



# A New York Minute

## CASA Newsletter

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### President's Message

Greetings and a happy belated 2014 NY Conference Members!

Well, 2014 has certainly "come in like a lion" bringing us a polar vortex & winter storms. Aside from all the shivering, shoveling, navigating potholes, and dealing with transportation delays I hope that everyone is not only surviving, but thriving.

The holiday training meeting was well attended and the executive board was privileged to be able to present excellent speakers who shared their experiences on HACCP and the history of food safety. Based on the feedback I received, Nick Guarino and Darrell Newell's food safety feud was found to be both entertaining and challenging, and will certainly be something we revisit in the future.

I am happy to report that the silent auction was a success and that through the generosity of our membership the executive board was able to raise \$100 to help the Philippine Monsoon Relief Effort.

It really takes a village to plan quarterly training meetings, so your input is not only encouraged but appreciated. If you have an idea for a topic feel free to approach any member of the executive board with your suggestions. I hope to see everyone at the March 18th meeting!

Phyllis Black  
NYS Department of Agriculture  
and Markets  
NY CASA President



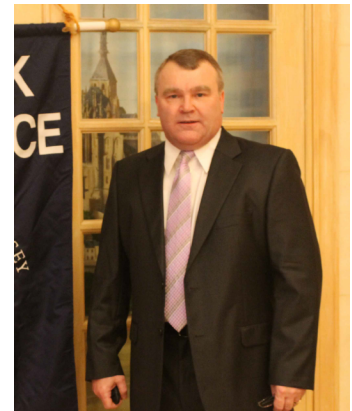
James Middleton and Joseph Caleb

### Save the Date



The 98th Annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar will take place on May 12th-15th at The Holiday Inn in Grantville Pennsylvania.

Visit our website [www.casafdo.org](http://www.casafdo.org) for more information.



Wyman Philbrook



Joe Corby

# Holiday Meeting Highlights





## 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 18th.

Board Member  
Raymond Lam

Ray is a Consumer Safety Officer with the FDA and has been a member of CASA since 2006.

Board Member  
Michael Riccardi

Mike is a Compliance Investigator with the USDA and has been a member of CASA since 2006.

Representative to the CASA Executive Board  
Nadine Roe

Nadine is a Senior Sanitarian with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. She has been with the department for 14 years, and has been a member of CASA since 2002.

### 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.

Visit our new website: [www.casafdo.org](http://www.casafdo.org)



### 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 2014 calendar year will be held on March 18th, 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      "The Role the Division of Milk Control Plays in Ensuring the Safety of Dairy Foods"  
Howard Meyer  
Dairy Products Specialist  
NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Division of Milk Control
- 10:30-10:45      Break
- 10:45-11:45      "A Seafood HACCP Perspective of Retail Sushi Operations"  
Eugene Evans  
Food Inspector  
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
- 11:45-12:00      CASA Business Meeting
- 12:00-1:00      Lunch
- 1:00-2:00      "Juice Manufacturing: An Overview of HACCP, Labeling & New Technologies"  
LTJG Sarah Meehan  
Food Specialist  
FDA
- 2:00-3:00      "Suffolk County's Rabies Monitoring and Response Program"  
Brian Gibbins  
Wildlife Specialist  
Suffolk County Department of Health Services
- 3:00-4:00      Open Forum and Q&A

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## Registration Form 2014 March Meeting

Name \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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.