

A word from the chair

Hello Nutmeg Section Members!

It's mid-year 2015-2016 as local Section activities go. Plus we are months away from election time for Section officers 2016-2017.

As you may be aware our Nutmeg Section member participation has been decreasing over the past few years due to food company consolidations in our area and some movement of their personnel out of Connecticut. But we have always been a resilient and resourceful Section.

We have several exciting developments to share with you, as well as some fantastic upcoming events.

We hope to see many familiar and new faces in the coming months .

- Diane Hnat-



Achievements and News

This year we were pleased to announce the Chartering of IFTSA (Institute of Food Technologists Student Association) at UCONN with robust UCONN graduate student participation at the local and national levels.

This fantastic accomplishment is the incredible result of months of hard work by our student volunteers . If you are a student interested in joining the IFTSA please contact Meera Surendran Nair at meera.nair@uconn.edu



We continue to meet National IFT's record-keeping requirements to maintain our Section charter and our status as a section of excellence.

Volunteers Wanted:

We have some on-going Nutmeg Section needs and invite all of members to consider volunteering their time for any of the positions listed below or contribute their ideas

- New volunteers from industry and academia to serve as Executive Committee officers in the upcoming election
- Webmaster to develop Section content for several newsletters throughout the year to help inform and engage the membership in general

We are always looking for exciting program ideas and co-ordinators to bring the meeting ideas to fruition. If you have a unique meeting suggestion please let us know

For any of these positions please contact nutmegift@gmail.com

A bit of history

The Nutmeg Section was started 48 years ago and chartered by members from the neighboring Northeast and New York Sections. Over these past few decades several Nutmeg Section Chairs have even been elected as National IFT President. So participation in our local Section is a great stepping stone to future leadership roles in our National professional society and helping direct the path of the food industry in this 21st century.



Past Events this year

In case you missed it, the first meeting of 2015-2016 was Joint with Northeast Section & Research Chefs Association. On October 1, 2015 we met at Publick House Inn, Sturbridge, MA – just over the CT border.

Cindy Brown (President of Chippewa Bean & Doane Ltd.) educated us about the “International Year of the Pulses” as declared by the United Nations. And our vegetarian dinner fare made the event very unique indeed.



Save the date:

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events

Student Night University of Connecticut April 7th

Join us for a delicious dinner and excellent speaker as well as a presentation of undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

Details to be announced shortly

Joint Nutmeg/NYIFT Meeting April 21st

Join us for an evening of dinner and an insightful guest speaker.

Event to be held at PepsiCo in Purchase NY

Details to be announced shortly

Current Nutmeg Officers

Chair: Diane Hnat

Past Chair: Conrad Rebello

Chair Elect: TBD

Secretary: Susan Gerulis

Co-Secretary: Nicole Whitney

Treasurer: Conrad Rebello

Co-Treasurer: Valerie Griffin

Arrangements Chair: Nicole Whitney

Member at Large: Pilar Cobos

Alternative Member at Large: John Dwyer

Membership Chair: Deepti Karumathil

Student Night Chair: Mary Ann Roshni Amalaradjou

Historian/By Laws Chair: John Dwyer

Webmaster: Meera Surendran Nair