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Jim's Journal

During the month of August, the OCWS is very busy! The Courtyard at the OC Fair is half way completed, candidates are running for the OCWS Board of Directors, and preparation for our Annual Business Meeting is underway. Please refer to Larry Graham's article on being a candidate for the Board of Directors and Fran Gitsham's article regarding the upcoming Annual Business Meeting in this edition of *The Wine Press*.

The next Dine with Wine is being held at the Catch of the Day restaurant in Huntington Beach in September. Please refer to Rich Skoczylas's article for more information. I suggest that you sign up early. The restaurant owner is a long time supporter of the Wine Society at the Wine Extraordinaire and many OCWS members frequent this restaurant for evening meals.

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Annual Installation Dinner

Sunday, October 11, 2015
Andrei's Restaurant
2607 Main Street, Irvine, CA

The Annual Installation Dinner will be held on October 11. The Installation Dinner honors the outgoing Directors who have completed their three year terms as well as installing the three new Directors.

The OCWS Installation Dinner will take place at a new restaurant this year, Andrei's. It is located in Irvine at Jamboree and Main Street. Many members have made positive remarks about the change in venue and we have been able to secure the same pricing we had last year.

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Be an OCWS Board Member

Each year the terms of three members of the Board of Directors expire and they are filled by a vote from the OCWS membership. The deadline for declaring candidacy for this year's election to the OCWS Board of Directors is Friday, August 28. The qualifications are quite simple:

- Appreciation of wine. Need not be an expert.
- Desire to help the OCWS thrive as a non-profit educational organization.
- Willingness to work with 8 other

Board Members to "lead" OCWS.

- Fun Loving. We are a social organization; fun is central to our success.

Is there a unique profile for a successful Board Member? Absolutely not! It is the exchange of differing ideas among the 9 Board Members, and the combination of differing skills that is the legacy of our success. However, a



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As many of you have noticed, the berm construction of the amphitheater has been completed. On July 16, the eve of the opening of the 2015 OC Fair, the new Plaza Pacifica was dedicated. This impressive area is now the entrance to the Pacific Amphitheater. Also new at the OC Fair this year is an outdoor ice skating rink. Fair attendees can rent skates and show off their ice skating skills (or lack thereof). The ice skating rink is located between the entrance to the Pacific Amphitheater and The Courtyard.

As mentioned in our April newsletter, the OCWS has hired a new Website Coordinator. We anticipate switching over to the new website in September. The Wine Society will retain its domain name at www.ocws.org. Please refer to Bill Redding's article in this newsletter for more information.

Finally, I encourage everyone to drink responsibly and use a designated driver. I look forward to working with everyone at the OC Fair and seeing you at our Annual Business Meeting.

- Jim Beard, President

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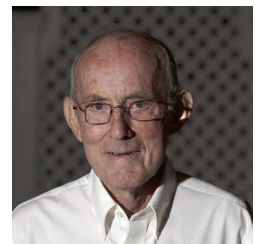
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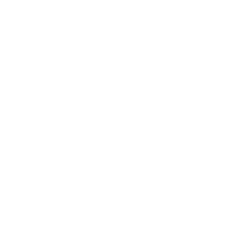
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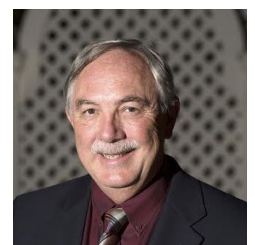
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Membership Report

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 at the July 2015 Board meeting:

Mary Doty ■ Peter & Elizabeth Haaker ■ Cynthia Hartman ■ Dennis Jenkins & LaVonne Campbell
Kathy and Jim Kramer ■ Danford Lincoln ■ Kathleen Luhrsen
Ed & Pam Reynolds ■ John Roberts ■ Paula Taylor ■ Katherine Zaster

As of the July Board of Directors' meeting the Orange County Wine Society has 973 members.

- Brian McDonald, Membership Chair



Did You Know?

On June 27, 2015, the Wine Society was consulted for a humorous Daily Pilot article on "What to Drink with that Movie?", an article on pairing wine with summer blockbuster movies. Thank you to Fran Gitsham for representing the OCWS!

<http://www.dailypilot.com/weekend/tn-wknd-et-0628-movie-and-wine-pairing-20150627,0,1164578.story>

Call for Volunteers for Chili Cook-Off

The Chili Cook-Off is not until October but with the OC Fair already here, October will be here before you know it. Now is the time to get a steering committee organized and start the planning. We need volunteers for the following positions: Vice Chair, Volunteer Coordinator; Judging Coordinator, Set Up and Decorations Coordinator, and Silent Auction/Raffle Coordinator. If you are interesting on assisting with this fun committee, please contact me at brian@ocws.org.

