

# GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW LEADERSHIP

DiRōNA would like to welcome Tim Creehan as DiRōNA's new Marketing Communications Chairman. Creehan replaces Chef John Folse, who due to increased demands from his business expansion, relief efforts surrounding hurricane Katrina and his new role as the President of the Research Chefs Association, has resigned his position as Chairman of the Marketing Committee. We would like to thank Chef John Folse for his insight, help and guidance during his time as the Marketing Chairman and welcome Tim into this exciting role.

**TIM CREEHAN, DiRōNA'S MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN,  
EXECUTIVE CHEF/OWNER, BEACH WALK, DESTIN, FL**

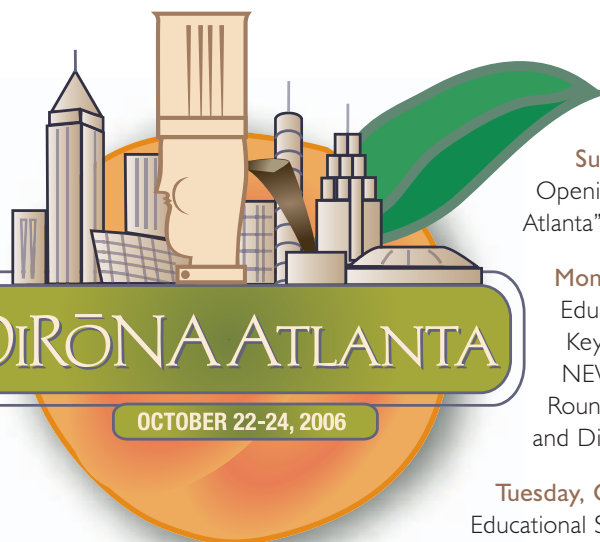


Tim Creehan discovered his culinary calling at a young age. He possesses a zest for life, extraordinary talent, an enormous joy in sharing his love for cooking and a commitment to giving back. He is a certified executive chef, author, teacher, inventor, dynamic entertainer and steward of his community. He began his culinary career at the age of 14 at Steak & Ale in Baton Rouge, LA and then worked side by side with Chef John Folse at Lafitte's Landing in Donaldsonville at the age of 19. During his career, Tim has produced cookbooks, been on dozens of "On the Menu" cooking shows in the Southeast, patented a non-stick grilling marinade and has been featured in numerous publications. In 2004, Beach Walk was named one of the top 25 restaurants in Florida, by *Florida Trend Magazine*. ♦



## 2006 ANNUAL AWARDS AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

2006 Conference Chairman, John Metz, Jr., invites you to come down South to the Ritz Carlton Buckhead and unite with fine dining restaurateurs from across the United States, Canada and Mexico for a three-day celebration of fine food, networking, great wine and education held at The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead. Our daily education seminars and networking opportunities will provide you with the chance to meet and discuss the challenges and successes you face in the fine dining industry. Tuesday night we will hold our Annual Grand Awards Gala and welcome the 2006 DiRōNA Award recipients into DiRōNA.



### Schedule of Events:

**Sunday, October 22**  
Opening Night "Flavors of Atlanta" Cocktail Reception

**Monday, October 23**  
Educational Seminars, Conference Keynote, Welcome Luncheon, NEW EVENT Afternoon Restaurant Roundtables, Mystery Dine Around and Distinguished Desserts Event

**Tuesday, October 24**  
Educational Seminars, Annual Membership Meeting, Afternoon Free Time, Grand Awards Reception and Gala

Stay tuned for registration information! An updated schedule of events will be posted on [www.dirona.org](http://www.dirona.org). Just look for the Georgia peach Conference logo on DiRōNA's homepage and click on it for more details and updates. ♦