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Hi Every one;

Lots of things are happening, if you have not been to the website recently you should take the new short cut and go www.acfecb.com; our webmaster Warren Frank has listed our PERFERRED PURVEYORS right there on the first page and also is at work interfacing a job search page you can click on. Why? Because in this economy we need to help each other. Purveyors and members working together that is what it is all about. Warren is also working on a value added link, if you have any ideas what should be in here please let us know at graffeo0074@comcast.net.

Our last meeting was held at MuliGrains Bakery in Lawrence, Ma. 01841, where the monies we received at the door where donated in total to our scholarship fund, they will also become a preferred purveyor in the coming months. We toured the amazing facility, had a great meal, cocktails, and another round table discussion with the members that were in attendance. It was a great night. Thank you Tom Conomacos, VP your hospitality was awesome!

Next, we have a meeting on April 20th, 2009 at the Radisson in Plymouth, Ma where our member Jim Young, CWC, is the banquet chef. Jim and the crew of the Radisson hosted us two years ago and many members are still talking about the experience. There will be educational points and we the ECB will be presenting our Service to the Industry Award to Nobel Massi, CEC, CCE, AAC, HOF, since he was not on hand at the ACF Conference to receive it, but luckily he lives in Plymouth!

Also, please mark your calendars for the important scholarship dinner on May 11th at the Colonnade Hotel where member and Executive Chef Nicholas Calias, CEC will host a wonderful meal and we will meet the 2009 scholarship recipients for 2009! We are able to fund our scholarship program this year because of the help we received from all of you at the ACF Conference and our monthly raffle.

June we will be going to the 101 Diner in Worcester, where our member Christopher Blanchard, CEC will be host, and we are booking the September meeting at "Jacob Wirth's Restaurant" in Boston, hosted by member Chef Daniel Osella. (The restaurant has arranged for parking.)

We are planning on another ACF/ECB HOT FOOD COMPITION in the fall, more to come as we make progress in securing the local and the date. Soon, you will receive in the mail a ballot for ACF President, PLEASE VOTE. The last two months I have included "words" from all the candidates all of whom want your vote; read their positions, then VOTE!

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