



A New York Minute



CASA Newsletter

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Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials

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President's Message

As another year 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.

I am pleased to announce that due to our increase in membership and high attendance at our meetings, we are able to once again 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.

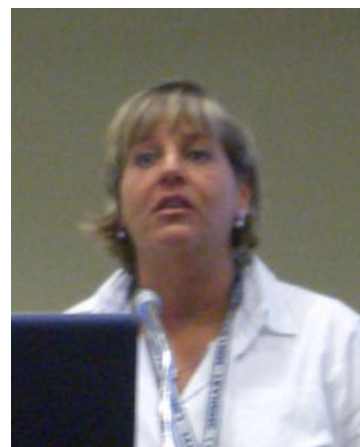
Nadine Roe
President
NY Conference of CASA

September Meeting Update

Our September meeting was a huge success, with 78 people in attendance, including 4 new members. Many thanks to our speakers, Wendy McKelvey, Sheryl Shapiro, Nathan Graber and Beth Torin.



Wendy McKelvey from NYCDOH discusses her research on mercury in fish.



Sheryl Shapiro discusses her role as a Quarantine Public Health Officer for the CDC.



Beth Torin from NYCDOH discusses the posting of calorie information in New York City restaurants.



Nathan Graber from NYCDOH discusses his work with camphor products and illegal aphrodisiacs.

News and Notes

Annual Conference 2009

The 93rd Annual CASA Conference will take place May 11th-14th at the Hilton Philadelphia Airport Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
View the Conference Center at www1.hilton.com



Elections

It is time once again to hold elections for the NY Conference Executive Board. The following positions are up for election:



Junior Vice President
Secretary
4 Board Members

If you are interested in being nominated for one of these positions, please contact Nadine Roe at nadine.roe@suffolkcountyny.gov by February 1 2009. Nominees will be announced in the next newsletter, and the vote will take place at our March Meeting.

Annual Conference 2010

Our conference will be host to the 94th Annual CASA Conference in 2010. We are asking for volunteers from our membership to help in the extensive planning process. If you are interested in helping out, please contact any of our board members. We would like to begin forming planning committees as soon as possible



Contact your board members:

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Visit our website at www.casafdo.org

SAVE THE DATE!

May 6-8, 2009

High-Throughput Methods for

Detecting Foodborne Pathogens

A Hands-on Laboratory Workshop Highlighting

Regulatory and Industry Experiences

Presented at the FDA Northeast Regional Laboratory at York College in New York City

This three-day workshop will feature in-depth presentations and hands-on laboratory sessions on the detection of foodborne pathogens. Experts from FDA, CDC, USDA, AOAC and industry will present case studies and the latest information on a variety of microbiological analytical approaches.

This workshop is sponsored by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, AOAC International, York College of the City University of New York, and the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation.

From last year's attendees:

"I have NEVER enjoyed myself so much at a workshop - and I have been attending these types of events for over 20 years!"

"Great forum, new friends and professional contacts made."

"Lab exercises were great in helping to understand the technology and uses."

"Really enjoyed the workshop - very well planned."

For further information or to register, please visit: www.yorkfdaworkshops.org or call (718) 262-2790.

Quarterly Training Session

Our last quarterly meeting of the 2008 calendar year will be held on December 10th, 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

9:30-11:30

"Flies in Commercial Environments"
(Identifying the Breeding Sites)

Tim Hendricks
Director of Training
Assured Environments

11:30-12:00

Business Meeting

12:00-1:00

Lunch

See page 5 of this newsletter for details on our special holiday luncheon

1:00-1:30

New York State F.O.I.L. Regulations

Harminderpal S. Rana
Assistant General Counsel
NYCDOHMH

1:30-2:30

Smoking 101
(Guidelines for the Smoking of Meat & Fish Products)

Joseph Corby
Executive Director
Association of Food & Drug Officials

2:30-3:30

Open Forum

Local jurisdictions discuss recent noteworthy events

3:30-4:30

Question and Answer Session

Quarterly Training Session

Join the New York Conference of CASA on December 10th, 2008 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 Nadine Roe by December 5th.

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Registration Form 2008 December Meeting

Name _____

Agency/Firm _____

E-mail Address _____

Meeting Registration: \$42 (member)

\$52(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

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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 1mile. 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.