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June 2017 - September 2017

Meetings and Annual Events

June 2017:

-Wed. June 7th @ 7:30 AM:

Exec. Comm. Meeting

-Thurs. June 15th – Sun.,

June 18th RIFDA Annual

Convention; Sea Crest Beach

Hotel North Falmouth - Cape

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-Tues. June 27th Legislative

Comm. Meeting

July 2017:

-Tues. July 4th Office Closed

-Wed. July 12th Exec. Comm.

Meeting @ 7:30 AM

-Tues. July 18th Legislative

Comm. Meeting

-Thurs. July 20th @ 9 AM

Food Safety Meeting

August 2017:

-Mon. Aug. 7th Victory Day

Holiday – Office Closed

-Tues. Aug. 8th & Wed. Aug.

9th Bozzuto's Show

-Wed. Aug. 16th Exec Comm.

Meeting @ 7:30 AM

-Tues. Aug. 15th & Wed. Aug.

16th C&S Show

-Thurs. Aug. 17th WIC/SNAP

Comm. Meeting

-Mon. Aug. 28th RIFDA –

Cliff Johnson Annual Golf

Tournament; Kirkbrae CC

September 2017:

-Mon. Sept. 4th Office Closed;

Labor Day Holiday

-Wed. Sept. 13th Sen. Reed's

RI Business Leaders Day in

Washington (Tentative)

-Wed. Sept. 20th BOD 3rd

Quarter Meeting

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RIFDA 2017 Legislative Update - Convention Sponsorship - Meetings and Event Calendar June 2017- September 2017

Rhode Island Legislative Update

May 2017

As we are near the end of May we are fast approaching the busy June timeframe for the RI General Assembly. This is the time where normally both Houses are working hard towards finalizing the state budget as well as determine the fate of many bills that have been heard and are currently being "held for further study". Normally the House and Senate work closely in an attempt to modify or "improve" the budget originally submitted to them from the governor. As the resulting negotiations between the two houses ensues this is where the fate of many bills are determined. Some bills are negotiated between the Senate and House as part of the negotiation process. Others are impacted by financial factors encompassing the budget – can the state afford this particular bill, what will be the impact, and ultimately, if passed, where will the revenue come from.

This is never an easy process but as a result of the latest financial audit which shows anticipated income to the state having a huge shortfall resulting in a huge budget deficit for the fiscal year, this has become much more difficult. The latest estimate shows a \$112M shortfall. This has negatively impacted the budget process significantly. Many of the proposals submitted by the Governor – such as the free education for Rhode Islanders – a major part of her agenda faces uncertainty. Where would this additional revenue come from when there is a deficit to cover? Additionally, major initiatives suggested (and campaigned for) by other government leaders are in jeopardy.

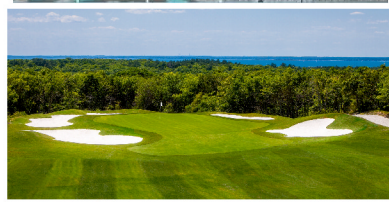
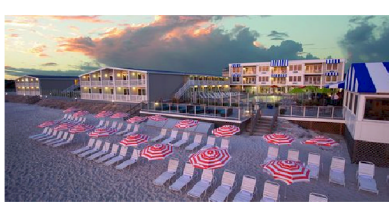
Speaker Mattiello's announced recently that his number one initiative – the plan to reduce and ultimately eliminate the car tax has been adjusted and extended to longer term program. The budget crisis needs revenue and it would be impractical to reduce an income source at this time. Senate President Ruggiero stated last week that state government support of the new Pawtucket Red Sox stadium is off the table for this session.

As a result of this situation the upcoming month will be much more significant in dealing with revenue issues than looking to expand programs that we simply cannot afford – even though long term they could very well improve the state's economic outlook. The thinking within the legislature is currently much more focused on short term remedies rather than long term programs.

To review this article in its entirety please visit the RI legislative section of our website www.rifda.com for more information"

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Deadline Fast Approaching! Monday June 5th, 2017



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Distributor of the Month



Satisfied RIFDA
Member Today?
Then Take Action
Tomorrow!

If you are a Satisfied Member
Spread the Word Tell Your Industry
Friends & Vendors

As a member the benefit advantages
such as our food safety renewal
classes, WIC/EBT updates,
legislative representation and
updates, national industry
affiliations and updates, networking
events, energy programs and food
industry camaraderie as well as a
number of other initiatives make
RIFDA a great opportunity for new
members.

Throughout each year there are
exciting events as well as
sponsorship and advertising
opportunities. It is members like
yourselves that make this all
happen.

With new memberships RIFDA
moves into the future as a stronger
and more vibrant representative of
the Rhode Island food community.

The Association exists for the
benefits of its members, please feel
free to contact us at any time.
We would appreciate it very much
if each member would pass on the
word throughout the food industry
that the RI Food Dealers
Association is worth joining .

Welcome New Members!



MATWORKS
Comprehensive flooring solutions



Matworks works with national retailers to identify, install and manage the very best flooring solutions. What began as a mat rental and laundering company, Matworks has evolved into an innovative leader in the flooring industry, providing both product and service.

triminoTM
protein infused water

Offered in four flavors - Coconut Pineapple, Mixed Berry, Peach and Strawberry Lemonad, Trimino, Protein Infused Water boasts 7 grams of whey protein isolate, B vitamins and 28 calories in each 16-ounce bottle. With no added sugar, carbohydrates, caffeine, gluten or lactose, the product is available on the East Coast, Florida & Texas.

Trustwave[®]
Smart security on demand

Trustwave helps businesses fight cybercrime, protect data and reduce security risk. With cloud and managed security services, integrated technologies and a team of security experts, ethical hackers and researchers, Trustwave enable businesses to transform the way they manage their information security and compliance programs.

SAVE THE DATE

RIFDA 2017 Golf Tournament Monday 8/28/2017

Kirkbrae Country Club

An All Day Event

Lunch

Golf

Cocktails & Dinner

Golf Awards

50/50 Drawing

Raffle Give-a-Ways

More Information to Follow Soon!

