



# ACF Southeast Region Scoop

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Vice President**



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**Florida, South**  
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## A Message from Your Region Vice President

Dear Chef:

Happy New Year from ACF! I hope everyone had some much-needed time off and got to spend some time with the people in your lives who are most important to you. Things are really heating up for ACF, and I am looking forward to an exciting conference season and to a year of growth for ACF.

Here are the highlights of what I've been doing since the last e-newsletter:

- Attended our Board of Directors meeting in Philadelphia where, among other things, we worked on finishing our strategic-planning process. Our new strategic plan should provide ACF with a way to work on goals for long-term growth spanning multiple administrations. Look for more on that as we get closer to the 2010 ACF National Convention in Anaheim, Calif.
- Visited The Southwest Florida Chapter of the ACF in Ft. Myers, Fla.
- Visited ACF Greater Miami Chapter Epicurean Club in Miami and made a quick stop in West Palm Beach, Fla., where I attended ACFEF's apprenticeship and accreditation committee meetings. Growing the apprenticeship program by utilizing our new resources from the U.S. Department of Labor grant was one exciting area of focus. We also heard a great presentation about environmentally sustainable practices that gave us a lot to think about. Look for new things from ACF as we incorporate sustainability into our programs and practices.
- Conducted a conference call with our state coordinators and set some concrete goals for the coming months. They should be reaching out to chapters in the near future to find out what you've been up to and to help us with a national effort to get chapter documentation updated and in compliance. The ACF national office has reached out to all chapters several times in the last 18 months to seek copies of bylaws, articles of incorporation and documentation of not-for-profit status. If for some reason you did not know about this or do not know the status of whether your chapter is in compliance, please contact your state coordinator, or me, or Linda Leo, ACF membership manager, at [lleo@acfchefs.net](mailto:lleo@acfchefs.net).

If you haven't noticed, our National President Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, has done a great job slashing member costs for attending a regional conference and the national convention. Don't let this effort go to waste.



**Mississippi**  
Allen Racey

**North Carolina**  
Jay Christmas

**South Carolina**  
Edmund Chinnors

**Tennessee**  
Michael Osborne

**Virginia**  
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## 2010 ACF SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE



**Registration Rewards  
for ACF Members**

**ACF Southeast  
Regional Conference  
April 24-26  
Birmingham, Ala.**

**[Register Online](#)**

**Sheraton Birmingham  
Hotel Reservations**

**[Travel Information &  
Discounts](#)**

**[Schedule Updates](#)**

Maximum savings can be achieved by registering early and by booking registration combined with hotel at the host property. The [early registration](#) deadline for the Southeast Regional Conference is April 8.

I am excited about what is coming up at our [2010 ACF Southeast Regional Conference](#), April 24-26, in Birmingham. Stay tuned for next month's newsletter where I will share more about the great cooking and educational opportunities that will be available at the conference.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC  
Your ACF Southeast Region Vice President

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### A Message from Your President

Dear ACF members, supporters and friends,

The continuing devastation in Haiti from the Jan. 12 earthquake is horrific. Global relief efforts are underway from many countries and aid groups, and range from providing trained personnel and equipment to basic living essentials, such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies. Our Disaster Relief Task Force has been in contact with the Red Cross (efforts are being led by the International Red Cross). Non-medical volunteers are not being accepted because of limited access to Haiti and the affected areas.



The greatest need is for monetary donations. To donate: go to [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org), hit the "Donate Now" button at the top and then click International Response Fund, or call 1-800-Red-Cross. You also can text "Haiti" to 90999 to donate \$10 to the International Response Fund. Your donation will go automatically to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts, and will be charged to your cell phone bill.

Please join me in keeping all those affected by this tragedy in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Michael Ty, CEC, AAC  
ACF National President

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### Attention Chapter Presidents

Please update your information on your local and on the national ACF Web sites. It is the main way people, including me, find out where you are meeting and what you are doing.

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### State and Chapter News

Find out what your ACF Southeast Region chapters have been doing or are planning by visiting their Web sites or reviewing their news.

