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Spring is Here!

We hope you survived the cold and snowy winter that hit Iowa this year. It's nice to see that the temperatures are warming up and the flowers are starting to bloom.

IAIFT started off the year with a volunteer event for our members on January 24th at Meals from the Heartland. The group packaged mac n' cheese meals for Iowans. It was a great time and helped us give back to the community.

Unfortunately due to road closures and bad weather we had to cancel our February event at Toppling Goliath. We will be rescheduling this event so stay tuned for more information.

Join us at our next IAIFT meeting on May 16th. We will be going up to General Mills in Cedar Rapids, IA for a tour of their facility followed by dinner. There is a limit on how many can attend so be sure to register early. See you there!

Mackenzie Leith
IA-IFT Secretary

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Upcoming Event Dates:

- May 16th



Food Science Club Update

The food science club has had a busy spring semester. Early in the semester we ran our annual fudge fundraiser where we sold over 250 pounds of fudge! We were able to do this through use of a new package design that proved to be very successful. This spring we also ran the GPC challenge where students got practical experience using GPC ingredients. We have also participated in many outreach events around the local community.

Over spring break many members went to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the annual club trip. While there, they had the opportunity to tour Target and their new sensory lab, Agropur, General Mills, Hormel, and other companies.

The College Bowl team has been busy preparing for the IFT Student Association Area Meeting in mid-April (at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln) where they will compete against other Universities from around the Midwest.

Finally, four students advanced to the second round of the National Dairy Council New Product Development Competition. They will be presenting their product via a webinar at the end of April and, if they advance, will present at the National American Dairy Science Association meeting in June.



Winter Recap



Winter was a nasty one for Iowans this year, causing us to move some meetings around, but we still had some great events.

In January we went out to Meals from the Heartland in West Des Moines, Iowa to help package meals. We packaged up macaroni and cheese meals that will be distributed within the US to feed the hungry. These meals are packed with nutrition to help people get the vitamins and protein they need. Our team had a great time.

Our February meeting at Toppling Goliath in Decorah unfortunately got cancelled due to the crazy Iowa winter weather. We will be rescheduling this event, likely sometime this fall. Stay tuned for updates on this event.

April 2nd was the Aksarben and Iowa IFT Suppliers Night in Omaha, Nebraska. This was the second Supplier's Night the two groups have hosted together. The event kicked off with a showing of the Food Evolution film for attendees and exhibitors to watch. Following the Supplier's Night there was a cocktail hour for attendees to enjoy and network with fellow food industry personal. We had many exhibitors and attendees from the Iowa Section. Thank you to everyone who participated. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you! The Iowa IFT board is starting to plan next year's Supplier's Night already so be sure to keep an eye out for this event which will be back in the state of Iowa.



Upcoming Events



Join IAIFT on May 16th at General Mills!

Who: Anyone with interest in the food industry

When: May 16th, 2019

Where: General Mills—4800 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Happy hour and networking to follow at Buffalo Wild Wings —2020 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Agenda:

1:45—2:00 pm Arrival at General Mills

2:00—2:30 pm Plant Introduction

2:30—3:15 pm Tour

3:15—3:30 pm Follow Up Questions

3:45 —5:00 pm Networking & Happy Hour at Buffalo Wild Wings

Due to safety protocol the tour size is capped at **max 20 people so we will cap registration at that number. Be sure to register early. General Mills also requests that competitors of the company do not attend for confidentiality reasons.

***For the tour, everyone can wear comfortable clothes, long pants, closed toed shoes and be prepared to walk a long distance. All jewelry must also be removed prior to be able to go on the tour.

Registration: Register early to reserve your spot before they are gone! Registration is FREE!

Register online at www.iftiowa.org by May 9th!



Elections

IAIFT Board Elections took place from January until March. We are excited to introduce the newest members of our board for the 2019—2020 calendar year. These members will assume their position on September 1st, 2019. Please join us in welcoming:

- Kelly Belknap—Secretary
- Kate Gilbert—President-Elect

You may recognize these names. Both have served on our board before and have stepped away for a while. We are excited to have them back on the board and bring many fresh ideas to our chapter.

As Kelly and Kate transition onto the Board we have two members leaving as well. Thank you both for all of your hard work and service over the past few years. The members who will be resigning their terms will be:

- Krista Gent—Past-President
- Mackenzie Leith—Secretary

We look forward to seeing both of you at future events with the IAIFT chapter!



Industry Happenings

- US Federal Agencies Unveil Strategy to Reduce Food Waste
 - The USDA, EPA and FDA announce the release of a federal interagency strategy to reduce food waste with six key strategies: enhance interagency coordination, increase consumer education & outreach, improve coordination and guidance on food loss and waste measurement, clarify and communication information on food safety, food date labels and food donations, collaborate with private industry to reduce food waste across the supply chain and finally to encourage food waste reduction by federal agencies at their facilities.
 - New sustainability report released
 - A new report titled “The Future of Sustainability 2019” from Forum for the Future calls for government, businesses, NGOs and investors to collaborate to avoid climate change disaster. The report highlights sever factors that are going to impact future sustainability.
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February Executive Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018 via phone at 10:00 am

Present: Coleman, Klein, Lee, Leith, Van Thomme

The February meeting of the IA Section IFT executive council was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Klein.

1. Past President Report: IFT elections are ongoing. We have Kate Gilbert running for President Elect and Kelly Belknap running for Secretary.

2. President Report: The IFT join Supplier's Night with the Aksarben section will take place on Tuesday April 2nd in Omaha, NE. We are sending out a survey to see if any members are interested in taking a bus to the show. In addition this survey will ask if those riding the bus want to be there for just the show or if there is interest in viewing the Food Evolution video before the show and after networking. If there is not enough interest we could coordinate carpooling as well. We will check if the ISU crew could drive themselves. Leith to send out a survey this week. The culinary challenge will likely be cancelled as the Aksarben section is struggling to find sponsors. So far 40 booths have been secured and most of the sponsorships have been fulfilled as well. Increasing the number of attendees will be the big push over the next month.

The February meeting at Toppling and Goliath does not have many attendees signed up and with road conditions across the state we feel many are avoiding. We will cancel. We are going to move out the event to another time—maybe in the fall. As students can't drink while on ISU transportation, there may be some resistance for them to go out to Decorah. It may be worth offering IFT members to pick them up so they do have the option. For adults it is easier to a night during the week. Todd to look at schedules for fall and spring to determine when is the best time to go. May be worth pulling our membership to get a better idea. We need to be more active in getting people, especially from the area the events are being held, to come to events. We will send an eblast out today to the membership letting them know it is cancelled. Coleman to refund everyone on the list. We should look into partnering with Minnesota or Wisconsin IFT for the toppling meeting.

We need to follow back up with National IFT on attending future meetings.

3. President Elect Report: Looking at future meetings. Klein is working with one of her co-workers to get a tour at General Mills in Cedar Rapids arranged for May 2019. Potentially looking at May 16th. Van Thomme to follow up with ISU students to see if this date could work for them. At our next board meeting we need to brainstorm some meeting dates / places so we can send them out to the chapter early to get them on the calendar. We also need to schedule a transition meeting for the summer.

4. Secretary Report: No report.

5. Food Science Club Report: No updates.

6. Treasurer's Report: We have a current balance of \$11,455. We received \$905 from IFT membership dues since December. Our last expense was \$1,000 for the Meals from the Heartland event.

7. Adjourn: Van Thomme motioned to adjourn. Leith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mackenzie Leith, IA IFT Secretary



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