



# Chicago Section IFT the First Section



## Message from the Chair

November 2012

Dear CSIFT Members,

This month we celebrated the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of our Suppliers' Night event. It was a smashing success by any measure. We had over 550 suppliers exhibiting their products and services to a diverse group of participants from the industry, academia and government. The attendance exceeded the 3,000 mark!

We recognized and honored three of the oldest broker sales organizations at the event for their years of dedicated service and support for the CSIFT Suppliers' Night annual event. The companies honored at the event included – 1) Dawson Sales, 2) E. J. Sales, and 3) The Thurber Company.

In addition, the executive committee of CSIFT extended a very special recognition to honor Joe Stout for his passion, innumerable contributions and years of dedicated service leading the Suppliers' Night Committee.

An event of this magnitude cannot be carried out without a team of dedicated volunteers and a passionate leader. We were quite fortunate to have found that winning combination in the Suppliers' Night 2012 team of volunteers under the leadership of Jim Anderson. The administrative support from our business office was excellent. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Jim, Lynnda, Marty and the entire team of volunteers for their contributions in making the SN 2012 a huge success. A job well done! If you are interested in serving the Section and want to be part of the CSIFT Leadership Team next year, please contact Uwe Nienaber, the chair of Nominations Committee ([uwe.nienaber@kraftfoods.com](mailto:uwe.nienaber@kraftfoods.com)) for more information.

As always, we try to make the December dinner meeting a unique festive occasion for the holiday season. This year our House and Program Committees have concocted a very special gastronomic twosome! You will have an opportunity to meet two of the top chefs from CSSI, learn the art of making artisan cheeses and fine beers, and taste the pairings during an interactive presentation. The Holiday Event / Meeting will take place on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Millrose Restaurant & Banquets in Barrington.

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, and you survived the shopping frenzy of Black Friday. Please keep the victims of the Super Storm Sandy in your prayers as you prepare for the holiday season.

Cheers,

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