

The Wine Press

Dennis' Dialogue...

Now we're into summer and the annual Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition is history. Once again, it was successful due to the excellent participation and countless hours by the OCWS volunteers. Our judges always comment about the smooth flow and execution of the two-day event, but our members know it "doesn't just happen." It happens because of all the planning, preparation, and hard work by the volunteers. My personal "Thanks" to the Competition Committee and the many volunteers who contributed to this prestigious

event. See the other articles in this newsletter about the 4-Star and Best of Show awards. The annual Wine Awards booklet listing all the winners will be available for sale at The Courtyard during the Fair.

As I write this article, another of our major events has been completed—the Annual Homewine Competition, organized by the OCWS Winemakers' Group. "Hats-off" to the Homewine Competition Committee and to all the volunteers who supported this event.

After much discussion dur-

ing the past several years, the Board of Directors made the decision to start charging a fee for mailing the monthly newsletter. Printing and mailing costs have kept rising to the point where it's not practical for the OCWS to continue supporting this production. The printer now charges over four dollars per copy and postage cost is over a dollar for mailing. Starting with the new board year in October 2009, an additional fee of \$60 will be due in order to have a copy mailed to an address. The newslet-

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California Gold: An OCWS Wine Classic Event

The Wine Classic is now just one short month away and your Wine Classic Committee is putting marketing strategies into action in an attempt to sell more tickets to this year's event. This public wine tasting event, one of two such events we host throughout the year, is set for Sunday, August 16, again at the Anaheim Hilton in the Cali-

fornia Ballroom. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, tell those sitting next to you at wine tastings and at restaurants!

Please help us market this event. We'll be asking for your assistance in talking about and selling Wine Classic tickets during The Courtyard at the OC Fair. Please wear one of our

"Ask me about the...Wine Classic" buttons while working The Courtyard. If you worked the Wine Competition, you saw these buttons and hopefully, asked one of our committee members about the event. We will be giving away two Wine Classic tickets to the two top Wine Classic sales-

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ter will continue to be available on-line at the OCWS website and it is possible to print your personal copy from the website.

Check out our website (www.ocws.org) and think about next year's election for the Board of Directors. Look for articles in this and upcoming newsletters on how to participate and be part of the team coordinating our future activities.

If you haven't signed up to volunteer to work in The Courtyard, you've missed an excellent opportunity to meet many of your fellow OCWS members and a time to interface with the public on wine education. There a few shifts remaining that still need volunteers, so check the website and sign up before the Fair starts on July 10.

I look forward to seeing you August 16 at the Wine Classic and remember to always drink responsibly at our events.

Dennis Esslinger

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persons at The Courtyard. I hope that salesperson will be you! If you would like Wine Classic flyers to pass out at work, to your neighbors, or to events that you attend, please get a hold of me and I'll work out a way to get the flyers to you. We can use everyone's help on this one to make it one of the best ever.

Ticket prices will once again be \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members, and \$20 for designated drivers. We're also offering the member price of \$45 per person with groups of 10 or more. After July 31, ticket prices will increase to \$60. Admission price will again include a Riedel wine glass, over 100 award-winning wineries, 10 to 15 local outstanding restaurants, an exceptional silent auction and raffle, and several vendors. You'll also be able to enjoy OCWS member Rich Skoczylas' outstanding chocolate creations. You can't beat the price enjoying outstanding food and award-winning California wine for three hours on a Sunday afternoon.

The purpose of The Wine Classic is to afford attendees the chance to taste some of the award-winning wines from the annual Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition. There will be plenty of Gold Medal California wineries serving at this event. We hold this event to showcase the award-winning wineries to the public, to publicize the OCWS, and to raise funds for our organization and our Scholarship Program. Please mark your calendars for this great event.

Volunteer application forms have already started to arrive at the OCWS Office. Remember, it's first come, first served to fill those volunteer spots. Send your application in soon if you are looking for a specific volunteer position. But don't worry, there are close to 125 volunteer positions that need to be filled to support this event. Which means that we really need your help and support to fill all the time slots. All shifts are two hours in length and all volunteers will receive a \$20 rebate. OCWS Member Agnes Grogan has graciously accepted the Volunteer Coordinator position and she's happily awaiting your volunteer application forms. For additional volunteer information, please contact Agnes Grogan at vgas-soc@verizon.net.

