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Greetings to one and all,

I cannot believe March is upon us, and we will be changing our clocks tomorrow night.

We are blessed with a great Board who have taken this new election term seriously and have really stepped up. My thanks to Chef Mary Gorski, Chef Tom Ryan and Chef Laura Vaughn for your dedication and "Being the Difference". I would be remiss if I did not include the support of our Trustee's Chef Joe Aiello, Chef John Kaufmann and Chef Alex Ottman, as well as, Chairman of the Board Chef Jesse Cobb for their continued guidance.

Thus far, as we have talked about, our focus has been on education, professional fellowship and hospitality. Our meeting last Monday night found us at River's Casino for a great networking event. There were people in attendance that we have not seen in year's. In February, thanks to Chef Tim Meyers at the College of DuPage and Alvaro Lima with Unilever Food Solutions, we talked about #FairKitchens and how each of us can be the difference. We also had a role at the For Love of Chocolate Scholarship Foundation Gala at the Palmer House. Thank you to Mr. Franco Pacini for this networking exposure. In April, we will find ourselves at Nadeau's Ice Sculptures where the ice will be cold, but, the meeting will be HOT!!! In May, with thanks to Chef Chris Koetke, we will be learning about Halal cooking.

Thank you to Cary Miller of Food Industry News, affording us the opportunity to have a role at SchmoozeFest. This is a signature event that Food Industry News hosts and we are proud Chef Mary Gorski was able to represent our Chapter. This coming Sunday, members of our chapter will be with the chefs from ACF NW Indiana at the Avalon Manor Banquet Center in Merrillville, Indiana as they help raise money for Meals on Wheels.

I hope most if not all of you have been following the journey Chef Tim Bucci of Joliet Junior College has been on with the Certified Master Chef Exam. As of this writing, Chef Bucci is the last chef standing and will take on a double session tomorrow, the last day. On behalf of the ACF Chicago Chefs, we wish Chef Bucci great success. Via the ACF YouTube channel, you too can watch Chef Bucci in this final leg. Tune in Saturday, March 9, from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. CST.

As you can see and experience, I have thrown out the challenge to the chapter to "Be the Difference" and you have, thank you! But like any business, and we are a business, we need your financial support. I would love to make the promise, all events will be free. Although, we have had and will have great educational events that will be of no cost to you the member and guests, it is unrealistic to expect that all the time. In order to keep costs down, we are asking for everyone's support with a donation of any amount. Your contribution will help keep our chapter strong, as well as, enable us to pay forward in the way of scholarship dollars.

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