AFDO Perspective on Leadership

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Narrowing Your Perspective?
MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!
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- Association of Food & Drug Officials
- Harvey Wiley
- Nathan Strauss

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There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who wonder what happened. To be successful, you need to be a person who makes things happen. - James Lovell
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AFDO as an Organization

- 1906 Pure Food & Drug Act
- 1913 Office of Federal State Cooperation
- 1998 Vision of Integrated food safety System
- 2001 National Uniformity legislation
Harvey W. Wiley

Father of Food & Drug Law
Harvey W. Wiley

- Studied sorghum and sugars at Purdue University
- Discovered glucose for honey adulteration
- Chief Chemist for USDA in 1882
- Waged war against preservative use
- Sued Coca Cola over caffeine use
- Assembled “Poison Squad”
- Fought powerful industry lobbyists
- Paved way for the Pure Food and Drug Act
- Actions led to formation of FDA
- Good Housekeeping Magazine
Roosevelt vs. Wiley
Nathan Strauss

- Voluntary milk stations arise in other cities
- Dairy industry blocked efforts to pass laws
- Public resistance remained
- NY City one of the 1st to inspect dairies
- Ordinances failed in 1907 & 1909
- 1913 Typhoid fever outbreak

Infant Mortality Rate Dropped by two-thirds by 1915
• 10% of all NY City children would die before the age of 5

• Straus had read about Pasteur’s work and was certain raw milk was the culprit

• Set up milk processing station on East 3rd Street [many others would follow]

• Provided processed milk to Randall Island orphanage that had a 42% mortality rate
Milk Pasteurization

- 1908 City of Chicago Ordinance
- Repealed in 1911
- Restored in 1912
- 1947 Michigan 1\textsuperscript{st} state to require pasteurization of milk
- > ½ states currently allow intrastate sale
- 99% of milk sold today is pasteurized
Questions