Just a reminder that all volunteers must pay for their ticket to the event before their volunteer request will be processed. Please make sure to list your e-mail address on the sign-up form as it is much easier to send your assignment confirmation via e-mail. Also, please do not discount your ticket price when purchasing your ticket. Rebates will be sent to volunteers after the event.

Remember, we're always looking for new restaurant and food purveyors. Once again, if you recruit a restaurant or food pur-

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veyor that agrees to participate in the Wine Classic, you'll receive two free tickets! Please ask your local restaurant managers and owners. Tell them we will return to them with a large party of OCWS members and friends for dinner as part of our Dine With Wine Program, will list them in the event program, and will link their website to the OCWS website.

Ticket Information

Now through Friday, July 31

OCWS Members - \$45

Non-Members - \$50

Group Sales - \$45 per person with groups 10 or more

Designated Drivers - \$25

(no group sales rates)

August 1 to Day of Event

All Participants - \$60

Designated Drivers - \$25

Please refer to page 11 for the Volunteer Sign-up Form and the last pages of the newsletter for the Event Sign-up Form. For additional questions regarding the event, please contact Event Chair Kevin Coy at kcmagnum@aol.com or kevin@ocws.org.

Please join us to make the 2009 Wine Classic an outstanding event!

Kevin Coy

Running For The Board...

It was a pleasure to participate in another successful OCWS Commercial Wine Competition during June. Over 150 volunteers demonstrated the exact qualifications required to be a candidate for the OCWS Board of Directors. These volunteers proved they...

- ◆ Are committed to the OCWS. There is no other way to explain so many folks donating the time and effort to fulfill this huge objective as a non-profit educational organization.
- ◆ Can work on a team. Organizing Teams; Stewarding Teams; Kitchen Teams; Computer Teams—and each team working together as one large team to accomplish the overall goal.
- ◆ Have an appreciation for wine. What else could motivate us to serve 3,089 wine entries to 100 judges at the right time and in the correct order and then organize the data into accurate and meaningful results?
- ◆ Desire to have fun. It was like a huge Easter Egg Hunt at an all-weekend party! 100 volunteers tearing bags off 3,089 wine bottles—searching, tasting, sharing!

Commitment, Teamwork, Appreciation, Fun

These are the four primary qualifications to be a candidate for the OCWS Board of Directors. So, how about it? Why not get involved in the decision-making and leadership of your OCWS?

This year as always, three board positions will be filled by a vote of the OCWS membership following the Annual Business Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for September 11. To declare your candidacy for a position on the Board of Directors, simply present your Declaration of Candidacy to the Election Committee in writing no later than August 28. The Declaration of Candidacy should be accompanied by a simple written Statement of Qualifications.

Involvement as a Director of the OCWS is personally and professionally satisfying. I hope many of you will consider declaring your candidacy. If you have any questions related to the election—director responsibilities and benefits, the election process, etc., please contact me at 714.692.9463 or email me at jobobyl@aol.com.

Bob Prill
2009 Election Chairman

Commercial Competition Wrap

The 2009 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition was again a huge success. Under the capable hands of David Hirstein, the seasoned veterans on the committee put on an event to be proud! But they were not alone. Over 250 volunteers donated 6,000 hours, serving 3,089 wines to 91 winemakers and winery principals and drying 16,000 glasses by hand. A big "thank you" if you were one of those volunteers!

This competition is one of the most prestigious judging of California wines. Of the nearly 100 judges, one judge marked his 33rd year in attendance, starting back to our first competition. Times have changed over those years, with thousands more wines being entered. Our award ribbons, characterized by the prominent orange in the center, can be seen across the state at hundreds of wineries.

This year's competition saw a slight decrease in the number of wines that were judged. Out of 3,089 wines entered, 26 Four-Star gold awards were given. Award books listing all winners will be available at The Courtyard during the OC Fair. Make sure you get yourself a copy and buy a few for gifts.

Congratulations to the committee on a job well done. And many thanks to all those who volunteered their time before, during and after the event. We couldn't have done it without you!

Cheers!

Carolyn Schoff
Board Liaison

Champagne Brunch

After a detailed budget analysis of projected event costs including wine purchases, facility rental, disposable tableware, and other expendable supplies, it was determined that the price of admission to this event would ultimately be prohibitive and not represent a good value for our membership. Accordingly, the Board of Directors have decided to cancel the 2009 Champagne Brunch.

