



# September Newsletter

## Iowa Section

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## New Year, New Ideas

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Hello IA IFT Section,

Welcome to the start of a new operating year for the Iowa IFT section! Our September meeting is rapidly approaching. We look forward to seeing you in Sioux City at Jolly Time popcorn. This year the executive team has selected a year long goal of incorporating professional development into each meeting. At our first meeting, we will start with this goal by having speed networking in social hour. Resume help will also be available.

This year we have also decided on a new format for our February meeting. The February meeting will be a “multi-site” meeting where there will be multiple places for groups to meet up in the state for a social happy hour with appetizers. The section is looking to organize events at five different locations in Iowa. Section members and friends are welcome to attend the happy hour at the location closest to them. Our goal is to recruit new members who may not have previously attended due to geographical limitations or the travel time associated with most of the meetings. Please let Brittany Bailey know if you are interested in hosting an event at a location close to you, or if you miss our September meeting you can email [angelaml@iastate.edu](mailto:angelaml@iastate.edu)

Best Regards,

*Kelly Belknap*, interim IA-IFT Secretary

## 2015 - 2016

### Event Dates:

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

## Volunteer Awards Announced

The executive team is pleased to announce that Outstanding Volunteer awards have been awarded to Andrea Weiss and Dr. Angela Shaw.

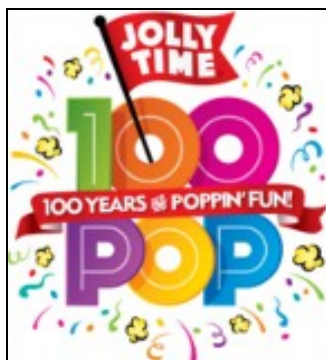
Andrea has volunteered with the scholarship selection process as well as the Culinary Challenge. We are fortunate to have such involved members! Dr Shaw has also gone “above and beyond” in helping the section. Angela is a member of our executive team and has been an asset when planning meetings

Please congratulate them today!



Section of Excellence

## September Meeting at American Popcorn Company



**September 17th,  
2015**

We are excited for our September meeting, which will be here before you know it. The meeting will be on Thursday, September 17th & will include a visit to the American Popcorn Company plant in Sioux City. The visit will include a tour of the plant. Social hour & dinner will follow. See the details further down in the newsletter.

*“The American Pop Corn Company of Sioux City, Iowa, is an independent and family-owned company that, for 100 years, has produced and marketed JOLLY TIME Pop Corn, the first-ever branded popcorn. JOLLY TIME offers a variety of traditional and microwave popcorn products in grocery stores nationwide and in nearly 40 countries around the globe. It has the only microwave popcorn endorsed by Weight Watchers®, in addition to the only microwave popcorn made with the Smart Balance® patented blend of oils. JOLLY TIME Pop Corn is gluten-free and is made using GMO-free popcorn. Learn more at [www.jollytime.com](http://www.jollytime.com).”*

## Food Science Club News

The school year just started and the Food Science Club is gearing up for the semester. Members are busy attending welcome back picnics and promoting the club at these events. We are also planning to raise money for the club again by making fudge for a variety of events throughout the semester. We are hoping to once again send members to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House. Many companies are coming to talk about job and internship opportunities at our meetings, including Burke, Cargill, Wells Enterprises, Tyson, and GPC. The club members are looking forward to hearing about all of these amazing companies and having another great semester at Iowa State.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday and there was a full house at the meeting. It was great to see many returning members and new faces.



# September Member Spotlight



**Name:** Dan Putnam

**Company:** Grain Processing Corporation

**Location:** Muscatine. IA

**Job Title:** Technical Manager/Technical Sales

**What is something interesting about your job?**

Some folks at GPC consider me a hybrid in that I have two roles and two bosses: one in technical service and the other in sales. I travel the country and my role can change day to day.

**What is your favorite food?**

In general, I'd say meat of some sort, but as soon as I would say that, I want ice cream and seriously I've never been known to say no to a chewy chocolate chip cookie.

**What is the strangest food you have ever eaten (this could also include an odd pairing of foods)?**

Having traveled the globe a bit, I've eaten some things I would rather forget. Huitlacoche, or corn smut as it's more commonly known to lowans, is likely near the top for strange.

**What are your hobbies?**

I am a hobby farmer which pretty much consumes my discretionary time. We raise some beef cattle, sheep and have heritage breed chickens. We raise corn and hay to supply our own feed. Our equipment on average is 40 years old, so its upkeep alone is a hobby. Although our children are all adults, we are very active in 4H and often have town kids keeping livestock on our farm.

**What is your favorite part about being an Iowa Section IFT member?**

I really enjoy the tours. Thinking back just a short time, I remember ice cream, summer sausage, cheese, wine, whiskey and honey. What's not to like?



