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April 2018

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ACF of Greater Buffalo TASTE OF CULINARY



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REMINDER: THERE WILL NOT BE AN APRIL SOCIAL MEETING

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The President's Message

Many thanks to our friends at "This Little Pig." The Cooke family hosted a great meeting March 12. We enjoyed presentations from WNY Maple Syrup Organization and Michael Parkot, owner of "Always Something Farm" in Darien, NY, specializing in raising mangalitsa hogs. There was a casual "meet and greet" after the presentations, and we enjoyed delicious antipasti, sliders, pizza, and desserts from Jeff, Jane, and Cody. We thank Jeff and Mandy for opening on their night off. We enjoyed learning what the farmers offer in our local area and realize the importance of "keeping it local."

The 11th Annual Taste of Culinary is April 15 at ECC North Campus. This is the ACF of Greater Buffalo's premier event of the year. Chef Nathan Koscielski, CCE, is chairing the event and confirmed new participants, microbreweries, and wineries this year. Lloyds Taco Truck will be joining us this year and we are excited to have them on board. We have talented chefs, culinary schools, restaurants, and clubs showcasing their talent. Come out and support what is going on and enjoy delicious food, desserts, and beverage samples. Please see the attached flyer with details. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.tasteofculinary.com and a limited amount will be on hand at the door for purchase the day of the event. The community supports this event very well and it is our chance to get the word out about the ACF and its mission of education and mentorship.

The ACF Sanctioned Culinary Salon is set for Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22 at NFCI. There are still a few slots open for the Saturday Display Competition and the necessary paperwork is included in this issue. Please contact Chef Steiner, CEC, AAC with any questions.

Congratulations to Chef Neal Plazio, CEC, selected as the 2018 ACF Buffalo Chapter Chef of the Year. Neal was former Chapter President, Acting Treasurer, and currently Chairman of the Board. He began his ACF career in 1994 after graduating from Baltimore International Culinary College. Neal worked in Colorado, Baltimore, and Minneapolis before he returned to Buffalo. In the past, he's been employed by Beaver Hollow Conference Center and the Buffalo Hyatt. Neal was owner and operator of the Chefs Table before beginning his career as Executive Chef at UB Dining and Shops. He's also the NE Regional Culinary Chair for NACUFS. Neal will be recognized on Sunday, June 24, at the Center for Tomorrow at UB Amherst Campus. Our Chapter looks forward to awarding Neal with this prestigious honor and celebrating the noteworthy recognition that comes with it.

Hope to see you all at the Taste of Culinary. Happy Spring—it's finally here!

Fraternally yours, *Jacqueline Bamrick, CEC,AAC*



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Save the Date Upcoming Events

BOARD MEETING

APRIL 9, 2018 5:00 PM ECC NORTH –ERIE ROOM RESTAURANT

6205 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

Taste of Culinary

Sunday April 15, 2018 Noon-3:30 pm Erie Community College, North Campus

6205 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

Culinary Salon

Saturday/Sunday April 21 & 22 Niagara Falls Culinary Institute

28 Old Falls Street, Niagara Fals, NY 14303

ACF FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018
DETAILS TO FOLLOW



HELP WANTED

Please contact Rob Lukasik- lukasik@ecc.edu if your facility is in need of employees. We can post the ads in our newsletter and get the news to all of our local culinary schools.

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- 1) Go to http://www.acfchefs.org
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- 3) Click the blue JOIN TODAY button on the right side
- 4) Enter your zip code and select the ACF of Greater Buffalo New York (NY061)
- 5) Click the blue JOIN TODAY button and select your level of membership
- 6) Fill our your information (name, work address, etc.)
- 7) Click SUBMIT and wait for email confirmation of your membership
- 8) Welcome to the ACF of Greater Buffalo!

Membership at a Glance January 2018

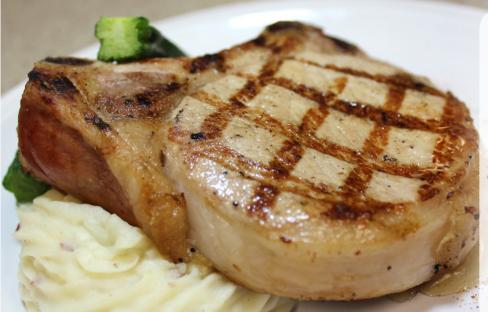
Membership Type	Count	Percentage
Allied	1	0.60 %
Associate:	11	6.30 %
Culinarian:	5	2.80 %
Culinary Enthusiast:	3	1.70 %
Professional Culinarian:	107	60.8 %
Senior Professional Culinarian:	11	6.30 %
Student Culinarian:	38	22.6 %
Total Membership Count:	176	

ACF OF GREATER BUFFALO DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please be aware if you are a chapter member with your dues up for renewal, and not updated by the due date, your newsletter will be delayed or not renewed until your membership is up-to-date

Please be aware to also to check your certifications status for 2017

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people in the news

Sympathy / Prayers / Congratulations / General Comments:

The 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.

