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President's Message: Jim's Journal

Our OCWS members are very busy this time of the year. Please refer to subsequent articles in *The Wine Press* for more information on upcoming events.

COMMERCIAL WINE COMPETITION

As many of you are reading this, the OCWS is very busy bagging wine, moving wine, and conducting the competition over the weekend of June 4 and June 5. The OCWS Board of Directors encourages everyone to have a good time at this event and to drink responsibly.

HOMEWINE COMPETITION

This year's competition will be conducted on June 11 at the Orange County Fair and Event Center. This volunteer event is a lot of fun for our members. Volunteers are provided with breakfast and lunch by the Cooks' Caucus as a thank you for their volunteer efforts.

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History of the Orange County Wine Society

As the Orange County Wine Society celebrates its 40th Anniversary, this 2015-2016 year's edition of *The Wine Press* will feature the Wine Society's history.

~ Wine Society Turns to the 21st Century ~

As the end of the 1990s approached, the Wine Society was vibrant with activity. A new college, John Hancock College, was added to the Scholarship Program recipients, the OCWS office was remodeled, Judy Fox and Sam Puzzo organized an eventful spring wine trip to Napa, and the sixth Wine Cruise hit the high seas with a trip to the Mexican Riviera.

The website was expanded and for the first time in the organization's history, members were able to utilize secure, online credit card processing services.

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Save the Date
Sunday, October 9, 2016
40th Anniversary Dinner
Yves' Restaurant & Wine Bistro
Please refer to the article on page 7 for more information.

Celebrating
40
Forty *Years*





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May 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 May meeting:

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As of the May Board meeting the Orange County Wine Society has 900 members.



- **Brian McDonald, Director & Membership Chair**

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President's Message: Jim's Journal

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tomers at the OCWS wine booth in The Courtyard must be TIPS certified. This certification is good for three years. Be sure to get your TIPS certification and sign up early for your volunteer shifts at the OC Fair. Some of our popular shifts fill up very quickly.

GOLD MEDAL MINI-TASTING

The 2016 Gold Medal Mini-Tasting is scheduled for July 9. This fun-filled evening is a chance to taste and pair food with the 2016 Gold Medal winning wines. This event is always a sell out! Be sure to sign up quickly.

OCWS WEBSITE

With our new website now online, there are many important features that will benefit both you and the organization. Wendy and Stacey Taylor will be writing several "How To" articles in upcoming editions of *The Wine Press* to help our members become more acclimated with the website. As we move forward, please refer any questions regarding the website to both wendy@ocws.org and stacey@ocws.org.

In closing, the OCWS Board Members encourage everyone to drink responsibly and use a designated driver at all of our events. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

- Jim Beard, President

Notice Regarding Payment Policy Changes

**** ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS ****

By this time, you should have all received, via US mail, notification of the implementation of the new OCWS website, along with your personal login and password information. If this is not the case, please contact the OCWS office at office@ocws.org or leave a message at 714.708.1636.

With the implementation of new technology, your Board of Directors has spent, literally hundreds, if not thousands, of hours to assure the security of the organization and its members. With this in mind, a new payment policy will take effect on September 1, 2016 wherein checks will no longer be accepted for payments to the organization. Your new website provides for payment options in the forms of debit,

credit, or PayPal. Credit cards will be accepted at all OCWS sanctioned events. Besides offering additional security, the new process will make our operations more efficient and the organization will realize a savings in payment processing. In addition, under the old system, a member might miss out on an event due to the length of time processing checks take (mail time, etc.) whereas, under the new system, sign-ups will be processed almost immediately.

Thank you for your understanding of our concerns in providing the utmost security and efficiency and for your cooperation.

- Fran Gitsham, Treasurer

Call for Committee Volunteers: Oktoberween



On Sunday, October 2, the OCWS will host its first Oktoberween! The event will combine the favorite traditions of Oktoberfest and Halloween, including bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, beer, wine and dancing. What can be more fun than that? Get in on the planning and as a thank you for your work on the committee, you will receive complimentary admission to the event! We still need about two more people for the committee, including one for decorations and one for raffle ideas. Please contact me at brian@ocws.org.

- Brian McDonald, Director



OCWS Board of Directors - Call for Candidates



It is that time again!

