

New Jersey Food Processors Association

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*Welcome to the September issue of the New Jersey Food Processors Association **NJFPA NEWS**. **NJFPA NEWS** is a quarterly electronic newsletter for association members and friends that highlights the latest news from the New Jersey Food Processors Association and its member companies.*

Upcoming NJFPA Events

NJFPA Networking Dinner - September 16, 2009

Our next Networking Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at the Running Deer Golf Club. Happy Hour begins at 6pm, with dinner to follow at 6:30. Shawn Knechtel, Vice President of Wideman and Company will be speaking about a partnership to provide NJFPA members with a more competitive business insurance program option and ways to minimize Workers' Compensation expenses. The cost of attending is \$45. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Kelly Tondo at (856) 391-7111 or ktondo@freshcutproduce.com. The registration form can be found on our website: <http://www.njfoodprocessors.org/networkingdinner091609.html>

Save the Date!

Annual Conference to be held January 21, 2010 and feature NJDA Secretary Douglas Fisher and NJDHSS Food & Drug Safety Manager Richard Ritota

Our annual NJFPA Conference will be held on January 21, 2010 at the Buena Vista Country Club, located on Route 40 in Buena, NJ. This will be an outstanding event, so please save the date in your calendar! We are pleased to announce that Douglas Fisher, Secretary of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, will be a keynote speaker at this year's conference and discuss pressing issues facing New Jersey's food industry. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Richard Ritota, who leads the Food and Drug Safety program at the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, will speak to us about food safety, and the tremendous resources offered by this agency.

New Members

NJFPA Welcomes 6 New Members!

The NJFPA would like to extend a warm welcome to its newest members! At the next network event be sure to welcome Jeff Bard of Epsom Hillmer Graphics, Mario Russo of RFC Container, Scott Grieco of Selective Insurance, Tony Shank of Stokes Equipment, David Axelrod of Supreme Cuts, LLC, and James Duffy of Wiss & Co.

Association Updates

Annual Dues Payable by Check or Online

You should have already received an invoice in the postal mail for the 2009-2010 year, for membership in the New Jersey Food Processors Association. The NJFPA is now offering two options for renewing your membership. Members can continue to pay by check, and mail a check for the \$250 to the address listed on the invoice, or by downloading a form at <http://www.njfoodprocessors.org/njfpamembershipform.pdf>

As a second option, members can now pay their annual dues online, safely via PayPal, by visiting the NJFPA website at <http://www.njfoodprocessors.org/online%20membership%20payment.html>

NJFPA Board Looking for New Members

The Association is actively seeking new board members and also volunteers to oversee various events and committees. If you have an interest in serving on the board or in any other capacity, please contact NJFPA President Sam Pipitone at spipitone@freshcutproduce.com for more information.

2009 NJFPA Annual Golf Outing a Great Success

This year's Annual Summer Outing was held at the Buena Vista Country Club in Buena, NJ on June 11th, and 140 golfers were in attendance! The team of Steve Larro, Glenn McKellar, Pete Ervin, & Joe Cummins took first place in the golf competition. Second place winner was the team of Jeff Plage, Jeff Bard, Pat Bozeman, & Jim Whyte, and the team of Mike S. Lepore, Mike Lepore Jr., Mike Lepore, & Frank Dandrea took third. Other competition winners were as follows: Longest Drive (Female) Hole 16- Joan Turner; Longest Drive (Male) Hole 16- Sam Pipitone III; Straightest Drive Hole 7 - Frank Davis; Closest to the Pin Hole 12 - Jack Laird; Closest to the Pin Hole 17 - Art Grusemeyer. The putting contest was won by the team of Rob Ragusa, Jeff Wong, Clete Beckel, & Tim McCloughlin, who generously donated their winnings to the James Sclafani Scholarship fund.

NJFPA Introduces Free Member Listserv

The NJFPA now offers a free service in which members can email questions pertinent to their business to all subscribers of our listserv. This may include questions about ingredient sources, technology, equipment, food safety, environmental and other policy questions, etc. In addition, this listserv can be used by member companies interested in buying and selling equipment, identifying service providers, hiring personnel, and other issues relevant to the growth of their businesses. PLEASE - NO ADVERTISING IS PERMITTED. If you wish to join the listserv, you can do so on our website: <https://email.rutgers.edu/mailman/listinfo/njfpamembers>

New Mailing Address

The New Jersey Food Processors Association now has a new mailing address. All items should be mailed to the following address, unless otherwise noted:

NJFPA
450 East Broad Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Please Send us Updates on Your Company!

Member Information to be Posted on NJFPA Website

As part of the NJFPA's initiative to expand its services to members, the Association will be publicizing press releases about member companies on its website. If you have a recent press release on your company, or were mentioned in a recent article, we invite you to submit the article to be included in this program. Articles can be sent to Dianne Carbonetta (Carbonetta@njaes.rutgers.edu) at the Rutgers Food Innovation Center for inclusion.

Help Us Update Our Database

We are continually working to update the NJFPA database and insure that our members can benefit from various member communications, such as this e-newsletter and event notifications, is able to. If there is anyone at your company you feel should be receiving these communications, please send their name, title and email address to Dianne Carbonetta at the Rutgers Food Innovation Center: Carbonetta@njaes.rutgers.edu. We appreciate you doing your part to ensure that everyone can benefit from these new resources.