



## Monthly Report March 2012

### From the President

I want to thank the membership of the NJFPA for another very successful annual conference. Over 200 individuals attended the conference, which was highlighted by a keynote presentation made by Tiana Holt on the future of the food industry, as well as several speakers on the Food Safety Modernization Act and lunchtime speeches given by New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Doug Fisher and [insert title] Linda Kellner. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend a special thanks to our sponsors, including BD Engineering, Hess, JH Cohn, LLP and Maran Corporate Risk Associates, as well as our exhibitors and all of the other members who attended the conference this year.

We have several events on the horizon. On March 7, we are holding a networking dinner on the topic of "How to Handle a Product Recall" sponsored by Lowenstein Sandler. We have a QA Roundtable scheduled for March 13: "**Biofilm Defense Mechanism**". And it's never too early to sign up for the Peter Pappas Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be held at Buena Vista Golf Club on June 7.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank Lou Cooperhouse for his extremely successful tenure as NJFPA president. Over the past two years, Lou has had a huge impact on the organization by improving our annual conference and member events, putting the organization on a solid financial footing and partnering with AMG, who is helping with the day-to-day management of the organization and further expanding our capabilities and what we can do for members. Thank you, Lou, for a job well done.

### From the Statehouse

Beverly Lynch and AJ Sabath

On Tuesday, February 21, Governor Chris Christie addressed the joint session of the Senate and Assembly during his annual Budget Address. During the address, Governor Christie highlighted several new spending proposals while only increasing the annual budget by 1.7% over last year.

Governor Christie called for various levels of tax relief -- a reduction in income tax rates by 10% over the course of three years as well as a 5% increase in Earned Income Tax Credit over the next two years. He maintained that there will be no cut in property tax relief in his effort to maintain the 2% cap. Overall, the Governor committed to \$350 million in "pro-growth small business tax relief," which will attract and create small business job growth within the state.

The Governor's proposed budget will now be considered by both the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees. In April/May, both committees will hear from the Commissioners, debate and revise the budget during the legislative budget hearings. By law, the final budget must be approved by midnight on June 30.

## Networking Dinner - March 7

The New Jersey Food Processors Association (NJFPA) will hold its next **NETWORKING DINNER** on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7** at the **WESTIN HOTEL** in **MOUNT LAUREL**. The event, sponsored by **LOWENSTEIN SANDLER**, begins at 6:00pm with a cash bar and time for member networking. The dinner and education program will begin at 6:30pm and cost for attendance at this event is just **\$60** per person.

The topic for this session is "**HOW TO HANDLE A PRODUCT RECALL**". Speakers include:

Cathleen Kelly Rebar, Nelson Levin - FDA product recall powers under the Food Safety and Modernization Act

Jolyda Swain, Olsson Frank Weeda, DC - what to do when the FDA knocks on your door

Robert Chesler, Lowenstein Sandler - insurance coverage for product recalls

Please **preregister** at [www.njfoodprocessors.org](http://www.njfoodprocessors.org).

## QA Roundtable - March 13

To All NJFPA Members:

You are invited to the upcoming **QA Roundtable** on **March 13**.

**Tom Licker** from **Infection Control Technologies** will present "**Biofilm Defense Mechanism (use of BioShield 75 nanotechnology and cleaning**

with dry ice)".

This event will be held **9:00 am - 11:00 am** at the **Rutgers Food Innovation Center**, 450 East Broad St., Bridgeton, NJ, 08302.

The roundtables are open to all **members of NJFPA** and are **free** of charge as a benefit to our members.

Please **RSVP** to Christine Higgins at [christine@njfoodprocessors.org](mailto:christine@njfoodprocessors.org).

## 2012 Peter Pappas Memorial Golf Tournament - June 7

**Save the Date!**

**2012 Peter Pappas Memorial Golf Outing**  
**Thursday, June 7, 2012**  
**Buena Vista Country Club**

**Details coming soon!**

## NJFPA Welcomes Its Newest Members

**Eastern Alliance Insurance, Jeffrey King**  
**Eurofins/S&S Labs, Ken Goldscher**  
**Food Quality Services, Greg Bikofsky**  
**Horizon Pest Control, Bernie Holst**  
**Management Planning, Mark Lingerfield**  
**Matsutani America, Barbara Brojack**  
**Miura North America, Kevin Vradenburg**  
**Palmetto Adhesives Company, Tom Wilson**  
**South Mill Mushroom Sales, Vincent, Versagli**  
**The Marlin Company, Mike Hyman**  
**The McIntyre Group, Mark Purfield**  
**Transmar Group, Mary Johnson**  
**Webber/Smith Associates, Gary Smith**  
**WeiserMazars, James Blake**

## New Website Feature: NJFPA Job Board

NJFPA has a new member benefit! We are pleased to offer a **job board** to our members at no charge. Check out our two current job listings at:

[http://www.njfoodprocessors.org/new\\_employ.html](http://www.njfoodprocessors.org/new_employ.html).

You can also navigate to this page by clicking on the dropdown menu under "What's New" and clicking on "Job Board."

To post a job, send your listing to Christine Higgins at [christine@njfoodprocessors.org](mailto:christine@njfoodprocessors.org).

## In the News...Local Firm Awaits New Standards

Food processors are bracing for a new set of federal regulations designed to reduce lethal episodes of contamination, like those triggered last year by tainted cantaloupes and peanut butter.

Click [HERE](#) for full article.