Have you considered running for the Board of Directors? Do you enjoy organizing events, working with people and trying new ideas? Then a position as a Director of the OCWS

might just be right for you.

The beginning of a three-year term of the nine-members of the Board of Directors, according to the Bylaws, shall be staggered such that three members' terms will expire each year. The three vacated Board positions will be filled each year by a vote of the OCWS membership, following the Annual Business meeting in September.

The overall time commitment for a member of the Board of Director varies, based on assignments and participation. All Board Members are expected to attend the monthly Board Meetings. Board members are also expected to organize and manage certain events and projects as assigned by the President. These responsibilities will generally require several hours per month of your time. Additionally, Board Members are expected to attend as many OCWS events as possible and are granted free attendance at most events for their participation.

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

date should possess some of the following skills and experience:

- General knowledge of OCWS events and activities
- Experience as a volunteer in some events; involvement with event committees
- Possess the ability and time to organize events during the year
- Selected event and budget management skills
- Be a member in good standing

To declare your candidacy for a position on the Board, the candidate must present their Declaration of Candidacy in writing, by mail, or via electronic media to the Election Chair no later than fourteen calendar days prior to the scheduled Annual Business Meeting. The last date to declare candidacy for this year's election is **Friday, August 26, 2016**. During the Annual Business Meeting you will have the opportunity to speak to the membership and present your qualifications. A written Statement of Qualifications must be presented to the Election Committee within 24 hours of your Declaration of Candidacy.

If being an OCWS leader interests you, contact me with any questions related to director responsibilities, the election process, or anything related to the election, at 714.328.0454 or dennis@ocws.org. Involvement as a Director of the OCWS can be both personally and professionally satisfying. We hope you will become more involved and become a candidate for the Board of Directors.

- Dennis Esslinger, 2016 Election Chair

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, just drop me an email at brian@ocws.org.

*- Brian McDonald, Director
& Membership Chair*

Dine with Wine: Square One Pizza Cafe

Sunday, June 26, 2016 @ 4:30 pm

Square One Pizza Café

5789 Alton Parkway

(Oak Creek Village, corner of Jeffrey & Alton)

Irvine, CA



Mama Mia! OCWS is throwing a party!

Are you ready for thin-crust artisan pizza that tastes like it is right out of Naples, Italy, as well as delicious pasta with the best fresh ingredients and luscious, creative desserts? Mark your calendar and join us for a

sumptuous buffet patio party at recently opened Square One Pizza Café.

Owner and chef Kyle Gilles, is the former chef de cuisine at The Hobbit Restaurant in Orange. His reputation crosses the United States, where prior to his recent stint with The Hobbit, Kyle was the founding chef/executive of Bagby Pizza Co. in Baltimore, where the concept for Square One Pizza Café originated. They have delicious food combined with a casual, family friendly atmosphere that ensures their guests will always be treated like family.

The cost for this elaborate buffet party is \$28.00 per member, \$33.00 for guests, tax and gratuity included. Each member is requested to bring a bottle of wine to share.

Attendance is limited to 40 people – sign-up on the web site by June 19 to reserve your space. Do not delay! This event will fill up fast!

The office will confirm your attendance, or place you on a wait list. Be sure to wear your nametag.

Ciao, bella! See you there!

- Marcia Vaughan & Rich Skoczylas, Director

Buffet Menu

~ Appetizers ~

Antipasti Platter with Herbed Flat Bread
Prosciutto, Soppresatta, Rosemary Ham
Provolone, Smoked Mozzarella, Grana Padano
Pepperoncini, Kalamata Olives
Pepperoni Fried Raviolis

~ Salads ~

Caesar Salad
Mixed Green Salad

~ Pizza ~

Tomato and Basil
Gourmet Vegetables
Sausage and Pesto
Meat Lovers McTernan

~ Pasta ~

Baked Penne
Prosciutto and Chicken Linguini

~ Desserts ~

Homemade Cheesecakes, Brownies,
Decadent Midnight Layer Cake

Regular Coffee is included



Gold Medal Mini-Tasting

Saturday, July 9, 2016
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
OCWS Member Homes

The Gold Medal Mini-Tasting is the largest and most popular of the year. It is a chance to taste many of the Gold Medal wines from this year's Commercial Wine Competition. The tasting will feature different varietals that won Gold Medals and we try to obtain as many Four-Star and Chairman's Award winners as possible. This event is always a sell-out, so please sign up early!