- Brian McDonald, Director & Chili Cook-Off Chair



Dine With Wine: Catch of the Day

Catch of the Day
Sunday, September 27, 2015 @ 5:30 pm
6854 Edinger Avenue
(SW corner of Edinger/Goldenwest)
Huntington Beach, CA



Catch of the Day is one of the restaurants that supports the Wine Society at the Wine Extraordinaire

Catch of the Day serves fresh seafood and prepares it to your satisfaction – grilled, broiled, blackened or macadamia nut-crusted,

a favorite. A fresh Garden Salad or the Catch's famous White Clam Chowder is included with each meal. For this evening, we will also offer special dessert selections made by "Chef Rich."

The cost for this dinner will be \$29.95 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Sign-up online or use the form included in *The Wine Press* to reserve your seats at this fun event. Sign-ups or cancellations must be made by September 23, 2015.

Be sure to wear your name tag and bring a cellar quality bottle of wine per person to share, but be sure to drink responsibly.

- Rich Skoczylas, Vice President



~ **First Course** ~
(choice of one)

Fresh Garden Salad
or
White Clam Chowder

~ **Entrée** ~
(choice of one)

Halibut

Served with seasonal vegetables

Salmon

Served with seasonal vegetables

Calamari Steak

Served with seasonal vegetables

Mediterranean Chicken Breast

Served with seasonal vegetables

Huntington Linguini

Fresh Fish, Shrimp, and Scallops served with Alfredo or Garlic Butter Sauce over Linguini Pasta

~ **"Chef Rich" Special Desserts** ~
(choice of one)

Black Forest Cake

Layers of chocolate fudge cake, with whipped cream, chocolate ganache and scrumptious red cherries

Luscious Lemon Cream Delight

Luscious layers of lemon pudding, cream cheese, and whipped cream atop a pecan crust

Coffee or tea extra

Volunteers Step Forward to Clean and Set Up The Courtyard

The 2015 Orange County Fair is underway and 325 volunteers are performing various activities at The Courtyard. Much preparation takes place before the OC Fair starts, and some of it may go unnoticed by the many volunteers who work throughout the OC Fair. We would like to thank Jim Graver and the Winemakers Group for all their work in setting up the Homewine Competition Awards display. We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the 33 members who stepped forward to clean and setup The Courtyard:

Charley & Vivian Owen, Paul Peal, Karl Kawai, Greg Hagadorn, Kevin Coy, Maria Loera, Dean Strom, Richard Ward, Richard Wolfsfelt, Fran Gitsham, Larry Graham, Roy Smoker, George & Marcy Ott, Claude Fusaro, Rodney & Nancy Jeu, Jim Hume, Brian McDonald, Bob & Judy Koeblitz, Janet Riordan, Peter Schlundt Bodien, Matthew Fisher, Hank Lopez, Mike Koval, Lloyd & Liz Corbett, Helga Hrowal, Jim Beard, Dennis & Carol Esslinger.

The OCWS Board of Directors wishes to thank everyone for his or her effort toward another successful year at the OC Fair!

- Jim Beard, President

Seeking OCWS Board Candidates

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candidate should possess some of the following skills and experience:

- General knowledge of OCWS activities.
- Experience as a volunteer in some events; involvement with event committees.
- Some organizational and teamwork abilities.
- Selected event and budget management skills.

A Board Member's term is for three years. The overall commitment for a member varies, based on assignments and participation. All Board Members are expected to attend the monthly Board Meetings. Board Members are also expected to organize/manage certain events and projects, as assigned by the President; these responsibilities will generally require several hours per month. Additionally Board Members are expected to attend as many OCWS events as possible. Generally speaking, complimentary attendance is granted at most events for the Board Member and their Co-Member.

To become a candidate, a member must present his or her Declaration of Candidacy to the Election Committee in writing no later than Friday, August 28, 2015. The Declaration of Candidacy should include a picture and a brief written Statement of Qualifications. Both the Statement and the accompanying picture will be posted on the OCWS website under "Election Central" for consideration by the membership. Additionally, each candidate will be introduced at the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, September 11,

2015 and given the opportunity to address the attendees regarding his or her qualifications and platform.

