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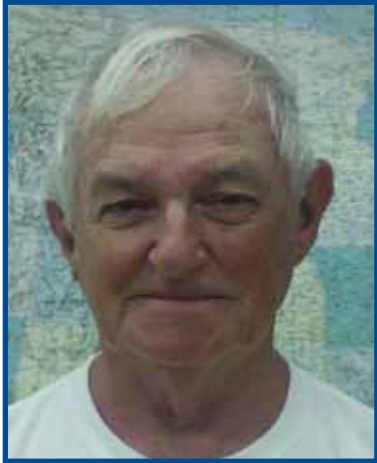
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Greetings Everyone,

Well the Winter Meet N Greet Workshop was a huge success. There was a good crowd, the programs were all excellent, and a big thanks to all the venders,

Congratulations to Mary Ann on 30 years of great service as our secretary.



Congratulations to the eight students from Midwest Culinary Institute who received the Scholarships, and the encouraging words from Tom Davis.

Thanks to the 10 decorators that filled the second floor with gorgeous cakes.

Hope you all have a/Great Valentine's Day, and also sell lots of King Cakes.

Feb 18,19 and 20 are "Thing A Ling" days in Batesville, you all are invited to visit us and enjoy a fresh "Cherry Thing A Ling."

Hope to see you at our next meeting March 5th at the Old Spaghetti Factory, Bakery Crafts always puts on a good program for our members and friends.

See you there,
 Clem Schmidt

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BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS
1ST MEETING FOR THE SPRING SESSION
GREATER CINCINNATI RETAIL BAKERS ASSN.
WEDNESDAY MARCH 7, 2012

THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY



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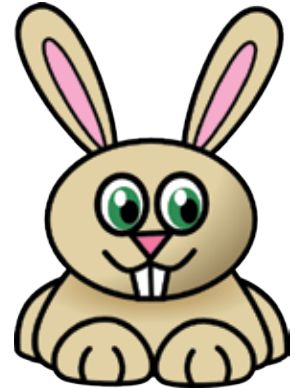
4:30 PM - GATHER

5PM Business Meeting

5:30 PM Demonstration by

BAKERY CRAFTS

6:15 Dinner - \$18.00



All Decorators & Friends are Invited

All Decorators will Receive a Gift

Each Baker Should Bring an Easter Item

Reservations made by Monday March 5th

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PACZKI

We had a record year in Paczki Eating Contest, 11 contests in all, and the first time we had two in Northern Kentucky with the addition of Lloyd Memorial High School, and St. Henry District High School both in Erlanger. This year we added something new, by asking someone from the Bakery that provided the Paczki to be a judge at the event, this proved to be added fun for the participant as they were able to see the contestants gobble up their product.

Schools we visited and providers were:

- Purcell Marian – Graeter’s Bakery
- No. College Hill – No. College Hill Bakery
- La Salle – Busken Bakery
- Taylor High School – Regina Bakery
- Roger Bacon – Bonomini Bakery
- Glen Este – Busken Bakery
- Lakota West – Graeter’s
- McNicholas – Servatii Pastry
- Lloyd High School – Bakery Barn
- Elder High School – Regina Bakery
- St Henry District High School –Servatii

The two pictures show the volunteers who helped at Lakota West, yes it really does take that many people to put on the contest properly. The two in the center work at Graeter’s. The other picture shows how much the GCRBA gets in the public eye at one of these Contest. Thanks to all who helped.



PITCH IN PROMOTIONS

Putting on these promotions is not cheap, although we are fortunate in that the bakers donate all the product used. However this year many of you pitched in with your donations for a total of \$1,700.00 donated toward the cost of putting on these promotions, each of the allied sent in \$100.00 and each of the bakers sent in \$50.00 to help keep our association on top.

Bakers:

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| No. College Hill | Wyoming Pastry |
| Ashley Pastry Shop | Milton’s Donuts |
| Central Pastry Shop | The Cakery |
| Bonnie Lynn Bakery | Fantasy In Frosting |
| Bonomini Bakery | Little Dutch Bakery |
| Rinaldo’s Bake Shop | Ele Cake Co. |
| Harrison Home Bakery | Busken Bakery |
| Graeter’s Bakery | Regina Bakery |

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We could not do this without you. Thanks



