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Greetings from the Chair-Elect

I am extremely honored to begin my year serving as the Chair-Elect for the 2009-2010 Louisiana Gulf Coast IFT, along with my fellow officers: Dr. Joongmin Shin, Mr. Miguel A. Gutierrez, Dr. Beilei Ge, and Dr. John Finley. We have also elected Dr. Marlene Janes and Dr. Ken McMillin to serve as Members-at-Large. Thanks in a large part to the diligent work of past officers, our Gulf Coast IFT Section was recently selected as a Certificate of Merit award winner! Also, congratulations to Beilei Ge and Miguel Gutierrez, who were recognized this year as Outstanding Volunteers for this section. Thank you again for everything you do for our section.

This year, we are working on an

exciting program including tours of the Community Coffee Facility in Port Allen and Motivait Seafood in Houma. Please pay special attention to the GMP's that Community Coffee has provided if you will be attending the tour (see page 3). We will also be holding our LA Gulf Coast Supplier's Night in conjunction with the Louisiana Food Processor's Conference on March 17, 2010, on the LSU Campus. In addition, we will be holding a student poster competition that same night. We will end the year with our annual crawfish boil and student scholarship awards.

I would like to encourage increased participation in the GC-IFT activities from all areas of our local food industry. If you are

interested in joining our Gulf Coast IFT section, please go to the membership application at <http://www.ift.org/sections/gulf/index.htm>. The membership fee is \$10 for national IFT members and \$15 for non-IFT members. For students, please remember that IFT membership and active participation at GC-IFT meetings are judged when applying for the GC-IFT sponsored scholarships.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at abond@agcenter.lsu.edu. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting!

Sincerely
Ashley Gutierrez,
Chair-Elect

Tentative Schedules for GC-IFT			
Date	Event	Location	Approx. Time
October 2009	Community Coffee Tour	Port Allen, LA	3 h
November 2009	Motivated Seafood	Houma, LA	6 h
March 2010	Supplier's Night & IFT speaker	Baton Rouge, LA	4 h
April 2010	Crawfish Boil	Baton Rouge, LA	3 h

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Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position of IFT, nor the Regional Section and should not be interpreted as such.

IFT accepts and adopts the concept of diversity which views society as a mixture of all backgrounds each with a unique contribution. IFT

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.



Meeting Notice

October 1st, 2009

9:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.

Tour of

Community Coffee

1833 La. Highway 1 South

Port Allen, LA 70767

Phone: (225) 344-2040

*We will be leaving from Food Science at 8:30 a.m. A small breakfast will be served from 8:00-8:30.

****Space is limited so please RSVP by September 29th!**

Meeting Registration

Tour only No Fee

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail your registration to:



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GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES (GMP's)

As you know, we are always making an effort to conform to food safety guidelines within our Manufacturing Facility. The Plant Management is asking for your help in this endeavor.

Since coffee is a food product, all processing and handling must be done under sanitary conditions in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's Good Manufacturing Practices. **Every person who enters the Manufacturing Facility is required to comply with these regulatory and in-house practices.** Therefore, we are asking for support from all employees, visitors, and guests who enter and tour the Manufacturing Facility to adhere to all safety signage that is located in the lobby area and on the plant floor.

Strict adherence to our Good Manufacturing Practices is essential to the safety of our employees and the quality of our products, which should not be compromised by anyone entering or leaving the facility.

The list below outlines the protocol that is expected of every person entering the plant floor of our Manufacturing Facility.

- ✓ The person will be given and must put on earplugs, a hairnet, and a beard guard if facial hair is visible.
- ✓ No watches, earrings, necklaces, chains, rings or any other jewelry are allowed and must be removed. If a ring cannot be removed, tape will be placed over it.
- ✓ No open-toed shoes (sandals, flip-flops, etc) are allowed.
- ✓ No dresses, skirts, or sleeveless shirts are allowed.
- ✓ No items attached to clothing above the waistline (such as pens, pencils, badges, items located in the top pockets of shirts) are allowed.
- ✓ Ties must be tucked into shirts.
- ✓ No pictures of any equipment or processes are allowed to be taken without the prior written authorization of the Plant Manager.
- ✓ Personal items must be stored in lockers prior to entering production areas.
- ✓ Chewing gum is not permitted in production areas.
- ✓ Tobacco products are to be used in designated areas only.
- ✓ Eating or drinking is allowed in designated break areas only, No food or drink is to be taken into any production area; water is available for consumption in various areas of the facility.
- ✓ Fingernail polish, false eyelashes, or artificial fingernails are not permitted in production areas.
- ✓ No medicines are to be brought into production areas.

When you are inviting people to tour the Manufacturing Facility, please inform them ahead of time that they will be required to follow our Good Manufacturing Practices and explain the required protocol listed above.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our Manufacturing Facility at its best!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM BATON ROUGE ROUGE



Louisiana State University
3800 Highland Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-0001 - (225) 343-0570

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|----|--|---------------------------|
| 1. | Head north on Highland Rd toward Dalrymple Dr
About 2 mins | go 0.5 mi
total 0.5 mi |
| ↶ | 2. Turn left at Aster St
About 2 mins | go 0.6 mi
total 1.1 mi |
| ↷ | 3. Turn right at Nicholson Dr
About 3 mins | go 1.4 mi
total 2.4 mi |
| 4. | Continue on St Louis St | go 0.1 mi
total 2.6 mi |
| | 5. Slight right to merge onto I-10 W toward Lafayette/Port Allen
About 2 mins | go 1.4 mi
total 3.9 mi |
| ① | 6. Exit onto LA-1 toward Plaquemine
Destination will be on the right
About 1 min | go 0.7 mi
total 4.7 mi |



1833 La Highway 1 S, Port Allen, LA 70767-3249

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

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