition, they can also be found on Facebook!

I will personally take any items brought to our meeting to The Unforgotten Haven in Blackwood, NJ! ☺

Thanks in advance,
Lynn Bonner



The Unforgotten Haven 100 South Black Horse Pike Blackwood, NJ 08012

The Unforgotten Haven's Collection for Hurricane Relief Mission Trip 2017
(Please see our Facebook Page for Up To Date Plans and Hours for Drop Off)

ALL DONATED ITEMS MUST BE BRAND NEW

Bug Repellent Spray (With Deet)

Mops

Buckets

Work Gloves AND Rubber Gloves

Heavy Duty 3M Face Masks

Lysol All Purpose Cleaner

Clorox Wipes

Contractor Trash Bags

Diapers & Pull Ups (ALL SIZES)

Baby Wipes

Powdered Baby Formula

Bottled Water

School Supplies & Backpacks

Feminine Products

Toiletries (Regular Size and Trial Size) Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap and Deoderant

Brand New Socks & Underwear (MEN, WOMAN AND CHILDREN ALL SIZES)

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Laundry Detergent

Can Openers

Non Perishable Foods (CHECK EXPIRATION DATES)

Pet Food & Supplies

Paper Plates, Plastic Silverware

Paper Napkins

NOTE: Should the vehicles headed to Hurricane Relief October 2017 Mission Trip fill up prior to departure, any remaining donations will be utilized by The Unforgotten Haven for any of its ongoing projects.

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OF THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC STATES ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS
IN ASSOCIATION WITH A.F.D.O.

September 15, 2017 Friday

FALL EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

NJ CEU's Approved - 5.0

Procacci Brothers
3333 S. Front Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148

08:00 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:15	“How Technology is Changing Food Safety” Eric Moore, Director of Food Safety & Regulatory Compliance Testo Solutions USA, Inc./Sparta, NJ.
10:15 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:00	“Sanitization for Food Safety: Using Sanitizer Test Strips” Tara Paster, CP-FS/President Melissa Vaccaro, MS, CP-FS, Vice President of Consulting Paster Training, Inc./Gilbertsville, PA.
12:00-1:00	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:00 – 2:15	“Farming/Storm Water Management & It’s Effect on Food Production” Samuel Owings, President High Impact Environmental, Inc./Chestertown, MD.
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:45	“Overview of Preventive Controls for Human Food” Matthew Noonan, Compliance Officer Philadelphia District/ US Food & Drug Administration
3:45-4:15	Q & A and Evaluation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



Please join us for our Winter/Holiday educational seminar on December 8, 2017 at the Trevose Fire House in Trevose, PA! An agenda will be sent out approximately one month prior to the meeting.

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We look forward to your feedback and participation.