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President's Message: Jim's Journal

The OCWS has just wrapped up a very busy summer schedule. I would like to thank every one of our volunteers that contributed to the success of The Courtyard at this year's OC Fair. We are now preparing for our Annual Business Meeting scheduled for September 9 at Baja Blues; just inside gate 5 of the OC Fair & Events Center.

I would like to thank Michelle Philo for her service the last four years as Editor-In-Chief of *The Wine Press*. She has done a great job and her contributions will be missed. We wish Michelle the very best as she continues her legal career in San Diego. I would also like to extend a hearty welcome to our new Editor-In-Chief, Linda Mihalik. Linda is a long term member and has been an editor for our newsletter for quite a while; I am sure she will be bringing many fresh ideas to *The Wine Press* as we move into our fifth decade of operation.

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Forty Years of Leadership

As the 40th Anniversary year comes to an end, it is important to take a moment to recognize those members who have dedicated their time to lead this organization. A special thank you to Dennis Esslinger and Karen Ward who have compiled the below history of board members. The following denote officer positions: P - President; VP - Vice President; S -Secretary; T - Treasurer.



<u>1976-1977</u> P: Bill Lawson VP: Bill Owen S: Kathi Horton T: Brant Horton Jerry Mead

<u>1977-1978</u>

P: Jim Graver VP: Brant Horton S: Kathi Horton T: Judi Collins (Brady) Bill Owen Jerry Mead

<u>1978-1979</u>

P: Bill Owen VP: ChrisCunningham VP: Tom Richter S: Kathi Horton T: Judi Collins (Brady) Jim Graver Brant Horton Jerry Mead

<u>1979-1980</u>

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Membership Report

The Orange County Wine Society extends a warm welcome to its newest members! Membership for the following members was approved by the Board of Directors:

Chad Burtrum • Guy Caprulo • Christine Cummings • Joann Douk Kathryn Eberle • Nichole Fletcher • Ronald Gulli • Julie Kulstad Dan Paladin • Kevin Roberts • Tim Thomas & Sarah Cabrera John Guilbert • Babylyn Perry • John Phibbs • Burnedtta Tate Ron Underwood • Greg McKinstry • Jon & Teresa Kalwara Paul & Kathy Robidoux • Doug & Susan Chotkevy • Rhoda Bruton Pamela Douglas • Karyne & Robert Eisen • Niklas & Rachel Hedde Michael & Jenny Rue • Ann Davis & Sarla Persaudi • Rachel Laguna Deborah & Gus Fieldhouse • Jill Prochison & Patti DiCostanzo Diane & Kyle Coker • Amy Morrisey & David Lewis • Kathleen Frey Brenna Nass & Randy Smedley • Gary Schneider & Barbara Bredfeldt Joel & Brianna Bocanegra • Sandra & Randy Luebke • Shell Mattos Gregory Henderson • Lisa Fike & Jonathan Gouvion Marianne & Art Alcaraz • Diana Kreinbring • Michael & Syliva Nieto Sophie & David Ocampo •Connie Tupper

As of August 5, the Orange County Wine Society had 957 members.

- Brian McDonald, Director & Membership Chair



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President's Message: Jim's Journal

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Annual Elections

Shortly after receiving this newsletter article, our members will be receiving election ballots for our annual Board of Directors. I encourage everyone to vote during this election for two reasons:

- Annual elections are an important evolution of the OCWS. New directors bring new ideas to the fore front of our organization and this in turn helps the OCWS remain current with its members.
- The OCWS bylaws have been amended and restated to bring the organization in compliance with California Corporations code, eliminate any ambiguities, and align with our current business practices.

Dine With Wine

The next Dine with Wine is being held at Moulin Bistro on September 21st. Please refer to Rich Skoczylas's subsequent article for more information.

Oktoberween

Do not forget to sign up for Oktoberween. Our October 2nd party at The Courtyard promises to be another big event with food, wine, beer, dancing, raffles, and a wine wall.

40th Anniversary Dinner

OCWS will be culminating its 40th Anniversary celebration on October 9 at Yves Restaurant. We will be taking a brief break from our celebrations to introduce our newly elected Board members. Please refer to Rich's subsequent article for more details.

Finally, I encourage everyone to drink responsibly and use a designated driver. I look forward to and seeing you at our Annual Business Meeting on September 9th.

