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Good morning! It's an icy one! I hope everyone survived the storm without getting hurt. For a change, we fared fairly well in northwest Iowa. Yes, some ice, but it could have been worse. Sorry Des Moines!  
Looking forward to the warmer weather this week, that's for sure.

It's coming!

Pride in Foodservice week is February 6-10.

What are you doing? ANFP wants to know! If you tell them how you celebrated, you could win a credit to the ANFP Marketplace worth \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place! I know Iowa has some really awesome people doing great things. Take credit for it! Go to the ANFP web-site ([anfponline.org](http://anfponline.org)) and fill out the application after Foodservice week until February 24! It would be awesome to see an Iowa person win.

March 9-10 will be our regional meeting in Minneapolis. Lots of good meetings and a vendor show at a pretty good price. You can sign up now! There is a grant that will pay for the recipient's meeting registration, plus a small stipend that will be provided to the recipient in check form at the meeting. BUT... it expires January 31. So if you want to try for that, get it in soon!

April 3-7 is Member Appreciation Week. Last year they gave out free ce's and a bunch of other stuff. Looking forward to that!

Our spring meeting will be April 28. We don't want to interfere with the regional meeting, so we've made a few changes this year. This will be a ONE day meeting. The vendor show has been moved to the fall just for this year, which will be a TWO-day meeting. Next year, things will go back to normal.

The education committee is working hard on the spring meeting. We appreciate the comments from the evaluations: they help build each next program! We will still be at Prairie Meadows for the spring and fall meetings, but we will NOT be in the Paddock area. Personally, I thought the food was amazing, and I'm glad to go back there! The education committee already has some good speakers in mind for us.

We are still looking for people to run for treasurer elect and president elect. These are both two-year positions: the first year is just learning, the second year you actually do the job (treasurer and president).

The president elect, president and spokesperson go to the national meeting FOR FREE every year! The treasurer or secretary goes FOR FREE every other year, and if someone else can't go, the treasurer elect may go. It's a great benefit!

If you know someone who would make a good officer, we would love to hear from you! Our current president-elect had someone fill out an I Will Serve sheet on her behalf...and without her knowledge! But when she thought about it, she decided it was a good idea! Who would you like to nominate? We know that you know some of your fellow CDM's better than we do. We would love to hear from you! Just e-mail me back, and I'll put a bug in someone's ear.

Our national meeting is in Las Vegas June 6-9. Vegas, Baby! OK, it's outside of Vegas, but there is a shuttle from the hotel... For more information, go to the ANFP website.

That's all for now. Stay warm!

Sharon Vermeer