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Summer 2024

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRS

NYIFT Chair Spencer Sullivan



Twelve months ago, I was looking forward to my second opportunity to serve as chair for NYIFT. My first term coincided with the COVID pandemic, which presented a series of interesting challenges for the organization but dampened many of the activities that make section membership fun and professionally fulfilling. As I now consider the 2023-2024 program year, I think that it is safe to say that we are back! A combination of great topics and great venues resulted in full capacity for every event. Our biggest challenge was finding room for an extra five or ten people every time we met – that's the kind of challenge we like!

The beauty of each meeting's success was the range of contributors who took responsibility for a particular meeting and made it happen. Subcommittees worked through corporate mazes to make our events at Mondelez and PepsiCo successful. The work done to create expert panels on subjects like AI was incredible. IFT President Sean Leighton's in-person presentation at the March meeting was compelling while at the same time, it demonstrated that we are indeed pushing past pandemic limitations; and, as our capstone event of the year, Suppliers' Day 2024 provided both a showcase for 166 vendors and a highly relevant technical program for attendees.

Less apparent but just as important, we were able to bolster the internal structure of the organization so that the New York IFT can continue its mission into the second quarter of the twenty-first century. Our bylaws have been updated to reflect best and current practices. Our financial "deep dive" brought on by the stress of the COVID years has resulted in improved investment strategies and financial management.

Before I move on to my second term as Immediate Past Chair, I would like to thank the entire board and all the committee members for making this a great year. Chair-Elect Suzanne Mutz-Darwell and Immediate Past-Chair Sophia Jin both made my job as Chair incredibly easy. Additionally, Gerri Cristantiello, as our Chapter Administrator, provided a helping hand with everything we do.

I am looking forward to working with our new board to make our 2024-2025 program year even better. The Board will be a great mix of new talent and seasoned veterans. Our planning efforts for the fall are already underway.

CNJIFT Subsection Chair Carol BoNey



When I heard from our elected Chair for 2023-24 that she would not be able to continue for the year due to her new job position, my immediate reaction was "oh no what do we do now?" This section is very near and dear to me as it was started when General Foods relocated me from Dover, DE. I worked closely with Gary Wheelock and Marijan Boskovic to get the section started and I could not see it dissolved on my watch. So, I stepped in as Chair for the remaining calendar year.

We had a very successful Trivia Night at Rutgers University, and a wonderful Holiday Meeting with Gary Pavlis, Wine Expert from Rutgers University and Eric Schmoyer, Senior R&D Manager - Technical Services from Barry Callebaut. Nothing can ever go wrong with Wine and Chocolate!

We had another exciting Student Night held at Rutgers University. The program was expanded this year to include professionals from the food industry to speak with students one-on-one to learn about their company and for possible internship positions.

And lastly, we had a wonderful day for the golf outing. Included in this newsletter are some photos; it was a beautiful day for golf.

I would like to thank everyone on the CNJIFT Board for their support throughout the year. I welcome and also thank Debbie Levine from Ingredion for accepting the Chair position for the coming year. Kerri Goad-Berrios from Kalustyan has accepted our secretary position and Salvatore Mastriani will be moving from Director-at-Large to Treasurer. Thank you to Ronnie McBurnie for her many years of service as our Treasurer. Ronnie will be moving into the position of Director-at-Large.

Have a wonderful summer and we both look forward to seeing you all in September.

Spencer Sullivan

Spencer Sullivan, Retired (PepsiCo)

Carol BoNey

Carol BoNey, Retired (IFF)

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CNJIFT 16th Annual Golf Outing Recap

A fun time was had by all!

A picture is worth a thousand words! On June 3, over fifty golfers participated in the annual CNJIFT Golf Outing at Cranbury Golf Club. They all enjoyed a delicious lunch with a sunny, dry day on the course. It ended with a lovely dinner and lots of door prizes and awards. If you missed this year's outing, make plans to attend next year in early June!



Brian Coccetti guessed the closest number of tees (232). There were 263 in the hat. He won the Bad Birdie hat, tees, and a bottle of 1792 bourbon.



Guess How Many Tees

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First Place Team

Joanne Kennedy, Mawele Shamaila, Nasrika Parasnath, and Peter Coccetti pictured with Carol BoNey, Golf Outing Chair

Second Place Team

Dolf DeRovira, Dan Kinsella, Derek Rankin, and Chris Coddington

Third Place Team

Tim Taylor, Jim Fiorella, Rick Trivigno, and Steven Brady

Longest Drive Women: Anita Toczek

Closest to the Pin Women: Joanne Kennedy

Longest Drive Men: Brian Coccetti

Closest to the Pin Men: Chris Coddington

CNJIFT GOLF OUTING (cont'd)
THANK YOU SPONSORS!

