



San Joaquin Valley Sub Section

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Mark your calendar:

- Jan 26 SJIFT Food Safety Workshop
- Feb 2 **NCIFT Luncheon**
*at California League of Food Processors
Convention Center, Sacramento*
- Mar 26 **CVIFT Meeting**
Valley Brewing, Stockton
- April **SJIFT Student Recognition Night**
- May 3 **NCIFT Golf Tournament**
Ruby Hills Gold Course, Pleasanton
- May 4 **NCIFT Suppliers Expo**
Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton
- May 24-26 **SJIFT HACCP Workshop**
CSU Fresno

Note:

Please save these dates, but be aware that some of them may change as arrangements are made and scheduling proceeds.

Field to Fork Food Safety Symposium

Tuesday, January 26, 1-5 p.m.

Fresno Association of Realtors Learning Center
6730 N. West Ave, Suite 103, Fresno CA

PROGRAM

GAP-Good Ag Practices

Dr. Peyman Fatemi, *Food and Process Safety Solutions*

GMP-Good Manufacturing Practices

Rob Robbins, *Product Safety First*

Verification

Dr. Rick Stier, *Consulting Food Scientist*

Validation

Dr. Rick Falkenberg, *Food Safety and Process Technology*

\$95 per person, \$40.00 per student

Student sponsors are needed and greatly appreciated!

Participation Certificates

will be given to attendees upon completion of symposium.

Register:

Mail or fax the enclosed registration form on page 3 by January 19th.

CONGRATULATIONS SJIFT!

The San Joaquin Sub Section of The Institute of Food Technologists won the 2008 Winter/Spring Membership Referral Program put on by the National IFT.

As the winner of this program, the National IFT funded one participant to attend the Strategic Leadership Forum on December 3-4th in Chicago. The National IFT covered the registration costs (which included food & beverage) as well as one night hotel room. SJIFT picked up the rest.

This year's Strategic Leadership Forum focused on members who:

- Have not previously attended the Strategic Leadership Forum
- Are considered a new professional (less than ten years in the profession)
- Have not served in a formal IFT leadership capacity
- Have been an IFT member for less than 5 years

In a continual commitment to the development of the future leaders of IFT, SJIFT is proud to announce that Chelsea Venable, a Graduate Student in Food Science at CSU Fresno, was chosen to represent our subsection to attend this leadership forum.

Chelsea has exhibited leadership skills while attending CSU Fresno, and is active in our local SJIFT. She was very excited to be chosen to represent SJIFT at the Strategic Leadership Forum. Congratulations to Chelsea for this honor! She has kindly agreed to report back to the SJIFT membership about her experience.

IFT Strategic Leadership Forum

By Chelsea Venable, *Fresno State Food Science Graduate Student*

SJIFT gave me the opportunity to participate in the IFT Strategic Leadership Forum on December 3-4, 2009 in Chicago, IL. It was an amazing experience, and I had so much fun. The conference speakers presented on topics such as how social networking and the internet are shaping the workplace, how to be a better communicator, why projects and new ideas fail, and how to help make them more successful.

The attendees were the perfect combination of rookies versus experienced people, and both groups were able to provide a lot of dynamic input into the activities and discussions. I also had the opportunity to participate in a focus group where we discussed our personal use of social networking on websites such as *Linkedin* and *Facebook*, to help IFT determine the direction that IFT.org will be taking on its next big revamp.

In addition to learning a lot of new information at the sessions, I was able to reconnect with some students and professionals, as well as make a lot of new connections. At the mixer on December 3rd, I met quite a few inspiring people who have opened my eyes to numerous new career options that I had never previously considered.

I am so fortunate to have had this opportunity, as I was not only able to make invaluable friendships, but now I also have the inspiration to guide my career in an entirely different direction than I had previously planned. Thank you SJIFT for your support and for providing me with this once in a lifetime opportunity. I am confident that the knowledge and experiences gained at this event will benefit me for years to come.

