President's Newsletter

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Congratulations to Central Region Vice President Elect: Chef Steven Jilleba, CMC, CCE, AAC

Congratulations to Chef Joe Aiello, CEC, AAC on being selected to the American Academy of Chefs Hall of Fame



On behalf of the ACF Chicago Chefs, we congratulate these fine Chefs for their great accomplishments. It is an honor and privilege to have them as members of our Chapter.

New notables of support to our chapter this year have been Old Elk, Stock Yards, Tanduay, Char Boys, Smithfield and Zesty Catering.

Looking back over the last few months has been an eye opening experience. When you are in the moment moving forward doing what you have been planning for months and see it all come together, it is a wonderful feeling. As heard at our meeting at Rivers Casino, a member noted, "Tonight, I've seen people here that I haven't seen in years." We continue the slogan, "I am making a difference, be the one to make a difference."

In saying that, Chef Laura Vaughn along with US Foods is staging a wonderful June meeting emphasizing education on bread by Turano Baking, meat by Stock Yards and bourbon by Old Elk. To note, I did mention in an earlier letter our educational meeting on Halal cooking. That meeting has been postponed. As soon as details are available, we will let you know.

Please reach out to me with any questions, thoughts or concerns. I continue to be humbled and honored to serve as the President of our Chapter and look forward to what lies ahead, our future is very bright.
Respectfully,

Don Zajac
President, ACF Chicago Chefs

"Unity is strength. . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." --Mattie Stepanek

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