THANK YOU to our Sponsors ... CNJIFT raised over \$3,000 from the Golf Outing. These sponsorship funds help maintain the Central New Jersey IFT as a subsection of NYIFT. Additionally, it helps pay for students to attend the CNJIFT dinner meetings. It also provides your company with recognition that it supports the food industry. All of this is made possible because of the generous contributions of our Sponsors.

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<https://nyift.org/events/cnjift-golf-outing/>

Our swag bags were complete with items donated from the following companies: Adallen Nutrition, Bedoukian, Carmi Flavors, Dongyu USI, Gold Coast Ingredients, Thymly Products, and Vibal Tea - Apple and Orchard Lab.



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A photo from the course is worth a thousand words!



2024 NYIFT CORPORATE SPONSORS

Become a Corporate (Bronze) Sponsor for 2024

A Corporate Sponsorship is considered a Bronze Tier sponsorship at the NYIFT Suppliers' Day.
Learn more about the benefits of a Corporate (Bronze) Sponsor on page 6.

***Thank you for supporting the NYIFT.
Your contributions help fund the NYIFT Scholarships and Awards Program.***

A star (★) indicates a new Corporate Sponsor for 2024 (as of 6/12/24)

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WHY BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR OF NYIFT? *Suppliers' Day may be over, but the benefits are not!*

The New York Institute of Food Technologists is better than ever. We invite your organization to get involved and show your support for NYIFT and the Food Industry through Corporate Sponsorship.

Corporate Sponsorship dollars are used by the NYIFT to promote the Food Industry and provide you an array of services including:

- Keeping membership informed of activities as they relate to the Food Industry
- Developing future leaders
- Supporting our students through scholarships, outreach and Student Association activities
- Delivering timely programs to keep you informed of technological advances, legislative activities and industry trends
- Providing a forum for networking

There are many benefits of becoming a Corporate Sponsor of NYIFT that include, but are not limited to:

- **\$100 discount** per booth at the NYIFT's Suppliers' Day.
- Receipt of a full list of Suppliers' Day participants with their name, company and contact information
- Complimentary employment advertising – **a savings of \$200 per ad per month!**
- A Directory of NYIFT Food Industry Consultants
- Your company name publicized in each issue of the NYIFT newsletter (see page 5) and online: <https://nyift.org/sponsorship/> and <https://nyift.org/sponsorship/>
- A Certificate of Sponsorship by email that can be displayed in multiple locations

There are two (2) ways to join. Use the form at the end of this newsletter or complete the online form at <https://nyift.org/membership/become-a-corporate-sponsor/> and follow the payment instructions.

Questions? Contact:

Corporate Sponsor Chair Dan Levison at dan@appleandorchard.com
Gerri Cristantiello of the NYIFT Office at 201-905-0090; nyiftoffice@gmail.com

NYIFT & CNJIFT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome our New Officers

Congratulations to our incoming **Chair-Elect Margaux Mora** of Ingredion who will serve a one-year term and move to the Chair position in 2025 and our Treasurer-Elect **Jordan Allen** of Ingredion who will serve a two-year term and move to the Treasurer's position in September 2026. Jordan will officially be on the Board of Directors in September 2026.

Our slate is now complete and the Board of Directors have declared the following members to serve as its Board of Directors from September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025. Unless otherwise indicated, officers serve one-year terms.

NYIFT Board of Directors (Voting Officers)

Chair: Suzanne Mutz-Darwell - Retired (Firmenich)

Chair-Elect: Margaux Mora - Ingredion

Past Chair: Spencer Sullivan - Retired (PepsiCo)

Secretary: Gina Cobianchi - Nestle US Nutrition

Treasurer: Gloria Dematos Stern - GStern Consulting LLC (*Exp. 2026*)

Directors-at-Large:

Marc Meyers - Meyers Consulting (*Exp. 2025*)

Terry Finocchiaro - Retired Independent Consultant (*Exp. 2026*)

Congratulations to **Kerri Goad-Berrios** of Kalustyan who will serve as CNJIFT Secretary for a one-year term.

CNJIFT OFFICERS

Chair: Debbie Levine - Ingredion

Chair-Elect & NYIFT Liaison: *Open*

Past Chair: Carol BoNey - Retired (IFF)

Secretary: Kerri Goad-Berrios - Kalustyan

Treasurer: Sal Mastriani - Advanced Biotech

Directors-at-Large:

JoAnn Fritsche - dsm-firmenich (*Exp. 2025*)

Ronnie McBurnie - Groncki Associates (*Exp. 2026*)

The CNJIFT continues to have a Chair-Elect position available. If you would like to get involved in a leadership position, this is a great way to begin. Contact the NYIFT Office at 201-905-0090 or via email at nyiftoffice@gmail.com or Debbie Levine at debra.levine@ingredion.com. A form is also available online at: <https://nyift.org/get-involved/>

NEW YORK & CENTRAL NEW JERSEY IFT NEW MEMBERS

Welcome the following new members to our Section

Maqbool Ahmad
Benjamin Buckley
Junrui Cheng
Dana Coleman
John Creech
John Cucinella

Jennifer Ephraim
Augustin Isernia
Mackenzie Knox
Astrid Krunianta
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Benoit Ramet
Taylor Washington
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IFT FEEDING TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

NYIFT Congratulates Catarina Carneiro

Article submitted by Leslie Herzog

NYIFT would like to congratulate **Catarina Carneiro**, of Montclair State University for being a recipient of an IFT Feeding Tomorrow Gateway Scholarship Non-Higher Education Review Board (Non-Herb).

