

FROM THE STATEHOUSE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEW JERSEY?

Newark Mayor Corey Booker is leading Republican conservative Steve Lonegan in the race for the seat of Senator Frank Lautenberg by 13 points, according to a recent Monmouth University poll. The special election for U.S. Senate will be held on October 16.

Governor Christie continues to lead by 18 points over Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Barbara Buono. Don't forget to vote on November 5 for New Jersey's Governor and State legislature!

A state judge ruled that same-sex couples "are ineligible for many federal marital benefits... and their right to equal protection under the New Jersey Constitution should not be delayed." Superior Court Mary Jacobson's order will take effect on October 21, making New Jersey the fourteenth state in the union to allow same-sex marriage. Meanwhile, Governor Christie has appealed the ruling.

LAUNCH OF OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE ACA

October 1 marked the start of open enrollment for New Jersey's Marketplace, the federally run health exchange mandated by the Affordable Care Act. Over 1 million uninsured New Jerseyans are eligible to sign up for coverage through the Marketplace or through the Medicaid expansion. While enrollment begins on October 1, coverage does not go into effect until January 1, 2014. The uninsured must enroll before April 1 in order to avoid tax penalties. Many individuals will qualify for tax credits that will assist in the purchasing of a plan through the Marketplace. To apply for insurance through New Jersey's Marketplace, visit healthcare.gov and click on "Get Insurance."

IMPACT OF THE ACA ON EMPLOYERS

All employers with gross sales over \$500,000 annually are required to notify their employees about the new health insurance Marketplace by October 1. No specific penalties for non-compliance have been outlined at this time, although they are imminent. Template notifications are available [here](#).

All employers with more than 50 full time employees will be required to offer health insurance, although the fine for compliance has been postponed until 2015. Employers with fewer than 50 employees are not required to offer insurance, although they are eligible to purchase insurance through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP). SHOP provides tax credits for small businesses based on the employer's share of the premium. Small businesses may also be eligible for tax credits if they have fewer than 25 employees or if the average salary of each employee is less than \$50,000 annually. Click [here](#) for more information on SHOP.

FOOD LABELING REGULATIONS

The September 3 issues of the New Jersey Register released a rule proposal that would reissue current law N.J.A.C. 13:47K, which details the requirements for sale and labeling of consumer and non-consumer commodities. The public is able to make comments on this proposal through November 2. Click [here](#) for complete information on the proposal and on how to submit a comment on behalf of your company.

LOOKING TO MAKE YOUR BUSINESS MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT?

EnergySavvy.com is an easy to use website that can help you figure out which energy-saving rebates and credits your company is eligible to apply for in New Jersey and through the federal government. Rebate programs include new construction, renovations and the replacement outdated equipment for more energy efficient machinery. Visit click [here](#) for more information.

QUALIFYING FSMA'S "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL"

WHAT WE KNOW ... AND DON'T KNOW

Below is a link to an excellent article appearing in the National publication "Quality Assurance and Food Safety." Donna Schaffner, associate director of food safety, quality assurance and training at the Rutgers Food Innovation Center was a significant contributor to the article.

<http://www.qualityassurancemag.com/qa0613-FSMA-qualified-individual.aspx>

SAVE THE DATE
2014 Annual Symposium
January 21, 2014

Westin—Mount Laurel

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SAVE THE DATE

NJFPA Golf Outing



Thursday, June 5, 2014
12:00 pm
Buena Vista Country Club

2013/2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Don't let your membership lapse. If you have not paid your 2013/2014 dues yet, please contact Christine Higgins at christine@njfoodprocessors.org.

ROUNDTABLE SESSION

All NJFPA members are invited to the upcoming **QA Roundtable** on **October 8**.

Ed Karpenski from National Air Filter will present a talk on **"Understanding Particulate Air Filtration."**

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

THE ANSWER TO CANCER ARMY

PEARL GIORDANO

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250 Mile March Against Cancer.*

October 24th – 27th, 2013

Each pledge brings us closer to our \$3,000,000 goal!

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Pearl Giordano
*Founder,
Commander in Chief*

Marie Halpin-Gallo
*Greatful Vaccine
Recipient & Survivor*

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and as a Breast Cancer Survivor of 12 years I am reaching out "Heart to Heart – Neighbor to Neighbor" in a campaign to help raise \$3,000,000.00 for Dr. Brian Czerniecki who is a Rhoades Harrington Professor at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. As the Program Director of Breast Fellowship and Surgical Director of immunotherapy at the Abramson Cancer Center Dr. Czerniecki has developed a Protocol for the treatment of Breast Cancer and ultimately all forms of cancer, using your own immune system. Together we can change the world and end cancer in our lifetime.

Marie Halpin-Gallo of Vineland, our friend and neighbor, has been treated using Dr. Czerniecki's protocol, as you can see in the brochure enclosed. Marie had 6 hours of treatment, after she qualified for the protocol, with no side effects – she never lost her hair or experienced the side effects associated with cancer therapy. Her immune system is through the roof and she still is cancer free after 26 months. None of the survivors – which number over 70 people have had a single recurrence of their Breast Cancer. After 7 years all still demonstrate an immunological response.

Steve DiOrio, 92.1 Radio Host and one of the founding members of the Senior Holiday Meals program, is doing a 250 mile triathlon for "The Answer to Cancer Army."™ He will leave Burlington County on Thursday, October 24th and cover 7 counties, and return at 3:00pm on Sunday, October 27th collecting money along the way. Please help us support Steve DiOrio in this unselfish effort to end the scourge of cancer and complete the Third Phase Trial to make this vaccine available to ALL!

This is the "REAL DEAL" not one person reading this letter can say that they have not been touched by the loss of someone near and dear to them – cancer is a killer and it is time to bid it fair well. Every cent collected goes to cancer research and the work that Dr. Czerniecki has successfully accomplished.

With your help and kind donation we CAN and WILL change the World. One person can make a difference and we are asking you to be – one person that helps change the world – Please join "The Answer to Cancer Army."™ All we need is YOU!

Please forward this letter to all your family and friends and ask for support. We can change the world!

Thank you!

Pearl Giordano,

Marie Halpin-Gallo,

Founder, Commander in Chief

Greatful Vaccine Recipient & Survivor

For More Information Contact Pearl Giordano: Cell (856) 207-8697 or at Limpert Bros. (856) 691-1353

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