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January 2011

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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great and safe Christmas holiday break. I am looking forward to getting right to work this New Year with being your new ACF of Greater Buffalo President.

First and foremost I would like to thank Scott Steiner, CCE, for his tremendous hard work. He has given so much to our ACF of Greater Buffalo Chapter as President and has been a major asset to all our events. Not only does Chef Steiner give more than 100% all the time, he inspires many around him. I will have an article about Chef Steiner inside.

We also need to thank Tab Daulton, CEC, as he will be giving up his position as Chairman of the Board of our chapter to Scott Steiner, CCE. Tab has always been a supportive member of our ACF Greater Buffalo Chapter Board since he arrived to work at HSBC Arena (Delaware North Company) in 2002. I know he will be there when we need him, so don't change your phone number Tab.

Other changes with the ACF of Greater Buffalo Board are: Jacqueline Bamrick, CEC, taking over James Roberts, CEC, position as Director at Large – thank you James Roberts, CEC, for your service to the chapter. Mark Mistriner, CEC, will be taking over as our new Vice President, as I take the position as your new President. I am looking forward to working with all our board members and the chapter personnel as a comprehensive means to advance our culinary and hospitality community. One benefit that means a great deal to me about this chapter is that we are a very active and compelling chapter. Let's build on that for the New Year.

Our December meeting at the Roycroft Inn was very nice. However, the turnout was low because one of our infamous WNY snow storms kept people back for safety concerns, smart thinking. It took me awhile to get home that night. The Roycroft staff did a great job entertaining us. Dan Garvey (General Manager) and Dave Majka (Banquet Sales Manager) organized a pleasant evening. Executive Chef Andrew Nuernberger arranged an awesome spread of hors d'oeuvres that consisted of: sushi; rack of lamb; gourmet pizza; barbecued pork sliders and other delights. We also were given a pleasant tour of the Inn by Linda Ulrich-Hagner. The staff at the Roycroft were very hospitable and professional, thank you.

As 2011 arrives, we are thankful for all of our members that have contributed to a successful 2010 such as: "Taste of Culinary," "Golf Outing," "Chef & Child Event," "Festival of Trees," "Gilda's Gingerbread house Competition" and the students and coaches who participated in our knowledge bowl and hot food competitions.

We will be meeting for our annual Christmas party on January 9th at the Brookfield Country Club at 6 PM. We are asking that you bring some nonperishable food items for a donation to Pastor's Pantry of Western New York. The new board members will be sworn in during the Christmas party. Come out and celebrate the New Year and another successful year that ACF of Greater Buffalo had. Thank you all for contributing your efforts toward the achievements of our chapter.

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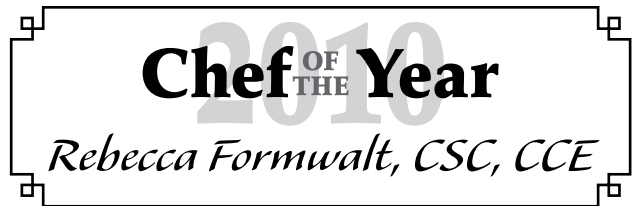
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JANUARY 9, 2011 • 6:00PM
ACF Christmas Party

Brookfield Country Club

FEBRUARY 14, 2011
Social Meeting

Meals on Wheels Facility – Buffalo

FEBRUARY 15, 2011
CFSA Silver Medal Dinner
Honoring – Scott Steiner, CCE

Niagara Falls Country Club

APRIL 17, 2011
Taste of Culinary

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AUGUST 1, 2011
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New Board Members to be sworn in at the January 9th Christmas Party

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Northeast Regional Conference 2012 UPDATE

The paperwork is finalized. The conference will definitely be in Niagara Falls New York, April 28-30, (2012) - at the Niagara Falls Conference Center in conjunction with The Crown Plaza of Niagara Falls and Niagara County Community College. The American Academy of Chefs Dinner will be hosted at The Buffalo Club.

This is a great opportunity for Buffalo to shine. Let's get together and work hard to provide the best conference that the northeast has seen in a very long time. There is much work ahead of us, but we are an impressive group of culinary professionals...we always show up and come through. It is easy to get involved...all you have to do is let a board member know that you are interested in helping out.