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.

Dish: Each person attending brings a potluck dish (appetizer, entrée, side dish, or dessert) to serve a small

portion to 18 people. 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. The winning Chefs of the Evening may have their winning recipe published on the OCWS website.

We are planning a maximum of nine sites for this mini-tasting. The cost to attend the tasting is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests. 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 Monday, June 27. After this date please contact Bill or the OCWS office to determine availability. The cancellation deadline is July 1, 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

Annual Membership Barbeque



Thank you to all who came out to our annual membership barbeque! A great time was had by all. A special thank you to every member who volunteered their time to make this event a success.

- Liz Corbett, Secretary

40th Anniversary Dinner: Yves' Restaurant & Wine Bar

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

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

The evening will start with a sparkling wine reception as guests are given the opportunity to mingle prior to the start of dinner. There will also be featured wines from the OCWS cellar to accompany your meal. As this will be a celebration, the OCWS will provide the wines; however, guests are invited to bring a special cellar quality bottle of their own if they wish.

Due to the wide variety of wines being shared, *guests are strongly encouraged to bring their own champagne and wine glasses.*

This event will also provide members with 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 who have just finished three years of excellent work organizing events to make the Wine Society so special.

The cost 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.

Do not miss this fabulous evening at one of the area's finest restaurants. This exclusive dining event has limited seating. As a result, it is recommended to sign up early as the event is expected to sell out and has sold out in the past. Sign up online to attend. Wear your nametag and drink responsibly.

- Rich Skoczylas, Director

40th Anniversary Dinner Menu

~ Appetizer Course ~

(Served family style)

Bruschetta (1 piece/person)

Fresh diced tomatoes, balsamic vinegar, goat cheese & spices served on a crispy French baguette

Stuffed Mushroom (1 piece/person)

Large mushroom cap stuffed with spinach, artichoke hearts, Parmesan and fresh Mozzarella cheese served hot with a delicious herb garlic butter

~ Salad Course ~

Orange Pecan Endive

European greens tossed in a sweet orange vinaigrette dressing, topped with candied pecans and crumbled Montrachet chevre cheese

~ Main Course ~

(Choice of the following)

Beef Tenderloin

USDA Choice cut filet served with a cognac demi-glaze topped with Cremini and Shitake mushrooms and served with creamy mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables

Grilled Salmon

Fresh salmon, grilled medium, topped with sautéed Cremini and Shiitake mushrooms, fresh diced tomatoes, leeks and capers with a splash of Chardonnay; served with rice pilaf and fresh vegetables

Poulet con Risotto

Tender lightly seasoned breast of chicken, thinly pounded and grilled, served with sun dried tomatoes, crispy prosciutto, Cremini mushrooms, with a splash of sherry and finished with a touch of cream; served with a generous portion of creamy mushroom risotto

~ Dessert ~

(Choice of the following)

Chocolate Lover's Soufflé

A decadent concoction of chocolate soufflé and chocolate chunks served with chocolate ice cream and a rich chocolate sauce

Bread Pudding

A rich bread pudding with raisins, cranberries and candied pecans served warm with crème anglaise and topped with vanilla ice cream

Lemonmesù

A light and fluffy lemon cake with a splash of raspberry Grand Marnier sauce and topped with caramelized sugar

Winemakers Newsroom

The OCWS Winemakers' Group has a full calendar through August. Remember that ALL OCWS members are invited to attend Winemakers' Group events and learn about winemaking. We are always looking for volunteers for the Homewine Competition. Please contact us if you are interested in participating in any of these events!

Spring Quarterly Potluck Wrap Up

On April 30th, we had a spectacular Quarterly Winemakers Meeting at the home of Bruce and Jeannine Powers. With their horses naying and donkey braying, a grand time was had by all!

Homewine Judges' Seminar Wrap Up

On May 7th, the Winemaker's Group held the annual Homewine Competition Judges' Seminar. Jerry Guerin gave another great seminar to 47 people and reviewed how the organization scores wines in preparation for the June 11th Homewine Competition. A special thank you to Lynn Hess for opening her home for this important training event.



