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Season Greetings Members!

I am happy to announce our next training session will be held January 20, 2011 at the Virginia Farm Bureau in Goochland County. The topic for this meeting is **Standardization**. Standardization is required for Regulatory Agencies that enroll in the National Voluntary Retail Standards. Standardization ensures uniformity among regulatory staff in the interpretation of regulatory requirements, program policies and compliance/enforcement procedures.

Mr. Larry Edwards, FDA, will discuss the process of Standardization and he will also organize a table top exercise for the group on risk assessment and marking procedures for Standardization.

This training is mandatory to all VDACS inspectors, but ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend. We would love to have full VDH and food industry representatives' participation. This training will allow members of the retail sector a sneak peak on how Standardization exercises may be conducted in their facilities.

I am hoping that the weather will cooperate!

Please see the announcement flyer attached, mark your calendars, and register early!

Again, I want to wish you a happy, wonderful, and safe Holiday Season!

Sean

P.S. Please remember to renew your membership!



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**MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD
JANUARY-DECEMBER
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!**

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Following the previous newsletter, I attended the planning meeting for the 95th Annual CASA Education and Training Seminar in Towson, MD. This conference will be held from May 15-19, 2011 at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel (<http://www.sheratonbaltimorenorth.com>). The Executive Board is in the process of confirming speakers to give presentations on such topics as: salmonella trends, imported foods initiative, norovirus update from CFSAN, seafood safety, EPI 101, emergency response, ROP, dangerous documents, restaurant grading, food safety equipment, lab results, FDA OCI, bed bugs, employee behavior, and improving food safety. This conference is being held in conjunction with the FDA Central Region retail food protection meeting and a drug/device seminar. A future planning meeting is scheduled for early January in Towson, MD and the Board will keep members informed as to conference specifics.

If there is anyone that has not joined or paid their dues for this year please do so as soon as possible at (www.casafdo.org) and pull up the document by clicking on the “join/renew” tab. Fill it out and mail it to the CASA Treasurer, Mrs. Megan Lauff. We are also trying to recruit new members from government, academia and industry so please let all of your coworkers and colleagues know about the great educational and networking opportunities provided by CASA. The Executive Board would like to relay the message that CASA provides more opportunities for training/education at a lower cost than other regional associations.

The CASA Executive Board is also working on many new projects that will change the way we operate as an organization. Mrs. Megan Lauff and Ted Veresink are both working with an accountant to convert CASA to a 501(c)3 organization. This will help CASA retain a great deal of money from taxes during the annual meetings. Mr. Alan Taylor is working on an application for a \$25,000 small conference grant from AFDO to be divided amongst the local conferences in order to send more state/local employees to the next annual meeting in Towson, MD. Mr. Andrew Suflita is working with the webmaster in order to change the face of the CASA website and make it more user friendly. We welcome any comments the members may have in order to make CASA a better organization.

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AGENDA

Standardization

Virginia Farm Bureau
12580 West Creek Parkway
Richmond, VA 23238
VirginiaFarmBureau.com

Thursday, January 20, 2011

8:00AM – 3:30PM

Driving Directions: please use mapquest

- 8:00 – 8:30** Registration
- 8:30 – 8:35** Welcome –Sandor “Sean” Hejja (CASA-President)
- 8:35 – 12:00** Standardization overview. Mr. Larry Edwards, Retail Food Safety Specialist, FDA
- 12:00 – 1:15** **Working Lunch (On your own, catered by Events, Meeting & More. Please see menu and order form attached. Cash or Check only. Payable at pick-up.)**
- 1:15 – 3:30** Standardization table top exercise. Mr. Larry Edwards, Retail Food Safety Specialist, FDA

Mark your calendars now!!!!

***Special thanks* goes to Mr. Erik Bungo for planning this training meeting.**

Registration Form Virginia Conference of CASA

Meeting Location:

Virginia Farm Bureau
12580 West Creek Parkway
Richmond, VA 23238
VirginiaFarmBureau.com

**Thursday, January 20, 2011
8:00AM – 3:30PM**

Name _____

Agency/Org _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

CASA Members.....\$20
Regulatory Non-Members.....\$35 = \$15 for membership / \$20 for training
Industry..... \$55 = \$35 for membership / \$20 for training
Retired.....\$30 = \$10 for membership / \$20 for training

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Mail Registration form to: Mr. Rick Barham
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Please make checks payable to: CASA

Catering Menus January 20 - Cost: \$10.50

Box lunches include sandwich, chips, dessert and drink. You may pay with check made payable to EMM or cash. Please make one choice from the lists below and email your choices/form to christie11000@yahoo.com

NAME: _____

Sandwiches:

- Homemade Chicken Salad w/Lettuce on Health Nut Bread
- Smoked Turkey w/Havarti Cheese Cranberry Chutney on Multi Grain Bread
- Roast Beef w/ Cheddar Cheese on Kaiser Roll w/ Lettuce Tomato and Chipotle Mayo
- Grilled Chicken Club w/Provolone Cheese on Honey Wheat w/ Mayo Lettuce and Tomato
- Baked Ham and Swiss on Rye w/ Mayo Lettuce and Tomato
- Egg Salad on White Bread with Lettuce and Mayo

All sandwiches come with mayo, if you prefer no mayo on your sandwich please indicate or any special requests: _____

Dessert:

- Chocolate
- Non-chocolate

Chips:

- Reg
- Asst Sun Chips

Beverage:

- Coke
- Diet Coke
- Pepsi
- Sprite
- Diet 7-Up

- Mt Dew
- Diet Mt Dew
- Lemonade
- Water
- Other _____

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