



# April Newsletter

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## Great Year of Meetings

Spring is upon us! – And while it’s the beginning of the warm weather, sadly it signals the upcoming end to our year. We’ve enjoyed this year of events and hope you have, too. Here’s a quick re-cap of our year:

- We started off the year in September indulging in fall flavors of caramel apple and marshmallow while visiting Jolly Time Pop-corn;
- In November we gave back with our annual food & coat drive and held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Culinary Challenge on the campus of Iowa State;
- In February we mixed it up, with a multi-city Mix & Mingle Happy Hour Event;
- And...we will be finishing up this year in Eastern Iowa with a tour of the state hygienic lab and dinner at Mellow Mushroom (read more below).

As we conclude the year, it’s also time to start planning for next year. One of the items on the planning to-do list is to hold our annual election for open board positions. In this newsletter and at our April meeting, you will be introduced to the candidates for President Elect, Secretary and Member at Large. Please take a moment to learn more about our candidates, as an email ballot allowing you to cast your vote will be going out immediately following our April meeting. We hope to see you soon for some food, fellowship and fun!

Brittany Bailey  
IFT IA President 15-16



## 2015-2016

### Event Dates:

- September 17<sup>th</sup>
- November 19<sup>th</sup>
- February 18<sup>th</sup>
- April 21<sup>st</sup>

## IFT16: Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for IFT16, the place to be for a firsthand look at the latest trends, the newest products, and the most recent innovations driving food science and technology, as well as the opportunity to meet the people leading these advances. Join us to discover the industry’s best science, strategies, and solutions to inform your work and improve your business.



- Emerging trends & new innovations
- More than 100 education sessions
- Unlimited networking opportunities

**Register today!**



# Iowa Section IFT April Meeting



## Learn about how Iowa handles foodborne outbreaks

**When:** April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**Where:** Coralville, IA

**Tour:** State Hygienic Laboratory, 2490 Crosspark Rd

**Social Hour and Dinner:** Mellow Mushroom, 1451 Coral Ridge Mall #700

### **Agenda:**

3:00-4:30 Presentation and Tour at State Hygienic Laboratory

**The Section will learn about how Iowa handles foodborne outbreaks and what services our state lab provides. This will include a tour of their laboratories and an in depth look into the new technology that makes outbreak investigations very quick.**

4:30-4:45 Transition to Restaurant

4:45-5:30 Social Hour at Mellow Mushroom

5:30-7:30 Dinner and Meeting

**Cost:** Students: Free; IFT Members: \$30; Friends of IFT: \$40; Sponsor a Student \$30



**Please register online at [www.iftiowa.org](http://www.iftiowa.org) by 5pm on April 14th**



# Food Science Club News

Food Science Club has been busy in the past month! We have been busy in philanthropy with our new partnership with the Food Recovery Network, and now pick up food every Friday afternoon from ISU dining centers and cafes to donate to Food at First; a local meal center. We also spent time teaching children about the importance of washing their hands and how to wash their hands properly at local elementary school science nights. We always enjoy engaging with our community in a meaningful way, and are grateful for the opportunity to give back!

Over spring break, some of our members went on our annual club trip to Chicago. While in Chicago, we spent time downtown and visited Kent Precision Foods Group, West Liberty Foods, OSI Group, and the Tyson/Hillshire Research and Development Facility. Each company provided an excellent experience, and we enjoyed networking with many Iowa State alumni who are now working in the Chicagoland area. We sincerely thank all the companies who hosted us, and we look forward to seeing them again.



Grain Processing Corporation sponsored a product development competition in conjunction with the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. Five teams participated in the five week challenge, which included a presentation and scale-up of their final product. All the products tasted delicious and presentations exceeded expectations. Congratulations to our members who participated and the team that won. We cannot wait to see the final product at IFT16 this summer in Chicago!

The annual IFTSA Regional Conference was April 1st and 2nd at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We had eleven members in attendance. Our college bowl team competed and placed third out of seven teams. Thank you to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for hosting!

-Nathan Davis & Morgan Denzer



# Election Candidates



## **Krista Gent:** Slated for President-Elect

Krista Gent is an associate food scientist at Grain Processing Corporation in Muscatine, Iowa. She graduated from the Iowa State University Food Science program in May of 2012. She has been attending the Iowa section IFT meetings since she was a freshman, and has enjoyed networking with members through out the years. Two of her favorite meetings were at Bochner Chocolates in Iowa City and Blue Bunny in Le Mars. She has enjoyed being on the board for the past three years. She has helped organize the past two Culinary Challenges and has served as your secretary this past year. She would like to continue to serve on the board, and plan the meetings next year as president-elect.

## **Mackenzie Russo:** Slated for Secretary

Mackenzie Russo is a Marketing Specialist for Kemin Food Technologies. In this role, she helps grow and develop their products in the oils, sauces, and dressings, dairy, and beverage industries through event planning, market research, and project management. One of her main focuses at Kemin is to lead the launch of a new product line into the fats and oils marketplace. For the last year she has served as Member-at-Large for IA IFT. In this role she has been responsible for building our social media presence via Facebook and LinkedIn. As Secretary for IFT, she would like to further expand our presence on these platforms by integrating them with our monthly newsletters and communication strategies. She wants to make sure that our members are aware of what is going on with IA IFT by allowing them to have access to information on the platform that is easiest for them to access.