- Jim Beard, President

Correction to 2016 Commercial Wine Competition Awards Book



~ Cover Photo Contest Winner ~

B.J. Fornadley

Unfortunately, the credit for this amazing photo was inadvertently attributed to last year's winner on the back cover of the 2016 Commercial Wine Competition Awards Book. The Wine Society sincerely apologizes to B.J. for this error. The Wine Society is appreciative of B.J. for his clearly evident photographic talents. Thank you to B.J. and Tina for their longstanding OCWS membership.

2016 OCWS Annual Business Meeting

Friday, September 9, 2016 @ 7:00 pm Baja Blues OC Fair & Events Center

The Annual Business Meeting is complimentary to all OCWS members. The meeting will be held on Friday, September 9th, and begins promptly at 7:00pm at Baja Blues. There is no limitation on the number of members who may attend; however, the meeting is strictly for members only. There is no charge to attend, although any member who signs up and does not attend will be charged \$25, as OCWS is required to pay for the number of meals arranged for, which is based on the actual number of members who have signed up.

Please sign-up via the OCWS website link. All reservations must be received no later than Tuesday, September 6th, as OCWS is required to have an accurate count to the caterer by the following day.

This is considered the most important member meeting of the OCWS year, as this meeting offers an overview of the year's activities, followed by a financial summary of the 2015/16 OCWS Board year. Volunteer awards will be presented after the business presentations. Thereafter, the current OCWS Board of Directors will be available to answer questions and listen to any comments from the general membership. This meeting is conducted in accordance with OCWS Bylaws and government regulations for 501(C)(3) non-profit organizations.

After presentations and an OCWS question and answer session, candidates for the 2016-17 board year will be introduced and will present their qualifications and interests as potential OCWS Board members. This meeting provides the best opportunity for members to meet with and learn about interests and objectives of candidates for the next board year.

Please note that no food or drinks will be served until the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting (approximately 90 minutes). We will conclude the evening with a light meal by Ovations and accompanied by wines from the OCWS cellar. Some members elect to bring their own wines to this event and, if you choose to do so, please refrain from opening your wine until the meal has commenced following the end of the meeting.

Your 2015/16 OCWS Board of Directors look forward to seeing you as we review our 40th year and look forward to our 41st.

- John Carnes, Director

Oktoberween

Sunday, October 2, 2016 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm The Courtyard OC Fair & Events Center



October means Oktoberfest with authentic German Bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, and beer. It also means Halloween with costumes, tricks, treats, and wine. The OCWS is having both!

Oktoberween will take place at The "Haunted" Courtyard at the OC Fair & Events Center. Put on your party face and come prepared for good food, wine, beer and dancing (did someone say Chicken Dance?). Costumes are not required, but are encouraged. The cost is \$43 for members; however, early registration is available through September 20 for only \$38 (\$43 and \$48 for non-members).

- Brian McDonald, Director



Dine with Wine Enjoys a Taste of Paris

September 21, 2016 @ 6:30 pm Moulin Bistro (Corner of Bristol and Jamboree) 1000 Bristol Street North, Newport Beach, CA



Bonjour mes amies!

Parlez vous Francais? Well, fortunately you do not have to in order to enjoy a delicious French bistro experience right here in Orange County. Moulin, a

French "bistro-epicerie-café," is one of the newest and brightest stars in our local culinary scene, and owner Laurent is opening his doors especially for us.

Originally from Paris, Laurent, came to the United States 30 years ago to surf, and never left. While working in the

active sports industry, he resolved that when he turned 50, he would open an authentic French bistro like those he left behind in Paris. Everything in the café is French, including the



chef de cuisine and most of the wait staff. It specializes in freshly baked, delicious artisan breads, pastries and classic French cuisine. Everything is prepared on-site, including curing their own jambon ("ham"). "Always fresh, always French" is their mantra.

Our menu will feature a three-course dinner, including a salad and pate, a choice of Duck Confit, Boeuf Bourguignon or Roasted Salmon, and a wonderful dessert.

The price for this Parisian dinner is \$46 for members and \$52 for guests, inclusive of tax and gratuities.

All attendees should bring their own wine glass and a bottle of cellar quality wine per person to share.

Notice - Due to the chef's requirements, we must provide them the attendance count early. Sign-ups will close Wednesday, September 14 at noon.

> Bon Appetit! - Marcia Vaughan and Rich Skoczylas, Director

40th Anniversary Dinner

October 9, 2016 @ 5:30 pm Yves' Restaurant & Wine Bar 5753-A East Santa Ana Canyon Road Anaheim Hills, CA

Sold Out Event V The 40th Anniversary Dinner has sold out. If you ٨ 4 would like to be added to the wait list, please con-S V tact the OCWS office. V



The celebration of the 40th year of the Orange County Wine Society continues with a gourmet, four-course dinner at Yves' Restaurant.

