



# CAB Connection



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### CAB Passes Unannounced SQF Level 3 (Edition 8) Audit

CAB employees know that last year California Aseptic Beverages achieved SQF Level 3 Certification. This was a watershed accomplishment for our company. But CAB could not rest on its laurels as the next audit, after the initial achievement would occur unannounced. In addition to the audit being unannounced it became more rigorous as it would be premised on SQF Edition 8 with its increased emphasis on Food Defense and Food Safety. The new audit would also include the annual Costco Audit.

CAB's new QC/QA Manager, Dante Bruton, hit the ground running in December. The challenge was to build upon the structure and integration established in 2018 and be prepared for the new requirements of Edition 8. This involved a thorough review of existing structure and integration of updates throughout the operation. The process encompassed the involvement, cooperation and integration of management and those performing the multitudinous tasks involved in CAB's production of a high-quality product.

On the morning of January 16, 2019, the SQF Auditor arrived, unannounced. This began an audit that encompassed two long days. During the audit, CAB performed admirably and learned it passed the comprehensive audit late on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This is another significant accomplishment for CAB and its journey—since inception—in providing a high-quality product, a process that emphasizes Safety and Food Defense.

Congratulations to all CAB employees and in particular QC/QA in this significant achievement.

- Charles Rohr



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Well we made it to another new year, 2019. The holidays are behind us and now we can concentrate on our New Years resolutions, made January 1st. Unfortunately, by February many resolutions have fallen by the wayside and according to recent surveys fewer than 50% survive six months. Hopefully those of you who made resolutions will fare better than most.

In this issue we have begun a series of **Departmental Reviews** with the idea of briefly summarizing what each department does and provide a picture of those in the department. This issue has the QA/QC department. Given its central involvement in the company passing its most recent SQF audit (see the article on page 1) it is fitting they are the first to be reviewed.

Presidents Day is commemorated in February. I wanted to reflect for a moment on what it is and who is commemorated.

The origin of President's Day stemmed from the day set aside to honor George Washington's birthday on February 22. This had been a national holiday since 1885. Lincoln's birthday - February 12—although not a national holiday had been commemorated by several states. In 1968 as part of the federal enactment to provide national holidays on Mondays, Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays became muddled within what is now called President's Day, a day to commemorate all US Presidents.

But to pay homage where homage is due a few words on President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln.

George Washington for a century was a towering figure in American life and history. Washington was the general who led and held together an undermanned and ill-equipped army that won the colonies' independence from an elite, well trained and well supplied force from Great Britain. After the war and the creation of the US Constitution, George Washington, a very wealthy landowner, came out of retirement at the behest of his countrymen to be the first president of the United States. This was a personal sacrifice, but George Washington placed the good of his country, a nation premised on democracy and liberty, above his own needs. His towering and unique presence held together 13 quite individual states during its struggling new nation status. He set the precedent, taken for granted today, of serving only two terms and the peaceful transition from one administration to another.

Just over 64 years after Washington left office this unified country full of promise was almost destroyed by a Civil War. During this time of bloodshed, when brother fought brother, and the country's very future was at stake, it took another equally great president to hold the nation together. Unlike Washington, Lincoln was raised poor, in a log cabin. He was self-educated and certainly not from the upper echelon of society. In any country but America he would have had limited expectations. He was a brilliant man with an indomitable will that kept this country together when it could have been torn apart. He issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. His tireless planning, indomitable spirit and eloquent words helped carry the county and bind the wounds of a war torn population.

These were truly great men who placed country above self interest and politics and as Americans it is right, we remember them on Presidents' day.

- Charles Rohr

# Departmental Overview



The Quality department is extremely important in the overall success of CAB. The purpose of this department is not only to ensure that all products that we produce taste great, but also guarantee that it is safe for the public to consume.

Prior to packaging and every hour during production, one of the QC technicians (typically Debbie, Matt, or Jocelyn) will smell, taste, and compare color to the previous batch to ensure consistency. At the same time, they will analyze the product using state of the art equipment. The QC technician will measure pH levels, Brix (sugar content), Acid, and in some cases Vitamin C and compare to customer specifications. Once we have confirmed that the product meets customer specification, we then release it for packaging. Throughout the production run, the Qualified QC Technician will also use Tetra Pack directed methods for evaluating the packaging integrity. If the technicians find any issues with any analysis, production will be placed on hold until the issue is resolved.

Once complete, all product is analyzed for any possible Yeast, Mold, and Aerobic Bacteria growth. This process is typically performed by Noe in his secluded laboratory. Noe will utilize proven methods to incubate and process samples for evaluation. Once analysis is complete and results are favorable and reviewed, the product is then released for transportation. In the event any results are not within guidelines, the product is kept on hold to guarantee public safety.

