



# IFT-Aksarben Newsletter

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## Upcoming Summer Fun Meeting

The IFT Aksarben Section will be holding the Summer Fun Meeting on **June 18th, 2018** from 6:30-8:30PM at Blue Bloods Brewery in Lincoln, NE.

This will be an informal meeting which will begin with dinner to be served between 6:30-7:30pm. Attendees will be responsible for paying for their own dinner. A brief statement from IFT officers will also occur.

Following dinner, there will be a private tour of the brewery and of Robbers Cave. Robbers Cave is a 5,600 sq. ft. sandstone cave located directly beneath the brewery, the only such cave in Nebraska.

The evening's agenda is listed below:

**6:30-7:30PM:** Join us for drinks and dinner. Attendees are responsible for their own dinner.

**7:30-8:30PM:** Brewery and Cave Tour.

The cost to attend the event is \$5 for IFT Members. Non-IFT members: \$10  
**Please RSVP by June 15th!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ift-a-summer-fun-event-tickets-46536851977>



## A Message from the President

The Aksarben Section of IFT has had another busy and engaging year. I'm very proud of the professional events that our board members and volunteers helped to plan and execute. Last fall, UNL and our section co-hosted an engaging screening of the *Food Evolution* movie and we held our first Iowa & Aksarben Supplier Night. These events were followed by a dinner meeting in January with Grant Prentice of FoodMinds as the speaker and we recently held our annual Silent Auction Fundraiser at Scriptown Brewing. It's been a joy to interact with new attendees and board members as well as continue to build networks and friendships with those who have been in the section longer. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming summer fun event!



Jennifer Mancuso, Ph.D., IFT-A President

## Upcoming Events:

- **June 18 | IFT-A Summer Event**  
Blue Bloods Brewery
- **July 16-18 | IFT18**  
McCormick Place,  
Chicago



## IFT Section of Merit

The IFT Aksarben section officers recently received notice that we are being recognized as a 2017-2018 Section of Merit. This symbolizes the section's commitment to IFT, section members, and the food science and technology profession. IFT-A will be recognized in the Section Leader Update newsletter and in the Hall of Honor at IFT18.



## IFT Aksarben Election Results

Please give a warm welcome to our newest elected officers!



President-Elect

**Karina Voutas**

**D&D Foods**

Treasurer

**Yuliya Kovalenko**

**D&D Foods**



Secretary

**Traci Grummert**

**Midwest Laboratories**



## Silent Auction Recap

IFT Aksarben held our annual Silent Auction on April 9th, 2018 at Scriptown Brewery in the Blackstone district of Omaha to raise money for UNL Scholarships. We'd like to thank everyone who came out and made this a great event!

If you'd like to become a part of the planning committee for the awesome event next year, please contact any officer or board member!



## IFT Scholarship Winners

We would like to congratulate our two scholarship winners for 2018! Kelsey Bignell and Elizabeth Drey will both receive \$750. We want to thank all those who applied for this scholarship and all those who supported the Silent Auction so that we can continue to offer this scholarship!



## IFT Membership Model

In October 2017, IFT launched a new tiered membership model that makes choosing a membership level right for you easier than ever!

Below is a break down of membership options. All details can be found at [www.ift.org/membership](http://www.ift.org/membership).

### **PREMIER** **\$209 Annually**

Positions you for success by providing optimal access and the deepest discounts to all of IFT's invaluable resources, services, programs, and events. Members in the Premier category are eligible for all leadership and recognition opportunities and are exempt from page charges when publishing in *JFS*.

### **PREMIER EARLY CAREER** **Year 1 - \$80** **Year 2 - \$120** **Year 3 - \$160**

Positions you for success by providing optimal access and the deepest discounts to all of IFT's invaluable resources, services, programs, and events. Members in the Premier category are eligible for all leadership and recognition opportunities and are exempt from page charges when publishing in *JFS*.

### **NETWORKING AND ENGAGEMENT** **\$99 annually**

A great introduction to many of the many benefits of IFT including opportunities to get involved, meet professional peers, and stay in the know to help you advance your career.

### **INTERNATIONAL JOINT MEMBERSHIP** **Cost varies per partner organization.**

A great way to connect to IFT's global community. IFT has partnered with CIFST and IFST to offer joint international membership options. This option provides similar benefits to the Networking and Engagement membership option.

## Food Science Club Update from Kaylee Weakly

This past year, guests came from ConAgra Foods, Ardent Mills, One Brands, Zipline Brewing, and Presage Analytics who talked about what their company does, as well as possible jobs or internships. In addition, the club participated in their annual fundraiser at AppleJack Festival. This year IFT implemented a Secret Santa within our area where the club sent University of Wisconsin-Madison food products that represented Nebraska. In October, they made a trip out to Kansas City, MO where they visited GIPSA and The Roasterie. They concluded their school year with the IFTSA Area Meeting in Columbia, MO where they competed in quiz bowl.

This year there will be a change within our Food Science Department. This fall we will have students from China join our department as apart of the 3+1 Program. These students will spend their senior year studying in Nebraska. The events planned this year include speakers from various companies, participating in fundraisers and volunteering, and hosting IFTSA Area Meeting in 2018.

## IFT18 A Matter of Science + Food

IFT's Annual Event and Food Expo will be held July 16th—July 18th at McCormick Place in Downtown Chicago. Registration is now open. This is a great event for all levels of members offering insights into the world of food science. We hope to see you there!

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