

The Wine Press

Brown's Bits & Bytes...

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Two of our most popular events were held in November. The first, the Zinfandel Mini-Tasting, is always a member favorite. We were treated to twelve wonderful Zinfandels as well as wonderful food that our members prepared for the tasting.

The second event occurred the following day, as many of our members and their guests welcomed the return of the Chili Cook-Off. Our chili cooks did an amazing job with their decorations and delicious chili. I did not envy the job of the judges! Hats off to all of the cooks,

both chili and barbecue, who made this event a success! The names of the winners of the prestigious ladle awards are listed in another article in this newsletter.

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be time for the Holiday Dinner Dance, held this year at the DoubleTree Hotel on Friday, December 4. Unfortunately, the deadline for sign-ups for the event has passed. If you are attending, consider reserving a room at the DoubleTree for the night to ensure an enjoyable evening without having the

stress of driving.

Following the Holiday Dinner Dance, the Winemakers' Group will hold their annual Holiday Potluck and Wine Tasting at the home of one of the winemakers on Saturday, December 5. Both of these events are wonderful holiday traditions of the OCWS—good food, good wine, and good friends!

Event responsibilities have been assigned for the coming year and are listed in this newsletter as well as being posted on our web-

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Uncle Sam Needs You!

Yes, my name is Sam and I am my niece's uncle. We urgently need volunteers for the 2010 Extraordinaire Committee to help with ticket sales, marketing, restaurants, exhibitors, and other positions. We have some core positions already filled, but they will need help as well. A challenge awaits the committee as there are less than 100

days to the event.

If you have not already heard, the Wine Classic has been cancelled for next year. The Board of Directors reviewed the challenges placed on our members and volunteers to support the Extraordinaire and Classic to bring in the fundraising money we need to support our scholarships

and concluded that having two mega-events creates too many problems. Thus, the Extraordinaire needs to be bigger and better than ever.

If you have marketing or sales skills, we need your advice and participation. I am trying to regionalize the

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December

- 4 Holiday Dinner & Dance ~ DoubleTree Hotel ~ Santa Ana / OC Airport ~ Details in newsletter
- 5 Home Winemaker Group ~ Christmas Potluck & Wine Tasting ~ Details in newsletter

January

- 8 Monthly Tasting ~ Siduri ~ DoubleTree Hotel ~ Santa Ana / OC Airport ~ Details in newsletter

February

- 6 Winemaker Group activities ~ Details in newsletter
- 12 Monthly Tasting ~ DoubleTree Hotel ~ Santa Ana / OC Airport ~ Details TBA
- 28 Wine Extraordinaire ~ Anaheim Hilton Hotel ~ Details in newsletter

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site. Please feel free to contact any of the event chairpersons if you would like to volunteer for an event. Without volunteers, these events cannot take place. In addition, volunteering provides the opportunity to meet and work with some fun people, all of whom have an enjoyment of wine in common.

One major event that requires many volunteer hours is the Wine Extraordinaire scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2010. Please see the "Volunteers Wanted" (Uncle Sam wants you!) article in this newsletter. This year, due to scheduling conflicts including a later date for the Fair, the OCWS will not be holding a Wine Classic. So it is even more important that we support our Wine Extraordinaire in February.

There are many other great events planned for this year and I look forward to seeing you at these events. As a reminder, please note that OCWS events are considered adult only. I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the OCWS Board of Directors to wish all of you and your families a happy, safe, and joyful Holiday Season.

Leslie

Uncle Sam... (Cont'd)

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sales and marketing within the various parts of Orange County and need people located around the county. We need the team to develop an interest in the Extraordinaire by visiting or calling their local restaurants, wine shops, organizations, magazines, newsletters, and newspapers for help. Active participation will entitle you to free admission to the event and the reward of having helped with funding our OCWS Scholarship Program.

Please call me, at 714.547.3877 evenings and weekends for more information.

Sam

January Tasting ~ “Siduri”

In 1994, Siduri launched their first release, which was met with great critical success and led them to search for additional high quality Pinot Noir grapes.

