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A Message from Your Region Vice President

Dear Chef:

I hope everyone is surviving the winter weather. Here in the Deep South we had a foot of snow over the weekend. Wow!

I am really looking forward to spring and to our upcoming [ACF Southeast Regional Conference](#) in Birmingham, Ala., April 24-26. If you have not decided whether or not you are attending this year, please let me urge you to make every effort to go.

Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, our national president, has gone to considerable efforts to make it as affordable as possible. It is as economical as it has been in many years to go to the regional conference, and it's all because of you, the ACF member. One of the main concerns expressed by members over the last year was the cost associated with maintaining membership and certification in these tough economic times. We listened, and you got what you asked for, so now [register](#) and go! We must have a great turnout to allow these savings to continue. The discounts expire April 8, so don't wait!

Here are some of the exciting happenings you can look forward at the Southeast Regional Conference in Birmingham:

- Insightful educational programming. Attend a presentation by local celebrity chef Chris Hastings of the Hot and Hot Fish Club. Other seminars and demos cover topics from Deep South Comforts to Global Flavors and Precision Action Flambé Cooking to Wild Fish & Game.
- TASTE SUCCESS with one of the South's most notable culinary figures, Chef Donald Barickman. The award-winning Charleston, S.C., restaurateur, author and TV personality is widely recognized as a pioneer in Lowcountry cuisine, bringing uptown flair to familiar Southern staples. Barickman will deliver the keynote presentation during General Session.
- Get your competitive juices flowing and enter the One-Pot Win A Lot Cooking Competition, sponsored by Riviana Foods Inc., and/or the MARS Make-It-Mini Dessert Trio Competition for a chance to win

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2010 ACF SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE



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

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great prizes. Our regional champions will compete for the national titles at the ACF National Convention in Anaheim, Calif. Review the guidelines and register by the March 26 deadline.

- Visit one of the most exciting culinary scenes in the Southeast. The famed Five Points has an array of clubs, restaurants, bakeries and shops. Many of the chefs here are proponents of local sourcing and sustainable practices.
- Certification assistance. Learn more about recent upgrades to the certification process. You can even take a certification education course or a class on the practical exam.
- Gourmet dining. Enjoy wonderful dining, especially at our Celebrating Regional Excellence Awards Gala. This year's American Academy of Chefs dinner promises to be something special as we enjoy the hospitality of The Club overlooking the city of Birmingham.
- Networking and sharing best practices with some of the best chefs in the country.

We send our best wishes out to all the chefs and region vice president's in the rest of the country as they embark on their conferences. I hope this conference season is full of camaraderie and education for all our members.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC

Your ACF Southeast Region Vice President

2010 ACF Southeast Regional Conference Birmingham, Ala., April 24-26 Early Registration Deadline Expires April 8

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



Best Deal: Rooms and Registration Rewards

Stay three nights at the Sheraton Birmingham and purchase a full registration by the early registration deadline.
\$300: Culinarian, Professional Culinarian, Allied & Associate members--Save \$175
\$260: Senior, Junior & Student members--Save \$165

Early Registration Rewards

Save more and buy a full registration by the early registration deadline.

\$375: Culinarian, Professional Culinarian, Allied & Associate members--Save \$100

\$325: Senior, Junior & Student members--Save \$100



Member Rewards

Receive a substantial discount off regular and on-site full registration.
\$475: Culinarian, Professional Culinarian, Allied & Associate members
\$425: Senior, Junior & Student members

Attention Chapter Presidents

Please update your information on your local and on the national ACF Web

**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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sites. It is the main way people, including me, find out where you are meeting and what you are doing. Thank you.

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

ACF Birmingham Alabama Chapter-Contact Paul Seery, CEC, for information at (205) 213-9605 or panko1@bellsouth.net.

ACF Metro Mobile Chefs & Cooks Association-Contact Thomas Spence, Jr., for information at (251) 476-6400, ext.7353.

Florida

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

ACF Caxambas Chapter of Naples & Marco Island-
<http://brigadedecuisine.blogspot.com/>

ACF Central Florida Chapter-www.acfcfc.org

ACF Greater Miami Chapter Epicurean Club-www.acfgreater-miami.org

ACF Gulf to Lakes Chefs & Cooks Assn., Inc.-www.acf-fl201.org

ACF Inc Florida Suncoast Cooks Assn.-
www.acfsuncoastcooksandchefs.com

ACF Sarasota Bay Chefs Assn.-www.acfsarasotabaychefs.com

ACF Space Coast Chapter-www.acfsc.com

ACF Tallahassee Area Chefs Assn.-www.mysecretchef.info/acf

ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Assn. Inc-www.tampabaychefs.bravehost.com

Fort Lauderdale ACF, Inc.-www.acfbrowardchefs.com

Georgia

ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter, Inc-www.acfatlantachefs.org

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

■The next meeting will take place March 1 at The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta.

