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Greetings American Academy of Chefs Fellows!

As I begin this newsletter, I'd like to ask you to join me in conveying our thoughts and prayers to the Chefs, and families of Chefs, who were directly affected by the two recent hurricanes along our coast, Florence and Michael.

It's truly remarkable to see our ACF and AAC Fellows remain steadfast and courageous during this difficult time. It's a privilege indeed to call these many brave professionals our "friends" and "colleagues." Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make the lives of our fellow Chefs, and many other deserving individuals, much easier in the midst of a truly challenging situation with the fallout the hurricanes have left in their wake.

Everyone has to eat, and our unique skill set allows us to get the job done, both quickly and efficiently. Of course we never seek accolades for our efforts, but I think we can agree it's nice to receive an occasional "pat on the back" or sincere expression of gratitude. So "thank you" for rising to the occasion and helping those who needed assistance so desperately.

Our dinner--excuse me, "Luau"--at the University of Southern California was simply spectacular. Rico, Stafford, and I were in attendance, complete with our colorful Hawaiian shirts. We were overwhelmed with the hospitality bestowed upon us by the members of the Chefs de Cuisine Los Angeles. Chef Robert Philips, CEC, CCA, AAC and Chef Eric Ernest, CEC, CCA, AAC, along with the rest of the chapter, did an outstanding job and organized a very special event, one we will remember for a very long time. Please join us in thanking them for their very generous donation to the Academy of Chefs.

Our regional dinners are in the planning stages, but for those of you attending the Chef Connect in Atlantic City and the Twin Cities, you are in for a real treat!

In Atlantic city, this dinner gathering will be at the Borgata Casino. There are three AAC fellows on staff, so we are in good hands. Chef Wolfgang Geckeler, CEC, CCA, AAC, Chef Ken Trout, CEC, CCA, AAC and the rest of the Chefs from the South Jersey Chapter are sure to make every effort to impress.

In Minneapolis, Chef Chris Dwyer, CEC, CCA, AAC will be our host at the Crowne Plaza Hotel which is a quick five-minute walk across the Skyway Bridge. Chris has lined up some Academy Fellows to help prepare the dinner. We appreciate their efforts and enthusiasm as they gear up for our arrival. Please make your reservations early!

After that, for those of you setting your sights on attending the National Convention in Orlando, Florida, we've discussed our vision with the Marriott Chefs, and they can't wait to show us their "Marriott Hospitality." We are planning most of our functions in the hotel again this year. This was decided after we received a great deal of positive feedback regarding last year's event. In addition, we are putting together a Golf Tournament this year and working with the Events staff as we consider a good day and time. Please note, something new this year will be the date of our dinner. We will be celebrating and inducting our new fellows on **Sunday, Aug. 4.**

We also are in the planning stages of our dinner with the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs. It was a very successful and fun event last year! Remember to mark your calendars. The tentative date is **Saturday, Aug. 3,** with details such as the time and place still being negotiated. I can share with you, however, Team USA is going to be involved...

Please remember to promote the Academy of Chefs and what we do to enhance the Chef community and profession. We continue to receive inquiries regarding applications and induction procedures. We've spoken to many individuals who say they're interested, but busy, so they may forget. Well, this year we have been sending letters and emails to those chefs to remind them. If you know a Chef you would like to sponsor, please make certain he/she forwards their application to the national office as soon as possible. There are quite a few already being reviewed. Applications are available online or by calling the office (Katelynn Quarrels, our Academy Administrator, can provide assistance at 904-484-0202).

During our annual business meeting, nominations opened for Chair and Vice Chair of the Academy of Chefs. Frank Leake, CCC, CCE, AAC, our Nominations and Elections Chair, will be accepting nominations until **Dec. 1, 2018.** Our policies concerning elections now mirror ACF, so if you need more information, you can find it online under "Nominations and Elections" in the Academy's policies and procedures.