Today, Siduri produces single vineyard Pinot Noir from 20 different vineyards stretching from Santa Barbara north to Oregon’s Willamette Valley. They have been fortunate enough to establish relationships with top-tier growers/vineyards including Pisoni, Van der Kamp, and Clos Pepe. All of their Pinot Noir is produced unfiltered and unfinned in an effort to maximize the expression of these very diverse sites. Siduri is unique in the breadth and depth of their single varietal focus.

The beauty of making their own wines is the total freedom to do it their way, without compromise. Although it is necessary to be able to adapt to new circumstances with each and every vintage, they have found that these principles hold true year after year:

- ◆ They believe that great wine is made in the vineyard. Only with great grapes can we produce great wines. To this end, they purchase the majority of the fruit by the acre rather than by the ton.
- ◆ They believe in minimal intervention and in winemaking that promotes, rather than overshadows the work done in the vineyard.
- ◆ Most importantly, they believe that wine should be a pleasure to drink. If you don’t like the way a wine tastes, what’s the point? Siduri Pinot Noirs are made to be enjoyed with good friends and good food.

Join Adam Lee and your fellow OCWS members for a delightful evening of Pinot Noirs, informative facts, a light meal and all for \$33 for members and \$38 for guests. The Doubletree Hotel in Santa Ana is the place. Dinner at 6:45, meeting at 7:30.

See you there! This event will sell out sign-up now!

Chris

Spring Fling Wine Trip

The Spring Fling is generating lots of excitement as we line up some great places to visit. It’s time to discuss the particulars for this trip which starts on Thursday, March 18, and continues to Sunday, March 21, 2010.

We plan for everyone to drive to Solvang on Thursday and meet at the hotel after lunch when our luxury bus will take us to visit a couple of wineries. Friday morning kicks off with an educational tour and tasting in the Santa Rita Hills with lunch at a lovely bucolic winery. In the afternoon, we will visit a unique collection of wineries in Lompoc known as “The Wine Ghetto.” This area includes Fiddlehead Cellars, La Vie Vineyards, and others awaiting discovery at your leisure. On Saturday, our luxury bus will take us along the Foxen Canyon trail, which holds some recognized wineries (remember the “Sideways” movie?). Saturday night dinner, as our traditional Wine Society final evening event, is being planned again as one of the highlights of the trip. Sunday will conclude with a brunch.

The Wine Society trip includes the cost of all the tastings (except at the Wine Ghetto area), three night’s accommodations, a Champagne reception, breakfast on Friday and Saturday, the Sunday finale brunch, lunch on Friday and Saturday, dinner Thursday through Saturday, bus transportation, insurance, and all taxes, and gratuities. As we want to contain expenses, we ask you to bring wine for the Thursday and Friday dinners to supplement the wine we will be providing.

As we work to get the best deals and finalize the budget, we estimate that the trip is going to cost approximately \$830 per person (double occupancy) and about \$1,070 for singles (single occupancy). Your reservation deposit of \$250 per person must be made by December 30. The second payment of \$250 will be due by January 29 and your final payment due by February 26. Details for the final payment will be sent to the attendees with the final amount due. When the trip fills up, names will be placed on a waiting list.

Rich Skoczylas
Ron Gottesman

Membership ~ “Who’s New?”

The OCWS would like to welcome the following new members whose membership in the organization was approved by the Board of Directors at the November Board meeting...

*Harry and Jan Forry
Gene and Jennifer Gleason
Mary Lorge
Kevin Mercer
Margaux Paradise
Ray and Joanne Rocks
Dave Stevens and Jann Barbour
Jon Theurich
Arianna Zanesco*

We are pleased to welcome you to the OCWS and encourage you to attend as many of our functions as your time permits. Most new members really get to know the Society and its members by volunteering to help with one or more of our events. A great event that needs a number of volunteers is the Wine Extraordinaire, scheduled for February 28. More information and sign-up forms are available in this newsletter as well as on the website. As of the November Board of Directors’ Meeting, there are 944 members consisting of 371 dual memberships and 202 single memberships.

