

March 2008

MACY AWARD

Location

The Metropolitan Club
5418 Wayzata Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55416
612-238-4444

Date

Monday, March 17, 2008
5:00 - 6:00pm Check-in and Social Time
6:00 - 7:00pm Dinner
7:00 - 8:30pm Speaker

Cost

Members / Guests - \$30.00
Retiree's/ Displaced Members - \$13.00
Students - \$ 5.00

Reservations

Register on line at www.mnift.org . On-line credit card payment is preferred or you can pay by check or credit the night of the event. Reservations are **STRONGLY** recommended for this meeting and are due by **Tuesday, March 13, 2008** at 5:00pm. If you have questions or need to cancel call 612-590-8902. Please note this location will NOT allow us to make any changes to the number of meals ordered after registration closes. If you cancel after the deadline you are still responsible for payment but please let us know you will not be attending.

Menu

Salad: Garden Salad
Entrée (choice of):
 Stuffed Chicken Breast with Sun dried Tomatoes and Mushrooms, Red Pepper Sauce, Polenta and Asparagus
 Short Rib of Beef with Sweet Balsamic Glaze, Parmesan Risotto and Brussel Sprout
 Napoleon of Ratatouille, Phyllo and Feta Cheese with Basil Oil
Dessert: Assorted Miniature Desserts

Dr. Kramer-Macy Award Winner
The Face of Alaska Extension



Congratulations!
DR. DONALD KRAMER
Seafood Technology Specialist
Marine Advisory Program

Dr. Kramer is a professor of Seafood Technology at the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has also held positions at Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans Vancouver Technological Laboratory and University of California at Davis Department of Food Science and Technology.

See more information on page 4

March Chair's Message

I'm on a short family vacation visiting relatives in Austin, TX this weekend as I write you. The Austin City Marathon is tomorrow (20,000 participants) and I won't be participating. My knees told me long ago I won't be a marathon runner, maybe 5 or 10 km, not 26 miles! I have a lot of respect for anyone who can put their body through that ordeal.

I can't believe our section business year is 2/3 over (starts July 1), where did that time go? We always have a busy spring schedule at MN-IFT and I wanted to briefly make the membership aware of important upcoming functions.

1. Elections

Thanks to some fast work by Dan Kennedy(Nominations Chair) and Pam Lawson(Chair Elect) we were able to get our slate of MN_IFT nominees on the Nat-IFT electronic ballot system:

Chair Elect - Dan Kennedy

Membership Secretary - Robert Golaszewski

Recording Secretary - Julie Cox

Member at Large - Cherie Jones, Cheryl Deinken and Mike Lasater

Be sure and vote for your Nat-IFT representatives and your section officers when you are notified. Electronic elections usually are held in March. Please go to the national website for more information (ift.org).

2. Nat-IFT Strategic Leadership Forum

Pam Lawson will be representing our section at the Nat-IFT Strategic Leadership Forum in Chicago, Mar 27-29. This event is specifically designed to cultivate a community of IFT leaders focused on the future of IFT.

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To place an ad, please contact:

Karen Spartz: usksp@chr-hansen.com

Space is limited and is on a first-come, first serve basis.

Rates: \$25.00 Business Card

\$50.00 1/4 Page

\$100.00 1/2 Page

\$200.00 Full Page

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Meeting Schedule

- October 30** AACC Luncheon & Supplier's Expo
- November 27** Bob Noyes-Wine Tasting
- January 22** Dr. Divya Reddy Probiotics
- February 19** IFT/AACC Joint Meeting
- March 17** Macy Award Winner/ IFT Foundation Silent Auction
- April 22** Student Recognition Night

The Minnesota Section is published monthly, September through April, as a service to members of the MN Section, Institute of Food Technologists. The opinions in this newsletter are the opinions of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position of IFT nor the Regional Section, and should not be interpreted as such.

Do YOU have a submission for the newsletter?!

The MN Section IFT Newsletter is distributed to *hundreds* of students, industry professionals and companies across Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. And it's available for YOU to use! **We as Editors, welcome articles, news and announcements for the Newsletter.** Simply send your questions and submissions to the Newsletter Committee Chair (see last page of newsletter for contact information).

