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Volunteerism vol-un-tee-ism

Noun; the theory or practice of being a volunteer or of using volunteers, as, without pay, in social agencies, charitable organizations, etc.

You have seen the graphic on this Newsletter and various mailings, "I am making a difference, Be the one to make a difference".

What captivates me is we are in the hospitality business, but, at times I think we do not remember that. Those who volunteer know the saying, "the same few people, always providing for the many". We look at our most recent Chapter elections where each of the offices ran un-opposed. Very interesting, I hear very often "the Chapter needs direction, we need more members, we need more money, we need the youth to become more involved, we need the professional members to become engaged, we need vendors who will support our Chapter, etc." All valid points, but, I challenge you to be the one to make a difference, stop waiting for someone else to make the difference. What are YOU going to do to become committed and shape the future of our Chapter.

You ask, "Where can I help?" First, be engaged. Why belong to the Chapter if the only thing you are going to do is wait for "IT" to happen? Some say, "I have voiced my wanting to volunteer, but nobody reached out to me. That is a valid point, so here is the fix, that stops NOW. If you fill out the volunteer form via our website or contact our Vice President, Chef Mary Gorski, she will happily put your skills to use. You can reach Chef Mary via email at vicepresident@acfchicagochefs.org

Where else can you help? How about volunteering at one of the For Love of Chocolate Scholarship Foundation events? The perception is that FLOC only looks for Chefs to provide food items for the events. The fact is FLOC has multiple moving parts and need many people strategically placed to make the events run smooth. Can you help? Contact Franco Pacini at Franco@FTLOC.org

What about a Chef demo and helping Chef Gloria Hafer with After School Matters? Chef Gloria can be reached via email at globob7@sbcglobal.net The same for the C-Cap program. Chef Aleta Williams is doing great things with the students and I am sure she would welcome your support. You can reach Chef Aleta via email at che-faleta@loquaciousculinary.com

When Thanksgiving comes around, Chef Tonie Houke does a great job organizing and running the holiday dinner for the children and families at La Rabida Children's Hospital, but, like everything else, it is a tremendous undertaking and we need your support to make this great event happen every year. Can we count on your support? Please contact Chef Tonie via email at Thouke280@aol.com

Chef James Kremer, CEC®, AAC®, ACE® has stepped and offered to set up and run an ACF sanctioned competition and we all know competitions are a great deal of work. If you can assist, please reach out Chef Kremer via email at chefjamesk@hotmail.com Chef David Siano and the ACF NW Indiana Chapter participate in a benefit for Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana every March, they are looking for volunteers. Contact Chef David via email chefcc2003@yahoo.com

As a Board, we will remain steadfast in providing a Chapter you will be proud of, but we need your help. Besides what I have mentioned, we have committee positions available, too. At our next meeting on February 18th at the College of DuPage, we can talk about our opportunities.

"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." – Denzel Washington