Leslie Brown
Membership Chair

Lost and Found

During the recent Chili Cook-Off, several bling items magically appeared and disappeared from our members in the Memorial Gardens picnic area...

Lost: One earring with a hanging cluster of red chili peppers.

Found: One beaded earring with purple grape clusters.

Anyone finding the missing earring or laying claim to the one found, please contact Janet in the OCWS office at 714.708.1636.

The Editor

Zinfandel Mini-Tasting “Wrap” ...

The fourth Mini-Tasting of the year was held on Saturday, November 14, at six host sites throughout Orange County. Twelve wines were tasted by 102 members, guests, and hosts. All wines received votes as indicated below.

To our members who graciously open their homes for this event—a very big “Thank You”! Without your support, our Mini-Tasting program would not exist. At each Mini-Tasting, members seem to out do themselves on the wonderful dishes they bring to share. Respective Chef’s-of-evening are...

SITE	HOSTS	CHEF OF THE EVENING	DISH
Fountain Valley	Karl & Virginia Kawai	Janet Hammond	Shepherd’s Pie
Laguna Niguel	Bob & Judy Koeblitz	Tina Fornadley	Shrimp Scampi Pasta
Costa Mesa	Chris Cunningham	Nancy Ball	Pork Tenderloin
Mission Viejo	Wanda Andreas	Mary Anne Neutz	Pear Torte
Santa Ana	Sam Puzzo & Carol Frank	George Diaz	Moroccan Meatballs
Anaheim Hills	Dave & Leslie Brown	(Tie) Gail Hirstein	Shepherd’s Pie
		(Tie) Dave Muggie	Beef Short Ribs

I would like to thank Dean and Robyn Strom, Janet Hammond, and Treeva Beard for helping organize and plan this event. Thanks also to Jane Goodnight and Young’s Market Company for the donated wines. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable tasting and look forward to meeting members again at the next Mini-Tasting event.

WINERY	YEAR	VARIETAL	DESCRIPTION	POINTS	RANKING
Rosenblum	2006	Zinfandel	Monte Rosso Vineyard - Reserve	129	1
Orwin Swift	2007	Zinfandel	Saldo - St. Helena	86	2
Robert Biale	2007	Zinfandel	Black Chicken - Napa Valley	83	3
Robert Renzoni	2007	Zinfandel	Cucamonga Valley	50	4
XYZin	2006	Zinfandel	50 Year Old Vines	42	5
Renwood	2006	Zinfandel	Grandmere	41	6
Armada	2007	Zinfandel	Poizin	41	6
Robert Rue	2006	Zinfandel	Wood Roda - Century Old Vines - Reserve	39	7
Alexander Valley	2007	Zinfandel	Sin Zin	38	8
Montevina Terr d’ Oro	2005	Zinfandel	Amador County	17	9
Ravenswood	2006	Zinfandel	Big River	17	9
Lake Sonoma	2006	Zinfandel	Dry Creek Valley	16	10

Jim Beard

Winemaker Newsroom

Christmas Potluck & Wine Tasting
Saturday, December 5, 2009
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Residence of Ed & Robin Szubielski
28692 Vista Ladera
Laguna Niguel
949.367.9180

The Winemakers Group will be holding its annual Holiday Potluck & Wine Tasting on December 5. Our hosts will be Robin and Ed Szubielski. This will be an evening of great food and equally great wines. Our Annual Holiday Potluck provides an informal atmosphere where you can meet and talk with the other winemakers and have a chance to taste many excellent wines and enjoy some fantastic gourmet food. Maybe Ed will share some of his award-winning wines and take us on a tour of his wine cellar. All Wine Society members are cordially invited; you need not be a member of the Winemaker Group to attend.

Send in your reservation today to Jim Graver at winemaster72@earthlink.net.