# September Meeting Details



## September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Host:** American Pop Corn Company (Jolly Time)

Point Contact: Michael Carr, Director of Quality Assurance, 712-239-1232 ext 292 (mcarr@jollytime.com)

**Location for Tour and Social Hour:** One Fun Place, Sioux City, IA 51108

**Location for Dinner:** BEV'S ON THE RIVER, 1110 LARSEN PARK RD, SIOUX CITY, IA 51103

### **Agenda:**

1:30-3:00	Exec Committee Meeting: Conference room at Jolly Time
3:00-4:00	Company Presentation & Tour
4:00-5:00	Social Hour/ Professional Speed Dating at Jolly Time
5:00-5:15	Travel to Dinner
5:15-6:15	Dinner and Guest Speaker
6:15-7:00	Business meeting

### **Menu Options:**

**Bev's Signature Prime Rib Sandwich**, Served with steak fries on the side

**Bev's Signature Chicken**, Grilled chicken breast smothered in a gorgonzola cream sauce with fresh spinach, tomatoes and pine nuts. Served with scratch, skin-on, garlic mashed potatoes

**Top Sirloin**, Served with hot cheesy potatoes, fresh sautéed vegetables & warm bread

**Chicken Oscar (gluten free)**, Grilled chicken breast topped with lump crab meat, asparagus tips with hollandaise sauce., ~ Served with scratch, skin-on, garlic mashed potatoes

**Garden Tortellini (Vegetarian)**, Three cheese stuffed, tri-colored tortellini tossed with diced tomatoes, scallions, and shredded carrots, together in a rich and creamy Romano cheese sauce.

*All entrees are served with House Salad and warm bread*

**Share a Dessert with a Friend-** Crème Brulee or Lemon Paradise Cake or Sinful Seven Cake

**Cost is \$30 members, \$40.00 non-members and \$15 for students**

**Register online by noon on Monday, Sep 14th at [www.iftiowa.org](http://www.iftiowa.org)**

### **Lodging Option:**

<http://www.stoneycreekhoteles.com/hotel/travel/siouxcity/meetings/home.do>

## June Transition Executive Meeting Minutes

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Prairie Canary in Grinnell, Iowa 3 p.m.

Present: Bailey, Belknap, Busch, Gilbert, Gent, Lily, Loucks, Schaumburg, Shaw, Weigel, & Williams

1. **Introductions** were made. New contact information was gathered. Gilbert will transition to Past President for outgoing Busch, Bailey will transition to President, & Shaw will transition to President Elect. Gent will take over as Secretary for outgoing Belknap. Weigel will take over as Member-at-Large for Gent & Russo will take over as Member-at-Large for Shaw.
2. **Secretary's report:** Gilbert motioned to amend the meeting minutes to state that we made \$2,800 instead of \$28,000 on the April 2014 suppliers' night & the motion was seconded by Busch. Gilbert moved to approve the amended minutes & was seconded by Williams. Belknap communicated that her & Gent are working on transitioning after Gent's maternity leave.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Loucks reported that the balance as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 was \$17,838.45. Loucks also reported that there will soon be more deposits for the April meeting from PayPal. The budget sheets were explained & it was noted that there will be greater travel expenses for this year compared to last year. It was decided that we will use last year's proposed budget for now & the executive committee will reevaluate it at the September meeting.
4. **Food Science Club Update:** Lilly stated that it was summer & club meetings will resume again in September. She also gave a recap on IFTSA again & was impressed with how well it went.
5. **Scholarship Update:** The section accomplished handing out four \$750 scholarships & two \$500 scholarships this year. Bailey commented that the new scoring matrix for scholarship recipient selection was much improved however the language also needs to be in the scholarship application so that they students know what they need to highlight about themselves. We will also make it clear on who is eligible to apply. It was decided that next year the scholarship application will be available to students in the fall. This will allow them ample time to ask for letters of recommendation. We will no longer accept late applications. Gilbert will work on a way for either her or Dr. Clark to inform the students about references received & those that are still needed.
6. **National Recognition:** The section was again awarded the seal of excellence. Also, Andrea Weiss was selected as our outstanding volunteer. Belknap will order her a plaque & mail it to her.
7. **Meeting ideas:** Meeting dates were set for Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, & April 21<sup>st</sup>. Tour ideas for this year include: American Popcorn, General Mills, Hy-Vee distribution, Osceola Foods, ISU Dining, Iowa Food Co-Op, West Central Co-Op, Mrs. Clarks, Tones, PurFoods, & Tassel Ridge Winery
8. **Transitioning & Task Distribution:** All will help transition their replacements. It was decided that the President Elect, Secretary, & Treasurer would have access to PayPal. It was also decided that the PayPal reader would remain with the President Elect. Members At Large were assigned tasks. Russo will be in charge of our social media sites as well as taking pictures at events. Williams will be in charge of formatting the Newsletter. Weigel will keep track of membership including updating our Mailchimp e-mail list & sending out new member packets/e-mails to those that join the section.
9. **Suppliers' Night 2016:** The option to suspend Suppliers' Night indefinitely was discussed. It was determined that a survey or member/supplier feedback in some form was needed to make this decision. Once feedback is obtained discussion will be resumed at the September meeting.
10. **Career Development Event:** Discussion of a new event to replace Suppliers' Night resumed. The title of the event, event activities, the target event attendee, & other goals & objectives were

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## Meeting Minutes Continued

discussed. There were many good ideas given, however a decision for the direction & focus of the new event was not determined. The new event will continue to be discussed via conference calls & at the September meeting. It was decided to have a yearlong platform on career development to start things off. This will include having career development centered social hour activities, dinner presentations, and/or tours.

### 11. Goals for 2015-2016: Goals were established for the upcoming year.

- A new member packet will be completed.
- By-Laws & affiliation agreement will be finished.
- All board members will attend website training.
- Recruitment will be increased
  - Would like to see 10 new companies attend a meeting
  - Members At Large will work on a post card to send out to members in close proximity to the meeting locations
  - New companies will be invited to present during social hour

12. Gent moved to adjourn the meeting & was seconded by Williams. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Krista Gent, Secretary

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