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As this will be a celebration dinner, the OCWS is providing the wines. The evening will start with a sparkling wine reception, as guests will have the opportunity to mingle prior to the start of dinner.

Note - Attendees should bring their own champagne and wine glasses.

This event also provides members the opportunity to welcome the newly elected 2016-2017 Board Members and Officers as well as honor the hard work of the three outgoing Board Members. They have just finished three years of excellent work organizing events to make the Wine Society so special.

The cost for this diner is \$50 for members and \$55 for guests, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Coffee, tea, or soda is available on a consumption basis for \$2.75 each.

As highly anticipated our 40th Anniversary Dinner has sold out. As indicated above, we are taking names for waitlist. Remember to wear your nametag and please drink responsibly.

- Rich Skoczylas, Director

Winemakers Newsroom

OC Fair Wrap-Up

The OCWS Winemakers' Group provided ten fabulous seminars at the OC Fair. Bill Forsch gave his "3 by 3 in 3" Seminar on Kit Wine Making on Saturdays, and Kevin Donnelly followed with his "Wine Making for Mere Mortals" Seminar on Making Wine from Kits. We introduced a lot of people to winemaking, and signed up some people to join us at our October meeting.

As in years past, we assembled our Homewine Competition display in The Courtyard, and all seminars were held in front of our display. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped us setup, maintain, and break down our display!

2016 Grape Harvest

The 2016 Grape Harvest is underway! Bill Forsch, Rob Romano, and David Rutledge put together sources for grapes this year from Sonoma, Solvang, and Paso Robles. Many of our winemakers purchased grapes including Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Sangiovese, Syrah and several other varietals through this group purchase and are actively making wine as you read this newsletter. We look forward to tasting these 2016 wines next year!

Wine Blending Seminar & Workshop September 10, 2016 @ 9:00 am

We will be giving a Wine Blending Seminar & Workshop with Jim Graver. Blending different batches of wine is a practice more distrusted than understood. Blending the contents of different vats and barrels make almost all of the world's finest wines: Champagne and Sherry are examples of wine, which are essentially blends.

If you have wines that could use some improvement or, if you would just like to change the characteristics, this is the opportunity to learn more about the fine art of "Wine Blending". Afterwards you will get a chance to test your skills. After the instruction period, we will be divided into

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Sept. 10: Wine Blending Seminar Oct. 22: Quarterly Potluck & SO2 Testing

groups to blend your wines. You will have three wines in which to blend and then will be blind tasted with the other the other groups to see which group comes up with the "Master Blend". A great workshop to help improve some of the middle-of-the-road wines that may be improved or enhanced with a little blending.

There is a charge of \$20.00 to cover materials and handouts (lab fee). Deadline for sign-up is September 5. Space is limited to 16 members. Please sign up on the OCWS Website if you wish to attend.

Winemakers' Group Quarterly Meeting October 22, 2016 @ 1:00 pm Home of Roger & Janice Mattar 1071 Vista Lomas Lane, Corona, CA

Our next OCWS Winemakers' Group Quarterly Meeting is will be held at the beautiful home of Roger and Janice Mattar in Corona. The general meeting starts at 1:00 pm, with Sulfite testing of our members' wines beginning at 11:00 am.

As always, this event is open to ALL OCWS MEMBERS and guests. If you would like to learn to make wine, or just want to learn the basics without actually making wine, our events are a great and welcoming place to learn. **This is a Potluck event**, and we ask everyone or couple to bring a food item to serve 8 people, and one bottle of wine per person, either homemade or commercial.

If you would like to attend the Potluck, please RSVP to Kevin Donnelly at kevindonnelly@ocws.org or 714.457.7229 or on the OCWS website by October 19. If you would like to test wines, please let Kevin know how many wines you will bring so we can have enough quantity of chemicals.

- Kevin Donnelly

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Cabernet Sauvignon Mini-Tasting

Saturday, November 12, 2016 @ 6:00 pm Various Members Homes

Hosts: Mini-Tastings are held at various host sites around Orange County. If you would like to host this event, please e-mail Bill Redding at bill@ocws.org or call him at 949.248.1125. You will need to sign up and pay until hosts are selected. Reimbursement will be made for all host sites.

Locations: Host sites and directions will be announced to those attending approximately one week prior to the event. We try to place you at the location nearest your home or to accommodate your specific site request; however, your assigned host site is also based on the order in which your sign-up is received in the OCWS office. The cost to attend this tasting is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.



