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SNA Names New CEO

Frank Di Pasquale, recently the Executive VP of the National Grocer's Association (NGA), started working as the SNA CEO on June 20, 2011. He is working closely with Barbara Belmont, former SNA CEO who is retiring after 18 years of service, through a transition period, including attendance at ANC.

Frank comes to SNA with many years of experience leading organizations and working on food and nutrition issues. He is passionate about these issues. Over the years, he has built a strong network of allied organization partnerships, advocated on the Hill as part of the legislative process and worked with regulatory agencies. His responsibilities at NGA also included membership, education, research, convention program planning, meetings and conferences and financial management.

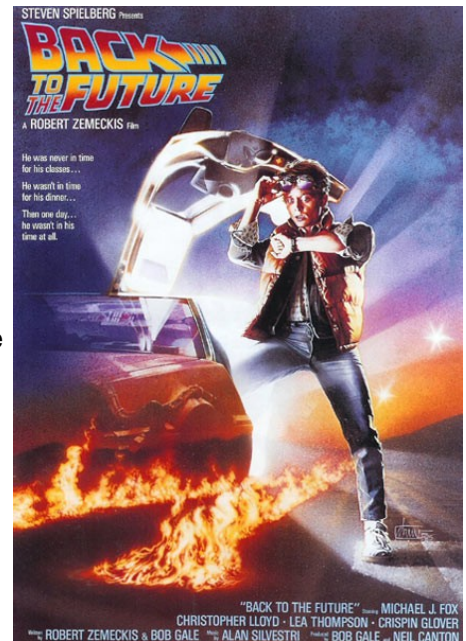
2011 Fall Conference: Back to the Future

We're heading *Back to the Future* for CSNA Fall Conference 2011! Join us for another action packed, educational and fun two-day event – Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 at the Embassy Suites Loveland. With educational seminars customized to Directors, Buyers and Supervisors as well as classes geared for kitchen personnel, there's something for everybody.

With over 100 exhibitors, you'll have a chance to meet face-to-face with your vendors and sample the latest and greatest in school nutrition products and services.

Don't forget to register for this year's Sock Hop Night of Entertainment! Enjoy the best burgers and malts in town as The Fonze and Danny and Sandy from *Grease* mingle and take pictures with our members. Try your luck at winning a prize during the hula hoop, bubble gum blowing and The Twist contests. Be sure to dress up in your 50's gear as prizes will be awarded for the best costume!

This year we are offering online attendee and exhibitor registration at www.colosna.com. Visit the Web site for hotel information, seminar details and registration information.



*Michael J. Fox will not be attending our conference . . . at least not that we know of :)

Colorado's Very Own Tamalynn Kirby Is Awarded the SNA Louise Sublette Award of Excellence



Tamalynn Kirby, Manager at Dual Immersion Academy in Grand Junction, was selected as the Southwest Regional winner of the Louise Sublette Award. This award is considered the highest honor a school nutrition manager can earn and she will be recognized for this accomplishment during the Opening General Session at ANC in Nashville.

Foodservice/Nutrition manager members of SNA know that every special idea they use often improves the child nutrition program in their school. The award is given to the person who has taken a special idea, developed it into a goal and used that goal to help the school's nutrition program grow.

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Congrats!

Congratulations to Jeremy West with Greeley-Evans SD 6 for being re-elected as the Secretary/Treasurer for CSNA and to Kris Sandoval with Colorado Springs SD 11 for being elected as Vice President for CSNA. We appreciate both Jeremy and Kris' continued dedication to our association!

We also wanted to recognize Jeremy West and his team on placing 2nd in the Recipes for Healthy Kids Contest! *Let's Move In* association with USDA challenged school nutrition professionals to create tasty, healthy, exciting new recipes for inclusion on school lunch menus across the country.

Greeley took 2nd place in the Whole Grains category with their Chic' Penne recipe. To see how to make this winning recipe as well as view all of the contest winners, visit www.recipesforkidschallenge.com/submissions

CSNA Questions?

Questions about items highlighted in the CSNA newsletter? Contact Jen Johnson, CSNA Executive Director, at 303-993-8064 or jen@colosna.com.

Leaders in School Lunch

One of the new features of our newsletter is an article focusing on one CSNA member in each issue. This month's member is Shari Martin, Manager at Skyline High School in Longmont

Shari began her career in school nutrition 17 years ago as a sub. She moved into the position of cook/cashier and then eventually became a kitchen manager. She says her favorite aspect of the job is knowing that she's providing an important aspect of the student's school day by serving them a nutritional breakfast and/or lunch. She also appreciated the schedule her position provided as she had the same days off as her son, Aaron, and was able to attend most of his sporting events when he was growing up.

Shari has been extremely involved with CSNA currently serving as regional director for the North Central chapter as well as chair of the by-laws committee for the board. In her years of school nutrition experience, Shari says the most important thing she's learned is that there's always room for improvement or knowledge.



Outside of her job, Shari enjoys reading, sewing, making her own jewelry and taking Zumba and kick boxing classes. She also loves spending time with her husband, Bud, and their 22 year old son, Aaron. You might be surprised to learn that if Shari had a chance to be on a reality show she'd pick *The Amazing Race*! She says the opportunity to travel the world as well as the competition is appealing to her. Until *The Amazing Race* comes calling, we hope the adventures she encounters every day in school nutrition can feed that spirit!

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Tamalynn was able to use her nutrition knowledge and innovation to develop an educational seminar which she presented to several grade schools within her district. The seminar featured skits demonstrating the importance of healthy choices and getting daily exercise. She partnered with Subway on the event and discussed the idea of making good choices when kids go out to eat as well i.e. choosing mustard versus mayonnaise at Subway.

At the close of her event, kids received a healthy snack which they helped prepare. On behalf of CSNA, we'd like to congratulate Tamalynn on the wonderful work she does each day in her district and for receiving the Louise Sublette Award!