

2007 ANC CONFERENCE DATES CHANGED

After announcing the dates for the 2007 Annual National Conference, at our conference in Denver, I came home to find out that these dates conflicted with the Jewish Passover. Realizing that this could cause problems for a number of our membership in making decisions on whether to attend the conference at all or in whether to leave the conference early, negotiations were initiated to see if we could change the dates of the conference.

Since we already had a signed contract with the Rosen Plaza Hotel, our options were limited, and so were the hotel's. We have tried to hold the conference each year between March 15th and April 15th which means that we may have conflicts with Easter, Palm Sunday or Passover, if we are not extremely careful.

I am pleased to report to you that due to the diligence of Eleanor Upton, Ken Shifflett and the hotel staff the dates have successfully been changed. The new dates are as follows:

Pre. Conference Planning Meeting	ACDA Board Meeting/ Start ANC	First Full Day ANC	Second Full Day ANC	Third & Final Day ANC	Final ACDA BD. Meeting
Wednesday 3/28/07	Thursday 3/29/07	Friday 3/30/07	Saturday 3/31/07	Sunday 4/1/07	Monday 4/2/07

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President's Message

By Donny Cooper

We recently concluded our 31st Annual National Conference in Denver, Colorado, which included 543 participants, making it the largest conference to date. While bigger is not always better, I have received a great deal of positive feedback on the success of the conference. I hope you picked up something at the conference that will help you do a better job, or that will make things easier for you during the days and years ahead.

I want to especially thank all of you that volunteered your time, your talents or your resources toward making the conference the success that it was. To those of you that have not been as active in the association as you know you need to be, I encourage you to make yourself available as we work together this year and as we plan for the 2007 conference in Orlando, FL.

Printed in this issue of the Commodity Key will be the various committee chairs and committee members of the Association for this year. Please take note of these committees, and decide now, where you think you could be the most

useful to the association. If you have not been asked to serve on a committee for 2006-07, but would like to serve in the future, please give me a call so we can discuss how you can get more involved in our association.

This year, our theme and focus will be "Food for America – Farm to Fork – Communication & Cooperation". Here in America we should be concerned about every aspect of the food business from the farm to the fork and everything in between. This also includes the additional emphasis now being placed on food safety and food security as it relates to the increased threat of terrorism. In order to be more effective in our efforts to improve the commodity program and our food network, we must develop our lines of communication and improve our efforts of cooperation if we are going to make significant progress. I urge you to take an active part in the association and to help us make changes where needed.

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I was enlightened by the presentations made at this year's conference by David Meinz, Dr. James O. Hill, Roberto Salazar, and others concerning the childhood obesity problem in America. We certainly are at a point where changes must be made both in the eating habits and in the physical activity of children; but I was pleased to know that the problem has not only been identified, but also that much is now under way to head children toward a healthier lifestyle. Hopefully, we can be involved in the solution process of this national problem.

The Website Committee from last year is to be commended along with Ginny Hair and Echo Communication for the development of our new website. Our new site retains our former web address which is: www.commodityfoods.org. If you have not taken a look at it yet, please do so. I think you will be surprised and pleased. The immediate challenges ahead for the committee will include the full development of the "member's only section" and how to keep the site current with everybody being so busy with their full time jobs. If you have suggestions for improvement of our website, please contact one of the members on the website committee.

I hope this year will be a great one for you and for the American Commodity Distribution Association. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as your president; and if I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to give me a call or shoot me an e-mail.



President Elect's Message

By Phillip J. Gambutti

I hope that everyone found the Annual National Conference in Denver to be a rewarding experience. It seems like every year the conference keeps getting bigger and better, and this year's was no exception. Of course, one of the drawbacks to a hugely successful conference is it makes planning for the next one all the more challenging!

I thank all of you who volunteered to serve with me on the 2007 conference planning committee. The names of the committee members are listed elsewhere in this publication. I believe we have a good mix of experienced planners and new faces, as well as representation from the different membership categories.

I also want to thank all of those that took the time to complete their conference evaluation forms. These are an invaluable tool in planning the next conference. A detailed analysis of these forms will be completed before the planning committee meets in September. For the most part, the comments received were positive, and we'll just have to "tweak" a few things (such as room sizes) for next year. To me, the purpose of the conference is to provide educational opportunities, an open forum for the exchange of ideas, networking opportunities, allow for the conduct of association business and include some social functions so we can have a bit of fun while we're doing all those other things!

