



Louisiana Gulf Coast Section IFT

Greetings from the Chair-Elect

As we get settled in for the New Year, 2008 promises to be a most exciting year for the Gulf Coast IFT. First, our next program will be a tour of the post-Katrina renovated Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans on February 26th. The visit will provide an opportunity to see the major renovations in the laboratories, learn about the vibrant research programs going on at the laboratory, and explore new opportunities for collaborations. The

tour will be followed by dinner at Acme Oyster House.

Attendance at our last meeting at Pontchartrain Vineyards was rather disappointing. Those that attended had a delightful tour and a lesson in winemaking 101. The tour was followed by a tasting of wine in combination with various foods, exploring the interactions and how food can exert a major impact on our perception of the taste of the wine.

Our annual crawfish boil and awards ceremony will be held on the LSU campus April 23.

As most of you are aware, the annual IFT meeting will be held in New Orleans June 28 to July 1, 2008. Meeting will provide an opportunity for all of our membership to attend the annual meeting and visit the Expo.

Sincerely,
John W. Finley
Chair-Elect



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seeks to retain and celebrate individual differences and therefore will not discriminate based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, disability or veteran status.



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Join IFT to Give Back to New Orleans



IFT and Second Harvest of New Orleans and Acadiana have partnered together to help fight hunger in South Louisiana. A variety of volunteer opportunities

(Saturday, June 28, or Wednesday, July 2) are planned that will benefit the New Orleans area.

If you are interested in volunteering, please select from three time slots throughout the week. Activities include:

- Sort grocery items such as close code dates; dented cans or damaged boxed food; mislabeled product; and fruits and vegetables not harvested by farmers
- Repack donated food product into cases for distribution
- Deliver food directly to needy families in the area
- Stuff back packs with ready-to-eat meals and snacks for school children at-risk of hunger

Please join IFT and Second Harvest in helping to improve the lives of underserved New Orleans residents.

The LSU Food Science Students Compete in RCA Student Competition

Congratulations to the LSU Department of Food Science Culinary team who will be competing in the finals of the Research Chefs of America Student competition in Seattle on March 6, 2008. The team consists of Madalyn Thibodeaux, Amy Jones, and Lyndsey White (pictured left to right).

Madalyn Thibodeaux also received a \$1500 scholarship from the Research Chefs Association.



Future Meeting Notice

Wednesday April 23rd

5:00 p.m.

LSU Campus

Crawfish boil and Student Presentations

Nominations due for Chair-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary of Gulf Coast IFT

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Meeting Notice

February 26, 2008

4:00—7:30 p.m.

**Tour & Presentation by
Dr. James Seiber**

Southern Regional Research Center

1100 Robert E. Lee Blvd

New Orleans, LA 70124

Followed by Dinner at



3000 Veterans Boulevard

New Orleans, LA 70005

(order off menu)

Meeting Registration

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Directions from Baton Rouge to Southern Regional Research Center

1. Turn **R** **RIGHT** to take ramp onto **I-10 E** toward **HAMMOND/** go **73 mi** 75.2 mi
NEW ORLEANS
2. Take **L** **LEFT** fork onto **I-610 E** toward **SLIDELL** go **0.4 mi** 75.6 mi
3. Take exit **#1A/WEST END BLVD/CANAL BLVD/CITY PARK/**
DELGADO UNIVERSITY toward **CANAL BLVD** go **0.6 mi** 76.2 mi
4. Turn **L** **LEFT** on **CANAL BLVD** go **0.7 mi** 76.9 mi
5. Turn **R** **RIGHT** on **HARRISON AVE** go **0.5 mi** 77.5 mi
6. Turn **L** **LEFT** on **MARCONI DR** go **1 mi** 78.5 mi
7. Turn **R** **RIGHT** on **ROBERT E LEE BLVD** go **0.5 mi** 79 mi
Arrive at **1100 ROBERT E LEE BLVD, NEW ORLEANS**, on the
8. **R** **RIGHT** go **< 0.1 mi**

Directions from SRRC to Acme Oyster House

1. Start at **1100 ROBERT E LEE BLVD, NEW ORLEANS** going to-
ward **AGRICULTURAL DR** go **< 0.1 mi** 0 mi
2. Make a U-Turn at **CHRYSANTHEMUM LN** onto **ROBERT E LEE**
BLVD go **1.5 mi** 1.6 mi
3. Bear **L** **LEFT** on **HAMMOND HWY** go **0.1 mi** 1.6 mi
4. Bear **L** **LEFT** on **PONTCHARTRAIN BLVD** go **1.4 mi** 3 mi
5. Turn **R** **RIGHT** on **VETERANS BLVD** go **0.6 mi** 3.6 mi
6. Make a U-Turn at **CARROLLTON AVE** onto **VETERANS BLVD** go **0.2 mi** 3.8 mi
7. Arrive at **498 VETERANS BLVD, NEW ORLEANS**, on the **R**
RIGHT go **< 0.1 mi** 3.8 mi



498 VETERANS BLVD, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70124

