



# Food Bytes

CHICAGO SECTION IFT

## KICK OFF EVENT AT JOE'S

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<u>Message from the Chair</u>	3	IFT's September Kickoff BBQ Buffet at Joe's Sports Bar on Weed Street, Chicago, September 15, 2008, from 5 – 8 pm, where we can all tell our summer stories over a bountiful BBQ buffet of grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, bratwurst and chicken as the main food with sides of buffalo wings, corn on the cob, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salads. Cookies and brownies round out dessert. Ticket price includes two drink (selected beer, mixed drink, wine or soda) tickets.
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<u>Suppliers' Night 2008</u> <u>Forum Innovation</u>	4	You are cordially invited to the Chicago Section
<u>Fun Run Scholarships</u> <u>Chicago IFT Silver Level</u>	5	<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008</b>
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<u>Newsletter Submission Deadlines</u>	5	<b>Schedule:</b> 4-5 PM- Executive Committee Meeting 5-8 PM- Kick-Off Event with dinner served from 6-8 PM
<u>Newsletter Ads Information</u>	6	<b>Location:</b> Joe's Sports Bar on Weed Street- <a href="http://www.joesbar.com">www.joesbar.com</a> 940 West Weed Street Chicago IL 60622 P: 312-337-3486
<u>Future Dates</u> <u>IFT Dinner Meetings</u>	6	<b>Dinner Price:</b> \$40.00 per person for CSIFT Members \$50.00 per person for Non-Members (*) and Walk-Ins at the Door
<u>Website Submissions</u>	6	(*) Sign up to be a CSIFT Member ( <a href="http://www.chicagoift.org">www.chicagoift.org</a> ) and pay the Member's price. Annual Membership Dues: \$15.00
<u>Employment Committee Newsletter</u>	7	<b>Dinner Price Includes:</b> 2 Drink Tickets per guest (selected beer, mixed drink, wine or soda) Bountiful BBQ Buffet- grilled burgers, hot dogs and
<u>October Meeting Reminder</u>	8	bratwurst, grilled chicken, buffalo wings, corn on the cob, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad, assorted cookies and brownies.
		<b>Valet Parking Charge:</b> \$6.00 per car
		<b>Directions:</b>
		<b>From the Western Suburbs</b> Take 290E towards Chicago. Take 90/94 towards Wisconsin to the North Avenue exit. Take the North Avenue exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto North Ave. Take North Avenue to Sheffield Avenue.
		<b>From the Northern Suburbs</b> Take 90/94E towards downtown Chicago. Go to the North Avenue exit. At the bottom of the ramp, go left onto North Avenue.
		Turn right onto Sheffield Ave. Go 1 block to stop sign, which is Weed Street. Turn left on Weed Street. Joe's is on your left-hand side.
		<b>From Downtown</b> Take LaSalle, Clark or Dearborn Street North to North Avenue. Turn left on North Avenue. Go to Sheffield Avenue and turn left.
		Go 1 block to stop sign, which is Weed Street. Turn left on Weed Street. Joe's is on your left-hand side.
		<b>From the Train</b> Take the red line to the North Ave./Clybourn stop. Get off and walk West on North Ave. (toward Hacienda and Pottery Barn) to Fremont St. Go left on Fremont to Weed Street (1 block). Turn right on Fremont and Joe's is on your right-hand side.

# ***Kick-Off Event***

## ***Speaker Information***



### **Gail Wiseman**

Gail Wiseman has worked closely with volunteer leaders of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Regional Sections and Divisions for over seven years. As Director of Membership Relations, Gail's main objective is to work with IFT's various communities and the professional staff of IFT, to ensure that all members enjoy a positive and rewarding experience.

Gail is a graduate of the University of Michigan, with over 15 years of experience working with associations. She has earned the prestigious Certified Association Credential (CAE) from the American Society of Association Executives, a designation given only to those who demonstrate knowledge on all aspects of association management.

Gail will join the Chicago Section leadership team on September 15, to discuss the benefits of belonging to IFT and to one of its most successful Sections. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about your organization, and to help us learn more about you!



### **Pamela Vaillancourt, M.S.**

Pamela is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) and has recently been elected by her peers to serve a 3-year term on the IFT Nominations and Elections Committee. She has been an active IFT Committee Member, Section and Division Officer, and Member since college and a mentor to numerous students.

