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December Meeting:

December 11, 2006

Palais Royale

105 W Colfax Ave
South Bend, IN
574-235-5612

Please RSVP as soon as possible

This is our annual holiday dinner meeting.
Cost is \$35 per person, \$50 per couple
Please RSVP



Minutes from the November Meeting

The November meeting was hosted by Chef George Albiez CEC and Main St Grille of Mishawaka. The education portion was two fold, beginning with a presentation by Rhonda Belluso of the Pure Salmon Campaign of the National Environmental Trust. She spoke of the challenges and benefits of farm raised salmon. She presented many of the downfalls and solutions for each in the campaign for more environmentally sound salmon farming. She left folders of information for each attendee and a few extras for the chapter files. Contact Rhonda at rbelluso@puresalmon.org for more information or see the chapter secretary. The main focus of the evening was the presentation by Chef George Albiez CEC on his recent trip to CIA Greystone in the Napa valley of California. Chef Albiez treated us to many of the healthy offerings he learned to make during his week at CIA. He published a very comprehensive report of his week of learning and tasting, detailing a day-by-day account of what was expected of each student. His report made all of us ready to apply for the scholarship so we could have a similar fantastic voyage of culinary learning. Chef Albiez was the recipient of the Jr League Scholarship which funded this excellent learning adventure. Trish Ross and Mo Miller were present as representatives of the Jr League. They reported the event is scheduled for March 4 at the Woodward.

Business Meeting

Called to order at 8:00 by President Chef Alan Perry CEC

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chef Gordon Turley

Culinarians code read by Chef George Albiez CEC

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted as published.

35 members present

Officer Reports

President Chef Alan Perry thanked the staff of Main St Grille for the excellent work in taking care of our large group. Chef Perry spoke about the history of the Jr League scholarship and how he was one of the first recipients. He then reported that the board of directors has been working on several exciting ideas for the coming year.

Vice President /Membership Chef Michael Stephans CEC reported that the Chili Cook-off was a great success, raising approximately \$1600 for the family of Chef James Jones. Thanks to Atlas Supply and Gurley Leep for their generous donations and support of the Chili Cook-off. Chef Stephans reminded everyone that now is a great time to be a member of the ACF South Bend, as we have some great things happening.

If anyone has questions on certification, please contact him.

Secretary Chef Greg Beachey CCC reported that a picture area of the website is in the works, and the apprenticeship page will be up soon. Service Award Pins were also awarded. See the notice elsewhere in this newsletter for details. Submissions to the newsletter are always welcome. If you would like the newsletter via email, please contact the secretary.

Treasurer /Scholarship Chef Brent Spring reported the chapter ledger is available for any member to review upon request. We would like to present a check to the James Jones family at the Holiday dinner at Palais Royale. Chef Spring said the benefits of the scholarships were evident in our meeting, as Chef Albiez was a recipient. The deadlines for scholarships are Dec 1 for the Ivy Tech endowment and Jan 15 for the high school senior scholarship. Applications are available from Chef Brent or on the website.

Sergeant at Arms Chef Gordon Turley reported that the board will soon be reviewing the video library and will consider converting some to DVD and taking some out of circulation.

Other Committee Reports

Chef and Child Chef Alan Seidler CEC reported the first Chef and Child school of the season held at Marquette Oct 18-19 was a great success and they would like to have us return.

Apprenticeship Apprentice April Howell reported that the Notre Dame paper reported on the success of the apprentice team at the Chili Cook-off.

New Business

The board has decided to offer the Central Region scholarship to anyone, and is combining the annual retreat and the regional conference. The chapter will be chartering a bus to take everyone to Milwaukee, and we will have our "retreat" and chapter brainstorming time at the conference. The chapter will cover transportation and registration costs, with each member responsible for their own lodging expenses. More details are on page 3.

Chef Bela Szalay and Megan for the Life Treatment Center will be hosting a Mardi Gras themed Chef auction. They are looking for willing chefs to participate, and will split all proceeds with the chapter. Contact Chef Szalay at the Life Treatment Center for more details.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

ACF CENTRAL REGIONAL BUS TRIP

The ACF South Bend Chapter is hosting a bus trip to the ACF Central Regional Conference in Milwaukee! The conference is March 25-27, 2007.

The chapter will provide the transportation and reimbursement of your registration fee (up to \$300). To be eligible for the bus trip, you must:

- >be a paid member as verified by our national roster
- >provide proof of registration to reserve a place on the bus
- >attend the chapter meeting Monday afternoon at the conference to receive your reimbursement

You may catch the bus and ride up to the conference and register on-site, however you will be reimbursed a maximum of \$300.