Kit Wine Making Class Wrap Up

On May 21st, Bill Forsch and Kern Vogel presented their popular Kit Wine Making Class to a full house. Twenty-five people learned how to make their first batch of home wine. Several past attendees of the Kit Wine Making Class have gone on to earn awards at the Homewine Competition.

Homewine Competition

June 11, 2016

Orange County Fair & Events Center

The OCWS Homewine Competition will be held on June 11. We are always looking for stewards and judges, so please let us know if you would like to volunteer. A new menu with both a full hot breakfast and lunch will be

Upcoming 2016 Planned Events

June 11: Homewine Competition

July 10: Quarterly Potluck & SO2 Testing

July 15 - August 14: OC Fair Wine Seminars

served this year by our Cooks' Caucus. It is a great way to spend a Saturday and benefit the OCWS, and to taste the fabulous wines being created by amateurs throughout California!

Winemakers' Group Quarterly Potluck

July 10, 2016 at 1:00 pm

Hosted by Robin McCormick

Laguna Beach, CA

The next Winemakers' Group Quarterly meeting will be held at the home of Robin McCormick overlooking the ocean. As with all Winemakers' Group events, ALL OCWS members and potential "newbies" are invited to attend and learn about winemaking, and to enjoy the camaraderie of our wonderful group. Our meetings are always a fun gathering of our people to show off their winemaking and culinary skills, and everyone has a great time! This is a potluck, so please bring a dish that will serve 10 to 12 to share and a bottle of wine, homemade or commercial. The meeting will be preceded by Sulfite Testing so our winemakers can monitor their sulfites, which protect their wines from oxidation and bacteria.

OC Fair Wine Seminars

July 15, 2016 - August 14, 2016

Again this year, we will be conducting Winemaking seminars every Saturday at the OC Fair. Bill Forsch will be giving his free "3 X 3 in 3 Kit Winemaking" presentation, demonstrating how to make 30 bottles in 3 total hours in 3 square feet of space, and Kevin Donnelly will follow with his "Winemaking for Mere Mortals," winemaking from fresh grapes discussion, which has become popular the last 5 years at the OC Fair. Both of these presentations vividly showcase winemaking for the home winemaker, and how it compares to commercial wineries.

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, or learning more about the Winemakers' Group, please contact Kevin Donnelly at or KevinDonnelly@ocws.org or 714.457.7229.

- Kevin Donnelly & Stacey Taylor, Director

2016 OC Fair Courtyard

The 2016 OC Fair is fast approaching and planning is underway for our most important fundraising effort, The Courtyard. The OC Fair theme is “**Get Your FAIR FACE ON!**” The OC Fair starts on Friday, July 15 and ends on Sunday, August 14 and is open from Wednesday to Sunday for four weeks and five weekends. Income received at The Courtyard helps fund the OC Fair wine competitions (Commercial Competition and Homewine Competition), OCWS office expenses and the Scholarship Program. Whether you are a new volunteer or a veteran at The Courtyard, this is your opportunity to experience the OC Fair while helping the Orange County Wine Society.

Wine Seminars

In addition to serving wines at the fair we will also be conducting wine seminars on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 3 pm and 5 pm. The Winemakers Group will also be conducting Saturday seminars at 12 pm and 1 pm. A tentative seminar schedule is being developed and will be posted on the OCWS website for members and the public to purchase tickets.

TIPS Training

As a concessionaire, we must adhere to contractual requirements established by the OC Fair. One of our requirements is to have our volunteers be professionally trained and certified in alcohol awareness techniques. Individuals who took TIPS training in 2014 and 2015 have fulfilled the requirement for this year's fair. New OCWS members and members who completed TIPS training in 2013 are required to take TIPS training. The sign-up form can be found at the end of *The Wine Press*. Please use this form to indicate your availability to attend training. If you have any questions about alcohol server training, please contact Marcy Ott at 714.235.6459 or email TIPS@ocws.org. New trainees will need to have their picture taken by the OC Fair following TIPS certification. All volunteers will need to sign and date a **Server Responsibility Statement** (available online and also included in this edition of *The Wine Press*) and be screened against the Megan's Law database. Please only one name and signature per form and please do not write on the form or copy your badge or server certificate from last year. We will provide needed server certificates when we submit the forms to the OC Fair.

