



Epicureans

January 2012

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

JANUARY 8, 2012 • 6PM ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Brookfield Country Club
5120 Shimerville Road
Clarence, NY 14031

6PM: One hour open bar
& hor d'oeuvres

7PM: Dinner

Cost: \$50 per person

Dress Code: Coat & Tie

RSVP by: **Jan. 3rd**

For reservations contact:

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Reservations are needed to assist our meeting facilities to better serve the amount of people attending—please be professional and make reservations in advance!

FEBRUARY 13, 2012 • 6PM SOCIAL MEETING

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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and holiday season. We are looking forward to a Happy New Year with many events to anticipate.

On December 12, 2011 we gathered for our monthly social meeting at NCCC's Culinary and Pastry Arts Department (Sanborn Campus). Thank you to the NCCC Culinary and Pastry Arts instructors and students who put together an array of tremendous hors d'oeuvre and pastry displays for the meeting. Our members and guest were delighted by the work the students produced. During the meeting Mark Mistriner CEC, presented a PowerPoint pertaining to NCCC's new Culinary Institute that will be opening September 1st in Niagara Falls, NY.

Also at this meeting, we reviewed some of the details that are expected at the Northeast Regional Conference that our chapter is hosting April 27-30 2012. Scott Steiner CEC, has written an updated piece of information to the conference that you will find inside the newsletter that will be beneficial to our chapter members.

Please join us for our annual Christmas Party at Brookfield Country Club on January 8th starting at 6PM. We are asking that you bring non perishable food items for a donation to a local food pantry.

I would like to Thank John French CEC (Director-at-Large), and Lindsay Wilczynski (Junior Board member) for their service on our chapter's Board of Directors. Calvin College CSC, will be our new Director-at-Large and Christy Zippier will be the new Junior Board member. I look forward to working with our new personnel and wish you well at these positions. The new Board of Directors will be sworn in during the Christmas Party, January 8th.

The Council of Food Service Associations (CFSA) Silver Medal Awards Dinner is Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at Diamond Hawk Golf Club, Cheektowaga. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM (\$40.00 per person) Our chapter is honoring Chef Michael Sullivan for this prestigious award this year. Chef Mike is especially worthy of this award for the many responsibilities that he takes on for our chapter and his years of service in the culinary industry. Please join us with recognizing Mike's dedication. Make your reservations ASAP with Monte Dolce, as seating is limited.

I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year and hope we are as successful as we have been during 2011!

Thank You.

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Statler City - Buffalo is looking for all cooks positions. Contact Tony Ferrone at ferrone.tony@yahoo.com.

Please contact John Matwijkow at 716-574-0209 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.

Save the Date

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

6:00 PM
Christmas Party
Brookfield Country Club
5120 Shimerville Road
Clarence, NY 14031

FEBRUARY 4, 2012

7:00 AM
Certification Exam
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New Members to be Sworn in at the January Meeting

If you need to be sworn in please make it to the next meeting. Please contact Mike Sullivan by email at ChefMike957@verizon.net so we can include you in the swear in list for the January meeting

Board of Director Positions

These are the board of director positions to be sworn in at the January 8th Holiday Party:

Recording Secretary:

Dorothy Johnston, CEC/CCE

Associate Board Member:

Alex Ognibene

Treasurer:

Rebecca Formwalt, CSC/CCE

Junior Board Member:

Christy Zippier

Directors-at-Large:

John Davidson, CEC

Calvin College, CCC

Northeast Regional Conference Update:

Registration:

All ACF of Greater Buffalo Members will receive the rewards registration rate for the conference.

Member Status	Rewards Rate (Available thru Mar. 16)	Early Rate (Available thru Mar. 16)	Standard Rate (After Mar. 16)
Culinarian / Professional/ Culinarian	\$300	\$400	\$500
Junior / Senior/ Student	\$260	\$350	\$500
Allied/ Associate/ Enthusiast	\$300	\$400	\$500
Non-ACF Member N/A	----	\$495	\$595
Spouse / Name: _____			(Same rate as member)

Note: You do not have to stay in the hotel to receive this special rewards rate. The rate is given to the chapter as a courtesy for hosting the conference.

