
Presidents Message March 2006

Hi Everyone;

I would like to share with all you members, associate members, and friends of Epicurean the fact that we made in excess of 6000.00 at our ACF/ECB Jr. Culinary fundraiser held in January. With these monies we will be funding our scholarship programs and helping Jr. culinary Teams from all over New England fund their culinary teams competing in their first international hot food competition in Toronto next week. The event also reminds us all about the continued good works of the Boston Food Bank and they benefited immediately with the massive amounts of extra food they rescued from the event. Plus we all enjoyed seeing the very latest food stuffs available to us! THANKS AGAIN

What an exciting few weeks. First, I was sworn in as President on February 21, 2006 at the Harvard Club. Chef Nick Zakharoff prepared a wonderful meal of: raclette station with proper accompaniments, lobster wontons with soy sesame dipping sauce mouse smoked salmon canape with caviar crème fraiche, mini ratatouille tart with shrimp and goat cheese fondue, followed by dinner of lobster consomme with truffled gnocchi and fresh herbs, seared citrus and thyme brined all natural chicken, foie gras butter served on gorgonzola polenta with candied rhubarb and toasted hazelnuts. Baked almond tuille, marinated tropical fruits and berries with marscapone cheese and marsala sabayon.

I would like to thank Nick and his Staff for the truly wonderful evening.

Also, thank all of you for being there.

The Epicurean club needs to say a special Thanks to Rico DiFronzo, CEC, AAC and Anthony Graffeo, CEC, AAC for chairing the ACF Epicurean club of Boston Culinary Classic at Boston University on 3/5th. The results are on the second page under member news. Another special thanks to members Christopher Janian and Sean "Rory" Gallagher for all the heavy lifting they did at this event; and to Ed Micu who helped the entrants find their window on time and to Jeff Barr who managed all the monies and equipment for the event plus Despina Makredes and Carolyn Parmenter for the wonderful breakfast and lunch, to Jim Palmariello for the wraps and his help with the contestants and Jim DiMarzio for the water and soda contributions. I need to mention our two photographers Warren Frank, also webmaster, and Al McPhee already have the hundreds of pictures taken on the website.

Please mark your calendars for the next meeting at Oakley County Club on Tuesday March 21 with our member host Greg Dwyer.

Next weekend I will be traveling to the first international ACF North East conference, I will be going as your representative and handing out some of the hard earned monies we raised to tomorrow's future chefs.

Denise Graffeo CEC, AAC