Following the Business Meeting, an official ballot will be mailed to each member who may vote for up to three candidates. Also included with the ballot will be each candidate's picture and Statement of Qualifications. The Election Chairman must receive member's ballots no later than Saturday, October 3 in order to be counted. The Election Committee will count votes the following day. The President will notify each candidate of the results. The new Directors will be inducted at a special Board Meeting the week of October 5th and presented to the membership at the Installation Dinner on October 11th.

Questions? Reach out to a member of the Election Committee:

Kevin Coy & Maria Loera - 562.243.3234
Lloyd & Liz Corbett – 714.342.6652
Janet Hammond – 714.708.1636

If being an OCWS leader interests you, contact any of the Election Committee members or myself with any questions related to the election including director responsibilities or the election process. I can be reached at 949.705.9676 or larrygraham@cox.net. Involvement as a Director of the OCWS is personally and professionally satisfying. You will not regret being more involved.

*- Larry Graham, Past President,
2015 Election Chairman*

2015 OCWS Annual Business Meeting

Friday, September 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm
OC Fair & Events Center
Baja Blues Restaurant

The Annual Business Meeting will be held this year on Friday, September 11th, at Baja Blues, located within the OC Fair & Events Center. The Annual Business Meeting is free to all OCWS members in good standing and all are encouraged to attend. 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 use the sign-up form found in this newsletter or sign-up via the OCWS website link. All reservations must be received no later than Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

This is considered the most important member meeting of the year. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm with an overview of the year's activities, followed by a summary of the finances for the 2014-2015 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 the OCWS question and answer segment, board candidates for the 2015-2016 year will be introduced and each will have an opportunity to present their qualifications and interests as potential board members. This meeting provides the best opportunity for members to meet with and learn about interests and objectives of the candidates. If you are interested in becoming an OCWS board member, please refer to Larry Graham's article.

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 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 2014-2015 OCWS Board of Directors look forward to seeing you as we review our 39th year and look excitedly forward to our 40th.

- Fran Gitsham, Treasurer

Save the Date: Champagne Brunch

The Annual Champagne Brunch will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at Yves' Restaurant & Wine Bar. More details to come in the September edition of *The Wine Press*.

- Rich Skoczylas, Vice President



Annual Membership Barbeque

Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 3:00 - 7:00 pm
OC Fair & Events Center
The Courtyard



It is time for the annual membership barbeque! This annual event is one of the most popular events of the year. Come out and relax and have a good time enjoying the company of your fellow members. This event is also a great opportunity to meet our newest members

and show them how we have fun in the Wine Society. Enjoy a variety of appetizers, grilled favorites, side dishes, and desserts all provided by our very own Cook's Caucus, masters of the grill. In addition, we will be providing a variety of wines from the OCWS Cellar for your tasting pleasure.

Entertainment will be provided by "The Green Natives," who will encourage you to kick up your feet and relax, or sing along with their catchy tunes.

We will feature raffles, silent auction baskets and The Wine Wall where you can purchase a mystery bottle of wine for \$20. All the proceeds from The Wine Wall go directly to our Scholarship Fund for student studying enology, viticulture, culinary and hospitality arts in various California Colleges.

Donations Needed: Please assist us with any donations for the raffles or silent auction baskets, these are greatly needed. Please dig deep into your wine cellar and donate a bottle(s) of wine valued in excess of \$20 for The Wine Wall. You will receive not only the satisfaction of donating to the Scholarship Fund but also a Tax Deductible Receipt.

Volunteers Needed: We also need members to volunteer with set-up, decorations, registration, serving food, pouring wine, and cleaning up. Shifts are available before, during and after the event. Please contact Liz Corbett for any donations or volunteer assignments at liz@ocws.org or at 714.342.6652.

The cost for this fun-filled event is \$36 for members and \$46 for guests.

- Liz Corbett, Secretary



Tony Marino Retires From OCWS Board



Tony Marino, and his wife, Janet Marino, have been longstanding members of the Wine Society. Although

Tony has served on the Board of Directors in the past, Tony was most recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors in 2013.

Tony retired from his term as a Director for the OCWS. In his past two years, Tony has been an advocate for the OCWS Scholarship Fund. He and Janet have sought out and initiated new ways to raise additional funds for the Scholarship Funds so the organization can assist more students with the rising costs of education.

Although raising the funds is a task in itself, Tony took great enjoyment in personally delivering the scholarship funds. He traveled to the California schools the OCWS supports and was pleased to meet with some of the students who were recipients of the scholarship funds.

