

January 2009

Location

Minneapolis Golf Club
2001 Flag Ave. South
Saint Louis Park, MN 55426 (952) 544-4471
www.minneapolisgolfclub.com

Date

Monday, January 12, 2009
ExComm Meeting: 4-5 PM Social Hour: 5-6 PM
Dinner: 6-7:15 PM Speaker: 7:30 PM

Cost

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

Reservations

Register on line at www.mnift.org. On-line credit card payment is preferred or you can pay the night of the event. Reservations are due by Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 5:00pm. If you have questions, need to cancel or inquire about late registration call 612-590-8902. If you cancel after the deadline you are still responsible for payment. Please let us know you will not be attending.

Menu

Salad - Caesar Salad with House made Roasted Garlic Dressing
Entrée (Choice of):

Prime Rib of Beef - Certified Angus Prime Rib of Beef, house seasoned, slow roasted and served with natural au jus and horseradish sauce with layered parmesan potatoes and a fresh seasonal vegetable.

Ginger Salmon - Fresh filet of Atlantic salmon brushed with caramelized ginger. Served on a bed of roasted Asian vegetable medley and finished orange soy glaze with Basmati rice.

Pasta Primavera

Dessert-

Tiramisu - Sponge cake soaked in cappuccino and layered in marscapone cheese and imported cocoa

Directions

The Minneapolis Golf Club is located at 2001 Flag Ave. S. One block east of the intersection of Hwy 169 & Cedar Lake Rd in St. Louis Park.

January Featured Speaker:

Matt McKnight

U.S. Dairy Export Council

"Factors that Impact Exports"



This presentation will showcase past U.S. export performance and many of the key export drivers in core markets. We will also focus on how recent events in the financial markets might affect 2009 exports. Furthermore, time will be spent examining the melamine crisis in China and its impact on international trade. In addition, what impact, if any, did the food safety scare have on dairy consumption in China? Lastly, are there lessons to be learned from the Chinese milk crisis?

Biography

Matt McKnight is Vice President, Export Ingredient Marketing and Industry Affairs for the U.S. Dairy Export Council, where he has worked for the past six years. He is primarily responsible for directing international marketing and promotional activities for skim milk powder, whey proteins, lactose, and other dry U.S. dairy ingredients.

Matt has nearly 20 years experience in dairy-related industries, including positions at Cargill, Land O'Lakes and Archer Daniels Midland. His career has been focused on serving dairy farmers on a variety of issues including animal nutrition, dairy farm expansion, financial services and herd health. He has a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science and a Master's in Finance and Economics from Texas Tech University.

Although originally from Texas, Matt has lived throughout the Midwest, including stays in Wisconsin, Illinois, South Dakota and Minnesota. He now lives with his wife and four children in Virginia.

January Chair's Message

Holiday Greetings to all our Minnesota Section Friends and Colleagues! The Executive Committee and I extend our best wishes as you enjoy this season with your family and friends.

Our membership feedback regarding the November meeting was very positive - both the topic, The Blue Zones, and the presentation by Dan Buettner. Many thanks and appreciation is extended to our Arrangements Committee, chaired by Cheryl Deinken, and General Mills for hosting our section.

In January we will feature Matt McKnight as our speaker. He will be speaking on U.S. Dairy Exports and the factors that impact exports. This is an appropriate topic with as companies increase their global sourcing and the state of the economy. Also this month, members will have the opportunity to sign up and attend a networking event (a lunch or other gathering). The events will consist of 10 to 12 members and will be hosted by a member of the MNIFT Executive Committee. This is a great way to meet new people and catch up with old friends. Please check the MNIFT site for more information.

Elections are coming up next month and we are still looking for persons to volunteer their time in the Executive committee. If you would like to volunteer your time and run for office please contact Dan Kennedy and supply him with you Bio information.

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Meeting Schedule

- September 15** Clare Hasler - Health Benefits of Wine
- October 29** Supplier's Night/ AACC luncheon meeting
- October 30** Joint RCA meeting- Target's Innovation Model
- November 17** Dan Buettner-Blue Zones
- January 12** Dairy Meeting: Matt McKnight
- February 10** AACC Joint Meeting/ IFT Foundation Silent Auction
- March 16** Macy's Award
- April 21** 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 Nicole Falk (nicole.falk@genmills.com, 763-764-5073) and Julie Cox - julie.cox@genmills.com.

