

RHODE ISLAND FOOD DEALERS ASSOCIATION

* OCTOBER 2012 - NOVEMBER 2012 MEETINGS & ANNUAL EVENTS *

RI LEGISLATIVE RECAP * SUPPORT YOUR INDUSTRY PAC *

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*



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Mark your Calendars 2012 October - November Meetings and Annual Events

Oct. 4, 2012 RIFDA PAC Event

Oct. 8, 2012 Office Closed Columbus Day

Oct. 10, 2012 Food Safety Comm Meeting

Oct. 17, 2012 Exec Comm Meeting @ 7:30am

Oct. 18, 2012 WIC Meeting 9:30am

Oct. 31, 2012 Legislative Comm Meeting

Nov. 12-14, 2012 FIAE Convention; Phoenix

Nov. 12, 2012 Office Closed Veteran's Day

Nov. 14, 2012 BOD's 4th Quarter Meeting

Nov. 15, 2012 WIC Comm Meeting @ 9:30

Nov. 22-23, 2012 Office Closed Thanksgiving

Dec. 1, 2012 Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala

March 7, 2013 RIFDA Annual Trade Day

RI Legislative Recap & Related State Initiatives

RI Legislative Recap:

Looking ahead to the next RI Legislative Session Steve Arthurs recently spoke to a group of members providing them with an update on our legislative program giving a brief update on the results of the last session as well as providing some insights into what is widely believed to be the issues that could face us in the next session. Some of the expended issues we need to prepare for include, sugared beverage taxes and limitations, menu labeling, plastic bottle restrictions, GMO restrictions and product requirements, Trans fat limitations and mandatory bookkeeping requirements, e-verification, sales tax modifications and expansion, producer responsibilities (various possibilities and probabilities) and most certainly plastic bag usage.

As this is a non-election year with our state legislature this will be a session where the state reps and senators are more likely to be open to move on some measures that they may have been reluctant to in the past session as they did not want to pass anything that their constituents could view negatively – particularly anything involving additional taxes or additional cost.

Steve then made mention of the current events in Barrington regarding their potential ban on plastic bags in their town – and most specifically about the potential for other cities and towns to follow similar agendas with regard to plastic as well as look at local regulations and requirements in other areas. Based on actions in other states these could include local ordinances on sugared beverages, local incremental sales taxes, limitations on tobacco sales – etc. This would cause a number of issues for our membership.

Related State Initiatives and Activities:

SNAP Distribution Window Expansion

There has been significant progress made with Sec. Constantino and Director Powel at the RI Dept. of Human Services at a meeting with them three weeks ago. They are in agreement that our proposal to expand the distribution was a needed change but they needed to investigate further the impact of current changes to infrastructure on the state's systems and where this could be placed into the go forward projects. We have a follow up meeting in October at which point we might more of an active realistic timeframe for this.

Food Delivery Trucks Priority During State of Emergency

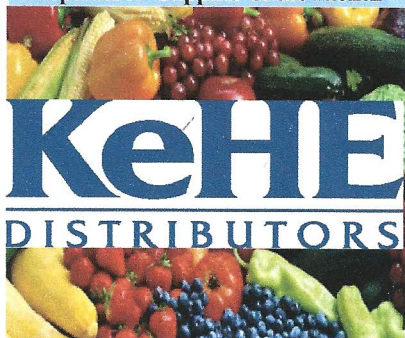
After several meetings the association now has a procedure for contacting RIEMA during times of emergency and requesting exemption from the governor so that food delivery vehicles would be granted special status during times of emergency so that trucks could deliver to stores during periods when travel is restricted. This should help in minimizing issues in some of the smaller cities and towns and also provide better logistical planning during the period prior to and at the end of severe storms.