Her degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology from Washington State University and a Master of Science in Food Science from the University of Washington. She has also had culinary courses from the Culinary Institute in St. Helena, California and multiple business and marketing courses.

Integrity, Impact, and IFT – how IFT can make a difference

This motivational, insightful, and high energy message is sure to interest, invigorate, and even influence Members while reminding them of the importance of making smart personal, volunteer, and career choices. IFT is more than "just another organization" when you're involved!



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Anna Lovis, Chair

### Welcome to the Chicago Section IFT

Did you know that the Chicago Section was the first regional section chapter of the IFT, established in 1941, a mere 2 years after IFT was founded? This got me thinking. How does a not-for-profit organization, guided mainly by volunteers, stay around for 67 years?

I thought about how I became involved with the Chicago Section. I helped a colleague in her volunteer position and began meeting many other food industry professionals and my network expanded. Then I started utilizing the educational and professional resources available. I read once that "involvement in volunteering does not preclude individual motivations; people make choices about volunteer work in the same way that they make choices about paid work." We may get involved

and stay active in the Chicago Section IFT for our own professional and personal goals, but through the years, we meet people who truly care about the industry and the longevity of our section. And, somehow we are mentored by these individuals who inspire us to contribute beyond our initial motivations for the advancement of this section. I believe that is why this organization is continuously evolving and sustaining.

We have much to be proud of. We are the largest and oldest section of an organization whose mission is "to advance the science of food" and whose vision is to "ensure a safe and abundant food supply contributing to healthier people everywhere." We exist as a scientific and educational society to enhance professional and personal goals. We are food industry professionals.

It is my pleasure to welcome

you to join the leaders of our section and National IFT, to our Kick-Off Event on Monday, September 15. It will be an information packed meeting, but we have not forgotten how to have a good time. A fun-filled evening has been planned, so join us for our September Kickoff - a good, old-fashioned BBQ, with a modern twist! Fun food and lots of mixing are on the menu, as we learn more about IFT, both national and section, and the benefits of being a member of both. Also, be sure to make note of Diane Dawson's (Chair-Elect and Program Chair) schedule of speakers and events for the upcoming year.

Believe me, when I volunteered and helped a colleague check in dinner guests at a monthly meeting some time ago, I never imagined that I would one day be sitting here writing a Chair's Message. It is a privilege.

**Anna Lovis**

# Suppliers' Night Committee

## Call for Volunteers!

The Chicago Section IFT Suppliers' Night is scheduled for Wednesday November 12th at the Donald Stephens Convention Center. All planning activities are underway, but we could always use more help. We need you. Please call or write to Mr. Mike O'Hare at Dawson sales. His telephone number is 630-574-8100 and his E-Mail address is [mikeohare@dawsonsales.com](mailto:mikeohare@dawsonsales.com).

### **Summary of Suppliers Night 2008 Workgroups:**

The purpose of engaging workgroups as part of the Suppliers Night Committee is to provide support to the Suppliers Night Committee Chair and to provide a structure around which Section Members can volunteer.

#### **Co-Chair: Overall Suppliers' Night**

#### **Co-Chair: Exposition**

#### **Marketing**

The purpose of the Marketing Workgroup is to increase the number of both the attendees and the exhibitors.

##### **Attendee Marketing – Roy Hlavacek - Publicity**

2. Identify the ideal attendee (who do the exhibitors want to see at the expo)
3. Ensure that past attendees attend
4. Assist IAMI with disseminating marketing materials to potential attendees

##### **Exhibitor Marketing – Mike Hossler – Sponsorship and Show Guide**

1. Identify new exhibitors
2. Follow up with 2007 exhibitors who have not yet registered / made a deposit
3. Identify sponsorship opportunities and develop marketing

#### **Stevens Center Workgroup**

#### **Catherine McCarthy and Sarah Doran - Housing & Catering**

The purpose of the Stevens Center Workgroup is to coordinate with service providers to ensure that Suppliers Night 2008 runs as smoothly as possible.