Planned Events - 2010

January 12 Program Planning Meeting
February 6 Quarterly Potluck & Wine Tasting
Sulfur Dioxide Wine Testing
Homewine Competition Meeting

For the Winemaker Group...
Jim Graver

2009-2010 Director Responsibilities

MAJOR EVENT	CHAIR	BOD ASST.	MEMBER ASST.
Annual Barbecue	Carolyn Schoff		
Champagne Brunch	Kevin Coy		
Chili Cook-Off	Leslie Brown (Liaison)		John Goodnight
Commercial Competition	Sam Puzzo (Liaison)	Carolyn Schoff	David Hirstein
Dine With Wine	Kevin Coy		
Extraordinaire	Sam Puzzo		
Golf Tournament	Carolyn Schoff		
Holiday Dinner / Dance	San Puzzo		
Installation Dinner	Richard Ward		
Mini-Tastings	Jim Beard	Ron Gottesman	
Wine Auction / PYOL	Kevin Coy		
Wine Courtyard	Chris Cunningham		
Wine Education	Kevin Donnelly	Carolyn Schoff	
Winery Programs	Chris Cunningham		

FIELD TRIPS	CHAIR	BOD ASST.	MEMBER ASST.
Wine Tasting Field Trips	Ron Gottesman		Rich Skoczylas

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Election Committee	Kevin Coy		
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Volunteer Recognition	Richard Ward		Karen Ward
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Wine Raffle Coordinator	Carolyn Schoff		
Winemaker Group Coord	Kevin Donnelly		
Wine Steward (Tastings)	Ron Gottesman		

Chili Cook-Off “Wrap”

The Chili Cook-Off was a Blast!

We had a great turnout for the Chili Cook-Off and I know those attending had a great time. We had 23 great chillies entered by our members and about 120 enthusiastic tasters looking for their favorites. The food provided by our Cooking Crew (is it BBQ or grilling, I don't know; it's all so confusing) went beyond great to outstanding. I mean how about Wayne Huson's French Fries? About the best I ever had. And great burgers, dogs, and brats. Thanks to Walt Thurner, Eric Martens, Mike McNeese, and Wayne (the Cooking Crew) for buying the meats and cooking materials, getting there early, cooking throughout the event, and then staying to clean up.

A very special “Thank You” to Scott Chappell who ran things while I was on vacation, bought most of the non-meat products, served the judges, took care of many things throughout the event, then stayed until the end to help clean up.

I would be remiss if I did not include my thanks to these special people: Janet Hammond, the Wolsfelds, Sue Johnson, Tina Fornadley, and the many volunteers who jumped in to help where help was needed. Thank you all.

It does seem that great chili runs in the family, as you'll see in these results...

Peoples Choice Awards

~ First Place ~

Zack Anderson
“Tommy Gun Chili”

~ Second Place ~

Zane Anderson
“Z Best Chili”

~ Third Place ~

Bob and Joanne Prill
“JoBob Yorba Linda Red”

~ Best Presentation ~

John Goodnight and Dave Hirstein
“Moose Phart Chili”

Judged Categories

~ Best Over All ~

John Goodnight and Dave Hirstein
“Moose Phart Chili”

~ Traditional ~

John Goodnight and Dave Hirstein
“Moose Phart Chili”

~ Best Green (Verde) ~

Judy Koebnitz
“Hatch Chili”

~ Best Unusual ~

Serjick and Nichole Tahnasian
“Sin City Chili”

~ Best Hot Chili ~

Zack Anderson
“Tommy Gun Chili”

~ Best Mild Chili ~

Bob Koebnitz
“Holiday White”

~ Best Chili With Wine ~

Donna Read and Jeff Power
“Racer's Chili”

~ Best First-Time Chili Cook ~

Serjick and Nichole Tahnasian
“Sin City Chili”

I want to thank the judges who willingly joined me to taste each and every chili. Thank you Linda Crawford, BJ Fornadley, Carol Puzzo, and Ed Reyes.

I had many comments that the Memorial Gardens “Backyard” was a lot more relaxed, comfortable, and sort of like a friend's backyard than some of the other venues. I thought it worked out well and we will be looking at it for future events.

Ron Gottesman

Editors Note: More pictures on the OCWS website!

