

Dear Chefs \_\_\_\_\_ ,

What I'm up to:

I want to create a living legacy and history of our Chef de Cuisine of Oregon.

Why I'm up to it:

When I received the Chef of the Year Award I couldn't help but think of all those who went before me. I wondered how they felt about the honor, I wondered what they would say to me as I faced my year, I wondered where the industry was during their time, I wondered what they loved to cook. I know we can't go back in time, but we can create memories for the future. I want to begin the process of creating a journal that is passed forward to each new recipient.

What I hope you will do:

I hope you will create this special journal with me. I am asking each former honoree to write a brief word in this journal. You can write what you felt at the time, what the industry was like then, your favorite recipe, or even some words of wisdom for those who will receive this honor in the years to come. I hope that any of you who knew any of our honorees who are no longer with us, that you would add a few memories about them in the journal.

It would be ideal if each person could hand write their memories in the journal, but I realize this would be very time consuming and cumbersome. My thoughts are instead to just use email to compile everyone's thoughts. You can send them to Ruth McColley ([ruthamc@pacifier.com](mailto:ruthamc@pacifier.com)) and/or Robbin McColley ([amccolley@comcast.net](mailto:amccolley@comcast.net)) by email or regular mail at:

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Robbin will be sending out an email with a form for you to use as a sample. She would like all responses back by December 31, 2009.

