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## CHILLY NIGHTS

January always presents a problem for program topics. We are just getting over the Holidays and by now, mass quantities of wine have been consumed. We are tired of the cold, tired of the shorter daylight hours and sick of the **CHILLY NIGHTS !!!** Let us turn that frown upside down and see the glass as half full !! We are going to celebrate the **CHILLY NIGHTS** and present food and wine that will warm your heart !!

We will kick off the **NEW YEAR** with a journey to the southern hemisphere and visit **Chile**. There are some **GREAT** buys in the market from Chile, offering both, **quality AND price**. In recent years, the world has begun to take notice of Chile's wines. In 1998, Chile exported over \$500 million in wines to approx. 85 countries and was **third** in total imports to the United States, following France and Italy. At VinExpo 99, Chilean wines ranked **second to France** for the total medals won. Recent studies have indicated that Chilean wines boast the world's highest levels of flavanol, a natural antioxidant. A mild Mediterranean climate, promotes healthy root and berry development.

Join us on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th at 7:30PM**, as we explore the **Land of the Sun, Chile**, and sample some of the **BEST** this

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Date:** January 14, 2005  
**Time:** 7:30 PM  
**Place:** Lions Hall  
Murrysville-Trafford Road  
Level Green, PA  
Members: Couples - \$20.05, Singles - \$10.05  
**Guests - \$3.00 more per person**  
**Deadline:** Monday, January 10, 2005

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

Country has to offer. **PLEASE NOTICE THIS IS THE SECOND FRIDAY OF JANUARY !!**  
**Feel free to invite guests.**

**AS A SPECIAL TREAT > >** we are going to carry the **Chilly Nights Theme** to the **EXTREME > > >** to accompany our tasting of Chilean wines, we will be serving a sample of Chili. The evening promises to be **DELICIOUS**. In keeping with our tradition of offering a "value" meeting for January, the **MEMBER** cost of the evening will be **\$20.05 PER COUPLE / \$10.05 PER SINGLE. GUEST fee will be \$3.00 more per person.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !!!**

## Comments from the Chair

**“Good wine maketh good blood. Good blood causeth good humors. Good humors causeth good thoughts. Good thoughts bring forth good works. Good works carry a man to heaven.**

**Ergo, good wine carrieth a man to heaven.”**  
**Anonymous**

**Welcome to 2005 and Happy New Year!**

**\*\*\*Newsflash\*\*\***

**January’s meeting date has been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – January 14<sup>th</sup>!**

We have some exciting tastings planned for the upcoming year.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us the first Friday of every month.

(Except January, July and August.)

**I would like to extend my thanks ...**

**To the Executive Board.** You are a great team, it was my pleasure to serve with you during 2004 and I am looking forward to working together again in 2005.

**To everyone who helped in so many ways with the Christmas Party.** The planners, set-up help, the wonderful dessert makers, and the clean-up team. It was a great night. Thanks to all of you!

**To everyone who hosted a meeting for 2004.** You have added your special touches to each and every meeting, making them a special treat to everyone attending. We appreciate all your efforts.

**To everyone who washed glasses...** it is such a pleasure to have a group of dependable and responsible members!

**To anyone I may have missed – Thank you!**

I think we are a great TEAM – and I am looking forward to great programs and tastings in 2005 with you!

Our January tasting will be called “Chili Nights” featuring wines from Chile and a hot bowl of chili to warm you.

**Did you know?**

Chile’s first European wine grapes were planted by Spanish conquistadors in 1551, giving the country nearly a two century jump on the United States in winemaking.

Plan to attend this meeting to sample the wines from Chile and see if the 200 year head start in winemaking makes a difference? It should be interesting. Remember hot chili and hot (on the market) wines should warm up any chilly night.

See you Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Karen

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The Hosts (or is that Hostesses?) for the January Meeting on Chilean Wines and

Chilly Nights are Chris Anderson and Danielle Baird.

### Wine Glass Washing List

Case 1	?	Case 10	Clean
Case 2	Skerl	Case 11	Clean
Case 3	Baird	Case 12	?
Case 4	?	Case 13	Paluselli
Case 5	Clean	Case 14	Hauser
Case 6	Liotta	Case 15	Vecchi
Case 7	Clean	Case 16	Clean
Case 8	?	Case 17	Hoffman
Case 9	?		

