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Fall/Winter Great Lakes Section Events Highlights

GLSIFT Featured Speaker and Farm to Fork Dinner Meeting

September 26, 2017 (Grand Rapids, MI)

Thirty-eight members and guests of the Great Lakes IFT attended Bistro Bella Vita, to enjoy delicious farm to fork appetizers & generous dinner portions. This was a great opportunity to network, and attend John Coupland, PhD, CFS IFT President 2016-2017 presentation "A Defense of Food Science: A Response to Criticisms of the Industrial Food System and a Consideration of the Ways Food Science Can Make Life Better".



John took us on a journey from the beginnings of the USA food industry, its connections to great scientific discoveries, their practical application, the population growth and demands that influenced the growth of big food. We also learned about climate change impact to food industry, the key implementation of quality and safety, and the intricacies of the global economy and product availability throughout the year no matter its seasonality... Then we looked into key needs of current and future consumers – moving towards foods that are clean, fresh, homemade... All these factors are influencing and shaping the transformation of the food industry at an accelerated pace, and impacting on food related careers.

Our Chair Elect Scott Peterson shared the Chapter status & updates - Please review our website to keep up to date with our activities, and sign up to volunteer! We also have a Facebook page; make sure to check it out!



Connect with us on Facebook! Search "Great Lakes Section—Institute of Food Technologists"



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Kalsec Factory & R&D Tour & Dinner Meeting

November 7, 2017 (Kalamazoo, MI)

On November 7, thirty-five members and guests of the Great Lakes IFT attended a tour of Kalsec in Kalamazoo and after enjoyed a delicious dinner at Food Dance, downtown Kalamazoo.

The tour consisted of a very informative and fun presentation by Anna Cheely and Howard Haley of Kalsec's history and current capabilities, accompanied by some delicious flavored



coffee and coffee creamer made right at Kalsec. The presentation was followed by a tour of the labs and the factory where each member got to experience the day to day life at Kalsec. We sincerely thank the Kalsec employees for allowing us to visit your wonderful facility!



Downtown Kalamazoo features Food Dance, a popular and delicious farm to table restaurant. A special menu was made for the group and each member was able to order a choice from four options, followed by an array of desserts for each table.

Holiday Celebration and Toys for Tots Drive

December 5, 2017 (Grand Rapids, MI)

The Great Lakes Section of IFT held their annual holiday gathering and Toys For Tots collection on Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at San Chez Tapas Bistro in downtown Grand Rapids. Thirty members and friends came together for the fun and festivities, which included a varied and delicious array of refreshing savory tapas appetizers and sweet deserts. Everyone that attended was given a ticket that was included in a drawing for one of 15 door prizes valued at up to \$100. Those who brought toy donations were given an extra ticket, which increased their chances of winning a prize. Drawings were held throughout the evening.

Many thanks to the ingredient suppliers and organizations that donated the prizes for this charitable event. These included TIC Gums, H&W Ingredients, (cont. on next page)



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Mane Flavors, Symrise Flavors, Givaudan Flavors, Beneo Ingredients, Flavors of North America, and the GLSIFT.

Nobody left empty handed, however, as each attendee was also given a scrumptious decorated cookie expertly crafted by Ryke's Bakery in Muskegon. We wish all of our GLSIFT members and their families a happy and safe holiday season, and look forward to seeing you all at our many events planned for 2018!



Upcoming Events

"Food Evolution" Movie Screening

February 25, 2018 (Sunday) at 1:30pm-3:45pm

Grand Rapids Downtown Market Banquet Facility (435 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503)

Please join us for a viewing of the newly released film, "Food Evolution" followed by an informal discussion. Appetizers and soft drinks will be provided (beer and wine available for purchase).

Cost:

Members/Non-Members/Emeritus: \$15

Students: \$5



Upcoming Events



Student Recognition Night & Guest Speaker Dr. Roger Clemens

March 20, 2018 (Tuesday) at 6:30-9:00pm



MSU Kellogg Center—Riverside Room (219 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824)

At our March monthly meeting we will recognize outstanding students as well as hear from our guest speaker, Dr. Roger Clemens (Past President of IFT, co-founder and executive vice president of scientific operations for PolyScience Consulting). The topic of the evening will be, “Weapons of Mass Distortion”.

Cost:

Members/Emeritus: \$35

Non-Members: \$40

Students: \$10 (Free for scholarship applicants)



Executive Committee of Great Lakes Section IFT 2017—2018

Each Fall, the Section welcomes new officers and committee chairs. Many thanks to those who served the Section in 2016 and 2017, and to those looking forward to working with the Section in 2017 and 2018! Welcome to:

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GLSIFT 2018 Scholarship Competition NOW OPEN!



GLSIFT Food Science Undergraduate and Graduate Students:

The 2018 Scholarship Competition is now open! A total of **six** \$1000 scholarships are to be awarded. Each scholarship has specific criteria which are indicated on the GLSIFT website under the “student tab”.

www.greatlakesift.org/student-scholarships/

Winners will be announced at the annual student recognition dinner to be held on March 20, 2018 at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing.

Please submit your application and letters of recommendation online no later than **February 5th** at 11:59:59PM.

GLSIFT 2018/19 Officer Nominations

It's that time again! The GLSIFT would like to request submission of nominations for each of the positions listed below. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact current Chair, Scott Peterson (scott.peterson@rd.nestle.com). Nominations are due by Jan 15th, 2018.

- ☐ Chair/President-Elect: 3 year term (Chair-Elect, Chair, Past Chair)
- ☐ Secretary: 1 year term
- ☐ Treasurer: 2 year term
- ☐ Member-at-large: 2 year term



Call for Volunteers

Our Section is always looking for volunteers to participate in a variety of committees. Volunteers are needed this year in the following areas:

- Science Teachers Association—March 2nd/3rd, 2018 (Lansing, MI)
- Science Olympiad—April 2018 (MSU)
- Food Ambassadors
- Scholarship Program
- Education and Outreach
- Communications

If you are interested in getting involved, send us an email! Email: greatlakesift@gmail.com

