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## CHILLY NIGHTS

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We begin our 2007 program year with a trip to the southern hemisphere where the weather is warm and the wine plentiful. That's right. . . say welcome back to **CHILLY NIGHTS** !! Our neighbors south of the equator are enjoying the warm temperatures and offer some of the best bargains in wine today. Sure. . . you can find good prices, but you can also find good quality.

Chile has a wonderful climate for growing wine grapes. Located west of the Andes, Chile's climate varies from the heat of the arid, rocky, mountainous desert to the north and the icy, cold, Antarctic expanse in the south. Chile's vineyards flourish in the warm, fertile valleys that are positioned between the two areas. Even in the middle of summer, the daily temperature rarely goes over 95 degrees. This climate offers great growing conditions for many grapes. Chile has over 120 wineries and the number continues to grow. Many wineries in Europe and the United States have invested south of the equator to obtain 2 grape crops a year which maximizes their investment. Along with this investment has come technology and old world skill making this the hot spot in wine today.

Our journey will take us on a tour of this area and along the way, we will have a **Chili Cook-off**. We will have a variety of chili to help warm our January Night and make winter seem just a little better. **Come hungry** . . . guests are welcome, but please **NO WALK-INS**.

**Reserve your place for \$20.07 per couple for members and \$25.00 per couple for guests. We will have a champagne toast to the NEW YEAR and a chance to visit with our friends. IT IS A TASTING YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS !! Please send reservations by JANUARY 2nd. REMEMBER THE HOLIDAY. . . no mail Monday. SEE YOU THERE !!!**

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

At this time of the year we tend to look back in reflection and forward with hope. **It is a time for planning, goal setting and resolutions.**

**PLAN** to attend monthly meetings. Mark your calendars now for the monthly meetings held on the first Friday of each month. (There will be a few exceptions—April will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and there will be no meeting in July and August.)

**GOAL SETTING** - Set your goals to be an active part of our Chapter. Volunteer to help. Meet new people and enjoy the meetings even more when you realize you are "the" Chapter. Nothing is impossible when your talents are added to the group!

**RESOLVE TO** - learn more about wine and have FUN with AWS PITTSBURGH EAST.

**2006 was a wonderful year. Thank you to everyone involved - Great job!**

January 5<sup>th</sup> will be our Chili Cook-off and Chile Wines for Chilly Nights. This program was requested to be repeated because it was so popular in January, 2005. This January we will make a new twist to the evening by hosting a Chili Cook-off. Bring your best chili to share with the group (we will all be judges). Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: MOST UNUSUAL, BEST ANY COLOR BUT RED, SPICY AND GOOD, and BEST OVERALL. Participation is optional, BUT for planning purposes, please MARK YOUR RESERVATION FORM whether you will or will not bring chili. We have proven many times in the past years that we have wonderful CHEFS in our group! Plan to enjoy this casual evening together with us!

**2007 is going to be another great year!**

## **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

Nick Yankanich has passed Test Three and is now a **Certified Wine Judge.**

Also our congratulations go to Sally Frey and Jan Fissora who have passed the Second Year Test and to Paul Zanella who has passed the First Year Test.

Many hours and lots of work have gone into preparing for these tests and we look forward to having more Certified Wine Judges from this region in coming years.

For those of you who would like to study to become future Wine Judges, **Wine Judge Training** classes will begin again on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Monroeville. The classes are held once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. If you are interested in attending, please contact Doug or Karen to be included. Even if you don't want to become a Certified Wine Judge but are genuinely interested in further education in wine, you are welcome to become a part of these classes.