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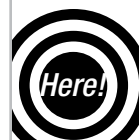


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Dedication / Passion / Service

I am introducing this essay in our Epicurean for all to read about how the dedication of one person had on a historical event/situation. I have utilized this essay for many motivational references and I hope you find it educational as well. I thought it would be fitting after our meeting at The Roycroft Inn last month. The essay is by The Founder of The Roycroft, Elbert Hubbard. Please pay attention to the timeline and how the same dedication is still needed today.

1899 – A Message to Garcia

By Elbert Hubbard

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at perihelion. When war broke out between Spain & the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain vastness of Cuba- no one knew where. No mail nor telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his cooperation, and quickly.

What to do!

Some one said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, & in three weeks came out on the other side of the Island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail.

The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he at?" By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college of the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies: do the thing- "Carry a message to Garcia!"

General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias.

No man, who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man- the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it. Slip-shod assistance, foolish inattention, dowdy indifference, & half-hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, & sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant. You, reader, put this matter to a test: You are sitting now in your office- six clerks are within call.

Summon any one and make this request: "Please look in the encyclopedia and make a brief memorandum for me concerning the life of Correggio".

Will the clerk quietly say, "Yes, sir," and go do the task?

On your life, he will not. He will look at you out of a fishy eye and ask one or more of the following questions:

Who was he?

Which encyclopedia?

Where is the encyclopedia?

Was I hired for that?

Don't you mean Bismarck?

What's the matter with Charlie doing it?

Is he dead?

Is there any hurry?

Shan't I bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?

What do you want to know for?

And I will lay you ten to one that after you have answered the questions, and explained how to find the information, and why you want it, the clerk will go off and get one of the other clerks to help him try to find Garcia- and then come back and tell you there is no such man. Of course I may lose my bet, but according to the Law of Average, I will not.

Now if you are wise you will not bother to explain to your "assistant" that Correggio is indexed under the C's, not in the K's, but you will smile sweetly and say, "Never mind," and go look it up yourself.

And this incapacity for independent action, this moral stupidity, this infirmity of the will, this unwillingness to cheerfully catch hold and lift, are the things that put pure Socialism so far into the future. If men will not act for themselves, what will they do when the benefit of their effort is for all? A first-mate with knotted club seems necessary; and the dread of getting "the bounce" Saturday night, holds many a worker to his place.

Advertise for a stenographer, and nine out of ten who apply, can neither spell nor punctuate- and do not think it necessary to.

Can such a one write a letter to Garcia?

"You see that bookkeeper," said the foreman to me in a large factory.

"Yes, what about him?"

"Well he's a fine accountant, but if I'd send him up town on an errand, he might accomplish the errand all right, and on the other hand, might stop at four saloons on the way, and when he got to Main Street, would forget what he had been sent for."

Can such a man be entrusted to carry a message to Garcia?

We have recently been hearing much maudlin sympathy expressed for the "downtrodden denizen of the sweat-shop" and the "homeless wanderer searching for honest employment," & with it all often go many hard words for the men in power.

Nothing is said about the employer who grows old before his time in a vain attempt to get frowsy ne'er-do-wells to do intelligent work; and his long patient striving with "help" that does nothing but loaf when his back is turned. In every store and factory there is a constant weeding-out process going on. The employer is constantly sending away "help" that have shown their incapacity to further the interests of the business, and others are being taken on. No matter how good times are,

this sorting continues, only if times are hard and work is scarce, the sorting is done finer- but out and forever out, the incompetent and unworthy go.

It is the survival of the fittest. Self-interest prompts every employer to keep the best- those who can carry a message to Garcia.

I know one man of really brilliant parts who has not the ability to manage a business of his own, and yet who is absolutely worthless to any one else, because he carries with him constantly the insane suspicion that his employer is oppressing, or intending to oppress him. He cannot give orders; and he will not receive them. Should a message be given him to take to Garcia, his answer would probably be, "Take it yourself."

Tonight this man walks the streets looking for work, the wind whistling through his threadbare coat. No one who knows him dare employ him, for he is a regular fire-brand of discontent. He is impervious to reason, and the only thing that can impress him is the toe of a thick-soled No. 9 boot.

