



A New York Minute



CASA Newsletter

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Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials

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President's Message

Greeting NY CASA Members,

It seems like every time I prepare a message for the newsletter, I am wishing you all a full recovery from another natural disaster. If it's not a hurricane, Nor' Easter or flood, then it's a snow storm. Receiving over 30 inches of snow in 24 hours was quite an event. Hopefully all of you made it through the weekend without any damage.

Mother Nature has been quite unstable, but fortunately CASA is steady and strong. The executive board has planed another training session with your evaluation requests in mind. Please review the attached agenda. We make every attempt to fulfill your requests. If you don't see your topic request at this training session, please be sure that you will see it on a future agenda.

Back by popular demand, the NY Conference will hold a silent auction at the next training session on March 13th. Please consider donating an item to the auction, and participating in the excitement and networking opportunity.

Thank you for your time, and I do hope to see you at the FDA on March 13th

Angela Montalbano
NYS Department of Agriculture
and Markets
NY CASA President



Beth Torin discusses NYC's restaurant grading program at our December meeting.



Corey Williams discusses a food safety conference for NYC food service establishments at our December meeting.



Maura Kennelly discusses obesity problems related to sugary drinks at our December meeting



Verna Hamilton discusses the philosophy of tea at our December meeting.

December 2012 Training Session at Terrace on the Park



Save the Date



The 97th Annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar will take place on May 6th-9th at The Conference & Event Center, Niagara Falls, NY. For more information about the Conference Center, visit their website at www.ccnfny.com.

Accommodations will be available at the Sheraton At The Falls. Reservations can be made by calling 1-866-961-3780 or online at www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1211068147&key=E0AF5

* Don't forget! Passports are required if you would like to cross the border into Canada.*

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Election Notes



As previously mentioned, it is time once again to hold elections for several positions on our local executive board. The following nominations were received, and will be voted on by the membership at our meeting on March 13th.

Jr. Vice President
Nicholas Guarino

Secretary
Roxanne Hill

Nick is a sanitarian with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. He has been with the department since 2004, and been a member of CASA since 2004.

Roxanne is a Supervising Food Inspector with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. She has been with the department for 15 years, and has been a member of CASA since 2000..

Treasurer
Alice Peltz

Representative to the CASA Executive Board
Nadine Roe

Alice is retired from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. She has been a member of CASA since 1998.

Nadine is a Senior Sanitarian with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. She has been with the department for 13 years, and has been a member of CASA since 2002.

Board Member
Christopher Sortino

Board Member
Wilma Arce

Chris is a Bureau Chief with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. He has been with the department for 20 years, and has been a member of CASA since the early 1990's.

Wilma is the Director of the Office of Compliance and Code Enforcement with the NYCDOHMH. She has been with the department for 20 years, and has been a member of CASA since 1999.

Parking



As parking at the FDA facility is limited, we have been able to secure parking spaces at nearby York College. **We encourage all of you to take advantage to this option.** We will still need you to pre-register, so that we may give your information to York. Please see directions below:

Parking for the March 13th CASA meeting is available at York College's South Parking Lot which is located on Guy R. Brewer Blvd. between Liberty & South Aves.

From the FDA building, attendees should proceed east on Liberty Avenue and turn right onto Guy R. Brewer Blvd. The parking lot entrance is on the left hand side.

Membership Drive



In order to facilitate an increase in our membership, the board has approved an incentive program for the recruitment of new members. Bring a friend or colleague to a CASA meeting. If they join our organization, your next meeting is free!*

* applies to *new* memberships only. You will be given a voucher good for one free meeting for each new member you recruit. Vouchers may not be used at the holiday meeting. See any board member for more details.

Quarterly Training Session

Our first quarterly meeting of the 2013 calendar year will be held on March 13th, 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

9:30-10:30

"Food Safety from a Retail Perspective"

Jayne Nosari
Senior Food Safety and Health Manager
Walmart

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-11:45

"When There is a Tiger In Your Backyard
The Asian Tiger Mosquito"

Scott R. Campbell, PhD
Chief, Arthropod-Borne Disease Laboratory
Suffolk County Department of Health Services

11:45-12:00

CASA Business Meeting

12:00-1:00

Lunch

1:00-2:00

"Brooklyn Commercial Kitchen"

Michael Hu
Chef
Hana Pastries /Brooklyn Commercial Kitchen

2:00-4:00

Who's in Charge of That?
Jurisdictional Discussion

Presentations by:

U.S. Food and Drug Administration
U.S. Department of Agriculture
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Nassau County Department of Health
Suffolk County Department of Health Services

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Registration Form 2013 March 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

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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.