The 2010 Wine Extraordinaire

Anaheim Hilton Hotel
Sunday, February 28, 2010
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
777 Convention Way
Anaheim

If you attended the 2009 Extraordinaire, you will know that small wineries offer exceptional wines through the use of smaller amounts of the best grapes and hands-on winemaking.

The next Extraordinaire will feature approximately 80 wineries, food selections from local restaurants, exciting raffle and silent auction prizes, and a souvenir Riedel wine glass for tasting. This promises to be another great event and should not be missed! All are included for the amazing price of \$50. Designated drivers are also welcome to attend for only \$25. Tickets to the Extraordinaire will make great gifts for your wine-loving family and friends and you won't find a better deal anywhere!

New members often wonder about the purpose of this exclusive OCWS event. The Wine Extraordinaire is an annual event that features wineries that produce fewer than 25,000 cases of wine annually. Many of these wineries are new ventures and winemakers with their own label or wine growers picking their favorite grapes to produce limited wines. We hold this event each year for two important reasons: 1) To showcase these low-production wineries to the public, and 2) To raise funds for our Scholarship Program. The OCWS awards numerous scholarships to students enrolled in wine and culinary programs at several California colleges and universities.

The Wine Extraordinaire requires about 80 volunteers to make it run smoothly. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available throughout the event. As an added incentive, volunteers will receive a \$25 rebate after the event for their assistance. All volunteers must pay for their ticket to the event in advance before their volunteer request will be processed. Please do not discount your ticket price when purchasing your ticket. Volunteer rebates will be sent to volunteers after the event in March, 2010.

I am soliciting your help. We need food purveyors and restaurants! So, here's the deal. Bring me an attending restaurant or food purveyor and get 2 tickets free. You don't have to be on the committee to get this offer.

Ticket Information

Now through Friday, February 26
OCWS Members - \$50
Non-Members - \$50
Designated Drivers - \$25 (no group sales rates)

February 27 (At-the-Door price)
Members/Non-Members - \$60
Designated Drivers - \$25

Come join us for the 2010 Wine Extraordinaire and help the OCWS fulfill its mission to promote the knowledge and education of wine. Please refer to the next page for the Volunteer Sign-up Form and to the back of the newsletter for the Event Sign-up Form.

For additional information regarding the event, please contact Sam Puzzo, Event Chair, at sampocws@earthlink.net.

Sam

2010 Wine Extraordinaire Volunteer Sign-Up

Member _____ Address _____ Day Phone _____ Email address _____	Co-Member _____ City & Zip _____ Night Phone _____
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Please complete and mail/fax to the OCWS office (fax 714.546.5002). Volunteer shifts will be filled in the order they are received. Ticket purchase must accompany volunteer sign-up (see back of newsletter for ticket purchase form.)

Select the shift(s) desired. Choosing more than one shift increases chances. Circle M for Member or C for Co-Member

1st 2nd	M	1st 2nd	C	AREA	ASSIGNMENT	SHIFT HOURS	SHIFTS REQ'D
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Check-In	1:00 - 3:00	10
	M		C	Guest Check-In	Guest Late Check-In / Clean-Up	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Food / Winery Check-In	10:45 - 12:45	4
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Food / Winery Check-In	12:45 - 2:45	4
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Food / Winery Check-In	1:00 - 3:00	1
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Wine / Food Escort	10:45 - 12:45	2
	M		C	Vendor Check-In	Wine / Food Escort	12:30 - 2:30	4
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	10:45 - 12:45	5
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover - Elevator Operator	12:30 - 2:30	1
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	12:30 - 2:30	5
	M		C	Dock	Wine / Food Mover	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	1:30 - 3:30	5
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Ticket Sales	3:30 - 5:30	5
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	1:00 - 3:00	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant	3:30 - 5:30	4
	M		C	Raffle	Raffle Assistant / Clean-Up	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Restaurant Set-Up	11:00 - 1:00	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Restaurant Server	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Supplies (Re-stock)	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Supplies (Re-stock / Clean-Up)	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Restaurants	Food Clean-Up / General Clean-Up	4:00 - 6:00	2
	M		C	Security	Security	11:30 - 1:30	2
	M		C	Security	Security	1:30 - 3:30	2
	M		C	Security	Security	3:30 - 5:30	2
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant	12:00 - 2:00	6
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant - Security	2:00 - 4:00	1
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant	3:30 - 5:30	1
	M		C	Silent Auction	Silent Auction Assistant	4:00 - 6:00	4
	M		C	Wineries	Winery Relief	3:30 - 5:30	4