If there is enough membership interest, the OCWS can plan a Champagne Brunch Mini-Tasting during the 2010 calendar year.

We regret this decision.

Jim Beard

Best of Show Awards from the 2009 Competition...

Red Varietals				
PRICE	VINTAGE	VARIETAL	WINERY	DESCRIPTION
Premium	2007	Zinfandel	Sapphire Hill	Russian River Valley, Winberrie Vineyard, 102 Year Old Vines
High	2007	Jeff Runquist Wines	Touriga Nacional	Lodi, Silvaspoons Vineyard
Medium	2004	Cabernet Sauvignon	Deer Ridge Vineyards	Livermore Valley
Low	2006	Barbera	Montevina	Amador County

White Varietals				
PRICE	VINTAGE	VARIETAL	WINERY	DESCRIPTION
Premium	2008	Albarino	Cambiata	Monterey, Estate Grown
High	2008	Viognier	Saddleback Cellars	Clarksburg
Medium	2008	Sauvignon Blanc	Wildhurst Vineyards	Lake County, Reserve
Low	2008	Sauvignon Blanc	Oak Grove	California, Reserve

Dessert Wines				
PRICE	VINTAGE	VARIETAL	WINERY	DESCRIPTION
Premium	NV	Other Fortified	The Historic Galleano Winery	Angelica, Cucamonga Valley, Ancient Old Vines
High	NV	Sherry	Rancho de Philo	Triple Cream Sherry, Cucamonga Valley
Medium	NV	Sherry	Sheffield Cellars	Cream Sherry, California, Cellars Select
Low	2006	Vintage Port	Viano Vineyards	Contra Costa County, Old Vines, Estate, Zinfandel

Sparkling Wines				
PRICE	VINTAGE	VARIETAL	WINERY	DESCRIPTION
Premium	2005	Sparkling Wine	Laetitia	"Brut Coquard", Arroyo Grande Valley, Estate
High	NV	Sparkling Wine	Mumm Napa	Brut Prestige, Napa Valley
Medium	NV	Sparkling Blanc de Noirs	Korbel	California Champagne
Low	NV	Sparkling Wine	Barefoot Bubbly	Brut Cuvee, California, Charmat Method

Special Recognition ~ 4-Star Gold Medal Awards

A Four Star Gold Medal designation indicates that the wine received a gold medal recommendation from all four judges on a panel. Since the Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition is not a “consensus judging”, i.e., the judges do not confer among themselves to determine what recommendation they will make, but arrive at their recommendations individually, this occurrence is rare indeed. This year, out of a total of 3,089 entries, only 26 wines received this honor!

VINTAGE	WINERY	VARIETAL	DESCRIPTION
2006	Amador Foothill	Zinfandel	Shenandoah Valley, Esola Vineyard
2007	Armida Winery	Zinfandel	Sonoma Valley, One Oak Vineyard
2008	Cambiata	Albarino	Monterey, Estate Grown
206	Carrefour Vineyards	Pinot Noir	Napa Valley
2004	Deer Ridge Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon	Livermore Valley
2006	Granite Springs	Zinfandel	Fair Play, Estate
2007	Kendall-Jackson	Chardonnay	50% Santa Barbara, 50% Monterey, Grand Reserve, Jackson Estates Grown
2008	Kenneth Volk Vineyards	Malvasia Bianca	Monterey, San Bernabe Vineyard
2008	Ludwig	Gewürztraminer	Monterey, Single Vineyard Selection, Dry
2006	MV	Petite Sirah	Fair Play, Sierra Moon Vineyards, Reserve
2006	McNab Ridge	Zinfandel	Mendocino, Cononiah Vineyard
2005	Midnight	Petite Sirah	“Eclipse”, Paso Robles
2006	Mokelumne Glen Vineyards	Dornfelder	Lodi, German Collection
NV	Mumm Napa	Sparkling Wine	Brut Prestige, Napa Valley
2007	Jeff Runquist Wines	Touriga Nacional	Lodi, Silvaspoons Vineyard
2006	Ranchita Canyon Vineyard	Petite Sirah	Paso Robles, Old Vine, Estate Bottled
NV	Rancho de Philo	Sherry	Triple Cream Sherry, Cucamonga Valley
2006	Robert Rue Vineyard	Zinfandel	Russian River Valley, Wood Road, Century Old Vines, Reserve
2006	RustRidge	Zinfandel	Napa Valley, Chiles Valley, Estate Bottled
2008	Saddleback Cellars	Viognier	Clarksburg
2007	Sapphire Hill	Zinfandel	Russian River Valley, Winberrie Vineyard, 102 Year Old Vines
2008	Saucelito Canyon	Sauvignon Blanc	Central Coast
2006	Taft Street	Pinot Noir	Mendocino Ridge, White Label
NV	The Historic Galleano Winery	Other Fortified	Angelica, Cucamonga Valley, Ancient Old Vines
2008	Wildhurst Vineyards	Sauvignon Blanc	Lake County, Reserve
2006	XYZin	Zinfandel	Russian River Valley, 50 Year Old Vines