Welcome New Members... Jennifer Bauer, Nikole Collins, Lisa Cook, Nicholas Czerniejewski, Jennifer Sojka

Congratulations to our Chapter Treasurer, Ben Loomis and his wife Heather on the birth of twins. Luke, Leia and Mom are doing well. Stellar work Ben.

ACF Hot Food Competition for Students and Professionals

Saturday April 21, 2018

Culinary / Pastry and Ice Carving Display Salon

Sunday April 22, 2018

Contemporary Hot Food & Warm / Cold Plated Pastry Competition

All interested competitors should review the most current ACF competition manual located at: http://www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Events/Competitions/ACF/Events/Competitions/

Review the competition you wish to enter and you can sign up by contacting Scott Steiner at ssteiner@niagaracc.suny.edu.

Cost of the competition:

Students: \$50.00 Professionals \$100.00

I hope to have a page linked to our acfbuffalo.com webpage in the very near future that will have downloadable information as well as a way to accept payment. If you have any questions please email me or give me a call. I am happy to assist anyone.

Lets show off our culinary skills Buffalo!

Sincerely,

Scott Steiner CCE, AAC Culinary Competition Chair

Email: ssteiner@niagaracc.suny.edu

Cell: 716-698-5909



ACF of Greater Buffalo Board Meeting Minutes Monday, March 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Bamrick.

Members Present:

Jackie Bamrick John Burden Jane Cooke Jamie Graves Maria Iacovitti Ted Kavanaugh Nathan Koscielski Ben Loomis

Rob Lukasik Charlie Martin Dorothy Morton Neal Plazio Mark Wright

The minutes from the February meeting were accepted by Koscielski and Loomis.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$11,492

NFCI Scholarship: \$10,589 ECC Scholarship: \$8,586

Festival of Trees profit has been earmarked for scholarships down the road.

Hotel expenses for the culinary salon judges will be taken from the checking account.

The possibility of appointing a Paul Cannamela scholarship from the ECC scholarship account was discussed.

The finance committee should be reorganized to discuss the endowment and appointing of the scholarships.

Vice President's Report:

April 15th: Taste of Culinary at ECC North (details below)

April 22nd: Culinary Salon at NFCI May 20th: picnic (Location TBD)

June 24th: Chef of the Year (Neal Plazio!) dinner @ The Butler Mansion

August 13th: Golf Outing at Hickory Sticks

Taste of Culinary:

Morton will type up the menu programs; Graves will type up the menus for each station.

Cooke will rework the judging criteria and assist the judges throughout the event.

The trophies are all in the works.

The board members staffing the registration tables during the event will sell tickets for raffles.

The board will look into getting proteins donated for Lou Venezia and his son to do a carving station.

Restaurants and food trucks are still wanted for participation in the event.

Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9 AM the day of the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM by Bamrick and Morton.





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QUAIL WEST MISSION

To be the premier club and community in southwest Florida.

QUAIL WEST BY THE NUMBERS:

- 678 homes sites
- 500-member families
- \$2M+ annual F&B
- 60% a la carte/40% banquet
- 160 employees in season (FTE)
- 28 kitchen employees in season
- 2 kitchens
- 62 average age of members

FOOD & BEVERAGE OPERATIONS

Referred to as the "Epicenter for Epicures," the 100,000-square-foot clubhouse offers both upscale and casual dining options. Food & beverage revenues total over \$2M annually although that number is expected to increase with the opening of the newly-renovated Cypress Grille.

The Wine Grotto features discreet lighting and vaulted ceilings making it the perfect ambiance for sampling exceptional wines. Unique in the area, the wine cellar offers vintages from around the world. Members can purchase a bottle to take home or sample it there. Food is also on tap and features the verve that one finds in the wine bars of Europe.

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Professional & Student Cold Food, Ice carving & Pastry Salon

Saturday, April 21, 2018



28 Old Falls St. Niagara Falls NY, 14303

- Parking in the attached parking ramp is free as long as you bring your ticket to the reception desk and get it stamped.
- If you park in the ramp, park on level 3 and enter the institute from that level.
- The competition will be held on the second floor.