Donny Cooper has set the theme for next year's conference as "Food for America, Farm-to-Fork, Communication and COOPERation". The committee will be working hard to incorporate this theme, while following the above conference goals. All are welcome to contact the committee members or me directly with any additional thoughts, ideas or suggestions on how we can make next year's conference the best ever.

See you in Orlando!!

Newly elected Board of Directors, 2006-2007.
Not present, Annemarie Garceau, Northeast Rep.
and Pavel Matustik, School District R/A Rep.

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Vice President's Message

By Rick Betsworth

As I begin this journey through the ACDA offices I want to thank all of you for the confidence you have expressed in me by electing me Vice President. It is an honor and a privilege to join those who have served before me in working to ensure that the organization continues to grow and be a valuable resource for the membership. "Food for America – Farm to Fork – Communication & Cooperation" is the theme for the coming year and I expect to contribute to building communication and cooperation among all of us.

As the new Chair of the Website Committee I am excited to have the opportunity to build on the work that has been done on the new website. The new format took a lot of work to develop and the results are outstanding. My primary goal for this coming year is to develop the Members Only section into a valuable resource for all members. There are many details to be resolved such as how often to update the membership list and whether or not non-members who are part of a member organization should have access. The composition of this committee is provided elsewhere in this issue and I hope that all of you will contact a member of the committee with any suggestions regarding these questions and for other improvements or ideas for new resources.

The Resolutions & By-laws Committee membership is also provided in this issue and I know that all of the members stand ready to receive any resolutions you may wish to put before the Board of Directors. After the recent rewriting of the by-laws and the changes adopted at ANC there may not be many changes required but we will present any that may be suggested.

As many of you know, I am a relative newcomer to the commodity distribution program in Kentucky and to ACDA. The coming year is going to be a learning experience for me and I welcome input from anyone who may wish to help me get up to speed to take on the additional responsibilities that await me in future years.

I again want to thank you for electing me and to wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.



Rick Betsworth, newly elected Vice President of ACDA

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Due to the hotel having to relocate another large group, to accommodate us, we did have to agree to a nominal increase in room rates. The rooms will cost us \$119.00 plus tax, which is still a bargain.

I apologize for the oversight and the problems that it has caused. I hope you understand our dilemma and appreciate the efforts made to correct the problem. I assure you we will be more careful in the future.



Mike Gill, ACDA President and Carolyn Gooch, Industry Chairperson



Mike Gill, ACDA President and Donny Cooper, President-Elect, ACDA



View of President's Reception



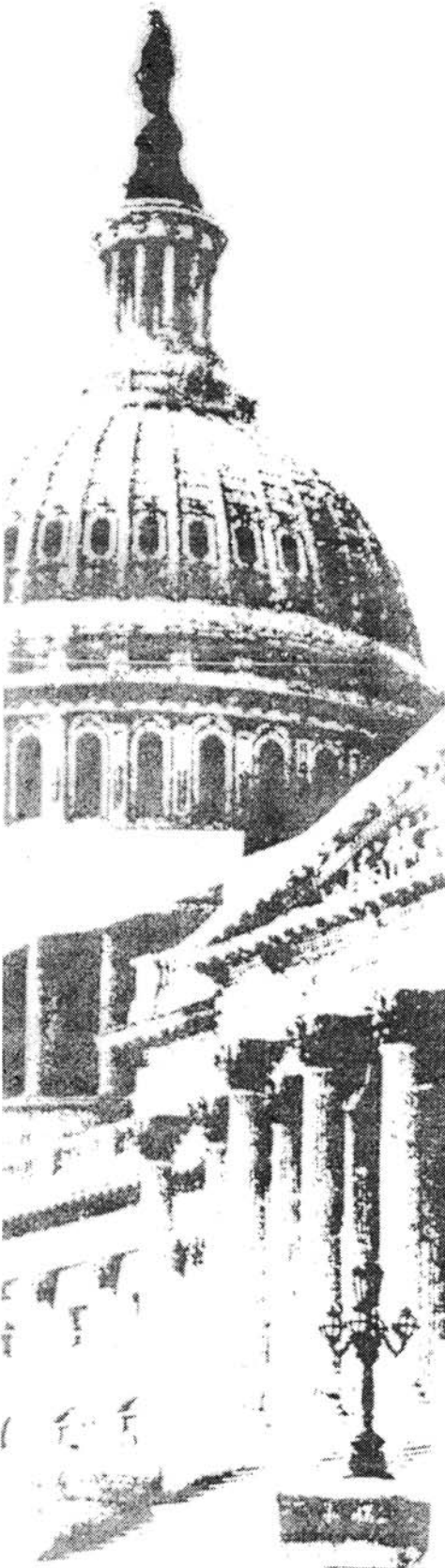
Donny Cooper, President-Elect with David Meinz, the "Energy Expert."



