



Dear CSIFT Members,

Did you attend our CSIFT Student Night? It is gratifying to hear from the students after the evening and learn that the program, the networking, and the overall experience were worthwhile for them to attend. CSIFT has received multiple thank you notes from the students, and these notes re-confirm that the students appreciated our efforts. There is a great deal of planning behind the scene and I want to thank everyone involved, especially Sara Lee for sponsoring a student tour and lunch (thank you Tim Stubbs!), our speakers from Kraft- Dr. Perfecto Perales and Dr. Steve Hill, our members who sponsored student dinners and/or the speed networking, and our Hospitality Committee and its Chair, Mr. John Chambers. Thank you!

This month we also had our volunteer event at the Greater Food Depository. Did you attend? We are planning to make this an annual event and a way to give back to our great city. From our LinkedIn page, here are two comments from CSIFT members who volunteered:

- [Suraya Gabel](#) • First off, WOW! I am so impressed by the GCFD and it's under workings. Not only am I impressed by them, but those of you who volunteered last night are awesome. Whether you were shoveling corn flakes, scooping corn flakes, weighing and taping, or palletizing boxes, you made a huge impact. Some of us even got the chance to enter the flex room and fill food boxes for families - now that was intense! I wish I could have said good-bye to everyone with a high-five, but I was one of the last people counting dried milk powder packets in a partial box so I missed most of you.

From what I gathered from chatter on the corn flake scooping line is that this project was very much enjoyed and something we should do again. Well, we are already working on scheduling for next fall (by we I mean, Mike Carson. He did all the behind the scenes work to schedule this project.).



- [Kendra Hutchison](#) • What a great experience. There had to be well over a hundred volunteers there total. They said without volunteers, they would have to hire an additional 46 full-time employees. I enjoyed this so much; I asked if we could volunteer on a regular basis. Thank you Mike Carson for organizing this event.



While we are supporting one of our local food banks, one of our members, Yuma Tani, reminded us during our April dinner meeting that globally our support is needed as well. Yuma is looking to assist the victims of the tsunami in Japan. He can be reached at yuma@matsutani.com for more information. In a fun way to remind all of us to think globally and to donate our efforts to the support of others – the theme of this month's word search is global currencies – check it out!

Now it's time to focus on our May meeting, the Tanner Lecture.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Gary List as our Tanner Lecture award winner. Dr. List is winning AOCS' biggest award, he is getting an honorary doctorate, plus he is getting our IFT honor...all in May. If you have any friends in AOCS, you may see them at this meeting, AOCS members are being invited too! Do plan to attend – this is your last dinner meeting of the year to meet and connect with other members!

This has been an exciting year for me and I am blessed to have met so many of you. I have tried learning from each of you why you enjoy being a member of CSIFT and how to improve your experience. As a Section of IFT, CSIFT has strived to provide value to you as a member and we continue look for ways to grow our Section – **The Largest Section of IFT**. Look to next year for more exciting programs for our Students, New/Young Professionals, and all Members: workshops, technical sessions, networking opportunities, charity events, and of course, Supplier's Night 2012

Also behinds the scenes is our Business Office, IAMI (Lynnda and Marty), the company CSIFT contracts that continues to run our Website, keep our membership database current, write, publish, and assist in marketing our events, and many other things too! Each of you need to know and remember that your Officers and the Executive Committee work closely with our Business Office and have hired them to help us serve you. Thank you Lynnda and Marty

With our Officers and Executive Committee members already elected for 2012, we are already planning next year's program and selecting locations. Does this sound interesting or fun to you? As volunteers, we have a great time lining up speakers, exploring new venues, and even trying the menu items in advance of our meetings. Join a Committee and get involved! Call or email me, the CSIFT Business Office, or your new incoming CSIFT Chair Uwe Nienaber.

My term actually ends until September, yet I am writing this now because this is the last Newsletter during my term and my last Chair's message. Do remember that CSIFT and IFT still have several more important events prior to September that you will want to add to your calendar now:

- May 9th –our prestigious Tanner Lecture
- May 9th –Workshop for Job Searchers and Others in Transition (prior to the Tanner Lecture)
- May 17th –Technical Program, FCC User Forum
- June 11-14 –IFT Annual Meeting and Food Expo
- June 22nd –Technical Program, The Role of IP in Innovation
- August 23rd –our Golf Outing!

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your CSIFT Chair this year and I am confident that with your Incoming Leadership, CSIFT is in good hands. Thank you.

Yours in CSIFT,

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