

**ACF Meeting**  
**Sept. 19, 2022**  
**Woodlands Country Club**

Chef Johnny - Wants this platform to be the one to get everyone here.

Chef Paul - wants to have a strong board post pandemic with attendees on zoom

Chef Dr. Everett Jones on Zoom - member since 72, teaches culinary arts at several local colleges, wants to see any invoices from Board Members 2024 Board

State president Chef Lea Pawelek, State Director - This is your chapter, wants us to build it, come up with solutions together.

"Use us as resources".

Treasurer's report - Chef Jones - National Convention in New Orleans July 17 - 19, 2023, They did shorten it.

Old Business:

ACF deadline for dues March 2023

TCA dues are on their own rotation, no set date

Introductions (roundtable):

Timothy - Bentwater Country Club,

Paul Elliott: Food and Beverage Dir at Villages at the Woodlands Waterway - loves giving back to seniors

Elizabeth Valadez, they are changing processed menu to whole food at Pines Montessori School in Kingwood, students are toddlers to middle school.

Paola - GM school nutrition program at Pines Montessori School,

**Ribbon Cutting for new kitchen and Culinary program this Friday, Sept. 23 at 3 pm.** Address is 3535 Cedar Knolls Drive, Kingwood 77339. Elizabeth and Paola Invite all to attend, students love seeing chefs, so they are asking chefs to attend. The students education starts with food tasting and they are growing things in the garden. The children learn to cook and do their own dishes.

Grace - Head pastry chef at Chocolate Bar in Rice Village comes from casino hotel district in Albuquerque, NM

Woodlands Country Club, Palmer - Justin is exec sous chef

Acting Food Service Dir for TX Reg for 5 star living

Royal Caribbean for 7 years, Princess Cruises for 3 years, then Landry's, then Tilman Fertitta for 12 years, now doing senior living and loves it.

Ricardo Bravo - Exec chef Woodlands Resort, Tilman Fertitta, was with association many years ago

Meeting for October TCA, date will be on website, will be changed next week

Introducing committees

Looking for a nomination to chair education committee - Chef Jones and 3 or 4 other chefs that are also judges. The role of the chair is to work with Chef Jones on certifications, working on competitions, junior or regular chefs, want to get us familiar in community to forward education of chapter for exec chef certifications, we have different environments all over, and want to get HCA to host a practical exam.

Sept 16 - 6 positions available - cancel and rescheduling, want to get scheduled and training, get certifications

Need Membership Chairperson - getting zoom set up, reaching out to members on the rosters, making phone calls, need to nominate someone

Need Fundraising Chairperson

New business

Meetings are held every 3 Monday of the month

Meeting for December was moved from Dec 19, 2022 to Sunday, December 18 instead, and will be a Christmas party. Majority preferred 4-6 pm. Everyone can bring a gift, not more than \$20, International Food for the meeting, chef's table style/make your own plate/buffet - whoever is hosting can suggest the menu. If volunteers are needed, Chef Paul can help.

Question posed to all: What do you want to get out of the chapter, what are you here for?

Chef Jimmy - In order to get what you want out of it, you have to be engaged to get something out of it. We were big in networking, galas, competitions, used to be huge, chapter would have a team on Iron Chef, first goal is making the group bigger  
Covid restarted alot of things, zoom would be a good thing to do

Chef Paul - this board is put together to help community

Chef Jesse - To be able to reach out to someone. Seeing where we are at and what's in it for the community

Chef JD - learn about culinary and the association , shared problems, to help

Chef Max - "ACF went from greatest and being proud then - is it going to come back to where it used to be - (mentioned James Beard foundation, Mario Betelli, etc) and is it going to be the same it used to be?"

Chef Grace - looking for a mentor, new to area, looking to hire - she needs chocolatiers and ice cream makers at the Chocolate Factory in Rice Village.

Paola - Montessori - very minimal - we want to expand the curriculum and improve the program - introduce the kids to foods and vegetables, we decided to see what we can learn form y'all.

Monica - Will connect to Rice University's Holistic garden to share ways of connecting with students & expanding curriculum.

Chef Les(?) Came from Cordon Bleu. "It's about giving back, simple as that". Wants to take part in feeding veterans - in community we have 35-50 veterans.

Chef Steven McCracken -

Chef Olivier - came from Switzerland - retired - he wants to see where he can help. He is a Master Chef and brought Chef Tim down to fill in his position.

Chef Tim moved down from NY a year ago - loves the weather and area. "It's so diverse, I want to learn what Houston has to offer. I love to compete and want to be involved with competitions again".

Chef Paul - got a warm welcome in Maryland and wants to bring that back to Houston

Chef JD Sunday brunch for 2 Raffle Drawing done during meeting. Zoom guest won.