(Chair's message continued)

3. Bylaws

Our bylaws revision has been approved by the executive committee and will be sent to National for a compliance check. Following that, we will put the bylaws up for a vote of approval to the entire section membership. We will not use the Nat-IFT electronic ballot system as previously stated due to space concerns.

On a related issue some members of the executive committee have suggested creating an operating manual for the section which would detail the "how to's" and "when's" for each of the officer positions and committee chairs. The re-write of the councilor and member at large positions is also still in the works.

4. Silent Auction

The silent auction is coming up to raise money for the IFT Foundation, it will be at the March Meeting and will feature online bidding for a period of time before hand.

5. MNAS Science Fair

Pam Lawson is looking for volunteers for the MNAS science fair to help judge projects on Mar 31. Our section gives out scholarship prizes to the winners. Contact Pam if you would like to help(763-764-3528).

6. Future Meetings

Monday Mar 17, is the Macy Award winner meeting and Tuesday April 22 is the student recognition meeting where we present our scholarships. Please try and attend.

7. Executive Committee

It's already time to be thinking about next year's executive committee. This year we had 4 slots we were not able to fill: Advisor, Archive, Audit and Education Chairs. I hope we can have all the positions filled on the 2008-2009 executive committee.


I will be announcing a May get together for the current executive committee, new officers and all those interested in serving on the 08-09 committee. Maybe a fondue dinner like Lisa Povolny had last year would be fun.

As always I encourage any one interested to attend our executive committee meetings, usually held at 4:00 PM the day of our section meetings at the same location. I can be reached at 715-262-5489 if anyone needs information.

Thanks and have a great March!

Steve Kaufman
2007-2008, MN IFT Chair

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IFT Newsletter Member Profiles: Dan Kennedy

Dan Kennedy is the Chair of the Nominations Committee, IFT Foundation Liaison, and the IFT Foundation Silent Auction Chair. He has been a member of IFT for 6 years in which time he has also held the position of membership committee chair.

Kennedy grew up in Farmington, MN and earned his bachelor's degree in Nutrition from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. He has held positions with Grist Mill, Nuvex, and Higgins & White and is currently Account Manager for Solae. Within these job positions, Dan has had opportunity to work on a number of products ranging from canned meats to boxed meals, but his favorite product job was a project on marshmallows. This project offered Dan a new learning experience in which he was able to apply his own research skills and demonstrate leadership and ownership of a project. It also boosted his repute amongst his R&D group.

Looking into the year ahead, Kennedy looks forward to a successful continuation of the Silent Auction and attending the monthly IFT meetings. Although his ideal career situation would entail working in general wellness foods in Hawaii, he, in the meantime, survives the Minnesota conditions with YMCA workouts, outdoor running, family activities, and practicing his favorite winter activity- shoveling snow.

Dr. Kramer biography continued

He has taught both credit and non-credit workshops. He has professional interests include seafood processing and quality.

Dr. Kramer has numerous book publications, journal articles, technical reports and meeting reports/abstracts to his name. He has six book publications alone.

His professional awards/ honors include:

Member, Gamma Sigma Delta, Agriculture Honor Society

"Wild" Recognition for Exceptional Service Award,
Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau

Certificate of Appreciation, United States Department of Agriculture
Hammer Award, United States Vice-President Al Gore^{53rd} USDA Secretary's Honor Award for 1999 (group award)

Kr. Kramer is married with two children. His hobbies include collecting books on Arctic and Antarctic exploration, identification and biology of marine plants and animals, and the underwater photography of marine plants and animals.

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2008 MN IFT Silent Auction



The 2008 IFT Silent Auction offers prizes for everyone:

- *Bike packages (2 available)*
- *Foursome of golf at Burl Oaks*
- *Pantry Make Over*
- *Spa Packages at Simonson's and New Reflections*
- *Dinner at Redstone Grill*
- *Member experiences in art, knitting, and fitness*
- *Skin Care*

**This year's auction will feature online bidding starting March 3rd
and ending on March 16th**

Online bidding will be found at www.mnift.org

Bids will also be taken at the beginning of the March 17th Dinner meeting. Prizes will be awarded to the highest bidder at the end of the auction on March 17th

All Proceeds will go to the IFT Foundation

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National IFT 2008 Strategic Leadership Forum- Chicago March 27-28 2008

IFT's annual Strategic Leadership Forum is designed to provide a variety of learning and input opportunities for both long tenured and emerging leaders of IFT. Specific objectives of the Strategic Leadership Forum are to:

- Cultivate a community of IFT leaders focused on the future of IFT
- Obtain grassroots feedback from members on issues and opportunities facing IFT
- Provide face-to-face opportunities to gather input crucial to new program development and hear about members daily job challenges
- Harness the collective talent of the participants by engaging them in IFT's ongoing strategy development efforts
- Provide exposure to outside experts who can share their expertise/experience and stimulate new ideas and thinking
- Invest in our Section and Division leadership through educational programming and peer-sharing sessions (the best of the former Leadership Conference).

