



Ontario's Food Safety Forum



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To OFPA Members, Partners, Industry Colleagues and Friends:

It's hard to believe that 2018 is behind us now! I hope that you had a chance to enjoy some time with family and friends over the holiday season and recharged your batteries for the upcoming challenges ahead in 2019. The OFPA Board of Directors is eagerly planning the 2019 events schedule which will include a Spring Technical Meeting, a Fall Food Safety Symposium with our Annual General Meeting, a Breakfast Session, and potentially bringing back the Golf Tournament. We are eagerly building agendas for these sessions that will contain current, hot topics with exceptional Key Note Speakers. If you are willing to speak at an event, volunteer, want to join as a member or perhaps form a partnership agreement with the OFPA, please reach out and let's get connected! As a not-for-profit organization, our success depends on the generosity of our volunteers, partnerships and members.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2019, don't wait please do so today! Note that it has been a number of years since we increased our membership dues, so don't be alarmed if you notice a small price increase for 2019.

On-line membership renewal is on our website at www.ofpa.on.ca

I'd like to take a moment to thank those who we had partnership agreements with in 2018 and we hope to continue these agreements into 2019. A special thank you to NSF International for always showing their support at all our OFPA events and providing some top-notch speakers. And to Strategy Institute for providing an excellent opportunity for us to share the objectives of the OFPA at their Food Safety, Regulatory and Quality Symposiums. We look forward to expanding our partnership agreements with Global Food Safety Resources, the University of Guelph Food Science Division, and TrainCan. Building these partnerships directly supports the OFPA's mission to represent Industry, government, and academia by bringing us together in a forum to promote, educate and communicate innovations in food safety! Food safety is not a secret, it's everyone's business. So, let's continue to learn and share together to make 2019 and the years to come safe for our loved ones.

I am honored to represent the OFPA in 2019 as President and very proud of our board of directors as we have a wonderful team of volunteers from all sectors of industry, academia and government. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming OFPA events.



Angela Bernoski - OFPA President

Spring OFPA Meeting –April 10, 2019 Book Your Calendars Now!



RAISE THE FLOOR!

By J.Myatt

As Orlando Bowen stated at our OFPA Fall AGM- What are you going to do today to raise the floor for Food Safety at your facility?

Are you going to revitalize your training program?

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Illness, consumer complaints prompt recall of chips for undeclared milk

By [News Desk](#) on January 7, 2019

Olde York Potato Chips of Brampton, Ontario, has responded to one gastrointestinal illness report with a four-state, U.S. recall.

It recalled 10-ounce packages of Clancy's Wavy Potato Chips with the UPC number 0 41498 16306 8 and the specific lot code BEST If Used By FEB 22 19 1A6 because they may contain undeclared milk.

For more info go to www.foodsafetynews.com

New E -Blast
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We plan on issuing the E-Blast Newsletter every 2 months to Members and Non-Members. Know anyone that would like to receive the E-Blast but doesn't today.... Please let us know and we'll add them to the email distribution list.

As an OFPA member if you would like to submit an article we encourage you to do so. Please send appropriately referenced Technical articles, grammar and spell checked to us at anytime . Please try to keep the articles to less than 2 pages (8.5 by 11 inches)

Please let us know ... Email Hanie Ahmadi (Newsletter Editor) at hanie.ahmadi@yahoo.com and/or Joe Myatt (Vice President) at joseph.myatt@diversev.com

A big Thank You to the Silent Auction donators and the Annual Meeting Sponsors at our Fall Meeting on November 22 2018. The Silent Auction and the Annual Meeting were a grand success. And a Grand Thank You to our members who attended!



Don't have time to read a lot of trade magazines

An excellent magazine and free is: QA Quality Assurance & Food Safety
Articles are short and to the point.
Magazine is thin but packs a wealth of useful information.



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Quality Assurance & Food Safety / December 2018

Equipment & Food Safety

Features - Facility Management

Your equipment may be costing you more than you know.

December 12, 2018

Lisa Lupo

Would you like to save up to \$1.5 million each year?

According to statistics cited by Remco Products Education and Technical Support Manager Amit Kheradia, having the facility, equipment, tools, and utensils be of sanitary design can help companies save about \$0.5-\$1.5 million annually by greatly minimizing the chances of costly product rejects, recalls, and associated expenses.

WHAT CAN GET IN WILL GET OUT. A crack that is barely visible to humans is like the Grand Canyon to pathogens, said Mérieux NutriSciences Senior Director of Technical Services Steve Decker. So gaskets, poor welds, metal-to-metal and plastic-to-metal interfaces are all perfect hiding places for contamination. And, he said, "What can get in will get out." Due to poor sanitation practices, these harborage areas can grow into growth niches where food, water, temperature, and time will allow a transient pathogen to become established.

For more info go to www.qualityassurancemag.com/article/equipment--food-safety/



OFPA Golf 2019 ?????

Please look for a Golf Survey that will be sent out in February 2019 by Greg Vallee . We

need to understand the needs and gauge the support for a 2019 OFPA Golf tournament as

it requires a lot of work and they are costly to run.

Please plan on participating especially if you would like us to organize one this year!

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**A BIG Shout Out to our Three New Board Directors-At-Large for 2019!
Steve, Laurie & Greg !!! Welcome to the Team!**



Picture of 2018 OFPA Board Members at our recent Fall AG Meeting November 22 2018

Pictured l to r: Ananth, Hanie, Joe, Shirley, Kirsten, Rupali, Nadia, Rocio, and Angela.

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