Sign-Up to Volunteer ****New Online Sign-Up Form****

The Courtyard Volunteer Sign-Up form for volunteering at The Courtyard is only available online. Please take this

opportunity to sign up now as a volunteer for The Courtyard. All full shifts have been eliminated from the sign-up form. Every effort will be made to assign you to shifts and duties that you select. You will receive a confirmation after you have submitted

your requested shifts. You will also be notified if your requested shifts are not available. Also please indicate your parking needs whether they are for each of you (per member) or for both members (per membership).

There are four jobs to work at The Courtyard:

- **Servers:** Volunteers who pour and sell wine to the customers.
- **Stewards:** Experienced workers that select wines for pouring and restocking as necessary.
- **Cashier:** Experienced courtyard volunteers who handle money, process credit cards and record sales on cash registers.
- **Credit Card Processors:** Volunteers that assist cashiers to process credit cards only on the 4–8 pm shifts.

All shifts are noted on the online sign-up form and all schedules are similar to last year. Members are requested to work at least 3 shifts during the Fair. Typically weekend morning shifts fill up first. Also certain shifts are hard to fill and these understaffed shifts tend to be Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. When submitting your sign-up form, please consider volunteering for one or more of these shifts. This year we are going to continue staffing the Express Bar from 5-9 pm daily.

Assignments will be made on a first-come first-serve basis so please submit the online sign-up form as soon as possible. The deadline to submit your online sign up form is June 15, 2016. **You can sign up for shifts before you have taken TIPS**, but you must complete TIPS prior to working the Fair. In early July, you will receive a separate



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Alcohol Server Training for The Courtyard



Tick...Tick...Tick...time is running out to schedule alcohol server training (TIPS) for the 2016 OC Fair. The last classes are being held this month.

If you have not previously done so, it is time to sign up for a TIPS class. If you were TIPS certified in 2013 and are planning on volunteering to pour wine at The Courtyard during the 2016 OC Fair you will need to take the class again. A letter was sent at the end of March notifying you that your TIPS card has expired and you will need to re-take the class. If you have never taken a TIPS class, you will need to attend and successfully complete the training. Do not wait until after you take the TIPS class to sign up to volunteer in The Courtyard, the shifts you want may become full.

The 2016 OC Fair starts on Friday, July 15 and ends on Sunday, August 14. As a concessionaire of the OC Fair, the OCWS must adhere to contractual requirements established by the OC Fair Board of Directors and staff. Before

any volunteer works in The Courtyard during the OC Fair, everyone must be "professionally trained and certified in alcohol awareness techniques."

The Alcohol Server Training sign-up form can be found in this edition of *The Wine Press* and on the website. Please complete the sign-up form to indicate your availability and email it to TIPS@ocws.org, or mail it or fax it to the OCWS office at 714.546.5002. When selecting your availability, please remember that the 2nd choice date cannot be prior to the 1st choice. The classes are held on the grounds of the OC Fair & Event Center. Confirmations and maps will be sent one week prior to the class.

If you have any questions regarding TIPS training, please email TIPS@ocws.org or call 714.235.6459.

See you at the Fair!

**- Marcy and George Ott
Alcohol Server Training Coordinators
2016 Courtyard Committee**

OC Fair Server Statements

The OC Fair requires each person pouring alcohol to sign a Server Statement. Please only one name and signature per form. This is an OC Fair form, not an OCWS form, please do not write messages on the form or copy your badge from last year.

The form states you have attached a copy of your server certificate to the form. This is taken care of in the OCWS

office prior to submitting all the signed Server Statements to the OC Fair. Please do not write anything but your name and date where indicated, sign the form and send it via email to TIPS@ocws.org or fax it to the OCWS office at 714.546.5002 (not the fax number on the form).

- The Courtyard Committee

2016 OC Fair Courtyard

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letter with confirmation of your final assignments. This mailing will also include your ID picture badge and parking pass(es), along with a copy of the parking map and the courtyard volunteer procedure. Please contact Larry Graham at larry@ocws.org for questions concerning assignments or special needs.

New Member Orientation

Two training sessions are being planned for new members to teach them how to properly serve wine at The Court-

yard. These sessions will also provide an opportunity for experienced servers to learn how to become stewards, cashiers or credit card processors.