Another intricate part of the Quality department is Regulatory and Documentation. CAB being SQF Food Safety / Quality Code (formerly Level 3) certified and processing Organic / Kosher products require a great deal of records and documentation. Marla, the Quality Coordinator, is responsible for ensuring compliance with all regulations including; customer specification, external certification bodies, State, and Federal directives. Marla, with direct assistance from Juan, creates and revises SOPs, directives, and training materials to ensure that we are performing within the Regulations, Food Safety, and Food Quality guidelines.

- Dante Bruton

# Announcements



Stay tuned for information on this years annual company picnic, tentatively scheduled for June.

If you are on the company's insurance plan, you and your dependents can use this service for free!

When you or someone on your insurance plan is sick, call the number and provide your name and date of birth. They will ask some basic questions about your medical history and your symptoms. A doctor will call you back within an hour and will call in prescriptions to your local pharmacy if needed.

Save the time, hassle, and cost of a trip to the doctor or urgent care and Call-A-Doc!

**(844) 362-2447**

**CAB CUBS**

The CAB CUBS are back!

First game will be on Sunday  
2/10 @ 2pm

Adult Sport Complex

Come out & Support your team

## ♥ New Hires ♥

**Name:** Daniel Rodriguez  
**Title:** Fork Lift Driver  
**Hobbies:** Enjoys playing video games and watching sports. His favorite teams are the Raiders and the Dodgers. Enjoys hiking. Has a large collection of shoes and hats (classics and new era).



# WELCOME



# Anniversaries



## 1 Year

Marla Peraza  
Jocelyn Hernandez



## 2 Years

Richard Taylor  
Raul Lemus



## 7 Years

Hector Gonzalez



## 8 Years

Jacinto Salvador





## February

Ana Nolasco

Jacinto Salvador

Tory Escandon

Jocelyn Hernandez

Daniel Reyes



## March

Sabrina Rochon

Chrissy Cleveland

Rafael Anaya

Hector Gonzalez





Last year the “CAB Cares” Project consisted of handing out care packages to the homeless and it was a total success. This year our project will be a bit different. We will be hosting a Toy Drive for the children at the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

Play experiences can help brighten a child's hospital stay and we are grateful for your donations of new toys, games, and other playtime supplies.

If you are interested in donating please see donation safety guidelines below;

- Safety is an important consideration when selecting toys.
  - Only new toys and games are accepted
  - Stuffed animals are not accepted.
- Games that are considered violent in nature will not be accepted.
  - Do not wrap gifts.

The following are some gift/toy ideas or you can visit their Amazon Wish List at

Amazon → Find List or Registry → Loma Linda Child Life

Gift cards—Target, Barnes & Nobles, Amazon

Books, Movies, Light Up wands, Dolls, Cars, Coloring Books, Crayons, Barbies,

Board Games example: Uno, Monopoly, Battleship, Bingo, Connect Four, ABC Letter Game, Hedbanz, Zingo, Lets go Fishing, Guess Who, Life, Candy Land etc.

**There will be a bin in the office area where toys will be collected.**

**Last day to turn in toys Thursday March 14, 2019**

**For any questions please see Kim or Sandra**

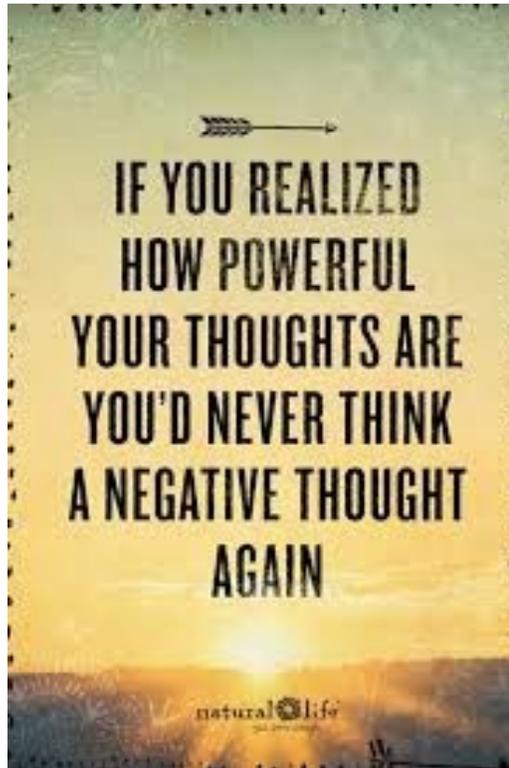


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Spring will start Wednesday, March 20



H A P P Y  
*Valentine's Day*  
—❤—

Every year on the 14th of February people celebrate this day by sending messages of love and affection to partners, family, and friends. Couples send Valentine's Day cards, flowers, and spend special time together to honor their love for each other. Don't forget your special someone this year!

- Sandra Frayre