Welcome New Members

- * A Better 401k Plan
- * Crossmark
- * Manville Road General
- * Nexamp

Thank you

September Supplier of the Month



Please Join Us for Dinner & Cocktails

Thursday, October 4th from 5:30 - 8:30PM

Waterplace Restaurant - 1 Finance Way - Providence, RI 02903

Valet Parking Available

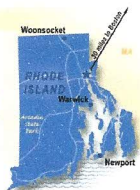
Help Support the RIFDA PAC Fund

RI PAC Rules:

- * Suggested donation of \$125 - All donations are appreciated
- * Personal checks or cash (no company checks), please make checks payable to RIFDA PAC
- * No individual donation to exceed \$1,000
- * Maximum donations per year (aggregate) cannot exceed \$10,000

As we need to confirm the number of participants with Waterplace Restaurant for the meals and complimentary drinks, please let us know by next Friday, September 28th if you will be attending

Please call us with any questions 401-431-0880





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September Retailer of the Month



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2012

RIFDA ANNUAL MEETING & HOLIDAY GALA

NEWPORT HYATT HOTEL

Join Us for:
Cocktails
Holiday Festivities
Great Company
Yearly Rotation of the Board
Scholarship Awards
Musical Entertainment
Great Gift Give Aways
Great Raffle Opportunities

On Friday September 21st the 2012/2013 Scholarship Overview and Application was emailed to all members. The RIFDA Scholarship Program will be offering four (4) \$1,000 one time non-renewable scholarships. The application deadline date is November 2, 2012. Please call 401-431-0880 or visit www.rifda.com for an application.



Last Year's Winners

*Senator Jack Reed & Members of the RI Business Community, Washington, DC * RIFDA 2012 Charity Golf Recap* 2012 Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala Save the Date* The 2012/2013 RIFDA Scholarship Program*



For the Eighth consecutive year the RI Food Dealers Association in conjunction with Senator Reed's office sponsored a daylong event in Washington, DC on September 12, 2012. This event is very impressive to all that attend as Cabinet Members, Senators and Representatives as well as political pundits address the group and take questions from the attendees in an "off the record" atmosphere. As a result one gets a unique perspective in learning how things actually work in Washington, DC. The Senator's office and RIFDA work with the states associations and chambers of commerce in sponsoring attendees from the business community and in developing the topics of interest. The Senator then arranges for 12 -14 speakers to attend who can best discuss the suggested topics and who are "in the know" on giving insight and perspective as well as "the facts". The RIFDA organizes the logistics; the flight, the bus transportation, the caterer and facilitates the monetary transactions. In addition to the experience of the conference itself this event provides the association with many contacts and opportunities.



2012 RIFDA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

when: Monday September 10, 2012
where: Kirkbrae Country Club - Lincoln, RI

Thanks to all who helped make the 2012 RIFDA Golf Tournament a very successful one.

The 2012 RI Food Dealers Association's Golf Tournament; Benefiting the RI 2012-2013 RIFDA Scholarship Fund was held Monday September 10, 2012 at Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln RI. Each year the RIFDA comes up with an innovative addition to the tournament. Once again we offered a Nike Shopping Spree prior to our BBQ lunch to our attendees in addition to the golf prize awards, golf member gift drawing offered as part of the awards dinner. The format was well received by all. Even though the weather was chilly and windy the entire event was great, - the atmosphere was fun and relaxing, and it provide a great venue for networking. As per usual the golf course was beautifully maintained, the food was excellent, the door prizes were amazing and the company was outstanding

Congratulations to the (2) winning foursomes low-net; Bozzuto's, Inc. and 2nd net; Polar Beverages also winning the men's individual low-net was Jeff Antil from Bozzuto's Inc. The ladies low-net was won by Dianne Fonseca; Packaging & More. The winner of the 50/50 raffle drawing was Michael Cuzzolino of Polar Beverages, winning \$425. The i-Pad donated by Bozzuto's was won by Lou Furcolo of Dave's Fresh Marketplace.



Benefiting the 2012/2013 RIFDA Scholarship Fund