

# Happy New Year!



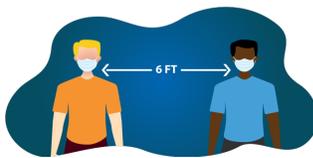
We are excited to announce that we will be resuming Zoom membership meetings through March with the hopes that we will resume in-person meetings in April. This Monday's January meeting information is below.

Please stay tuned for more details for future meetings.

We look forward to seeing everyone.



Do you have any new years resolutions? Feel free to share them with us through our [contact page](#) on our [web site](#).



For up-to-date information on Covid-19 in Massachusetts, please check [here](#) at the Mass.gov web site.

***Please join us this Monday for our next membership meeting via Zoom!***

Due to the spike in Covid-19 cases, we will be resuming Zoom virtual membership meetings through the month of March. Please use the login credentials to join us this Monday January 18th at 5:30 pm.

**[Zoom login details here...](#)**

**Many Ways to Help During the Pandemic**

Many of the less fortunate are

**John DiSessa, CEC, AAC –  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Happy New Year Epicuren**



feeling the effects of the pandemic

more than ever. Sadly, in-person charity may be difficult to achieve in a safe manner. Here is a list of some ways you can help your neighbor while staying socially distant.

Donate personal protective equipment [here](#).

Donate food and household items [here](#).

Other ways to help are listed [here](#).



If you have not yet done so, please sign up to join our

club [here](#) and enjoy some of the many benefits of [Epicurean Club of Boston](#) Chapter membership. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Club members, I hope you all spent time with family and friends and had a great holiday season.**

**2020 was a year like we have never seen before; social distancing, face masks and staying at home are just a few of the challenges that are moving right into 2021. But 2021 brings us all hope for a new and better year.**

**Now that the vaccines have started to roll out, there is hope that 2021 will be a great year with unlimited possibilities. I wish every member and their families a safe, happy, healthy New Year. Let us make 2021 the absolute best year yet.**

**Please read the entire letter [here](#)...**



We would like to thank a long-time friend of the club and our recent treasurer for his many years of hard work and dedication.

Nils Ahlin will take over the insatiable task of this responsibility and help our club move on to the next level. Please see Doug's resignation letter attached to our president's message above. We wish you the best!



If you or someone you know has any jobs available that need filling, please reach out to our clubs secretary and we will post it on our web site and

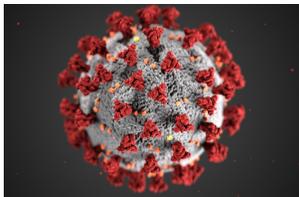
The American Culinary Federation offers a "Ingredient of the month". They offer free downloadable tools featuring a new nutritional ingredient for chefs to incorporate into their menus and use in community events.

Check it out [here...](#)



Here is a [link](#) to the 2020 Chapter Officers and Board of Directors.

Thank you for your professional service!



*Here are some resources for chefs and restaurants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic from [wearechefs.com](http://wearechefs.com)*

**January is:**

this newsletter.

Please reach out to the ECB secretary [here](#).



## How to Make Potato Gnocchi -

*Culinary Institute of America*



In this video, Chef Robert Tremblay is teaching us how to make fresh potato gnocchi from scratch. Through this Italian classic, Chef Tremblay provides an introduction to what makes the dumpling one of the world's most popular foods and shows us the perfect creamy tomato pan sauce to complete this wonderfully savory dish.

Video is linked [here...](#)

## CERTIFICATION CORNER

### ACF Practical Exam

Looking to get certified in 2021? Now is your chance to complete the Practical Exam! We have scheduled a date for a local Practical Exam on **Saturday, April 17 at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlboro, MA.**

Have questions about how to prepare? Want to



discuss some menu ideas? Just curious about the process and want more info? Please reach out to our Certification Chair, Chef Earle Test, CEC, CCE, CCA at [emtest@verizon.net](mailto:emtest@verizon.net) and he can work with you through the process.

## NATIONAL OATMEAL MONTH

Oatmeal is a famed breakfast cereal lasting throughout the centuries. It's believed to have been discovered in the British Isles. There are many ways to eat oatmeal. Oats can be rolled in order to hold more liquid while being cooked. Oats can also be steel cut for a thicker texture.

[Read article here...](#)

The ACF Certification program offers 15 certification levels to make the chef a more valuable candidate for hiring and promotion -- which can help increase his or her salary. Culinaricians achieve certification based on education, experience, and successful completion of written and practical exams. The ACF's certification program is the only culinary program with stackable credentials and is recognized throughout the industry as the standard for excellence in professional skills and knowledge.

ACF approval is required prior to registering for practical exams. Candidates can register online following the link below or by submitting Practical Exam Candidate Registration Form.

The practical exam fee is \$50 for ACF members and \$100 for non-members. There is an additional \$75 host site fee that is payable to the site hosting the exam. Practical exam scores are valid for one year.

Read entire informational article [here...](#)



The American Culinary Federation offers great learning opportunities. From credits towards certification to brushing up on current skills, there is so much offered. You can see the information [here...](#)

**Thank you to our supportive associate and allied members!**



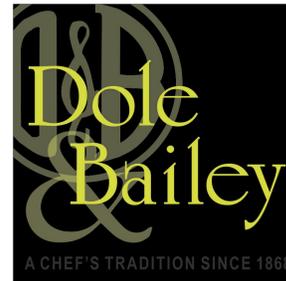
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