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2014 - 2015 Event Dates:

- September 18th
Mason City
- November 20th
Ames
- February 19th
Des Moines
- **April 16th
Hudson (near Cedar Falls)**

Join Us at Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy

The close of our 2014-2015 year will be our April meeting. We will be touring Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy. We will tour both the milking facility and the creamery, where they process milk into several different dairy products. Social hour will feature product tasting. Be sure to wear appropriate shoes for the dairy tour, as it could be muddy.

Our April meeting is also "Student Night" and students will attend for free. We are looking for company's to help sponsor meals. You may do this during the "check out" step of your registration.

With a new year beginning for our Section, leadership elections will be taking place shortly. These will be conducted online using Survey

Monkey. An email will be sent over the next week or so.

Our leadership team is now beginning to thinking about our Biennial Supplier's Night which will be in the Spring of 2016. Our section would like to improve participation on guests walking the show floor. We would welcome input from our membership on how to make this event a success. The leadership team is very open to new ideas. Even a new type of format or a different location. Please share your thoughts! You can email Kgilbert@iastate.edu with any comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Kelly Belknap, IA IFT Secretary

The ISU Food Science Club on a plant tour.



ISU Food Science Club

Over Spring Break 16 members of the Food Science Club traveled to the Minneapolis, Minnesota area for their annual club trip. They visited Hormel (so much Spam!), Malt-o-Meal, Cargill and General Mills. It was a lot of fun and the students learned a ton! The Club is also busy preparing for the Regional IFTSA Meeting being held at Iowa State University. The Club will be making lots of fudge for the event. Students have also been volunteering at local elementary science nights, teaching the grade school students the importance of washing hands.



Dear IA-IFT Section Professional Members,

Our next Iowa Section IFT meeting is Thursday, April 16th 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 (\$25.00/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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Iowa Section IFT Newsletter Member Spotlight

Name: Kelly Belknap

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Location: Muscatine, IA

Job Title or Major: Applications Scientist



What is something interesting about your job/schooling?

I work with maltodextrin and modified food starches, which are used in a wide array of applications. On any given day I can be working on a meat product, baked good or even a beverage. I like the diversity that I get to experience throughout the day.

What is your favorite food? EVERYTHING with three exceptions: olives, smoked salmon or capers. I'm particularly fond of freshly-fried donuts, layer cakes and fair food.

What is the strangest food you have ever eaten (this could also include an odd pairing of foods)? On a trip to Greece we ate freshly-caught grilled octopus! It was delicious. It was grilled on an open flame right off the shore.

What are your hobbies? I have two little girls and I enjoy their tea parties and art projects as well as baking with them. I also enjoy being outside walking and running, gardening and shopping.

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

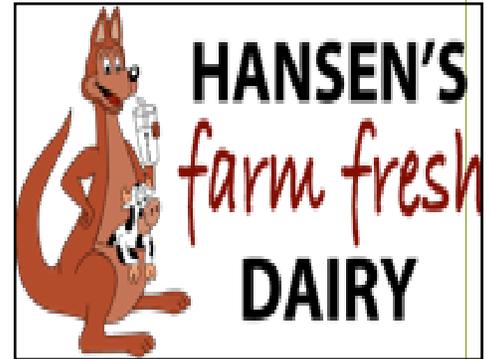
I enjoy learning about the food industry in Iowa. It is interesting to see how the state we call home contributes to feeding the globe.



Thank you to Marel Townsend for a Fantastic February tour!

April Meeting Details—Hansen’s Farm Fresh Dairy

Hansen’s Farm Fresh Dairy is a family operation located outside of Cedar Falls. The family milks Holstein cows and processes the milk onsite. The processing started when all four sons were interested in returning to work on their home farm, and the Hansens needed a way to add value to their product so several families could be supported. After extensive research, they decided to process their own milk. In November 2002, creamery construction began, and in February 2004, the first gallon of creamline whole milk was produced. The product line has grown since then to include skim, 1% and chocolate milk, 30+ different flavors of hard ice cream, a soft-serve mix, cheese curds, butter, heavy cream, egg nog and ice cream cakes.



