2009 Regional AAC Dinners

Central Regional Conference
American Academy of Chefs Dinner
Renaissance Schaumburg, Schaumburg, Ill.
Executive Chef Jack J. Delby
Feb. 22

Western Regional Conference
American Academy of Chefs Dinner
Waterfront Seafood Grill, Seattle
Executive Chef Peter Levine
April 5

Southeast Regional Conference
American Academy of Chefs Dinner
Johnson & Wales University, Charlotte, N.C.
Executive Chef Mark W. Allison
April 19

You do not need to be an AAC member to attend AAC regional dinners.

There will be an AAC application orientation session at each regional conference. Visit www.acfchefs.org to view conference schedules. Anyone interested in becoming an AAC member is encouraged to attend.

2009 Northeast Regional Conference

Dear Fellows,

The 2009 ACF Northeast Regional Conference was fantastic. I want to especially thank Regional Vice President Mark Wright, CEC, AAC, and the ACF Epicurean Club of Boston for hosting such a wonderful event.

I’d also like to thank Executive Chef Jeffrey Cincotta and the Charles River Country Club for hosting the 2009 Northeast American Academy of Chefs Dinner, Sunday, Feb. 8. Everything from the exquisite ice sculptures to the delectable cuisine was executed to perfection.
A special congratulations to Perrin H. Long, CEC, CCE, AAC, for receiving an ACF President's Medallion and Jonathan M. Moreira for receiving an AAC Chair's Scholarship for $1,000.

Sincerely,

Tom Macrina
AAC Chair

Thomas Macrina, CEC, CCA, AAC; Jeffrey Cincotta and Stafford DeCambra, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC
The following chefs have been tentatively accepted for induction into the American Academy of Chefs (AAC), ACF's honor society.

Central Region
Mark A. Prece Sr., CEC
ACF Greater Kansas City Chefs Association
Sponsors: Michael Ty, CEC, AAC; Dieter Preiser, CEC, AAC
Kyle D. Richardson, CEC, CCE
ACF Louis Joliet Chapter
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Northeast Region
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ACF First State Chefs Association
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Sponsors: Mark S. Mayers, CEC, AAC; Noble L. Masi, CEPC, AAC, HOF

James P. White, CEC
Connecticut Chefs Association
Marc D. Hussey, CEC, AAC; Nicholas F. Follacchio, CEC, AAC

Southeast Region
Charles L. Mattocks Jr., CEC, CCA
ACF Pee Dee Chapter
Sponsors: Robert Stegall-Smith, CEC, AAC; Kimberly Brock-Brown, CEPC, CCA, AAC

Brian J. Sode, CEC
ACF National Chapter
Sponsors: James P. McCallister, CEC, AAC; John Kinsella, CMC, CCE, WGMc, AAC

James T. Thomas, CEC
ACF Golden Isles of Georgia Chapter
Sponsors: Reimund D. Pitz, CEC, CCE, AAC; Todd Kazenske, CEPC, AAC

Mark Warren, CEC
Old Dominion ACF Chapter
Sponsors: Travis W. Smith, CEC, CCA, AAC; Roland E. Schaeffer, CEC, AAC, HOF

Western Region
Urs B. Emmenegger, CEC
ACF Chefs & Culinarians of San Diego
Sponsors: Murat Day, CEC, WCC, AAC; J. Luis Martinez, AAC

2009 AAC Candidates for Honorary Induction

Patrick Diethelm
Director of European Culinary Center
DCT Hotel Management & Culinary School

Robert Kinkead
Executive Chef/Owner
Kinkead's

Robert Nograd
Corporate Executive Chef
Johnson & Wales University
AAC Student Culinary Team Grants Suspended

Due to the current unstable economy, the American Academy of Chefs will be suspending all student culinary team grants for the remainder of this year. As the economy recovers, we hope to reinstate funding of these well-deserved grants.

2009 AAC Commemorative Dinner Plates

Handcrafted by Villeroy & Boch and creatively designed by artist Jennifer Garant, this exclusive 2009 AAC dinner plate series will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis. Receive one complimentary plate at each regional AAC Dinner you attend, and complete the series by purchasing additional plates separately. The complete series is available at a discounted price. Please download and print the order form to reserve your plates.

Help Needed To Fulfill the AAC Mission

The future of AAC relies on the support of generous sponsors and donors. Your support helps the AAC continue its promotion of culinary professionalism and education.

A special thanks to our 2009 donors.

Donations are critical in ensuring that AAC has the resources necessary to fulfill its mission and educational programs. Donate Now

If you would like to give a donation by credit card over the phone, contact the Academy Administrator at (800) 624-9458, ext. 102 or email academy@acfcchefs.net. Please remember, all contributions are tax deductible.

On behalf of the entire Academy family, thank you in advance for your generous support.

AAC Merchandise Available
Visit the ACF e-store for the latest AAC merchandise. There is a wide variety of AAC men's and women's polo shirts, picture frames, lapel pins, tie tacks, cuff links, watches, wallets, luggage tags and more.

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Sponsorship Opportunities Available

The American Academy of Chefs is pursuing sponsorships for the Academy events at the 2009 ACF regional conferences and national convention. If you would like to participate in the AAC sponsorship program, or know a company that would, please contact the Academy office at (800) 624-9458, ext. 102, or visit the ACF Web site.

In Memoriam

The Academy remembers with deepest sympathy Academy fellows who passed away:
Rex C. Kinney, CEC, AAC
Vladimir Reitmaier, AAC
Bruno W. Zuchold, AAC

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Through the Academy Connection e-newsletter, the American Academy of Chefs provides members with regular news alerts and timely information on products and services offered by the AAC and its partners.