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President's Message

Season's Greetings CASA Members!

As the holiday season is quickly approaching, and in light of the recent tragic events in the Philippines, and the multiple tornados within the U.S., it is important for each of us to take the time to reflect on how fortunate we are and to possibly consider how/what we can do to help those directly affected by these disasters.

There were a number of special CASA moments this past year such as the Annual CASA Conference in Niagara Falls, which for some of us included strolls over to the Canadian side, and a ride on the Maid of the Mist. September's training meeting had presentations from Dr. Powitz, Sheriff Andre-Jack, and Christine Testa that ranged from An Exercise in Mustard Gas, to Tools of Inspection, to Essential Sanitarian Credentials. Based on your evaluations these topics were well received.

The holiday meeting will once again showcase a line-up of exceptional speakers and topics.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support; and wish everyone a very happy and healthy, & safe holiday season. Hope to see you at the holiday meeting.

Phyllis Black

Speakers from September Meeting



Dr. Robert Powitz



Sheriff Andre-Jack



Bruce Johnson



Christine Testa

Silent Auction



We will be holding a silent auction at our December Meeting. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please bring them with you.

Member News



On November 13, 2013, NYSDA&M, USDA and NYCDOHMH conducted interagency inspections to survey restaurants, supermarkets and stoop stands in Manhattan and Brooklyn for products illegally imported from China (Yan Pin and Yan Ball). Photo shows the briefing conducted by Margaret Shore of USDA. Angela Montalbano and Wilma Arce were also present.

Save the Date



The 98th Annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar will take place on May 12-16, 2014 at The Holiday Inn in Grantville, Pennsylvania. For more information about the venue, please check their website:
www.stayholiday.com/

CASA News

H. Price Thompson Scholarship



The deadline for CASA members or their relatives to take advantage of the H. Thompson Price Scholarship is March 1, 2014. Applications must be completed and submitted to the Scholarship Chairperson by that date.

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

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.



Dearest Friends and Colleagues,

The **Philippines** has been hit by a double calamity in the span of less than a month. Most of us have heard about the devastation from the earthquake and Super Mega typhoon “**Haiyan**” or “**Yolanda**,” which happened in the general area of the Central “Visayas” region of the Philippines.

We all are overwhelmed by the vast loss of life and property rendered by these events, but the tragedy for “Filipinos” working here in the U.S. is especially heartbreaking. We can only imagine how the victims feel and are reacting to the momentous losses they have suffered due to these natural disasters.

That is why I am writing to you. I am asking for your compassion and generosity during this time of grave need. The devastation the Philippines has suffered will require a sustained relief action. Please consider donating whatever you can afford to a relief organization that will direct funds to this cause. Money is the best type of donation now and every penny will count. We urge each and every one of you to help.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion.

Your colleagues from the Philippines

You may donate money through:

The New York City fund: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/fund/html/donate/donate.shtml>

Catholic Charities: http://donate.crs.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mg_emergency

Unicef: <https://secure.unicefusa.org/site/>

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Please ask **Wilma Arce** or **Francisco Beltran** for any guidance and assistance you may need with donations.



Quarterly Training Session



Our last quarterly meeting of the 2013 calendar year will be held on December 5th, at Terrace on the Park located at 52-11 111th St., Flushing Meadow Park NY. SEATING IS LIMITED, SO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

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

9:30-10:30 How cGMPs, GAPs, Certifications and Accreditations are Evolving: An Industry Perspective

Wyman Philbrook
Owner
Philbrook Food & Beverage Consulting and Training

10:30-10:45 Break

History of Food Safety Law

10:45-11:45 Joseph Corby
AFDO

11:45-12:00 CASA Business Meeting

12:00-1:00 Lunch
Please join us for a special holiday luncheon

1:00-2:00 Mobile Food Vending Enforcement and Initiatives

James Middleton & Joseph Caleb
Executive Director Director MFVIP
NYCDOHMH NYCDOHMH

2:00-3:00 Family Food Feud
Test your food safety knowledge with your hosts Nick Guarino
and Darrell Newell

3:00-4:00 Question and Answer Session



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Registration Form 2013 December Meeting

Name _____

Agency/Firm _____

E-mail Address _____

Meeting Registration: \$42 (member)

\$52 (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 Terrace on the Park :

From Manhattan : Grand Central Parkway to Exit 10. Make a right turn at the first corner (Corona Ave). Proceed one block, and turn right on 111th Street. Continue on 111th until you reach Terrace on the Park.

From Brooklyn: Grand Central Parkway to the Midtown Tunnel exit. Proceed to 108th Street on service road. Immediately after exiting, make the first right turn onto Waldron Street. Go one block to Saultell Ave. Turn right and proceed three blocks to 111th Street. Terrace on the Park will be on your right.

From Eastern Long Island: Long Island Expressway west to sign for 108th Street. Proceed to your 1st right turn (Waldron Street). Go one block and turn right at Saultell Ave. Go three blocks to 111th Street. Proceed on 111th until you reach Terrace on the Park.

More detailed directions are available on the website at www.terraceonthepark.com