To place an ad, please contact:

Karen Spartz: usksp@chr-hansen.com

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We just received an update from National IFT that the Strategic Leadership Forum (SLF) has been cancelled for 2009. The current global economic situation is the key driver for the cancellation. In place of the SLF the National IFT will be rolling out a Section and Division Leadership Program. This new program will include a blend of electronic resources, live and on-demand webcasts, and enhanced development activities held at the 2009 Annual Meeting & Food Expo® in Anaheim.

For the past two years, the Strategic Leadership Forum has been a cornerstone event for IFT. It has provided members, including elected Section and Division leaders, with an opportunity to meet other leaders, develop their skills, and participate in strategic discussions that help shape both IFT and the food science profession. It does appear that there is every intention to carry on the SLF when the economy improves. The Executive Committee would be open to hearing everyone's feedback and sending it collectively back to National IFT. We are personally am saddened that this event has been cancelled. We have found it to be extremely valuable to the MN IFT Section. Also, if you are interested in any of the Section and Division Leadership Programs that will be offered please let us know.

Finally, the Silent Auction will be starting soon. We are looking at a new online bidding process. The Silent Auction Committee has done a great job and has had many great donations again this year. Please watch for more information on the Auction.

I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our January meeting.
Pamela Lawson

University of Minnesota Food Science & Nutrition Club Update

The Food Science & Nutrition Club had a wonderful semester with many Company presentations, Community Service Events, and Social Events. The community service events included volunteering at Goodwill and participating in an Adopt A Family program to provide gifts for those in need during this holiday season. With the snow and cold weather also comes winter break, so the club will be busy planning events for the upcoming spring semester during this time. One of the new events the club is eager to put together is an industry tour in late March. We hope that the club will be able to utilize member's companies that would be willing to host a group of students for food industry tours! The club is also planning many more fun and exciting events to share with you when the Spring semester begins.

Jackie Koch, Club President

Welcome New MN Section Members!

Steven Fineberg, Mid America Food Sales LTD

Galina Kamenir, GKAMENIR Broker, Inc.

Patty Gfrerer, between jobs

Douglas Allen Sensus America

Gretchen Doyle, between jobs

Ilan Weiss, SunOpta

Kim McKimmy Lab Support

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ATTENTION STUDENTS!!!!!!**Minnesota Section IFT 2008-2009 Scholarships and Travel Awards**

The MN IFT offers scholarships and travel awards each year to outstanding graduate and undergraduate students. The scholarships and awards are intended to encourage interest and research in the students' specific disciplines.

This year a minimum of 11 scholarships and travel awards will be offered. The scholarships will be awarded at the April 2009 MN IFT Student Recognition Night. Awards are given in the 2008-2009 school year, so please complete the application based on your current academic classification.

Announcements and application materials will be sent to the Food Science Department representatives at each of the eligible Universities in the region: University of Wisconsin River Falls, University of Minnesota, North Dakota State University, and South Dakota State University. Students attending an IFT accredited University via a distance learning program are also eligible.

The applications will be available on the MN IFT website under the Scholarships heading at <http://www.mnift.org> beginning in January 2009. Application deadline is **February 28, 2009**. Further information on the MN IFT Scholarship program can be obtained from: Gary Reineccius - MN IFT Scholarship Committee Chair-greinecc@umn.edu.

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Survey of Cheeses and Cheesemaking

A 1-day course for culinary professionals & anyone who loves cheese and would like to learn more!

When?

Thursday, January 15, 2009

8:30 - 4:30 at the University of Minnesota, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, 1334 Eckles Ave, St. Paul, MN 55108

Class Description

The cheeses we know and love are the product of 1000's of years of innovation by cheesemakers from around the world - and they are easier to make than you might think! In this class you will learn the basics of cheesemaking and learn how to make cheese in your own kitchen. You will make several different cheese varieties in our pilot plant, and will enjoy sampling cheeses made using the various techniques you've learned about.

Who Should Attend?

Adventurous culinary professionals and anyone with an interest in cheese who has always wanted to try their hand at the process.

What to Expect?

The course will be led by faculty and staff in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota

The schedule for the day will include:

- A brief introduction to the chemistry and microbiology involved in turning milk into cheese.
- Cheesemaking experience: You will participate in making batches of Queso Fresco, Cheddar and Mozzarella cheese in our pilot plant, and will be able to take samples home with you to share. Be prepared to work in a plant setting (have sturdy shoes and clothes that can get wet).
- Survey of cheeses: Throughout the day, you will be able to sample different cheeses and learn about how the varieties differ because of different cheesemaking steps and microbes used to make them.

Cost: \$150 per person

Includes: Lunch, cheesemaking experience and the book "Making Cheese at Home" by Ed Zottola and Howard A. Morris.

