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Greetings!

"We've Only Just Begun..." 🎵🎵🎵

That particular Carpenters tune always signals graduations, weddings, spring, summer, and our annual dinner. I guess I'm aging myself, but I remember the popularity of that song like it was yesterday--perhaps you do as well.

I am pleased to report our regional dinners have been great successes and our Annual Induction Dinner promises to follow suit. We've had a very busy year thus far, and it appears the steady pace will continue as we look forward to our Annual Induction Dinner which will be held during our National

Convention. Our annual meeting and induction dinner will take place on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. Sixteen new Fellows of the Academy will be inducted along with six Honorary Fellows, five inductees into the Hall of Fame (two posthumously), as well as Honorary Hall of Fame and Celebrated Chef, Susan Spicer. Details for their names and designations can be found below. Congratulations goes out to each one of them!

We recently spent the day touring the hotel in New Orleans and reviewing the menu with the Chef and his very talented staff. Please be sure to make your reservations early, and remember to have your spouse or "significant other" join us the next day (Wednesday, July 18, 2016) for the annual "luncheon," which is also taking place at the hotel. As many of you know, I have a genuine fear of bus rides. Thankfully, those will be avoided, so we can relax, take our time, and enjoy a leisurely walk through the hotel for both dinner and lunch the next day.

Please note, before our special dinner event takes place on Tuesday, July 17, we have another very special gathering planned. We would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate the Tri-Centennial of the great city of New Orleans on Saturday, July 14, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel which is located in the heart of the French Quarter. Chef John Folse, the Chaine des Rotisseurs, and the Academy of Chefs have collaborated on the "Dinner of the Century" which is filling up fast. All proceeds will benefit the American Culinary Federation

Education Foundation, Inc. and the Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs Foundation, Inc. Please join us for this amazing kick-off to our annual meeting! [Make your reservation today.](#)

Speaking of exciting events, the Academy, along with Michel Bouit and the Taste of France, have put together a trip to Lyon, France, January 24-31, 2019. From what I've seen and discussed with Michel, this will be a spectacular trip, complete with "first class" accommodations, passes to the International Catering Cup featuring USA's team (George Castaneda, CEC, and Jason Hall, CMC), the Coupe du Monde de la Patisserie, and, of course, the Bocuse d'Or World Cuisine Contest. Participants will enjoy all of this, plus daily tours and extraordinary dinners. This exceptional trip will be the first for the Academy, but not the last. [View details and registration form.](#) We are planning some wonderful trips for the future as well, so stay tuned.

Academy Fellows from the Baltimore Chapter will be holding an Academy-style dinner on June 24, 2018, at the Baltimore Club with host Executive Chef Curtis Eargle, CEC, AAC. The theme of the event is "East Meets West," and many of the traditional East Coast courses will be given an Asian flair. Proceeds will benefit the local chapter's AAC Scholarship Fund, benefiting Anne Arundel Community College, and ACF Culinary Team USA. [View menu and invitation.](#)

As a reminder, please take time out of your busy schedule to thank our generous sponsors. We would be hard pressed to do what we do without them. When you are in New Orleans, please take a moment to stop by the tradeshow and extend your appreciation for their continued support.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Mark

*Mark Wright, CEC®, AAC®  
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