Darlene Barnes, Administrator, Mountain Plains Regional Office, and ACDA President Mike Gill

Washington Update

By Stephen L. Lacey



The November elections are just around the corner, and the entire House of Representatives and thirty-three Senate seats are up for election. While it is far too early to gauge what the outcome will be one thing is certain -- legislative activity in Congress can be expected to slow down considerably over the next few months.

Congress will likely finish its work on many, if not all, of the annual appropriations bills. This includes the agriculture appropriations bill, which has progressed significantly over the past few months. The House overwhelmingly passed its version of this bill (H.R. 5384) on May 23, and that version is very good to the commodity programs.

In a major victory for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, the House bill includes over \$118 million for that program. As you may recall, the President's budget request proposed to eliminate CSFP. Other notable provisions of H.R. 5384 include:

- \$7.76 billion for the School Lunch Program;
- \$2.25 billion for the School Breakfast Program;
- \$140 million for TEFAP commodity purchases and \$60 million for storage and distribution; and
- \$25 million to expand the free fresh fruit and vegetable snack program to all states.

In the Senate, the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee has completed its hearing process, and may markup its version of the bill June.

There continues to be significant discussion about the next farm bill, because many of the farm programs are scheduled to be reauthorized next year. It is looking more likely that the farm bill could be postponed a year or more. However, a final decision on whether to put it off a year or two will not be made for some time. In the meantime, the House Agriculture Committee continues to hold farm bill field hearings around the country and in Washington. Likewise, the Senate



Washington Counsel, Steve Lacey

Committee has held a number of hearings to review various farm programs.

Finally, there is a growing debate over nutritional standards for the school meal programs that has been generated by state and local efforts to impose nutritional requirements that are more rigorous than the USDA regulations require. This comes at a time when USDA is in the process of drafting a proposed rule to update the meal pattern regulations so that they incorporate the latest version of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which was released last year. At this point, it is not clear if or how this issue will be resolved, but it is a debate that everyone involved in the school meal programs should be paying close attention to.



Kate Coler, Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA

LOST AND FOUND

Small silver ring found in Marriott Meeting Room in Denver. Approximate size 8. Please call 919-872-2224 to identify and claim.

Food Distribution Director's Column

Thanks to some terrific planning and a lot of hard work by presenters on assembling top notch sessions, our impression of this year's National Conference in Denver was very positive! This is to report that Peggy Cantfil and her farm animal props all made it safely home with the rest of the Food Distribution Division cast of characters!

I would like to congratulate Mike Gill on his successful tenure as ACDA President, and welcome further opportunities for program enhancement with Donny Cooper at the helm this year! We look forward to another year of working with ACDA as we continue to seek better ways of running our commodity programs.

We are also doing our best to accommodate requests for FDD staff to make presentations about our programs, ECOS, commodity processing, etc. at your regional, state, and local agency meetings. We are already slated to present information at a number of these meetings and we appreciate the opportunity to do so when and where we can. Training is an important component of our work these days, as we want to make our programs as transparent and user friendly as possible. In addition, we want to provide the best tools we can for our States and locals to maximize the value of commodity dollars.

Upcoming SNA Annual National Conference

If you are planning to attend the School Nutrition Association's Annual National Conference in Los Angeles this July, please check out the workshop agenda for commodities. For the first time, SNA has designated a Commodity Track of workshops, which is exciting for us because our commodity stakeholders can offer a much bigger variety of training sessions! You will have your choice of the following workshops:

Basic:

- Basic Commodity Processing
- ECOS: A New Platform for Commodity Ordering, Complaint Management, and More
- Donated Food Program Basics
- Streamlining the Ever-changing Commodity Processing Program
- DoD and Farm to Table Programs Provide Fresh Produce for School Meals
- A New Twist for Procuring Processed Commodities
- Communications Between States and Schools

Intermediate/Advanced:

- ECOS for Processors and Distributors
- Beyond Basic Processing
- Sharpen Your Commodity Ordering Skills
- The Life Cycle of a Commodity Delivery Order
- Meat and Poultry Processing: Unique Characteristics
- Procurement & Commodities
- The True Cost of Commodities
- Web-based Commodity Connections

For more information on these workshops, you can check out the School Nutrition Association website at: http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/anc2006/program_mon.asp#Commodities.