The tour will include the milking facility and the creamery, plus product tasting during social hour. Please wear appropriate shoes for the tour of the milking facility. It may be muddy.

LOCATION:

Farm: 8617 Lincoln Rd, Hudson, IA 50643

Tour Center: 8461 Lincoln Rd., Hudson, IA 50643

For directions and more information, go to http://www.hansendairy.com/Site/Directions_%26_contact_us.html

AGENDA:

1:30-3:00 PM: Executive Meeting

3:00-4:00 PM: Tour

4:00-5:00 PM: Product Showing, Tasting and Social Hour

5:30-6:30 PM: Dinner catered in at Hansen’s Farm Fresh Dairy

- Dinner includes

6:30-7:00 PM: Business Meeting and Awards

\$25 for members, \$35 for friends of the section &

\$25 for student sponsorships

Please Register online at www.IFTiowa.org by April 8th!

February Meeting Minutes

February 19th, 2015

Marel Townsend, Des Moines, Iowa

Members present: Bailey, Belknap, Busch, Gent, Gilbert, Lilly, Loucks (via phone), Shaw, Schaumburg, and Williams (formerly Hukee)

Introductions and announcements were made. Schaumburg and Lilly are the new Student IFT reps for 2015.

Belknap gave the secretary's report. Gent moved to approve the minutes, Busch seconded. The motion passed. Thank-you notes were discussed for Marel Townsend. Belknap said she would send a thank you note and donuts. Belknap also reported that the website scholarship had been updated.

Loucks presented the treasurer's report. The checking balance is \$20,947.57. There is still a lost check to White Star Ale House for the 2014 February meeting. Loucks also reported that the annual IRS filling was completed. Revenue for the November meeting was \$2200 and expenses were \$2268.

Schaumburg and Lilly gave the Food Science Club update. The club will be taking a club trip to Minnesota to tour General Mills, Hormel, Land O Lakes and make a stop at Mall of America. They have 18 people signed up so far. They are making fudge for FSHN days. Belknap moved to donate \$500 to the IFTSA Regional meeting. Williams seconded and the motion passed.

Bailey updated the committee on the meeting plans for today. We will break into 4 groups, there are 45 people signed up. There are 4 different presentation areas with demonstrations. Dinner will be at the Machine Shed. It was suggested that we put an end time on the website for meeting registration. April meeting details were also discussed. Bailey has looked at ideas. Quaker, Frontier, DuPont and having a speaker were discussed as options. Aquaponics farms will not be able to accommodate groups our size. Tours need to be fewer than 20 people. Shaw suggested Hansen Dairy near Cedar Falls. Shaw will approach them.

Scholarships were discussed. Dr. Shaw and Dr. Clark are looking for help to evaluate the applications. Terri Boylston and Andrea Weiss will help. Kate has reminded students that the deadline is March 6th.

Gilbert reported on a few conference calls she has participated in regarding the proposed By-Laws. Several sections are coming together to discuss their concerns with the mandated by-laws from National. She reported that they are going through bylaws step-by-step. T. Busch recommended that we invite Kristine Tarantino to an upcoming meeting or conference call. She is new to National IFT.

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February Meeting Minutes Continued:

New committees and Elections for the 2015-2016 year were discussed. We will need a Finance committee which will consist of the Treasurer, 2 president positions and 3 of the Members At Large. The Nominations committee will be comprised of the 3 presidents. The audit committee will consist of the Treasurer, one Member At Large and 3 not serving on the board. Belknap and Busch volunteered to fill 2 out of 3 of those positions.

Busch gave an informative presentation on the 2014 Suppliers Night. Alternatives to the biannual suppliers' nights were discussed. It was discussed if there should even be a 2016 supplier's night. Something more career oriented was mentioned. Having a joint suppliers' night with the Omaha section was also mentioned.

Other business- Terri Boylston has asked for the Section to sponsor a prize for the state science fair competitions. Bailey moved to donate \$100 for prize money, (\$50 to middle school, and \$50 to the high school. The motion was seconded by Shaw and the motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Kelly Belknap, Secretary.

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