## **Shannon M. Coleman, Ph.D.:** Slated and will be appointed as Treasurer

Dr. Shannon Coleman is an Assistant Professor/Human Scientist State Extension Specialist for the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Iowa State University. As the extension specialist Dr. Coleman's offers food safety guidance for citizens of Iowa who are interested in the home based (cottage) food production and small scale production. Dr. Coleman was very involved with the Alabama A&M University IFTSA food science club from (2007-2011) serving as president and treasurer. She also worked with the IFTSA Feeding Tomorrow Fun Run committee and served as the student representative for the IFT Southeastern Section throughout her graduate career.

## **Todd Van Thomme:** Slated for Member-At-Large

Todd Van Thomme recently moved back to Iowa from Michigan after spending the past 18 years in Grand Rapids Michigan. Todd is an intellectual property (patents, trademarks, and copyrights) attorney with extensive experience helping food science clients. He has been a member of IFT for about 8 years and has been active in the Great Lakes Section for the past four years. He has served as the Scholarship Chair twice and has been the section Treasurer for the past two years. Todd is anxious to continue being active in IFT and anxious to meet the food science professionals in his home state of Iowa.

## Sponsor a Student at the April Meeting



Dear IA-IFT Section Professional Members,

Our next Iowa Section IFT meeting is Thursday, April 21st which will include a student recognition component. This consists of a Food Science Club presentation of club activities from the past year, awarding scholarships and student sponsorship of meals.

Please consider sponsoring a meal for a student at the April meeting (\$30.00/student). Our goal is to have each student paired with a professional member. Sponsors and students will have the opportunity to interact during dinner. As the Iowa State IFT representatives, we are encouraging as many students as possible to attend the meeting. It is a great way for students to build a valuable network and learn about food companies and career opportunities in the Midwest in addition to gaining industry perspective.

If you are interested in sponsoring a meal for a student at the April meeting, you can simply add the student meal(s) to your registration form when signing up for the meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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## Member Spotlight

**Name:** Millicent Richard

**Company:** NU-WORLD FOODS

**Location:** Dyersville, IA

**Job Title:** R&D Manager



**What is something interesting about your job?** Working with new ingredients and working with our customers to create new products.

**What is your favorite food?** Yogurt, I eat it everyday

**What is the strangest food you have ever eaten?** No Fat Sour Cream. It's an oxymoron! I worked on formulations before there was such a thing on the market and it was not good!!!

**What are your hobbies?** Sewing/quilting, triathlon, teaching yoga & spin classes, kayaking

**What is your favorite part about being an Iowa Section IFT member?** Working with the interesting people in the food industry.

# February Executive Meeting Minutes

February 18th, 2016 conference call 2:00 p.m.

Present: Davis, Gilbert, Gent, Loucks, Russo, Shaw, Weigel, and Williams

Secretary report: Nothing

Treasurer report

- Global Reach Internet Productions - \$420. This is an annual invoice for monthly hosting of the website, 250Mb of web space, 20GB of data transfers, and statistics. I have not submitted payment yet, but it is overdue. My recollection was that there would be an annual fee. This will be added to the annual budget
- Deposit check for culinary donation. All deposits were made from November meeting
- \$1100 net since January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bank Statement is \$20,338.00
- Suggestions for food bank donations: Crisis Center of Johnson County (in Iowa City), North Liberty Community Pantry (clothing and food), there are several in Cedar Rapids. I am most familiar with Crisis Center and North Liberty. JM Swank contributes to the North Liberty food bank several times each year. Johnson County Crisis Center supports a larger population, that would be my personal preference, but I am open to whatever the committee decides.
- Linda received a letter from the IRS saying their system was breached and so the information in our 990 form is accessible. Not a big deal.

Food science club update

- \$300 from fudge made
- Group will go to Regional IFTSA in U of Wisconsin
- Club trip will be March 16-18<sup>th</sup> in Chicago
- They are submitting to be the IFTSA chapter of the year.

Annual report

- Need to update the officer role sheet to determine who does what
- Section report due in September and Financial report due in October

Section lecturer series – do we want to apply for a speaker grant from IFT? Applications are due **February 29, 2016**. Can get up to \$1,100. When and where? Can also use during our September & November meetings.

- Will seek responses from people at the February meeting
- Idea: Clean Labels or FSMA
- Thinking November meeting in Central Iowa



## February Executive Meeting Minutes Continued

### Bylaws – Kate to give update

- Meet with Tom & Mike and everything requested is now given
- New template that Kate will work to incorporate
- She will get everyone a copy by Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Bylaws need to incorporate students into the plans
- We will need to get an insurance quote for “bad decisions by the board”. National will cover liability

### February Meeting (Post Pictures)

- List of announcements that should be made by board captains at the meeting tonight (can also send out via email after :
  - \* National IFT elections opened 2/15, please log-on and vote
  - \* IA section will be holding elections on-line in March. We are looking for a President Elect & Treasurer, as well as possibly a secretary and member at large. If you're interested in any of these positions, please email Brittany Bailey at [bbaily@pork.org](mailto:bbaily@pork.org)
  - \* Save the Date for our April Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> in Coralville, IA at the State Hygienic Lab.
  - \* Students – scholarships are open until 4/1.
    - ♦ Professionals - We do not need judges, but we need sponsors
  - \* Aerotek recognition as a sponsor of the event & speech about their services from Aerotek rep.
    - ♦ Thank you cards at each location

### April Meeting

- Still working on meal location
- Speaker is confirmed
- Lots of dinner options thinking Vesta (this will be confirmed by next week)

### Election discussion

- Member at Large: Stephanie, Teresa B.
- Secretary: MacKenzie; Shannon Coleman
- Treasurer: Kate and Angela will seek an accounting student

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Shaw, President.



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