This course is limited to 15 participants so sign up soon!

Contact Jodi Nelson regarding signing up for this class either phone at 612-624-7776 or email at jjnelson@umn.edu

Candidates Sought for the 2009 Harold Macy Award

MN Section of the IFT

The Minnesota section of IFT is seeking nominations for suitable candidates from all IFT sections for the **2009 Harold Macy Food science and Technology Award**. The award, established in 1981, is given annually to recognize an outstanding example of food technology transfer or cooperation between scientists or technologists in any two of the following settings: academic, government, and private industry. The purpose of the award is to advance the profession and practice of food technology and to honor **Harold Macy**, former Dean Emeritus of the University of Minnesota and a Founding Member of IFT. The award consists of a plaque, \$2500 honorarium and travel expenses. The awardee will be invited to address the Minnesota Section at the annual Macy Award meeting to be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Previous recipients of this award are: Harold Macy, E.M. Foster, Gary H. Richardson, Robert Pearl, Joseph C. Olson, Jr., Norman E. Olson, Howard Bauman, Philip E. Nelson, Rose Marie Pangborn, Arnold E. Denton, John J. Powers, Peter Barton Hutt, George E. Inglett, Kenneth R. Swartzel, James N. BeMiller, Elaine R. Wedrel, Daniel Y.C. Fung, W. James Harper and Keith Ito, Jozef Kokini, Stephen L. Taylor, Robert J. Price, Rich Linton, David B. Min, Gary List, John Surak and most recently Donald Kramer.

The deadline for nominations is **January 21, 2009**. Nominations forms are available online <http://www.mnift.org/macy.html>. Completed nomination forms should be submitted via Email (preferred), regular mail or Fax to:

Dr. Lamin S. Kassama,
Chair of the Macy Award Committee,
Food and Nutrition Department HE 223,
University of Wisconsin-Stout,
415-10th Avenue,
Menomonie, WI 54751. USA.
Phone: (715) 232-1623, Fax: (715) 232-2317 Email: KassamaL@uwstout.edu.



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Food Industry Networking **SOCIAL**

Join us for the third annual University of Minnesota
CFANS Food Industry Networking Social
on **Thursday, February 19, 2009**
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Food industry professionals, Food Science and Nutrition graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, staff and alumni will have the opportunity to mingle with fellow food industry professionals.

The FINS event will include:

- Career exploration and networking
- Panel discussions with Food Science and Nutrition Department faculty, industry representatives and students

For more information, visit www.cfans.umn.edu/FINS or contact
Darren Lochner, CFANS Alumni Relations: dlochner@umn.edu or 612-624-9957.

Cost is \$10 per person.

Current faculty, staff and student registration is free.

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Networking Events for Members!

Get more from your IFT membership! Members will have the opportunity to attend a networking event (a lunch, or other gathering) after the start of the New Year. Events will be hosted by a member of the MNIIFT Executive Committee. Each one will be a small, informal event to help members connect and get to know each other better. Because of the program size limitations, not everyone who signs up for an event might be able to participate.

To find out how to participate, go to the website (www.mnift.org) and follow instructions there. You will be instructed to choose one NetWorks event and sign up. As you sign up, keep in mind that the point of the event is to meet new people (so try not to sign up for the same event as others that you already know!). After you sign up, just show up at the given time and place (in some cases, your host organizer may contact you in advance).

This is a new program for MNIIFT – we hope all members will participate, and provide feedback to the host to make further improvements. Please visit www.mnift.org for further details.

Here are the events that these hosts have scheduled so far:

- Bob Golazewski:** Thursday January 15, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM, TGI Fridays 5875 Wayzata Blvd, St Louis Park
- Lisa Pannell:** Tuesday Jan 27, 8-9 am; Hell's Kitchen, 80 South 9th St, downtown Minneapolis
- Julie Cotton:** Wednesday Jan 22, 12 PM – Sunshine Factory, New Hope
- Dan Kennedy:** Thursday February 19th, from 11:30 to 1 pm, Conga Latin Bistro, 501 East Hennepin Ave Mpls.
- Eva Weyandt:** Thursday Jan 29, 7 am; Good Day Café, Golden Valley
- Pam Lawson:** Thursday, February 5th, 12-1 @ Doolittle's in Golden Valley (by Hwy 55 and Winnetka).
- Wendy Benning:** Wenesday Jan 22, 12-1; Redstone in Eden Prairie (subject: hiring and job searching in unstable economy)
- Dana Dronen:** Thursday Mar 12, 11:30 – 1 pm; Macaroni Grill, 11390 Wayzata Blvd. Minnetonka
- Dennis Gilbertson:** Thursday Feb. 19, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Cargill Parkers Lake Technology Center 14305 21st Ave N., Plymouth 55447 (Come make some new IFT friends, have a tour of our new facility, and share a Pizza and Salad lunch catered by D'Amico and Son's)

Your participation will make this inaugural networking event a success!