Dine With Wine

December sure does come around quickly; the cold weather has sunk in, winter is in the air, and folks are busy running around trying to cross out those items on their Christmas lists. Times are hard enough these days, so don't forget to sit back and enjoy time with family, friends, and fellow OCWS members.

We're busy planning our Holiday Dine With Wine Dinner at Mastro's Steak House. If you haven't yet received an e-blast, stand by, it's coming soon! Mastro's joined us for the first time at the August Wine Classic and we're excited to enjoy a visit in return.

Our Sunday lunch at the Tustin *Bluewater Grill* was hosted on Sunday, November 22. Look for a report in the January, 2010 newsletter. Thanks to all those who participated, for providing great company, and for sharing your outstanding quality wine selections. If you haven't been to one of our Dine With Wine dinner events, please consider joining us. It's a great way to get to know your fellow OCWS members in a warm and sociable atmosphere, especially for new members.

And we can't forget the sell-out crowd for the Sunday Champagne Brunch at *Yves' Bistro* in Anaheim Hills. We had 69 people on a beautiful Sunday October afternoon for an outstanding brunch of crepe's and fine desserts. Everyone brought a bottle of Champagne to share, so everyone walked out with a bright smile on their face. Some even walked out with an extra bottle of wine, won in the OCWS raffle. A special thanks again to Yves, the owner of *Yves' Bistro*, OCWS member Vito Castellano for contacting Yves and organizing the lunch, and to Director Jim Beard for working to put the Champagne Brunch back on the list of OCWS events.

Please remember to bring your family and friends to our supporting restaurants and don't forget to let them know that you're visiting them as an OCWS member in appreciation for their support of our organization and events.

The following restaurants supported our latest Wine Classic event...

Bluewater Grill – Tustin
Flight Bistro and Lounge – Huntington Beach
Lizarran Tapas – Brea
Mad Mike's Sausages at Booster's Sports Grill – Mission Viejo
Mastro's Steak House – Costa Mesa
Olive Garden – Irvine and Huntington Beach
Pacific Whey Café – Costa Mesa
The Melting Pot – Brea and Irvine

For more information about our Dine With Wine Dinners with our supporting restaurants, please feel free to contact me at kevin@ocws.org.

Kevin

The Last Laff...

- When I was a kid our Christmases were very poor. We couldn't afford tinsel. We had to wait for grandpa to sneeze.
- Christmas is the time when people put so many bulbs on the outside of their houses, you don't know if they're celebrating the birth of Jesus or General Electric.
- Christmas in Los Angeles is always interesting. Seeing carolers dressed in Bermuda shorts, groping their way through the smog singing: "It came upon a midnight clear."
- Did you hear about the Beverly Hills school Christmas pageant? Two kids dressed as Mary and Joseph and they are on their way to the inn in Bethlehem. On the other side of the stage, a boy in a shepherd's outfit is on a mobile/cellular phone, calling for reservations.
- Christmas: The time when everyone gets Santamental.
- I know. I know. I know that people say "It's the thought that counts, not the gift", but couldn't people think a little bigger!
- Every year, Christmas becomes less a birthday and more a Clearance Sale.
- Christmas is in my heart twelve months a year and thanks to credit cards, it's on my Visa card statement twelve months a year also.
- Some of these new toys are so creative and inventive. This year they have a Neurotic Doll. It's wound up already.
- I bought my friend some gift-wrap for Christmas. I took it to the gift wrap counter and told them to wrap it, but in different paper, so he'd know when to stop unwrapping.
- When I was young we were poor. We didn't have a Christmas tree, we had a Christmas stump.

Just how bad is the economy?