**Alabama**

**Florida**

ACF Bay Culinarians-<http://www.gulfcoast.edu/culinary>

ACF Caxambas Chapter of Naples & Marco Island-

**Southeast Regional Conference**  
April 24-26, 2010  
Birmingham, AL

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**Early Registration Discounts Expires April 8 Register Now**

**National Convention**  
August 2-5, 2010  
Anaheim, CA

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<http://brigadedecuisine.blogspot.com/>

ACF Central Florida Chapter-[www.acfcfc.org](http://www.acfcfc.org)

ACF Greater Miami Chapter Epicurean Club-[www.acfgreater-miami.org](http://www.acfgreater-miami.org)

ACF Gulf to Lakes Chefs & Cooks Assn., Inc.-[www.acf-fl201.org](http://www.acf-fl201.org)

ACF Inc Florida Suncoast Cooks Assn.-

[www.acfsuncoastcooksandchefs.com](http://www.acfsuncoastcooksandchefs.com)

ACF Sarasota Bay Chefs Assn.-[www.acfsarasotabaychefs.com](http://www.acfsarasotabaychefs.com)

ACF Space Coast Chapter-[www.acfsc.com](http://www.acfsc.com)

ACF Tallahassee Area Chefs Assn.-[www.mysecretchef.info/acf](http://www.mysecretchef.info/acf)

ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Assn. Inc-[www.tampabaychefs.bravehost.com](http://www.tampabaychefs.bravehost.com)

Fort Lauderdale ACF, Inc.-[www.acfbrowardchefs.com](http://www.acfbrowardchefs.com)

## Georgia

ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter, Inc-[www.acfatlantachefs.org](http://www.acfatlantachefs.org)

■ A social meeting will take place from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 20, at Inland Seafood, 1651 Montreal Cr., Tucker, Ga.

■ The President's Gala will take place Feb. 8 at the Hilton Downtown, Atlanta. The evening starts at 6 p.m.

ACF Savannah Chefs Association-[www.savannahchefs.com](http://www.savannahchefs.com)

## Kentucky

ACF Kentucky Chapter-[http://www.acfkentucky.org/ACF-KY\\_American\\_Culinary\\_Federation\\_Kentucky\\_Chapter/Home/Home.html](http://www.acfkentucky.org/ACF-KY_American_Culinary_Federation_Kentucky_Chapter/Home/Home.html)

## Mississippi

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter ACF-[www.gulfcoastacf.com](http://www.gulfcoastacf.com)

## North Carolina

■ Haywood County Chamber of Commerce's [Fire and Ice, A Mountain Winterfest](#) takes place Jan. 22-24, with an ice carving competition on Jan. 23.

ACF Cape Fear Chefs Assn.-[www.capefearchefs.com](http://www.capefearchefs.com)

ACF Inc. Charlotte Chapter-[www.acf-charlotte.org](http://www.acf-charlotte.org)

■ The President's Ball will take place Jan. 31 at the Charlotte Marriott City Center, Charlotte. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m.

ACF Triad Chapter NC-<http://triadacf.ning.com>

■ The President's Ball will take place on Feb. 21 at the Embassy Suites Greensboro, Greensboro, N.C. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m.

ACF Triangle Chefs-[www.trianglechefs.com](http://www.trianglechefs.com)

## South Carolina

ACF Chefs of the Low Country-[www.acfchefsofthelowcountry.com](http://www.acfchefsofthelowcountry.com)

■ An educational seminar, Wild Game, presented by Mark Peterson and hosted by Christine and David Bohn, will take place at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 18, at Christine's Café, 840 William Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head, S.C. Contact Ron Andrews for more information at (843) 812-1619.

ACF Midlands Chapter-[www.acfmidlands.com](http://www.acfmidlands.com)

■ The 18th Annual President's Ball and Awards Dinner will take place on Jan. 17 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia, S.C.

ACF Myrtle Beach Chapter-[www.myrtlebeachacf.com](http://www.myrtlebeachacf.com)

■ The U.S. Foods Myrtle Beach Food Show F-3 and C1 Competition takes place Feb. 10.

■ The Taste! Gourmet Show and Expo will take place May 14-16 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

## Tennessee

ACF Greater Memphis Chapter-[www.acfmemphis.com](http://www.acfmemphis.com)

ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter-[www.nashvillechefs.org](http://www.nashvillechefs.org)

## Virginia

ACF Tidewater Chefs Chapter-[www.tidewateracf.org](http://www.tidewateracf.org)

■ The TCA Valentine's Day Dinner will take place Feb. 9. The evening starts 7 p.m.