NSLP Fact Sheets with Commodity Codes

A few months ago, we solicited comments from State Distributing Agencies and schools on what we could do to make our NSLP commodity fact sheets more useful to them and to school food service managers. The respondents overwhelmingly voted to place the FNS commodity code on each fact sheet to assist in matching the commodity fact sheets with the commodities they order.

In response, we developed a Special Commodity Fact Sheet Report that includes the 4-digit commodity code on each of the more than 250 fact sheets

developed for schools and institutions. The special report, along with the table of contents sorted by commodity code, commodity title, and food group, may be accessed via: www.commodityfoods.usda.gov. Click on "In the News," and then on "Special NSLP Commodity Fact Report with Commodity Codes and Related Table of Contents." This web page also includes a few tips on how to use the Adobe Reader's search feature to quickly locate any fact sheet by its 4-digit commodity code or key word.

We developed this special report for States and schools to use until the current online commodity fact sheet database can be: (a) upgraded with more cutting edge features, and; (b) updated to reflect any new requirements resulting from the implementation of the USDA MyPyramid Food Guidance System. Until then, we will continue to publish the Special NSLP Commodity Fact Sheet Report on the Food Distribution website.

Electronic Commodity Ordering System (ECOS) Update

We continue to enhance the functionality of ECOS. All users are encouraged to use the "CSV" (Comma Separated Value) format for ECOS reports. This format arranges data in a spreadsheet application allowing users to select, sort, and total the report data in ways that suit their particular requirements. We continue our search for a universal reporting function to provide greater flexibility for all ECOS users.

We have instituted the use of a single ECOS ID and Password for recipient agencies that submit requests for commodity orders, and also electronically receipt for direct shipments into their warehouses. ECOS no longer requires separate user IDs for these two functions by the same agency.

Processors registered in ECOS now have access to the ECOS Bulletin Board. States use the Bulletin Board feature to advertise their desire to partner with another State to meet USDA's requirement for "full truck quantity" shipments of commodities. Processors can

now assist States in locating a partner to supply sufficient demand to divert full truck shipments of commodities to their processing facilities.

We have changed the terminology in the Product Catalog for requisition “types.” The two requisition “types” are now “Direct Ship” (formerly non-processed) and “Processing Diversion” (formerly processed) to more accurately reflect general usage of those terms. All commodities offered to the States will appear under the “Direct Ship” catalog. Each State will designate within ECOS those commodities that may be requested for further processing. Those State-designated commodities will appear under the “Processing Diversion” catalog, clarifying for recipients what they are actually requesting.

We can always be contacted for assistance at ECOS-HelpDesk@ fns.usda.gov.

DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Beginning this October, the Defense Supply Center (DSCP) Philadelphia will change the way it procures products for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. DSCP plans to award Produce Long Term Contracts (PLTCs) in lieu of the multitude of Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) that are currently used by its produce buying offices. These contracts will be set-aside for small produce vendors who will have responsibility for all school and military troop business in the contract award area. Subcontracting plans and seasonal acquisition plans to demonstrate the ability to purchase locally grown produce will be considered in all bid evaluations. This new procurement system will be phased in during FY 2007.

The tentative award date for the first solicitation will be August 31, 2006, with contract implementation start date scheduled for November 13, 2006, or earlier. The solicitations for the rest of the U.S. will be released this summer, with implementation scheduled from November 2006 through March 2007.

You can review the first solicitation for the VA/NC/SC area at: <http://www.dscpl.dla.mil/subs/produce/pv/60002.pdf>.

All schools and ordering points are being asked to use the TAP-IT ordering system to place their produce orders starting with the new school year, if they are not already doing so. Many enhancements to TAP-IT are being planned, such as allocation balances, market pricing, and receipt updates. Updates will continue to be provided, and individual questions can be sent to patricia.scott@dlamail.

