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Registration open until Monday, December 9!!

Join your friends and colleagues for a fun evening at ZaZio's in Kalamazoo Michigan on **Wednesday, December 11th from 6pm to 9pm**. Come enjoy a great selection of appetizers and a cash bar. **Bring an unwrapped toy** as we participate in Toys For Tots. IFT members and guests are welcome! Please register using the link below.

<https://glsiftholidaysocial.eventbrite.com>



MSU Basketball Watch Party! Sunday February 9th, 2014

Meet us in East Lansing as we watch the Spartans defeat the Badgers and enjoy some fellowship and food! Watch for more details to follow!



Upcoming Events—www.greatlakesift.org/events

- December 11, 2013: **Holiday Social** at ZaZios in Kalamazoo
- February 9, 2014: **MSU Basketball Watch Party** in East Lansing
- February 11, 2014: **Section Meeting** at Culinary Institute of Michigan in Muskegon
- April 40th, 2014: **Suppliers Day Expo and Wine Dinner** in Battle Creek

Job Shadow Program Update



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The GLIFT Job Shadow program is designed to allow students looking to pursue a career in food science the opportunity to shadow a professional in their area of study. Steve Levi and Sarah Smith-Simpson head up the committee and are preparing to meet with students from Michigan State University and Wayne State University after the first of the year to present these opportunities. If you represent a company that is **interested in participating by providing a student a “day in the life” of a food science professional**, please contact Steve or Sarah:
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Executive Board Elections

Calling for nominations for Chair Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at Large! Nominations are due January 20th. The Board term is Sept. 1, 2014-Aug. 31, 2015. Please email us at greatlakesift@gmail.com if you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know that would be a great leader for the section!

Mark your calendars...

...for our next dinner meeting!

February 11, 2014 we are going back to the Culinary Institute of Michigan in Muskegon. The meeting will begin at 6pm with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a 4-course meal prepared and served by students at the Institute. Following a tour of the CIM, our keynote speaker will be Jackie Beckley, President and Founder of “The Understanding and Insight Group”. More details coming soon!

Decadent chocolate tasting & Italian feast!

On November 7, Mike Koch and his Team welcomed the GLS IFT members to the Morley Chocolate Factory headquarters in Clinton Township, MI.

Accompanied by the pleasant chocolate scent that inundated the air, the evening started with a delightful taste of warm freshly made caramel-chocolate chunk cookies and an insightful video about the discovery, tradition, and manufacture of chocolate.

Mike shared the Morley Chocolate Company history along with insights related to the current market status and opportunities. He explained the critical importance and commitment to deliver premium quality chocolate products.

We then proceeded to tour the factory - which at that time was operating 2nd shift. Our guides explained to us the process of chocolate and candy making and the caring manual labor involved in the packaging of these fine products.

After the meeting & tour we spent lively, fun GLS IFT networking time at Mario Luigi's Downtown restaurant, where we enjoyed hearty appetizers & a delicious Northern Italian style cuisine.



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September Dinner Meeting



Students and professionals experienced creativity personified in downtown Grand Rapids at the Grid70 complex. It is here that Meijer QA Manager Cindi Cole explained the Grid 70 philosophy that brings together non-competing companies to share space and a spirit of creativity. Currently the complex houses designers and new product development teams from Meijer, Amway, Steelcase and Wolverine with space now available for expansion and new tenants

Meijer Foods opened its doors and shared its unique space and philosophy of Innovation with GLSIFT members at the Fall Meeting on Sept. 24th. Collaboration among the companies flourishes on a daily basis where prototypes of boots, salads or desk designs are shared and evaluated by all, providing diverse feedback and ideas for improvement.

Chef Jen Gritters provided a tour of the Development kitchens where new products are **created for Meijer stores. She presented Meijer's approach to new product innovation** through the combination of Culinary Arts and Food Science.

After the meeting, members enjoyed meeting new colleagues and reuniting with old friends at nearby San Chez Tapas Bistro. Tapas were served family style to allow everyone to taste and enjoy variety from appetizers to dessert. Whether your favorite was the BISTEC CON PIMIENTA (peppered bistro steak* grilled medium-rare, tortellini, manchego mustard cream sauce) or the pitchers of Sangria with fresh orange and lemon slices, the great food and fun atmosphere made for a memorable night for GLS IFT members.

GLS IFT Day of Service

Members Volunteer Statewide at Food Banks



Students and professionals came together throughout Michigan to support the Day of Service events sponsored by Great Lakes IFT. Pictured are volunteers at Feeding America Grand Rapids who packaged food donated by Spartan stores on Sept. 26th.

Each event was coordinated by a GLSIFT member in that area of the state. Service events were held at Food Banks in Detroit, Fremont, Traverse City, Grand Rapids & Battle Creek.

Vasiana Tomco from Wayne State coordinated the Detroit event on Sept. 17 at the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Volunteers were given lists of food products that they located and then weighed and packaged for distribution.

In Grand Rapids, Liz Margosian coordinated the Service event where IFT members repackaged produce that had been donated such as lettuce, apples from the orchards, and potatoes. Others took inventory of canned and boxed foods and worked in the pantry --- tallying up and packaging food orders for distribution to families in need.



In Traverse City, Heidi Farkas set up the event for volunteers on Sept. 23rd to work at the Benzie Area Christian Neighbors.

In Fremont, Andrea Gerstle set up an event at True North Community Center on Sept. 25th where volunteers assisted with the monthly distribution of food to over 100 families in western Michigan.

The event in Battle Creek was coordinated by Kiery Wilson on September 17 at the Food Bank of South Central Michigan.

In all, 71 volunteer hours were donated by students and professionals from GLS-IFT. As a token of thanks, all volunteers were given a tote bag with the Great Lakes Section logo!

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We need you for the IFT Ambassador Program!

Our section is excited to be initiating a new outreach program to help teachers and students in Michigan understand and experience the exciting field of food science and technology.



A new committee has been formed to utilize resources from national IFT's Food Ambassadors program as well as existing Future Farmers of America activities to reach middle school and high school students. Do you have experience as a teacher or have contacts in the Michigan schools? If you would like to be a part of this new venture and shape the future of this High School outreach program please join us now.

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