Of course I know that one so morally deformed is no less to be pitied than a physical cripple; but in our pitying, let us drop a tear, too, for the men who are striving to carry on a great enterprise, whose working hours are not limited by the whistle, and whose hair is fast turning white through the struggle to hold in line dowdy indifference, slip-shod imbecility, and the heartless ingratitude, which, but for their enterprise, would be both hungry & homeless.

Have I put the matter too strongly? Possibly I have; but when all the world has gone a-slumming I wish to speak a word of sympathy for the man who succeeds- the man who, against great odds has directed the efforts of others, and having succeeded, finds there's nothing in it: nothing but bare board and clothes.

I have carried a dinner pail & worked for day's wages, and I have also been an employer of labor, and I know there is something to be said on both sides. There is no excellence, per se, in poverty; rags are no recommendation; & all employers are not rapacious and high-handed, any more than all poor men are virtuous.

My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "boss" is away, as well as when he is at home. And the man who, when given a letter for Garcia, quietly take the missive, without asking any idiotic questions, and with no lurking intention of chucking it into the nearest sewer, or of doing aught else but deliver it, never gets "laid off," nor has to go on a strike for higher wages. Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village- in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such: he is needed, and needed badly- the man who can carry a message to Garcia.

THE END

Best Wishes to our board members taking on their new positions in our ACF of Greater Buffalo chapter: John Matwijkow - President, Mark Mistriner C.E.C. - Vice President and Jacqueline Bamrick, Director at Large

CFSA Silver Medal Dinner will be held at the Niagara Falls Country Club on February 15th, 2011. The board has decided to nominate our outgoing President, Scott Steiner, CCE. Please come out and celebrate with us all the hard work that Chef Steiner has given to our chapter and his community.

Thank you Curtze Food Service and Alex Ognibene, CCC, for product donation (Chickens and Salad Greens) for our chapter's junior culinary team to practice with.

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A little Help... Craig Wilson... an old time member who has some transportation issues is looking for volunteers to pick him up and bring him to social meetings... for more information please contact Rick Mills at 851-1034 or millsr@ecc.edu

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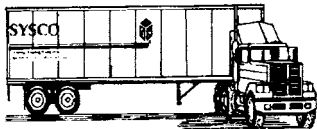
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I have a job placement company I've been dealing with for dishwashers called Journey's End Refugee Services and they are fantastic. The Job Developer I've been dealing with asked if I knew anybody else that may be interested in their service so I'm passing this along to the ACF membership. Mostly African refugees that are great workers and are happy to have work. I'd be happy to take a call from anyone regarding this information. Dan King (Executive Chef of the Buffalo Club); Jeff Ogilvie, Lead Job Developer, cell: 716.935.7091.



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3rd Monday of the Month.

Thank You...

"Thank You" Scott Steiner, CCE

Best wishes to Scott Steiner, CCE, in your new role as Chairman of the Board and thank you for the awesome work you achieved for our ACF of Greater Buffalo chapter.

I find it difficult to explain the amount of work that Scott has given to our chapter. We have noticed the transformation in our fundraising events that Chef Steiner has implemented such as: The Taste of Culinary; alterations of the Festival of Trees by concentrating on just the hors d'oeuvre portion of the evening; and the elimination of carving roast beef sandwiches at the stadium, thank you.

We have noticed the role you had in developing these new ideas for raising funds and bringing us out of a deficit as well as making the chapter financially sound. We have noticed the passion for which you have for the culinary industry and our ACF chapter. But, I do not know if we all recognize how much extra work you did on your own time, sacrificing other things and giving so much to the chapter. THANK YOU!!!!

P.S. – Chef Steiner will not going away anytime soon. Scott Steiner, CCE, will be the Chairperson of our 2012 Northeast Regional ACF Conference. The ACF of Greater Buffalo Board of Directors has nominated Scott Steiner, CCE, for this year's recipient of the CFSA Silver Medal Award. We will recognize Scott's ACF and community achievements at the CFSA Silver Awards Dinner (Feb. 15, 2011). Please join us at the award dinner and give a hand recognizing the great work that Scott Steiner, CCE, has given to our chapter.