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**THE TASTE OF MUSIC**

We have all heard of the movie, "THE SOUND OF MUSIC", this month we will attempt to "TASTE THE MUSIC". I do not think that it is a coincidence that many of the descriptors used to describe wine - can also be used to describe music. These human pleasures, wine and music, affect our senses. The descriptions we use are a way to describe the effect. We have all noticed the lack of depth and complexity in a very simple wine . . . such as the lack of depth and complexity in a white zinfandel. The same can be said for a 1 instrument / 1 tone song. We can also relate to discovering a new type of music we knew we would not like . . . to being surprised by a rich chewy dry red . . . a wine we know we would not like. Words like balance, depth, spicy, dry, sweet, hard, soft, etc. are crossover descriptors that work well to describe music OR wine.

As a Halloween treat, we will have "The Maestro" John (where's my baton) Eld as our leader. We have all enjoyed the programs John Eld has done for us and this month promises not to be a trick, but a wonderful treat. John has an extensive music background and a deep knowledge of wine. As many of you know, John is a former radio personality with KQV and has taught many wine appreciation

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Date:** November 3, 2006  
**Time:** 7:30 PM  
**Place:** Lions Hall  
Murrysville-Trafford Road  
Level Green, PA

**Members:** \$21.00      **NO WALK-INS,**  
**Guests:** \$24.00      **PLEASE**

**Deadline:** Monday, October 30, 2006

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 a delightfully ghostly evening as we finish the 2006 program year on a high note.**

**Please plan on joining us NOVEMBER 3rd at 7:30 PM and join in the fun !! Member price is \$21.00 per person and guests are welcome at \$24.00 per person. This would be a great meeting to invite your friends. Reservations are due October 30th. See you there !!**

Dew, jr.

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*“After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.”*

**NOVEMBER’S MEETING TIME IS ALMOST HERE! WHERE DID 2006 GO?**

The year has flown by... with so many wonderful events, and good times we have shared. I welcome everyone to join us this month as we host our special guest speaker – John Eld to present a very special program on two of his passions – WINE AND MUSIC. We are very lucky to share in this exploration of how wine and music can be compared. It will be an interesting evening that will celebrate both some wonderfully selected wines and special music to accompany them. Please plan to attend – you won’t want to miss the fun!

Last month we enjoyed the “Pinot Envy” program with Dave DeSimone. Dave has traveled extensively on wine trips throughout Europe. During the meeting he shared his stories and experiences along with his reflections on the Pinots served. It was a great experience to try 6

very different Pinots, all styles varied, all building up to the Grand Cru at \$100.00 per bottle. We found that most of us were “cheap dates” and enjoyed the wines with more lingering fruit. Alas, we have the American palate. Thank you also to the hosts for the evening Dave & Bunny Chase and Deb Hauser. What a wonderful line-up of foods to compliment the wines. Your efforts were greatly enjoyed by all 72 people in attendance! Also thank you to Chris Anderson for the special baked brie and Doug Wayner for the cream of mushroom soup. It was a very memorable evening.

November is election time! During the last meeting we nominated from the floor the following members for the 2007 board. These wonderful volunteers will help to continue the chapter throughout the next year. We will hold the formal elections at the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact me.

**2007 AWS Pittsburgh East Board Nominees**

Chairperson	Karen Wayner
Vice Chairperson	Dana Tommaney
Secretary	Sherri Mangone
Treasurer	Faye Wilson
Programs	Doug Wayner
Membership	Sam / Marsha Cuffia
Communications	Karen Hanks
Glass Coordinators	Don / Marty Baer
Host Coordinator	Liz Pedley

Also thank you to our outgoing board members. John Liotta has served as Vice Chair for the past year. He has been organized and efficient – procuring wines and having them always at the ready for the meetings. He has also served as an advisor to me in many instances. Great job, John. Next, I would like to thank, Francine George, our Secretary for the past several years. Francine always has a smile and is willing to do just about anything to help. We sincerely appreciate all your efforts. Last I would like to say thank you to our treasurer, Chris Anderson. Chris has served for several years as our treasurer – and has done a great job keeping the financial records and banking. She also has been a willing volunteer to the organization wherever she was needed. Our chapter is like wine, it needs balance, and people

are our balance. The talents we share are greater and stronger than any one person could ever be. Thanks to all!

***"Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence."***

Join us on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for an evening of wonderful wines and perfectly matched music.