Tony and Janet are friends to many in the organization and attend several Wine Society events throughout the year. Tony has a fondness for big, bold reds and is always willing to share a glass with friends.

Tony, on behalf of all of us at the Wine Society, thank you for your service to our organization. Cheers!

**- Michelle Philo,
The Wine Press Editor**

Winemakers Newsroom

Save the Date
Homewine Holiday Potluck & Wine Tasting
Saturday, December 19, 2015

The Winemakers' Group is having its holiday party at the East Lake Village Association's clubhouse in Yorba Linda, overlooking all the holiday lights on the lake. As with all our events, this is a potluck and open to all OCWS members. Details will be coming in future newsletters. We hope to see many of you there!

- Rich Skoczylas, Vice President



Upcoming 2015 Planned Events

July 17 – Aug. 16: OC Fair: Saturday Winemaker Seminars

October: Quarterly Potluck & SO2 Testing

December 19: Homewine Holiday Potluck

Remembering Bill Spaulding



William (Bill) Spaulding passed away on July 2, 2015 in Newport Beach from complications arising from ALS. Bill was an intelligent, informed businessman. He established, owned, and managed Environment Associates, a company that conducted environmental testing for a large number of product producing companies. He kept informed by reading the newspaper every day from cover to cover.

Bill joined the Wine Society in 1984 and enjoyed his membership with his wife, Donna. Donna and Bill traveled extensively to Europe, Mexico, the Caribbean, and around the world. Their second house in Paso Robles, where Bill grew up, gave them ready access to the wineries where Bill knew many of the winemakers. We will all remember Bill for his wit and gift of story-telling. We will miss Bill very much and we wish love and peace to Donna and Bill's family.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be pleased if you honored Bill by donating to his favorite charity, Children of Deployed Veterans. Checks should be payable to "The American Legion Post 291" with a note of "Bill Spaulding Memorial Fund" in the memo line. Checks may be sent to:

The American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291
215 15th Street
Newport Beach, CA 92663

- David Hirstein



Annual Installation Dinner

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The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and sparkling wines upon your arrival. The meal will start with a Tuscan Caesar Salad, followed by meal choices including Andrei's famous Hangar Steak, Salmon, or Roast Chicken, each served with their seasonal accompaniments. The meals will be served with an assortment of wines from the OCWS Cellar. The menu will conclude with a Seasonal Fruit Tart.

All members are invited to attend the Installation Dinner; however, we anticipate this will be another sell out event.

The cost per person is \$70, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Sign-ups must be completed by October 6, 2015.



The Installation Dinner is a fun and social evening. We look forward to you joining us at the annual Installation Dinner.

- Tony Marino

Gold Medal Wines Mini-Tasting Results

A total of 152 members and guests attended the July Gold Medal Mini-Tasting at eight host sites. The evening began with Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs (Carneros) and the blind tasting followed with seven flights of two wines each that included 2 Four Star Golds and 12 Gold medal winners. The top three favorite wines of the eight host sites are listed below:



Placement	Winery Name	Year	Price	Description
1st	Frank Family	2012	\$50.00	Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Gold
2nd	Altitude 2041 (Perry Creek)	2011	\$40.00	Petite Sirah, El Dorado, Fair Play Farms, Gold
3rd	Falcor	2010	\$55.00	Meritage Red, LeBijou', Napa Valley, Gold

In addition, attendees brought a delicious dish to share and then voted on a Chef of the Evening. The results of the Chef of the Evening at each host site are:

Host Chris Cunningham: **Terrie Seaton** for "Banana's Foster Cake"

Hosts Floyd & Maxine Allen: **Shela Tedesco** for "Italian Mud Pies"

Hosts BJ & Tina Fornadley: **Vince Porto** for "BBQ Steak"

Hosts James & Marcia Vaughan: **Marcia Vaughan** for "Red and White Lasagna"

Hosts Stephen & Nancy Edwards: **Kelly Hagadorn** for "Better Than Almost Anything Cake"

Hosts Sam Puzzo & Carol Frank: **Linda Rafferty** for "Beef Balls with Chipotle & Cranberry Sauce" and
Vivian Owen for "Zucchini and Corn Lasagna"

Hosts Stacey & Wendy Taylor: **Debbie Renne** "Apricot Tart"

Hosts Craig & Ronna Rowe: **Monica McCarthy** for "Geschnetzeltes with Spätzle" and
Joyce Coker for "Joyce's favorite compote"

Congratulations to all the winners! A big thank you to all of the hosts. Please send your recipes to Bill Redding at bill@ocws.org for possible posting on the OCWS website.

