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Greetings CASA Members. I am very delighted to extend my involvement with CASA by serving as your President this year. A special thanks to our former President, Sean Hejja and the 2009 - 2010 officers, board members and committee chairs for their hard work. At this time, I would also like to announce this year's officers and board members:

Vice President: Keith Jordan

Secretary/Treasurer: Rick Barham

Newsletter Editor: Annie McCullough

Executive Board Member: Erik Bungo

Board Members: Sean Hejja, Courtney Rheinhart, Kate Weakley

Fall is fast approaching. As the temperature drops our thoughts turn to visits to the apple orchards, drives on the parkway to view fall foliage and an annual trip to the pumpkin patch. With this thought in mind, the next CASA meeting will be held on October 12th at Castle Hill Cider, located in Keswick, VA. See flyer below for details. So please mark your calendar for this event and come see the facility's cider operation and learn about their unique fermentation process. The facility is also a premiere venue for weddings and special events making the location an excellent backdrop for our fall meeting.

Tentatively, we hope to have a meeting and lab tour on December 1st at Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (State Lab) in Richmond, VA. This only occurs every few years so take this opportunity to tour the lab and talk with lab personnel. This training is mandatory for new hires with VDACS, Food Program. More details of the meeting will be made available in the upcoming newsletter.

Please share this newsletter with your associates, firm owners, industry personnel, and any others that may find our organization interesting and beneficial to them. CASA meetings are educational, as well as a great opportunity to network with state and federal officials and representatives from the private industry. We welcome new members and seek your input and ideas. Hope to see you on October 12th.

PLEASE NOTE: For VDH and VDACS Personnel-CASA Trainings may count as "Contact Hours". Please contact your district supervisor to see if this applies. Certificates will be issued at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Paula Vile, President



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

CASA - UPCOMING TRAINING

Virginia Conference of CASA

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Meeting Location:

Castle Hill Cider

6065 Turkey Sag Road

Keswick, Va. 22947

www.castlehillcider.com



Topics

*Juice HACCP

*Food Hub -Overview and support to local farmers and local businesses

*Meat Inspection Program Overview

*Hurricane Irene- Lessons learned

Registration: 8:30- 9:00AM

Note: Meeting room is a Loft and **not** climate controlled
please bring a jacket or dress in layers

**Because an assortment of boxed lunches will be ordered you must be
pre-registered by Friday, October 7, 2011**

Training is for Regulatory & Industry

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6065 Turkey Sag Road
Keswick, VA 22947

DIRECTIONS

From Charlottesville

From I-64 East take Exit 124 to Route 250 East/Shadwell. Turn right onto 250 East. Turn left at Route 22 East. Continue on Route 22, which will fork right at Cismont store. Stay straight (or left) onto Route 231 for 3.3 miles. Turn left on Route 640/Turkey Sag Road. Go .75 miles then turn left between white stone posts at Castle Hill Cider. Follow signs to Tasting Room.

From Washington

Take I-66 West to Route 29 South then turn right on Route 15 South. Go 17.3 miles through the small town of Orange. When road ends, turn left and continue 8 miles on Route 15 to the roundabout at Gordonsville. Go right around the circle and take second exit onto Route 231 South. Continue 6.3 miles. Turn right onto Route 640/Turkey Sag Road. Go .75 miles then turn left between white stone posts at Castle Hill Cider. Follow signs to Tasting Room.

From Richmond

Take Interstate 64 West towards Exit 129 (Black Cat Road). Turn right onto Route 616 (Black Cat Road) and follow until road ends at Route 22. Turn right onto Route 22, which will fork right at Cismont store. Stay straight (or left) onto Route 231 for 3.3 miles. Turn left on Route 640/Turkey Sag Road. Go .75 miles then turn left between white stone posts at Castle Hill Cider. Follow signs to Tasting Room.

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Registration Form

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Name _____

Agency/Org _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

COST includes Lunch

CASA Members.....\$30

Regulatory Non-Members.....\$45 = \$15 for membership / \$30 for training

Industry..... \$65 = \$35 for membership / \$30 for training

Retired.....\$40 = \$10 for membership / \$30 for training

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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

CASA has joined the online community of Facebook! Please visit the following link and click “like”. <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Central-Atlantic-States-Association-of-Food-Drug-Officials-CASA/210714342314358>.



What about CEUs? The VA Conference will now have the ability to print certificates of attendance for the quarterly meetings. As a member you can then take the certificate along with the meeting agenda and submit it to your supervisor for approval of CEUs. We cannot grant CEUs and it is the decision of your employer. Most registered sanitarians and environmental health officers are required to gather a certain amount of CEUs to maintain their status or accreditation. Attendance at CASA meetings gives you an excellent opportunity to acquire these CEUs and network with other officials in your field.

Following the previous newsletter, I attended the 95th Annual CASA Conference in Towson, MD from May 16-19, 2011. The conference was very well attended and there were many interesting speakers that gave presentations on topics such as: salmonella trends, imported foods initiatives, a 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 was held in conjunction with the FDA Central Region retail food protection meeting and a drug/device seminar. At the Awards Banquet it was announced that Mr. Chris Sortino received the 48th CASA Award. At the end of the conference Mrs. Rachael Weinblum (Pittsburgh Conference) struck the gavel on the podium and began her term as the next CASA President.

Planning has started for the 96th Annual Education and Training seminar to be held in Pittsburgh, PA (Bethel Park area) from May 8-11, 2012 (<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/pittsburgh/pitso/hoteldetail?dom=www.crowneplaza.com>). Another conference planning meeting is scheduled for mid-January and the Board will keep members informed as to conference specifics.

Also, if there is anyone that has not joined or paid their dues for this year please do so as soon as possible at (www.casaftdo.org) and pull up the document by clicking on the “join/renew” tab. Fill it out and mail it to the CASA Treasurer, Ms. 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.

I would like to congratulate the new 2011-2012 VA Conference officers and board members as well. A listing of the current VA Board and CASA Executive Board is now listed on the CASA website. If there is anything you would like to see changed or improved within CASA please let us know. See you soon!!!

Mr. Erik Bungo
Representative to the Executive Board
Virginia Conference of CASA

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MAY 2011 – MAY 2012**

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