What you need to do:

- 1). Be sure to register for the conference by March 16, 2012
- 2). When registering online...through the www.acfchefs.org website, make sure you log-in using your ACF ID number, then your password will be NY061. Select the rewards rate and follow the prompts for payment.
- 3). If you should encounter any problems do not hesitate to contact the national office @ 1-800-624-9458 and register over the phone. Make sure you let them know that you are registering as a host chapter member utilizing the rewards rate.
- 4). If you have a spouse that will be taking part in the conference than you will pay the same rate for them as you paid for yourself.

If anyone has any questions regarding the conference please do not hesitate to contact me: 716-698-5909 or ssteiner@e1b.org.

The planning for the conference is coming along and we are on our way to a great one. The next planning meeting will be at the Niagara Falls Conference Center on Monday January 23, 2012 at 5:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Happy New Year!
Scott Steiner CCE

Thank you – Niagara County Community College Culinary and Pastry Arts programs for hosting the December meeting and the amazing hors d'oeuvre and pastry displays.

Congratulations – James Roberts CEC, for being nominated as a representative of our Greater Buffalo Chapter for the Chef of the Year Competition during the Northeast Regional Conference 2012, in Niagara Falls, NY.

Congratulations – Mark Mistriner CEC, for being nominated as a representative of our Greater Buffalo Chapter for the Chef Educator of the Year Competition during the Northeast Regional Conference 2012, in Niagara Falls, NY.

Congratulations – Andrea Graser (Niagara County Community College), for winning first place in the college category of the 2011 Gilda's Club Gingerbread House Competition.

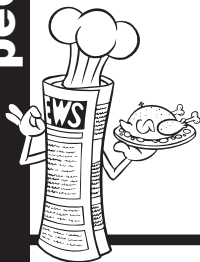
Congratulations - Brett Brennan (Niagara County Community College), as being one of the recipients of the Balestreri/Cutino scholarship awarded by the American Academy of Chefs. He will be receiving \$1000 for educational expenses.

Thank You to John French CEC, and Lindsay Wilczynski for their service on our ACF of Greater Buffalo Board of Directors.

Thank You to Mark Wright CEC, AAC, and ECC North Campus for food/product donations and the use of the kitchen facility for our Junior Team to practice at.

Sympathy and Prayers to Chaz LeGreca's family on the passing of his mother, Anne Mary Miskov LeGreca of Niagara Falls, NY on December 1, 2011.

Congratulations: Chef Michael Sullivan - CFSA Silver Medal Award recipient from our ACF chapter. Please join us with recognizing Mike's dedication and service at the CFSA gala on February 15, 2012 at Diamond Hawk Golf Club. Invitations will be mailed out soon.



ACF of Greater Buffalo 2012 Meeting / Epicurean Schedule

January	Christmas Party 1/8/2012	Board Meeting 1/23/2012
February	Social Meeting 2/13/2012	Board Meeting 2/20/2012
March	Taste of Culinary 3/25/2012	Board Meeting 3/19/2012
April	ACF Conference 4/27/2012	Board Meeting 4/16/2012
May	Social Meeting 5/20/2012	Board Meeting 5/14/2012
June	Social Meeting TBA	Board Meeting TBA
July	Golf outing None	Board Meeting TBA
August	Social Meeting None	Board Meeting TBA
September	Social Meeting TBA	Board Meeting TBA
October	Social Meeting TBA	Board Meeting TBA
November	Social Meeting TBA	Board Meeting TBA
December	Social Meeting TBA	Board Meeting TBA

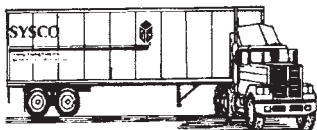


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Martini Bar

Cash bar during cocktail hour

Hors d'oeuvres (passed)

Assorted Bruschetta - classic tomato, garlic & cheese

Hot Banana Pepper

Roast Beef with horseradish cheddar

Mini Beef Wellington

Assorted Stuffed Mushrooms

Teriyaki Chicken Satays

7 PM

Soup

Spring Asparagus with chive crème fraiche

Salad

Classic Caesar in a Parmesan lace cup

Entrée with Wine Service

Petite filet mignon with sauce béarnaise paired with spinach & asiago
stuffed chicken breast with a mushroom and wine béchamel sauce

Starch: roasted shallot whipped Yukon gold potatoes

Vegetable: haricots verts with herb butter

8 PM

Dessert

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