



# The Cardinal Flyer

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## The Virginia Conference of CASA President's Message /Greetings

### It's a great year to be a part of CASA!

We are beginning to plan our trainings for the coming year and would urge each of you to offer any new ideas for training sessions.

Thank you to the members who served on the 2016-2017 board and committee chairs. We value your service and input.

I offer a sincere thank you to Past President Christy Brennan for an outstanding job during the past year. Congratulations to our new 2017-2018 Board Members.

**Vice President- Nikeya Thomas**

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Virginia CASA was very well represented this year at the 101<sup>st</sup> CASA Annual Education and Training Seminar in Saratoga Springs NY. In attendance was Erik Bungo, Sean Hejja and myself. Be sure to make plans to attend the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual CASA Education and Training Seminar in Long Island, NY coming in 2018.

Please remember to encourage others to participate in CASA. We need members! CASA is a great way to encourage partnership and a spirit of cooperation between food safety professionals in industry, regulatory and academia. So spread the word!

Thank you for your continued support of CASA.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For VDH and VDACS Personnel-CASA Trainings may count as "Contact Hours". Please contact your district supervisor to see if this applies. Certificates will be issued at the meeting.

*Mike Birchfield*

*VA Conference President*



## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Greetings!

The 101<sup>st</sup> Educational Training Seminar is now a sweet history. It was a great success, with over 100 members attended; over 30 speakers delivered excellent presentations, covering wide range of topics from the food safety arena.

Special thanks to Ms. Erin Sawyer, Outgoing CASA president (Northeastern NY Conference) and to the Local Arrangement Members and Sponsors to bring this seminar together and make this event flawless.

Prior to the seminar, AFDO sponsored a full day of FSMA update on Monday. We really appreciate AFDO's continuous commitment in supporting CASA.

We would also like to extend our thanks to our industry partners who sponsored this seminar: McDonalds and Ahold USA at Platinum level, Sheetz at Gold level, Wegmans at Silver level, WinWam, Paster Training and Hannaford at Bronze level. Our thanks also goes to Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc., who sponsored the break refreshments.

Our exhibitors this year were WinWam, McDonalds, Paster Training, USDA, Julabo, Taylor, Ecolab and FDA.

This year the CASA Extraordinary Achievement Award was presented to Mr. Jack Welte of the Philadelphia Conference.

The H. Thompson Price Scholarship this year was awarded to Mr. Jacob Karnick.

The executive Board under the new President, Ms. Nadine Roe of the NY Conference will start the planning session for the 102nd Seminar with a meeting scheduled at Long Island, NY in August 2017.

If you missed this Seminar, you missed a really good one. So that it does not happen again, please save the date for the next Seminar to be held on Long Island in Stony Brook, NY in April 23-26, 2018. Please spread the word and encourage your colleagues to attend and become members.

As always, if there is anything you would like to see changed or improved within CASA, or have a topic that you are interested in learning more about, please let us know.

**Respectfully submitted by Sean Hejja, Executive Board Member**



## Some Fourth of July Holiday Safety Tips



First and foremost, obey local laws. If fireworks are illegal where you live, don't use them. Even if they are legal in your area, keep fireworks out of the hands of minors. That includes unlit fireworks. Take children to public firework displays and seize the opportunity to discuss safety issues beforehand.

### Fireworks

If you live somewhere that allows individuals to use fireworks, proceed with caution and use common sense. The National Council of Fireworks suggests the following precautions:

- Follow the directions on all fireworks, and don't use them for anything other than what they're intended for.
- Don't attempt to alter nor combine fireworks products.
- Never use homemade fireworks.
- Report illegal explosives to the nearest fire or police department.
- When lighting fireworks, always have water handy. A hose is best, but a bucket will suffice.
- Spectators should remain a safe distance from the fireworks being lit.
- Whoever lights the fireworks must be sober, wear safety glasses, and keep clothing well away from the flame when lighting.
- Only light fireworks outdoors on a smooth, flat surface, away from all flammable materials including dry leaves and paper.
- Never try to relight fireworks that appear to be duds. Wait up to 20 minutes for a possible delayed ignition. Then if nothing happens, soak the firework in a bucket of water and dispose of it.
- Dispose of all firework materials by first soaking them in water before putting them in the trash.
- Keep sparklers away from clothing and other flammable materials.

## **Pet Precautions**

Most animals are frightened by fireworks. Pets that feel scared may react by running away from home, defecating indoors, or otherwise destroying property. Protect your pets on the fourth of July by taking some basic precautions.

- Don't take your pets to fireworks displays.
- Don't leave your pets in a car by themselves.
- Don't leave your pets unattended outside.
- During public fireworks displays, keep your pets in a safe place indoors where they won't be able to destroy anything. If your home isn't soundproof, you might want to leave the television or radio on so your pets won't hear the fireworks.
- Consult your veterinarian ahead of the holiday if your pets have a tendency to overreact to loud noises.

## **Besides Fireworks**

[Fireworks](#) are usually the first thing most people think of when it comes to the Fourth of July, but there are other aspects to the holiday that merit precautions. Most [summer season safety](#) measures are worth bearing in mind on Independence Day. Depending on which specific activities comprise your festivities, the following are possible concerns:

- During daylight hours, you'll want to protect yourself from excess exposure to the sun. Wear sunscreen and a hat.
- Heatstroke and dehydration are other daylight concerns to keep in mind. Be sure to drink plenty of water and seek out shady areas if you feel overheated.
- If you host or attend a barbecue, beware of possible fire hazards and outdoor food spoilage.
- Depending on your location, you may need to wear insect repellent and be alert for bees or wasps.
- Use good judgment when going swimming or boating. Be alert to water conditions, such as water depth and ocean currents. Make sure novice swimmers use flotation devices and children have chaperones.
- Wear protective gear for bicycling and other sports.



**BE SAFE!!!!!!**



**CASA Members and Friends:**



**CASA has a newly redesigned website.** The site at [www.casafdo.org](http://www.casafdo.org), has several new features that will improve customer use of the site, including the CASA News Network, a system designed to keep you informed about CASA and your local conference through e-mail notifications.

In order for the CASA News Network to work, the Executive Board is asking CASA members and friends to visit the new site and **register your name, local conference affiliation and only one e-mail address** at which you want to receive notifications. Even if you were registered with the old website, **please re-register so that CASA can update e-mail addresses and remove non-working ones.** You will receive an e-mail confirmation that will complete your registration. Once at the site, just click on the CASA News Network icon; it's that simple.

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**MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD JANUARY-DECEMBER**

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