- Bill Redding, Director

The Courtyard Wine Seminars

The new wine seminars at The Courtyard at the OC Fair are a success! Registration for these seminars is available exclusively online on the OCWS website. Wine Seminars have restricted class sizes. Be sure to save your seat today!



Saturday	Aug 1	Noon	HomeWine Kit Wine Making	Bill Forsch	Free
Saturday	Aug 1	1:00 p.m.	Wine Making for Mere Mortals	Kevin Donnelly	\$10.00
Saturday	Aug 1	3:00 p.m.	Wine 101	Ken Knapp	\$25.00
Saturday	Aug 1	5:00 p.m.	Pinot Noir	Colleen Stoddard	\$25.00
Sunday	Aug 2	3:00 p.m.	Cheese & Wine Pairing	Dawn Iglesias	\$30.00
Sunday	Aug 2	5:00 p.m.	Rhone Blends	Greg Stoddard	\$25.00
Saturday	Aug 8	Noon	HomeWine Kit Wine Making	Bill Forsch	Free
Saturday	Aug 8	1:00 p.m.	Wine Making for Mere Mortals	Kevin Donnelly	\$10.00
Saturday	Aug 8	3:00 p.m.	Cabernet Sauvignon	Chris Cunningham	\$25.00
Saturday	Aug 8	5:00 p.m.	Syrah & Petite Sirah	Carolyn Christian	\$25.00
Sunday	Aug 9	3:00 p.m.	Chardonnay	Greg Stoddard	\$25.00
Sunday	Aug 9	5:00 p.m.	Pinot Noir	Tony Marino	\$25.00
Saturday	Aug 15	Noon	HomeWine Kit Wine Making	Bill Forsch	Free
Saturday	Aug 15	1:00 p.m.	Wine Making for Mere Mortals	Kevin Donnelly	\$10.00
Saturday	Aug 15	3:00 p.m.	4-Star Gold Medalists	Chris Cunningham	\$30.00
Saturday	Aug 15	5:00 p.m.	Dessert Wine	Walter Reiss	\$25.00
Sunday	Aug 16	3:00 p.m.	Zinfandel	Tony Marino	\$25.00
Sunday	Aug 16	5:00 p.m.	Cheese & Wine Pairing	Carol Frank	\$30.00

Website Update

The Wine Society's long-time member and webmaster Judy Fox is retiring from her role as webmaster after more than 17 years of dedicated service. As a result, the OCWS has contracted with a local company in Orange, CA to conduct website services. The address of the OCWS website will remain the same at www.ocws.org. The new website design is scheduled for completion in the near future.

Some of the features we are able to incorporate in the new website design are:

- Website more easily used on tablets and smart phones.
- The ability for members to log in and make changes to the information on their profiles, such as address, email address, and phone number updates.

- The ability to view event sign-ups or merchandise purchase histories.
- A new "look and feel".

Once the new website is in place each member will receive an email which will allow them to login and then change their password. Lost passwords can easily be re-set without having to contact the office.

We hope you will find the transition a smooth one.

- Bill Redding, Director & Website Liaison



Sign-Up Sheets

2015 Annual Business Meeting
Baja Blue Restaurant
OC Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA
Friday, September 11, 2015
7:00 pm

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Members _____

Reservation Deadline: September 8
If a reservation is made and not honored, the member(s) will be charged a \$25 "no show" fee.

Installation Dinner
Andreï's
2607 Main Street, Irvine, CA
Sunday, October 11, 2015
6:00 pm

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Members @ \$70 each _____
 (M) (C)
 () () Hangar Steak
 () () Salmon
 () () Roast Chicken

Payment

[] Personal Check
 Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: Oct. 6

Dine With Wine
Catch of the Day
6854 Edinger Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA
Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015 at 5:30 pm

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Guests @ \$29.95 each _____
 (M) (C) (M) (C)
 () () Halibut () () Black Forest
 () () Salmon () () Lemon Cream
 () () Calamari
 () () Chicken
 () () Linguini

Payment

[] Personal Check
 Total Enclosed _____

**Reservation & Cancellation
 Deadline: September 23**

Annual Membership Barbeque
OC Fair & Events Center
Costa Mesa, CA
Sunday, September 13, 2015
3:00 - 7:00 pm

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____
 Number of Members @ \$36 each _____
 Number of Guests @ \$46 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check
 Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: September 10

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