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Message from the Chair

October 2012

Dear CSIFT Members,

It gives me a great pleasure to report that the 2012 Golf Outing raised \$11,253 for the CSIFT Scholarship Fund. It's an outstanding accomplishment and we should be all very proud of our volunteers for their hard work, and the local businesses and suppliers for their generous support for the event.

I would like to share some of the highlights from our last Executive Committee meeting held on Oct 15th at the Maggiano's Restaurant in Skokie:

- **Section membership:** It's growing – we now have 1,649 members vs. 1,592 last year at this time. If you are passionate and would like to help out in our membership drive, please contact Laura Colby, Chair, Membership Committee.
- **Suppliers' Night 2012:** This year we will be celebrating the 50th Suppliers' Night. Jim Anderson and his team of volunteers have done a fantastic job of planning this historic event. We have already sold 540 booths and are making room for additional booths to meet the demand! We expect over 3,000 attendees. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Jim Anderson. He is desperately looking for volunteers to help out at the Suppliers' Night event on November 15th.
- **Long Range Planning:** Jerry Bard, Chair of the long range planning committee requested the Executive Committee to consider revisiting the vision and mission statements of the CSIFT to ensure alignment with the Section membership. I have listed below the Section mission for your information and comments. I would appreciate your thoughts and comments on the mission statement.

To serve the Chicago Section IFT by providing educational opportunities for members and future members by:

- *Increasing awareness of the vital role of food science in everyday life;*
 - *Supporting causes to advance the profession; and*
 - *Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information.*
- **Professional Development:** Last year, we had a very successful pilot program on Professional Development under the leadership of Atul Khare. He truly championed the program! As you perhaps know, Atul has moved away from the local area, and relinquished the chairmanship of the committee. We are looking for a volunteer to take the leadership of the program and rejuvenate it. If you have a passion for it and would like to lead the Professional Development program, please contact Sanford Wolgel or me at your earliest convenience.



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We were very fortunate to have Dr. Fong, Head of Research for Davos Life Sciences (Singapore) as the guest speaker at our dinner meeting on Oct 15th. He made an exemplary presentation on Vitamin E, clarifying the myths surrounding the chemical structures, anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory properties of natural and synthetic forms of Vitamin E.

Please spread the word about the 50th Suppliers' Night celebration on Thursday, November 15th at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center.

I look forward to seeing you at the Suppliers' Night on Nov 15th.

Best regards,

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