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Summer 2017

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

THERE WILL NOT BE A
SOCIAL MEETING IN JULY

ACF of Greater Buffalo 14th Annual Golf Outing



Lancaster Country Club
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MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH
SIGN IN: 11:00 AM
SHOTGUN START: 12:30 PM

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*Golf Forms in this
issue of Epicureans*

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The President's Message

The end of Spring is here; we wind down our Association events and look ahead to summer months with family and friends. Enjoy the best that Buffalo has offer; warm weather, beautiful sunsets and the amazing canal front. It is also a prosperous time for restaurants, clubs and caterers, aka, "the busy season". For culinary students and new graduates, it is the perfect time to seek employment. It seems every day, a new restaurant is opening. Downtown and Allentown are bustling with new places, as well as Hertel Avenue. Growth is happening in Buffalo and our profession is in big demand. Explore new opportunities and network. It is a good way to learn new skills and stay current.

I would like to extend Thanks to Scott Steiner, CCE, AAC on a successful Culinary Competition. What a great learning experience for all. It was very interesting to observe the chefs' as they were competing. They start out anxious, but after plate up and critiques, there was a sense of accomplishment and empowerment. Putting yourself "out there" to test your skills under a time crunch is not easy. After the competition was over, participants commented they cannot wait to compete again and found it to be a rewarding experience. We had the pleasure of having the National President, Thomas Macrina as a judge, as well as Stafford DeCambra, past AAC Chair (currently running for President) and a certified Master Pastry Chef, Albert Imming. Details and pictures from the event are included in this Epicurean.

Thanks to Rich Products and Jake Brach, CCC for hosting a very interesting meeting May 8th. Rich Products is a big supporter of the culinary community and the ACF. We appreciate the vendors that came out to support our meeting: Ru's Pierogis; Niagara Craft Spirits; Community Beer Works; "Rooted Locally" – Fresh Sprouts and Microgreens, Rich's Barista, Kombucha Beverage Company. All local Buffalo producers making a difference in our area.

The 14th Annual Golf Outing will be held this year at Lancaster Country Club on August 7th. This is a fun event. A good opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues and hopefully get a hole in one! If golf is not for you, join us for a steak dinner in the evening. We have lots of nice prizes and everyone enjoys the day together. Forms are included in this edition. Please contact the event chair, John Matwijkow (tweeko34@aol.com or 716-574-0209) to organize your teams. We have corporate sponsorship teams as well as individual foursomes. Tee Sponsors and Program Advertising are always welcome.

Have a wonderful start to summer and see you at the Golf Outing!

Fraternally yours,

Jacqueline Bamrick, CEC, AAC

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people in the news

Sympathy / Prayers / Congratulations / General Comments:

Our deepest sympathy to Norman Hart, CCE, AAC, on the passing of his Son, Dakota Hart. Chef Hart had been an active member of the Buffalo Chapter for many years. Please keep Norman and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Thank you to Chef Scott Steiner CCE, AAC for Chairing the Culinary Salon. It was an excellent experience for all involved in the competition. Thanks also to John Matwijkow, CCE, and Nathan Koscielski, CCE for preparing breakfast and lunch the day of the event and to NFI for hosting. We look forward to next year and are hoping for even more participants.

Buffalo Chapter ACF website address is changed. It can now be accessed through: www.acfbuffalo.com or www.acfbuffalo.org. The site is updated and contains current board member list and the social meetings for each month.

Congratulations to Jim Binner on being selected as an Honorary American Academy of Chefs Fellow. Jim will be inducted at the Cook, Craft and Create Convention July 12th along with all the 2017 inductees.

Thank you to Chef Jake Brach, CCC and Lenny Lagassee, PC1 for hosting the ACF Meeting May 8 at Rich Products. The "market place" format was a success.

Thanks also to the local vendors that supplied product to taste and sample.

Welcome new members: Clara Chu, Kelly Hessinger, Indya Jackson-Daniel, Julie Murphy, Myunghee Kang, Travis T. Reynolds-Powell, Kathy Piske, Kari Poppleyee, Taylor Robb, Kara Zamerski.

It is important to keep your contact information current at the ACF National Office. Notify Katie Hunter (khunter@acfcchefs.net) with any changes re: email, phone number and address. The office is very attentive and responds quickly.

IMPORTANT NOTE! As previously announced, the Epicurean will no longer be printed and mailed out. We have gone to a digital format. For anyone concerned about access to a computer, we can still print a limited number of copies.

Charlie Martin

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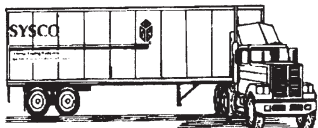


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**Also be aware that several of our members
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2017 Run Off Election – Cast Vote by June 7

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APRIL 29TH CULINARY COMPETITION



Pictured (Left to right)

~ Mark Wright, AAC Chair ~ Thomas Macrina, ACF National President / Judge ~
~ Jackie Bamrick, Chapter President, Stafford Decambra, Judge ~ Albert Imming, Pastry Judge ~
~ Scott Steiner Show Chair ~



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Pictured (Left to right)

Indya Jackson-Daniel, Brittany May, Jaime Graves, David Davis

On Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, the ACF of Greater Buffalo hosted its first sanctioned competition in over 25 years. The event went off without a problem. Thank you to everyone involved; especially Mark Wright CEC, AAC, Jackie Bamrick, CEC, AAC, Mark Mistriner CEC, AAC, John Matwijkow CCE, Nathan Koscielski CCE, Cathy Barron CEPC, Ben Loomis and all of the students who assisted. It takes a lot of planning, hard work and financing to pull off an event like this one. Thank you very much to Chef Bamrick and the ACF Buffalo Chapter for the financial support. As you can imagine, it is quite costly to run a professional competition as we are responsible for accommodating the judges for several days, purchasing medals and providing food and beverage for all involved. Without the chapter support this would not be possible. I would also like to thank Chef Mistriner and the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute for the use of the facility. It was great to see some of our local chefs and students participate. It is my plan to host this event annually. My plan for next year is to expand to a two day competition with category K – contemporary hot food / pastry on day one, and cold food, ice carving, and pastry show piece on day two. I hope the chapter was pleased with the event and feels strongly about expanding and continuing to host on an annual basis. Thank you so very much to Chef Barron who assisted many of the competitors with her guidance and expertise. I think what we can learn from this experience is that competition only makes cooks better. It is a very positive experience. If things don't go your way the day of the competition, you walk out with a certificate and lots of input on how you can correct your techniques. If things go well, then you will get complimented on your skill set and stick a feather in your cap.

Please know that my door is always open and I am free to chat about competition and certification. I am just a phone call or an email away.

Respectfully,

Scott Steiner CCE, AAC

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