



Great Lakes Section
Institute of Food Technologists

Winter Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Holiday Gathering and Toy Drive – REGISTER TODAY

December 12, 2012 6-9 pm

**Bell's Eccentric Café,
355 E Kalamazoo Ave,
Kalamazoo MI**

**Join us for some Holiday Cheer &
support the true spirit of the
season by donating a Toy to Toys
for Tots.**



Go to <http://www.greatlakesift.org/great-lakes-ift-upcoming-events.htm>

To sign up today!

SAVE THE DATE



Great Lakes Section- IFT
Basketball Watch Party & Food Drive
January 27, 2012 1:00p Tip Off
Hall of Fame Café,



1601 W Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing

Meet us for the 3rd Annual Basketball Game Watch Party!
Families Welcome! GL-IFT will provide Appetizers!



Each food item you bring will get you an entry in our prize drawing!
(Limit 2 prizes per guest)

Food will be donated to Mid-Michigan Food Bank

Registration will open soon at [GLS-IFT website](#)



Great Lakes Section Scholarships

Attention Students

Did you know GLS-IFT gives out 6 scholarships each year?

Watch for an announcements on the Website when we will start the application process in January



Fall Meeting Highlights

The Fall 2012 Great Lakes IFT Section meeting was held on October 30th at the Culinary Institute of Michigan (an affiliate of Baker College) located in downtown Muskegon. A group of 44 attendees (sold out) were treated to a 4-course French cuisine dinner at “Courses” which is the student-run public restaurant.



Following dinner, attendees were given a guided tour of the state-of-the-art instructional facilities (3 floors, 40,000 sq. ft.) with color commentary by Chef Robb White, dean of the institute. Following the tour, Chef Robb then spoke to the group about “The Expanding Variety of Salts & How to Select the Right Ones for Various Foods”. His presentation took place in the CIM Innovation Center, which is a fully equipped preparation and demonstration lab equipped with multiple high definition cameras used to archive presentations for later viewing by students.

The CIM has experienced tremendous growth over the last several years, graduating more than 800 students from its programs in 2012. This presence of this institution in Michigan represents a huge asset to the local food industry as we look to leverage culinary expertise more and more in new product introductions and product renovation. Members and guests enjoyed the opportunity to see this impressive facility *“It was a great overview of the CIM and world of salt as a culinary tool. It’s exciting to know we have this level of culinary expertise in our area”*



Nominations for 2014 Officers:

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a leader for GLS-IFT?

Positions Available	Chair Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-at-Large
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- **2014 Officer Nominations are due January 20th**
- Board term is Sept. 1, 2013-Aug. 31, 2014
- More details to follow on GLS Website

GLS Activities: Job Shadow Program

Connecting industry professionals of today with the food scientists of tomorrow

In 2011 two companies hosted the first set of job shadow students, giving each student a day in the life of an industry professional. This past year, 2012, the program grew to six companies with twelve students participating. The job shadow program provides an opportunity for students to visit participating food companies and learn about different areas of interest where they could use their degree. Some comments from the students themselves included;



“The job shadow experience was amazing!”

“It really opened up my eyes to a whole side of food science that I never have thought about.”

“I could not fit an internship into my undergraduate years...but I felt that this was a really good experience for me to get a general idea of what I am going into. “

The food industry is all about connections. The opportunity to share enthusiasm and passion for this industry with the food scientists of tomorrow is important. These students are anxious to participate in the limited spots. If your company is not already participating consider getting involved in the program.

Planning for 2013 has begun and already seven companies have expressed interest. The time and resources required are minimal and the committee can walk you through the steps to get started.

Please contact Meghan Peltz (mpeltz@kalsec.com) or Steven Levi (s.levi@caremoli-usa.com) for more information on how to get your company involved as part of the Job Shadow Program.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS...

Section Meeting Planning Committee

Chair: Scott Peterson

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Help plan section meetings and events! Have direct influence over where meetings are held and speakers.

Membership/New Professionals Outreach

Chair: Heide Farkas

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Help recruit and retain members to the Great Lakes Section!

High School Outreach Program.

Chairs: Gene Maly and Dr. Janice Harte

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Looking for 1-2 "big picture" people to help our team build a high school outreach program. Our mission is provide exposure to High School teachers and students about the MSU Food Science and Human Nutrition department and opportunities within the food industry.

**Students who volunteer for a committee earn points toward travel funding to the Annual IFT Meeting.

There is much more information about all the events and programs mentioned in this newsletter on our website, www.greatlakesift.org. And if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, don't hesitate to email contact@greatlakesift.org.

Looking for a job or need to fill a position?

Businesses seeking applicants for employment OR students and graduates seeking employment can send their posting or resume to contact@greatlakesift.org to be posted on the [Job Bulletins](#) page on the website for 6 months. Current posted positions include opportunities with **Sundance Beverages** and **Nestle USA!**

Do you have pictures of any GLS-IFT events? Send them to contact@greatlakesift.org so we can put them on our website!

Have an announcement you would like to include in the Winter Newsletter? Send us your brief news to contact@greatlakesift.org by November 12, 2012.

Stay connected:
GLS-IFT Website
www.ift.org/sections/greatlakes