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Chef Kevin Storm

The year is almost half over, how time flies. I am sure we are all gearing up for the busy summer months ahead. The economy looks as though it's showing some signs of recovery, which is good news for all of us.

I would like to thank Chef Brian Hardy, Joe Mueller and staff at the Gatesworth for hosting what was a great evening of friends, food and drink in their new wing. They had over one hundred members and guests show up for the meeting and dinner. What a great turn out! Although I did not get there until late, Bellerive hosted the CMAA dinner that evening, I believe everyone enjoyed themselves.

We have a lot of events scheduled for the summer months and I hope you can participate in some if not all of them. First we have our next meeting at FPCC on May 18th. It will be a cupping put on by our friends at Ronnoco Coffee; please make your reservation soon. Next is the golf tournament on June 1st. This will be the 1st Annual Sebastian Murabito Memorial Golf Tournament. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so via the website. It's filling up fast! The tournament will include golf, lunch and heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by the junior chefs.

Please remember to vote for our national officers. It's your chance to be heard. The ballots are in the mail and should be in your mailbox soon so please vote! It's important to our Federation's future. Our June meeting will be at Sysco. Glazer Wine and Spirits is doing the education on food and wine pairing and menu planning. More details will follow. July will be the National Conventions held in Orlando, July 10th through the 14th. Hope to see you there to cheer on our Knowledge Bowl Team.

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Upcoming Events

May Chapter Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2009
St. Louis Community College at
Forest Park
5600 Oakland Ave.
St. Louis, MO

The educational meeting will be a demonstration and discussion about cupping coffee, demonstrated by Charles Dubuque of Ronnoco Coffee.

- Junior Chefs meeting begins at 3:30 pm
- Educational meeting begins at 4:00 pm
- General meeting begins at 5:00 pm

Meeting registration is \$5 for Members and Student Culinarians

For Reservations, please call the Chef 's Hotline at 314.846.9932 or via the website at <http://www.stlchefs.org>

June Chapter Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2009
Sysco

3850 Mueller Road
St. Charles, MO 63301

The educational meeting will be a menu planning and wine tasting put on by Glazers & Sysco Foodservice.

Save These Dates:

Sebastian Murabito
Memorial Golf Tournament

June 1, 2009

Pevely Farms Golf Club

400 Lewis Road
St. Louis, MO 63025
(near I-44, exit 266)

August 16 or 23

Purveyors Appreciation Day

date and location to be determined

September 13 & 14

ACF Missouri Regional Conference
Columbia, MO

September 20, 2009

Chef's Wine Country BBQ

Mt. Pleasant Winery

5634 High Street
Augusta, MO 63332

November 1 or 8

Chef of the Year Dinner Dance

date and location to be determined

Future Chapter meetings:

Jul 20

Aug – no meeting

Sep – no meeting, Regional Conference

Oct 19

Nov 16

Dec – no meeting

Kevin Taylor wins Jeunes Commis Award

Congratulations to Kevin Taylor, St. Louis Country Club, who recently won a regional Jeunes Commis award at a competition sponsored by La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs!

He will compete at the National competition in Scottsdale, AZ. The Chapter is very proud of him and his coach, and wishes him the best of luck at the National Competition.

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The 1st annual
**Chefs de Cuisine
Sebastian Murabito
Memorial
Golf Tournament**

(formerly the Bon Appe-tee Tournament)
is being held

**Monday, June 1, 2009
Pevely Farms Golf Club**

400 Lewis Road
St. Louis MO 63025
(near I-44 at Exit #266)

This is a Four Man Scramble
Golf Tournament

Schedule of Events

7:30 am - 9:00 am
Continental Breakfast
Registration
Driving Range Open

9:00 am
Tournament Play Begins
Shotgun Start

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Noon
Lunch Served @ Turn

2:00 pm
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
& Awards

Fellow Golfers, Members and Friends:

This year's tournament will represent the beginning of the Sebastian Murabito Memorial Golf Tournament. As many of you know, Sebastian (Porky) was a dedicated long time member of this association. It is out of respect of his constant participation and dedication in so many of this Association's fund raising events that we dedicate this tournament to him. I am sure that many of you remember, just a few short years ago, how important this tournament was and the enjoyment it brought to him. In addition, we are dedicating the



proceeds for a scholarship fund in his name to support the needs of young culinarians.

