



Chicago Section IFT Celebrates 75 Years – January 25, 2016

The 75th Anniversary Celebration was a delightful event that captured the history, progress, and momentum of the Chicago Section IFT. The prestigious and historic Union League Club was the perfect backdrop for an elegant evening that showcased the strong history and growing future of our Section.



The evening began with a tour of the wine pairings selected by the ULC Sommelier Agi Toth. Ms. Toth expertly paired each of the 3 courses with complimentary wines.

The soup course was paired with A to Z, Pinot Gris, Oregon - with notes of citrus and pear and a floral undertone, it was a bright addition to our palettes and a lovely way to start off the evening.



The Main Entrees were paired with the Mercer, Cabernet Sauvignon, Horse Heaven Hills, Washington and brought deep oaky flavors with toasted notes that paired perfectly with each of the three entrée choices.



Finally, a delightful end to a beautiful meal, we were presented with a Zardetto, Prosecco Brut, Italy with a decadent but airy tiramisu. The bubbles were a charming and refreshing play, and the light fruity flavors capped the night off perfectly.

With each course, the Chicago IFT paid homage to the Past, Present and Future of the section with a grand toast and short movie from an esteemed Toast Master. The Past was presented by Past-Chair Dan Best, and commemorated our long history as we toured dinner meetings from each decade - it was remarkable to see how new technologies emerged through the years, and how some topics are recurring throughout time.



The Present toast showcased the programs and accomplishments of our present day section and was presented by Membership Co-Chair, Deepa Thakar. Deepa praised each committee and our volunteers for their tireless contributions to the section, and reveled in the diverse accomplishments and events that we have hosted.

Finally, the Future was marked by a moving tribute presented by Nancy Moriarity, Scholarship Committee Chair. Nancy reviewed the programs and funds that the section has contributed to various scholarships and educational programs, and we all raised our glass to the real-life impact that this work has had on the future of food science and the future of the Chicago Section IFT.





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After dessert, the Chicago IFT had the distinct honor of hosting the President of the IFT - Dr. Colin Dennis. It was a treat for us to celebrate with our national counterparts and have Dr. Dennis present the overall strategic vision of our parent organization. Understanding the challenges and the complexities that the Science of Food faces in the decades to come is precisely why the Chicago IFT and our sister sections are so important. Dr. Dennis delivered an inspiring message of continuity and support, and capped our evening off flawlessly.

Perhaps the biggest highlights of the evening happened on the periphery - as guests entered the grand ballroom, they were able to enjoy a red carpet photo opportunity while exploring a table of historical section items. *Macey Feingold a member of Chicago Section IFT since 1949 is pictured here.*

As they made their way around the room they were able to bid on 3 silent auction items: Autographed Blackhawks Jersey - Sponsored by Prinova, VIP Blue Man Group Experience - Sponsored by FONA, and Dinner for 2 at the prestigious Everest - Sponsored by Barry Callebaut. All proceeds of the auction will go to fund the Scholarship foundation.



We would like to thank the tireless event Task Force and IAMI Staff, our Company Sponsors: Dawson Foods, EMSL Analytical, Merieux Nutrisciences, and Bell Flavors, and all of our donors and guests for making our 75th Anniversary celebration a magical night to remember. We raised \$1,002.00 for Scholarships!

Cheers!

Joy Dell'Aringa
Chair-Elect