Schedule:

• 7:00am Continental Breakfast

7:30am Judges Meeting with Competitors

8:00am Begin live Ice Carving / Begin Show Work Set up

• 11:30am Lunch Buffet

• 12:00pm Show Work Displays Complete & Ready for Judging

3:30pm Medal Ceremony

Saturday April 21, 2018

Professional Culinary / Display

A-1 -----Meat- Cold Platter

A-2 -----Fish- Cold Platter

A-3 -----Poultry- Cold Platter

A-4 -----Game- Cold Platter

A-5 Cold Hors d'oeuvres

A-6 Finger Foods

Student Culinary / Display

SA-1 -----Meat- Cold Platter

SA-2 -----Fish- Cold Platter

SA-3 -----Poultry- Cold Platter

SA-4 -----Game- Cold Platter

SA-5 Cold Hors d'oeuvres

SA-6 Finger Foods



Professional Pastry / Display

- C-1 Buffet Platter of Fancy Cookies, Chocolates or petit fours
- C-2 Six Different individual hot or cold plated desserts (Displayed Cold)
- C-3 Decorated or Sculpted Celebration Cake
- C-4 Wedding Cake
- C-5 Assorted Bread Display
- D-1 Fruit / Vegetable Carving
- D-2 Tallow and Saltillage
- D-3 Bread Dough
- D-4 Chocolate, Cooked Sugar, Pastillage & Marzipan



Student Pastry / Display

- SC-1 Single Tier Decorated or Sculpted Celebration Cake
- SC-2 Buffet Platter of Fancy Cookies, Chocolates or petit fours (five varieties, six portions)
- SC-3 Six Different individual hot or cold plated desserts (Displayed Cold)
- SC-4 Wedding Cake
- SD- Showpiece, Student, Individual

 Acceptable Mediums are Ice, Fruit / Vegetable Carving, Tallow and Saltillage
 Bread Dough, Chocolate, Cooked Sugar, Pastillage & Marzipan

Professional Ice Carving – Live Action

- H-D One Block prepared prior and set up for display
- H-1 Single Block Individual Freestyle Three Hours
- H-2 Two Blocks Individual Freestyle Four Hours
- H-3 Multiple Blocks, Two Member Team Freestyle Three Blocks Three Hours

Student Ice Carving – Live Action

- S-D Showpiece using Ice made prior and set up for display
- SH-1 Single Block Individual Freestyle –Three Hours
- SH-2 Two man team, three Blocks Individual Freestyle Three Hours
- SH-3 Three Man Team Freestyle, Five Blocks Three Hours





Professional & Student Hot Food & Pastry Competition

Sunday, April 22, 2018



28 Old Falls St. Niagara Falls NY, 14303

- Parking in the attached parking ramp is free as long as you bring your ticket to the reception desk and get it stamped.
- If you park in the ramp, park on level 3 and enter the institute from that level.
- The competition will be held on the second floor in Lab 208.
- One entire side of the lab has windows for family and friend viewing.

Schedule:

- 7:00am Continental Breakfast
- 7:30am Judges Meeting
- 8:00am Competitions Begin (Staggered by 15 minutes)
- 11:30am 1:00pm Lunch Buffet
- 3:30pm Medal Ceremony

Sunday April 22, 2018

Student Competitions:

(SK) 1 - 9

Student Contemporary Hot Food

The competitors have 15 minutes for set-up,

60 minutes to fabricate and cook,

10 minutes for plate up and 15 minutes for clean-up.

(SP) 1

Hot / Warm Dessert

Competitors have 15 minutes for set-up,

60 minutes to cook, 10 additional minutes for plating

And 15 minutes for clean-up.

(SP) 2

Composed Cold Dessert

Competitors have 15 minutes for set-up, 90 minutes to cook, 10 additional minutes for plating and 15 minutes for clean-up.

Professional Competitions:

(KC)

Contemporary Hot Food

The competitors have 15 minutes for set-up,

60 minutes to fabricate and cook,

10 minutes for plate up and 15 minutes for clean-up.

(KP) 1

Contemporary Patisserie

Hot Warm Plated

Competitors have 15 minutes for set-up,

60 minutes to cook, 10 additional minutes for plating

And 15 minutes for clean-up.

(KP) 2

Contemporary Patisserie

Cold Plated

Competitors have 15 minutes for set-up, 90 minutes to cook, 10 additional minutes for plating and 15 minutes for clean-up.





















ACF Social Meeting















