

President's Message:

Hello again. Well, an exciting and educational time was had by many who attended this year's "Cook. Craft. Create." National Convention in Orlando earlier this month. Over 1,000 chefs, cooks, students and foodservice professionals turned out to partake in 54 educational sessions, hands-on workshops, cutting-edge demonstrations and a trade show featuring over 100 vendors. Chapter member **Senior Chief, Derrick Davenport, CEC, CEPC, MBA** won the coveted USA's Chef of the Year Award and Executive Director **Elena Clement, CEPC, AAC** was inducted into the American Academy of Chefs. Congratulations Chefs Derrick and Elena!!! Attached are a few pictures of the events.

ACF National President Thomas Macrina announced at the Friday July 31st ACF Business Meeting at the ACF National Conference that David Ivey-Soto, CEC, CCA, MBA will be the chair of the Chef and Child Foundation

Long time chapter member and former chapter President, **Denise Baxter, CSCE** was honored by the school board for her numerous years of service expanding the culinary arts program at Mountain View High School in Stafford, VA. They threw her a wonderful retirement party in early July and we wish her all the best in her new venture in life.

Finally, the 2015 NCCA Golf Tournament is a wrap. Over 85 golfers turned out for a day of fun and camaraderie at Belle Haven Country Club on August 17th. It was a sweltering day on the course, but committee chairperson and Executive Chef at Belle Haven C.C., **Greg Sharpe, CEC** remained cool under pressure while treating everyone to great food and hospitality as he once again supported the largest fundraising event for our chapter. The numbers are still being finalized and we will announce the amount of cash earned for the ACDEF Chef and Child initiative and Capital Area Food Bank soon.

I hope everyone is enjoying the remaining days of summer and we all look forward to seeing you at our next two upcoming meetings. The first is Sept 21st at Army Navy CC in Arlington and the second is October 19th at Culpeper Gardens in Arlington. Host Chefs **Tim Recher, CEC** and **Ray Riddle, CDM, CFPP** have some wonderful food and educational opportunities in store for us.

Happy Cooking,

Chris Britton, CEC
NCCA Chapter President