Total Awards Summary...

Total Entries - 3,089	Total Awards - 1,544
4-Star Gold - 26	Gold - 328
Silver - 605	Bronze - 585

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 June Board meeting.

*Diane Douglass
Grant and Alisa Livingston
Helga Meyer
Fern Self
Eric and Julie Wilson
Ruth Williams*

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.

There are several important events coming in the next few months. Although it is too late to take TIPS training to volunteer at the Fair, we hope that you will visit The Courtyard during the Orange County Fair. The Fair begins on July 10 and runs through August 9. Following the Fair, the OCWS will hold the Wine Classic on August 16 at the Anaheim Hilton. More information on these events and volunteer sign-up forms are located in the newsletter and on the web site.

As of the June Board of Directors’ Meeting, there are 968 members consisting of 384 dual memberships and 200 single memberships.

Leslie Brown
Membership Chair

Catalina Wine Tasting Festival

Saturday, September 26
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Catalina Island

It’s time again to sail away to visit our favorite island!

For the past ten years, the Orange County Wine Society has supported the Catalina Island Women’s Forum, the sponsors of this great fund-raising and wine-tasting event. All proceeds from the festival go to financially assist women and children who are victims of domestic violence, fund the Women’s Wellness Program, and provide student mentoring and scholarship programs as well as other projects that benefit the island community.

The setting for the tasting will be in the private courtyard of the Pavilion Hotel, located on the main street in Avalon. During the event hand-passed appetizers are served while live music plays in the background.

There is also a silent auction featuring many items from local artists and artisans as well as travel packages and of course, wine collections.

Special discounted tickets are now on sale through the Wine Society. We are the only group that is provided a discounted rate for our members at only \$70 per ticket. A portion of your ticket is tax-deductible. Price includes the wine tasting, food, live music, a souvenir wine glass, and the silent auction.

Plan on attending this year! The Catalina Island Wine Festival is always a sell-out, so be sure to sign up early to insure your ticket reservation. Sign up via our website or by mailing in the form in the back of the newsletter. No reservations will be accepted after August 25. Tickets, as well as island information, will be mailed to you in mid-September.

For transportation options to and from the island, contact Catalina Express at 800.481.3470. Senior discounts are available. Visit the Catalina web site at www.catalina.com for information about other activities available on the island as well as lodging if you are considering staying for the weekend.

Leslie Brown
Catalina Event Coordinator

Winemaker Newsroom

Russian River Campout and Wine Barrel Tour Cassini Ranch Family Campground Duncan Mills August 2-6, 2009

This is a reminder if you have an interest in attending this event. We plan to camp at the Cassini Ranch Family Campground located right next to the Russian River, set among beautiful hills, and just minutes from the Pacific Ocean. Evening cookouts, barbecues, and local winery visits and wine tastings are planned.

If you plan to stay at the campground, we suggest you call immediately and make your reservation, as many sites have already been booked. You may go to their website at www.cassiniranch.com or call at 800.451.8400. You can also find lodging in nearby Healdsburg or Santa Rosa. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Guerin at jerome-guerin@earthlink.net. Remember, make your reservations immediately. You can always cancel later.