1. Coordinate with Rosemont Exhibition Services to determine the shipping information exhibitors require:
2. Meet with Stevens Center personnel to
  - a. Determine cost for booth rental and what is included in the fee
  - b. Determine best placement for registration tables
  - c. Signage for attendees and exhibitors
  - d. Booth set up for 2009 to increase traffic flow

#### **Day of Show Volunteer Workgroup – Mike O'Hare (This can cover Attendee Registration and Symposia Activities and anything else)**

The purpose of the Day of Show Volunteer Workgroup is to coordinate volunteers.

1. Identify volunteer needs

2. Identify potential volunteers

3. Schedule volunteers to fill necessary positions at attendee / supplier registration and others as identified

#### **Hospitality Workgroup – see above Catherine McCarthy and Sara Doran**

The purpose of the Hospitality Workgroup is to make that the attendees and exhibitors have a great time and leave Suppliers Night 2008 happy.

1. Determine food and beverage needs and costs

2. Increase traffic flow to all booths

3. Encourage attendees to stay throughout the show (consistent traffic flow)

#### **IFT Symposia (replaces the Mid West Food Processing Conference)- Jennifer Padilla and Pamela Vaillancourt**

The Mid West Food Processing Conference has been discontinued and the Chicago Section IFT will resurrect its Symposia Program which will run from 9 AM to 12 Noon the day of the show.

Joe Stout, Chair

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## Suppliers' Night Morning "Forum Innovation"

A few years ago, The Mid West Food Processing Conference replaced the Suppliers' Night Symposia. This was a program at which Companies gave presentations in the morning prior to the Exposition in the afternoon. The Mid West Food Processing Conference has cancelled their program and the IFT is reinitiating ours.

The Morning Open Showcase is composed of three sessions that will be run concurrently from 9 AM until 12 Noon. Each session will last 50 minutes during which companies can:

- Introduce New Products
- Illustrate New Applications
- Present Demonstrations
- Show a Video or CD of New Facilities or Production Capabilities.
- Discuss Market conditions and information.

In the past, the Suppliers' Night Symposia were very successful because it complemented what Exhibitors were trying to do at the Show. It gave them a captive audience to present information to groups ranging from fifty to a few hundred.

There is a category in the Exhibitor Registration process for the Morning Open Showcase. You can register here. Your participation will be welcomed.

Sincerely,  
Joe Stout

## Chicago Section IFT: Silver level sponsor of Fun Run Scholarships

Did you know the IFT Student Association/IFT Foundation Fun Run in New Orleans raised more than \$51,000 for the IFT Foundation Scholarship Fund? Over 375 fitness fans registered to brave the humidity for the eighth annual Fun Run. Ashley Hiatt from Purdue University was the IFTSA Fun Run chair. Bruce Ferree of California Natural Products was the top fundraiser who gathered pledges from colleagues and raised more than \$2,300 for IFT scholarships. The Cornell Food Fighters was recognized as the largest team, and the UC-Davis Happy Cows as the team with the best costume. Visit [www.ift.org/foundation](http://www.ift.org/foundation) to view final race results.

Are you interested in sponsorship opportunities for the 2009 Fun Run in Anaheim, California? Please contact Elizabeth J. Plummer at [ejplummer@ift.org](mailto:ejplummer@ift.org).

## Members Only Website Section

We are happy to announce that a new "Members Only" section has been added to our website. This section currently contains the Chicago IFT Member Handbook, current and archived newsletters, and the Chicago IFT Membership Directory. These documents are in pdf format and can be viewed online, printed, or downloaded and saved to your personal computer. Periodically, new materials will be added to this section in order to provide Chicago IFT members with proprietary information.

In order to gain access to the Members Only Section, log in using your first name, underscore, last name (all in lowercase letters), e.g. sam\_smith. Your initial password will be csift. Once you have logged in, you will be prompted to select a new password of your own choosing. Should you have difficulty logging in, please contact the Business Office at (630) 916-4960 for assistance.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Please send news of educational opportunities, industry news, and social events, etc. to all three of the Newsletter Staff listed below:

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All entries must be submitted in ready-to-print format and are subject to editorial review. Deadlines for newsletter submissions for the 2008-2009 program year are 3 days following the monthly meeting. **October 2008's articles will be due on September 18.** Thank you. The Newsletter Committee would like once again to express our appreciation to Bobbi Buford for her assistance in proofing the newsletter.

