



A New York Minute



CASA Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello CASA Members,

I hope your summer was an enjoyable one.

I am excited, nervous and extremely honored to begin my tenure as President of the NY Conference. I am aware of how much hard work and commitment it takes to provide quarterly training meetings, and I would like to extend both my thanks and appreciation to our Past-President, Angela Montalbano for all of her dedication to this conference. I would also like to thank our current executive board, Darrell Newell, Nicholas Guarino, Roxanne Hill, Alice Peltz, Nadine Roe, Christine Testa, Christopher Sortino, Wilma Arce, and Idorenyin Udofia. Of course, a special thanks goes out to Elizabeth O'Malley and Mary Leong for continuing to help coordinate our meetings at the FDA building.

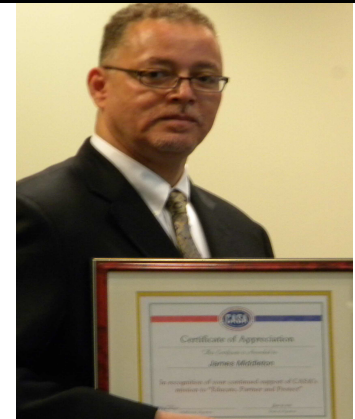
Whether we work as members of a regulatory agency or industry, our shared mission is to protect the public health. In order to do so, it is essential that we keep abreast of the ongoing trends in food safety. On a weekly basis, we hear of food recalls or illness outbreaks;

the public is more educated and aware of food safety issues, so it becomes even more important that we provide training meetings that address current issues. I welcome you to contact any of our executive board members with ideas for pertinent topics. We also encourage our members to submit articles for our newsletter. The New York Conference of CASA is very fortunate to have great attendance at our quarterly meetings, but we are still striving to increase our membership, so please invite your friends and colleagues to one of the upcoming meetings!

Phyllis Black



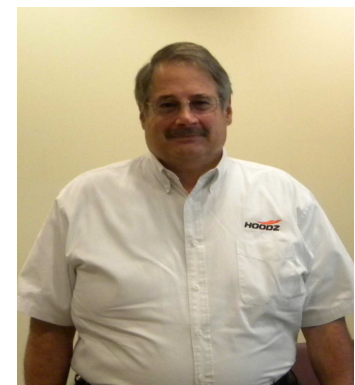
Marsha Beecher and Carolie Feracho discuss food safety in special populations.



James Middleton discusses temporary food service.



Jeanne Molloy discusses common food allergies.



Wayne Tomassi discusses commercial exhaust systems.

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 June 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.

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www.casafdo.org



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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Atlantic-States-Association-of-Food-Drug-Officials-CASA/210714342314358>

Open Forum

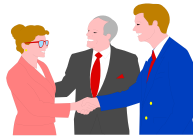


Have something to say?

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.

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.

Annual Educational and Training Seminar



Were you unable to attend the 2013 Annual Educational and Training Seminar? Don't worry! Many of the presentations are now available on our website - www.casafdo.org



Thinking about attending the 2014 Educational and Training Seminar? It will take place on May 12th-15th at The Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA



Choosing topics and speakers for each of our meetings is a lot of work!

The board welcomes all members to assist in the planning process for our quarterly meetings.

Quarterly Training Session

Our third quarterly meeting of the 2013 calendar year will be held on September 19th, 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

"Mustard Gas Response and Control Exercise "

Sheriff John Andre-Jack
Commanding Officer
Suffolk County Sheriff's Office for Marine Patrol

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-12:00

"Field Instrumentation"

Robert Powitz, PhD, MPH, RS, DLAAS
Forensic Sanitarian
R.W. Powitz & Associates, PC

12:00-1:00

Lunch

1:00-2:00

"The Art and Science of Inspection"

Robert Powitz, PhD, MPH, RS, DLAAS
Forensic Sanitarian
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2:00-3:00

"Food Safety at the US Women's Open"

Bruce Johnson
Senior Public Health Sanitarian
Suffolk County Department of Health Services

3:00-4:00

Sanitarian Registry FAQ's

Christine Testa
Regional Health & Safety Coordinator
Sodexo Campus Services

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Registration Form September Meeting

Name _____

Agency/Firm _____

License Plate # _____

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

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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.