SJIFT Tours Wawona Frozen Foods

On September 22, 48 participants toured of the Wawona Frozen Foods plant in Clovis. Hosted by Bill Smittcamp, owner and CEO, many innovations and improvements were apparent since the last SJIFT tour about nine years ago.

Annually, Wawona Frozen Foods processes over 65 million pounds of fruit, including more than 40 different varieties of freestone peaches, and strawberries, running both commodities at the same time. Most impressive was how uniform the machines could slice the peaches! One of only three plants that process frozen peaches in the USA, Wawona also has a bakery on-site that produces and packages frozen fruit-filled pastries, cobblers, and shortbread cakes for foodservice, retail, and school lunch programs.

Following the tour, a short drive up the road to the original site of the Wawona packinghouse and the Smittcamp family home, Earl and Muriel Smittcamp graciously hosted dinner in their beautiful back yard. A catered tri-tip and chicken dinner was followed by a *mouth-watering* Wawona peach cobbler for dessert. What else would you expect? Unfortunately, Mr. Smittcamp would not share the recipe with his guests!

Our speaker was Dr. Erin Dormedy who reported on some of the current research at the CSU Fresno Food Science Program, which frequently partners with Wawona in research projects.

The student raffle, including baskets of fresh peaches that had served as centerpieces, added about \$250 for the Fresno State Food Science Scholarship Fund.

We are saddened to report that just two weeks after our visit Mrs. Muriel Smittcamp, a Fresno State alumna, friend and benefactor, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at spry 92 years old. SJIFT sends our thoughts and prayers to her husband Earl, her son Bill, and the entire kind and bighearted Smittcamp family.

2009 SJIFT SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT

From Scott Nichols, SJIFT Golf Chair

The 11th Annual SJIFT Golf Tournament was held on October 15th, 2009 at the beautiful Brighton Crest Country Club, and a great time was had by every one of the 134 golfers who came out for some fun and networking. This year, we had 14 Tournament Sponsors, 22 Tee Sponsors and 10 Food & Beverage Sponsors. Ruiz Foods again sponsored our "No Whining Hole", where the person with the worst shot off the tee got a nice bottle of Fresno State wine. The SJIFT Sponsored a \$10,000 cash prize hole-in-one on one of the three-pars, and players had a chance to win a new synthetic putting green for a hole in one sponsored by Southwest Greens.

The Tournament raised over \$7500 in Scholarship funds for Fresno State Food Science Students! Since the inception of the tournament, we have raised over **\$54,500**. The success of this tournament is due to the overwhelming support we receive from our sponsors. Tournament Sponsors each gave at least \$300 and Tee Sponsors each gave \$150. Food and Beverage Sponsors filled up the golf goodie bags and provided beverages to help keep our costs down. ***We greatly appreciate the turnout and support of this tournament even in these tough economic times.***

Tribute to Dave Orona

A special tribute was paid to Dave Orona of Pacific Coast Chemicals, who passed away on October 6th. Dave was a big supporter of this tournament and the IFT and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Rachel and their two children, David and Eve, during this difficult time. An announcement was made about a **special memorial scholarship fund that has been established for Dave and Rachel's children at Wells Fargo Bank**. During the tournament awards, a number of people who won cash prizes turned them back into the SJFIT so we could write a check to the Orona Scholarship fund. A check for \$380.00 will be sent to the memorial fund from the SJIFT.

Donations in memory of David may be made by checks payable to the **Orona Education Fund** and deposited to Account No. 8965059788 at any Wells Fargo Bank or forwarded to Pacific Coast Chemicals, Attn: Orona Education, 2424 Fourth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710.

**Field to Fork Food Safety Symposium
REGISTRATION**

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Title/ Position _____ Company/ Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Best Phone _____ E-mail _____

How would you like your name to appear on your certificate?

Registration Deadline: January 19th. Space is limited.

Registration _____ at \$95.00
Student Sponsorship _____ at \$40.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please duplicate form and provide each attendee's identifying information.

Please make check payable to "SJIFT"
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