



Chicago Section
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Dear CSIFT Members,

I hope you all have enjoyed your summer! As I sat down to write this message, I couldn't resist but think of the championship run the Chicago Blackhawks had. I was amazed by the teamwork and perseverance it took to overcome being down 1-3 in the Detroit series to eventually coming back and winning in overtime of game 7 of that series. Then to play together and bring home the championship against the Bruins was simply magnificent. I believe with teamwork and dedication we can continue to keep Chicago Section IFT the biggest and the best in the country!



Thanks to all our volunteers' efforts as we once again were recognized by IFT as a "Section of Excellence". I am so proud to be part of this section and I look forward to helping with our continued success to promote food science in the years to come.

This year Chicago hosted the IFT Annual meeting and Food Expo in July. There were over 23,500 people registered for the event with 1,183 exhibitors. The Chicago Section IFT was awarded \$500.00 by IFT for participating in the 2013 IFT Section Challenge. Our Section had highest percentage of members in attendance.

In early August we held our 1st annual Picnic in the Park. It was fun social event for CSIFT members that included a friendly Baggo tournament. We look forward to holding more social events like this. Please give us feedback on when and where you would like to see more of these events.

At the end of August we held our 6th annual golf outing at the prestigious Cog Hill Golf & Country Club. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a well-manicured course. This year we set a CSIFT record with 320 golfers that participated over 3 courses. We concluded the evening with great food and an amazing raffle that included several sets of irons, drivers, an iPad, and a 50' TV. This event couldn't have been possible without dedicated volunteers like Mike Hosler and John Fenstermacher as well as our generous sponsors. All proceeds will be used for scholarships.

As incoming Chairman I am very excited about the lineup of speakers we have covering some very exciting topics. Hats off to our Program Chair John Budin for his efforts on having the program set for



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the year! Please visit our website and mark your calendars for our dinner meetings as you don't want to miss an event.

We cannot succeed without your support. Some of our committees are in need of volunteers to carry out their task. If you are passionate about the future of CSIFT and can afford to volunteer 3 – 4 hours of your time per month to help us out, please contact any of the committee chairs or me to discuss the opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at our next dinner meeting on October 21st at the Carlisle in Lombard, IL. Join members and friends of Chicago Section IFT as we welcome Russell Moroz, VP Research, Development, & Quality, Kraft Foods as he shares *"10 Things I Wish I Knew When I was Beginning my Career."*

Best regards,

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