



A New York Minute



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President's Message

As 2007 draws to a close I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who helped make this another successful year for the NY Conference of CASA. After our holiday meeting in December, we will have held four training sessions this year, with some of the largest turnouts that our organization has seen.

Our membership has once again increased to over 158 members, and we are now the 3rd largest CASA conference behind Philadelphia and Baltimore.

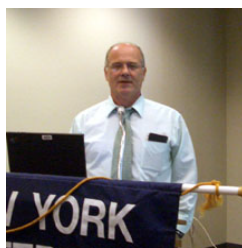
I am pleased to announce that due to our increase in membership and high attendance at our meetings, we are able to subsidize a portion of the cost for our holiday meeting at Russo's on the Bay.

Thank you all again for your hard work and participation., and I hope to see all of you at Russo's.

Nadine Roe
President
NY Conference of CASA

Open Forum

Many thanks to our members who volunteered to speak at our open forum during the September meeting!



Martin Parlo, Steve Kane, Bruce Williamson and Laxman Kanduri share their ideas and experiences during the "Open Forum"



Mary Leong from the FDA discusses imports.



Elizabeth O'Malley from the FDA discusses reduced oxygen packaging



Deborah Nagin from NYCDOHMH discusses New York City's lead poisoning prevention program.

News and Notes

Annual Conference 2008

The 92nd Annual CASA Conference will take place on May 6th-9th at the Holiday Inn in beautiful Saratoga Springs, NY



View the Conference Center at www.spa-hi.com



Choosing topics and speakers for each of our meetings is a lot of work!

The board welcomes all members to assist in the planning process for our quarterly meetings.

Have a speaker or topic in mind? Let us know, and we'll work together to make it happen!

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.

From the Editor:

If you have not renewed your membership in 2007, this will be your last newsletter. Don't miss out on CASA news! Join now, and renew your membership for the 2008 calendar year.

If you are interested in joining, or are unsure as to your membership status, please e-mail either Alice Peltz or Wilma Arce for more information.

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Visit our website at www.casa.org

Quarterly Meeting

Our last quarterly meeting of the 2007 calendar year will be held on December 5th, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach. SEATING IS LIMITED, SO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

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

9:30-10:30 ["Innovative Strategies for Dealing with Imported Foods"](#)
(New York State's role in imports)

J. Joseph Corby
Director of Food Safety and Inspection
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

10:30-10:45 [Coffee Break](#)

10:45-11:45 [NYCDOHMH-Office of Environmental Investigation's
Role in Foodborne Illness Investigation](#)

Faina Stavinski
Research Scientist

11:45-12:00 [Business Meeting](#)

12:00-1:00 [Lunch](#)

See page 4 of this newsletter for details on our special holiday luncheon

1:00-2:00 [Control of Listeria monocytogenes in Retail Food
Establishments](#)

J. Joseph Corby
Director of Food Safety and Inspection
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

2:00-3:00 [Open Forum](#)

Local jurisdictions discuss recent noteworthy events

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Join the New York Conference of CASA on December 5th, 2007 for our Holiday Meeting at beautiful Russo's on the Bay.



Russo's on the Bay is located at 162-45 Cross Bay Blvd in Howard Beach.

Our Special Holiday Luncheon Buffet will include:

Soup Du Jour

Russo's Homemade Salads

Tossed Garden Greens with Tomato & Cucumbers
Grilled Vegetable Platter
Mushroom Salad
Tomato and Mozzarella Salad
Green and Black Olives

Entrees

Carving Station
Fresh Mixed Vegetables
Chicken Toscano
Sausage Lupini
Fried Calamari
Rigatoni Marinara
Tortellini Alfredo
Sicilian Rice Pie
Orecchiette Bosciola
Pollanta Alla Romano

Dessert

Pastries and Italian Cookies
Coffee, Tea, Espresso, and Cappuccino

Seating is limited for this meeting, and pre-registration is required. Please send your registration form (on page 5) to Alice Peltz by December 1st.

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Registration Form 2007 December Meeting

Name _____

Agency/Firm _____

E-mail Address _____

Meeting Registration: \$40 (member)

\$50 (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 Christopher Sortino (631) 852-5871

Or, mail registration form to:

Christopher Sortino
Suffolk County Department of Health
360 Yaphank Ave, Suite 2A
Yaphank, New York 11980

Directions to Russo's on the Bay :

From Manhattan : Queens Midtown Tunnel onto Long Island Expressway east. Take Woodhaven Blvd, turn right/south onto Cross Bay Blvd. Russo's is on the left. Proceed to 164th Ave & make U-turn.

From Staten Island: Verrazano Bridge to Belt Parkway east. Take Exit 17 (Cross Bay Blvd) and turn right/south for approximately 1 mile. Russo's is on the left. Proceed to 164th Ave and make U-turn.

From Brooklyn: Atlantic Ave east to Woodhaven Blvd., south onto Cross Bay Blvd. Russo's is on the left. Proceed to 164th Ave and make U-turn.

From Eastern Long Island: Southern State Parkway west to Belt Parkway west. Take Exit 17S (Cross Bay Blvd). Turn right/south for approximately 1 mile. Russo's is on the left. Proceed to 164th Ave & make a U-turn.