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# Hospitality at a Glance

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## IMPORTANT TO THE INDUSTRY

### Rhode Island Public Breastfeeding Law Now in Effect

The new Rhode Island public breastfeeding law goes into effect this Sunday, March 1, 2009. The final fact sheets for Rhode Island business and organizations and "Breastfeeding Welcome Here" decals can be ordered or downloaded at <http://www.health.ri.gov/family/breastfeeding/laws.php>. A Department of Health press release is posted at <http://www.ri.gov/press/view/8306>.

### Rhode Island Establishment to pay \$14,000 in Music Copyright Fines - Don't Let this Happen to You!

Visit <http://www.rihospitality.org/backup/doc/pubmusicfine.doc> to read the Providence Journal's Article on a Smith Hill Pub fined \$14,000 dollars after a band at the establishment played copyrighted music without consent.

### ***Avoid the possibility of such fines, take advantage of your RIHA member discount on BMI Music Licensing:***

#### ***RIHA Restaurant Members:***

- Each member of the Rhode Island Hospitality Association will receive a 10% annual discount on BMI Eating & Drinking Establishment licensing fees.
- 10% ADDITIONAL individual Timely Payment discount: When remitting check with signed licensed and within 30 days of each annual license renewal invoice.

#### ***RIHA Hotel Members:***

- Through AH & LA Lodging Establishments receive a 1-5% discount on music licensing through ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC.

## IMPROVE YOUR BUSINESS

### No Hidden Fees in Association sponsored Credit Card Processing Program

What if you order a burger and the price on the menu is \$5.99 - but when the check comes, you owe \$10.99 - all because your server didn't tell you about the added fees for ketchup, lettuce, and more? You might think this is

ridiculous. Yet, card processing fees are often hidden in a similar fashion. The linked educational article will help you identify hidden card processing fees - so you can better control your expenses. For more information please contact Elaine Wilcox at 401-223-1120 x11.

### **Roger Williams Zoo Request for Vendor Proposals**

The Rhode Island Zoological Society is accepting proposals from qualified vendors to provide food, catering and retail services at Roger Williams Park Zoo located in Providence, Rhode Island. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Zoo on April 10, 2009 with proposals due on May 20, 2009. Companies interested in submitting a proposal should contact: Ron Patalano, Director of Operations, Roger Williams Park Zoo, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907. Fax: 401.467.4965 Office: 401.785.3510 x315 Email: [Rpatalano@rwpzoo.org](mailto:Rpatalano@rwpzoo.org)

## **ServSafe Food Safety Manager's Classes**

### **Full Certification**

#### **Tuesday, April 7 & 14, 2009**

8:00am - 5:00pm

Rhode Island Community Food Bank

Members \$194.95/Nonmembers \$214.95

### **Recertification**

#### **Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

8:00am - 2:30pm

The Hotel Viking - Newport, RI

Members \$73.95/Nonmembers \$83.95

[Click here](#) to sign up!

#### **Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

8:00am - 2:30pm

Rhode Island Community Food Bank

Members \$73.95/Nonmembers \$83.95

Visit [www.rihospitality.org/ef\\_main.php](http://www.rihospitality.org/ef_main.php) or call 401-223-1120 to register today!

***Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events and Seminars:***

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

**RIHA Board of Directors & Allied Council Meeting**

Sheraton Airport Hotel - Warwick, RI

3:00pm - Board of Directors Meeting - Bristol Room

5:00pm - Allied Council Meeting - South West Room

\$5.00 Registration fee for Allied Council Meeting

[Click here](#) to register for Allied Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

**HR Council Meeting**

The Hotel Viking - Newport, RI

3:30pm

RSVP to Amy at 401-223-1120 x19.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

**Roast & Toast of Dale Venturini & Steve Marra**

Cocktail & Dinner Reception: 5:30pm

Roast: 7:00pm

***Visit the Roast Website at [www.rihospitality.org/roast\\_toast/](http://www.rihospitality.org/roast_toast/) for more information and to purchase tickets!***

## New! HOTEL ASSET MANAGEMENT: Principles & Practices Second Edition

A number of industry trends and issues have changed the context of hotel ownership and operations during the past five years, making the timing right for an update to this valuable hotel asset management book.

The second edition takes a look at the challenges and opportunities hotel owners, lodging industry real estate professionals, and hotel company executives face today. Chapters in the second edition consist of three segments:

- *Foundations and Principles* covers the historical context, evolution, and development of the hotel asset management profession; the structural elements of the asset management cycle, and principles of the planning process.
- *Strategies and Tools to Manage the Investment* consists of ten chapters that provide guidelines for asset managers to improve their effectiveness.
- *Emerging Trends* is a new addition and consists of mini-chapters on topics that are currently impacting and shaping the practice of asset management.

