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# News Briefs

*This monthly news bulletin is designed to keep Maine Dietetic Association members informed about issues affecting our profession. We hope you find this resource helpful in staying up-to-date and in touch. Please send comments to the [MDA Communications Coordinator](#).*

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## **Thanking Maine's First Lady**

On Thursday, November 18, 2010, from 10-11:30 a.m., the Maine Dietetic Association will be hosting a coffee at the Blaine House in Augusta and all MDA members are invited. The purpose of the event is to offer tribute to First Lady Karen Baldacci for the numerous contributions she has made to improve the food and nutrition environment and the health of Maine citizens.

This event also is a great opportunity to meet key legislators and agency officials as MDA builds relationships with key stakeholders in Maine public policy on Health Care Reform to ensure the RD/DTR is included in legislation regarding nutrition.

Attendance is limited to 40 members, so please respond to Marcia Kyle, MDA's State Policy Representative at [bkyle@roadrunner.com](mailto:bkyle@roadrunner.com) as soon as you receive this. Don't miss this important legislative event at the Blaine House and a chance to thank our First Lady.

## **Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo**

**November 6-9, 2010 Boston MA**

The American Dietetic Association's annual meeting is the premiere event for food and nutrition professionals. Don't miss the latest nutrition science information, foodservice trends and access to the top experts. Educational sessions will cover the hottest topics including obesity, alternative medicine, culinary trends, life-cycle nutrition and medical nutrition therapy.

Meet with more than 10,000 registered dietitians, nutrition science researchers, policy makers, health-care providers and industry leaders, all in one place — at the annual Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE)!

Visit the ADA's FNCE Web site for complete information and to register:

<http://www.eatright.org/fnce/>

Don't miss your chance to:

- Earn CPEs the fun and exciting way by participating in open-space discussion sessions, new hot topic sessions, culinary boutique rooms, healthcare informatics and more.
- Walk the Expo floor and gain a first-hand look at over 400 companies featuring new, innovative products and services for your clients and businesses.
- Network with colleagues in your specific field by attending functions such as the Dietetic Practice Group Showcase and Product Marketplace.
- Hear top speakers in our field, including **chef, author and TV host Anthony Bourdain,**

**Plus — Executive Director of *Let's Move!* to Speak at FNCE**

Robin Schepper, the executive director of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* Campaign, will speak at the FNCE Opening Session. Ms. Schepper directs the national effort by the Obama Administration to end obesity in a generation. She will provide FNCE attendees with an update on *Let's Move!* and the ways in which ADA and its members can be involved in achieving the initiative's goals.

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**Don't Miss Out On The MDA Meet & Greet Social at FNCE!**

**When:** Sunday, Nov. 7

**5:30-7:00 pm**

You'll be just in time to head out to dinner afterward!

**Where:** **Marriott Custom House Villas**

**3 McKinley Square**

**Boston, MA (about 1 mile from convention center)**

**Ph: 617/310-6300**

**Cost:** **\$15 (pre-payment required** — Includes 1 drink and light appetizers)

We've planned a party in Boston during FNCE for our members and friends of MDA! A villa suite at the historic Custom House is the location for our casual cocktail party. Make plans now to attend so you can catch up with old friends and schoolmates, see who has won this year's MDA awards, mingle with fellow Maine nutrition professionals, meet some of the MDA board members, and make a few new friends from the great state of Maine!

There is still time to register but space is limited to 40 people, so act quickly to reserve your spot! We hope to see you there!

Send your check for \$15 made payable to MDA, to:  
Maine Dietetic Association, P.O. Box 10214, Portland ME, 04104

Questions? Please direct questions to Kitty Broihier, President-Elect and Chair of the MDA Conference Committee at [nutricomminc@mac.com](mailto:nutricomminc@mac.com)

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## Getting to FNCE

**Amtrak** – trains several times a day from Portland to Boston. For schedule, go to:

<http://www.amtrak.com>

**Concord Bus Line** –bus leaves almost every hour from Portland to Boston, coastal routes and from Orono. For more information follow this link:

[http://www.concordcoachlines.com/images/stories/schedules/ME\\_May\\_0810.pdf](http://www.concordcoachlines.com/images/stories/schedules/ME_May_0810.pdf)

**Share a Ride and/or a Room** — go to the MDA FNCE Bulletin Board to find a colleague to share a ride with or a hotel room. Go to:

[https://docs.google.com/document/edit?](https://docs.google.com/document/edit?id=1WODXzFD3wOJfZRBIBNf3go1GAzkyCUV5BxVp5yCii_o&hl=en&authkey=CM2v-ZcL)

[id=1WODXzFD3wOJfZRBIBNf3go1GAzkyCUV5BxVp5yCii\\_o&hl=en&authkey=CM2v-ZcL](https://docs.google.com/document/edit?id=1WODXzFD3wOJfZRBIBNf3go1GAzkyCUV5BxVp5yCii_o&hl=en&authkey=CM2v-ZcL)

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## Free Webinar

*If you missed the ADA Health Care Reform webinar on October 5, you are still eligible to receive the CPEU by viewing the link. To view the recorded webinar simply enter your email at:*

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/821710344>

If you require any additional information for this session, please contact Ms. Susan Barthel at [sbarthel@eatright.org](mailto:sbarthel@eatright.org).

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