Please plan to contribute to this annual Chef's Fund Raiser by playing in our tournament, donating attendance prizes, sponsoring a hole, or doing all three. Make your reservations early because we are limited to a finite number of players.

Sebastian Murabito
Memorial Golf Tournament
Registration Form

Please provide each players name.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Mail completed registration to:

Rich LaRose
Attn: Murabito Golf Registration
4570 Elk Meadows Ln.
Smithton, IL 62285

Gold Sponsorship \$775

Includes Hole Sponsorship

Company Name _____

Player #1 _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

Silver Sponsorship \$500

Includes Hole Sponsorship

Company Name _____

Player #1 _____

Player #2 _____

Bronze Sponsorship \$250

Signage Only

Company Name _____

Individual Player \$150

Player Name _____

*Make checks payable to
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You can register for the tournament at one of four different levels:

Gold Sponsorship	\$775	4 players and a hole sponsorship
Silver Sponsorship	\$500	2 players and a hole sponsorship
Bronze Sponsorship	\$250	signage only
Individual Player	\$150	

For further information, contact:

Rich LaRose
570 Elk Meadows Ln.
Smithton, IL 62285
314-616-1931

Chefs de Cuisine General Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2009
The Gatesworth

The Invocation was lead by Mike Welsh, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chef Chris Desens, in place of President Kevin Storm and Vice President Brian Hardy, officially opened the meeting.

Many thanks were issued to The Gatesworth, Bob Leonard, and Chef Brian Hardy, CEC, for hosting the Dinner Meeting. The dinner was the first event ever held in the West Wing Expansion.

There was no quorum, so the meeting was informational only.

Chair Reports

Vice President and Certification – Chair Brian Hardy had no report as he was busy in the kitchen preparing for dinner.

Program and Continuing Education Chair – Charlie Rossi had no report.

Junior Team Chair – Tony Haacke reported there will be an informational session at the May 18th meeting regarding the Junior Team tryouts. Any junior chef interesting in trying out for the team should plan to attend this meeting so they will be prepared for tryouts. The tryouts are tentatively scheduled for May 29th at L'Ecole Culinare, but it is still to be confirmed.

Membership Chair – Tony Haacke is finishing up collecting Associate Member dues and turned in a check to Chef Casey today. Chad Lombardo, Associate Member Chair asked all Associate Members to check their listing in the newsletter to make sure that the address is current so you can continue to receive information about meetings and dues renewals. Chef Chris added that Associate Members are a vital part of the organization and we appreciate their continued support even in this time of economic hardships.

Educational Foundation Chair – John Bogacki reported there was a Board meeting last week to review the state of the Educational Foundation. The Mardi Gras event was very successful financially and will be the biggest fundraiser of the year. The Academy Dinner hosted by The Racquet Club and Chef Tony Haacke was superb. Congratulations again to Christy Schlafly on becoming a National Honorary Member.

Apprenticeship Chair – Brian Durbin said there is a sign up sheet at the registration desk for anyone interested in learning more about the Apprenticeship program. There was one young man in attendance who was very interested in signing up for an Apprenticeship. Chef Chris asked everyone who has been an apprentice or housed an apprentice to raise their hand—there were many members who have been involved in the Apprenticeship program.

Knowledge Bowl Chair – Vicki Davenport reports that the Knowledge Bowl is back at work preparing for their fourth consecutive trip to the National Competition. The team is asking our Associate membership for assistance with Corporate Sponsorships to offset the team's travel expenses. Chef John Bogacki wanted to stress that this is our Chapter's fourth consecutive appearance at the National Championship. This is quite an accomplishment for our Chapter and for our team members and coaches. Chef Chris added his thanks to the hard working coaches and our dedicated team members.