ACF Savannah Chefs Association-www.savannahchefs.com

Kentucky

ACF Kentucky Chapter-<http://www.acfkentucky.org>

Bluegrass Culinary Association ACF-Contact Sam Sears, CEC, CCA, for more information at 820 Henry Clay Blvd., Lexington, Ky., 40505, or (859) 233-3736, or ssears09@insightbb.com.

Mississippi

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter ACF-www.gulfcoastacf.com

North Carolina

ACF Cape Fear Chefs Assn.-www.capefearchefs.com

ACF Inc. Charlotte Chapter-www.acf-charlotte.org

■Chefs Monday to support the Hope Center of Salvation takes place March 1 and Johnson & Wales will be assisting.

■The next meeting will take place March 8 at Piedmont Natural Gas.

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

South Carolina

ACF Chefs of the Low Country-www.acfchefsofthelowcountry.com

■ Ron Andrews, CEC, will hold a discussion on what you can expect with the practical exam, as well as the pitfalls to avoid, on Feb. 22 at Celebration Events, 10 Capital Drive, Hilton Head, S.C., at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ron Andrews at (843) 812-1619 for more information.

■ Cooks and Books will take place Feb. 22 at Shelter Cove, Hilton Head, S.C.

ACF Midlands Chapter-www.acfmidlands.com

■ The next meeting will take place March 1 at SYSCO (location subject to change).

■ Congratulations to ACFMC Chef of the Year Jim Lassiter of Lexington Medical Center, Columbia, S.C.

ACF Myrtle Beach Chapter-www.myrtlebeachacf.com

■ The ACF Myrtle Beach Culinary 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

ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter-www.nashvillechefs.org

■ The Chef of the Year Gala will take place Feb. 21 at the Hilton Nashville Downtown, Nashville, Tenn.

■ Soup Sunday will take place Feb. 28 at LP Field, Nashville, to benefit Our Kids, a nonprofit organization that provides medical evaluations and crisis counseling for children and families.

Virginia

ACF Tidewater Chefs Chapter-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

ACF Santioned Culinary Competitions

February 6: ACF Piscataqua Chapter

Site: University of New Hampshire, Barton Cole Hall, Durham, N.H.

Chair: Perrin Long CEC, CCE, AAC; perrinhl@comcast.net; (603) 436-0308

Categories: 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, (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; (518) 526-6427

Categories: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

February 20: ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine

Site: Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills, Mich.

Chair: Kevin Enright CEC, CCE, AAC; kmenrigh@oaklandcc.edu; (248) 522-3710

Categories: ST2, Student Team State Competition, SK1

March 1-12: Old Dominion ACF Chapter

Site: Fort Lee, Va.

Chair: Robert Sparks, CEPC; 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, (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; cheftar@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 14: NACUFS Mid-Atlantic Region

Site: ARAMARK, Atlanta, Ga.

Chair: Michael Deihl CEC, CCA, AAC; austin-stephen@aramark.com; (678) 592-0533

Category: W-Wildcard-Individual, one entrée, one dessert, 3 hours. Ingredients: salmon, pork belly, lentils, fig and shiitake mushroom, mango

March 20: NACUFS Continental/Pacific Region

Site: Ram's Horn Dining Commons, Fort Collins, Colo.

Chair: Karl Bendix, karl.bendix@colostate.edu, 970-491-4715

Category: W-Wildcard-Individual, 4 portions, 75 minutes. Induction cookers only, mandatory ingredient 4 ½-5 Portobello mushroom.

March 20-21: ACF Greater Cincinnati Chapter

Site: Midwest Culinary Institute, Cincinnati

Chair: John Kinsella, CMC, CCE, WGMC, AAC; 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, (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; (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

April 19: Central Maryland Chefs & Cooks Association

Site: Anne Arundel Community College, Glen Burie, Md.

Chair: John Johnson CEC, CCE, AAC; jvjohnson1@aacc.edu; (410) 777-1225

Categories: SC, SK1, 4, 9, SP2