The Great Bottle Purchase

Once again, the winemakers are making more wine and must bottle their current wines to make room for this year's grape harvest. During a recent Winemaker Group weekend, we were able to take advantage of some special pricing from *The Vintners Vault* in Paso Robles and purchased many cases of bottles, including an additional 388 cases (that's 4,686 bottles, folks!) just to take care of last year's wine. A big "Thank You" to Mike Vermilion for handling the distribution and to the members who helped unload the truck by hand. Too bad Mike doesn't keep a forklift in his garage!

Fabulous Winemaker's Fest in Chino Hills

In May, the Winemaker group was invited to the beautiful Chino Hills home of OCWS members Doug and Diane Wilks for a get-together of local wine enthusiasts.

Nestled on 2½ acres, is a lovely home and a terrific homewine facility. Doug and Diane entertained over 100 wine lovers from the OCWS along with friends and family. We all brought appetizers and desserts while the Wilks' provided a catered dinner by the pool.

Tours included views of their 300+ grape vines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Malbec, Zinfandel, Chardonnay, and even Thompson seedless. The hand-dug, below-ground wine cellar had plenty of room for the 400+ bottles of their "Coyote Hills" label homewine which the Wilks poured throughout the evening. Also impressive, was the winery operations room with plenty of space for crushing and de-stemming onsite.

While enjoying the company of friends, all were entertained by OCWS' own Don Brennan. Check out Don's website at www.donbrennan.com for samples of his new CD. Don and his music group, *The Naked Eye*, will be performing at the Cerritos Center of Performing Arts on December 10, so get your tickets early.

All in all, a great evening and thanks again to the Wilks for their great hospitality.

Cork Purchase Program

Again, another success this year with the Cork Purchase Program. Last year, we bought 3,000 and this year we purchased 4,000 for the Winemakers Group! Thanks to Rob Romano who again coordinated this program so that we were able to buy synthetic corks at same price as last year.

We look forward to hearing the satisfying "pop" sound of corks being pulled for years to come.

*For the Winemaker Group,
Jim Graver*

Wine Classic Silent Auction and Raffle Request

Just a reminder that Silent Auction Coordinator, Wendy Ralph, is still collecting those new knickknacks and gift items that have been sent to you by your favorite wineries. You know, those wine-related goodies that you set aside, hoping to someday find a use for them and remain locked away in a closet in their original packaging? Perhaps, it's even time to clean out your wine cellar. We'll gladly accept bottles from your private wine collection, take them off your hands, and will re-gift them into our Silent Auction baskets!

Maybe you own a store or operate a business and are looking for tax-deductible donations? Maybe the business you work for is looking for ways to provide charitable donations. The OCWS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which means that donations to the OCWS are tax deductible. We can provide a receipt upon request.

Please bring donated items to any future OCWS meeting from now until August and give them to Wendy Ralph, Kevin Coy, Janet Hammond, or any Board Member. Wendy will arrange for a pick-up if you like, just give her a call at 949.855-3031. You can also bring a donation to the Wine Classic event on August 16, the day of the event. Please be sure to include your name and phone number on any donated item.

Grand Prize Raffle Package

Raffle Coordinator, Greg Hagedorn, would also like to create a Napa Valley or Sonoma County wine stay package as a grand prize raffle item. If you have a friend who owns a winery or vineyard and has a rental cottage on their property, we'd love to be able to advertise it as our Grand Prize giveaway!

Maybe a Bed and Breakfast? How about a contact with a restaurant in the Napa Valley, Dry Creek, or Alexander Valley areas, which might provide a nice dinner for two.

Kevin Coy

2009 Wine Classic 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	Wine Pourer	1:30 - 3:30	6
	M		C	Wineries	Wine Pourer	3:30 - 5:30	6
	M		C	Wineries	Winery Relief	3:30 - 5:30	4

Dine With Wine...

Another month gone by for the Dine With Wine Program. First, an update on our outstanding dinner at the Balboa Bay Club's First Cabin Restaurant on Monday, May 18.

We had an intimate group of 9 attendees for this dinner. Yes, it was an expensive dinner, but it was one not to be missed! The service was outstanding and the cuisine's display was spectacular! The wine was outstanding as well. Below are just a few of the wines you missed out on...