- ◆ The economy is so bad that I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
- ◆ It's so bad I ordered a burger and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"
- ◆ The economy is so bad if the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you ask if they meant you or them.
- ◆ It's so bad parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.
- ◆ How bad is it? Motel 6 won't leave the light on anymore.
- ◆ The mafia is laying off judges.
- ◆ Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 congressmen.
- ◆ Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.

Sometime next year, we taxpayers will probably receive another "Economic Stimulus" payment.

This is indeed a very exciting program, and I'll explain it by using a Q & A format...

Q: What is an "Economic Stimulus" payment?

A: It is money that the federal government will send to tax payers.

Q: Where will the government get this money?

A: From taxpayers.

Q: So the government is giving me back my own money?

A: Only a smidgen of it.

Q: What is the purpose of this payment?

A: The plan is for you to use the money to purchase a high-definition TV set, thus stimulating the economy.

Q: But isn't that stimulating the economy of China?

A: Shut up.

Some helpful advice on how to best help the U.S. economy by spending your stimulus check wisely...

- ◆ If you spend the stimulus money at Wal-Mart, the money will go to China or Sri Lanka.
- ◆ If you spend it on gasoline, your money will go to the Arabs.
- ◆ If you purchase a computer, it will go to India, Taiwan, or China.
- ◆ If you purchase fruits and vegetables, it will go to Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala.
- ◆ If you buy an efficient car, it will go to Japan or Korea.
- ◆ If you purchase useless stuff, it will go to Taiwan.
- ◆ If you pay your credit cards off or buy stock, it will go to management bonuses and they will hide it offshore.

Instead, keep the money in America by...

- ◆ Spending it at yards sales.
- ◆ Going to ball games.
- ◆ Spending it on prostitutes.
- ◆ Buy beer.
- ◆ Get a tattoo.

(These are the only American businesses still operating in the U.S.)

Conclusion: Go to a ball game with a tattooed prostitute that you met at a yard sale and drink beer all day!

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The Last Laff...

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A woman is walking down the street and she hears this voice say to her "You're going to live another 40 years..." She walks a little further and again this angelic voice whispers to her, "You're going to live another 40 years..." So she hurries home and calls a plastic surgeon and tells him she wants the works—new breasts, face lift, liposuction. She has everything lifted and fixed that is possible and she dresses all up to leave the hospital and walks out and no sooner goes to cross the street and a truck runs her over and kills her. So she goes to heaven and says, "But God, why did you do this to me? You told me I was going to live another 40 years..." God said, "I didn't recognize you."

2010 Wine Extraordinaire
Sunday, February 28
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Hilton Anaheim Hotel
777 Convention Way
Anaheim

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

~ Ticket Information ~

Now through February 26...

Number of Member Tickets @ \$50 _____

Number of Non-Member Tickets @ \$50 _____

Designated Driver @ \$25 _____

February 27 to Event Date...

“At the Door” price for everyone @ \$60

Designated Driver @ \$25

~ Payment ~

Personal Check

Credit Card

Credit Card number on file

Card Number _____

V Code _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed _____

~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

Please complete the Volunteer Sign-Up form
on page 10 and send in with your ticket pay-
ment.

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS
2010 Wine Extraordinaire
P.O. Box 11059
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opportunity to wish you
and yours a very Merry
Christmas!*

January Tasting
Siduri Winery
Friday, January 8
7:00 p.m.
DoubleTree Hotel
Santa Ana / OC Airport
201 East MacArthur Boulevard
Santa Ana

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Members @ 33 each _____

Number of Guests @ \$38 each _____

~ Payment ~

Personal Check

Credit Card

Credit Card number on file

Card Number _____

V Code _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed _____

~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

I will help with registration

I will help with raffle

I would enjoy serving wine

A light dinner will be served from 6:45 to 7:30.
The tasting will start at 7:30.

*Deadline for reservations is Wednesday,
January 6. All reservations must be paid in
advance, either by check or credit card and
may be made by mail, phone, website, or fax.
All phone, website, or fax reservations are
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after the cutoff date unless there is a waiting
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