

President's Message:

Wow. It has been a busy couple of months for our chapter. We had so much going on, that it will be hard to encapsulate in a one page note, but I will do my best to keep everyone informed. So here goes.

We hosted two terrific meetings in September and October. First, **Tim Recher, CEC®** and his team at **Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington** gave a wonderful presentation on certification. This meeting, sponsored by **Royal Cup Coffee**, covered the basics of this worthwhile (and sometimes intimidating) process. Next, **Ray Riddle, Chapter VP** welcomed members to his facility at **Culpeper Gardens** where **Wagshal's Market, Vollrath and Adams-Burch** gave presentations on smoked beef brisket and the sous-vide process of cooking it. Our final meeting of the year is at **Howard Community College** on November 16th. **Chef David Milburn CWPC®, CHE**, will do a chocolate centerpiece demonstration and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

In October, we hosted our annual culinary salon at Stratford University in Alexandria, VA. Seventeen students and culinarians competed and we handed out 11 medals in all. Special thanks to **Elena Clement, CEPC®** and **Steve Raymond, CEC®** for running the show and to all the chefs and judges who helped to make this an educational and exciting event for all.

Also in October, we prepared food and an educational forum for International Chefs Day sponsored by **WACS** and **Nestle**. Chefs **Jack Batten, CEC®**, **Kathy Phung**, and I partnered with **Ype Von Hengst (from Silver Diner)** and **Roy Cargiulo** from **Keany Produce Co.** to introduce healthy foods to 157 fourth grade students. It was a great event and a wonderful opportunity for the NCCA to give back to the community.

None of these events would have been successful without the collaboration of all the chefs and vendors within our chapter. Your NCCA board is working diligently to find exciting venues for our 2016 meetings. However, we need your participation and voice in order to make this work. Please continue to volunteer to sit on one of our many committees or to host or present at a meeting. We gained quite a few members recently and I look forward to getting them involved in future activities as well.

Happy Cooking,

Chris

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