



President's Newsletter



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First, I would like to acknowledge the past Presidents since joining the ACF in 1986 and acknowledge our Chapter's 1st President in 1925, Chef Ernest Ghysaert (who was a Baker and Instructor at Washburne Trade School).

In alphabetical order:

Chef Joe Aiello CEC, AAC
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It is with great pleasure and humility that I want to thank the members of ACF Chicago Chefs for electing me to serve as your Chapter President. After 37 years of working in this business and "Investing in Our Future", I cannot thank you enough for providing this wonderful opportunity, I do not take this position for granted.

As I take on this new role, I also want to thank our members who were elected to serve with me for the 2019- 2020 term.

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Our chapter has made a real difference in the advancement of Chefs, Students and Culinary Professionals in Chicago and across the country. Our membership is a group of strong; passionate people who are dedicated to our mission.

When I think about the investment I made in myself, several years ago with the ACF, I am truly amazed with the vast amount of opportunities and blessings I have gained. I know this was, and still is, the best professional decision of my life. The ACF has afforded me with the opportunity to engage in activities that broadened my horizons. I ascertained the ability to observe and appreciate new ideas which influenced my thinking and contributed to my professional growth. Throughout my career, under the guidance and support of several ACF mentors, I learned to focus on a clear line of sight in order to achieve my goals; I am forever grateful for these life lessons! Choosing to invest in the ACF was an investment in my future. I encourage all of you to do the same!