Etiquette at Mini-Tastings: Each person attending brings a potluck dish (appetizer, entrée, side dish, or dessert) ready to serve a small portion to 18 people. The dish ideally should be designed to match the theme of the tasting, in this case Cabernet Sauvignon. Please coordinate your food selection with your host site to assure an appropriate balance of food types served during the evening. There will be a special bottle of

wine that evening as a prize for Chef of the Evening. Our winning Chefs of the Evening may have their recipe pub-



lished on the OCWS website. Please plan on arriving promptly at 6:00 p.m. so the event can get started on time. You are invited to bring your own wine glasses for tasting; keep in mind the wines are served in flights of two.

We are planning a maximum of five sites for this minitasting, so the limit is 90 attendees. Due to the high attendance at our Mini-Tasting Programs, we encourage you to sign-up early as sites tend to fill quickly. The cut-off date for online sign-up is Sunday, November 6, 2016. After this date please contact Bill or the OCWS office to determine availability. The cancellation deadline is November 4, 2016 for a refund. After that date, due to the advance purchase of wines, you will not receive a refund unless there is a waiting list.

> Bon Appetit, Bill Redding, Vice President

Call for New Member Ambassadors

The Orange County Wine Society is continuing to seek members to volunteer as ambassadors to new members. It does not take a great deal of time. You will be given one or two names each month and your job will be to call the newest members and welcome them to the Wine Society, talk to them about upcoming events, and tell them about the protocol for the events they are interested in attending (bring wine or not, bring glasses or not, dress, etc.). If you are planning on being at an event, ask them to join your table and introduce them to other Wine Society members. In other words, make them feel welcome.

If you would like to be on the ambassador list, drop me an email at brian@ocws.org.

- Brian McDonald, Director & Membership Chair

40th Anniversary: Celebrating 40 Years of Leadership

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Brant Horton Jerry Mead

<u>1980-1981</u>

P: Bob Brooke VP: Chuck Schroder S: Brant Horton T: Steve Schiffman Lynn Cunningham Kathi Horton John Weatherwax

<u>1981-1982</u>

P: Bob Brooke VP: Chuck Schroder S: Steve Davis T: Brant Horton Jim Graver Jim Stone John Weatherwax

<u>1982-1983</u>

P: Chuck Schroder VP: John Weatherwax S: Jean Flowerday T: Jim Graver Bob Brooke Mike Collins Jim Stone

<u>1983-1984</u>

P: Chuck Schroder VP: John Weatherwax S: Jean Flowerday T: Jim Graver Bob Brooke John Hardman Jim Stone

<u>1984-1985</u>

P: John Hardman VP: Chris Cunningham S: Kathi Horton T: Terry Fyffe Barbara Perez Chuck Schroder John Weatherwax

1985-1986

P: John Hardman VP: Barbara Perez S: Kathi Horton T: Terry Fyffe Bob Brooke Charley Owen Sharon Spaulding Les Wall

<u>1986-1987</u>

P: Charley Owen VP: John Hardman S: Kathi Horton T: John Goodnight Jim Graver Lynn Pawlak Barbara Perez Sharon Spaulding John Stahler

<u>1987-1988</u>

P: John Goodnight VP: Barbara Perez S: Sharon Spaulding T: Art Croisette Lloyd Corbett Charley Owen Lynn Pawlak John Stahler Carol Stiglbauer

<u>1988-1989</u>

P: John Goodnight VP: Barbara Perez S: Lynn Pawlak T: Art Croisette Lloyd Corbett Maggie Crawford Charley Owen John Stahler Carol Stiglebauer

<u> 1989-1990</u>

P: Barbara Perez VP: Lloyd Corbett VP: Maggie Crawford S: Ronnie Johnson T: Art Croisette John Goodnight Charley Owen Sam Puzzo Dave Hirstein Carol Stiglebauer

<u>1990-1991</u>

P: Ronnie Johnson VP: Charley Owen S: Sharon Spaulding T: John Goodnight Al Barber Dave Hirstein Tony Marino Bob Prill Sam Puzzo

<u>1991-1992</u>

P: Ronnie Johnson VP: Sam Puzzo S: Sharon Spaulding T: John Goodnight Al Barber Jan Beale Tony Marino Bob Prill Rich Skoczylas

<u>1992-1993</u>

P: Bob Prill VP: Sharon Spaulding S: Ronnie Johnson T: Jan Beale Al Barber Charley Owen Tony Marino Terry Majerski Rich Skoczylas

<u>1993-1994</u>

P: Bob Prill VP: Terry Majerski S: Lora Howard T: Jan Bealer Al Barber Charley Owen John Johnson Carol Esslinger Rich Skoczylas