Karen

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**OCTOBER REVIEW**

Our premium tasting for 2006 marked an important point in our club. We tasted our first **\$100.00 bottle** of wine. When we said **PREMIUM TASTING**.....we were serious. The Pinot's each had a personality all their own. It was nice to compare / contrast them and really have a chance to observe the many faces of Pinot. When the tasting was done . . . the favorite of the evening was the **Hubert Lignier, 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin. Priced at \$55.00** - it was well worth the money. Classic pinot flavors, it was what we expected to find. Although our \$100.00 wine was good. . . it did finish second in a close ballot. Even with a little less complexity, it was still a knockout.

Our **thanks to Dave** for sharing his knowledge and stories of Burgundy. Next year we will again schedule a Premium tasting for the group. Watch your newsletter. **If you have a program idea, please let me know.**

Dew, jr.

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**THERE IS NO WINE JUDGE TRAINING IN NOVEMBER.**

GOOD LUCK TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE TAKING THEIR WJT TESTS AT THE AWS CONFERENCE:

Nick Yankanich  
Sally Frey

Jan Fissora  
Paul Zanella

**WINE GLASS WASHING LIST**

Case 1	Clean	Case 10	Clean
Case 2	Cuffia	Case 11	Paluselli
Case 3	Clean	Case 12	Clean
Case 4	DeKlever	Case 13	Baer
Case 5	Clean	Case 14	Muir
Case 6	Putignano, J	Case 15	Yeager
Case 7	Clean	Case 16	Cunkelman
Case 8	Baer	Case 17	Clean
Case 9	Mangone		

\* \* \* **Important Wine Glass Information** \* \* \*

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

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**OCTOBER GUESTS:**

Susan Droege (second visit)  
329 Nature Trail Lane  
Murrysville, PA 15668

Pat Yorio (second visit))  
421 Margaret Street  
Jeannette, PA 15644

Mike Sherman  
56 Longview Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Berneita Sarada  
2003 Ashburn Ct.  
Jeannette, PA 15644

Darlene Aikin  
124 Dolores Drive  
Irwin, PA 15642

Michelle Milanak  
907 Patterson Drive  
Jeannette, PA 15644

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Rob and Peggy Marshall  
158 Janridge Lane  
New Alexandria, PA 15670

## **Appetizer Recipe Book**

This is a second request and your last chance to participate in the Appetizer Recipe Book that is being compiled as a gift at the Christmas Party.

Included with this Newsletter is a 4 X 6 index card that we would like you to use to send us your favorite appetizer recipe. Do not send a floppy, a disc or a sheet of paper. Your recipe on the card will be reproduced just as you send it and inserted in the cookbook. Please make this job easy for Audrie and Marty.

If you have more than one favorite recipe you may send another along, but be sure it is on the correct sized card. Sharing recipes is like sharing treasure with our friends.

The Board would like you to participate even if you are not planning on attending the Christmas Party. The only way to get a recipe book will be to submit a recipe.

Please bring your recipe to the November meeting, send it with your reservations or mail it to Karen Wayner. (Her address is on the Reservation Form located in this Newsletter.)

We're all looking forward to lots of yummy appetizers next year!!!!

Editor

### **WINES TASTED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING:**

<b>WINE / YEAR</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Mondavi Pinot Carneros Reserve, 2005	\$14.99	14.5
Drouhin Chambolle Musigny 1998	\$30.99	16.0
Calera / Pinot, 2004	\$44.99	15.5
Drouhin Chambolle Musigny 2002	\$46.99	16.5
Hubert Lignier, 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin	\$55.00	18.0
Grand Cru, 1996 Hudeloy Noellat, Clos de Vougeot	\$100.00	17.5

<b>2006 PROGRAM SCHEDULE</b>
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<b>November 3</b>	<b>"TWO TO TANGO"</b> - Program and tasting of Wine & Music by <b>John Eld</b>	Sally & Paul Cunkelman Carol & Jim Katelan
<b>December 8</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b> <b>Alcoma Country Club</b>	

**\* \* \* MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT ALCOMA COUNTRY CLUB. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL. THIS PARTY IS EXPECTED TO BE EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER THAN THE ONE IN 2005. DON'T MISS OUT !!!**

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### November Meeting Reservation Form

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (if changed) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail Reservations To:**

**Members: \$21.00 NO WALK-INS,**  
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**Karen Wayner**  
**609 Rockland Drive**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15239**

**(NOTE: Guests are non-dues paying participants in AWS - Pittsburgh East and visits are limited to three lifetime visits. Guests must join after third visit to continue attending the meetings.)**

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