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Hello Members,

Hope you all had a safe summer. I am pleased to inform you that our next training event is scheduled for November 2, 2010 at the James River Correctional Center (JRCC) in State Farm, VA. The Agribusiness operation of the JRCC uses inmate labor in the production of meat, milk, produce, and fish for institutional food service programs. Our tour of the facility will feature the JRCC's new state of the art dairy plant and meat processing operation. Educational topics will focus on dairy operation, milk processing equipment calibration, cheese making, and cow-share agreements.

Please mark you calendars for this very unique training opportunity - very rarely can you get in and out of a prison system that is so heavily involved in agriculture with no strings attached.

Specific instructions/in-house rules are included with agenda, please read them carefully.

Please spread the word and invite a friend/co-worker to this event!

As always, I encourage you all to approach the CASA board with subjects you are interested in learning about. If you have a plant/facility you would like to tour or if any of industry members are able and willing to showcase their companies, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hope to see you all at the State Farm!

Sean Hejja, President

P.S Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey regarding the CASA website:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6H7C2PH>



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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

Meeting Location: Goochland Branch Library
3075 River Rd W, Goochland, VA 23063
(804) 556-4774

Tour: James River Correctional Center - State Farm
1954 State Farm Road, State Farm, VA 23160
804-784-3551, ext. 2259

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

8:00AM – 3:30PM

- 8.00 – 8.30 Registration (**meeting location:** Goochland Branch Library, 3075 River Road West, Goochland, VA 23063, www.pamunkeylibrary.org)
- 8.30 – 8.45 Welcome; Sean Hejja, VDACS, CASA President, Carolyn Peterson, Quality Assurance-Agribusiness James River Correctional Center – State Farm
- 8.45 – 9.45 Mr. John Beers, Program Supervisor, VDACS-Dairy Services; **VDACS role in Dairy Operations, Cheese making & Cow-share**
- 9.45 – 10.00 **Break**
- 10.00 – 11.00 Mr. Chris Gordon VDH, Environmental Health Manager, Food & Dairy Program; **VDH Regulatory Approach to Dairy Plants, Equipment Testing & Calibration**
- 11.00 – 12.00 **Lunch** On your own. (Fast foods, restaurants, cafés and deli are available within a mile from the meeting location.)

Drive to JRCC, park at the administration/agribusiness building.

!! Tour bus leaves no later than 12.30 from JRCC administration/agribusiness building !!

1.00 – 2.00 Tour of the Meat Plant; Carolyn Peterson, Frank Baber, Director, James River Correctional Center Agribusiness

Visit en-route the old dairy plant, horse/dog rescue, and John Adams movie project, glossary of State Farm/Agribusiness operation.

2.00 – 3.00 Tour of the Dairy Plant

3.00 – 3.30 Summary/questions

3.30 Adjourn

JRCC has the following rules:

- Must possess valid Driver's License (state/federal badges will not be accepted in lieu of DL)
- No personal or government/company issued cell phones, pagers or other electronic devices.
- No cameras
- No tool, weapons of any kind
- No "Blue Jeans" type fabric for shirts, pants hats etc.
- No orange fabric for shirts, pants hats etc.
- Driver's Licenses will be collected and pat downs/wand searches will be performed during counting participants in and out when entering secure perimeters.
- No excessive jewelry/flashy clothing
- Pre-register must be completed no later than COB October 22, 2010 (Last minute walk-in members may **not** be able to get on the tour bus)

Bottom line, leave personal belongings in your locked car, bring DL only. Pen/pencil and notepaper is OK to bring.

Mark your calendars now!!!!

Special thanks

MS. CAROLYN PETERSON and Staff AT JRCC

Registration Form
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Name _____

Agency/Org _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

CASA Members.....\$10
Regulatory Non-Members.....\$25 = \$15 for membership / \$10 for training
Industry..... \$45 = \$35 for membership / \$10 for training
Retired.....\$20 = \$10 for membership / \$10 for training

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Please make checks payable to: CASA

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