

Together we can meet the needs of a dynamic industry.

Membership Programs & Benefits

Member Owned Financial Alternative

The Green Mountain Credit Union is open to all members, their employees and immediate families. Each deposit account is federally insured by NCUA up to \$250,000. Offering savings and loan options, checking, direct deposit, money orders and payroll deduction programs.

Long Distance & Local Service

Phone Savings

The association also has a discounted phone program for your long distance calls through BCN Telecom offering members superior telecommunications services for over 10 years.

Student Scholarships

Each year, VGA awards scholarships to help members' employees and/or their children further their education. Fundraisers throughout the year benefit the program.

Food Industry Expo



Vermont's largest food industry event is VGA's Annual Convention & Expo. The program, held each fall, includes exhibits, educational seminars, contests, entertainment and more. A great networking opportunity for all! Join Us September 11 - 13, 2009 @ Miller Expo Center Essex Jct., Vermont.

Many More Benefits Await You as a Member!

Member Quotes

“Sometimes we are not officially notified when a change in taxes or regulations occur. VGA’s newsletter keeps us informed, up to date, and in compliance with the complex and ever-increasing laws, regulations and changes facing our industry.”

*Bill MacDonald
Waits River General Store
West Topsham, Vermont*

“We get our dues back many times over each year through money saving programs and important networking opportunities. On the business insurance program alone, we have received close to \$1,000 back in dividends the last two years. “

*Jayne Nold-Laurendeau
N-L Distributing, former owner
Falls General Store
Northfield Falls, Vermont*

2010 Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament - June 9th



Green Mountain National Golf Course - Killington, Vermont



Membership Benefits

“Serving Vermont’s Food Industry Since 1934”

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Vermont Grocers' Association is a networking alliance of merchants, retailers and suppliers organized to serve the Educational, Ecomic and Legislative needs of its members.

Today, VGA represents approximately 700 retail stores and 250 suppliers to the industry, including members of the Vermont Specialty Food Association.

Retail Membership

Open to all retailers of food products and beverages. Current members include supermarkets, food coops, beverage stores, convenience stores, general and country stores, as well as other stores that sell food products.

Associate Membership

Open to manufacturers, wholesalers, brokers, service providers and others .

Your Voice at the State House



Full-time VGA representation promotes your best interests to state government and our elected officials in Washington. VGA makes sure representatives hear "our side" of any issues relative to legislation being considered that concerns the Food Industry of Vermont.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Health & Dental Insurance Savings

Group plans are available for health and dental insurance. VGA members have access to The Vermont Health Services Group program through Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Vermont with a variety of plan options. Northeast Delta Dental underwrites the dental plan. VGA members can be represented by Thomas Insurance & Benefits for the group health and dental plans.

Business Insurance Savings

Vt. Grocers' Association and Acadia Insurance Company provide an all lines insurance program including but not limited to: Property, General Liability, Business Owners, Umbrella Liability and Workers Compensation. In addition to very competitive rates, participating members are rewarded in the form of lower costs and a potential for a dividend when the group does well.

\$\$ Saving Credit-Debit Card Processing

VGA members have access to one of the industry's most competitively priced processing services for your customer credit and debit card transactions and more through RBS Worldpay. In addition to dedication to top notch customer service for our members, RBS Worldpay can help you reduce payment costs. RBS has program interfaces to all leading Point of Sale systems on the market today. They support credit, debit, EBT, and Fuel Cards, in addition to a Gift Card Program.

Staying Informed

VGA's newsletter & emails keep members abreast of regulatory and legislative issues as well as news about the food industry. Retail members may use the classified ad section at no charge.

VGA's website, www.vtgrocers.org is updated with pertinent news and events frequently. Additionally, the members' only section contains links to important regulatory information, past newsletters and more.

Payroll Processing Ease

PayData is a Vermont company offering an easy and economical payroll service to VGA member companies.

Services include payroll checks, tax filings, reports, new hire reporting and more. PayData offers VGA members a discount on their regular fees.

VT Food Industry Directory & Reference Guide

The annual yearbook, published each spring, lists all retail and associate members, includes buying information on suppliers serving Vermont and important regulatory information, serving as a valuable reference guide.

Copies are complimentary to all VGA members and advertisers.

Improving Your Business

VGA brings professional seminars and workshops to Vermont each year. Past conferences have addressed alcohol & tobacco sales, merchandising, theft control, employee relations and safety, shrink control - "meeting he needs of both retail and associate members."

On-Line Training

A variety of web-based training courses from food safety and loss prevention to computer and business are available at discounted prices to members.

Video Training Tape Lending Library

VGA offers free loan of video training tapes to members which provide a variety of learning opportunities for store owners, managers and employees

Hassle Free Coupon Redemption

This VGA service allows retailers to obtain reimbursement for manufacturers coupons by submitting them to our affiliate, Grocers Coupon Service without the necessity of sorting.