Remember, when submitting your volunteer request, please (1) complete the Wine Courtyard Sign-up Form online, (2) sign a Server Responsibility Statement for each member and (3, if necessary) complete the Alcohol Server Training Form.

**See you at the Fair!
Courtyard Committee**

History of the Orange County Wine Society

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George Hammond, a member of the Board, introduced White Wine 101 and Red Wine 101 seminars. The seminars were a key part of the educational programs for the membership.

The two grand tastings, the Wine Extraordinaire and the Wine Classic continued; however, they moved from the Anaheim Marriott and Disneyland Hotel to the Anaheim Hilton. The 1999 Wine Extraordinaire, thanks to successful radio advertising, broke attendance records and the committee ran out of glasses to give to the attendees. The 1997 Wine Classic also broke records with over 850 attendees. These events attracted large crowds averaging over 100 wineries and 20 food purveyors.

The monthly Winery Programs continued to grow and have success. The programs included a record crowd at the January 1998 tasting featuring three winemakers from Paso Robles. Another sold out program was held in March 1999, with the two "First Ladies of Napa", Rosa Lee DeLeuze from ZD Winery and Margaret Duckhorn of Duckhorn Winery. The 20th Anniversary Tasting with Kent Rosenblum in May 1996.

During this period, the Orange County Fair remained open for seventeen days. The Wine Pavilion name was changed in 1996 to "The Courtyard", and has remained that same name since. Two managers were added to each shift and separate positions were added for cashier and wine steward. It was during this time seminars were added on week-ends featuring either wine varietals or wine regions.

The Commercial Wine Competition ranged from 2,200 to 2,500 entries and over 1,000 awards were given for 80 to over 100 different varietals and styles of wine. The host hotel for the Competition remained at the Red Lion, Costa Mesa, including a name change to the DoubleTree Hotel and remains at the same facility today under its new owner, the Costa Mesa Hilton. In 2000, the format of the Award Book was changed and the Wine Society started using a color picture on the cover.

The Homewine Group continued during this period under the leadership of Jim Graver and the annual Homewine Competitions continued at the OC Fair. The group also sponsored several events for home winemakers to allow them to test and assess the progress of their wines. These events included Wine Labs, Judging Seminars, Home

Winemakers Day, Pre-Crush, and Winemaking Seminars.

Throughout the beginning in the early 2000s, the favorite OCWS annual events continued. The Wine Auction, Champagne Brunch, Mini-Tastings, Membership Barbeque, Catalina Island Wine Festival, Chili Cook-Off, Grubb & Grogger, Holiday Dinner Dance, and Installation Dinner. Many of these events continue today. The Wine Society also joined ZAP in presenting two tastings at the Mission in San Juan Capistrano. Both events were coordinated by Charley Owen and presented 40 wineries and food catered by OCWS members.

~ OCWS Celebrates 25 Years ~

It was around this time, the year 2000, that Wine Society membership stabilized at about 1,100 members. The OCWS celebrated its 25th Anniversary and as part of the celebration hosted a logo contest. Marjorie Trout designed the winning logo and it was displayed on various items throughout the year, including the Commercial Wine Competition Award Book.

Judy Fox and Sam Puzzo continued with their planning of Wine Society outings and hosted the grand Napa Wine Odyssey Tour in April 5-8, 2001. The sold-out trip included winery tours, tastings, and elegant winery dinners.

During the summer of 2002, the revenue from The Courtyard exceeded \$150,000 for the first time. As a result, the organization was able to increase scholarship funding to \$28,000 and add Sonoma State University to the list of recipient schools.

During the 2001-2002 year, Jim Burk volunteered to serve as the OCWS official photographer, taking over for George Hammond. He still maintains this position today.

The Wine Society added several trips in 2003-2004, including a trip to Yosemite National Park for the Vintner's Holiday at the Ahwahnee organized by Craig and Ronna Rowe, a Wine Tasting Tour of Sonoma County planned and directed by Walt Thurner that included winery tours, tastings, and dinners with the winemakers. The Wine Society also planned and hosted its first Riedel Stemware 101 Program with Dana Ginavan of Riedel Crystal of America presenting a glassware comparison program.

Next month, the Wine Society's history will focus on the organization's history from 2004 to the present.