Please consider joining us in **Jan. 2019** for our trip to Lyon, France for the International Catering Cup, the Coupe du Monde de la Pâtisserie, and, of course, the Bocuse d'Or. Michel and Liz Bouit are planning this event and, like so many of their trips, this one should be terrific! Dinner at Restaurant Paul Bocuse is one of the highlights, plus tours of Lyon and the surrounding areas. We have plenty of information available in this issue, and quite a few individuals have already signed on (including Rico and myself).

During our annual meeting, Rico and I were overwhelmed by the donations to the operating fund, our scholarships, and for memorials for their chapter fellows. Your continued support for our operating funds is very important and our only means of sustaining the Academy's work. Please see the list below of those who have donated to the operating fund so far this year. Special thanks to Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, and Bert Cutino, CEC, AAC, HBOT, HOF, for their tremendous contributions on the Academy's behalf.

So, until next time, I hope you enjoy a refreshing fall season complete with crisp air, colorful foliage, and plenty of opportunities for those who "take to the field in pursuit of game."

Mark

*Mark Wright, CEC®, AAC®
Chair, American Academy of Chefs*

"Luau" at the University of Southern California

Special thank you to Chefs de Cuisine Los Angeles for hosting a successful event for us on October 19th.

We recognize and appreciate your service to the American Academy of Chefs!



Thank you for your generous donation to the Academy of Chefs!

Save the date for the

2019 Regional ChefConnect Conferences!

ChefConnect: Atlantic City
Sunday, February 24–Tuesday, February 26, 2019
The Caesars Atlantic City & Bally's
Atlantic City, NJ

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Sunday, March 31–Tuesday, April 2, 2019
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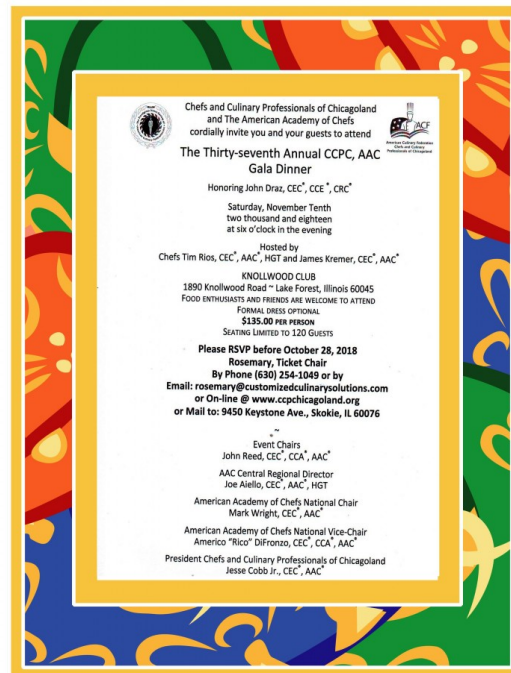
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November 12 - 18, 2018



Nominations for AAC Office 2019-2021

This is a formal notice advising you that nominations for the AAC elected offices of Chair and Vice-Chair, for the term 2019-2021, are being taken. All nominees must file a nomination letter with the AAC National Office by **Dec. 1st, 2018** signed by the nominating AAC Fellow, and include a statement that the nominee is willing to serve, also signed by the nominee. For in-depth details view the AAC policies and procedures or [click here](#).

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The "Prestigious Honor Society" of the American Culinary Federation, The American Academy of Chefs, offers a unique way to honor those who have worked hard and risen through the ranks of the culinary field.

A successful application for acceptance as an AAC Fellow will serve as the culmination of years of involvement in the grand profession, and as an ACF member.

An Academy Fellow must request an application for an individual potential inductee by sending an email to academy@acfchefs.org. There is a nonrefundable \$50 application fee that must be paid before the application is sent. For a list of current requirements, please visit the website or [click here](#).

Application deadline is Dec. 1, 2018

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Donations, as many as you choose to make in any given year, are welcome at any time. On behalf of the entire Academy family, we thank you again for your generous support.

Donations may be made by check mailed directly to the Academy Office, online, or via credit card. Please contact the Academy Administrator at academy@acfchefs.net if you have any questions.

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