Regulations Update

The proposed rule, “Management of Donated Foods in Child Nutrition Programs, the Nutrition Services Incentive Program, and Charitable Institutions,” was published in the Federal Register on June 8, 2006. Most significantly, this rule would amend food distribution program regulations in 7 CFR Part 250 to ensure that food service management companies credit school food authorities for the value of all donated foods received in the school year. Comments on the proposals in the rule may be submitted to FNS during a 60-day period that will conclude on August 7, 2006.

The proposed rule, “Revisions and Clarifications in Requirements for the Processing of Donated Foods,” is currently in clearance. We expect to publish this rule, with a 90-day comment period, before the end of this fiscal year. Most significantly, it would amend

7 CFR Part 250 to require multi-State processors to enter into National Processing Agreements with FNS, and to submit end product data schedules to FNS for approval. State Distributing Agencies would permit the sale of nationally approved end products in their State under State Participation Agreements with such multi-State processors. The rule would also permit the substitution of donated beef and pork with commercial beef and pork of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the donated food.

A proposed rule is currently being drafted which would revise and clarify regulatory requirements to ensure that State distributing and recipient agencies distribute and control donated foods safely, efficiently, and cost-effectively. The rule will also reduce administrative and reporting requirements. We expect to initiate clearance of this rule before the end of this fiscal year, and to publish it in fiscal year 2007.

Bonus Chicken

In April, chicken prices were low and a bonus buy was announced to help remove surpluses from the market. We asked State Distributing Agencies for a quick turn-around time on orders for bonus chicken, and I want to thank you for being so responsive. As it turned out, the market rapidly shifted, and chicken prices rose higher than expected. This caused our purchases to fall short of what we offered to States. As you know, markets can be volatile, so it is important to remain flexible when bonus product is involved. We are trying to purchase chicken for TEFAP only for July delivery. Once again, our success will depend on market conditions which, quite often, are unpredictable. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we do what we can to meet demand under the circumstances.

For Information & Suggestions

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ACDA President Mike Gill receiving plaque from Cathy McCullough, USDA/FNS/FDD

Mid-Atlantic Region

By Beth Beville

Pennsylvania has worked with USDA to provide an “umbrella” agreement with processors to exchange non-fat dry milk for canned evaporated milk for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP); and is now working cooperatively with USDA for an “exchange” of non-fat dry milk for aseptic milk for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Having one “state agreement” instead of agreements for each participating state has enabled the “exchange” of items to be accomplished quickly; and benefits of all states participating in CSFP and TEFAP.

Virginia is once again taking ECOS training on the road. There are many new ECOS Enhancements and beginning in late summer, Food Distribution staff will travel through out the state to offer ECOS beginner training and advanced training to all schools and private schools. Each participant attending will get hands on training.

Southwest Region

By Pauline Raia

Texas and Louisiana as well as Mississippi received \$4 million in additional USDA funds for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). These temporary funds are to help these states offset costs attributed to Hurricane Katrina. CSFP contractors in Texas will be able to assist 19,077 additional households from July 2006 through December 2006 with these additional funds.

Texas is working with their newly formed Texas Commodity Network (TCN) and New Mexico is working with the New Mexico Food Distribution Advisory Council to consolidate food shows in their states. Industry has made us aware of their concerns with the numerous food shows that they have to attend throughout the country. Texas and New Mexico want to cooperate with industry to ensure that food shows in their states continue to benefit the customers, which are the food service directors doing commodity processing in their states. Both organizations in Texas and New Mexico consist of representatives from schools, industry and the state agency. Bringing together the key parties involved in commodity processing in both Texas and New Mexico and communicating what is needed by all the parties involved will ensure that everyone’s needs are met.

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is working on a disaster plan for the state of New Mexico. Currently there is a disaster plan in place with the HSD/Food and Nutrition Services Bureau for the distribution of USDA commodities during a disaster, but the department would like a disaster plan in place that would include any type of assistance a family or individual would need during a disaster. Bureau Chiefs from the different bureaus in HSD are working together to put this plan together. The plan will include food stamps, housing, USDA commodities, medical assistance and Liheap.

Bev Osborn the Commodity Director from Texas will be retiring in June. We want to wish Bev the best of luck and a long and healthy retirement.