ACF Virginia Chefs Association-[www.vachefs.org](http://www.vachefs.org)

## ACF Santioned Culinary Competitions



### January 20: ACF Texas Chefs Association

Site: Ben E. Keith Food Show, Conroe, Texas

Chair: Bernard S. Urban, CEC, AAC; [burban@pcahouston.org](mailto:burban@pcahouston.org), (713) 465-5983

Categories: A-D, H1

### January 23: ACF Minneapolis Chefs Chapter

Site: Le Cordon Bleu, Mendota Heights, Minn.

Chair: William Niemer, CEC, CCE, CHE; [william.niemer@dolce.com](mailto:william.niemer@dolce.com); (763) 377-2117

Categories: ST2 - Student Team State Competition, K1-9

### January 23: ACF Culinary Society of Oklahoma

Site: Platt College, Oklahoma City

Chair: Mark Cochran, CEC, CCA, CFBE; [mcochran@plattcollege.org](mailto:mcochran@plattcollege.org); (405) 749-2433

Categories: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

### January 24: ACF Philadelphia Chapter

Site: Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, Philadelphia

Chair: Daniel D'Angelo, CEC, AAC; [dane7262@aol.com](mailto:dane7262@aol.com); (215) 487-2993

Categories: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

### January 30-31: ACF Columbus Chapter

Site: Hocking College, The Inn at Hocking College, Nelsonville, Ohio

Chair: Clarence Steadman, CCE; [chefsteadman@yahoo.com](mailto:chefsteadman@yahoo.com); (740) 753-3531, ext. 300

Category: ST2, Student Team State Competition

### February 10: ACF Myrtle Beach Chapter

Site: Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Chair: Dan Henn, [dhenn001@sc.rr.com](mailto:dhenn001@sc.rr.com), (843) 692-0426

Categories: C, F1

### February 13: ACF Capital District - Central New York

Site: Schenectady County Community College, Schenectady, N.Y.

Chair: Christopher Allen Tanner, CEC, CHE; [tannerca@sunysccc.edu](mailto:tannerca@sunysccc.edu); (518) 526-6427

Categories: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

### March 1-12: Old Dominion ACF Chapter

Site: Fort Lee, Va.

Chair: Robert Sparks, CEPC; [robert.sparks2@us.army.mil](mailto:robert.sparks2@us.army.mil); (804) 734-3274

Categories: A-D, F1, 4, 5, ST1, ST2 - Student Team State Competition, W - 4 team member team, 3 courses, 80 portions, 4 ½ hours. K1-9, P1,2, H1-3

### March 9-10: ACF Chefs Las Vegas

Site: Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas

Chair: Dale Shigenaga, [dale.shigenaga@unlv.edu](mailto:dale.shigenaga@unlv.edu), (702) 895-3503

Categories: A-D, E1-4

### March 14: NACUFS Mid-Atlantic Region

Site: Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

Chair: Larry Frazer, CEC, AAC; [cheflar@princeton.edu](mailto:cheflar@princeton.edu); (609) 258-5492

Category: W Customized-Individual, 4 portions, 1 course, 75 min, Portabella mushroom (4 ea. @ 4.5-5")

Tournee classic cut required.

### March 20-21: ACF Greater Cincinnati Chapter

Site: Midwest Culinary Institute, Cincinnati

Chair: John Kinsella, CMC, CCE, WGMC, AAC, [jkinsella@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jkinsella@cinci.rr.com), (513) 967-4067

Categories: A-D, SA- SD, E1-4, F1-2, K1,2,4,6,7,8, SK1,2,4,8,9,10, P1-2, SP1-2

**April 12: ACF Triangle Chefs**

Site: Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, N.C.

Chair: Caralyn House, [cmhouse@waketech.edu](mailto:cmhouse@waketech.edu), (919) 866-5991

Categories: A-D, SA-SD

**April 17-18: ACF Capital District - Central New York**

Site: Schenectady County Community College, Schenectady, N.Y.

Chair: Christopher Allen Tanner, CEC, CHE; [tannerca@sunysccc.edu](mailto:tannerca@sunysccc.edu); (518) 381-1444

Categories: A-D, SA-SD, E1-4, F1,2,4,5 & 6, G, SG, K1-9, SK1-9, P1-2, SP1-2, H1-2, SH1-2