Registration for the Strategic Leadership Forum is now open.

If you would like to be considered to receive financial assistance to attend this year's event, please visit the **SLF Funding Assistance** page or contact Gail Wiseman at gawiseman@ift.org.

UMN CFANS Alumni Society Awards

The University of Minnesota College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) Alumni sponsors several annual awards. We are seeking nominations for UMN CFANS alumni, students, colleagues and friends of the College. The annual **CFANS Alumni Society Awards** honor members, students and affiliates of CFANS in the following 5 categories:

- Distinguished Alumni
- Outstanding Friend
- Distinguished Faculty
- Student Leadership
- Alumni Service

Please consider nominating a current student (UMN CFANS students only, please) or colleague for their outstanding performance in recent years. Individuals may be nominated for multiple awards, and there is no limit to the number of nominations. The winners of the awards and their nominators will be notified in late April 2008. Please visit our website to find out additional information regarding award criteria, previous award winners or to nominate a candidate:

<http://www.cfans.umn.edu/alumnisocietyawards.html>. Nominations are due **March 15, 2008**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration! Please contact Dana Dronen with questions:

Dana Dronen CFANS Alumni Society Board of Directors General Mills, Inc. Dana.Dronen@genmills.com 763-293-2441

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SAVE THE DATES!!!

The 28th annual University of Wisconsin-River Falls Food Microbiology Symposium and Rapid Methods in Food Microbiology Workshop:

"Current Concepts in Foodborne Pathogens

and

Rapid Methods & Automation in Food Microbiology"

Will be held: **At the UW River Falls Campus OCTOBER 19-22, 2008**

For further information please email Foodmicro@uwrif.edu or visit

<http://www.uwrif.edu/food-science/foodmicrosymposium/Foodmicro.html>

**AACC International Northwest Section
announces their next meeting.**

When: Tuesday, April 8th Time: 5:00 to 7:00PM Place: General Mills Culinary Center

What: The National Starch Culinary Team will present a hands-on class and demonstration centered on starch and its application in food systems. Class agenda includes an overview of basic starch properties, new technologies in starch application, and kitchen time where dinner will be prepared with discussion over the use of starches in the evening's menu which will include

Béchamel based mac & cheese, ancho crusted ribs, cilantro-lime hominy soup, grilled shrimp with black beans & citrus-chile vinaigrette and passion mango mini-cakes.

Class Size: 35

Cost: \$50 (\$25 students)

Register on-line or with Dan Winderl (dan.winderl@genmills.com) after **March 17**.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

University of Wisconsin-River Falls Food Science Club Update

With the arrival of the spring semester, the Food Science Club at UW-River Falls has resumed its bimonthly meetings and is looking forward to a busy semester ahead. Club members will be assisting with the Agricultural Technology contest that is held at the University every spring and with the FFA Judging Contest in Madison. The club will also be hosting a food safety program to educate the other clubs on campus on practical food safety practices. In the meantime, the Food Science Club plans a field trip to Lienenkugel and prepares for the IFT Quiz Bowl in April.

University of Minnesota Food Science & Nutrition Club Update

The Food Science & Nutrition Club is off to a great start this semester. Some of the club members visited Hidden Valley elementary school on Math and Science Day and performed fun experiments with the students, and others put together a program for visiting 8th and 9th graders to introduce them to food science and have fun performing wacky demonstrations.

The Product Development Team has just submitted their Preliminary Proposal for the IFTSA Competition and the College Bowl team is practicing for the regional meeting that will be held in April. Target Corporation gave a very interesting presentation in January and the club is looking forward to its next speaker, Kelly Scientific, who will present on Interview Tips, Career Trends/ Opportunities and Job Research Resources.

MINNESOTA SECTION NEWSLETTER - INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

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