Angie Ferguson, (L) CDC Food Brokerage Company and Jean Paxson, (R) Processing Committee Chairperson



Mike Gill, President ACDA, Linda Hubeny, D/A from Connecticut and Ruth Jonen, President of SNA



David Meinz and his five pounds of fat

**ANC
Presentations Please**

We are still trying to gather all of the Power Point presentations used at the 2006 ANC so we can post them on the ACDA Website. If you have one or know of one that is not posted please contact Rick Betsworth at rick.betsworth@ky.gov or 502-572-0298 Ext. 262.

Any help in gathering a complete collection is greatly appreciated!

A Few Words for Schools' ACDA Members

By Pavel N. Matustik

First, allow me to thank all of my colleagues for electing me to be the school representative on the ACDA Board of Directors. It is a big honor and, of course, along with that honor is quite a lot of responsibility. I'm looking forward to working with a new ACDA executive board and becoming an active conduit between the schools and ACDA decision makers.

I also want to thank Martha Devenport for her past service on the ACDA executive board. Martha did a terrific job and it is a privilege to be elected to continue in her path.

I have been attending the ACDA conferences since the historical conference in Costa Mesa, CA. Since then I was intrigued by the fact of what an important subject the commodity 'issue' is and how relatively little we, the schools (the main recipients of the program), know about it. It continues to fascinate me that while everyone involved in the subject matter talked about serving the children (how often is this sentence misused for all kind of excuses?), seldom does anyone check what is needed and how it is needed. The dramatic changes which began in 2000 enticed my interest even more and the 'commodity issue' has become my hobby. Somewhere along the way I started to learn more and more, became aware of the fact that I didn't know too much and tried to absorb as much knowledge as I could. But at the same time I decided that I needed to try and share my knowledge with my colleagues so as many school food service directors as possible gain knowledge of this field.

Last year the ACDA board agreed to add a school representative to the Processing Committee. When Jean Paxson was named as an ACDA Processing Committee chair I told her that I would be very much interested in working on this committee. A few weeks later Jean asked me to participate in the committee's work and my realization of the fact that I know nothing yet has

increased. This past year of working on the Processing Committee was certainly a great education for me.

The commodity entitlement represents about 15% (in some instances as much as 20%) of the school nutrition services department's food purchasing budget. That is a huge 'chunk' of financial resources for our programs! We are talking about 15% to 20% of our school food services budget and we still have (probably) thousands of school districts who don't know how to 'play this game' to its fullest advantage. If this 'game' is played right, then a lot of school districts can dramatically improve their balance sheets.

It is my goal to 'spread the news' and teach as many of my colleagues as possible about how to take full advantage of the commodity programs. Presently we have only 86 ACDA members. I believe that in next two years we need to double our presence. I appeal to all of you, the present school district ACDA members, to try to recruit more of our peers. It is important that our voice is heard. I also want to try to involve more of the ACDA school food services members to participate in working subcommittees. Last year there were three or four subcommittees where input from schools was really needed and where our presence was not as good as it could have been.

One more time: thank you for your trust and I promise to keep you informed and engaged. Also, do not hesitate to ask questions or share with me any concerns and/or recommendations you have—the best way is to send an e-mail to: pmatustik@scvsfsa.org.



Treasurer, Rand Mraz
enjoying the weather at Coors Field

CSFP/TEFAP Report

By Sam Varela

Texas received 19,077 supplemental CSFP caseload as a result of Hurricane Katrina. This supplemental caseload is only for the July - December time period. Most of the caseload will be distributed in Houston and San Antonio, with Dallas and McAllen distributing smaller amounts. Houston and San Antonio will be considered temporary sites with Houston reporting to one of our current contractors, the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas. San Antonio will report to our other contractor the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley in McAllen.

On May 4-5, 2006, 27 staff members representing the four food banks met at the San Antonio Food Bank for training on the program. Current program coordinators did the training with assistance for the State Director of the program. The training lasted a day and a half; with attendees being comfortable with their understanding of the program at the time they left.

San Antonio is the top tourist city in Texas and has quite a nightlife with its downtown River walk area. Most of the attendees stayed at the same hotel which was across the street from the San Antonio Market Square. The Market Square area is lined with restaurants and the Market is a large building housing numerous vendors with products made in Mexico. There is also a Farmers Market nearby. While some folks chose to visit the River walk, others decided to visit one of the local restaurants for happy hour, but a good time was had by all.

Certification is in progress now as we wait for the arrival of the CSFP commodities and our start date of July 1, 2006. We hope to be at caseload by the end of August.

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