Senior Chefs Chair – Chef Jan Verdonkschot is glad to be here and Chef Chris added how glad the Chapter is to have him back.

Treasurer – Casey Shiller noted that the Chapter now can process credit cards at events and meetings on-site.

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President's Report

In Chef Storm's absence, Chef Chris Desens gave the following report:

- ❖ Phil Nekić of Bob's Seafood, Brian Horton of The Gatesworth, and Bob Leonard also of The Gatesworth all lost their father's recently. Please keep them in your prayers.
- ❖ Kevin Taylor of St. Louis Country Club and a member of the US Olympic Youth Team recently won the regional Chaine de Rotisseurs Jeune Commis competition. He will compete at the National competition in Scottsdale, AZ. The Chapter is very proud of him and his coach and wishes him the best of luck at the National Competition.
- ❖ The ACF will soon be conducting the re-certification of St. Louis Community College at Forest Park as well as our Apprenticeship program.
- ❖ Next Monday, April 27, is the Edgewood Chefs' Night Out at Sunset Country Club. That evening will also be Chef Anthony Lyons last night at Sunset Country Club as he will be moving to Forest Hills Country Club. Chef Tony announced that Chef Rod Laurentius has accepted the Executive Chef position at Sunset Country Club and that Rod and his wife, Christine, will soon be returning to St. Louis.
- ❖ There will be a Regional Conference in Columbia, MO, September 13th and 14th. Chapters from St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, and Columbia will participate. Chef Chris encouraged all members to try to attend as there will be many educational seminars as well as it's a good opportunity for networking.
- ❖ The next meeting will be May 18th at Forest Park and the educational portion will be a Cupping sponsored by Ronnoco Coffee.
- ❖ The St. Louis Chefs Wine Country BBQ will be Sunday, September 20th at Mount Pleasant Winery.
- ❖ The Golf Tournament will be held in honor of Chef Sebastian Murabito on June 1st at Pevely Farms. Chairman Rich LaRose is still looking for a few more teams.

New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting was adjourned by Chef Chris.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Davenport for Joe Mueller.

Junior Chapter Notes

Junior Chefs Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2009

Meeting opened at 4:40pm by Michelle Allender

May Meeting

For the next meeting, the coaches for the Junior Hot Food Team will be hosting a Hot Food seminar to inform any interested parties about the Hot Food Team. Try outs for the team are just around the corner and anyone who is interested in trying out or just curious about the team should come to the meeting, May 20th at Forest Park Community College. This half, our presentation will consist of three demonstrations of skills that the team will perform when competing. This will be a fun and informative time, so be sure to ask off from work for the next meeting.

Tour of G&W Sausage Co.

The Junior board is putting together a tour of G & W Sausage Co. for the junior members in May. The date is not final yet, but as soon as we have the finalized information we will send out an email to everyone.

Golf Tournament

The time to really flex the junior culinary muscles is just around the corner. Monday, June 1st is the Golf Tournament and the junior members are responsible for preparing the food for the event. This means that we are in need of volunteers, the more the merrier. We have prep days set up with Forest Park Community College to use their kitchen on Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st from 9am to 3pm to work on all of our prep. We will need volunteers for both prep days and also on Monday June 1st to work the actual golf tournament. If you would like to volunteer please contact Michelle Allender at michelle_allender@yahoo.com or 314-452-9390. Even if you can only give an hour of your time it will be appreciated.

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The meeting was closed at 4:45pm by Michelle Allender and handed over to Chef Durbin for the Apprenticeship Meet and Greet.

The Board would like to thank those who volunteered at the April Meeting at The Gatesworth. The whole Gatesworth crew

appreciated the help; we couldn't have done it without you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Allender, Junior Secretary

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