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January 2010

Join us on Wednesday, January 13th at 7pm Victoria Inn

President's Message:

Dear Members:

Happy new year to one and All! I hope everyone had time for a little R&R and time with their families? They tell me the holidays are over and it's time to get back to work! Twenty –Ten looks to be a very busy and challenging year. We will be challenged by the economy, fulfilling our family, employment and time commitments. Our membership is still a challenge? How do you retain and recruit new members, get everyone involved? Any suggestions please let us know. By everyone working together are industry will become stronger.

There are several events where you can become involved; President's Ball March 20 Delta Hotel. Culinary Arts Salon April 18, hosting or presenting at a meeting. These are great venues for you and your apprentices to get involved. Why not bring them or a colleague to a meeting to see what we are all about.

You membership chair Brian Humniski has been working very hard at organizing the membership data and needs everyone's assistance. If you have any changes please let him know. Dues are now due!

As always it would be a pleasure to see you at The Victoria Inn Jan 13.Come and renew and meet new acquaintances.

Ron

The Canadian Culinary Federation is dedicated, through training and partnering to the promotion and distinctly Canadian food culture both Nationally and Internationally It is committed to the development of innovative and engaging learning opportunities that inspire its members to be passionate, respectful and tolerant professionals who make a difference in the community.

Upcoming Events

January 13th 5pm – Executive meeting 7pm - General Meeting Victoria Inn Meeting sponsored by To-Le-Do Foodservice

February 10th 5pm – Executive meeting 7pm - General Meeting The Forks Market Meeting sponsored by Fenton's Fine Foods

February 18th 2010 Provincial Junior Culinary Challenge Red River College

March 10th 6pm – Dinner Meeting Red River College

March 20th, 2010 President's Awards Dinner Delta Winnipeg

> April 18 Culinary Arts Salon

> April 19-20 Manitoba Culinary Challenge Celebrations Dinner Theatre

The National website – <u>www.ccfcc.ca</u> now available in French, offers updates on National initiatives, resources for professional development, employment opportunities and links to other branches. Visit us online and discover the many benefits of membership in the CCFCC.

The CCFCC Winnipeg Branch newsletter is seeking submissions, contributions and notices to assist in making it interesting to the members it's developed for. If you have information that you would like to send out to members please forwarded to the Branch email at <u>wpgbranch@yahoo.ca</u>

Dues Statements

Statements for the 2010 membership dues have been mailed out to members. For those memberships that have elapsed the Branch is extending an invitation to renew without penalty as we will cover the National initiation fee which would apply. We ask that you give your statement prompt attention as the National portion is due by February 28th in order to count as a voting right. The Branch will forward this to the National Treasurer upon receipt of your dues.

2010 Provincial Junior Culinary Challenge

Date: February 18th Red River College Winnipeg, Manitoba

Do you have what it takes to compete with Manitoba's up and coming culinary leaders to earn your place as one of our country's top aspiring chef's?

If the answer is **yes**, then join the Canadian Culinary Federation to compete with your peers at the **2010 Provincial Junior Culinary Challenge.**

If you win the provincial competition, you will move on to the national championships, to be held at the CCFCC National Convention in Winsor Ontario.

This will be a first come first take basis. Applications will soon be available on our web site <u>www.winnipegchefs.org</u> or through The CCFCC Provincial Junior Culinary Challenge Chair Tim Appleton <u>TAPPLETON@RRC.MB.CA</u> Breakfast with Santa December 13th Holiday Inn South







Eligibility:

Any student enrolled in an accredited Culinary Program in their graduating year. *Official Applications for the Scholarship can be obtained through the web site.* www.winnipegchefs.org

Guidelines /Criteria

 Applicants primary Instructor must be a member in good standing of the Canadian Culinary Federation Winnipeg branch
 Submit a personal letter highlighting:

 A) Education and career plans
 B) Volunteer, extracurricular and community activities,
 C) Awards and Recognitions
 Attach a letter of recommendation from your instructor
 Attach a latest transcript (minimum standard of 80%)

5) Attach letters of reference from employers if applicable

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Manitoba Culinary Challenge April 19 & 20 2010 Celebrations Dinner Theatre Televised on Shaw TV

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President's Awards Dinner

Tickets are now available for the annual President's Awards Dinner on March 20th. Tickets can be purchased at the January meeting or through one of the committee members.

For more information, contact Mo at <u>FENTONS1@MTS.NET</u>

Association News

The January meeting will have a focus on membership. As a member's association it is vital for our branch to attract new members as well as retaining those who have had memberships, past and present. Special invites will be sent to former members that have not recently renewed in an effort to remind them of the many benefits that are available through membership in the CCFCC. We especially encourage all members to bring a colleague out to the January meeting in hope that they too may also recognize the value of membership in the CCFCC.

Discussion was held during an Executive meeting in December on changing some or all of the general meetings to Monday evenings. A survey is being conducted to provide input from our membership on whether such a change would be beneficial to increasing attendance at the General meetings.

The Winnipeg branch has launched a new website at: <u>www.winnipegchefs.org</u>. This is your link to current information about the Branch, upcoming events and photos of branch events. Any suggestions or inquiries regarding site and content may be forwarded to Brian Humniski at <u>bhumniski@mts.net</u>

The Western region also offers a scholarship opportunity for students. More information as well as an application form can be obtained through the Branch web site.

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Culinary Team Canada is once again based in Alberta. Team tryouts are being held in Edmonton on the weekend of January 8–10. Two qualifying competitions, at the Shaw Conference Centre and NAIT, will see six chefs from across the country selected to represent Canada at the premier international level. Simon Smotkowicz is returning as team manager.

The revised Constitution is now ready for distribution to members. An electronic version is available via the branch email; <u>wpgbranch@yahoo.ca</u> Printed copies will be made available as well for those members who wish to have a hard copy.

Brian Huminski as designed a new certificate for the associate members. They are now ready for distribution with presentations to those in attendance at the January meeting. If your organization is an associate member then we ask that you be represented at the Victoria Inn on January 13th to receive your certificate.

The Branch would like to thank the program coordinators and students of Bistro in the Park for their hospitality in hosting our November meeting.