## CHICAGO SECTION IFT NOW OFFERS NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING SPACE TO 1400+ MEMBERS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$30!

The Chicago IFT Executive Committee has authorized the availability of limited ad space in the monthly FOOD BYTES Newsletter. Advertise your company's products or services (or yourself) for a low, low price on a per monthly basis. Submit a business card or ready-to-print larger ads by September 18th for the October issue. Call first to Nancy at the IFT Business Office (630-916-4960).

### Pricing Information

■ Business Card	(4" x 2")	\$30
■ 1/4 Page	(4" x 4")	\$50
■ 1/4 Page	(8" x 2")	\$60
■ 1/2 Page	(8" x 4")	\$90

\*Rates quoted are on a per issue basis

\*All ads will be 4-color

\*Limit of 25% of total newsletter space per issue— first come, first served

## FUTURE CHICAGO SECTION IFT MEETING DATES & PLACES

October Meeting:

Date: Monday, October 13th

Place: Edelweiss Restaurant  
7650 W. Irving Park Road  
Norridge, IL 60706

## WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS

MEMBERS! Need something added to the Chicago Section Website? If, so, please send an email to Trish Tolbert at [Itolbert@kraft.com](mailto:Itolbert@kraft.com).

**I.F.T. CHICAGO SECTION  
EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER, 2008**

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The Employment Committee publishes this portion of the newsletter as a free service to Chicago Section members. Because we cannot control the information supplied to us, no guarantee can be made of its accuracy. **Additional information on a particular listing can be obtained by contacting one of the people listed above.** Please submit ads for the October newsletter by September 8, 2008.

**A. PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT:** Privately owned food & beverage mfgr in Lake Zurich searching for someone to work on hot & cold bev innovations. Seek a creative & motivated food/bev scientist to join us & delight our customers. Successful candidate will help us develop new products & tweak existing products as part of a talented & dedicated group of lab personnel. Participation on creative, new prod dev, ideation, brainstorming & other innovation based teams is expected. B.S. req'd, M.S. preferred. 2-5 yrs exp in dev of customized beverage or food prod expected.

**B. REGULATORY SPECIALIST:** Coordinate and provide required documentation support for internal and external customers including specifications, ingredient statements, allergen statements, GMO Statements, Kosher, etc. Must be well versed in FDA and USDA labeling procedures. Requirements: BS in Food Science or related field from a 4 year institution. 3 – 5 years food regulatory experience and good basic knowledge of FDA and USDA regulations pertaining to ingredients, including applications and labeling.

**C. CORPORATE QUALITY SYSTEMS MANAGER:** Provide direction and leadership for Corporate Quality Systems. Overall responsibility for food safety. Develops plans to standardize quality systems across all US plants. Builds 1:1 relationships (QA:QA) with clients. Facilitates Quality Council team meetings. Represents company during major complaint negotiations. Acts as the product recall coordinator. Acts as company representative on Global Food Safety Council. Requirements: Bachelor's degree (BS) or equivalent and 7 – 12 years in food quality roles with increasing responsibility.

**D. SALES REPRESENTATIVE:** Growing food ingredient importer and distributor seeks to fill full time sales representative position for the Chicago land region market. Company located NW of Chicago but office will be from home in the region. Position responsibility will be to develop new accounts and manage existing accounts. Previous sales experience in food ingredients required. Minimal overnight travel. Ideal candidate will be a motivated self-starter with an outgoing personality, able to find new opportunities and close business. We offer salary, commission & benefits package.

#### **JOB SEEKERS**

**A. FOOD TECHNOLOGIST:** Experience in flavors, flavor applications, ingredients, cost reduction, and product development in beverages, dairy, and refrigerated products. Seeks part-time/full-time position in the N, NW, or W suburbs. BS/MS Food Science.

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## OCTOBER 2008-2009 MEETING DATE REMINDER

**Date:** **Monday, October 13th**

**Place:** **Edelweiss Restaurant, Norridge, IL**

**Speakers:** **Tom Trenta, Founder of Egg Strategy, and Judy Lindsey, General Manager of Product Dynamics, a division of QA, Inc.**

**Topic:** **TAP In! - A review of consumer trends and products in the beer and malt beverage category.**