Meritage & Components Mini-Tasting Results

A total of 90 members and guests attended the April Mini-Tasting at five host sites. The blind tasting consisted of five flights of two wines each. The following wines were tasted as either a single varietal or as Meritage blends - Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. The top three favorite wines of the host sites are listed below:

In addition, attendees brought a dish to share and then voted on a Chef of the Evening.



Place	Winery	Vintage	Price	Description
1st	Jeff Rundquist 'R'	2013	\$30.00	Petit Verdot, 2015 OCWS 4Star Gold
2nd	St. Clement	2012	\$33.00	'Oroppas' 97% CS/1%ME/2%PV, WS-92 pts
3rd	Justin	2012	\$35.00	'Justification' 58%CF/42%ME, Gold SFC

The results of the Chef of the Evening at each host site are:

- Hosts **Bob & Judy Koeblytz**: (tie) Chef **Vince Porto** for "Flat Iron Steak" and Chef **Marc Sean Harvey** for "Old Italian Cheesy Alfredo Sausage and Pepperoni Bake with Family Style Meatballs"
- Hosts **James & Marcia Vaughan**: Chef **Cynthia Peterson** for "Peach Trifle"
- Hosts **Linda Bauermeister & Courtney Schlott**: Chef **Mary Stavros** for "Meatballs in Red Wine Sauce"
- Hosts **Helga Hrowal & Maia Pehrson**: Chef **Janet Peal** for "Orange Cheesecake"
- Hosts **Rob & Germaine Romano**: Chef **Kevin Donnelly** for "Lamb Shepard's Pie"

- **Bill Redding, Vice President**

Scholarship Fund Thank You Note

Dear Orange County Wine Society,

Thank you for making me a recipient of the Orange County wine Society Scholarship. I appreciate the generous support towards my educational goals.

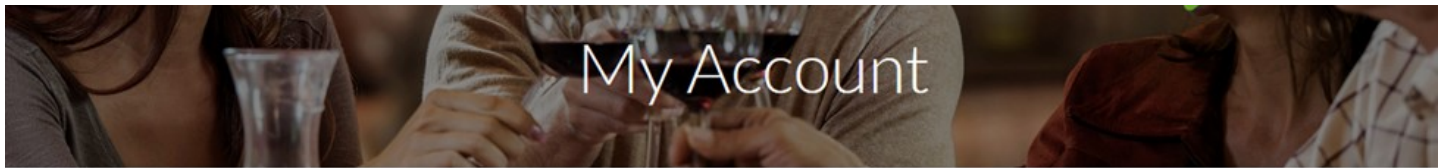
I am currently enrolled in the culinary arts program at Orange Coast College, from which I am hoping to gain a degree in Advanced Baking and Pastry. Upon completing my degree, my dream is to work for any of the Disneyland and Disney affiliated restaurants.

By awarding me with this scholarship, I am able to continue funding my education. I made the decision to close my daycare center and embark on this journey. I have not been working since, and it is through your financial generosity that I am able to continue to pursue my dream. I hope that one day I can make a difference in the culinary field and give back to the college and community in any way that I can.

Sincerely, Martha K.

OCWS Website 101: How to Use Your Vouchers

OCWS Vouchers are awarded during the Annual Business Meeting to members for outstanding volunteer efforts. Vouchers are very similar to traditional store coupons with the exception that these store coupons are assigned to your specific membership. The website keeps track of your coupons, which can be viewed by clicking on the My Account menu link:



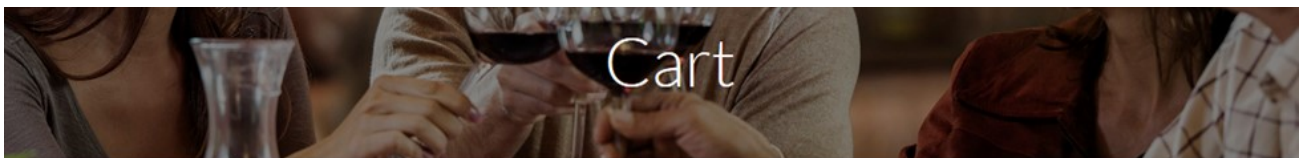
Hello **Wendy Taylor** (not Wendy Taylor? Sign out). From your account dashboard you can view your recent orders, manage your shipping and billing addresses and [edit your password](#) and [account details](#)