Feeding Tomorrow Fund scholarships help ensure that those passionate about careers in the science of food can still pursue their dreams. Since 1985, the Feeding Tomorrow Fund has awarded more than 2,700 scholarships, totaling over \$3 million.

Again, congratulations to Catarina Carneiro!

Upcoming Meetings & Industry Events







July 14-17

IFT FIRST Annual Event and Expo

McCormick Place, Chicago, IL

Complete Details & Registration: <https://www.iftevent.org/>



<p>NETWORKING</p> <p>RCA FANCY FOOD SHOW NETWORKING</p> <p>JUNE 24, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM ET</p> <p> </p> <p>Vahalla Bar 815 5th Ave New York, NY 10019</p> <p></p> <p>RCA Fancy Food Show Networking Event</p> <p>Jun 24, 2024 05:00 pm - 07:00 pm Eastern</p> <p>\$30.00</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>LEARN & COOK: THE BACKBONE OF KOREAN COOKING</p> <p>JULY 11, 2024 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET</p> <p> </p> <p>Yonda Culinary Studio 254 Front St New York, NY 10038</p> <p></p> <p>Learn & Cook: The Backbone of Korean Cooking</p> <p>Jul 11, 2024 04:00 pm - 08:00 pm Eastern</p> <p>\$150.00</p>
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The **Research Chefs Association** invites members of the NYIFT to attend its two events on June 24 and July 11. More details and registration can be obtained by visiting www.culinology.org and scrolling down the home page until you get to 'Events'.

Did you miss the CNJIFT Golf Outing? Whether you missed it or are ready to swing the clubs again, **SACI (Sales Association of the Chemical Industry)** invites you to their Golf Outing on September 10, 2024.

For details and a registration form email sacimanagersonline@gmail.com



You are cordially invited to join us:

SACI Fall Golf Outing

Galloping Hill Golf Course
Kenilworth, NJ
Exit 138 Garden State Parkway

\$195 Per Golfer

*Skill & Door Prizes
Cash Bar
Golf Cart & Buffet
Dinner Included*

10th Sept. 2024

Arrive at: 9:15 am
Driving Range available prior to T-Time

10:00 AM First T Time

Hole Sponsorship \$50

Kindly Reserve Your Spot by August 30th 2024
Request Registration at: sacimanagersonline@gmail.com

Montclair State University Seeking Internships for Students

The Nutrition and Food Studies Department at Montclair State University is seeking internships/practicums for their students with local companies. Mr. Jeff Poulos is the Career & Internship Advisor for the University supporting both undergraduate and graduate Nutrition and Food Science students in regards to career and professional development. He is working with prospective students in the Food Science field seeking internship opportunities for the FALL 2024 semester in quality assurance, product development, sensory analysis, dehydrated foods, beverage industry, veggie-based foods and more. Montclair State University's food science students are well equipped and trained in food regulations/compliance, management and knowledgeable in food safety and food labs. All of these students need an internship/practicum in order to complete their course requirements and in turn complete their degree. Students must be advised by an on-site supervisor with at least 3-5 years of experience in the field (site supervisor will be asked by the student to complete mid and final performance reviews). Ultimately, the site supervisor's responsibility is to ensure the student has a fulfilling and meaningful experience.

Please contact Jeff Poulos at poulosj@montclair.edu if you want to learn more about this program and or have upcoming Fall 2024 opportunities.

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POSITION AVAILABLE

NEW **A-1090 NATIONAL SALES DIRECTOR** – iSpicefoods is seeking to fill their National Sales Director position reporting directly to the President. You will be responsible for developing effective sales strategies to achieve sales goals and successful relationships with their customers, while selling Spices and Seasonings products nationwide. Responsibilities include crafting effective sales strategies, nurturing customer relationships, exploring new market opportunities, and ensuring seamless sales processes from proposal to close. **Qualifications:** degree or equivalent 3+ years' work experience in the Industrial food sector; must be proficient in MS Word, MS Excel and more. [Click here to download complete Job Description](#) Interested candidates should email their resume to caridadt@ispicefoods.com

Job Location: Remote, but must meet in office at least twice a year. (6/24)

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NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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Where would you like meetings to be held? Would you like to be on a committee?

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Visit our website at www.nyift.org for calendar of meetings and events