Champagne

1999 Dom Perignon
2000 Mumm Napa DVX

Chardonnay

2005 Huber Chardonnay

Pinot Noir

2006 Lynmar, Russian River Valley Quail Hill Bliss Block

Cabernet Sauvignon

2004 Lancaster Estate, Alexander Valley
2004 Grgich Hills, Napa Valley
2002 Wattle Creek, Alexander Valley
1999 Turnbull, Oakville, Napa Valley
2006 Hess Select, (Outstanding wine!)

Dessert Wines

1999 Prager, Aria, White Port
2006 Mayo, Zinfandel Port, Russian River Valley,
Ricci Vineyard
2002 Tamayo Family, J. Jadden's

I personally was impressed by the First Cabin service. The main course was delivered by several restaurant servers, each carrying domed plates. The domes were removed all at once after they were placed on our table. What service! I had the Filet Mignon which was grilled medium rare to perfection in a classic and exquisite display. The Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail was a site to see as well. I can assure you, none of this appetizer was left behind on the table! The evening was topped off with an outstanding dessert and several port wines to complement them. First Cabin Manager, Eugene, also spoiled us with a taste of "Zipang Sparkling Sake," just for the fun of it!

Additional Dine With Wine events are being scheduled for July and August. Look for upcoming e-blasts for more information.

Recruiting Additional Restaurants

I have received a few phone calls lately from members telling me about their favorite restaurants and asking for our Dine With Wine dinners to be planned there. Please keep those

phone calls coming! To help me, what I ask is that you let them know that we would love to recruit them for the Wine Classic or Wine Extraordinaire. We would like them to join us first with a selection of food that best represents their restaurant. We encourage them to provide their advertising and marketing materials to draw our members and event participants back to their restaurant, as well. In return, we'll bring a number of our members back to their restaurant for a Dine With Wine dinner to thank them for participating in our event. It's a win-win situation for both of us. It affords the restaurant some outstanding exposure with the public and our members, along with contact with over 100 winery representatives, all in one place!

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

Our Current Supporting Restaurants

Abbondonza Bistro & Catering – Newport Beach
Carvao Grill – Brea
Dave & Busters – The Block at Orange
First Cabin at the Balboa Bay Club – Newport Beach
Mad Mike's Sausages at Booster's Sports Grill – Mission Viejo
Olive Garden – Irvine
Pacific Whey Café – Costa Mesa
Pavia – Hilton of Anaheim
Sage at Eastbluff and Sage On The Coast – Newport Beach
The Hobbit – Orange
The Melting Pot – Brea and Irvine
The Orange County Food & Wine Center – Costa Mesa
VINDUVIN Wine Tasting Cruises – Newport Beach

Kevin Coy

Changes To Our By-laws

Each year, the By-laws Committee meets to determine if any changes need to be proposed to the membership for a By-laws change or amendment. This year is no exception. The committee met and has developed several amendments to the By-laws.

For those of you who don't know exactly what Bylaws are—they are the foundation of our organization. They are like the blueprint for a house. The blueprint will show where the kitchen and bathrooms are going to be placed but they do not explain how to install the pipes for the plumbing. Therefore, By-laws don't specify how an event is going to be done or even specifically name an event (excluding the Board of Director Meetings, and the Annual Business Meeting and Election). The actual event as well as when and how the chairperson is going to run the event are found in our guidelines, procedures, and operations manuals. Keeping that in mind, if you have a suggestion for a By-law change, please provide your recommendation to me by July 30.

Time is of the essence. Your recommended change needs to be reviewed by the By-laws Committee and possibly legal counsel to ascertain if the change will violate any state or federal law. If the suggestion is determined to be valid, it will be included on the election ballot for the membership to cast their ultimate acceptance or rejection. If you need to review the current By-laws, a copy is available on the OCWS website. If you notify me, I can also provide a copy electronically.

Richard Ward
By-law Chairperson

Membership Barbecue

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out! The OCWS Annual Membership Barbecue is just around the corner. Plan on joining us on September 27 at the Memorial Gardens picnic area at the OC Fair and Event Center.

Each year, the committee drums up creative ideas and amazing themes. Past years have included Western, Hawaiian, Californian, Mardi Gras, and even a Bacchanalian Winefest. So what are they planning this year?

Stay tuned for more details on what we have in store for you this year!

Carolyn Schoff

On The Lighter Side...

Another Groaner...