<u> 1994-1995</u>

P: Terry Majerski VP: Charley Owen S: John Johnson T: John Goodnight Al Barber Carol Esslinger Lora Howard Bob Prill Bob Trout

<u>1995-1996</u>

P: Lora Howard VP: Charley Owen S: Terry Majerski T: John Goodnight Al Barber Carol Esslinger John Johnson Bob Prill Bob Trout

<u>1996-1997</u>

P: Bob Trout VP: Charley Owen S: Terry Majerski T: John Goodnight Julie Burnett Mark DeWitt Carol Esslinger George Hammond Bob Prill

<u>1997-1998</u>

P: Charley Owen VP: Mark DeWitt S: Carolyn Christian T: John Goodnight Carol Esslinger Judy Fox George Hammond Jim Hume Terry Majerski

<u>1998-1999</u>

P: Mark DeWitt VP: Dennis Esslinger S: Carolyn Christian

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T: John Goodnight Judy Fox Larry Graham George Hammond Jim Hume Tim Morgan

<u>1999-2000</u>

P: John Goodnight VP: Dennis Esslinger S: Larry Graham T: Tim Morgan Larry Fox George Hammond David Hirstein Jim Hume Carolyn Christian

<u>2000-2001</u>

P: Dennis Esslinger VP: Larry Graham S: Karen Ward T: Tim Morgan Larry Fox David Hirstein Jim Hume Ronnie Johnson Larry Pierce

<u>2001-2002</u>

P: David Hirstein VP: Larry Graham S: Karen Ward T: Tim Morgan Dennis Esslinger Larry Fox Jim Hume Ronnie Johnson Larry Pierce

2002-2003

P: Dennis Esslinger VP: Larry Graham S: Karen Ward T: Tim Morgan Larry Fox Ronnie Johnson Larry Pierce Craig Rowe Walt Thurner

2003-2004 P: Larry Fox VP: Larry Graham S: Craig Rowe T: Tim Morgan Dennis Esslinger Carol Frank Walt Thurner Karen Ward Jerry Williams

2004-2005

P: Larry Fox VP: Craig Rowe S: Carolyn Christian T: Walt Thurner Jim Beard Carol Frank Jack McManus Karen Ward Jerry Williams

2005-2006

P: Larry Graham VP: Jim Beard S: Carolyn Christian T: Karen Ward Carol Frank Jack McManus Craig Rowe Dean Strom Jerry Williams

2006-2007

P: Larry Graham VP: Jim Beard S: Carolyn Christian T: Craig Rowe Chris Cunningham Dennis Esslinger Jack McManus Rich McCormick Dean Strom

2007-2008

P: Craig Rowe VP: Richard Ward S: Carolyn Christian T: Larry Graham Jim Beard Chris Cunningham Dennis Esslinger Rich McCormick Dean Strom

<u>2008-2009</u>

P: Dennis Esslinger VP: Carolyn Christian S: Kevin Coy T: Leslie Brown Jim Beard Chris Cunningham Ron Gottesman Rich McCormick Richard Ward

<u>2009-2010</u>

P: Leslie Brown VP: Kevin Coy S: Carolyn Christian T: Sam Puzzo Jim Beard Chris Cunningham Kevin Donnelly Ron Gottesman Richard Ward

2010-2011

P: Leslie Brown VP: Kevin Coy S: Kevin Donnelly T: Mel Jay Chris Cunningham Greg Hagadorn Bob Prill Sam Puzzo Ed Reyes

<u>2011-2012</u>

P: Kevin Coy VP: Greg Hagadorn S: Kevin Donnelly T: Mel Jay Chris Cunningham Bob Prill Sam Puzzo Ed Reyes Wendy Taylor

2012-2013

P: Kevin Coy VP: Ed Reyes S: Fran Gitsham T: Mel Jay Jim Beard Greg Hagadorn Bob Prill Rich Skoczylas Wendy Taylor

<u>2013-2014</u>

P: Dennis Esslinger VP: Kevin Coy S: Rich Skoczylas T: Fran Gitsham Jim Beard John Carnes Greg Hagadorn Tony Marino Wendy Taylor

2014-2015

P: Jim Beard VP: Rich Skoczylas S: Liz Corbett T: Fran Gitsham John Carnes Dennis Esslinger Tony Marino Brian McDonald Bill Redding

2015-2016

P: Jim Beard VP: Bill Redding S: Liz Corbett T: Fran Gitsham John Carnes Dennis Esslinger Brian McDonald Rich Skoczylas Stacey Taylor

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