Message from President

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 2019 WVPHA Conference located at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis WV, September 18-19, 2019. The West Virginia Sanitarians Association will hold our section meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the resort. We have a great agenda with a variety of topics to be discussed.

Over the last few months, our association has enjoyed bringing in many new members. However, we still have work to do. There are still a large number of sanitarians in WV that are not members of our association. Being a member of your professional organization not only strengthens you as a professional but also strengthens our association and provides credibility to our voice regarding environmental health issues in our state. If you are not a member, please visit our website www.wvaos.org and become a member.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual conference.

Thank You

V.J. Davis, R.S.
President WVAS
SANITARIAN TRAINING CLASS
AUGUST 12 - OCTOBER 11, 2019

*Please note the location for each week!

Week 1:
August 12-16, 2019
Public Health 101, Microbiology, Bottled Water, Manufactured Home Communities, Epidemiology, Child Care Centers, Complaints, Springs and Cisterns, Online Assignments
Charleston
350 Capital St.

Week 2:
August 26-30, 2019
On-Site Sewage Program, Exam on Sewage Rule and Sewage Design Standards
Cedar Lakes

Week 3:
September 9-13, 2019
Food Program, Exam and Turn in Assignment
Charleston

Week 4:
September 23-27, 2019
General Sanitation, Recreational Water Facilities, Infectious Medical Waste,
Morgantown

Week 5:
October 7-11, 2019
Body Art, Public Water, RTIA, Environmental Engineering, Cross Connections, Office of Laboratory Services
Charleston

Comprehensive Final Exam (Given By District Sanitarians at Locations to be Determined Prior to the Exam)

TBD Live Meeting TBS
Environmental Health Electronic Reporting Training

District In-Service Meetings - Check the Public Health Sanitation website: www.wvdhhr.org/phs
West Virginia Association of Sanitarian Executive Council Nominees

Vice President
Keith Allison

2 Year Member
Mark Hawkins
What Have Sanitarians Been Up To?

Mike Trantham enjoying his retirement from WVU and taking in the sights of Mardi Gras in New Orleans!

David Ward and Sarah Woody participated in a litter clean up for Earth Day!
Adoption of the 2013 Food Code

During the 2019 Legislative Session, the legislature passed a rule updating 64 CSR 17 Food Establishments to adopt the 2013 Food Code. The new code went into effect July 1, 2019.

A presentation about the changes between 2005 and 2013 Food code as given at the Sanitarian Mid-Year Conference and at each district during in-services.

The biggest change between the 2013 code and the 2005 code is that the terms critical and non-critical are no longer used. There are now Priority, Priority Foundation and Core items.

Core item:
(1) "Core item" means a provision in this Code that is not designated as a PRIORITY ITEM or a PRIORITY FOUNDATION ITEM.
(2) "Core item" includes an item that usually relates to general sanitation, operational controls, sanitation standard operating procedures (SSOPs), facilities or structures, equipment design, or general maintenance.

Priority Item:
(1) "Priority item" means a provision in this Code whose application contributes directly to the elimination, prevention or reduction to an acceptable level, hazards associated with foodborne illness or injury and there is no other provision that more directly controls the hazard.
(2) "Priority item" includes items with a quantifiable measure to show control of hazards such as cooking, reheating, cooling, handwashing; and
(3) "Priority item" is an item that is denoted in this Code with a superscript P

Priority Foundation Item:
(1) "Priority foundation item" means a provision in this Code whose application supports, facilitates or enables one or more PRIORITY ITEMS.
(2) "Priority foundation item" includes an item that requires the purposeful incorporation of specific actions, equipment or procedures by industry management to attain control of risk factors that contribute to foodborne illness or injury such as personnel training, infrastructure or necessary equipment, HACCP plans, documentation or record keeping, and labeling; and
(3) "Priority foundation item" is an item that is denoted in this Code with a superscript Pf
STAYING CONNECTED

The WVAS website address changed and the website got a face lift! The website is located at www.wvaos.org. There you will find out about the purpose of the association, trainings, conferences, resources and past newsletters.

We’re also on Facebook! We have a closed group on Facebook for sharing info and connecting. Being a closed group it means you have to be approved to be a member and only members can see posts in the group. The group can be found by searching West Virginia Association of Sanitarians on Facebook. Then submit a request to join.
WVAS Executive Council

Elected Officers

President: VJ Davis
Vice-President: Jennifer Hutson

Members at Large

2-Year: Jimmy Casdorph
1-Year: Mark Hawkins

Appointed Members

Secretary-Treasurer: Brad Cochran  Newsletter: Stacy King

Ex-Officio Member

Public Health Sanitation Director: Judy Vallandingham