Leadership Training Ideas Needed

It is with deep regret that the National IFT has cancelled the annual Strategic Leadership Forum, in Chicago, for 2009. The current economic times were the leading factor in cancelling the 2009 session. The IFT plans to build the leadership skills of its members at SECTION and DIVISION level at various times during the year. This gives the MN IFT a unique opportunity to guide what our leadership development needs are from National IFT.

Feel free to pass along any leadership development ideas, courses, seminars, that would be useful to you personally or to your employer.

Please submit any ideas to Dan Kennedy, Chair-Elect MN IFT, dkennedy@solae.com and the ideas will be submitted back to National IFT as a SECTION.

The AACC International Northwest Section invites you to join us on January 9th as we prepare and serve a dinner to local people in need through the Loaves and Fishes Program

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors (Cargill, General Mills and Danisco), all we need are people willing to help prepare, serve or do both at St. Stephens Church, 2211 Clinton Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55404 (612-871-2981). Please join us as we continue in our fifth year of this tradition.

People willing to help prepare (simple kitchen work) would need to arrive about 2 pm, servers should arrive by 5 pm. Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6:30 and clean up lasts until 7:30. You are welcome to help both prep and serve. We need ~4-5 to prep and 10-15 to serve. Afterward, those interested can gather about a half mile away at the Uptown Leaning Tower of Pizza for a social time.

To volunteer your time, please register with *Rachel Prososki* [Rachel.prososki@genmills.com or Tel: #763-293-1232] and indicate your desire to help in the kitchen @ 2PM or on the service side @5PM.

Here is a link to a map of St. Stephens. <http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=2211+Clinton+Ave+S.,+Minneapolis,+MN+55404&jsv=140q&sl=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=47.569986,78.75&num=10&iwloc=addr&iwstate1=saveplace>

Here is more information about Loaves and Fishes. <http://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/>

Save the Date: MN IFT Supplier's Expo will be October 27th, 2009 from 1-5 pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center .

MN IFT 2009 \$pring for Greens Silent Auction

Help feed the future of Food Science by sustaining the hunger for knowledge in our Universities. In its fourth year, the Minnesota Section of IFT Silent Auction will continue to raise money to benefit the IFT Foundation Scholarship fund. Over the past three years, the MN IFT section has raised over \$6,000 for the scholarship fund. This year's goal is to raise \$3,000.

This year's theme is **\$pring for Greens** with an emphasis on environmental sustainability. Donations are welcome. Donations can use the theme as a guideline or for inspiration but is not a requirement. The deadline for donations is January 5, 2009.

The 2009 Silent Auction will take place initially online (link available at www.mnift.org) starting January 25, 2009 and will run through February 9, 2009. The event concludes at the February MN IFT meeting at the Metropolitan Club on February 10, 2009 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm with live silent auction bidding.

In the 2008, November issue of Food Technology, in the President's Message entitled, *Make a Difference: Support IFT Foundation Scholarships*, Sheri Schellhaass highlighted our section activity by saying, "various IFT sections host activities aimed at raising money for the foundation scholarships, such as the IFT Minnesota Section's silent auction in 2006." With your help, let's make this year's Silent Auction a huge success by making donations and bidding on items online or at the live auction.

Important Dates:

Deadline for Donations January 5, 2009

If you miss the deadline, please contact Lisa Pannell!

*Drop off: attention Lisa Pannell, at General Mills James Ford Bell Technical Center,
9000 Plymouth Ave N, Golden Valley, MN*

Please email Ron Heddleson (ron.heddleson@genmills.com) and Lisa Pannell (lisa.pannell@genmills.com) with donation information prior to drop off.

MNIFT Silent Auction

Online: Jan 25, 2009 – Feb 9, 2009 5:00 pm

Link at: www.mnift.org

Live: Feb 10, 2009 - 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Metropolitan Club, 5418 Wayzata Blvd, Minneapolis

The deadline for donations is January 5, 2009. If you missed the deadline, but still would like to make a donation please contact Lisa Pannell (lisa.pannell@genmills.com) or (763) 764-7398.