### FYI:

### “GINGERBREAD RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL” WINS!!

Gingerbread on Broadway, now that’s a magical idea.

It helped Art Institute of Pittsburgh students win **first place** for the second year in a row at last week’s competition at the New York Marriott Marquis in Times Square.

The team of AIP culinary students led by chefs Randy Russell and **Sally Frey** worked with the illustrators and industrial designers at the college to produce a scale model of Radio City Music Hall, complete with high-kicking Rockettes. The gingerbread structure also had a backstage/alley scene with intricately crafted edible orchestra pit, musicians, instruments and dressing room.

Industrial design student Mark Majewski assisted the culinary team of Robert Brubaker, Nicolette Clinton, Jessica Dawson, William Lasher and Katherine Lavelle. A laser cutter shaped the gingerbread.

“It’s like culinary arts meets technology,” said Majewski. “Our precision and detail still blows me away.”

The team spent nearly **700 hours** on the Radio City piece.

*(The above article was found in the Food Section of the Thursday, December 16, 2004, Post Gazette—writer is unknown.)*

Now we know why we have not seen Sally at our meetings lately. **Congratulations to Sally and her co-chef and their students!**

### Wine Flutes Cleaning List (Hand-wash Only)

Case F1	Paluselli	Case F7	Paluselli
Case F2	Clean	Case F8	Clean
Case F3	Paluselli	Case F9	Clean
Case F4	Clean	Case F10	Paluselli
Case F5	Paluselli		
Case F6	Clean	Un-numbered	Paluselli

### Important Wine Glass Information

If you took wine glasses or flutes for washing, please either bring them to the January meeting or call the Glass Washing Chairpersons, Don and Marty Baer, at 724-733-3038 to make other arrangements. Be sure to record your name and the box number both when taking glasses and when returning them in the binder provided by Don.

**Thanks!**

## **Sweet Heart Dinner**

Enjoy an evening at one of the hottest restaurants in the burg at:

### **The Melting Pot**

A fondue restaurant

Station Square

Dip into something different !!

Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

Four Course Dinner: Cheese fondue, Salad, Entree with a unique cooking style  
fondue, and Dessert fondue

BYOW or 10% off over 270 wine selections

Join us for this unique dinner in which we gather around fondue burners for  
conversation, wine, and friendships!

\$38.00 per person + tax and gratuity. Final price to be announced in February  
Newsletter. To reserve your seat please contact Ashlee or Burris Esplen at 412-  
241-6367 or e-mail at [abesplen@juno.com](mailto:abesplen@juno.com) by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to dining with you!

**RE M I N D E R !**

**It's that time of year when memberships are due,  
In AWS, it's not one but two.**

If you have been a member of AWS Pittsburgh East and AWS National, you should be receiving your National dues renewal application soon, if you have not already received it. Be sure to mail your check to the address listed on the form.

Dues for AWS Pittsburgh East are \$20.00 per household and should be made out to AWS Pittsburgh East and mailed to:

Chris Anderson, Treasurer  
5006 Holly Court  
Murrysville, PA 15668

They may also be paid with your reservation or at the meeting.

**ALL DUES ARE DUE NOW AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> TO REMAIN ON THE ROLES OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.**

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**\*\*\*\* PLEASE, if you have a new e-mail address, just got an e-mail address, never listed your address before or are a new member, record it on your Reservation Form.**

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**January Meeting Reservation Form**

(Please include your check with reservation)

**Name (s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to: AWS – Pittsburgh East**

Members: \$20.05 per couple, \$10.05 per single  
Guests: \$3.00 more per person

<p><b>Mail to:</b> <b>Karen Wayner</b> <b>609 Rockland Drive</b> <b>Pittsburgh, PA 15239</b></p>
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(Guests are non-dues paying participants in AWS – Pittsburgh East and limited to three LIFETIME visits. Guests must join after third visit to continue attending the meetings.)

**THE JANUARY MEETING OF AWS PITTSBURGH EAST IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> (Second Friday)**

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