2017 Annual Meeting Review

Re-Capping the 2017 Year-End Meeting

This year’s Annual Meeting and Expo in San Diego was a huge success. The meeting was packed with insightful keynotes, eye-opening facility tours, and the most important part of any quality event- great people. Attendees had the privilege of hearing keynotes from some of the most influential personalities in our industry, and were able to attend powerful courses designed by the smartest minds in pharma & biotech. Members were able to network, engage, and learn from one another in an action-packed, 4-day extravaganza. For those who may have been overwhelmed by all they learned, a brewery tour was offered to allow everyone to unwind. Read more about the conference here.

Learn about next year’s conference and calendar of events by visiting the links below.

https://www.ispe.org/conferences/2018-annual-meeting-expo
https://www.ispe.org/calendar
The website for the South Central Chapter of ISPE is up-and-running! Our chapter website is where we will store our calendar, newsletters, event links, membership/leadership information, and other useful resources. Joe Nottoli has volunteered to manage the site’s content. Contact Joe with any questions, or to tell him what a great job he’s doing! Visit the site here.

Healthier Holiday Meal Choices

This time of year can be challenging for even the most health-conscious individuals. If you’re looking for some healthier options for your holiday meals this year, see the links below. Best of luck, everyone!

36 Healthy Holiday Meals
20 Healthy Holiday Food Swaps
Healthy Holiday Recipes
Ketogenic Holiday Recipes
'Tis the Season to Give Back

Most anyone reading or contributing to this newsletter lives a life that many of our fellow citizens would consider a dream: We own homes and cars, we have food in the fridge, and we can choose from a closet full of clothes every day. As we approach the end of the year and look back on the fortunate opportunities allowed to us, let us all take a moment to consider those less fortunate than we. Listed below are a number of organizations who help do good in their communities, and would greatly appreciate any support. Fun fact: while all of these organizations see an increase in contributions during the holidays, they benefit most from those who commit to regular contributions. For example, $1 at the North Texas Food Bank provides 6 meals for those in need. Imagine the impact $10/month would make.

https://www.centraltxfoodbank.org/

https://www.ntfb.org/

http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/

https://www.adopta-senior.org/

http://www.pawsinthecity.org/

https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/

https://www.safehaventc.org/support/donate-items/

http://www.familyplace.org/
With 2017 drawing to a close, I want to take a moment to recognize the genuinely exceptional people who are alongside me in representing this chapter. After being surprised with a position, and being moved to President mid-year, I could not have asked for a better group of people to guide me. I came into this position with just over a year of experience in this business, and not once was I made to feel like I didn’t belong or wasn’t worthy. Every officer and board member was happy to help with anything I needed, anytime I asked. They have been kind, patient, and supportive during a very memorable year for our chapter.

As we move into 2018, it is my goal to ensure that the vision we have established is carried on and executed to its fullest potential. Each time I meet someone new in our industry, I’m motivated to work on their behalf to make their membership as rewarding as possible.

I will continue to stay involved in any and all ways I can, and am always open to playing the role of sounding board or advocate for any members in need of support. I am deeply grateful to have been given this opportunity, and should more arise, I will happily pursue them. Thank you all for a wonderful year.

Best regards,

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