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OCTOBER MEETING

THE WINES OF SPAIN

In keeping with tradition, our October meeting will feature a wine and food extravaganza. This year we journey to **SPAIN**, guided by **Senor John Eld**. As many of you know, John brings an exceptional knowledge and style to the program....the line-up of food and wine promises to make this a great evening. John is a former radio personality with KQV and has taught many wine appreciation classes with CCAC. He has been featured locally on WQED offering tips on wine and food pairings. **We welcome John and his wife Mary for an exciting evening in Spain.**

Spain has more vineyard acreage than any other country, but comes in third in terms of wine produced behind Italy and France. The arid vineyards do not allow dense planting and antiquated vinticultural practices are working against Spain.

Spain is going through a "re-invention" with their wine industry. **Robert Parker has been quoted as saying, "Spain is the next big surprise in wine"**. Spain is revamping their appellation system to insure higher quality. While over 40 areas are "DO" certified, only one area, **Rioja**, has claim to the new "DOCa" classification. Wine has been made in this area for over

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: October 1, 2004
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Lions Hall
Murrysville-Trafford Road
Level Green, PA
Members: \$17.00 Guests: \$20.00
Reservation Deadline: Monday
September 27, 2004

Lion's Club Pay Phone Number
724-372-7910

2,500 years. The area tends to make Bordeaux style wines, due to the French families who migrated to Rioja in the late 1800 after phylloxera struck Bordeaux.

Please plan on joining us **OCTOBER 1st at 7:30 PM** and join in the fun!! **Member price is \$17.00 per person and guests are welcome at \$20.00 per person. This would be a great meeting to invite your friends. Please reserve your place early, seating is limited. Our October food and wine evenings are very popular. See you there !!**

DEW

Karen

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Comments from the Chair

IT'S A SPANISH FIESTA!

In October we will host our traditional Nationality Night. This year's theme is a "Spanish Fiesta". Tapas and wines from Spain will be presented for our group by John Eld. John has studied the region extensively and has a wealth of information to share. I know you will enjoy this meeting. Please make your reservations early.... Sorry no walk-ins!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our September meeting about the ABC's of wine basics an "A"bsolutely a "B"eautiful "C"elebration of the beginning of our second ½ of the year! In September we enjoyed our National Tasting of Merlot with the evaluation process lead by Doug Wayner, our hosts were Mal and Marsh Ewing with assistance from Ben and Liz Pedley. Thank you to everyone! It was a fun way to learn more about wine. Great Job!

Over the past few months we also discussed the idea of putting a cookbook of favorite recipes together to be a "gift" to our members at our

Christmas party. It was suggested that a wine recommendation be included. Please submit your entries in Microsoft Word format via email to dewkew@aol.com or by hardcopy with your reservation. Deb Thomas and Dave Simone will coordinate the recipes and format them into a "cookbook" we can all use for years to come.

September is the month we also put together our slate for officers of our board. Traditionally we have names submitted in September, nominations in October and elections in November. If you have an interest in becoming a board member please let us know. We will be happy to put your name on the slate for the 2005 year.

Wine Glasses Case List

Case 1 Chase	Case 10 Cuffia, M
Case 2 Clean	Case 11 Clean
Case 3 Clean	Case 12 George
Case 4 Clean	Case 13 Clean
Case 5 Clean	Case 14 Paluselli
Case 6 Clean	Case 15 Pedley
Case 7 Clean	Case 16 "?"
Case 8 Clean	Case 17 DeKlever
Case 9 Tranquill	

Important Wine Glass Information

If you took wine glasses in June for washing, please either bring them back at the September meeting or call Don and Marty Baer at 724-733-3038. Be sure to sign your name and the number of the case in Don's book before taking and upon returning. THANKS!

Wine Glass Case Number 16 is missing. If you have it and have forgotten to return it, please call Don Baer.

~NEXT WINE JUDGE TRAINING CLASS~

Friday, October 15th

Hampton Inn, Monroeville

Call Doug or Karen for Reservations

412-795-8192

According to AWS Guidelines, Membership in the NATIONAL AWS is mandatory to belong to any local Chapter. If you are a new member or plan on joining AWS Pittsburgh East, please be sure your membership dues are paid to AWS National at the following address:

American Wine Society
P. O. Box 3330
Durham, NC 27702

Please make local dues checks to AWS Pittsburgh East and give to either the Membership Chairperson or the Treasurer.

Thanks

Desserts:

1 st	Sally Cunkelman	Fruit Cake
2 nd	Susie Cuffia	Caramel Cheesecake
3 rd	Lee Berkebile	A special delight with three toppings but I did not have the name. SORRY, Lee!

PS: We will all look forward to seeing these recipes in our upcoming COOKBOOK.

Chuck

FROM THE REGIONAL V.P.

I would like to thank all of you who helped me at the Annual Regional Picnic on August 29. We had a great day with 70 people in attendance.

The Amateur Wine Competition was held in the morning under the capable direction of Curt Skerl. Look for the WINNERS listed in another part of the Newsletter.

The annual appetizer and dessert competitions were also held and those winning a ribbon and cash prize are as follows:

Appetizers:

1 st	Ashlee Esplen	Goat Cheese Dip/ crackers
2 nd	Metha Hillard	Shrimp/Cheese Dip
3 rd	Marsha Ewing	Mozzarella and Tomatoes

Reminder !!!

Make your reservations early for the October meeting. Also---No Walk-ins for this meeting.

The National Tasting of Merlot was held in September. The results of our Club will be published in the November Newsletter.

Make your reservations EARLY so we can plan for tapas!

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