Store Credit

- 15-a155 —\$0.00
- 15-554 —\$50.00



This example shows that Wendy's membership has 1 active coupon, 15-554, for \$50. The coupon labeled, 15-a155, has been applied during a prior purchase. Coupons can be used in conjunction with a credit card payment if the purchase total exceeds the coupon value. Coupons can also be applied in partial increments. The example below shows the location to enter the coupon code (in this case, the coupon will have a remaining value of \$22 after this purchase and the member will have a \$0.00 charge):



	Product	Price	Quantity	Total
	Member - Dine with Wine	\$28.00	1	\$28.00
15-554	Apply Coupon			Update Cart

Cart Totals

Subtotal	\$28.00
Total	\$28.00

[Proceed to Checkout](#)

With the implementation of the new OCWS website, OCWS Director **Stacey Taylor** and OCWS Website Administrator **Wendy Taylor** will author a series of "Website 101" articles demonstrating the features of the new OCWS website.



SERVER RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Server: Please read and sign

I understand that the OC Fair is dedicated to the safe and responsible sale and service of alcoholic beverages.

All concessionaires shall require anyone selling or serving alcohol to sign this Server Responsibility Statement issued by OC FEC.

It is the sole responsibility of the concessionaire selling or serving alcohol to ensure that accurate documentation of both the annual certification of alcohol awareness techniques and the server responsibility statement is on file with OC FEC prior to a server being allowed to serve or sell alcohol on the fairgrounds.

I have attached a copy of my server certification to this statement.

Server Signature

ORANGE COUNTY WINE SOCIETY

Concessionaire

Server Print Name

Date

In Memoriam: Lois Clark



Lois Clark, and her husband Bill, have been active members of OCWS since 2003. Lois was active in several OCWS events including serving wine at The Courtyard, drying glasses at the Commercial Competition, score verification for the Homewine Competition, and hosting mini-tastings. She also enjoyed the Holiday Dinner Dance and would organize a table for her "closest" member friends, which typically would turn in to 2 or more tables.

When a close friend from the Wine Society passes, many of us would like to have the opportunity to express our feelings and read those from other members. Please send your testimonials and memories, along with any pictures to wendy@ocws.org. The comments will be shared on the In Memoriam page found at ocws.org/in-memoriam.



2016 OC Fair
 Courtyard Volunteer
 Alcohol Server Training (TIPS)
 OC Fair & Events Center
 Weeknights @ 6:30 pm
 Saturdays @ 10:00 am

Member _____
 Co-Member _____
 Address _____
 City & Zip _____
 Day Phone _____
 Night Phone _____
 Email _____

~ Dates and Times ~

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for training. 2nd choice cannot be before 1st choice. You will receive confirmation within one week prior to the class.

~ Weeknight Training ~

6:15 pm - Check In
 6:30 pm - Training Begins Promptly

Tue. June 7 1st [] 2nd []

~ Saturday Training ~

9:45 am - Check In
 10:00 am - Training Begins Promptly

Sat. June 11 1st [] 2nd []

Mail/Fax/Email reservation to:

OCWS Training Coordinators

Attn: George & Marcy Ott

PO Box 11059

Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Fax: 714.546.5002

Email: TIPS@ocws.org

Sign-Up Sheets

Gold Medal Mini - Tasting

Saturday, July 9, 2016

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Locations to be announced

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Members @ \$30 each _____

Number of Guests @ \$35 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Cancellation Deadline: July 1

Reservation Deadline: June 27

Online registration is available
 for the following events:

Dine With Wine

The Courtyard
 Volunteer Sign-Up Form

40th Anniversary Dinner

www.ocws.org

Note: Beginning September 1, 2016, members may only register for events online using electronic payment. See article on page 3 for more information.

OCWS Save the Date Calendar

- June 4-5 Commercial Competition
- June 11 Homewine Competition
- June 26 Dine with Wine: Square One Pizza
- July 9 Gold Medal Mini-Tasting
- July 10 Winemakers Group Quarterly Potluck
- July 15 - Aug. 14
OC Fair, The Courtyard & Wine Seminars
- Aug. 26 Elections: Last Day to Declare Candidacy
- Oct. 2 Oktoberween
- Oct. 9 40th Anniversary Dinner



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