AH&LA Members: \$62.95

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or call 800-752-4567 or 517-372-8800 



## IN THE COMMUNITY

### New England Foodservice & Lodging Expo New England Eco-Hospitality Expo - RIHA Members Receive FREE ADMISSION!

Learn how to incorporate the latest industry trends into your business. Visit <http://www.rihospitality.org/backup/doc/nelodgingexpo.doc> for more information and to receive the registration code for RIHA Members.

### Rhode Island Tourism and Hospitality Professionals Invited to State's First Tourism Industry Marketing & Education Conference

Registration is open for TIMEC, the Tourism Industry Marketing & Education Conference, presented by the Rhode Island Tourism Division and the state's seven regional tourism offices. TIMEC will provide continuing education to Rhode Island's tourism and hospitality professionals on how to better market their services. The conference is Monday, **March 16 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** at CCRI's Warwick Campus. Visit <http://www.rihospitality.org/backup/pdf/timec.pdf> for

registration information.

### **International Institute RI's Refugee Resettlement Employer Breakfast**

Join the International Institute RI for a special breakfast and presentation about refugee employment on **March 17, 2009 from 9-10:30am**. Are you worried about staffing options for the upcoming season? Wondering how you will cope without H2-B visa workers this summer? Consider hiring a refugee. Refugees are legally authorized to work in the U.S and eager to start a new life and a new career. For questions or to RSVP contact Catherine Kelly at [ckelly@iiri.org](mailto:ckelly@iiri.org) or call 784-8683 by March 11th.

### **Job Openings**

#### **1. Restaurant Accountant - The Hotel Providence**

The restaurant accountant assists and supports the controller and restaurant general manager with the maintenance and control of the restaurant's financial operations. Responsible for the daily revenue reporting, monthly profit/loss statement generation, inventory, and food/beverage cost control and analysis. Implement internal controls to maximize revenue and reduce expenses. Contact [smclaughlin@thehotelprovidence.com](mailto:smclaughlin@thehotelprovidence.com) with questions or to submit a resume.

#### **2. Manager - Chelo's Restaurants**

Chelo's Restaurants, with 10 locations in RI, is seeking qualified candidates interested in Management positions. Position offers competitive base salaries with opportunity for bonus and advancement. Excellent benefits including a 401(k) with company match are available. Interested candidates should forward a resume to Bob Crowley, VP of Operations at [bcrowley@chelos.com](mailto:bcrowley@chelos.com)

### **Job Seekers**

1. Former Stewards Shift Supervisor and Certified Food Handler responsible for staff training seeks position in the manufacturing or service industry.

*For information on any candidate please contact Lauren at [lauren@rihospitality.org](mailto:lauren@rihospitality.org) or 401-223-1120.*

## **MEMBER NEWS**

### **[Pinelli's Cucina Wine Dinner](#)**

Visit: <http://www.rihospitality.org/backup/doc/pmwineargentina.doc>

**[Indoor Auto Racing at the Dunkin' Donuts Center](#)**

Visit: <http://www.rihospitality.org/backup/doc/indoorcarracing.doc>

**[Murphy's Law Luncheon Featuring RI House speaker William Murphy at Federal Reserve](#)**

Visit: <http://www.rihospitality.org/backup/doc/murphyslawlunch.doc>

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Roast & Toast

*In Honor of:*

### Dale Venturini and Steve Marra

*Celebrate Dale Venturini's 20th Anniversary and Vice Chairman, Steve Marra's long-term commitment to the hospitality and tourism industry!*

**Tuesday, March 24, 2009**

Providence Performing Arts Center  
Cocktail Reception & Dinner: 5:30pm  
Roast: 7:00pm

*Visit the Roast & Toast Website at:*

**[www.rihospitality.org/roast\\_toast](http://www.rihospitality.org/roast_toast)**

***Purchase Your Tickets Online Today!***

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*Arts Center, RI Airport Corp., Judd Brown Designs, Revens, Revens & St. Pierre and Newport Harbor Hotel. Ads in the program book start at as little as \$125 for a quarter page.*

**Call Elaine Wilcox at the Hospitality office for more information: 223-1120, ext.15.**

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**"Food is our common ground, a universal experience."**

**- James Beard**

**American Chef and Food Writer**

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