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Greetings to one and all,

It's hard to believe September is upon us in less than two weeks, where did the summer go?

On a somber note, we said good bye to Chef Michel Bouit CEC®, AAC®. We not only lost a great Chef, but, we lost an even better person. Our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Chef Liz Bergin, HAAC®.

We just finished the summer with a great national convention in Orlando, FL. As seen at the ACF National Convention, Chef Joe Aiello, CEC®, AAC®, HGT® HOF® gave his induction speech for the American Academy Chefs Hall of Fame. Chef was also recently elected as the Vice Chair of the American Academy of Chefs. Congratulations Chef!

Enjoy these pictures from Orlando and hopefully, you will be able to attend the National Conference in Dallas in 2020 <https://www.flickr.com/photos/acfchefs/albums/72157710421446821/page1>

Many changes were discussed in Orlando for 2020. For competitions, for both regional and national awards will be held over just five days at ACF National Convention: Dallas, July 19-23 2020. Also, the ACF Chefs is proud to announce two new Student Membership programs. The first is our new Secondary Student Program that provides FREE ACF Student Membership to any Junior or Senior student attending an ACFEF accredited program.

The other program is our new Post-Secondary Student Program that allows ACFEF Accredited post-secondary programs to provide their culinary students individual Student Memberships in the ACF for a reduced rate of only \$50 per student. This is a decrease of nearly 40% from the regular fee of \$82.

Long time supporter of our Chapter, Eli's Cheesecake Company President Mr. Marc Schulman has offered his venue for our September meeting. Please visit our website at [acfchicagochefs.org](http://acfchicagochefs.org) for details. At the meeting, we will be discussing upcoming events such as:

- ◆ The Chefs Hall of Fame event honoring Sarah Grueneberg ~ Chef of the Year, Meg Galus ~ Pastry Chef of the Year, Ina Pinkney ~ Legendary Chef, Mary Kay Bonoma ~ Industry Leader.
- ◆ The AAC Dinner being held at the Sofitel Hotel in November honoring Chef Steven Jilleba, CMC, CCE, AAC, as well as, the November monthly meeting where we will spotlight another long time supporter of our Chapter. Mr. Bill Schutz, Chairman & CEO of Consumers Meat Packing.
- ◆ Our 5 decade support continues for the Thanksgiving dinner at La Rabida Children's Hospital.
- ◆ Also, our December meeting will be hosted by Rational®.
- ◆ And, we will look forward to two For Love of Chocolate Scholarship events one in November, Nobody-Sleeps & in February, which will include a magnificent 4 day Pastry Forum with the For the Love of Chocolate Scholarship Gala capping off the week hosted at the Palmer House.

Needless to say, there is a good amount of information here. None of this would be possible without a great Board and a great support system with Chairman Chef Jesse Cobb, CEC®, AAC®, Trustees Chef Joe Aiello, CEC®, AAC®, HGT®, HOF®, Chef Fawzi (Alex) Ottman, CEC®, AAC®, HOF® and Chef John Kaufmann, CEC®, AAC®, HOF®.

Respectfully,

Don Zajac  
President, ACF Chicago Chefs

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