



It's Almost Here! Register for the 2021 Cliff Johnson RIFDA Annual Golf Tournament.

Please join us for the 8th annual Cliff Johnson - RIFDA Annual Golf Tournament. Additionally, please consider a sponsorship or donating door prizes for this event, we appreciate your support.

Monday, August 30, 2021
Kirkbrae Country Club

Registration will open at 10:30 AM
Lunch available at 11 AM on the patio
Shotgun start at noon • Reception & Dinner to Follow



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July Legislative Highlights

RI Legislative Updates At A Glance:

The following bills were heard during the last week of the session:

- H.5131 and S.155, Acts Relating to Single Use Plastic Straws
- S.688 SubA, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations
- H.5855 and S.550, Acts Relating to Labor and Labor Relations
- S.736 SubA and H.5867 SubA, Acts Relating to Court and Civil Procedure
- H.6370, An Act Relating to Food and Drugs

Progress on the Pay Equity Bill

Senate spokesman Greg Pare stated the pay equity bill has been among the Senate's top priorities for several years, and Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio mentioned it in his opening day remarks. "We are thrilled that it's finally getting over the goal line," he said.

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National Legislative Updates At A Glance:

- Senate Budget Committee Prepares \$3.5 Trillion Reconciliation Package
- House E&C Member Hearing Features Pharmacy DIR Reform Pitch
- RWJF Report Recommending SNAP to be Used at Restaurants and Limit Food Marketing at Retail Level

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Leadership Guidance

Hiring New Employees? Check out ThinkHR

Well-crafted written job descriptions are a smart way to attract quality candidates. They also play an important role in minimizing employee-related liability. If you're hiring, [log in](#)

to [Think HR](#) and learn how to prepare them right.

When you love your job, it doesn't feel like work

Leaders find satisfaction in fostering employee growth and furthering their business, organization or team when they love their own jobs, writes Jim Clemmer. "To impassion others, you need to either find the work you love or learn to love the work you have," he writes. To read the full story, click [here](#).



Industry News

Survey: 49% of shoppers say sustainability matters

Close to half of the shoppers who responded to a survey taken across 18 countries said sustainability expectations have become a key consideration when they buy food and beverages. The poll of 14,000 customers from Kerry showed 49% wanted products that enhanced their own health and nutrition, cut down on food waste and included organic and locally sourced options. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Weight management, mental health on consumers' minds

As pandemic restrictions subside, consumers are focusing more on weight management and mental health concerns rather than fear of contracting coronavirus, according to research from media company New Hope Network. The study also found that younger consumers are more concerned with general well-being while older consumers are focused on metrics such as BMI and blood pressure. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Stop & Shop Named 2021 Northeast Retailer Of The Year

The Ahold Delhaize USA company employs 58,000 associates and operates more than 400 stores in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey. Read about the 107-year-old company in *The Griffin Report of the Northeast's* special section.

Culture drives many things, but how does it impact food safety?

One topic flowed as an undercurrent this afternoon even though it wasn't on the session agenda for a group of panelists at the 2021 Conference of the International Association for Food Protection. The four main topics addressed in the 90-minute session covered street food, cold chain, fermentation, and regulations within cultures. But when it came down to

it, money was the bottom line behind much of the discussion. To read the full story, click [here](#).



Next up? Trade Day!

Join us Thursday, September 30, 2021 at the Kirkbrae Country Club

The event will include:

- Best Bagging Contest Recap & Awards
- Meet the RI Food Entrepreneurs co hosted by Hope & Main
- Keynote Speaker Elizabeth Tanner, Director of RI Department of Business Regulation
- RIFDA Hall of Fame Recognition Awards

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Mark Your Calendar

Building Resilience Through Private-Public Partnerships Conference

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND are hosting the 10th Annual Private Public Partnership Conference. The conference will convene virtually July 27-28th, 2021.

To register for the conference please visit:

[https://events.uschamberfoundation.org/buildingresilienceconference/register\[urldefense.us\]](https://events.uschamberfoundation.org/buildingresilienceconference/register[urldefense.us])

Making Work Human

It is a huge understatement to say the 2020 pandemic presented new challenges to employers. The rapid move to WFH accelerated technology dependency, and new laws to manage created an added pressure for you and your teams to remain 'connected'. As we emerge from this time that has forever changed us, it has never been more important to focus on making work human! To help HR and business leaders rethink their approach, we've brought together a lineup of presenters who will inspire and guide you. Register Here!

Coming Soon - Meetings & Annual Events

August 2021:

- Thurs. Aug. 5th Potential WIC/SNAP Meeting
- Mon. Aug. 9th Victory Day Holiday – Office Closed
- Wed. Aug. 11th TENTATIVE: Legislative Committee Meeting
- Thurs. Aug. 26th Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:30 AM
- Mon. Aug. 30th RIFDA – Cliff Johnson Annual Charity Golf Tournament @ Kirkbrae CC

September 2021:

- Mon. Sept. 6th Office Closed; Labor Day Holiday
- Thurs. – Fri. Sept. 9th & 10th Distribution of 2020-2021 Scholarship Material to Membership
- *Wed. Sept. 15th - 2021 Sen. Reed RI Business Leaders Day in DC (Potential Date)*
- Wed. Sept. 22nd Board of Directors 3rd Quarter Meeting
- Thurs. Sept. 30th; RIFDA Trade Day (Best Bagger, Food Demos, Networking Reception, Industry Dinner) @ Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln RI

October 2021:

- Mon. Oct. 11th Office Closed; Columbus Day
 - Thurs. Oct. 14th Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:30 AM
 - Saturday, Oct. 30th RIFDA Annual Meeting @ Newport Marriott
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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.

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