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# L'Entree

American Culinary Federation Midlands Chapter  
"The Authority on Cooking in the Midlands of South Carolina"

## *President's Message*

Dear members,

Congratulations to all the winners from the President's Dinner in January, look for pictures to be posted on [acfmidlands.com](http://acfmidlands.com) soon.

We had a great February meeting, thanks to McCutchen House, Mary Sparrow and Erin Rast of Provisions of Millwood. They discussed the logistics of marketing and packaging of local products.

We had a chance to discuss Chefs on the Shoe that benefits Chef Jules Pernell Memorial Scholarship Fund, being held on March 24th. ACFMC will be sponsoring tables for current members.

March 6th will bring another Sweet and Savory at EdVenture Children's Museum benefitting Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter.

Our next meeting will be an icebreaker at the Sheraton in downtown Columbia on Main St. starting at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to everyone for your support!! We couldn't do it without you.



American Culinary Federation  
Midlands Chapter

Congratulations to the 2013 ACF Midlands Chapter  
Award Recipient

Richard M. Lee Culinarian of the Year Award

Robert Stegall-Smith CEC, AAC

Charles F. Connolly Associate of the Year Award

Ben Perzan, Merchants Foodservice

2013 Presidential Medallion Award

John Lindower

The 2013 Chef John Peduzzi

Chef of the Year Award

Robert Stegall-Smith CEC, AAC

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TBD

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TBD

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TBD

**NEWSLETTER**

Vinnie Livoti, CCA, FMP

**PUBLIC RELATION**

TBD

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TBD

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TBD

**CULINARY COMPETITIONS**

TBD

**CHEF OF THE YEAR CHAIRMAN**

Vinnie Livoti, CCA, FMP

**American Culinary Federation Midlands  
Chapter of South Carolina Mission  
Statement**

Our Organization is committed to education, certification and supporting the community that frequents the establishments in which we work. We focus to serve each member, strive to foster partnerships within our profession and create a fraternal bond of respect and integrity among all culinarians.



**American Culinary Federation  
Midlands Chapter**

# 2014 Calendar of Events

**all meetings start at 6pm unless otherwise indicated**

February 3rd, 2014

General Meeting, McCutchen House

March 3rd, 2014

ACF IceBreaker, 6:30pm at the Sheraton Downtown on Main St.

May 5th, 2014

General Meeting, McCutchen House

June 2nd, 2014

General Meeting, McCutchen House

August 4th, 2014

General Meeting, McCutchen House

September

Annual Golf Tournament

October 6th, 2014

General Meeting, McCutchen House

November 3rd, 2014

General Meeting, McCutchen House

**MARCH 2014 [WWW.ACFMIDLANDS.COM](http://WWW.ACFMIDLANDS.COM)**

Please take special note of 2014's Southeastern Regional Conference being held in Charleston SC. We have been asked and have offered our assistance to the ACF Greater Charleston South Carolina Chapter with the regional conference. At this time we do not have any specific information yet, but we are asking every Midlands member to try and reserve one day to be at the conference and volunteer to assist the Greater Charleston Chapter. As we get closer to the date we will know what jobs they are in need of, and can then place you in a spot. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help South Carolina and the ACF shine.

<http://www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Events/Regional/Southeast/ACF/Events/Regional/Southeast/>



ACF SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
**CHARLESTON,**  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
**APRIL 26 - 29**  
EMBASSY SUITES NORTH CHARLESTON  
- AIRPORT/HOTEL & CONVENTION  
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
MARCH 7, 2014

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# Benefits Through National ACF

ACF and Nationwide Insurance have teamed up to offer ACF members a special discount on auto insurance. Below are five reasons why you should choose Nationwide for car insurance.

Visit the website to learn more.

<http://www.nationwide.com/cps/pc-affinity-americanculinaryfederation.htm>

- ❶ Car Insurance for Less with a Member-Only Discount: As an ACF member, you are eligible for an exclusive discount.
- ❷ Safe Drivers Get a Free Pass: When you add Vanishing Deductible, you can take \$100 off your deductible each year for safe driving for a total savings of \$500.
- ❸ Better Claims Service: Four out of five policyholders who have filed a claim would recommend Nationwide to a friend or family member.
- ❹ Repair Guarantee: With Nationwide's worry-free claims service, you get 24/7 access, a 100% guarantee on repairs and 24-hour On Your Side® Auto Repair updates.
- ❺ On Your Side® Review: A Nationwide On Your Side® Review helps you see the big picture, so you can get auto insurance coverage that fits your needs, goals and budget.

Membership in the ICAN Benefit Group, discounts on health insurance, long term care, and prescriptions.

- Big Savings!
  - Up to \$150 savings on Certification & Practical Test Fees
  - Up to \$275 savings on registration fees at the ACF regional and national conferences
  - 15% savings at ACF's online store
  - 10–50% savings on products and services from our Members Advantage Program participants
  - Up to \$500 savings on Conferences and Trade Shows from culinary industry partners
- Propel your career through Certification. Maintain your competitive edge in today's evolving culinary industry.
- Access ACF's Career Center...Our web-based service allows job seekers to post résumés and view open positions across the nation.
- Access the latest trends and techniques in the industry with our digital version of The National Culinary Review, our ACF award-winning magazine. (10 issues per year)
- Reach culinary students and educators through our digital magazine, Sizzle: The American Culinary Federation quarterly for students of cooking.
- Receive up-to-date ACF news in The Culinary Insider, the official biweekly e-newsletter.
- E-Shop. ACF's online store with culinary books, textbooks, cookbooks, ACF logo merchandise and more!
- Competitions. Raise the standard of your culinary excellence through participation in our local, regional or national ACF-sanctioned competitions. Put your skills and knowledge to the test in a competitive format.
- Gain valuable experience through ACFEF's apprenticeship program. Combine on-the-job training with technical classroom instruction.
- Scholarship opportunities for both culinary students and professional chefs seeking to further their education.
- Be a part of the honor society of ACF. The American Academy of Chefs (AAC) represents the highest standards of professionalism in the organization, society and industry.
- Accelerate your career. Experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Be part of the Team. ACF Culinary Team USA is the official representative team of the United States in major national and international culinary competitions.
- Term Life Insurance. Offered to members in "good standing." This benefit is currently being to Professional Culinarian, Culinarian, Student Culinarian, Senior Professional Culinarian, Allied and Associate members who are not part of Property or Military Programs.
- Gain access to a global network...World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS) comprised of 8 million chefs worldwide in 92 countries