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Mark your Calendars December 2013-March 2014 Meetings and Annual Events

December 2013:

- Sat. Dec. 7th Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala; Hyatt Regency Newport RI
- Tues. Dec. 10th Executive Committee Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 18th Legislative Committee Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 25th Office Closed; Christmas Holiday

January 2014:

- Wed. Jan. 1st Office Closed New Year's Holiday
- Wed. Jan. 15th Board of Directors 1st Quarter Meeting
- Thurs. Jan. 16th @ 9:30 AM WIC Committee Meeting (Potential)
- Wed., Jan. 15th – Fri. Jan. 17th Distribution of Best Bagger Contest Kits
- Wed., Jan. 22nd Legislative Committee Meeting

February 2014:

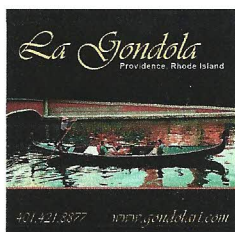
- Sun. – Wed. Feb. 9th – 12th NGA Convention Las Vegas (Tentative)
- Tues. Feb. 11th Exec. Committee Meeting @ 7:30 AM
- Wed. Feb. 19th Legislative Committee Meeting
- Thurs. Feb. 27th Food Safety Committee Meeting @ 9:00 AM

March 2014:

- Thurs. Mar. 6th; RIFDA Trade Day
- Tues. Mar. 18th Exec. Committee Meeting @ 7:30 AM
- Wed. Mar. 26th Legislative Committee Meeting

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2013 PAC Event - November 2013 Rhode Island Legislative Update - Meetings and Event Calendar

2013 PAC Event

The 2013 PAC Event was very successful. The turnout was great, this really helped support our PAC Fund for next year. Camille's did a great job the ambiance and food were great. Packaging & More donated 20 tickets for P C vs. Brown game which followed the reception. It was well received and enjoyed by all that attended.

Thank you to the following members for sponsoring our Fall Event;
Bozzuto's Inc., Clements' Marketplace, Dave's Fresh Marketplace, Eastside Marketplace, Garelick, Packaging & More, Stop & Shop and Tourtellot.



November 2013 Rhode Island Legislative Update

The legislative committee of the RI Food Dealers is currently preparing for the RI Legislative session. As mentioned many times in the past being prepared for the next session includes anticipating not only what the political climate is but what the major agendas are among House and Senate leadership, what legislative proposals – pro and con – we can anticipate as a result and based on these two elements what we as an association should support, oppose, and what we can do proactively.

With this in mind I wanted to outline a few areas that we can anticipate in the upcoming session. As the weeks progress we will add additional detail to these areas as we approach the start of the new session. But in the interim, please review these and give them some thought. Any input or position you may have – most notably how these may impact your company whether positively or negatively would be appreciated. You can contact me or any member of the legislative committee to discuss. Note, these are not listed in any order of significance or priority at this point.

Legislation previously submitted that is detrimental to the Food Dealers

- Product Stewardship
- Plastic Bag Ban Legislation

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Thank You to our Community Sponsors for Supporting the 2013 Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala



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With the holidays fast approaching we would like to remind you we are looking for grand raffle prizes as well as door prizes for our 2013 RIFDA Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala.

We would like to have our raffle offer at least 6 premium prize packages. This could include such themes as an electronics package, a weekend getaway package, sports package, children's package, healthy living package etc.

In hopes of including as many winners as possible we will also offer a separate program which numerous door prizes will be given away such as gift baskets/boxes, gift certificates, etc.

Your support towards achieving this goal will help the association in making this event a good time for all as well as continue to develop a positive image for the organization.

Please let us know how you will be able to help.

The Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala - Visitors at our Board Meetings - November 2013 Rhode Island Legislative Update (continued) - Request for Raffle Prizes and Door Prizes

Reserve Now! Saturday December 7, 2013 RI Food Dealers Association's 2013 Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala

at the Newport Hyatt Hotel
Cocktail Reception at 5:30pm...Come Celebrate!



5:30pm Cocktail Hour - Crudites & Artisanal Cheese Display
and Prize Opportunities

7:00pm Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards

7:30pm Dinner; Door Gifts; Raffle; and Closing Remarks

9:00pm - 10:30pm Dessert Buffet, Coffee Bar, Libations &
Entertainment

"Meeting with the Major"

An added twist to our previous 2 Board Meetings which has been very well attended and received. At the close of each meeting we invited Major Fung and at the last meeting 11/13/2013 Major Travares (see photos below) to answer questions for our members.



November 2013 Rhode Island Legislative Update (Continued)

- Minimum Wage Increases
- Plastic Bag Ban Legislation
- Minimum Wage Increases
- Beverage Taxes
- Additional Special Licensing Fees/Requirements
- GMO Labeling
- Menu Labeling
- Increase in Bridge Tolls in Newport County

Legislation previously submitted to help the RI food industry:

- Corporate Tax Relief - Tax Incentives
- Streamlining License/Permit Procurement
- Incentive Program tied to Incremental Hiring and/or Business Expansion
- Food Stamp Protection
- Training Opportunities
- Credit Card Protection

Impact of Election Year

- Impact on General Assembly: timing and Content Legislation Proposed
- Impact on State Executive Office Changes as Many Are Not Running for Reelection to the Same Positions