Tentative schedule: bus will leave promptly at 10 AM from the new Martin's Supermarket in Granger. Return Tuesday late after the conference ends, arriving back in Granger around 4 to 5 AM Wednesday.

The conference schedule is available at :

<http://www.acfchefs.org/Content/Events/RegionalConferences/Central/schedule.htm>

Registration information is in your current Culinary Review or online at the ACF website..

The Culinary Crusaders recently had the opportunity to try their skills at wine-making. Good Luck to these future vintners!



Message from the President

My Colleagues

As I have stated in the past I would not take up space in our newsletter unless I had something to say. In this instance I do have several things to talk about.

I had the opportunity to talk with a junior member after the last chapter meeting about some issues that seemed to be reoccurring. I will not get into the specific issues, that is not the purpose of this letter. I do want to talk about the solution. As you should be aware the junior membership elected two people to represent the junior membership at board meetings and in any other way deemed necessary. One of these members has dropped out of the chapter and is no longer available. The other member is an apprentice and seems to have a busy workload. The junior members should talk amongst themselves and come up with one or two replacements. When someone is elected they are expected to know what all is involved, the extra hours etc. If you as junior members do not feel like you are being represented you must do something about it.

As the president I do have certain obligations and things that I must deal with. First as a member, second as a past officer (president, vice-president and more) and now . We as board of directors can only provide knowledge, guidance, information, and suggestions. It is up to you as members to act upon this. Nothing in this business is ever handed out. Certification, Accreditation, and almost any other earned title must be sought out by the person seeking it. It is not supposed to be easily attainable. It should be researched and pursued. We as officers are here to help guide and steer you in your quest, and will do so gladly, however it is ultimately the responsibility of the member to use the information. We as members should do all we can, and are aware of, to fix problems and create solutions for each other. When the culinarian's code is read I listen because I believe it, I try to practice it, and I believe we must use this as our guide in conducting our professional lives.

I am always available to listen, or help in any way possible. I value all of the input, ideas and problems that I deal with (we can learn a lot when we address problems). I look forward to seeing everyone at the December meeting.

Respectfully, Alan B. Perry C.E.C.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER SERVICE AWARD PIN RECIPIENTS

ACF Member for 15 years:

Chef Carlos Brazo

ACF Member for 10 years:

Chef George Albiez CEC

Chef Bela Szalay

Chef Gordon Turley

Calendar of Events

December

- 1 **Ivy Tech Endowment Deadline**
- 11 Chapter Holiday Event
Palais Royale

2007

January

- 8 Chapter Meeting
Notre Dame Food Service Support Facility
Chef Steve Saretsky
Mike Wright form SYSCO

February

- 12 Chapter Meeting
Goodwill Industries

March

- 11 Academy of Chefs Dinner
Notre Dame
- 12 Chapter Meeting
Feast Catering
- 25-27 Central Regional Conference
Milwaukee, WI

April

- 9 Chapter Meeting
Orchard Hills Country Club

May

- 6-8 Fancy Food Show
Chicago
- 19-22 NRA Show
Chicago

If you are interested in hosting a meeting during 2006 or 2007, contact Chef Mike Stephans at (269)695-5991 or sbchefmike@aol.com

The ACF South Bend Video Library is available on line at:
<http://www.acfsouthbendchefs.org/library.php>

Select the video you would like to borrow and contact Chef Gordon Turley at (574)259-8657. Chef Turley will make arrangements to get the video to you.

The Website is here!

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Quote of the Month

“If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.”

J.R.R. Tolkien, author of 'Lord of the Rings' (1892-1973)

Ice Carving Season is coming soon!

So far the schedule is coming in slowly.

The tentative schedule so far:

Fernwood: Dec 15-16

Niles: Jan 12-14

Watervliet/Kalamazoo: Jan 19-21

Columbia City: Jan 27-28

Dowagiac: Feb 2-4

St Joseph: Feb 16-18

Time to sharpen those tools and get ready to carve!

ACF South Bend Scholarships Available

Scholarship

Benefit

Junior Member ACF Scholarship.....	One Year Junior Membership
Junior League Scholarship for Continuing Education.....	Active Member 5 day course at CIA
Junior League Starter Scholarship.....	Junior Member Tools and Classes
Junior League Regional Conference Scholarship.....	Active Member Registration, lodging, travel
Ivy Tech Endowment Scholarship.....	Up to \$500 per semester