



A New York Minute



CASA Newsletter

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President's Message:

Greetings New York Conference Members,

I would like to thank all members who joined us at our annual holiday training last December. It was an enormous success, informative and fun. This will be my last newsletter as your President. It was a great honor to serve you. I must share with you that along the way I learned and grew professionally.

Thank you all members and Executive board members for the opportunity and guidance. CASA is my second professional family. The success of each training and event is a group effort and our local conference has an excellent executive board and planning committee, which was proven by the success of the 94th Annual CASA Conference. I also would like to thank the management in my office, Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation of NYCDOHMH for all of their encouragement and support.

Hope to see all of you on March 15th.

Wilma Arce
President
NY Conference CASA

H. Price Thompson Scholarship

The deadline for CASA members or their relatives to take advantage of the H. Thompson Price Scholarship is March 1, 2011. 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/scholarship.cfm for more information.



Annual Conference 2011

The 95th Annual CASA Conference will take place on May 16th-19th at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel in Towson, Maryland.
View the Conference Center at

<http://www.sheratonbaltimorenorth.com>





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 15th.

Jr. Vice President
Darrell Newell

Secretary
Idorenyin Udofia

Darrell is a Food Safety Manager with the Great A&P Tea Company. He has been with the company since 2003, and has been a member of CASA since 2005.

Idorenyin is an Associate Public Health Sanitarian with NYCDOH. She has been with the department since 2000, and has been a member of CASA since 2008.

Board Member
Chris Sortino

Board Member
Nick Guarino

Board Member
Laxman Kanduri

Representative to the
CASA Executive Board
Nadine Roe

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

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

Laxman is a member of the faculty at Kingsborough Community College. He has been with the college since 1987, and had been a member of CASA since 1992

Nadine is a Senior Sanitarian with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. She has been with the department for 11 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 15th CASA meeting is available at York College's South Parking Lot which is located on Guy R. Brewer Blvd. between Liberty & South Aves. The lot is across the street from York College's Gymnasium.

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 2011 calendar year will be held on March 15th, 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 "Knowing Your ABC's - An Operator's Perspective"
Laurel Cudden
Food Service Establishment Consultant
Grade A Safety
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-11:45 "Window Fall Prevention in NYC"
James K. Middleton
Executive Director, NYCDOHMH
Bureau of Food Safety and Community Sanitation
- 11:45-12:00 "Open Forum"
Local jurisdictions discuss recent and noteworthy events.
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
Buffet Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 "New York State Shellfish Harvesting, Handling and Storage"
Sue Ritchie
Supervisor, Shellfish Inspection Unit
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- 2:00-3:00 "Update on FDA Food Code Revisions"
Mary Leong
Retail Food Safety Specialist
FDA
- 3:00-3:30 CASA Elections and Business Meeting
- 3:30-4:30 Question and Answer Session

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Registration Form 2011 March Meeting

Name _____

Agency/Firm _____

E-mail Address _____

License Plate # _____

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 at (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.