Bob Hill and his new wife Betty were vacationing in Europe—as it happens, near Transylvania. They were driving in a rental car along a rather deserted highway. It was late and raining very hard. Bob could barely see the road in front of the car. Suddenly the car skids out of control! Bob attempts to control the car, but to no avail! The car swerves and smashes into a tree.

Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear the fog. Dazed, he looks over at the passenger seat and sees his wife unconscious, with her head bleeding! Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he has to get her medical assistance. Bob carefully picks his wife up and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light. He heads towards the light, which is coming from a large, old house.

He approaches the door and knocks. A minute passes. A small, hunched man opens the door. Bob immediately blurts, “Hello, my name is Bob Hill, and this is my wife Betty. We’ve been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt. Can I please use your phone?”

“I’m sorry,” replied the hunchback, “but we don’t have a phone. My master is a doctor; come in and I will get him!” Bob brings his wife in.

An older man comes down the stairs. “I’m afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor; I am a scientist. However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had a basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory.”

With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries, so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table.

After a brief examination, Igor’s master looks worried. “Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion.” They work feverishly, but to no avail. Bob and Betty Hill are no more.

The Hills’ deaths upset Igor’s master greatly. Warily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his grand piano. For it is here that he has always found solace. He begins to play, and a stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house.

Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up. His eyes catch movement, and he notices the fingers on Betty’s hand twitch, keeping time to the haunting piano music. Stunned, he watches as Bob’s arm begins to rise, marking the beat! He is further amazed as Betty and Bob both sit up straight! Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory.

He bursts in and shouts to his master: “Master, Master! The Hills are alive with the sound of music!”

Editor’s comment: I am so sorry—but you really should’ve seen that coming!

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words...

The exchange between Churchill and Lady Astor: She said, “If you were my husband I’d give you poison.” He said, “If you were my wife, I’d drink it.”

A member of Parliament to Disraeli: “Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease.” “That depends, Sir,” said Disraeli, “whether I embrace your policies or your mistress.”

“He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.” (Winston Churchill)

“I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure.” (Clarence Darrow)

“He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary.” (William Faulkner about Ernest Hemingway)

“I didn’t attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.” (Mark Twain)

“I am enclosing two tickets to the first night on my new play; bring a friend...if you have one.” (George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.)

“Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second...if there is one.” (Winston Churchill, in response)

“His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork.” (Mae West)

“Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.” (Oscar Wilde)

“He has Van Gogh’s ear for music.” (Billy Wilder)

“I’ve had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn’t it.” (Groucho Marx)

“He is a self-made man and worships his creator.” (John Bright)

“I’ve just learned of his illness. Let’s hope it’s nothing triv-

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ial." (Irving S. Cobb)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time in reading it." (Moses Hadas)

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." (Oscar Wilde)

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." (Forrest Tucker)

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" (Mark Twain)

Since there seems to be a lot of stock market information and terms going around on the net, I thought you might be interested in the following...

CEO - Chief Embezzlement Officer

CFO - Corporate Fraud Officer

BULL MARKET - A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

VALUE INVESTING - The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO - The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER - What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR - Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST - The idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT - When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER - A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION - The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW - The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

PROFIT - An archaic word no longer in use.

Catalina Island Wine Festival
Saturday, September 26
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Pavilion Hotel
Catalina Island

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

~ Ticket Information ~

Number of Member Tickets @ \$70 _____

Number of Guest Tickets @ \$70 _____

~ Payment ~

Personal Check

Credit Card

Credit Card number on file

Card Number _____

V Code _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed _____

Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, August 25. 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 credit card only. For information, call the OCWS office at 714.708.1636.

Mail / fax reservation to:

OCWS
Catalina Island Wine Festival
P.O. Box 11059
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

2009 Wine Classic
Sunday, August 16, 2009
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Hilton Anaheim Hotel
777 Convention Way
Anaheim

Member _____

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Address _____

City & Zip _____

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~ Ticket Information ~

Now through July 31...

Number of Member Tickets @ \$45 _____

Number of Non-Member Tickets @ \$50 _____

Designated Driver @ \$25 _____

August 1 to Event Date...

"At the Door" price for everyone @ \$60

Designated Driver @ \$25

~ Payment ~

Personal Check

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Credit Card number on file

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~ Volunteer Sign-Up ~

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

Mail / fax reservation to:

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