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## **President's Message November 2005**

The November meeting of the Epicurean Club was held on Monday November 28th at the famous Old Wayside Inn, in Sudbury. The Wayside Inn is America's oldest operating inn, first opening its doors in 1716. It appeared that we had chosen a great time of year to hold our meeting there, as the inn was beautifully adorned with many unique Christmas decorations. As it is most unusual for the ECB to have a meeting at a location that is more than twice our age, it appropriately added more of a unique flavor to the evening.

ECB members and guests were treated to a wonderful dinner, beginning with a rich and creamy New England clam chowder, a perfectly cooked Prime Rib and a fabulously delicate Apple Crisp. I would like to thank our Host Chef, Steve Pickford, the Wayside Inn and its entire staff for presenting an outstanding dinner, as well as providing fascinating information on the history of the inn. To top off this outstanding evening, ECB members and guests also received 1 hour of CEU for attending.

During the business portion of our meeting, we once again opened the floor to accept nominations for any ECB members who have an interest in running for office, and this was actually the final opportunity for members to do so. Please note that there were no additional nominations; therefore, the floor was closed and the official slate of officers and board members was then established. Upon review of the slate, it was noted that all were running unopposed. With that being said, it would only take one vote for each candidate to be elected. Therefore, as has been done in years past when there has been a slate of candidates running for office unopposed, we held the election during our business portion of our meeting, with ECB member Ennio Vespa stepping forward to cast the first ballot. Just a side note to say that our holding the election at the this meeting saved the club about \$1000 in election costs, including printing costs for 170 ballots, postage, and accounting fees (outside accounting firm is usually hired to mail and tabulate the returned ballots).

I would like to congratulate all of our officers and board members who will be serving our Club for the next two years, and I wish them all enormous success in 2006 and 2007!

Please note that there will be no meeting in December. Therefore, I hope to see you all at our first meeting of 2006, which will be our annual New Food Product Showcase and Fundraiser. This event will be held on January 30, 2006 (with a snow date of January 31st) at Bayside Expo, starting at 5:00 p.m. All of the proceeds from this event will go to funding future culinary scholarships, as well as to help support our 2007 Junior Culinary Team.

Because this is so vital to our club and its mission, please make sure to mark your calendars to attend and support this special evening. This event will include a larger than usual food show, and a new feature: prize winners every 15 minutes! In addition, we will hold various raffles, as well as a silent auction. In addition, this meeting will be free for all attendees, as well as open to anyone

in the foodservice industry. With those points in mind, why not bring along a few fellow culinarians and introduce them to the Club? Please note that we will have a less formal dress code for this meeting, so I invite you to wear

**your ECB chef jackets,  
your company chef jackets, or dress in casual business attire. Our show  
Chairs for this year's event are Jeffrey Barr and Anthony Graffeo. Please  
contact them at 781-231-1115 if you would like to donate prizes for our  
raffles or for the silent auction, and I thank you in advance for your support  
and generosity.**

**Please note that on Sunday, January 22nd, there will be a fundraiser hosted  
by the Costa Fruit and Produce at the Danversport Yacht Club (in Danvers)  
to benefit the family of Ed Cardinal, who passed away suddenly at the age of  
49. Ed was a longtime employee of Costa Fruit and Produce. If you are able  
to attend or would like to help out in any way, please contact Sandy Martini  
at 617-912-8001. Please see the flyer in this newsletter. The Club sends its  
deepest condolences to Ed's family and will keep them in our thoughts.**

**On March 5th, the ECB is planning to host its second Culinary Hot Food  
Competition at Boston University. Last year was a great success with a full  
field of competitors. For an application, you can contact Tony Graffeo, CEC,  
AAC or Rico DiFronzo, CEC, AAC, or you can visit our website at  
[www.TheEpicureanClubofBoston.com](http://www.TheEpicureanClubofBoston.com), from which you can also obtain an  
application. Also applications will be in our January newsletter.**

**I wish you all a fabulous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!  
I look forward to seeing all at our January meeting.**

**Warmest Regards,**

**Rico DiFronzo, CEC, AAC**