WINTER Meet N Greet WORKSHOP

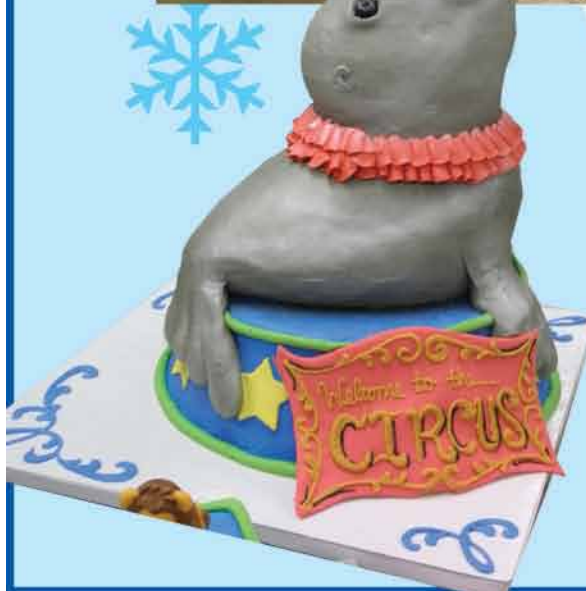
The figures are not tabulated yet but if you were there you know that the Winter Workshop was a huge success, there were 18 vendors, 7 decorators for the decorating Competition, 3 decorators for the certification, and 7 students for the Fondant Class, there is not an accurate count on the number of attendees, but if you were there it was sometime shoulder to shoulder on the exhibit floor. Go to page 5 and look at the pictures, especially the gorgeous cakes, they were fabulous. Below are the Vendors, without you we could not put on something like this, that would be affordable.

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News is spreading that the food gets better every year, and this year topped all of them, the newcomers that came from out of town were esthetic about the food.

This year the Workshop Committee were able to sit in on some of the sessions, as the students took over and helped in every phase.

WINTER



MEET-N-GREET



BAKERY CRAFTS

Bakery Crafts always has a good program for our members, an ideal time to bring your decorators, and this year they have a promised surprise for you, do you like surprises, if so this one is for you. Come and join in the first meeting of the spring season, March, April and May and then it is time to recess again, where does the time go? You better enjoy it while you can. Count heads and get your reservations in.



GINGERBREAD KIDS

The following bakeries have turned in their donations toward the "Buy A Kid" Gingerbread Cookie Promotion for Hurting

Children's Charities, you can be proud of your efforts:

Ashley's Pastry Shop	\$158.00
Graeter's Bakeries	406.00
The Cakery	100.00
Harrison Home Bakery	330.00
Little Dutch Bakery	25.00
Servatii Pastry Shop	190.00
Bonomini Bakery	100.00
Regina Bakery	100.00

You do the math, not bad for a small association, and there are still about 3 more to come in. God Bless your efforts.

Sincere Thanks, Those of you who were at the Winter Meet N Greet and many of you who contributed know that I was given a beautiful recognition for 30 years of service to GCRBA. This was a total surprise and I am most grateful. What I do is a labor of love, I love all of you and I appreciate your wonderful friendship. I could not have done it without your unfailing support. YOU make our association strong, not me.



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COMING EVENTS

Wed. March 7th GCRBA Business Meeting and demonstration by Bakery Crafts 4 Pm The Old Spaghetti Factory

Monday, March 12, Board of Directors Meeting, 1 PM Midwest Culinary Institute

Wed. April 11, Business Meeting and Demonstration. 4 PM

Wed. May 9th Business Meeting and Demonstration. 4 PM

Friday, June 1st National Donut Day, Fountain Square, 12 Noon.

Sunday, June 24th, Annual Picnic and Pie Eating Contest, Coney Island, 10 AM to 9 PM

KING CAKE

This newsletter didn't get out I time for the Construction of "Ohio's Largest King Cake" on Sunday, Feb. 12th at Tri County Mall, but credit needs to be given to the members who contributed sections of the King Cake.

Regina Bakery	Servatii Pastry Shop
Little Dutch Bakery	Bonomini Bakery
Busken Bakery	Bonnie Lynn Bakery
Graeter's Bakery	No. College Hill Bakery
Midwest Culinary	Schmidt's Bakery
Sweet Sensations	St. Lawrence Bakery
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And Dawn Foods for supplying the roll icing.

And BakeMark for supplying the colored sugar

You make these things possible

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The new 2012 GCRBA Directory is printed in a smaller size so that you can carry it with you for reference, call or E mail Mary Ann if you would like to have one, or come to the March 7th Meeting and pick one up for your use.

POLISH DAY

Several of the Board members met with the Marketing Director of Findlay Market, and were given the news that they would like to have Polish Day, this would involve the bakers of course making some sort of Polish Pastries, but they also would like to involve the history of the baking industry in Cincinnati, no date has been set, but it would probably be sandwiched in somewhere between, King Cakes and National Donut Day, so get your thinking hats on ask your parents and grandparents what they know about the old days in the Bakery. This could be a really fun project and just another way to put the retail baker in the news.



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