### **WINE GLASS WASHING LIST**

<b>Case 1</b> Jones	<b>Case 10</b> Pedley
<b>Case 2</b> Cuffia	<b>Case 11</b> Clean
<b>Case 3</b> Mangone	<b>Case 12</b> Clean
<b>Case 4</b> Clean	<b>Case 13</b> Paluselli
<b>Case 5</b> Clean	<b>Case 14</b> Clean
<b>Case 6</b> Clean	<b>Case 15</b> Clean
<b>Case 7</b> Clean	<b>Case 16</b> Welch/Metil
<b>Case 8</b> George	<b>Case 17</b> Clean
<b>Case 9</b> Clean	

*It is your responsibility to return the clean glasses to the January Meeting. If you are unable to attend, please check with Don or Marty to make other arrangements. (724-733-3038). THANKS!!!*

## **GUESTS IN NOVEMBER:**

Gladys and Jim Husted - guests of the Georges  
Marilyn Marshall (former member)  
Darlene Aiken - Second visit  
Susan Droege - Third visit  
Jeremy Hunsinger - husband of Dina  
Frank and Shannon Santimauro  
Bernita Sarada - Second visit

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

The AWS Pittsburgh East Christmas was held at Alcoma Country Club. The Club was decorated with poinsettias, lights, trees and the tables were set with red candles in glass hurricanes. The tables were lovely with white tablecloths, multiple wine glasses and favors for all. Snacks and cheeses were set out to accompany the wide array of amateur wines supplied by the members.

John Liotta gave the toast and Karen Hanks gave the invocation. Karen Wayner welcomed everyone who attended and presented a bottle of wine and a lovely poinsettia to each Board Member. Toys for Tots were placed under the tree for later pick-up.

The menu was Cream of Mushroom Soup and a special plate of three hot appetizers, both served at the tables. The buffet line included Prime Rib, Chicken Romano Marsala, English Style Scrod, Gourmet Potatoes, Alfredo Pasta, Green Beans Almondine and rolls/butter. There was an assortment of desserts to complete the meal.

Special wines were chosen to match each course and a champagne toast was given before dinner.

The Members Appetizer Cookbook was passed out and the women spent a lot of time checking to see what tasty appetizers were included.

In spite of a glitch or two, the DJ had everyone participating in the Twelve Days of Christmas. He brought along his Karaoke equipment and some special renditions of the music could be heard from a number of very vocal members. Much dancing and socializing made up the balance of the evening.

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

Michelle Milanak  
Pat Yorio

## **DUES, DUES, DUES**

It is time to pay your dues for 2007. You will remember that dues are due for both AWS National and AWS Pittsburgh East in order to be in good standing in both organizations.

If you have been a member of AWS National, you will receive an invoice directly from National in the near future.

According to AWS by-laws, membership in the AWS National is mandatory to belonging to any local Chapter. So when you get that Invoice, send it along. As of the printing of this Newsletter, it is not known what that amount will be this year.

Local dues for AWS Pittsburgh East will remain at \$20.00 per household—single or couple membership. These dues are due NOW and must be paid no later than March 31, 2007 to be considered a member of the club. For those of you who have just paid your dues in the recent past, your dues are considered paid for 2007 for the local Chapter.

For everyone else, local dues are to be made out to AWS Pittsburgh East and either included with your Meeting Reservation Form or mailed directly to:

Faye Wilson, Treasurer  
229 McDermott Road  
Trafford, PA 15085-9716

Please be sure to include any changes in your information for our records when you pay your dues.

If you do not receive an Invoice from AWS by the end of January, please check with either Marsha or Sam Cuffia, Membership Chairs, and they can help you.

**A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS FOR 2007  
AND A LIST OF HOSTS FOR EACH MONTH  
WILL BE LISTED IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.**

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

<b>Date:</b>	January 5, 2007	<b>Members:</b>	\$20 .07 per couple
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 PM	<b>Guests:</b>	\$25.00 per couple
<b>Place:</b>	Lions Hall Murrysville-Trafford Road Level Green, PA	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>January 2, 2007</b> (No mail on Monday)

**No Walk-ins, Please!**

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**January Meeting Reservation Form**

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

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

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

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

**Mail Reservations To:**

**Members:** \$20.07 per couple  
**Guests:** \$25.00 per couple

Karen Wayner  
609 Rockland Drive  
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(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.)

January Meeting Only: I will bring Chili for the Cook-Off \_\_\_\_\_

I am not entering the Chili Cook-off \_\_\_\_\_

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