



June 2009 Edition

President's Message

Greetings to all our CASA members:

Now that the spring is finally here, we have the chance to get out and enjoy the nicer weather. So our next meeting is scheduled for July 17 on the historic Erie Canal in Lockport, NY. We are planning a cruise on a canal boat with an educational presentation by Joe Corby. Joe is the former director of New York State Food Safety & Inspection and is now the executive director of the AFDO organization. All members should try to make this meeting not only for the cruise, but also because we expect to hold elections for officer positions. Plans to hold these elections at the March 3rd meeting were thwarted by the health-issue related absences of President Dan Plunkett and Treasurer Susan Smith. Sue and Dan have both since returned. If we get some co-operation from Mother Nature, this should be a meeting to remember.

With the CASA convention quickly approaching, I am hoping to get approval from NY State to attend but it has not materialized as of yet. Blake Ireland will be there from Canadian Food Inspection and Lynn Harper and Scott Eckerd from Niagara Co Health Dept will also be in attendance. So the Niagara Frontier conference will have some representation at the conference this year. We will be able to see to what extent the recent financial climate has affected support for the organization by the number of members allowed to attend this year. I would expect the turnout to be lower than previous years.

Our last meeting on March 3rd at the Root Five Restaurant in Hamburg, NY was well attended. Dawn Drummer, a Federal Wildlife inspector for the US Dept of the Interior, gave us a vivid presentation about wildlife smuggling into this country from aboard. Her presentation slide show with pictures of smuggled animals both alive and dead, was very interesting. A 50/50 raffle was held, which was won by Lynn Harper, and the proceeds go into our scholarship fund which now will be awarded every 3 years. The recent peanut butter and pistachio recalls have been extensive and remind us how important our jobs are to the public safety and confidence of our food supplies. The nine deaths from salmonella and the thousands of illnesses associated with these outbreaks underline the need for increased vigilance in the fields of food safety and inspection. Keep up the good work and I hope to see you all on the boat at the next Niagara Frontier Conference function.

Sincerely,

Vice President Bill Dodge

CASA -NFC Summer 2009 Meeting & Training Event Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises

Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises Training Meeting – July 2009

WHERE

Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises
210 Market Street
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 433-6155 or 1-800-378-0352

WHEN

Friday, July 17th, 2009
10:00 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. - Presentation by Joe Corby
and NFC Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Buffet Lunch
12:30 p.m. - Boat Tour by Doug Farley

COST

\$35 USD per person

BUFFET LUNCH

roast turkey, roast beef, corned beef,
garden salad, mashed potatoes and
gravy, pasta station, honey glazed
carrots, fresh baked bread sticks,
coffee, tea, dessert



PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th TO:

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Directions to Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises

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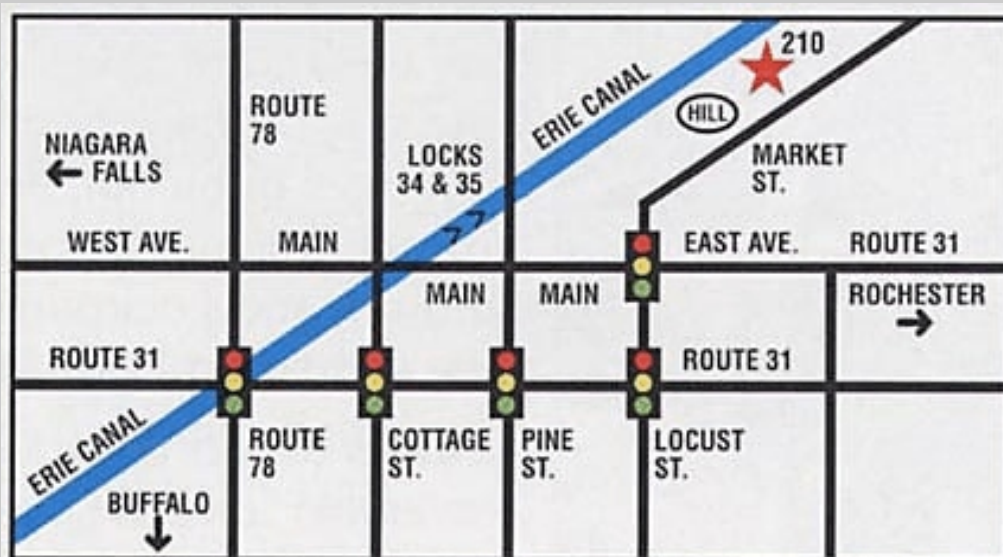
<http://www.lockportlocks.com>

FROM TORONTO/BUFFALO:

1. Take the QEW West into New York via the Peace Bridge.
2. Take the I-290 to the I-990
3. Take Route 263 (Millersport Hwy.) left for 3 miles.
4. Turn left onto Route 78 North to Route 31 East (6 miles)
5. Turn left on Locust/Market Street. Stay on Market Street across Main Street.
6. Continue on Market Street. 210 Market Street is on the left side on the bottom of the hill.

FROM NIAGARA FALLS:

1. Take the I-190 North to Route 31 East to Lockport.
2. At Route 78 North & Route 31 East, turn left on Locust/Market Street.
3. Stay on Market Street across Main Street.
4. Continue on Market Street. 210 Market Street is on the left side on the bottom of the hill.



Information Corner

Be Food Safe

The USDA and the Partnership for Food Safety Education have teamed up to produce a new campaign to guide consumers and industry towards better and proper food safety practices. The guide and information can be viewed at www.befoodsafe.org.



Program Update for Canadian Producers and Packers

The Canadian Horticultural Council (CHC) has rebranded its On-Farm Food Safety Program to be known as CanadaGAP On-Farm Food Safety for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. CanadaGAP, a national food safety standards and certification system for producers and packers, utilizes eight crop-specific manuals that contain comprehensive HACCP-based guidance.



IAFP 2009 Annual Meeting

The International Association for Food Protection will hold its 96th Annual Meeting in Grapevine, Texas on July 12-15, 2009. The program will feature over 500 technical papers, poster, symposia, dealing with a variety of topics related to food safety. There will also be an exhibition portion to the program, which will allow its attendees some “hands-on” experience this year. Visit www.iafp.com for more information.



FSAI Launch New Website for Anniversary

In celebration of their 10th anniversary, the Food Safety Authority of Ireland has launched a new website which features comprehensive information for businesses, consumer, as well as new sections for feedback and comments. Visit www.fsai.ie to take a look.



Celebrating ten years