



American Culinary Federation
Greater Grand Rapids Chefs

October 4th, 2022

Grand Rapids / GFS Foodshow
All Michigan October ACF Meeting

Rajiv spoke of the following updates and communication from nationals.

- We have a Hurricane relief fund set up on the ACF Website. Please donate if you can. as a chapter or single member.
- For national awards, He asked to please send nominations even yourself. We would love to have your local chapter apply. Please represent our midwest.
- On Nov 5 ACF chapter sanction competition. Contact Chef tom or CIM To gain other information. -The CMC exam is happening from 10/27-10/31.
- He asked all that are able to run for regional repeat or all positions in regional central.
- New news regional town hall meeting every quarter meetings all on one day with regional repeat.
- Nov first weekend, hosting a symposium educational opportunities and hotel accommodations discounted and breakfast lunch provided.
- Rajiv reported that other chapters besides GGRACF are just starting with in-person meetings due to covid and safety protocols.
- Please send all photos and news articles please send to national to get the info of your chapter out.
- Oct 20th national chefs day.
- On Oct 16th national nutritional day please post and share in honor of that.

-Central meeting monthly on Tuesdays. Chef Rajiv is hosting a central area meeting. Around 7 pm usually

1 hour 40 minutes usually. Regional activities. And news update.

Nationals send reminders of the meeting. And meeting minutes please tune in and say hi and share any news we have to nationals.

-Conventions. We are possibly looking into a Grand Rapids hosting the national convention.

-Michigan chapters- We all have been through a lot and we are all looking toward the future and being successful.

-Kalamazoo, south bend, Florida, grand rapids, Michigan lakeshore chapter, and Lansing chapter are all in attendance for the meeting.

We spoke about the following/

-Ways some people have retained or gotten help in the current climate.

1. Reaching out on social media and sharing the passion for culinary.
2. Reaching out with flexible staffing hours help.

-Secondary technical schools.

-Youth staff and mentorship, connecting with the youth and letting them be exposed to more than Dishwashing and entry-level positions

-Program from the casino to help folks grow in the company, developing folks to fit your space and leave out any bad habits help majorly.

-Connecting with chef jimmy will connect you with his prison program of culinary arts. Would love to connect you with former prisoners and help with staffing needs

-Are we as an industry looking at loosening standards and convicted felons, accepting folks with many backgrounds and pasts?

-Staff nowadays are making it comfortable and become family and look up to your team and staff.

-National diversity and inclusion, opening our eyes for mental health, at the national convention a woman spoke on mental health and how our industry and others need to accept that mental health and that it's about how we hide our mental barriers also how folks in our industry have mental health issues and how we can help guide and mentor them.

-The Lansing chapter changed its meetings a few years ago we went to quarterly meetings,

-Grand rapids monthly newsletter and help spread the word and info about our local chapter, Using monies from fundraising we are able to contract who what when were of our chapter.

Kalamazoo attendance and member activity and greater chef community and members, Seven courses of gold, Many restaurants, It will be held Nov 14th, 10 grand raised and 7 of that was able to help our community and chefs.

-Connecting with folks to join chef Amanda at cim to help make chocolate and to grow our collaboration.

-On 11/23/22 ACF KCTC will be hosting a meet up please reach out if you're able to help by presenting and giving a few words to our future Chefs.