

**Don't forget to RSVP for the LIFT meeting this Thursday!!!
Also check out the new job posting.**



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May/2011

Join us for the May LIFT meeting!!!

NOTE: So that you can attend the TFFA, we will be holding our meeting on the 3rd Thursday of this month

Date: Thursday, May 19th

When: 5:30 pm for our social hour
6:45 pm announcements/dinner begins with presentation and tour

Where: Culinary Focus
8300 Esters Blvd, Suite 930
Irving, Texas 75063
469-735-4070
www.culinary-focus.com

Tour Culinary Focus, hosted by President, Jim Wisniewski as he shares their passion for R&D and their concept for serving the food industry. Their clients run the gamut from Executive chefs and Culinologists to R&D Scientists, Manufacturers, Marketers, Distributors and Restaurateurs of every shape and size. By mere word of mouth, they have become a premier R&D resource for the industry and for companies that insist on pushing their boundaries.

Menu: Culinary Focus will prepare pizza for us upon request with various sauces, meats, toppings
House salad
Adult Beverages and non-alcoholic beverages included

Cost: \$25 Members/Non-Members and Guests

Students: \$20

RVSP by Tuesday, May 17
Sharon McCabe, Chair-elect
smccabe@netpacsystems.com

Texas Food Processors Association Fundraiser

The Texas Food Processors Association invites the Longhorn IFT Membership to join them at their dinner and fundraising event next Thursday, May 12, 2011.

Location: Sheraton Dallas North location located near the Galleria in Dallas.

Cost: \$75.00 and must be paid in advance by credit card.

Reservations: must be made no later than Monday, May 9th to Greg Hanks at fax number 972-242-6920. Your \$75 includes a buffet dinner including prime rib and chicken, potatoes, vegetable, rolls and desserts and an open bar, featuring wine, beer and margaritas.

This is a great networking opportunity and a fun way to assist the Texas Food Processors Association in raising monies for scholarships for food science and technology graduates at Texas A&M and Texas Tech Universities.

Fax your name, contact email, credit card number and expiration date to Greg Hanks at fax number 972-242-6920 to RSVP.

South Central College Bowl Competition

Results from the IFTSA South Central College Bowl

Food Science students from Texas Tech Univ., Texas A&M, Univ. of Missouri, University of Arkansas and Oklahoma State Univ competed on April 15th at Frito-Lay headquarters in Plano, TX. Winners of the regional College Bowl were from the Univ. of Arkansas.

The Team Members are:

Madhuram Ravichandran
Vijayalakshmi Ganesh
Patrick Rodgers
April Felkins
Monica Ramos
Coach: Navam Hettiarachchy

Congratulations to the Univ. of Arkansas and good luck moving onto the National competition at the IFT Annual Meeting in June.

Upcoming Events

LIFT Meetings:

September - *Thursday Sept. 29 Suppliers Night!*

- Embassy Suites, Frisco, TX - SAVE THE DATE!
- Details are available on the LIFT website www.longhorn-ift.org

Other Regional Event:

34th Annual Texas Food Processors Association Conference

May 11-13, 2011 at Sheraton Dallas North, Dallas, TX
For more information check out www.tfpa.org

IFT Annual Meeting

Don't Miss the 2011 IFT Annual Meeting & Food Expo... and Help Us Win the IFT Section Challenge!

When and where is the event?

June 11-14, 2011
New Orleans, LA

Why should I attend?

Education opportunities...100+ sessions, 1,200 poster presentations, and more
Many formal and informal networking events
The industry's largest collection of food ingredient, equipment, and packaging suppliers
The opportunity to socialize with fellow section members in culture-rich New Orleans

What's the "IFT Section Challenge"?

New, friendly competition among sections
Three sections with the highest percentage of members attending will win \$500 each from IFT for their scholarship or education programs

How do I register?

Go to www.ift.org/IFT11

Jobs Available

Quality Assurance Manager

For a Division of a food manufacturing company
Contact: Cindy McDaniel Professional Staffing of St. Louis
(636) 343-8859 office (314) 791-5277 mobile
mcdaniel513@charter.net

Qualifications: Seeking candidates with minimum 5-7 years of experience in food manufacturing/quality operations with emphasis on food safety/quality assurance, including oversight

of multiple facilities; BS degree in Food Science or related field and ability to travel 30%-50% required.

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Quality Assurance Technician

Temporary position from May to July 2011

Reports To: Director of Quality Assurance and Quality Assurance Manager

Truco Enterprises, Inc.

Phone (972) 869-4600 Fax (972) 869-8050 E-mail: Martin

Sanchez msanchez@truco.com x 366 or Julia Sheaffer

jsheaffer@truco.com x312

Website: www.trucoenterprises.com

Quality Assurance Manager

For a Fort Worth Food Manufacturing Company

Contact: amy@parkerproducts.com

Responsibilities:

- Guarantee compliance is met with Federal, State and local regulators.
- Supervise, impose and further increase an existing HACCP program.
- Act as the key contact SQF practitioner for all plant manufacturing practices & maintenance of the SQF system.
- Perform internal audits to ensure the plant is capable of delivering products that meet company's high quality and food safety standards.
- Coordinate & keep proper records for all testing, audits, specifications, production and others.

Requirements:

- BS. Food Safety, Microbiology, Chemistry, Food Science degree or related field preferred.
- 5+ Years in a food production manufacturing environment.
- 2 or more Years supervisory/management experience.
- Must have worked in a QA Lab or plant or Quality Assurance Department.
- Strong understanding of FDA, Food Safety and State regulations.
- Working experience with (GMP) Good Manufacturing Practices.
- You Must be authorized to work in the USA - no sponsorships

If you'd like to include a job posting in the next newsletter please send the information to jaimereeves@pepsico.com

JOB WANTED

MEREDITH WOLF

Email: Merewolf2@gmail.com; **Phone:** (940) 395- 0097
Seeking: I am looking to obtain a job in the Dallas/ Fort Worth food industry, which will contribute to the successful development, production and sale of food products.
Education: Graduating in May 2011, BS in Food Science from Texas Tech University

Experience: I have been working full-time in Marketing Communications while completing my degree and have recently been promoted to Marketing Communications Area Director. I completed an internship with a chemical company in the food and beverage industry. I also served as an Agricultural Ambassador for Texas Tech to promote agriculture to schools around Texas.

STEFFEN SPRINGBORN

Phone: 612-845-0513; **E-mail:** steffen.springborn9@gmail.com

Experienced process engineer with broad project knowledge; Chemical Engineering degree from the U of Minnesota; Lead multi-discipline teams; Food experiences -Early conceptual design of a meat processing plant, some design experience with soybean crush plants and yogurt processing; Other - Lead process engineer for design and construction of \$20MM bio-polymer plant; Enjoys analyzing and solving complex problems; Bilingual - English and German

THU DAO

Contact: 469-222-2289/ tdao631@gmail.com

Seeking: R&D/ QA position in the food/ beverage/ restaurant industry

Education: BS, Bakery Science & Management, Kansas State University

Experience: 18 years of experience in R&D, QA, and Production Manufacturing. Expertise includes Dough & Bakery Technology/ Coatings, Batters, and Breaders/ and Seafood Processing. Strengths include cost savings, cross-functional team collaboration, strategic supplier relationships, and robust experimental design.

If you'd like to post your information in the next newsletter please email jaimereeves@pepsico.com.

2011 LIFT Executive Committee

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